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THE MILL POND

Congratulations in order
George Arakelian of Clarkston motored to the top at the recent classic car show Concours d'Elegance. His rare 1937 Cord 812 won the Gordon Buerhig Memorial Trophy at the annual event held at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

Helen, it's your birthday

Everyone who drove down Holcomb Street Wednesday knew about Helen Pointer's 81st birthday. There was an enormous birthday cake draped with a sign on the front lawn of the apartment complex where Helen lives. She could see it from her apartment windows and she knew the community was helping her celebrate from all the car horns honking as they passed by. Her daughter, Hope Ellis, had put up a "Honk for Helen" sign that really caused people to react. Helen has lived in Clarkston for about a dozen years. She moved here from Manistique in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. So, Helen, here are our best wishes to you — honk, honk!

No free lunch?

The saying goes, "There's no such thing as a free lunch." But that saying proved wrong Thursday when the Clarkston State Bank treated everyone who attended this month's mixer of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce to a free meal of salad, green beans, baked potatoes and roast beef. The bank wanted attendees to hear a speaker from Flint schools describe how that district has worked successfully with the chamber of commerce in helping kids learn about careers. If Clarkston adopts a similar program, perhaps the first lesson should be: *Usually, there's no such thing as a free lunch.*



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Don't fence me in: Cornelius Brown (left) and Lorenzo Veal II of the Double "OO" Riders Association help urban children learn what life in the old West was like.

Suburban cowboys

Ranchers offer city kids chance to experience rural life

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE
STAFF WRITER

Many of the inner-city schoolchildren who come to Davisburg's Double "OO" Ranch have never seen a horse before.

The 15-acre ranch at 7555 Ormond Road is a non-profit organization giving city youngsters from the Detroit and Pontiac schools a taste of rural life.

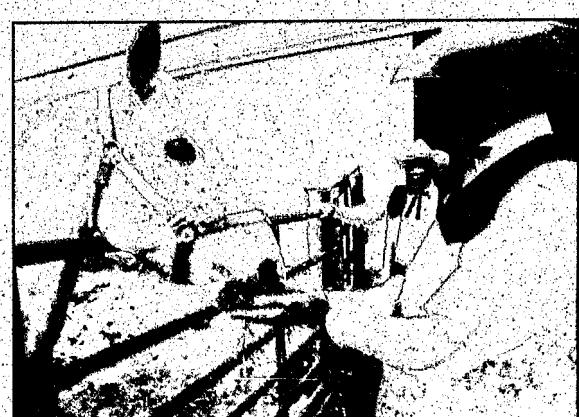
"Most of the kids that come out to visit us have only seen a horse on TV, or maybe the occasional mounted policeman," said Cornelius Brown, of Davisburg, chairman of the Double "OO" Rider's Association Board. Brown

is one of several volunteers who keeps the ranch running on a day-to-day basis.

Visiting schoolchildren don't just "see a horse." They get the chance to interact with plenty of farm animals — 24 horses, not to mention a burro, roosters, hens and a very friendly herding dog named Mickey.

Beckoning eyes: This Arabian/quarter horse mix welcomes young riders from Detroit and Pontiac all summer long.

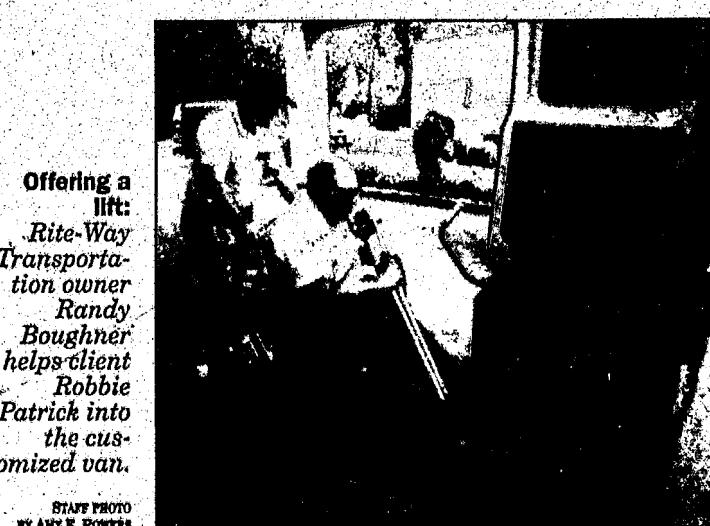
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Snack time: Lorenzo Veal II feeds hay to one of the 24 horses at the Double "OO" Ranch in Davisburg.

