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AROUND



THE MILL POND

How to buy a fire truck

Ever wonder how a new community builds its firefighting fleet? It buys used equipment from other communities. That's what Butman Township near Houghton Lake is doing. It's buying four trucks from the Independence Township Fire Department. The vehicles are two 1987 pumpers, a 1983 tanker and a 1989 rescue ambulance. "We're glad to help them," said Independence Fire Chief Gar Wilson. Now that's a good neighbor.

Hidden plots

Thunder and rainstorms last weekend did more than knock out electricity and knock down trees. It also split a tree in half in the older portion of Lakeview Cemetery in Independence Township. One local family investigated and discovered what they thought was a headstone imbedded in the tree. Turned out it was only a plot marker, but it sure provided some good conversation.

Fashionable gargoyles

There aren't any concrete ducks to dress in keeping with the season at the plum-colored house on North Holcomb Street, but there are a couple of gargoyles that watch the premises. Right now they're sporting sunglasses to ward off the sun's rays. They've even been known to sport bunny ears around Easter time. Keep an eye on them to see what's fashionable for gargoyles next season.

A few minutes of fame

Anyone listening to The Breakfast Club on WNIC-100.3 FM radio this week would have heard the names of Erik Jacobson, 12, and his brother Andrew, 6, of Davisburg. They submitted questions used in one of the Battle of the Sexes contests. The questions asked what president said what phrase. Here's an example: Who said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself?" The answer? Franklin D. Roosevelt. The resourceful boys are the children of Mark and Marian Jacobson.

New board seeks to help ailing ponds



Some Clarkston residents have formed a new policy-making body, called a lake improvement board, to maintain the city's mill ponds. Its first step is to get an engineering study on the health of the ponds.

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
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For as long as Clarkston resident Walter Gamble can remember, people living on the city's mill ponds donated money every year to maintain the water's natural beauty. The Clarkston Mill Ponds Association, a group of volunteers who own property around the ponds, has tradi-

tionally been responsible for their upkeep.

Without the group's annual efforts, the 2.8-acre ponds known as the Upper Mill Pond and the Mill Pond would become clogged with silt and choked by weeds.

But there's always been one problem — not everyone chips in, according to

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Cleaning up: Clarkston waterfront homeowner Walter Gamble is helping make the mill ponds more environmentally sound through an improvement board.

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL



Adaptable: Janet Shreves show the adapter that helps her service dog, Dusty, bring her the telephone.

These paws are made for helping

■ Trained dogs are real enablers for those who need assistance with everyday tasks.

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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any of us claim our dogs are our best friends. Janet Shreves knows her dog is.

Dusty is her constant companion. The large, purebred golden retriever is literally with her every minute, day or night.

In fact, it's his job to be with Shreves. He's a Paws with a Cause dog, trained by the nonprofit organization to work specifically for Shreves.

She has multiple sclerosis, commonly known as MS, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system. It causes muscular weakness, loss of coordination and speech and visual impairments.

It robbed Shreves of her ability to perform many tasks others take for granted. But it hasn't take away her sense of humor, her zest for life or her ability to work with her husband, Gary, to raise Amy, 25 or Michael, 23.

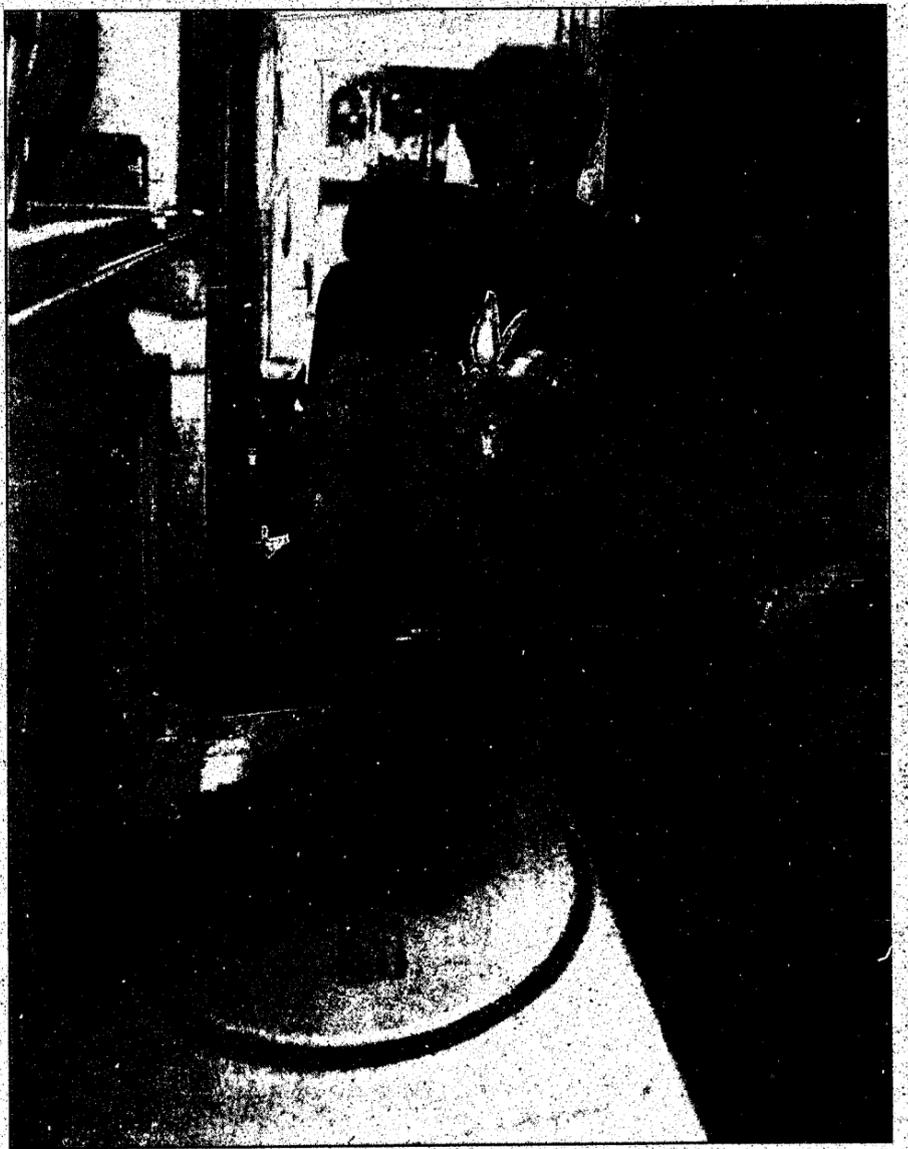
Despite spending her waking hours in a motorized wheelchair, Shreves loves to garden. Gary planted extensive flower and vegetable gardens around their house. She helps weed the raised beds.

Her outlook on life seems optimistic. Much of this she attributes to Dusty.

"Dusty is my security," she said. "He turns lights on for me, opens and closes doors, brings me the telephone, pulls my wheelchair when I need extra help and even takes the clothes out of the dryer for me."

He knows how to give money to a cashier, pull a laundry basket for Shreves and open patio doors.

Dusty also has been the one to help Shreves when she's fallen out of her motorized wheelchair



STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

Helper: Among Dusty's trained skills is taking clothes from the dryer.

and can't get up. "Just recently she fell and it was Dusty who brought her the telephone so she could call for help," said Dana Spears of Orion Township, the Paws with a Cause field instructor who helped Shreves and Dusty become a team.

Dusty also opened the door to the rescuers when they came to help Shreves. "He's done this many times for her," Spears added.

Shreves found out about Paws with a Cause a few years ago. She contacted the organization, which has a regional office in Lake Orion, and requested a dog.

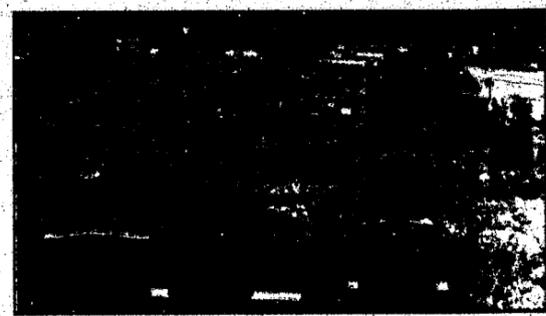
Spears met with her to determine what skills a dog needed to assist Shreves in her daily life.

Once Dusty was found for Shreves, he was sent to the Paws headquarters and training center in Wayland, Michigan. Then Shreves and Dusty spent several months, with Spears' help, honing their skills together.

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Companions: Janet Shreves considers her Paws with a Cause dog, Dusty, her best friend.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HORTENMEYER

Silent reminder: Rows of headstones dating back to the early 1800s greet visitors of historic Lakeview Cemetery.

Clarkston history lives on at historic Lakeview Cemetery

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
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A shovel breaks the surface of the earth and the silence in the air, striking rocks beneath the dirt. A sparrow, gliding to rest atop a large headstone, sings a lazy summer song.

The place: Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston, located at the corner of White Lake Road and Dixie Highway, where if you listen closely enough, you can hear whispers of the past floating through the crisp air. Ghosts, real or imagined, of days long gone speak through engravings on the marble headstones that dot the

grassy knolls. The cemetery has been the final resting place of local residents since the area was settled in the early 1800s, but was called Union Cemetery then. Scott Graham, a Clarkston resident and one of four people who manage the grounds, estimates that 1,000 to 1,200 people are buried there. He said the earliest grave marker is dated 1834.

"There's one from 1874, another from 1862," Graham said, reading off burial dates as he thumbed through a dusty ledger in the ceme-

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OBITUARIES

Wanda M. Hammond

Wanda Mildred Hammond of Clarkston, formerly of Rochester, died July 7, 1999, at age 81.

Mrs. Hammond was the wife of the late Howard Keith Hammond, mother of the late Joe Hammond and sister of the late Ola Carleton.

She is survived by her son, David Keith Hammond and her daughters, Patricia Hammond and Betsy Huite. She is also survived by her sisters, Maxine Beamer and Jesse (Tom) Case; brother, Lloyd Carleton; many grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 12, at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Sharon Osmond officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of choice. Funeral arrangements were made by Pixley Funeral Home in Rochester.

Rev. Robert W. Schmidt, S.J.

Reverend Robert W. Schmidt, S.J., of Clarkston, died July 15, 1999, at age 90.

Rev. Schmidt was a Roman Catholic priest and teacher. Rev. Schmidt taught English, French, philosophy, history and epistemology.

Rev. Schmidt also served as the director of the Outreach Task Force. Some of Rev. Schmidt's achievements were: president, Indiana Philosophy Association, vice-president, Ohio Philosophy Association, board of directors, Victory Neighborhood Services Agency, Walnut Hills Area Council trustee, Jobs for People board of trustees, PFI Enterprise Inc., advisor, member Executive Council, American Catholic Philosophy Association and local chairperson.

Rev. Schmidt is survived by his sister, Betty (Robert A.) Schoetinger of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his brothers Thomas J. Schmidt, Sr. of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dr. Richard T.F. Schmidt of Cincinnati.

A funeral Mass was held July 19 at Bellarmine Chapel, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Memorials may be made to the Colomiere Center, 9075 Big

Lake Road Clarkston, MI 48347.

Funeral arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd., Troy, MI 48084.

Fred E. Wyzgoski

Fred E. Wyzgoski of Ortonville, formerly of Pontiac and Clarkston, died July 24, 1999, at age 92.

Mr. Wyzgoski was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus and enjoyed golfing and bowling. He retired from General Motors Corp. after 20 years of service.

Survivors are sons Jim (Faith) of Ohio, Phillip (Gloria), Mike (Sandi), Tom (Nancy) all of Ortonville; brother Bernard (Viola) of Union Lake; and 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mr. Wyzgoski was preceded in death by his wife, Alvera.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, July 27. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Association or the Diabetes Association.

Funeral arrangements were made by Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Daniel J. Kuhn

Daniel John Kuhn of Clarkston died July 24, 1999, at age 49.

Mr. Kuhn worked as a regional marketing manager for M-Care in Flint, Lansing and Jackson. He enjoyed sky diving, working with stained glass, skiing, golfing, and the Boy Scouts. He loved his children.

Mr. Kuhn is survived by his wife, Hope, and his children, Jason and Matthew, both of Clarkston, as well as Marlo (Brad) Kiel of North Carolina. He is also survived by his sister Judy (Roger) Day of Ohio. He was the grandfather of Hailey and the son-in-law of Ruth Crites of Clarkston. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Frances.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 28. Memorials may be made to Hope Kuhn for the future education of Jason and Matthew.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Ponds from page A1

Gamble. "Fifty-five people live on the pond, and there's always been some who don't contribute; they take a free ride," said Gamble, whose home backs up to the water.

Residents came up with an idea for keeping the ponds — which are part of the Clinton River watershed — looking good and for making sure all property owners contribute: forming a lake improvement board.

Homeowners on the ponds took up a petition, which was presented to Clarkston city officials after two-thirds of the waterfront residents signed on to show support for the board's formation.

With formal governmental approval, the board was established and seven members were appointed to the body. The improvement board, a standard governmental mechanism for addressing lake problems, was created under a state statute passed in 1995.

The board's first order of business, as required by law, was to commission an engineering study to identify the pond's major problems and suggest solutions.

The board will take bids from

environmental engineering firms for completion of the study.

"The study will range in price from \$6,000 to \$10,000. The whole process, from bidding to completion, will probably take about a year," Gamble said.

The study could recommend anything from costly dredging of the pond's floors to adding chemicals to kill weeds, but Gamble said dredging would probably be too expensive.

The most affordable "fix" for the ponds will probably involve removing weeds and chemically changing the water so fewer weeds grow back, Appel said.

"They bring in a machine. It looks like an underwater version of a farmer's combine, which cuts the weeds and pulls them to the surface," Appel said.

For several years many Oakland County lake communities have had such boards in place. There are about 40 of them in

the county, typically composed of several local property owners, a member of the Oakland County Drain Commission, a county commissioner and an officer of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Jeff McGee, of Independence Township, said he hopes to put his experience on other lake improvement boards to work for the mill ponds board. McGee was elected the board's chairperson at its first meeting on July 22 at the Independence Township fire

■ 'There are myriad things we could do. When the study comes back we could even decide not to do a thing.'

—Jeff McGee member, improvement board

hall. "I think I was asked to participate because I can streamline the process. There are myriad things we could do. When the study comes back we could even decide not to do a thing," McGee said.

"It (the board) can take action on any issue that affects water quality and charge residents for weed harvesting and other work," said Glen Appel, a project

engineer for the Oakland County Drain Commission. Appel is also a Clarkston resident and a member of the Mill Ponds Lake Improvement Board.

"By law, there must be a member of the drain commission on the board. I know a lot of people that live on the pond and it seemed natural for me to be a board member," Appel said.

Springfield Township also recently created a lake improvement board for nearby Susin Lake. Resident Ed Turner, one of 87 homeowners on the 50-acre lake, is spearheading the board's formation.

"The township is growing so quickly that we decided this is a necessity," Turner said.

Another reason for the Susin Lake Improvement Board's formation was the recent passage of a state law requiring that dams be inspected for safety.

Susin Lake is dammed, but state officials couldn't determine to whom the dam belongs. They, therefore, couldn't determine who should pay for an engineering study on its condition.

"We haven't gotten everyone together yet, but the board will eventually raise the funds for the study," Turner said.

Paws from page A1

Since he came to live with her in March 1996, they've never been apart. Shreves has used her acquired dog-training skills to teach him other skills, too.

"Give him five," Shreves said. He responds quickly with a raised paw to meet a person's raised hand.

As with a child, he has many toys. When asked if he puts them back, Shreves said, "Do children ever put their toys back?"

Hilda Hubbard has known the Shreves for many years. She was a former neighbor in Waterford and is a neighbor in Springfield Township. She's seen Shreves gain a great deal of independence since Dusty has come to live with her. For one thing, she said, Dusty opens doors for her.

"He's also given her a change of attitude because she has to

take care of him as well," Hubbard said.

When Dusty is in public with Shreves, he wears the traditional Paws with a Cause back pack. It has a sign on it asking people not to pet him because he's working.

"It's distracting to a working dog when someone pets him. I might need him to do something quickly for me, and if someone is disrupting his train of thought, he won't have his mind on his work," Shreves explained.