Offering a lift:
Rite-Way
Transportation owner
Randy
Boughner
helps client
Robbie
Patrick into
the cus-
tomized van.

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BY AMY E. POWERS



Dignity drives new business for disabled

BY SUSAN B. TAUBER
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There's a right way and a wrong way to transport people with disabilities, and Randy Boughner of Clarkston believes he has the right way.

He calls it Rite-Way Transportation. It's a new business he started in February to provide transportation for people with disabilities and for seniors. His business partner is Dr. Marvin Wells of Waterford.

Boughner has two Ford vans to get people with special needs where they

need to go. Myron Freiburger, also from Clarkston, is the other transport driver. The business is licensed with the Department of Transportation. Both Boughner and Freiburger have chauffeur's licenses and are trained in CPR and first aid.

The vans are ready to handle passengers with just about any type of disability. Boughner is proud to show them off.

"The vans are fully handicap accessible," he said, showing off how the wheelchair lift works. The vans have

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Man faces trial on charges stemming from fatal crash

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A 27-year-old Oxford man was ordered Friday to stand trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on charges stemming from a fatal accident on I-75 near Clintonville Road in Independence Township July 18.

Fifty-second-2 District Judge Gerald McNally bound Paul D. Werner over for trial after a preliminary examination Friday afternoon on four charges — homicide-murder, second degree; operating a vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor causing death; operating a vehicle under the influence of intox-

cating liquor causing injury; and driving with a suspended license/second offense.

Werner is being held in Oakland County Jail on a \$500,000 bond, which was upheld at the preliminary exam. He stood mute during his arraignment July 21, at which a not-guilty plea was entered.

Werner was the driver of a 1995 Ford Ranger and the only occupant when the vehicle was headed north in the left-hand lane of southbound I-75 that Sunday night, according to several witnesses who testified Friday. The vehicle caused one southbound vehicle to swerve into the center lane before the Ranger hit a second vehicle, causing it to roll over, witnesses testified. The driver of the second vehicle, Steve Domer, 26, received injuries to his leg.

The Ford Ranger then hit a third vehicle head-on, according

to court testimony. The driver of the third vehicle, Michael Pagel, 23, of Sterling Heights, was seriously injured. Stephanie Steele, 22, of Troy was the passenger in the car driven by Pagel. She died the next day.

A test administered by the Michigan State Police following the accident determined Werner's blood alcohol level to be 0.24, more than twice the legal limit, according to a police report.

Sgt. Robin Beach, an accident reconstructionist expert with the Michigan State Police, said according to his examination of the vehicles involved in the accident Werner didn't apply his brakes before hitting the two vehicles.

■ 'We got through the first hurdle.'

—Mark Bilkovic
assistant county prosecutor

and co-worker of Werner, described how he and Werner spent time together during the late afternoon hours before the accident, which occurred about 11 p.m. They visited a friend before returning to Parrish's house.

Parrish said he drove Werner's truck to and from the friend's house. He estimated Werner drank about eight beers before he left Parrish's house without Parrish being aware of Werner's departure.

Parrish described Werner as "buzzed" and "depressed" before he left.

Arthur J. Weiss, attorney for the defendant, asked Judge McNally to drop the charge of

second-degree murder against Werner. He said Werner didn't drive his vehicle that evening intending to cause a death.

His other reason was that since none of the victims, including Steele, was wearing a seat belt at the time of impact, Werner wasn't responsible for Steele's death.

Mark Bilkovic, assistant prosecutor for Oakland County for the case, called eight witnesses to the stand, including Dr. Kanubhai Virani, deputy chief forensic pathologist for Oakland County. Virani testified the injuries Steele sustained to both her head and neck were enough to cause death.

"We got through the first hurdle," Bilkovic said after the hearing. "Now we've got to get a jury that agrees with Judge McNally that this is more than an OUIL (operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor)."

tion holds fund-raisers such as a its annual western barbecue, planned for Aug. 28.

"All the money we raise goes directly to bringing kids out here," Brown said.

Admission to the barbecue is a \$25 donation. It is open to the public.

For more information on the Double "OO" Ranch, call (248) 634-1734.

Ranch from page A1

mer months.

Although it's geared toward inner-city children, the ranch does work with other suburban schools.

"We let the kids ride the horses, but we lead them around the ranch. You can't just put a kid on a horse for the first time and let him take off," said Jim Rich, of Davisburg, the ranch manager.

Brown said most of the children are thrilled by their first encounter with the lifestyle of the old West, but some are a lit-

tle overwhelmed.

"It can be quite a disorienting experience, sitting on top of a 1,000-pound animal, 6 feet up in the air for the first time. And a lot of the kids don't like the smell, but they get over that right away."

"By the end of the day, I'll ask them, 'Do you still smell the horses?' and most of them say 'No,'" he said.

Brown is a perfect representative of rural life himself, having been raised on a 160-acre dairy

farm.

"On that type of farm, all you do is stay on a horse all day, herding cows," Brown said.

The children pay only \$5 each

for a day trip to the ranch.

"We have to keep the price low

because a lot of these kids couldn't afford to pay much more," Brown explained.

To offset the cost of operating

the ranch, the riding associa-

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seat belts that include both the wheelchair and the passenger in it.

The vans also carry first aid kits and fire extinguishers, compact discs with a variety of music to suit each passenger's taste, a step stool to help people get into the van and the "piece de resistance" — a soft, shell-patterned blanket hand-made by Boughner's 93-plus-year-old

grandmother, Vera Job, who lives in Yale, Mich.

The customers love the blankets, according to Boughner, who is very proud of his grandmother. "She insisted on crocheting a blanket for each van. They are really remarkable, considering she is blind."

Rite-Way Transportation serves customers in Oakland

County from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekend service is available by appointment.

To get information on transportation costs and to schedule a ride, Boughner said, people can reach him at (248) 894-4444.

Cheryl Patrick of Waterford talks about Rite-Way to anyone she thinks can use the transportation service.

She's hired the business to drive her son, Robert (Robby), 35, to and from his job at New Horizons in Springfield Township. Robby has cerebral palsy and scoliosis. He walks with crutches at home but uses a wheelchair when he's away.

"I spread the word about Rite-Way all the time," she said. "They are the best thing that ever happened to us. Transportation for Robby has always been horrible. We've stood outside in the cold for up to an hour waiting for transportation with other companies before."

Randy called our home once to say he was going to be a couple of minutes late and he didn't want us waiting outside for him," she continued. "He also stopped with Robby to buy an Easter lily for Robby to give me. That's the kind of business Randy runs."

Terissa Daly, case manager at New Horizons in Springfield Township, called Rite-Way

Transportation "one of the best transporters."

"They treat the consumers with dignity and respect, and they are very reliable," Daly explained.

Part of that comes from Boughner's background. He worked with people with disabilities while an employee for North Oakland Vocational Association (NOVA) for five years.

"I really enjoyed working with

the people," he said. "Then I got promoted and ended up working behind a desk. I wasn't happy."