"But take that back pack off Dusty and he becomes a playful, friendly dog," Hubbard added.

Dusty recently passed his recertification tests, something all Paws with a Cause dogs undergo on a yearly basis.

As devoted as Dusty and Shreves are to one another, Gary also has strong feelings about the dog.

"Dusty watches over both of us at night and takes care of me during the day," Shreves said. "Gary wouldn't trade Dusty for anything in this world."

Neither would Shreves.

Paws seeks foster families

Paws with a Cause is a non-profit organization that provides assistance dogs for people with various types of disabilities.

The dogs are individually trained to meet the needs of each client, whether that person needs a dog to help him or her get out of bed in the morning or to pay a cashier at a store.

It costs Paws with a Cause \$12,000 to train and recertify a dog on an annual basis. The cost is \$5,000 for a Paws hearing dog. Yet the client pays nothing to receive an assistance dog.

There are several ways people can help this organization, which has its headquarters in Wayland, Michigan, but its regional office is in Lake Orion.

A call to Paws at 1-800-253-PAWS is a start. Many schools and organizations sponsor fundraising events for Paws. Lynn

Hoekstra is the regional representative in the Lake Orion office.

The organization also accepts donations of purebred Labrador and golden retrievers.

"What we really need right now are people to give foster homes to our puppies," said Dana Spears, a Paws field representative. The Orion Township resident said Paws is always in need of foster homes, but particularly now that several litters are due to be born soon.

"Being a foster family is a one-year commitment," Spears explained. "We ask families to give the puppy basic training, but mostly to love it and socialize it. We want the puppy to bond with the family so it can transfer that bond to our client."

Foster families receive a picture of the dog with the client when it officially graduates.

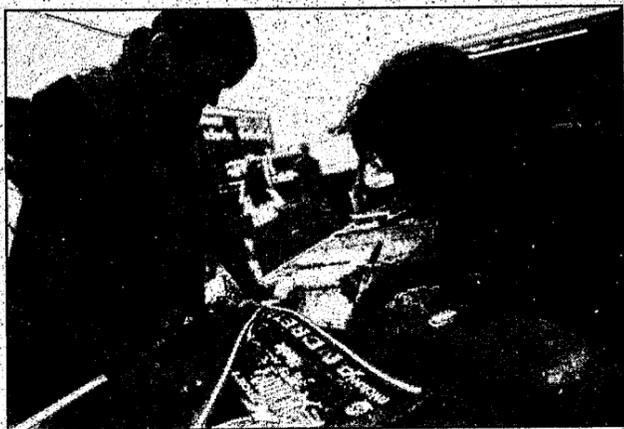
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In the fast lane



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Pit stop: Championship Auto Racing Teams' drivers Christian Fittipaldi and Michael Andretti made a pit stop recently to meet fans at the Waterford Kmart on Dixie Highway. Making a promotional stop before the running of the U.S. 500 at the Michigan International Speedway, Michael Andretti (left) signs an autograph for Justin Faulkner, 13, of Clarkston. Above, fans look over Fittipaldi's No. 11 Big Kmart race car.

Nature center adds new exhibits

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
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Children of all ages will have an opportunity to get down and dirty at the latest addition to Independence Oaks County Park — a hands-on nature exhibit.

When the construction dust clears on Aug. 4, the park's Lewis E. Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw Road, will have doubled in size and will feature several new exhibits.

"The new exhibits are all hands-on; they're very interactive," said Kathy Thomas, assistant naturalist.

Increased attendance at the nature center prompted the renovation and expansion, said Ralph Richard, Oakland County parks executive officer, in a prepared statement. According to Richard, more than 85,000 people visit the center each year.

The added space brings the center to a total of 8,300 square feet of exhibits that "can really

be enjoyed by people of all ages," Thomas said.

The new exhibits are:
■ "Water Wonders," which demonstrates the importance of water in a natural ecosystem.

■ "Star Power," which shows the sun's role in supporting life on earth.

■ "Get the Dirt on Dirt," which explores the life forms and life processes that soil supports.

■ "Amazing Atmosphere," which examines weather created by the atmosphere.

Other new exhibits include a variety of informational kiosks with subjects such as wildlife and the food chain.

For more information about the nature center, call (248) 625-6473.

Information about Independence Oaks and other Oakland County parks can also be found on-line at:

www.co.oakland.mi.us

Balloon fest to offer family fun

Springfield Oaks County Park will host the 14th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival Friday through Sunday, Aug. 20-22. More than 25 balloonists are expected to participate.

In addition to traditional balloons, three bear-shaped balloons are scheduled to appear. These will resemble Mr. Biddle, a storybook character; Sugar Bear from Post cereal, and Magellan, an aviator bear.

The Festival of Lights balloon glow starts Friday at dusk. Balloons will be tethered and burners lit to give a spectacular illumination. Friday entertainment includes Scottish bagpipers and a visit by the Oakland County Parks mobile units, including The Wall (portable climbing wall), Orbotron and Bumpa Bounce.

On Saturday and Sunday, the balloons launch at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. All flights take place weather permitting.

Tethered balloon rides will be offered at 2-4 p.m. both days. The cost is \$5/person and proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The Oakland County Parks Puppet Show is set for 5 p.m. both days.

Weekend activities include sky-diving exhibitions, kite demonstrations, hayrides, pony rides and a barnyard petting area. Games for children include paper airplane racing, flying bean relay races and a balloon relay.

Saturday's activities include dunking the Groveland Township Fire Department's Dive Team in the Oakland County Parks dunk tank from 2-3:30 p.m. A demolition derby starts at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, a dog demonstration by Oakland County K-9 4-H Club is set for 4 p.m. and Oakland County Parks mobile unit visits continue from 2-7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Metropolitan Title Company, Davisburg Rotary and ReMax Detroit Metro. An event fee of \$5/vehicle will be charged.

Springfield Oaks County Park is located on Andersonville Road near Hall Road in Davisburg. For more information, call L.C. Scramlin at (248) 634-7899. Visit the Oakland County Parks website at:

www.co.oakland.mi.us for a park map.

Residents want runoff, erosion reduced to trickle

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After almost a decade of watching a little winding stream behind their homes turn into a potentially dangerous culvert, homeowners in the Deer Lake Estates subdivision in Independence Township are finally seeing a uniting of governmental units to solve at least part of the problem.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) and Independence Township are working together with about eight residents on Simler Drive to end the problems.

It began, according to Simler Drive resident Dan Kelly, when MDOT widened Dixie Highway about a decade ago. That caused increased water through a drain under the highway and through a pipe that emptied into the culvert and then into a canal.

That culvert has now eroded into approximately a 10-12 foot ditch enlarged from the force of water out of the Dixie Highway pipe. Kelly equated it to the strength of water from a fire hose.

Another problem is that the silt coming through the pipe and into the culvert has settled in the canal behind Simler Drive.

"If you drove by that canal right now, you would see a big brown mud pile there," Kelly explained. He also said the silt affects the township as a whole, because it's flowing into Deer Lake.

"The Simler Drive residents

first complained about this about 10 years ago, as soon as the Dixie Highway road work was completed," Kelly added. "The county and state looked at it, saw there was a problem and then the issue died."

Not this time. The Independence Township Board of Trustees recently approved a bid for erosion repair work to Inland Lakes Landscaping Corp. of Pontiac for \$154,567. MDOT and the road commission have agreed to share costs with the township to fix the erosion problem.

In fact, work should begin in about a month, according to Randy Ford, township engineer with the firm Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

"We've had a number of meetings since we first became aware of the problem in 1994," said Tom Biehl, executive vice president of Hubbell, Roth and Clark. "There's a sharing of the cost to fix this because, according to our engineering study, there isn't just one source of runoff causing the problem."

He explained the water comes from three sources: runoff from Dixie Highway, runoff from Foster Road on the south side of Dixie Highway and runoff from such things as residents watering their lawns and various weather conditions.

"All of these create erosion and contribute to sediment buildup," he added.

MDOT is paying 38.4 percent of the repair fees, because that's what the study determined is the percentage of the erosion problem caused by Dixie High-

way. RCOC and the township will each pay \$25,000 from 50/50 drain funds and the remaining money will come from the county's tri-party funds.

According to a note to the Independence Township Board from Supervisor Dale Stuart, the township's cost, including the engineering study, will be \$48,374.

But that's not the end of the problem for the residents along the canal.

There's a second part of the project, referred to as Part B. This involves dredging the canal to remove the build-up of silt.

"The government groups want the residents to pay 100 percent for this," said Kelly, who added he thinks MDOT and the road commission should pay for it.

Ford estimates the entire dredging project will cost about \$90,000. Inland Lakes Landscaping bid \$71,065. The bid has been extended beyond the 90-day cutoff date to give residents more time to determine how to raise funds.

"The perspective on that issue is that the channel would need to be dredged after so many years anyway, whether or not there was the additional problem from runoff," explained Biehl. "That's why MDOT and RCOC aren't willing to help pay for it."

"Our main focus now is trying to find some help for the neighbors who have agreed to come up with the funds to correct the (silt) problem," added Kelly.

He credits Stuart with getting the ball rolling to resolve the

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston July 27-29.

Independence police

Thefts
On July 27, 50 compact discs and \$80 were taken from a car parked in the driveway of a home on Rettek Road. The car's dashboard and door lock were also damaged.

On July 27, assorted fishing gear and rods, worth \$100, were taken from the bed of a truck parked on Oakvista Avenue.

On July 27, a wallet containing credit cards and \$15 was taken from a trailer parked on Maybee Road.

On July 28, \$1,278 worth of tools were taken from a construction site on Hubbard Road.

Vandalism

Sometime overnight between July 24 and July 25 a car parked at a Bronco Drive residence was scratched and dented with an unknown object.

On July 27 at 4:30 a.m. someone drove a vehicle across a residential lawn on Forest Valley Drive, tearing up grass.

Sometime between July 25 and July 27 someone shot a small caliber handgun at a home on Pine Knob Road, damaging a window frame valued at \$100. Police recovered one spent shell from the scene.

Sometime overnight between July 27 and July 28 someone caused \$500 in damage by breaking off a lever on the seat of a car parked in the driveway of a Sashabaw Road home.

Independence fire
The Independence Fire

Department responded to 18 calls from July 26 to July 29. Of those calls, 14 were medical emergencies, two were fuel spills and two were miscellaneous non-emergencies.

Springfield police

Vandalism
On July 29, someone smashed a bathroom door knob with a rock at Mill Pond Park on Broadway in Davisburg.

Theft
On July 29, someone took a pager, worth \$125, from a home on Detroit Court. Police do not believe the intruder forced entry into the house.

Clarkston police

Theft
On July 27, a personal watercraft was taken from a dock on Middle Lake. It was recovered later that day on Deer Lake.

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Back-to-school program to start

Lighthouse Emergency Services Clarkston is gearing up for its annual Back to School Program.

Last year area families, organizations and churches "adopted" 76 children.

Each child received a new outfit, shoes, underwear and socks, in addition to their regular backpacks.

One hundred thirty children received backpacks full of new school supplies for the school year.

Registration is currently under way for this year's program.

If you or your group would like to help a student from North Oakland County get a good start this school year, con-

tact Mary Ann Emick at Lighthouse Emergency Services on Maybee Road, or call (248) 673-4949.

Parents of eligible children who have not yet registered have until Friday, Aug. 6, to register at 5331 Maybee Road.

Those registering after that date will be put on a waiting list.

Fire department seeks OK to hire additional personnel

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Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson is anxiously looking ahead to the Aug. 3 township board meeting.

He's hoping the board will approve his request to hire a candidate to fill the fire inspector vacancy. He also hopes to get the go-ahead to hire four driver-engineers (firefighters who handle the trucks) to help fill out the department.

The township meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

"We've been trying to hire a fire inspector and additional driver-engineers for a long time," he said. "I think I went to the board at the end of last year. It's taken this long to get everything in place to do the actual hiring."

The fire inspector vacancy has gone unfilled for several months. The fire inspector's duties are to

inspect all commercial buildings in the township.

"Our goal is to get buildings inspected at least once a year. Some of them where there are large groups of people we try to do a couple times a year," Wilson explained.

Other duties include handling complaints and conducting fire prevention programs in the schools.

The person who is the lone finalist for the fire inspector position already is a firefighter for Independence Township. Wilson didn't want to release his name until the township board made its hiring decision Tuesday night.

Wilson said he's requesting the township hire four driver-engineers. The board gave him previous approval to hire three engineers. Since there will be an additional vacancy if the fire inspector candidate is hired, he'd also like that job filled in addition to adding three new firefighters.

Right now Independence has 12 driver-engineers. Wilson explained they work 24-hour shifts and respond to calls. They operate the trucks as well as fight fires.

"We are a little bit different from the bigger cities in that our driver-engineers have to do both jobs — handle the trucks and firefighting," he said.

He's also asking for the additional driver-engineers to help reach the goal of having two firefighters on duty at all times at the township's three fire stations.

"Right now I'm operating two stations with only one person on duty. That firefighter sometimes has to go on runs alone."

The 32 paid, on-call firefighters help fill the void when that happens.

"We really depend on the paid, on-call firefighters," Wilson added.

The fire department's captain, Dan DeLongchamp, also goes on all the runs.

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tery's musty maintenance house.

"There's men buried here who died in the Civil War, and there's people here who died as late as this year," Graham said.

"Our infant son, 1874," reads one large gray stone that greets visitors near the narrow drive at the main entrance. A black wrought-iron gate serves to keep unwelcome visitors out and, perhaps, clandestine spirits within.

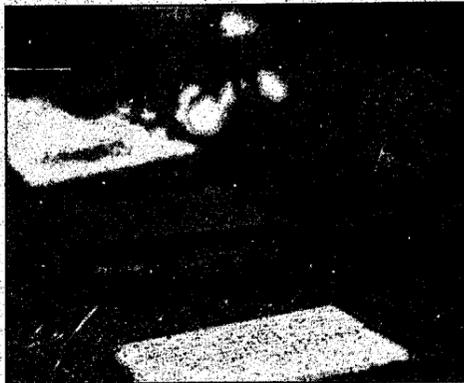
"Once when I first started working there I did see something strange," said Linda Richardson, assistant director of the Independence Township Department of Public Works. Richardson was a caretaker at the cemetery from 1985 to 1988.

"I was driving onto the grounds very early on a foggy spring morning when I noticed a man standing near a tree. It looked like he was picking berries. It struck me as odd because it was so early, but when I parked my car and got out he was nowhere to be found. He absolutely vanished," she said.

At other times groundskeepers have heard strange, unexplained noises and the sounds of people walking around the maintenance house when, apparently, no one else was there.

"Other people who've worked here have seen weird things. They say there's a ghost. I've never seen him," Graham said.

Perhaps the spirit haunting local historic cemeteries is not that of some young man, tragically killed in his prime, but one of a bygone community — a bond



Faithful service: Veterans of the nation's conflicts from as far back as the Civil War are buried at Lakeview Cemetery.

that once existed between the people who lived there, a unity that only the elders remember.

Andersonville resident Claude Trim, at least, thinks so.

Trim, a retired state representative, remembers working at Andersonville Cemetery in the late 1940s. Graves were dug by hand then. When a grave was needed in the winter, workers would let a fire burn on the grave site overnight to thaw the earth.

"Back then all the neighbors would donate a day to working there; everyone put a little work into it," Trim said. "In those days, when someone was buried there, it was like the whole community would stop."

Trim remembers taking breaks from class at his one-room schoolhouse (now the Springfield Township Library) to watch funeral processions

through the center of the town.

"People did everything together in those days. When someone got sick, everyone knew. When someone passed away, everyone heard about it immediately," Trim said.

Times have changed.

"We've had some pretty serious vandalism. One night someone knocked over 40 gravestones. Another time, someone broke into a mausoleum and stole a ring from a grave vault. They broke the walls in with a sledge hammer or something. They must have been in there all night," Richardson said.

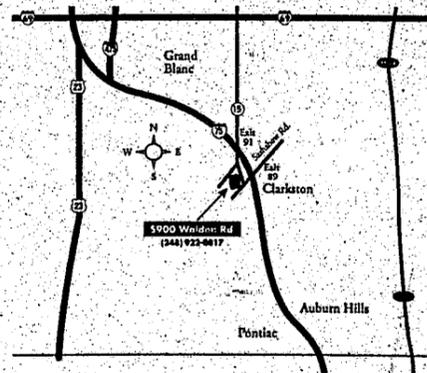
But not all the late-night visitors are thieves or vandals. Richardson remembers Halloween evenings when hundreds of people visited the grounds for a scare without causing any damage.

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Taking care of business: Roosevelt's co-owner Duane Gmerek (above, right) talks with staff members Susan Queen and Kelli Murphy.

County copes with latest outbreak of hepatitis A

BY PAT MURPHY
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Almost four weeks after attending a friend's going away party, Birmingham resident Kelli Feldman became ill.

She experienced tiredness, nausea, vomiting and jaundice — symptoms commonly associated with hepatitis A. On July 6, she called in sick to the mortgage company where she worked, and she hasn't returned to work since.

Feldman, 25, is one of 17 people believed to be sickened in Oakland County's latest single-source outbreak of hepatitis A. Reports of more victims are expected, according to health officials.

Like other counties in southeast Michigan, Oakland is in the grips of a widespread outbreak of hepatitis A. While most of the cases have been attributed to infection from random person-to-person contact, the latest spate of cases has been traced to Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill in Farmington Hills.

Lawsuits filed

Feldman is the plaintiff in a civil suit filed Tuesday against the establishment, contending owners were negligent when the restaurant served contaminated food or beverages. Like the suit filed earlier in the week on behalf of two men who became sick after frequenting the billiard parlor, Feldman's suit asks for in excess of \$25,000.

Her case has been assigned to circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn. No hearing date has been scheduled as of Wednesday.

Feldman's attorney, Amy Chayet-Shapiro, said three other people have contacted her office since the suit was filed. They will likely become part of the suit, she said.

Hepatitis A causes swelling and tenderness of the liver, with symptoms including abdominal pain, fever, tiredness, loss of appetite and nausea followed by yellowing of the skin and eyes.

It is most commonly spread

'We thought about closing, but health officials said the danger had already passed.'

William Gitre
—G&G Entertainment

from person to person by hands contaminated by feces. Outbreaks may be caused by food or water being contaminated by feces.

While the disease generally causes sickness that can last a week or longer, two deaths have been linked to the hepatitis A; an elderly man in 1997 and middle-aged man last year. In both cases, the victims had other health problems that were complicated by Hepatitis A, according to Dr. Carolyn A. Bird, director of medical services for the Oakland County Health Division.

Owners of the billiard parlor said they called county health officials about four weeks ago, after an employee was diagnosed by his physician as having hepatitis A.

"We cooperated with health authorities completely," said William Gitre, who along with Duane Gmerek are partners in G & G Entertainment, Inc., the parent organization of Roosevelt's Billiards. "We thought about closing," he said, "but health officials said the danger had already passed."

Health officials inoculated other employees, said Gmerek, and held three seminars on the importance of hand washing and other good hygiene measures that prevent the spread of hepatitis A and other diseases.

"We have always emphasized good hygiene," Gmerek said Wednesday. "But it happened despite our best efforts."

Business was slow Tuesday, Gmerek said, mainly regulars who expressed support. "I expected a lot of irate phone calls," he said. "But most of the calls were from reasonable people who wanted information."

4-H Fair has livestock, live fun

Magic shows, a rodeo, a demolition derby and of course animals, animals, and more animals.

It is the annual Oakland County 4-H Fair.

The fun begins Tuesday and runs through Sunday, Aug. 3-8 at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12540 Andersonville Road.

Free events include pig races, a safari exotic petting farm, the sorcerer's apprentice magic show, hayrides, horse shows, 4-H exhibits and a carnival. New this year is a hands-on science tent for kids.

In addition, there will be many Arena events, including the Anderson Dodge Rodeo on Tuesday, Aug. 3; Anderson's MotoCross on Wednesday, Aug. 4; Anderson's Demolition Derby on Thursday, Aug. 5; Monster Trucks on Friday, Aug. 6; and Figure Eight Racing on Saturday, Aug. 7.

All arena events start at 7 p.m. and cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Discount tickets are available for

Monster Truck, Rodeo and MotoCross events at participating sponsors. These include Anderson Dodge, Anderson Sales and Service, Bordine's Nursery, Oakland County Parks, Saturn North and T&C Credit Unions.

The Pugh Carnival is open from 1-11 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; noon-11 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; and noon-9 p.m. Sunday. Rides are discounted Tuesday to \$1 each. Wednesday and Sunday is pay-one-price armband day for \$14. On Saturday, the armbands are good until 6 p.m.

Participating Spartan food stores have discount ride tickets.

Other special days include:

■ Tuesday, Aug. 3: Discount Day and Ladies Day, with half price admission until 5 p.m. All rides are \$1 each. Special events for ladies include a muffin mix marathon, funny hat contest and homemaker of the year competition. Oakland County Parks will present a special musical show by "Sing-

sation" at 5 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Aug. 4: Kids Day highlighted by all-day discounted rides at the \$14 armband price. Special activities include a paper airplane race and a pedal pullers competition. Puppet shows, presented by Oakland County Parks, are set for 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

■ Thursday, Aug. 5: Oakland County Parks and Seniors Day. Parking is free for those with a 1999 Oakland County Parks annual vehicle permit or half-off for seniors over age 60 until 5 p.m. Oakland County Parks will offer free mobile unit visits including The Wall, Orbotron and Bumpa Bounce. A special appearance by Oakie, the Oakland County Parks mascot, is set for 1-3 p.m. Singation performs at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and puppet shows are set for 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

■ Friday, Aug. 6: Family Day. The Oakland County Health Department will sponsor "Bee Wise" immunizations, noon-4 p.m. St. Joseph Hospi-

tal will sponsor sport and school physicals, noon-6 p.m. Family games and activities will take place throughout the day. Parachute games are set for 11 a.m.

■ Saturday, Aug. 7: Family 2 Day. Friday's health programs continue. The 4-H livestock sales are set for 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. One price armbands are good until 6 p.m., then regular prices apply.

■ Sunday, Aug. 8: Bordine's Family Fun Day. A classic and antique car show is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A heavyweight horse pull and Gospel music talent search round out the day. All three events are free. There will also be a drawing for free bikes.

It cost \$6-per-vehicle to park each day. A weekly parking pass is \$12.

For more information on the 4-H fair, call (248) 634-8830 or TTY: (248) 858-1684. A map to the fair is available on the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us.

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Risk involved in repairing some jewelry

THE JEWELRY LADY



DENISE RODGERS

Dear Jewelry Lady, Your advice regarding losing diamond earrings at the beach may be correct, but my daughter recently lost one of hers in a pool while vacationing in Florida. Being that the pool was speckled at the bottom, it was impossible to see whether the earring was down there. One man suggested we wait until night time and search under the pool's lights. Low and behold, there it was, sparkling at the bottom - but near the drain - of the pool. My daughter dove in and retrieved the earring, but never will she wear them near a beach or pool again!

Cautious Mom

Dear Cautious,

The Jewelry Lady must render an apology immediately. She was biased by her own perspective on beach and pool activities. Some people, such as The Jewelry Lady, regard the beach and pool deck as areas to sit in a bathing suit, long-sleeved pastel shirt, large floppy hat and gallon of sunscreen.

She failed to consider the consequences of swimming or, heaven forbid, diving. So The Jewelry Lady stands corrected. If you or your daughter contemplate doing any swimming, sky-diving, bungee jumping or any other strenuous sporting activities, remove all delicate and vulnerable jewelry immediately. And, have a great time!

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I have a piece of jewelry that belonged to my grandmother. It was a wedding gift from my grandfather to my grandmother on their wedding day.

The item is very old, and was made in Italy. Unfortunately, a small leaf has come off the piece, so I took it to a jeweler for repair. I was told because the material in the item was not gold, the piece could not be repaired. (The broken piece could not be soldered). While it may not be of great monetary value, the piece has great sentimental value to me. Can you recommend how I might get this item repaired?

Sentimental

Dear Sentimental,

Most jewelers are goldsmiths or silversmiths and do not have the proper tools or inclination to repair costume or antique jewelry.

However, there is hope. Your best bet is to call an independent jewelry store with a jeweler on the premises and ask whether they restore or repair antique or costume jewelry.

The Jewelry Lady checked out her area Yellow Pages and called the first two ads that included the words "expert repairs." Both jewelers said they would perform the repairs. However, both also said the repair would have to be done at the customer's risk and asked that the piece be brought in for an accurate estimate. Make some calls. You'll be wearing your heirloom again in no time.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I love to collect old costume jewelry. I have many pieces that I enjoy wearing.

Traffari pins, necklaces and earrings are the ones I like the most. I have several sets and individual pieces from the 50s and 60s. I have pieces of jewelry from the 20s through the 70s that I keep separated in plastic containers. I keep a typed inventory of the pieces and what I paid for them. Will the signed pieces that I own ever increase in value?

Costume Collector

Dear Collector,

The Jewelry Lady is impressed. She's also relieved you cannot see her messy desk.

You had many other questions, but alas, The Jewelry Lady must confess to being less than properly informed in the area of vintage costume jewelry. If you have access to the Internet, check out gcostume.com, a site that specializes in the sale of signed costume jewelry. The web site also has a page where you can ask questions by e-mail.

Send questions to the Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rodders@mich.com, fax (248) 582-9223, or mail, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple Birmingham, MI 48009.

Walk, talk, hang out

Laurel Park Place offers more than just shopping

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Malls were made for shopping. But they serve higher purposes, too.

Livonia's Laurel Park Place mall, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in August, for example, practically serves as the community's downtown.

Unlike Birmingham, Plymouth, Clarkston and many other area communities, Livonia is without a downtown shopping and business district, so residents and business people turn to the friendly, intimate mall to fill the void.

"I'm here everyday," says Bob Zygai, a Canton resident and employee of nearby Visteon while having lunch and reading a newspaper at Max & Erma's, one of Laurel Park Place's anchor restaurants.

In the morning, Zygai visits Mrs. Fields to fuel up on coffee before going to work. And, if he doesn't return to the mall for lunch, he usually stops by later to take a stroll, clear his head and take note of store sales.

Zygai's co-worker Amy Byrne not only frequents the mall as a break from work but also relies on it much like a neighborhood drug store, often stopping by, for instance, to pick up a birthday card she forgot to purchase earlier.

"Yesterday, my glasses broke on me," says Byrne. "But I was able to come down here and get them fixed immediately," she says.

Judy Wombel, a Southfield resident who works nearby and comes to the mall every day, says she relies on the mall to purchase last-minute gifts. She also eats at one of the mall's

restaurants every work day.

Although Wombel doesn't consider Laurel Park Place the equivalent of a downtown area, she's hard-pressed to describe it as a conventional mall. "It's a mini-mall. It's something in between."

Others come to Laurel Park Place for social reasons.

Lifelong friends Nettie Ahverkate of Livonia and Marie Ptak of Redford Township visit the mall together twice each month.

While their itinerary always includes a morning browse through Jacobson's and a leisurely lunch between noon and 12:30 p.m., the primary reason for their visit is "to be together," says Ptak, settling beside Ahverkate on a cushioned seat in one of the mall's rest areas to catch up on each other's lives and talk about old times.

"We have a few good laughs and talk about our families," says Ptak. "Sometimes, we buy."

The mall has several cozy spots where patrons pause to talk and relax, including a greenery-lined row of park benches near the center's movie complex.

There, Frances Sanders of Dearborn Heights and her daughter, who is visiting from Illinois, retreat from shopping to savor a cup of coffee and talk mother to daughter.

The diversity of visitors and reasons for coming to the mall is astounding, says Laurel Park Place's marketing director Karen Susalla.

In the morning, older adults and non-working women come to the mall to walk, talk and read the newspaper, says Susalla, describing the daily cycle of



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Catching up: Lifelong friends Nettie Ahverkate (left) of Livonia and Marie Ptak, of Redford Township, sit and talk about their families and old times at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia before having lunch.



Lunch time: Erica Shy (left), Amanda Anderson and Amy Seavittie stop for pizza at the mall.



Coffee break: Gail Mirnik (left) and Frances Sander pop down on a mall park bench and sip coffee.

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All the stones shown meet Tiffany & Co.'s rigorous standards for clarity, color, brilliance and cut.

An array of diamond rings set in platinum, as well as Tiffany & Co.'s classic, six-prong, Tiffany diamond ring, will be available for viewing.

And for those in search of a few truly unobtainable objects of desire, a 15.12-carat, emerald cut, intense yellow diamond ring and a rare 0.93-carat, intense purple-pink diamond ring will also be shown.

The collection is a true find for devotees of rare and important colored gemstones and those who are simply mesmerized by such works of art and beauty.

For additional information about Tiffany & Co.'s Objects of Desire ring collection, call (248) 637-2800. Tiffany & Co. is located at Somerset South.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
MONDAY, AUGUST 2

FRENCH RAGS TRUNK SHOW
French Rags sweaters, formerly available at Bonwit Teller, are available for purchase through a local consultant/trunk show running through Aug. 7. For information or an appointment, call Phyllis Strome, (248) 646-2092, or Ms. Gilman, (248) 738-1380.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

CHANEL ACCESSORIES SHOW
View Chanel's fall 1999 special order collection of accessories at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Chanel Accessories Boutique, first floor.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

MELINDA ENG SHOW
The fall 1999 collection of Melinda Eng comes to Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Aug. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Couture Salon, third floor.

CINDERELLA STORY TIME
Oakland Mall in Troy presents the story of Cinderella as part of the center's Giggie Gang summer theater series, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Center Court.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

ST. JOHN KNITS SHOW
Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place in Livonia, hosts a showing of St. John Knits fall 1999 collection, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Designer Salon.

BEREK TRUNK SHOW
The Apple Tree Room in Franklin hosts a trunk show of Berek's hand-knit cotton sweaters with refreshments and 10 percent savings on special orders through Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 851-9862.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

GARFIELD & MARKS TRUNK SHOW
All new fabrics, suiting, jackets, skirts, trousers and sweaters from the Garfield & Marks fall collection are shown at Sally's Designs, Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield, through Aug. 7, Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call (248) 626-0886.

ANTIQUA AUTO SHOW
The Veterans Motor Car Club of America brings an antique auto show to Meadowbrook Village Mall in Rochester Hills through Aug. 8, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., throughout the mall.

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French basics: Natural ingredients and essential oils are combined in L'Occitane's recently introduced line of basic skin care products, \$15-34 at L'Occitane, the Somerset Collection in Troy.



Skin serum: Recently introduced by Osmotics, Kinetin serum contains a plant growth factor isolated from the stems of green, leaf-bearing plants, \$75 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

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visitors.

In the afternoon, new mothers take a break from the home and ramble through the mall's corridors pushing baby strollers, as if they were walking in a neighborhood park.

Later, business professionals congregate at the mall to eat dinner and families unite to shop and walk.

"It's funny," says Susalla. "We used to say of the mall 'come take a walk in the park.'"

For additional information about Laurel Park Place mall's 10th anniversary and celebration events, please call (734) 462-1100.

Anniversary events

■ **Disney Spectacular:** authentic Disney productions including a Mickey & Minnie Mouse meet and greet, 1-5 p.m., Aug. 6-8.

■ **Back-to-School Fashion:** Jacobson's presents fall fashion for kids, 2 p.m., Aug. 7.

■ **Cookie Decorating:** Mrs. Fields holds a cookie decorating event for kids, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Aug. 7.

■ **10 Days at 10% Off Sale:** coupons allow you to

take 10 percent off any regularly priced item at participating stores, Aug. 9-19.

■ **Food Tasting:** Sweet Lorraine's restaurant, coming soon to the Livonia Marriott, gives away free food samples, Aug. 9-19.

■ **Cooking Demo:** master chef gives demonstrations at Williams-Sonoma, 1-3 p.m., Aug. 14.

■ **Parisian Fashion Show:** Parisian previews fall fashion, 1 p.m., Aug. 21.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise, twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- The game Password can be purchased at Toys R Us stores.

- Mastectomy products can be bought through several catalogs available at Advanced Orthopedics on Greenfield Road in Southfield.