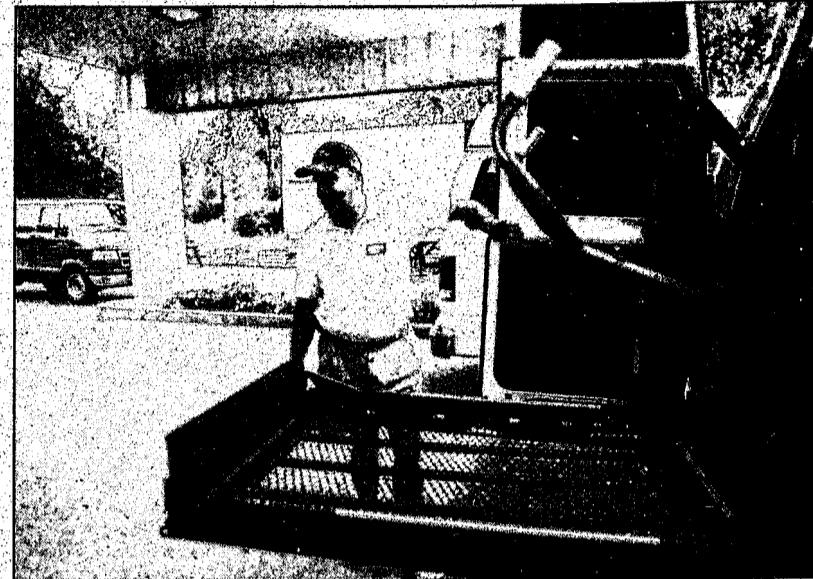
He saw the need for this type of transportation and decided to do something to fulfill it. Although his business is only 6 months old, he already has some customers he and Myron transport on a daily basis.

This job is Freiburger's first experience working closely with

people with disabilities.

"I love this job," said the interior design student. "It's taught me not to take life for granted. I see various types of disabilities and know that people didn't ask to be born with those."

"We focus on what our passengers can do, not on what they can't do," Boughner added. "Their feelings and dignity comes first."



Here's how: Rite-Way Transportation owner Randy Boughner demonstrates how he can raise and lower the wheelchair ramp on his custom van.

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Oakland County board's tranquility is nice, but ...

Perhaps it's the calm before the storm. Maybe it's the lack of contentious issues. But the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is experiencing an unusual period of tranquility, as illustrated at Thursday's regular meeting. Not only did the meeting run smoothly, finishing in less than an hour, but there was no partisan bickering and no hostility.

Commissioners were cordial, and the meeting was an exercise in civility. "This is the most cordial I've ever seen it (the board)," said Commissioner Thomas A. Law (R-West Bloomfield), who has been on the board for 18 years.

It hasn't always been that way, of course. Consider this:

■ Two months ago, commissioners had a bitter floor fight over an appointment to the Family Independence Agency (formerly the Department of Social Services), with Democrats supporting Graeme D. Dudley of Southfield and Republicans nominating former county Commissioner Donna Huntoon (R-Clarkston). Democrats are outnumbered 7-18. But they prevailed when half of the bitterly divided Republicans voted for Dudley.

■ Within the last year Commissioners Sue Ann Douglas (R-Rochester) and Kay Schmid (R-Novi) reportedly came close to fisticuffs during a dispute. "That was blown out of proportion," said Douglas. "We had a strong difference of opinion. Tempers flared and we were angry with each other for awhile. But there wasn't any fight."

■ Last August Commissioner Fran Amos (R-Waterford) was publicly demanding an apology from Executive L. Brooks Patterson for his having supported her opponent in the Republican primary. The exec was upset with a number of Republican commissioners and openly supported challengers against incumbents in several GOP primaries. "I'm still waiting for that apology," Amos chuckled, after she and Patterson exchanged pleasantries.

County briefs

■ A planning session of the board of trustees of Oakland Community College will be held 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at George Bee Administration Center, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. The meeting is open to the public.

■ Alzheimer's Association, Detroit Area Chapter, needs help with its Telephone Helpline. Volunteers are needed to answer calls. Time commitment is 3-4 hours once a week or once a month. Call Dorothy Jackson at (248) 557-8277 for information.

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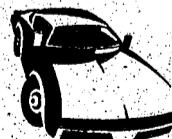
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CRC report hits 'Too many local governments'

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Citizens Research Council of Michigan, the oldest independent public policy research group in the state, has issued a "wake up call" to local government.