- A collector for a reader's tea bag tags.

- Zoot suits are sold at Jokers Costumes on Dixie Highway in Waterford, (248) 673-2320, and on the Internet at www.zootsuitstore.com or through the Seigel Clothing Company in California. To rent a Zoot suit, try Lynch's on Dequindre in Warren.

- A Hux towel is available through the Herrschners catalog, (800) 713-1239.

- A reflective sign for post boxes is available at some local fire departments. Also, there is a store in Caseville, Mi. with the signs.

- New Haven and Cuckoo clocks can be repaired at Northville Watch & Clock, 132 W. Dunlap in Northville, (248) 349-4938.

- We were able to locate a Ziggy doll.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A potato grater with a handle, but without sharp edges for Marie.

- Plastic Lego train tracks for Lynn.

- A Maidenform Heart Strings bra for Diane.

- A store that sells Cherry Burgers in the Livonia area for Lenore. (She had Cherry Burgers, which are made in Cedar, Mi., at a restaurant in Three Rivers).

- A Redford area location or retailer where beer-making classes are held for Leo.

- A wrinkle remover product called Spray Press by Maid of Honor. (Kmart formerly carried the product).

- Daniel Green slippers in a size 8 narrow for Grace.

- A 1973 solid state magnet for a 7 1/2 horsepower Escalade motor for Jim.

- A Hamilton collectors plate called "Sara" made by Maude Humphrey Bogart and a 1959 Commerce High School yearbook for Carol.

- A musical weight scale, (formerly carried by Sears) for Dorothy.

- A used desk-cabinet sewing machine with drawers on both sides with or without the machine for Wanda, who lives in Garden City.

- A book about the Anne Jilian story for Toby.

- Peanut butter pretzels for

Justine.

- Sweet & Low's butter toffee hard candy for Ruth.

- A Weeble Wobble tree house from the '70s with Weeble Wobble people for Kristin.

- A person who would like old vocal sheet music and songbooks from a reader willing to donate them.

- A 1944 Lake Orion High School yearbook and a canvas cover for a child's metal butterfly chair for Judy.

- Perma Soft Fresh Control cream.

- Coy's Country Incredible corn bread mix.

- Wicked Wahini perfume for Lisa, a resident of Commerce Township.

- Coty 24 lipstick in any color for Diane in Lake Orion.

- A machine-washable polyester shirt dress without a waist (size 16) for Jean.

- A Macomb County location for recycling plastic grocery bags.

- A Rainbow Brite doll from the '80s for Diane.

- A Victorian style Crazy Quilt machine for Pat.

- Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" video made with Leslie Ann Warren in 1964 for Sharon.

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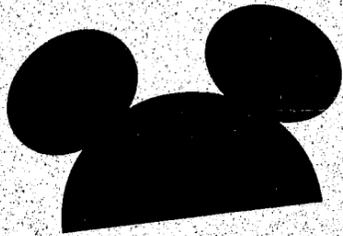
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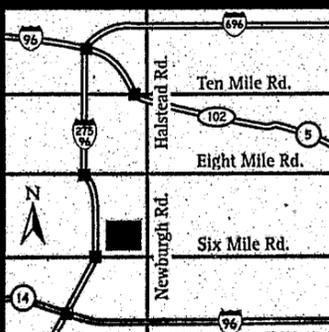
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Rosé wines take sizzle out of summer

For those who like sunshine, great outdoor picnics and barbecues, this has been a glorious summer. Suspecting that it will continue, we suggest you take some of the sizzle out of summer with rosé (ro-zay) wines.

Until recently, rosé has been a wine for people who know and really love it. Those who taste it for the first time (often in southern France) invariably comment on its pretty color, fruitiness, freshness and that it's much drier than they expected. In other words, a new taste experience.

Freshness is the key to enjoyment and you should not buy anything other than a 1998 vintage now.

Rosé is not easy to make. To attain delicacy, the issues of correct color and flavor extraction, without excess tannin, need to be met. There are a number of red grape varieties chosen for a rosé. This difference impacts taste and style.

Style and taste

Joseph Phelps Vineyards Vin du Mistral Grenache Rosé \$11 has achieved style consistency. Winemaker Craig Williams says, "I prefer a style that has bright deep color, more fruit, better balance and focus. Our Grenache Rosé is more like a light red wine than a rosé. It's one of the hallmarks compared to the gamut of rosés in the market."

"Part of the rosé connection that causes consumer rejection is light color. There's still the image that rosé is a second-class citizen in the wine world. Once people try rosé, they have a different view."

Another single grape, zinfandel, defines the Pedroncelli style of rosé \$8.50. It's similar at Simi Winery with its Rosé of Cabernet Sauvignon \$10. Toad Hollow Eye of the Toad \$10 is 90 percent pinot noir.

One might believe that a unifying theme among rosés is a lack of barrel influence. Not true. Preston Vineyards Le Petit Faux \$12, a Rhone-style rosé made from cinsault, grenache and mourvèdre takes its inspiration from the salmon-colored wines of France's Bandol region.

Winemaker Kevin Hamel barrels ages Le Petit Faux to create a rich palate impression.

At Iron Horse, winemaker David Munksgard says Rosato de Sanguiovese \$14 is made because it is the winery's goal to make a bigger, bolder sangiovese. He draws off a portion of sangiovese from the fermentation tank after about three days and it is

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Wine Picks

- Pick of the pack: 1998 Byron Estate Pinot Noir, Santa Maria Valley, \$40. If you've not discovered the Central Coast's Santa Maria Valley for fabulous pinot noir, start right here. Drinking well now, this wine is a keeper for several years if well cellared.
- Less expensive, but still very good pinot noirs are: 1996 Benziger \$18 and King Estate, Oregon \$18.
- Sauvignon blanc is another made-for-summer wine. Serve these well chilled: 1998 Preston Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley \$12 and 1998 Morgan Barrel Fermented Sauvignon Blanc \$12.
- For maximum pleasure, serve any wine well chilled in this assortment of unusual and well-priced whites: 1998 F. Coppola Bianco \$10; 1998 D'Albora Pinot Grigio, Friuli \$10; 1998 Antinori Campogrande Orvieto \$10.
- Wines to be served, again well chilled, for dessert: 1997 St. Supery Moscato \$13 and 1997 Castelletto Moscato \$16/375mL.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle



Great meals are just a click away

BY MAGGIE BOLEYN
SPECIAL WRITER

Looking for new recipes? The Internet is a treasure trove.

A recent trip to a search engine yielded 535,424 Web pages for recipes. Forget the kitchen television, get a computer. It could replace your cookbook shelf. Recipes can be saved on your hard drive, or printed out on paper. Here are just a few good Web sites to get you started.

Begin with SOAR-the Searchable Online Archived Recipes Web site at <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipes>.

This site has 63,000-plus recipes currently indexed and growing. New recipes are added to the site on a regular basis. From Medieval to microwave, appetizers to Vulcan Wedding Cake (a non-ritual version), you are sure to find something new and fun to try here.

Go ahead — type in an ingredient. You will be quickly presented with hundreds (thousands!) of recipes using the item. I tried "garlic" and had to stop after 400 listings. From an Alpine Mushroom Salad to Garlic Ice Cream, as well as a recipe for grilled shark, you

Cyberspace cooking

Here are some places to search for recipes on the Internet:

- SOAR-the Searchable Online Archived Recipes — <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipes>
- American Diabetes Association — www.diabetes.org
- American Heart Association — www.deliciousdecisions.org
- Vegetarian Resource Group — <http://www.vrg.org>

could be overwhelmed. You can also search the site by clicking on one of the eleven food categories, such as main dishes, snacks, and so on.

These eleven categories are further broken down into 163 groups, such as breakfasts, salads, soups and more.

If the 55,000 plus recipes aren't enough, SOAR is part of a "Recipe Webring" — a collection of Web sites that have joined together to allow users to find other interesting sites. This Berkeley, Calif.-based site is the creation of people who "enjoy cooking and computers," and cannot provide specific information on diets or medical conditions.

Healthy matters

If you are looking for specific

information on special diets and other health matters, two very good Web sites to try are those from the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

The Web site of the American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org presents information on nutrition, exercise and risk factors for diabetes. While the information is sometimes specific to persons with diabetes, nutrition basics, such as cutting fat, or handling holiday overeating, are also covered. A new recipe is posted each day. There are archives of past recipes.

Recipes list diet exchanges, calorie counts as well as protein, sugar and fat information. Each week features selections from a different diabetic cookbook. The cookbooks are available for purchase from the Web site at a discount.

The American Heart Association Web site at www.deliciousdecisions.org offers a good selection of recipes that are low in fat, cholesterol, and sodium, along with fitness tips and a dieting workshop. The site is visually pleasing, with the format presented as a spiral-bound book.

Navigate the site by clicking on tabs of the book to access a new subject. You can search AHA recipes by category, from breakfast

to desserts, or by main ingredient.

Feeling like Italian, French, German? Select from one of seven international categories. You can even select low salt, or easy to prepare options. A note of caution, if you make your request too specific sometimes the search engine will not produce a result. While the recipes are all low in salt and fat, no exact dietary exchanges or sodium and fat content measures are given.

Vegetarian

The Vegetarian Resource Group, <http://www.vrg.org> is easy to read and navigate, the site provides news, recipes, nutrition information, links and ideas for those interested in becoming or remaining vegetarians. A fun, 20-question vegetarian game is also included. Your score is tallied at the end of the test, and you can review any incorrect answers.

Online ordering of vegetarian cookbooks is provided. Calorie counts and total fat grams are provided for all recipes. A grilled portobello mushroom recipe was a good find from this site.

One warning — when you start surfing the net for recipes, make sure you stop in time to cook what you've found!

See recipes inside

TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Consider the benefits of organically grown food

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Today, more than ever, people are inquiring about the benefits of eating organic produce. Let's explore some common questions about organically grown foods.

What is organically grown food?

In terms of produce, the National Organic Standards Board developed standards which define organic

fruits and vegetables as those which are grown and harvested on farms that do not use any fertilizers containing synthetic ingredients or any commercially blended fertilizers containing natural poisons such as arsenic or lead salts.

The use of nitrogen, sulfites, or heavy metals, along with the use of any packaging materials or storage containers that contain synthetic fungicides, preservatives or fumigants is prohibited.

Standards

Are there standards that organic farms must meet?

A certified organic farm is required to meet national standards recommended by the NOSB, but is certified

by independent state agents. Currently, the United States Department of Agriculture is attempting to standardize the use of the term "organic."

Health benefits

What are the health benefits of eating organic foods?

Joyce Word of Southfield was concerned about potential pesticide residues in the large amount of juice that her two-year-old daughter, Breanna, was drinking. She now gives her daughter organic apple juice which is 100 percent juice.

With any juice, however, experts recommend limiting the amount to no more than 12 ounces per day so your child can receive a variety of nutrients from other foods as well.

Judy Miller of Oak Park buys only organic produce for her family because fruits and vegetables grown in organic soil have a larger variety of nutrients.

Because one of her children has special needs, and another is a vegetarian, Judy is always seeking information to maximize the health of her family.

She and her friends belong to an organic "co-op" where they purchase organic foods together and learn from each other.

"I do this out of love for my kids," said Miller. "I want the best for them, and for them to understand what good

nutrition is all about. Kids think and learn better when they are receiving proper nutrition. Besides, the taste of organically grown produce is so much better! My husband, Greg, now eats pears and tomatoes where he would not touch them prior to our switch to organic produce."

Purchasing

Where can you purchase organic foods?

Full-service, specialty grocery stores, such as Holiday Market in Royal Oak and Canton, stock organic produce and traditionally grown fruits and vegetables.

Whole Foods Market, in Farmington Hills, Troy, Birmingham, Ann Arbor and Rochester Hills, offers a full line of organic products.

Whole Foods Market is committed to foods that are fresh, wholesome and safe to eat. They seek out and promote organically grown foods along with those that are free of artificial preservatives, colors, flavors and sweeteners.

Cost

Are organically grown foods more expensive?

Generally, yes. But, this is a choice people make and hold as priority in their lives.

Your neighborhood can organize its own buying club through organic dis-

tributors. Check out the web at www.us.food-co-op-directory.com for an organic cooperative closest to you.

Forming a buying club can offer you a more affordable means of purchasing organic foods.

How do you know if organically labeled food is truly organic?

You must know and trust the farmer that you are dealing with. Since we are not dealing directly with the farmer on the consumer level, don't be afraid to ask questions of your grocer.

In addition, it never hurts to thoroughly wash any produce that you buy with a formulated soap, such as Allens Fruit and Veggie Wash, to remove wax, oily pesticides, soil and chemicals that may remain on your foods.

Hopefully, we will see more standardization of organic food production in the near future.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her Web site at www.nutritionsecrets.com. Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.

Surf the Internet for new and interesting recipes

See related story on Taste front.

Recipes from the Web sites: <http://soar.berkeley.edu/recipe/sweird/tufeen-hushani1.rec>

VULCAN WEDDING CAKE (CARROT CAKE)

- 6 oz. ground almonds
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 6 oz. grated carrots
- 1 tablespoon Vulcan bitter nectar (or dark Jamaican rum)
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 5 tablespoons margarine
- 6 oz. sugar; a bit more than 3/4 cup

5 eggs
To be made as a wedding cake, many rituals would have to be performed during the making of the cake. This is a non-ritual version.

Sift the ground almonds and flour together to make a very fine mixture. Add the salt, spices and baking powder and mix well. In a separate bowl put the grated carrots and the nectar. Add the lemon rind and juice. Cover and let stand. Cream the margarine and sugar together.

Separate the eggs, putting the yolks in with the margarine and sugar and saving the whites for later. Beat the egg yolks in and then add the carrot mixture. Stir well and let sit for a few minutes. Beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, then set aside. Add the dry ingredients to the carrot mixture and mix well. You should have a thick batter.

Now beat the egg whites a little

more and fold the batter into the egg whites. Mix gently until it is just barely evenly mixed. Pour into a greased ring mold. Bake at 325°F for about 50 minutes. It is done when a skewer comes out clean. Take out of the oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Unmold onto a serving plate dusted with confections sugar (this prevents the cake from sticking as much).

TANGY SHRIMP DIP

- 16 servings/Serving size: 1 tablespoon
- 12 oz small curd, reduced-fat cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 5 oz. canned tiny shrimp, drained and well rinsed
- 2 tablespoons diced onion
- Salt to taste (optional)
- Pepper to taste (optional)

Combine the cottage cheese, mayonnaise, chili sauce, and lemon juice. Beat until smooth.

Stir in the remaining ingredients. Chill thoroughly and serve with assorted crackers.

Exchanges: Lean meat exchange 1, calories 45, calories from Fat 15, total fat 2g, saturated fat 1g, cholesterol 19mg, sodium 148mg, carbohydrate 2g, dietary fiber 0g, sugars 1g, protein 5g.

Recipe from "The New Soul Food Cookbook for People with Diabetes" Recipe posted on Friday, June 4 at <http://www.diabetes.org>

LIGHT LEMON SOUP

- Serves 6; 1 cup per serving
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 to 2 teaspoons dried dill weed, to taste
- 1/2 cup orzo or rice

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (about 2 small lemons)

Place broth, dill weed, and orzo in a large saucepan. Simmer, uncovered, until orzo is tender, about 20 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice and serve.

Recipe from <http://www.deliciousdecisions.org>

Serve this dish hot as a main course with a vegetable rice mixture.

GRILLED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS

- (Serves 5)
- 2 or 3 large fresh portobello mushrooms, stems removed and cleaned
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of freshly ground black

pepper
Pinch of oregano
Chopped parsley for garnish

Quarter the caps. Place them on a broiler pan pre-coated with a little olive oil, bottoms up. Cover the mushrooms with chopped garlic, salt, and pepper.

Drizzle half the olive oil over the mushrooms. Put under the broiler for about five minutes. Remove the mushrooms and probe with fork for softness.

Sprinkle with oregano and parsley and return to oven, this time for another five minutes, checking every two minutes for the perfect tenderness. They should be soft on both tops and bottoms.

Total calories per serving: 87 Fat: 8 grams
Recipe from www.vrg.org/recipes/mushroom.htm

Wines from page B1

transferred to three-to-four-year-old French cooerage and fermented to dryness in a cold room. The wine remains in barrel until January when it is prepared for bottling.

Reminiscent of a southern France Provençal-style rosé, Zaca Mesa's Z-Gris \$9 is made from five southern Rhone red varietals, but about 75 percent is grenache. Red wine lovers can consider it a light Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape style for summer sipping. In France, a rosé-style wine is sometimes called Vin Gris. King Estate from Oregon makes a Vin Gris from pinot noir and Preston

makes Vin Gris \$9 from Rhone varietals that's exceptional with spicy foods.

Real French style

Bruno Clair of Domaine Bruno Clair in the Burgundy appellation of Marsannay notes that his family has been making one of the rare Burgundian rosés \$17.50 from pinot noir since 1919. Other French rosés we've tried and like a lot are: Chateau Miguel, Saint Chinian Rosé \$9; Paul Jaboulet Aîné Tavel L'Espiegle Rosé \$16; and La Poussie, Sancerre Rosé \$27, pricey, but full-bodied.

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Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Grilled honey curry chicken ready in a hurry

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A grill can be a cook's secret weapon when a meal needs to be prepared in a hurry. The cooking technique itself adds flavor to the food so sauces and marinades can be kept to a minimum.

In "Simply Grilling" (Surrey Books, \$14.95), author Carol Heding Munson writes: "Many foods, such as chicken breasts and turkey cutlets are done in 20 minutes. Fresh vegetables like tomatoes and asparagus even less time. Three to five minutes usually does the trick."

Munson offers these tips to get the most from your grill:

- Coat the grill rack with non-stick spray to keep foods from sticking.

- Use dry spice rubs for intense flavor without added fat.
- Apply sauces and glazes near the end of cooking; dripping sugars and fats cause flare-ups.

- Invest in a brass brush and some soap-impregnated fine steel wool pads for cleaning the grill rack.

The following recipe uses a yogurt-based rub with honey and curry powder on grilled chicken breasts. The sweetness of the honey smoothes the curry powder's pungent edges.

CHICKEN BREASTS WITH HONEY-CURRY RUB

Preparation Time: 5 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 to 20 minutes

- 1/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 3/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts

Preheat grill. Coat a grill rack with cooking spray; place on the grill.

Whisk yogurt, cornstarch, mustard, honey and curry powder in a small bowl until well combined. Spread over both sides of chicken (the rub spreads nicely with either a brush or spatula). Arrange on grill rack.

Grill over indirect medium heat until done throughout and the juices run clear, 15 to 20 minutes, turning with a spatula or tongs once. Serve with rice and lightly steamed peas. Makes 4 servings.

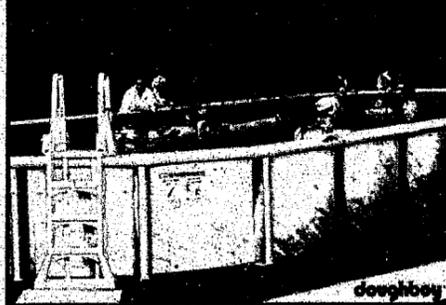
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Light, delicate grilled falafel lower in fat

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

From taco stands in Mexico's village markets to noodle-sellers in China lading a portable meal from tubs suspended from a yoke, street food is a way of life in many countries. Meant to be eaten on the spot, steaming hot or icy cold, some of the best food in the world is sold by local vendors. In markets, on city streets, or on the beach, I have enjoyed plump, fried fresh sardines in Casablanca; tender, chestnut cream-filled crepes in Paris; a fresh coconut filled with its refreshing water in Jamaica; even warm, freshly made tofu in New York's Chinatown.

Briks and falafel are two of my favorite street foods. Tunisian briks are crackling-crisp turnovers with a whole egg inside. Sealed, raw, in a thin envelope of dough, the egg cooks to a perfect, runny consistency as the brik fries in hot oil. In the medina, the old market, in Kairouan, the brik vendor's stand has a sink next to it, so you can wash your hands before and after eating this potentially drippy creation.

Falafel are spicy patties made from mashed beans. Eaten in much of the Middle East, these fritters, which are crunchy outside and moist and tender inside are, like many other street foods,

deep-fried.

Since falafel are not only delicious, but also an appealing meatless choice, I decided to create a more healthful version. I knew I had choices in composing the recipe, since the diversity of opinion between a Lebanese, a Syrian, an Egyptian and an Israeli cook on the way to make falafel would exhaust anyone.

For example, Israelis prefer chick peas, while the Lebanese favor fava beans, and Egyptians sometimes use lentils to make falafel. I started with chickpeas, because they are creamy, and I included rice, which kept the patties moist while binding them nicely.

Grilling the patties produced perfect, low-fat falafel. It crisped the outside quickly and left the inside moist. This method worked equally well outdoors, on a gas grill, and indoors, using either a ridged, cast-iron pan or the broiler. Finally, the flavor added by grilling was as delicious as that from frying the falafel.

GRILLED FALAFEL

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups cooked chickpeas or 15-ounce can, drained
- 1 cup loosely packed cilantro leaves
- 1 cup loosely packed flat-leaf

- parsley
- 1 cup cooked long-grain rice, white or brown
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 3/4 cup dry bread crumbs

Heat the oil in a medium, non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion and garlic until the onion is soft and the garlic golden, about 4 minutes. Let cool.

Place the sautéed onion in a food processor. Add the chickpeas. Pulse to coarsely chop the beans. Add the cilantro, parsley, rice, curry, and cayenne. Pulse until all the ingredients are finely chopped and evenly distributed. Turn the mixture into a bowl.

Add the lemon juice and 1/4 cup of the bread crumbs. With your hands, knead until this mixture is like a moist dough. Have the remaining bread crumbs ready in a shallow dish or bowl. Scooping up 1/4 cup at a time, form the chickpea mixture into patties. Coat lightly with bread crumbs. Repeat, making eight 3-inch patties.

Heat the grill, griddle or cast iron skillet. Brush lightly with oil. Add the falafel, placing them one inch apart. Cook 4 minutes, until



Healthful version: Grill falafel for a more healthful version. To serve, tuck the falafel into a pita pocket, add chopped tomato, shredded lettuce, sliced cucumber and fresh onion rings.

brown in spots. Turn and cook another 4 minutes, to brown lightly on second side. Or, heat the broiler and place the falafel in a foil-lined shallow pan. Broil 3 minutes, turn and cook on the other

side for 3 minutes. Serve immediately. Note: Try this light, delicate falafel tucked into a pita pocket. Add chopped tomato, shredded lettuce, sliced cucumber and

fresh onion rings. Nutrition information: Each of the four servings contains 307 calories and 7 grams of fat. Written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author Dana Jacobi.

Cantaloupe soup, fruit platter, salad are really cool

See related Living Better, Sensibly Column on Taste front.

September is National Organic Month. Stop by Whole Foods Market in Farmington Hills for a variety of health demonstrations and food sampling. Call (248) 473-7600 for more information on monthly happenings.

ICED CANTALOUPE SOUP

- Yield: 4 servings
- 1 large cantaloupe
- 1 1/2 cups soy or skim milk
- 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 cup nonfat yogurt (soy yogurt is available)

Remove the seeds and rind from the cantaloupe. Cut the flesh into cubes.

In a blender, combine the cantaloupe, milk, maple syrup, cinnamon, and coriander. Blend well. Transfer to a bowl. Cover and chill for 1 hour.

Spoon the yogurt into a cheesecloth-lined sieve. Let drain over a bowl to thicken. Whisk the yogurt into the soup.

FRUIT SALAD PLATTER WITH STRAWBERRY VINAIGRETTE

- Yield: 6 servings
- Kale or lettuce leaves
- 2 cups sliced strawberries and/or whole raspberries
- 2 kiwi fruit, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 orange, peeled and sectioned
- 2 bananas, sliced
- 1 medium peach, plum, or

- nectarine sliced
- 1 small apple or pear, cored and sliced
- 2 tablespoons raspberry or red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons brown rice syrup

Line a serving plate with kale or lettuce leaves. Arrange half of the strawberries and/or raspberries, the kiwi, orange sections, bananas, peach, plum, or nectarine slices, and apple or pear slices decoratively over kale or lettuce.

For dressing, in a blender place remaining strawberries and/or raspberries, vinegar, water, and brown rice syrup.

Cover and blend or process till smooth. Drizzle a little of the dressing over salad. Serve with remaining dressing.

TOMATOES STUFFED WITH ORZO-FETA SALAD

- Yield: 4 servings
- 2 cups cooked orzo (about 1

- cup uncooked rice-shaped pasta)
- 1 1/2 cups diced cucumber
- 1 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup (2oz.) crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup diced red onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Balsamic vinegar

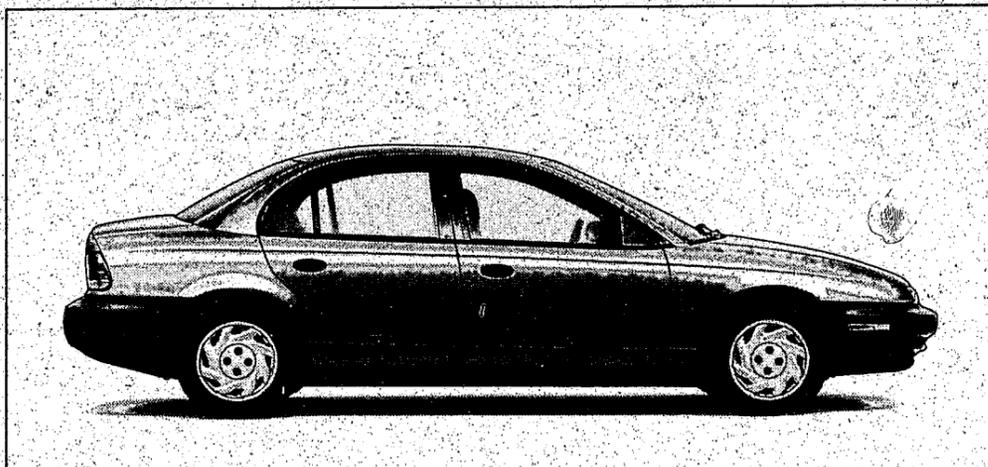
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 large tomatoes

Combine first 11 ingredients in a bowl. Remove cores from tomatoes. Cut each tomato into 8 wedges, cutting to, but not through, the other end. Place orzo mixture atop tomatoes.

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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

New director to transform the DIA

The confirmation of Graham W.J. Beal as the next director of the Detroit Institute of Arts is a mere technicality.

Even in the rarefied air of museum politics, a rather common phrase can be heard regarding Beal's impending appointment — "It's a done deal."

Ten days ago, the search committee gave its unanimous recommendation to the DIA board. In the near future — possibly as early as this week — Beal's candidacy will be rubber-stamped when the Detroit Arts Commission and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer give their approval.

Time for Beal to say "So long" to LaLa Land and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art where he served as director for the last three years.

In many ways, Beal is a prototypical modern-day museum director: Well-schooled in art history, in-the-know when it comes to contemporary art, and respectful of the most powerful art of the age — the art of marketing.

Building consensus

But before Beal takes any decisive steps with the DIA, he plans to spend plenty of time learning about the museum he's about to inherit.

His first step, he said, will be building bridges — and getting in step with the ambitious plan set forth by the DIA board to make the museum more accessible to the general public.

"I believe in building consensus, getting people to buy into the process," said Beal, who was initially approached last fall by the search committee.

With a 75-member DIA board made up of the Who's Who in metro Detroit, a recently initiated \$320-million fundraising campaign, and a mandate to become even more financially self-sufficient, Beal might find that there's an endless list of people to consult.

Nonetheless, Beal's self-described "consultative leadership style" should serve him well, especially considering the past political and territorial squabbles that have beset the DIA.

New-found vitality

When the genteel, British-born Beal, 52, gets his footing at the DIA in early October, expect to see a savvy, innovative leader with a sense of what is popular and critically significant.

Since the early 1970s, Beal's approach at museums where he's been either curator or director has been to develop an expanded exhibition schedule that balances blockbuster shows with diverse exhibits aimed to appeal to many ethnic groups and artistic tastes.

Perhaps the best way to demonstrate how the DIA enhances the quality of life in the region is for Beal to create a flurry of programs and exhibits that offer something for everyone.

It seems that he innately knows the demands of his new job.

"The advantage of (the DIA) being the only major art museum in the region is that it's the flagship, the place where people look for leadership," said Beal.

"The disadvantage, of course, is that sometimes, you just can't be all things to all people."

Up to the task

After two years without a director, the museum that for better or worse means "all things to all people" has found what the search committee set out to discover — a transformational leader.

It's an adjective that describes Beal's performance in LA and when he was director of the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, chief curator at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

For instance, in three years under Beal's leadership, the LA County Art Museum doubled its annual attendance to 1.3 million.

The increase, according to Beal, was due to expanded hours, a public-oriented exhibition program and a new public-image campaign of an "accessible, user-friendly museum."

Perhaps it's time to get accustomed to English manners.

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Majestic space: Eileen Monteiro of Bloomfield Township sits in the rotunda of the Museum of African American History.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

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Everywhere Eileen Monteiro looks, there's a reminder of history.

From her perch inside the majestic rotunda at the Museum of African American History, Monteiro is a few steps from the permanent exhibit space that documents the African diaspora and heroic rise of African-American pride.

And since late July, in the same marble corridors where a recording of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech resonates, Monteiro of Bloomfield Township has added her own history.

In the museum's general-purpose room — on the first floor near the

WHAT: The paintings of Eileen Monteiro.

WHERE: Multi-Purpose Room, Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit.

HOURS: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Call (313) 494-5800 for more information.

■ "Africans in Mexico" continues through Sunday, Sept. 5 — Exhibit of pastels, photographs and artifacts of the everyday lives of Afro-Mestizos living in the region of La Costa Chica in the states of Guerrero and Oaxaca, Mexico.

In mid-life, Monteiro, 52, has not only emerged, she has settled in to a role as an artist, art teacher and a subtle spokeswoman for the tender-hearted.

Through August, Monteiro is featured in the museum's Emerging Artist program. Over the last nine months, the program has provided 2,000 square feet of exhibit space and much-needed public recognition for Detroit-area artists.

"We don't think of ourselves as cutting-edge," said David M. Egner, exhibitions developer at the Museum of African American History.

"This (program) is our way to show our contemporary history and give some talented artists exposure."

Egner estimates that 15,000-20,000 people will likely pass through the museum in the next month, many of them passing through the Emerging Artist exhibit.

Coming off a month-long exhibit at The Community House in Birmingham, the paintings received an exposure that has already helped Monteiro. She approached several

back entrance of the rotunda — Monteiro's watercolor and acrylic paintings fill the walls.

The nearly three dozen pieces on display in the converted gallery space reveal an artist with a subtle conscience who is as much at ease with her brush as her stage in life.

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A History OF Her Own

Eileen Monteiro: Emerging Artist at African American Museum



Remembering: Monteiro's watercolor painting, "Somali Respite," depicts the facelessness of the disease in Africa.



Feeling the need: Overwhelmed by emotion, Monteiro could not complete her watercolor painting, "Why?"

publishers about printing and distributing her images.

"There's no doubt about it, I've had a lot more people interested in my work because of these exhibits," she said.

"It's opportunity presenting itself after preparation."

Infatuated by color

Many of Monteiro's compositions depict colorfully vibrant still life of eggplants, lush apples, swirling sea

shells, supple calla lilies and reflective women standing at the proverbial water's edge.

Other pieces, reveal the artist's deep-seated conscience, particularly the depiction of emaciated children in Somalia.

"It's not my purpose to make a political statement," said Monteiro. "I'd rather show the image rather than debate the subject."

Her point is made subtly — of

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BOOKS

History with a twist of Disney and dash of Lewis Carroll

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This mouse is neither mighty nor the object of affection for a fan club of members wearing god-awful hats with silly ears.

Like the times in which he was created, Jody the Mouse is a 1990s-styled down-to-earth androgynous human-looking rodent with a penchant for adventurous travel throughout the Great Lakes state.

Jody is the creation of Leigh Arrathoon and Jon Davio, authors of a seven-booklet series, entitled "Great Places: Jody's Michigan Adventures,"

WHAT: "Great Places: Jody's Michigan Adventures," a seven-booklet series. Story by Leigh Arrathoon and John Davio.

AVAILABLE: At Barnes & Noble, Borders Book Shops and Little Professor Book Centers, Halfway Down the Stairs in Rochester, or by calling Paint Creek Press, (248) 656-9888.

COST: \$6.95/book

published by Paint Creek Press of Rochester.

The pocket-sized books — targeted at fourth-grade reading level — combine historical facts woven tightly into stories about Jody's spirited travels to Greenfield Village, Detroit, Holland,

Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, the Upper Peninsula and northwest Michigan.

The books were planned as a supplement to the state-mandated fourth-grade Michigan history curriculums. More than 3,000 copies of the series were sold to public school districts in the first month of printing. Another several thousand have been sent to local bookstores, including Borders and Barnes & Noble.

Davio conceived the idea and edited the manuscript drafted by Arrathoon, a freelance writer who holds a doctorate

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Savoy Brown brings home the blues

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Rock and roll bands love Detroit, it's true. And the British blues band Savoy Brown is no exception.

In 1969, the band, described by one longtime local fan as a "revved-up version of B.B. King," dedicated the B-side live jam on its fourth album "A Step Further" to its Detroit fans.

During the heyday of hippies, Savoy Brown played regularly at local concert halls like the Grande Ballroom in Detroit and Birmingham's Palladium.

With those legendary venues long since closed, this Thursday the Magic Bag in Ferndale will host the band credited with helping to broaden popular appeal for high-powered British blues and hard-rocking bands like Led Zeppelin.

Exploded in Detroit

"Detroit gave us an immense amount of confidence," said Kim Simmonds,

founder and lead guitarist of Savoy Brown.

"We came over on our first tour and all the sudden it just exploded in Detroit. We realized this was a major breakthrough."

That was 30 years and many band members ago. In fact, Savoy Brown is somewhat notorious for its changes. There have been upwards of 40 musicians with the band since it was formed in London in 1966.

In one of the group's most famous breakups, "Lonesome" Dave Peverett, Roger Earle and Tony Stevens left to form Foghat. And rumors still abound as to why its premier singer Chris Youland left the band.

Meanwhile, the current incarnation of Savoy Brown includes gravel-throated, lead singer Nathaniel Peterson, who also plays bass, and drummer Tommy Compton, formerly of Alvin Lee & Johnny Winter bands.

Although many rock music fans have heard of Savoy Brown, few probably can recall if the band had a hit song. Fewer still, link Savoy Brown with Simmonds.

Through all the band's changes, Simmonds has been the constant, referred to in liner notes as the "heart and soul of Savoy Brown."

The 51-year-old Simmonds started playing guitar in London pubs when he was in his late teens. He found inspiration in blues guitarists like Buddy Guy, Willie Dixon and B.B. King. But he took the lazy Louisiana sound and infused it with a pounding urgency that was the beat of London in the '60s.

"I brought a strong technique to the blues guitar in terms of rawness and emotion," he said. "I think all the English (guitarists) did."

While his contemporaries like Eric Clapton, Peter Green and Mick Tay-

lor were playing in London, Simmonds was playing in Detroit.

Simmonds' band has played in Detroit at the Grande Ballroom, the Birmingham Palladium, the Magic Bag and the Ferndale Magic Bag.

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Natural: Leigh Arrathoon has written a series of booklets aimed at educating young readers about Michigan history.

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course. "Some adults forget that children are needy and that we have a responsibility to care for all children, regardless of where we live." Beyond the idea to raise social awareness in some of the works, it's clear that Monteiro is infatuated by color and motivated by empathy. A watercolor of a starving Ethiopian child and an empty bowl will remain "half-finished," said Monteiro, because working on the painting invariably induces a torrent of tears. Raised in a neighborhood a few blocks north of Detroit's New Center Area, Monteiro attended

Catholic school and worked as a social worker, parole officer and at the Urban League and Red Cross. While attending Wayne State University, she began her formal training as an artist, taking drawing, then painting classes. "My love was art, but being a practical person, I wanted a career to support myself," she said. "There's a lot of truth to the notion of 'starving artists.'" An appreciative artist Shortly after her exhibit opened, Monteiro returned to the museum. She read the comments of her work written by impressed

visitors. Struck by the possibility that someone might consider her as either insensitive or unappreciative, Monteiro responded in typical fashion. She printed a pile of "thank-you messages" and placed them at the entrance to the Emerging Artist exhibit. "I see myself in my work," said Monteiro. She said many of the images of children and women in her paintings represent her viewpoint. "These paintings are a way to take a moment and reflect. Women have to usually take care of everyone, and sometimes they don't have time take care of themselves."

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lor went on to achieve commercial success (Clapton with Cream and as a soloist, Green with Fleetwood Mac and Taylor with the Rolling Stones), Simmonds stayed true to his blues roots. "I just wanted to be the best guitar player. At thirteen I dreamed of being like John Lee Hooker, and I'm happy to be living that dream," he said.

Then, in the early '70s, Simmonds said he experienced the "rock star thing" with the commercial success of "Street Corner Talking" and "Hellbound Train." He continued to make albums of marginal note through the '80s and '90s. "I call (the '80s and '90s) my lost and wandering time," he said.

"The Blues" harkens back to the band's early days, when the interplay between vocal and guitar was at its pinnacle. Much of that recaptured sound has to do with the addition of Peterson, whom Simmonds met while touring for the Crescendo label in the late '80s. Peterson's robust voice and Simmonds' blistering dexterity on his Gibson 335 combines to make both shine.

Promising new release Success has hardly evaded Savoy Brown. In the '60s, the band was a darling of the emerging counterculture with Bohemian blues records like "Blue Matter" and "Raw Sienna."

This past May, Savoy Brown released "The Blues Keep Me Holding On" (Mystic). The album, which took three years to record, is full of up-tempo boogie blues, and offers plenty of proof that Savoy Brown has emerged from its "lost" period.

Simmonds and Peterson also wrote and arranged five of the 11 songs on the CD, including the title tune, an ardent testament to Simmonds' blues roots. "Now we're making records for the band's legacy," said Simmonds.

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in French medieval literature. The former Catholic School language teacher teaches French and English to corporate executives. "Great Places" is anything but academic, dryly empirical or a recitation of names and dates. "If you say to a child, 'You're going to hear about history,' their response is 'Auughhh,'" said Arrathoon, who lives in Rochester. "These are children's stories with magical elements. It's a more fun, imaginative way to learn history." Think of it, she said, as a history lesson with a twist of Disney and a dash of Lewis Carroll. Jody the mouse, for instance, is made by the Wizard of Paint Creek, who - much like the Loch

Ness creature - straddles the world of the real and the imagined. The "magical" stories shouldn't be mistaken for myths, said Arrathoon. She is happy to make the academic distinctions among stories, folk tales, legends and myths. Apparently, intellectualizing is a tough habit to break for the former literature scholar turned fiction writer. After years in academic studies, Arrathoon said she now suffers the "disease of writing" and has no plans to publish another academic paper. Arrathoon's other published writing includes essays on medieval poetics and the influence of Chaucer on the craft of fiction. Her dissertation at

Princeton University was on an obscure 13th-century poem written by an unknown author. Since early this year, she's been writing and sending short stories to national publications. Although she has yet to have her stories accepted or published, Arrathoon has received encouraging responses from "Esquire" and other notable magazines to keep her writing. Meanwhile, she and Davio - who published a literary newsletter, "South Hill Gazette," in the late 1980s - plan to expand the "Great Places" series to include more Michigan attractions, and even national destinations. In the next five years, Jody the Mouse just might see places that those other two famous mice could hardly imagine.

ART BEAT

Want to publicize an arts event, or know a talented local artist who deserves recognition? It's news that belongs in Art Beat. Send information to Art Beat, Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314. Or send e-mail to: fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net NEW SCIENCE MUSEUM DIRECTOR Talbert B. Spence has been named vice president of Cranbrook and director of Cranbrook Institute of Science. Spence's selection completes a national, 18-month search. Spence will assume the duties of director on Sept. 13. He will oversee day-to-day activities at the museum. Most recently, Spence served as vice president of education at the National Audubon Society, and chair of the education department at the American Museum of National History. Spence received his masters in natural Resource Management from the University of Michigan. The Institute of Science serves about 200,000 visitors annually. It offers a variety of education and outreach programs, all-new permanent exhibitions and a regular schedule of changing exhibits. VILLAGE PLAYERS' NEW SEASON The Village Players of Birmingham, entering their 77th season, has announced its 1999-2000 season. The five-play season is filled with classics and community theater favorites. The new season includes: "Back to Bachrach & David" - A collection of hits by composer Burt Bachrach and lyricist Hal David, Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1 & 2. "The Man Who Came to Dinner" - A classic comedy by

Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, Nov. 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27. "Oliver!" - The classic musical adapted from Dickens' novel set in 19th-century London, Jan. 21-23, 28-30, Feb. 4 & 5. "Sherlock Holmes" - March 17-19, 24-26, March 31 & April 1. "Forever Plaid" - May 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27. Tickets: \$14/play; season - 5 shows for \$65, 3 shows for \$36. For information, call (248) 644-2075. MOT RECEIVES SKILLMAN GRANT The Skillman Foundation awarded a \$125,000 grant to support the programs of the Michigan Opera Theater. During the 1999-2000 seasons, the funds will be used to offset the costs associated with five main stage opera productions, a dance series and the educational and community outreach programs. DSO SHOWHOUSE BENEFIT "Summer Bounty Jazz Picnic," the next Detroit Symphony Designer Showhouse will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 8. The event is sponsored by the DSO Volunteer Council. The showhouse is located in Detroit's Palmer Woods. Classic jazz and swing will be performed by Mike Karoub's Cello Jazz Trio. Casual attire is suggested. Reservations: \$50/person. A portion of the proceeds will benefit DSO education and outreach programs. For information, call (313) 576-5154. ARTIST PHILLIPS TWICE HONORED The watercolor painting of Kathy Boltz Phillips of West Bloomfield was honored at the West Bloomfield Festival, held in early June at the Henry Ford Medical Center. In late June, Phillips' water-

color, "Dock Scene," was selected as the prize in a raffle sponsored by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. This past week, Phillips showed her work at the Ann Arbor Guild Art Fair. LOOKING FOR STORIES ABOUT SUMMER CAMP If you have an interesting story about attending music or art camp this summer, please contact The Eccentric's Arts & Leisure section. We're looking for stories about educators; parents and students who attended Interlochen, Blue Lake or other camps. Call (248) 901-2557. WOODCARVERS SHOW More than 100 carvers will exhibit their works 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 7-9 at Eddie Edgar Arena, 38841 Lyndon at Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1, \$2 for a family. For information, call Ron Morin at (734) 421-8310. Many woodcarvings, priced between \$5 and \$9,000 will be on display. Carvers will have their works judged in more than 40 categories on Saturday. Tools, wood and books will also be on sale for beginner to advanced woodcarvers. Donations benefiting children under the care of Spectrum Human Services will be taken. The Livonia Woodcarvers Club began crafting toy cars, trucks, boats, buses and other types of pull toys for the Westland-based Spectrum more than 10 years ago. During 1998, 124 toys were built, painted and delivered with child safety in mind. The money from donations is used to purchase different size wheels, axles, paint, glue and other supplies.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, and United Artists. Lists include titles like 'The General's Daughter', 'Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery', 'The Blair Witch Project', and 'Muppets From Space' with showtimes and prices.

ART SHOWS & FESTIVALS

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 Juried fine art show with more than 80 artists, student exhibit and children's area, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8. Ferndale Civic Center, 300 East Nine Mile.

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 Fifth annual Novi Art Festival, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8 at the Novi Town Center in Novi. (248) 347-3830.

AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUTUMNFEST
 Traditional crafters, including candlemakers, quilters, and woodworkers, sought for Autumnfest, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, Southfield. Call (248) 354-5180 or (248) 424-9022 for table information.

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 The Plymouth Community Arts Council is seeking artists to participate in its Sept. 11-12 show at Central Middle High School in Plymouth. (734) 416-4278.

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 Michigan Theater and Dance Troupe holds auditions for 16-year-old and older dancers on Saturdays through August by appointment only. (248) 552-5001.

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 Applications available for talented young people to join the 1999 Youth Artists Market and also people of all ages to participate in the Banners contest. The Festival is Sept. 18-19 on the campus of WSU. To request an application, call (313) 577-5088.

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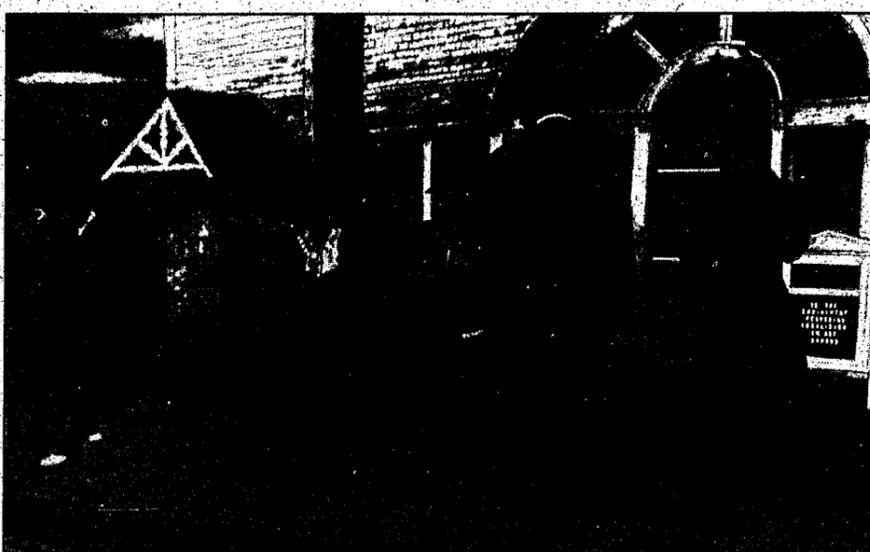
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"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS
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GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
 Opens Friday, Aug. 6 - "Mixed Bag," the Michigan Surface Design Association exhibit through Aug. 27. Opening reception, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 6, 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

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 Opens Tuesday, Aug. 3 - Fiber artist Muriel Jacobs' one-woman show through Aug. 31. 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

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 Opens Tuesday, Aug. 3 - "Hot Wheels" automotive art through Aug. 31. 162 North Old Woodward, Birmingham. (248) 647-3688.

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 Opens Thursday, Aug. 5 - Exhibition of new paintings by Alberto Magnani and Steven Skollar and sculptural constructions by Robert Park through Sept. 4. Opening reception 6-8 p.m., Aug. 5. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-3909.

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STEVAN UZELAC, Attorney, 185 West Jefferson, Suite 2500, Detroit, MI 48226. STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, No. 99-269,895-1E

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 Independent Probate Estate of MILDRED C. BROWN, Deceased. Social Security Number 385-48-5094.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:
 The decedent, MILDRED C. BROWN, whose last known address was 21017 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48339 died June 28, 1999.
 An instrument dated May 2, 1991 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.
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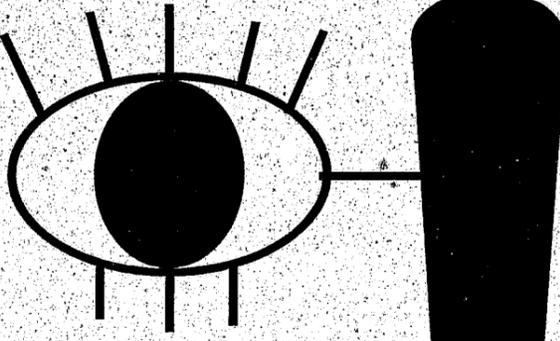
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Rand scholar sees moral rebirth in Information Age



ESTHER LITTMANN

The Great Disruption
By Francis Fukuyama
The Free Press, 1999, \$26

Is America on a steady course of decline? Do the last 30-plus years of increased rates in crime, divorce and substance abuse indicate that our country is in a cultural and moral free-fall?

Professor of public policy at George Mason University (in Virginia) and author Francis Fukuyama ("The End of History and the Last Man") rejects that gloomy scenario.

In his latest book, "The Great Disruption: Human Nature and the Reconstitution of the Social Order," the former social scientist at the Rand Corp. is more than cautiously optimistic.

We are emerging from a troubled period in our nation's history, he writes, a 30-year period when our economy shifted from the Industrial Age to the Information Age.

Cultural and moral upheaval is the mark of all significant

transitions, and the past three decades have been no different. Traditional values that affect family, religion and education gave way to new attitudes and behavior.

Greater numbers of women entering the work force, for example, increased self-fulfillment and economic improvement but also created the problem of raising children with reduced adult supervision.

Birth control further weakened the family by shrinking its size.

Here, as elsewhere in the book, Fukuyama draws on the latest sociological data.

In Italy, long the bastion of family solidarity, 60 percent of the children will have no siblings, cousins, aunts, and uncles two generations from now.

Individualism has also been a force for change. So necessary to innovation and the economic growth of a nation, it has spilled over into our private lives, promoting freedom from constraints in the sphere of personal relationships.

But as Fukuyama points out, a society dedicated to the constant upending of norms and rules in the name of increasing individual freedom of choice will

find itself increasingly disorganized, atomized, isolated, and incapable of carrying out common goals and tasks.

This "great disruption" in the social order, notes the author, took place not only in the United States but in all technologically advanced nations, including those in Europe and Scandinavia and, to a lesser extent, in Korea and Japan.

But there is hope for moral renewal, the author maintains, provided we restore our "social capital."

Adopting the term from the field of social sciences, Fukuyama defines social capital as a "set of informal values or norms shared among members of a group that permits cooperation among them."

In short, it stands for honesty, reliability and reciprocity, qualities of mutuality and trust that have been seriously eroded during the recent economic and social transformation.

The restoration of social capital, writes the post-Cold War analyst, has already begun, thanks to the era in which we live and the disposition of human nature. Ours is an increasingly complex world, Fukuyama explains, one that

demands access to tremendous amounts of information. Today, no individual or group can function independently. In our need to be constantly informed, we must become reconnected to one another, creating networks of communication and reciprocity.

Thus, the Information Age, by the very demands it makes on us, facilitates social cohesion. Furthermore, networking comes naturally to human beings for we are "spontaneous organizers."

Because of our proclivity for order and cooperation, together

with our ability to reason, we readily enter into cooperative groups without coercion from authority figures or hierarchical systems.

It is through the combination of interdependence and individual empowerment resulting from the free flow of information that we will reconstitute the social order, not only in the work place but also in the home and in the community.

Fukuyama does not pretend to have all the answers, but he probes the big questions in a book that is inspiring, informa-

tive, and, in part, prescriptive. "Man's natural state," he writes, "is not the war of 'every one against every one' that Thomas Hobbes envisioned, but rather a civil society made orderly by the presence of a host of moral rules."

Esther Littmann is a resident of Bloomfield Township and a tutor in English and German. You can leave her a message on a touch-tone phone at (734) 953-2047. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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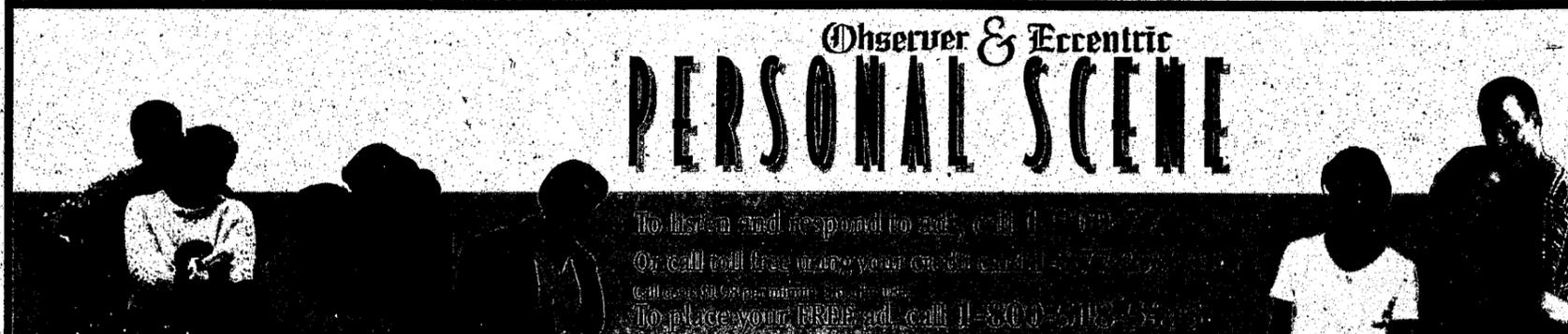
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Have Mercy

Orion's Johnson decides she'll play for U-D Titans

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Former Lake Orion Dragon Jennifer Johnson, who until recently had decided she'd hung up her sneakers, did an about-face and will now continue her basketball career.

The presence of new coach Anne Rexford and a desire to play at a school whose academics matched Johnson's goals convinced the 6-foot-1 Johnson, the daughter of Mark and Laurie Johnson of Lake Orion, to join the University of Detroit-Mercy Titans.

"Her mother and I were surprised," Mark Johnson said of his daughter, who accepted a scholarship to play for the Titans. "She hadn't shown a lot of inter-

est in recruiting efforts by other schools."

Johnson had been headed to Western Michigan and planned on giving up the sport. But U-D's hiring of Rexford, the former Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes coach, apparently turned the tide. Rexford coached Johnson at the all-state camp last summer. When she hired on at Mercy, Johnson's phone number was one of the first she dialed.

Johnson was unavailable for comment, but her father said the opportunity to play for Rexford was a big part of his daughter's decision.

"Jennifer had been recruited by some other schools, and decided none of them was a good match for her," Mark Johnson said. "She had decided not to play. When Anne got the job at U-D Mercy,

'We were impressed with the quality of the school. It's such a good match for her.'

Mark Johnson
—Basketball dad

she called Jennifer, and it just kind of took off from there."

Johnson's decision continues a basketball career that sparkled in high school. She was a two-time Eccentric All-North Oakland first-team choice, was a second-team all-Oakland County selection and was a four-year starter for the Dragons. As a senior, she averaged 18 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game. She also had 54 steals and shot 63 percent from the field.

"Jennifer's consistency and her level of effort and performance in every game is something every coach desires," said Eve Claar, the former Dragon coach who had Johnson for two seasons. "Knowing you could count on a double-double, or close to it, from her every night was a nice luxury."

Johnson will be one of just two six-footers on the Titans roster. That she'll be on the roster at all is a nice surprise for her parents.

"We are really pleased for her," Mark Johnson said. "We are really impressed with the coach and that, in combination with the school, is great. We had an opportunity to meet with administrators and we were impressed with the quality of the school. It's such a good match for her."



College bound: Former Lake Orion basketball star Jennifer Johnson will play for the University of Detroit-Mercy this fall.

LINKS TO THE GAME



MICHAEL SHIELS

Store provides leisurely 'trip' to golf venue

Strolling through downtown Birmingham, perhaps heading toward Shain Park, you'll notice an elaborate storefront right next to the Townsend Bakery at the corner of Merrill and Henrietta Streets. "Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club" the dignified and attractive bronze letters above the window read. Of course, you won't find a men's grill or a locker room in the facility, but you can walk in anytime you like and be "transported" to a pristine golf course and private gated community in the heart of the Huron National Forest.

Sound like a nice trip? That's why Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club project manager Tom Fous and his partners Thomas Barrett, Jerry Petersen and E. Payne Palmer decided to open the storefront in Birmingham last summer.

"We understand that people's time is very limited these days and the summer window in Michigan is very short," said Fous. "We opened this storefront so that people can drop in at their leisure, weekends and evenings included, in an informal setting, and make a virtual 'visit' to our new golf development. We thought it would be helpful to bring the mountain to Mohammed."

When I recently dropped in unannounced, I was treated to a chance to view the Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club through a sprawling and detailed topographical 3-D model, a personal explanation of the concept, photos, and a short video presentation. No pressure, no hype, hard sell, and I left with a handful of literature.

Of course, no hard sell is needed, because the unique location and development concept sell themselves. Foremost, when it opens next spring, Forest Dunes will be a 7,015 yard golf course that winds its way through natural sand dunes, fresh blue water, formal bunkers, flowing hillocks, and abundant native grasses and flora. Weiskopf, an accomplished PGA TOUR player and designer, has also added a 125-yard "19th hole" with a huge bunker in the center of the green to settle ties and provide a few laughs. Forest Dunes will be Tom Weiskopf's first private facility in the state of Michigan. His breathtaking design at Shanty Creek Resort, his only other Michigan design called Cedar River Golf Club, won rave reviews when it opened earlier this summer. If Cedar River can be compared to Augusta National, then Forest Dunes is comparable to the vaunted Pine Valley.

Weiskopf's design at Forest Dunes will include a crescent-shaped, 10,000 square-foot green, a dual fairway, a 605-yard par-five, and a driveable

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Volley mania

Clarkston volleyball camp another smashing success

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All at one site. That was the major change with the annual Clarkston Team Girls Volleyball Camp from years past.

Held July 26-30 at the new Clarkston High School, athletes were able to train on neighboring courts instead of going back and forth between courts at both the old Clarkston High School and Clarkston Middle School, which served as co-hosts of the event the past several years.

"It's nice to see everybody in one place," said Clarkston volleyball coach Gordie Richardson, the camp organizer, as he pointed to three courts on the main field house floor and a fourth court upstairs behind the bleachers. "And we can host a good number of athletes. We have around 90 kids this year from seven schools which is perfect. It's not too crowded."

Varsity teams from Auburn Hills, Avondale, Berkley, Birmingham

Groves, Bloomfield Hills, Andover, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Clarkston and Clarkston Springfield Christian, as well as junior-varsity squads from Groves and Clarkston, were on hand from 9-4 each day where they went through a variety of drills under the direction of former Oakland University volleyball coach Bob Hurdle, who served as the camp's director.

Also on hand were former OU players Cathy Workman-Clelendinn (Laper West), Nicole Pelczanski (Royal Oak Kimball), current Clarkston J-V volleyball coach Missy MacCaulay (Big Rapids), Julie Woodard (Sterling Heights Stevenson), Amy Ruprich (Lahser), Nicole Caputo (Portage Central), as well as Bob Hurdle's two brothers, Tom, who coaches at Clare High School, and Jim Hurdle, who has coached at both Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Lincoln high schools and has been actively involved in the Washtenaw Area Volleyball Association.

Each individual paid \$100 fee for the camp, where they worked passing, setting, attacking, digging, serv-

ing and blocking, as well as offensive and defensive alignments and separate stations throughout the field house.

"For the amount of money, these kids are getting some great training by some very well respected coaches and former Oakland University players who were all all-stars in high school," said Richardson. "They receive 30 hours of training, which is a lot more hours than what a lot of college camps offers and the price is far less."

The student-athletes seem to like the camp.

"This is a great way to refresh your skills and learn a lot of new ones," said Maria Feingold, a 5-foot-4 setter and senior-to-be from Birmingham Groves. "The skills you learn are good and it helps bring your team together."

Annie Devine, a 5-7 senior-to-be at Lahser who plays setter for the Knights, agrees.

"This camp is a great way to brush

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Riverdaws meeting

The Clarkston Riverdaws Boys Baseball program is having its next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 7:15 at the Clintonwood Park Senior Center.

At this meeting, those in attendance will select the 1999-2000 Board of Directors.

Nominations will take place at the meeting. All interested in supporting the continued success of the Riverdaws program should attend.

Also the board is taking applications for coaches for the 2000 season.

Coaching applications can be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Office and are due by Sept. 1, 1999.

For additional information, contact Beth Walker, Parks & Recreation, at 625-8223.

Wildcats physicals

Physicals for athletes planning on playing sports at Oxford High School during the 1999-2000 school year will be conducted by Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital officials Monday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Cost is \$15 per athlete. Valid physicals for the school year must be postmarked after April 15, 1999. No student will be allowed to start practice without a physical.

All-league

The Observer & Eccentric Sports Department will publish copies of all-league, all-district, all-region and all-state teams from the recently completed prep season.

Lists should include such pertinent information as name, grade, positions, etc., of each honored athlete, plus honorable mentions.

Send copies to Daniel Stickradt via fax at (248) 693-9716; e-mail to dstickradt@oe.homecomm.net; or mail to The Eccentric Sports Department at 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Michigan, 48009.

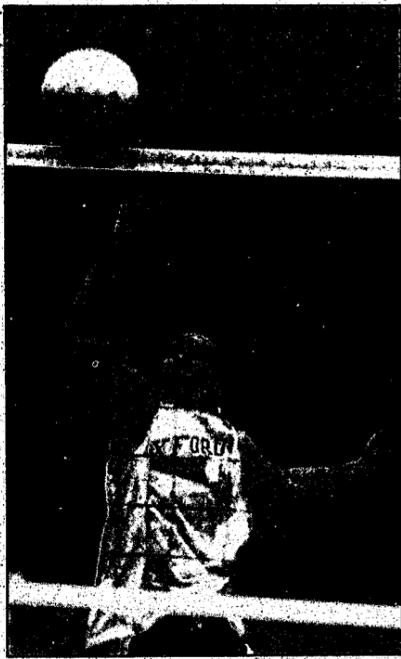
OU hires net coach

Oakland University has a new women's volleyball coach.

Ed Tolentino, an assistant for the Grizzlies the last two years, was named the new head coach Thursday. His other coaching experience came as the varsity coach at Madison Heights Bishop Foley (1995-96). His volleyball teams won two district titles.

"It is an opportunity of a lifetime," Tolentino said. "I am looking forward to working with the team again this year. Oakland is an up-and-coming program at the Division I level and success is definitely within reach."

Tolentino is a 1997 sports medicine graduate of Detroit Mercy. A Sterling Heights native, he is currently a certified athletics trainer within the Detroit Tigers organization.



STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Up and over: Springfield Christian senior-to-be Suzanne Rydman goes for a kill during a drill at the Clarkston Team Volleyball Camp. Rydman and her teammates were one of seven teams at the annual event, held at Clarkston High School.

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up your skills and get you ready for the upcoming season in the winter," said Devine. "It also gives everybody a chance to play together because its been a while.

"We get to work on offensive plays and defensive plays and work on our individual skills. I think we'll all get something out of this camp."

For members of Springfield Christian's team, this was a chance to train with athletes and coaches from bigger schools.

"This is just great for us because we are a very, very young team and we are from a small school," said Holley Vanaman, a 5-8 junior-to-be from Springfield who did not play volleyball as a sophomore. "The coaches here are just awesome. The camp is hard, but we learning a lot.

"And that will help us out when the season comes around. Because we are from a small school, we don't always see the toughest competition every game like you do at a big school, so this camp may help us dominate

some teams this winter."

For Bob Hurdle, who will return to the coaching ranks this year as varsity coach at Andover, where he has served as building athletic director the past four years, this week concluded 18 summers of hosting volleyball camps and clinics in and around Oakland and Wayne counties.

"I have been doing camps for around 18 year or so and I think every coach is here because they love the sport of volleyball and they love to pass on what they know about the game, said Hurdle, who coached at OU from 1982-92. "Now don't get me wrong, these coaches are well-paid like they are at any other camp. But we are out there doing what we love to do.

"We try to teach a lot of the fundamentals as well as try to teach defense and offense (tactics)," he continued. "We hope everybody that attends these camps takes something from it and becomes a better volleyball player."

North Oakland eliminated from AABC tournament

A late-season turnaround came to a sudden halt for the North Oakland Stars baseball team in the recent AABC districts.

The Stars, who had won seven of their past 10 games, were eliminated in the semifinals at Mount Clemens L'Anse Cruese North High school with an 11-3 loss to Ontario Blue Jays. North Oakland trailed just 5-3 after five innings before Ontario tacked on six runs over the final two frames.

Nick Tomczak (Fenton/Western Michigan) had two singles, a double and drove in one run to lead the Stars (29-15). Justin Young (Flint Kearsley/Saginaw Valley) and an RBI double, and John Handley (Rochester/Glen Oaks CC) added an RBI single for North Oakland, which finished with an impressive .356 team batting average for the season.

■ **Rochester Rams earn title:** The Rochester Rams 16-and-

under baseball team recently completed a dynamite season, where they posted an impressive 14-1 record and claimed the North Oakland Baseball Federation Mickey Mantle Division crown.

Combining solid defense with a potent offense and solid pitching, the Rams have come a long way, according to general manager Rocky Giordano.

Those players contributing to the team's success included J.D. Leichtman (Rochester), Shawn Houck (Highland Twp.), Sean Letsinger (Lake Orion), Patrick Giordano (Rochester), Chris Brown (Rochester), Dan Ciulis (Rochester), Mark Tomczak (Waterford), Mike Fruchnicki (Grand Blanc), Adams Welch (Clawson), Mike Spencer (Oxford), Chad Day (Lake Orion), Sean Saunders (davison) and Patrick Dugan (Rochester).

Derek Giordano Jr. served as the team manager.

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par-four, all placed among meandering and sometimes menacing dunes.

Golf fans can take the virtual tour in Birmingham, but the good news is that Forest Dunes is only a 2 and-a-half-hour drive north from the storefront and your home.

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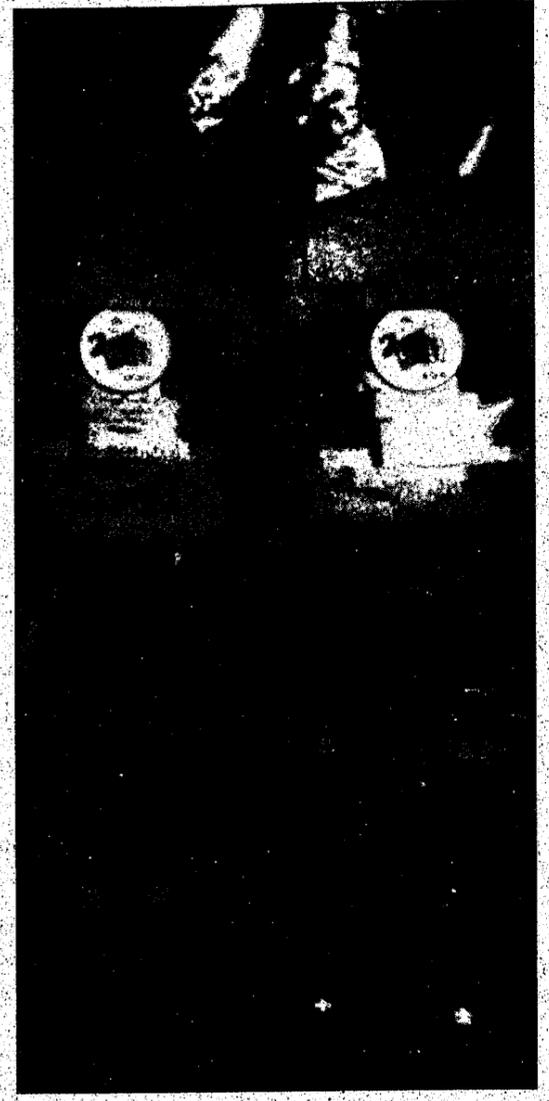
A Lake Au Sable cabana with sandy beaches, pools, tennis and cycling paths will attract families, and a health spa, gourmet dining rooms, cross country skiing, and equestrian center will

round out a full service vacation experience or year-round northern lifestyle. A sense of solitude is promised to each potential homeowner.

"We're planning a second 18-hole golf course which is currently under conceptual design by a world-renowned designer," Faus hints. My guess is that Tom Fazio's name will eventually surface, since Faus, a Fenton resident, has worked with the designer on other golf projects around the country.

If you like your weekend commute to northern Michigan short, and you like your surroundings quiet, private and pristine, or you just like to talk golf, slip into the Forest Dunes Golf and Country Club storefront, and have a look see at still another reason why Michigan leads the nation in quality golf experiences. You may also call (248) 645-5100 for more information.

Hot shots



Eagle eyes: Ian Sabbag and Michael Vagts hustled to win the Spring NBA 2-ball competition for the 11-year-old division in Clarkston. The duo scored more than 40 points for the one minute allowed. Michael will attend Sashabaw Middle School in the fall, while Ian will attend Clarkston Middle School.

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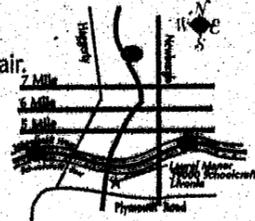
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BROACHED LEAGUE

A nine-week broached league begins Thursday, Aug. 5, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

KAMP FOR KIDS 3D SHOOT

Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America Area B will hold its annual 3D shoot and family picnic on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, at Royal Oak Archers in Lake Orion. The event features free beginner instruction, novelty shoots, games for the kids and a yard sale. Entry fee is \$8 and kids age 11 and under will shoot free. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds from the event benefit Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids. Call (248) 627-8172 or (810) 254-2493 for more information.

3D SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-8, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

MORE 3D

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE

The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS

A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

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Application deadline for the fall wild turkey seasons is Aug. 1. Call (517) 373-1263 for more information.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS

Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open singles draw bass tournaments, continues on Sunday, July 31, on Sanford Lake. Registration is \$60 and the pay back is one place cash for every seven contestants. Boaters and non-boaters are welcome and there is no pre-registration. Call Elmer Daniels at (734) 729-1762 or Steve Randles at (734) 422-5813 for more information. The final stop on the Top Bass Tournament Trail is Aug. 14-15 on Wixom Lake.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, Aug. 8, on Orchard Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold additional tournaments Aug. 29 on Lobdell Lake, and Sept. 28 on Lakeville Lake.

METRO BASS 'N GALS

Metro Bass 'N Gals will hold the Linda Carruthers Memorial, a two-person team open bass tournament, on Sunday, Aug. 15, on Lake St. Clair. Call Mary Ashteneau at (313) 981-3367 to register and for more information.

CLASSES/CLINICS

SAILING LESSONS

Beginner and would-be sailors can get free, hands-on sailing lessons during a special program offered by the Greater Detroit Sunfish Club. Lessons begin at noon Saturday, July 31, at Stony Creek Metropark. Call (248) 625-6197 for more information.

KAYAKING SKILLS

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a kayaking skills and safety course beginning at noon Sunday, Aug. 1, at Kensington Metropark's East Boat Launch. There will be a variety of perception kayaks available to demo. Prepare to get wet. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club will offer a hunter safety Aug. 9-14 at its clubhouse and grounds in Clarkston. Class size is limited. Call (248) 623-0444 to register and for more information.

PADDLE CAMPING ESSENTIALS

Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) in Northville is holding a class on the basics of paddling camping beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11 at REI. Those in attendance will learn how to plan a trip, how to transport a canoe or kayak, how to select travel partners and paddling safety. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SAGINAW BAY WATERFOWL CLINIC

Tri-County Michigan Duck Hunter's Association and the Bay City State Recreation Area are co-hosting the fourth annual Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Clinic on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Bay City State Recreation Area's Saginaw Bay Visitor Center. Call (517) 667-0717 for more information.

WAYNE WATERFOWL CLINIC

The Wayne Waterfowl Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunter's Association is holding a waterfowl hunting clinic beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood. Call (734) 422-0583 for more information.

ULTRA LIGHT BACKPACKING

Recreational Equipment Inc. staffer Matt Duluk will discuss his hike across Isle Royale National Park during an ultra-light backpacking exhibit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 at REI. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering several hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Aug. 28-29, Oct. 9-10, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Riverbend Sports Shop in Southfield is sponsoring several fly fishing schools in the upcoming months. Held at the Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden and Hunters Creek Hunt Club in Metamora, the schools include lessons in basic fly fishing techniques including casting, knot tying, reading the

water, playing, landing and releasing fish, entomology and fly tying selection and more. Classes are scheduled for August 15 and 29, and Sept. 12. Class size is limited. To register and for more information call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

FLY TYING

Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING

River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times in July. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

FISHING DERBY

Get hooked on fishing during a fishing derby, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops in cooperation with Oakland County Parks and Orion Township Parks and Recreation. Activities include several contests such as dry casting, smallest fish, largest fish, ugliest fish, best fishing hat and biggest frog. Activities begin at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Call (248) 391-0304 for more information.

WATERLOO HIKE

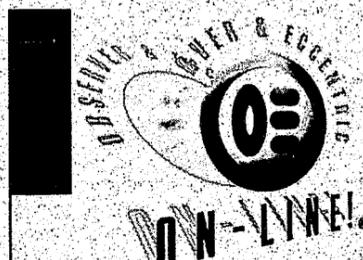
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a six-mile hike at the Waterloo State Recreation Area beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 1. Call Joanne Spatz at (248) 932-5370 for more information.

HERITAGE PARK

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and explore Heritage Park in Farmington Hills during this program, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8. Call Tom LaFramboise at (734) 464-7899 for more information.

BALD MOUNTAIN HIKE

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a five-mile hike at Bald Mountain State Recreation Area beginning at noon on Sunday, Aug. 22. Call Dan Dahlin at (248) 644-2746 for more information.



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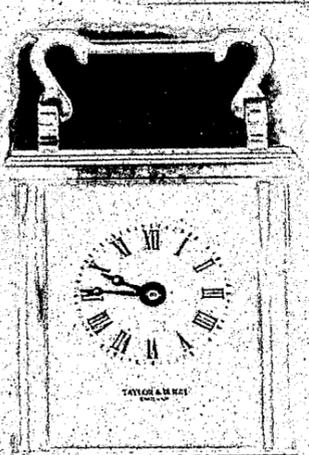
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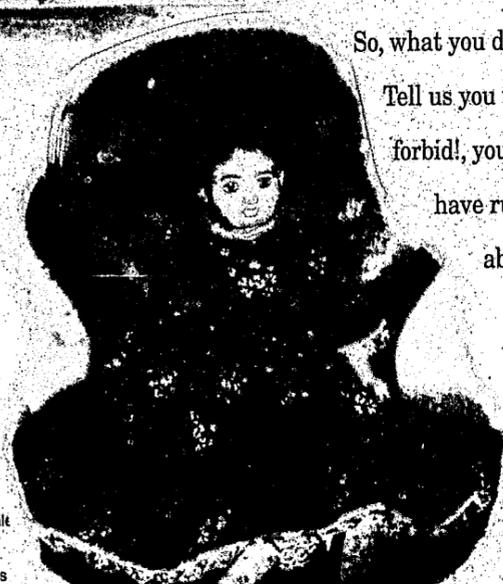
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 There are automobiles and there are AUTOMOBILES. The creme de le creme, those that are observed as the epitome of style and design. All spectators can do, in most cases, is admire and respect. Out of a culture all its own, these beauties stand as works of "Art". Many are priceless, commanding prices equal to the masters: Rolls Royce, Bentley, Deussenberg, Bugatti, Delahaye, to name just a few, and we hardly scratched the surface here. All reminiscent of an era gone by.

taxes came along, a select few (movie stars, financiers, etc.) had wealth in spite of the recession. By today's standard the amount of money they were making back then would be obscene. Money is power and the elite didn't have to settle (like you and me) for the run of the mill Lincoln or Cadillac or whatever. They'd buy a car and have it shipped to a body builder to customize one just for them. Custom coachwork kept many companies afloat as their clientele continued to grow. Brunn and Darrin, just to name two, had a field day. Some were so tailored to the wishes of the purchaser that only a chassis and engine were the starting points.

Designed from there up. Who says money doesn't give you clout? Huge machines compared to today. Massive engines to power around these behemoths weighing 5-6 thousand pounds. Thank goodness gasoline was so cheap as these were not known for fuel economy.

As an aside, did anyone ever try to figure out city vs. highway mileage back then? We didn't have that many highways...you may have crossed the country but it was mostly on rural two-lane roads. I wonder how many of these luxury cars got even 10 mpg...combined! To them C.A.F.E. was a place to stop for coffee.

I can remember in the late fifties and early sixties going down Livernois looking for a car...The Avenue of Iron. If you didn't find it on Livernois, as the story goes, it wasn't made. On many of the lots in the back rows or behind the sales offices were a large number of vehicles that have become true classics today. At that time they were just about giving them away. Nobody wanted them. One of my favorites was Packards (when Packards were PACKARDS, right, Don Summers?) and you could find one for \$50 to \$100 and no one was buying them. But the God of enthusiasts has a great sense of humor and said "I will once again give

these vehicles status", and thru the years they have taken off in value. A few bringing multi-millions on the auction block.

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1999 Prelude is more powerful, and more fun



By Anne Fracassa
Avanti NewsFeatures

Sports cars like this are becoming a rare breed.

There's just so much fun a person can have, you know?

And this 1999 Honda Prelude is a lot of fun to drive.

Quick and nimble, this Prelude jumps away from a light and leaves others in the asphalt dust.

It's powered by a 2.2-liter dual overhead cam VTEC (variable valve timing and lift electronic control) engine that produces 200 horsepower with the 5-speed manual transmission. That's five more horses than last year's model. As if it needed a boost anyway.

If you're a wimp and choose to put the 4-speed automatic transmission in this beautifully crafted machine, you'll lose 5 horses in the process.

And if you have to put the automatic in, please choose to opt from Honda's Sequential SportShift. That gives you the best of both worlds because it allows the option of manually changing the gears. I didn't drive it this time; I got to drive the 5-speed manual.

The 5-speed manual is standard on the base Prelude and the Prelude Type SH model. The optional 4-speed automatic also has Honda's Grade Logic Control System.

There aren't many changes to the exterior skin of the vehicle and it still looks wonderful. The doors open wide, extending a warm welcome to sit in the cockpit. Slip inside and the seats mold around your body, making you feel snugly planted.

You'll feel confident behind the wheel because the feedback from the seat and

the steering wheel is solid. And I have to add that it's really a comfortable car. For the front seat passengers, that is.

As with all sports cars, you're not going to fit a full-size adult with his or her feet planted on the floor. It's unrealistic to even expect it anymore. But my girls were comfy back there, and didn't complain once (might be a record).

In city driving, you could tell the 4-wheel double wishbone suspension, front and rear stabilizer bars and heavy-duty shocks made the ride enjoyable. Especially with the transformation of every roadway in Detroit, I appreciated the steady ride.

Instrumentation in the Prelude is smartly and logically laid out. Controls are precise and just where they should be for convenience of operation. Everything was easy to understand and easier to operate.

In highway driving, the Prelude did very well and kept up easily with the rest of the pack. Acceleration was calculated and constant. Never worried about merging on the freeway, either. Standard on the Prelude are 4-wheel disc brakes and ABS.

Honda is just so good with safety. It seems I get a press release a week that has a safety issue theme to it. On the Prelude, you'll find impact-absorbing front and rear bumpers, energy-absorbing steering column and instrument panel, 3-point belts and dual airbags.

There are also crush zones in the front and rear and the Prelude exceeds federal guidelines for all-around impacts.

There's a standard power moonroof that also has a tilt feature. Great for letting just a little bit of air in without the massive noise and wind when opened completely.

You'll have no worries about theft of your Prelude. It's protected by an anti-theft system that immobilizes the vehicle. It works like this: You put the ignition key in and a digitally coded radio signal is transmitted to the immobilizer's control unit.

If the unit recognizes the key, the car will start, of course. But if it doesn't, the car won't start. Any attempt to start the Prelude will disable the engine's fuel injection and ignition systems,



The 1999 Honda Prelude: spirited performance in a neat sports package.

immobilizing the car.

The standard equipment list is long and includes power windows, mirrors and door locks, cruise control, air conditioning, power moonroof with tilt feature, adjustable steering column, height-adjustable driver's seat, 12-volt power outlet, front and rear cup holders and a 6-speaker 120-watt AM/FM/CD stereo system.

The tight turning ratio of the Prelude came in really handy making a U-turn on a tight city street.

And because it's been sooooo hot lately, I've got to tell you, getting into a shut car and turning on the air, it really cooled down quickly. By the time you drove a quarter-mile, you were already getting some needed relief.

Also, the air-conditioning system comes standard with a micron air filtration system that filters out most unwanted

allergens.

The Prelude has decent rear cargo volume (8.7 cubic feet), which surprised me. It was easy to get mostly everything that I threw at it all week long. I'm not saying that it'll hold a small appliance or anything, but it was adequate for my week's needs.

With the Prelude, I found spirited performance in a neat sports package. It's worth a look.

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

1999 Honda Prelude
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