There are too many local units of government, too many school districts, and too many special purpose units of government, like intermediate school districts and community colleges. That makes them inefficient. They overlap and are left to fight over limited resources. The taxation and financial structure for local government, as a result, is highly complex and confusing, even for those who are familiar with how it works.

"Local officials are going to have to get past the fight to protect their turf," said Eric Luper, senior research analyst for the CRC and author of the report. "This will probably require action from the state, if we really want it to happen. But left to their own devices, local governments probably will not move toward regionalization."

That's probably not what the Michigan Municipal League expected to hear when it called for the report during a Symposium on the Future of Local Government in Michigan back in June. It asked for five papers from a variety of researchers, including CRC, across the state on the challenges facing local government in the coming century.

What the CRC produced was a report called "A Bird's Eye View of Michigan Local Government at the end of Twentieth Century."

Local government was primarily

designed in the last century and has been highly resistant to change, the report states.

"Despite the advances in communications and transportation, the geographic area of most local governments in Michigan continues to reflect the distances horses could travel in a day," the report concludes.

Michigan has a large number of local units and the structures of many local units, particularly townships and counties, reflect the nineteenth century emphasis on a diffused executive function.

Michigan has 2,884 local units of government, ranking it 14th among the 50 states. Michigan ranks seventh among the states in terms of general purpose local units, including 83 counties, 1,241 townships, 273 cities and 262 villages.

"Special-purpose local units include 564 school districts, 54 intermediate school districts, 28 community college districts, 14 planning and development regions, and 263 special districts and special authorities," the report concludes.

The report notes that a number of reforms have been proposed in recent years which would simplify local government, eliminating the village form of government, eliminating the distinction between cities and townships, providing more services on a county-wide basis, eliminating intermediate school districts.

and further consolidating school districts to reduce their numbers.

"The number of school districts has experienced a 92 percent decline since the turn of the century," the report stated. "It is argued that further reductions would lead to greater economies and efficiencies. Since Proposal A, school districts are much less dependent on property taxes. Consolidation would allow districts to reduce administrative costs to concentrate more dollars on classroom needs."

Additional improvements could be made if, "The number of local governments competing for limited resources could be reduced and small local governments could consolidate with other units to expand the base of local resources," the report concludes.

It also suggests that adopting government structures "led by an executive" would be more efficient. Elimination of overlap in the power granted to various forms of local government is also recommended.

For its part, the Municipal League has yet to respond to the report. And phone calls to the organization this week were not returned.

Strong advocates of home rule, the Municipal League typically argues that the ability of local government to set their own policy is often what gives communities their local flavor.

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Tattoos aren't forever with woven nylon

THE JEWELRY LADY



While parents are privately rejoicing the return of school days, jewelry makers and designers have been like little elves working around the clock.

They're busy creating pieces that our daughters, nieces and other young double X-chromosomers will put on their "oh-please-I-gotta-have-it" fashion list.

Cornelia Poellnitz, manager of Cari-mart, an accessories store for teens at Northland Mall said there is one item that's inked at the top of that "must-have" list: tattoo jewelry.

Tattoo you

"Everyone's wearing it. All the teenagers and some of their parents. In fact, I've even seen Jenny Jones wearing it on TV," she said.

If you haven't noticed tattoo jewelry yet, you probably mistook it for the genuine article: a gracefully winding tattoo around the neck, arm, or ankle of an otherwise sane-looking teen or preteen.

Hand-woven of hypoallergenic waterproof nylon, these are fun, comfortable and retail for under \$5.

"They've been popular all summer, but we expect to sell even more for back-to-school fashions," said Poellnitz.

Barely there

Invisible wire necklaces, illusion headbands and hair jewels are other accessory-musts for the fall season.

The wire necklace looks as if a pendant is floating in air. But if you look close, you can see the microcord that holds the pendant in place. Think fishing wire with style.

"Brandy, Cher and Drew Barrymore wear them," says Poellnitz. "And Madonna wears jewels on her eyes."

Jacobson's is also showing invisible-wire cross necklaces. An 18-carat white gold double-cross necklace strung onto a barely visible microcord sells for \$120. The triple-cross invisible necklace runs \$140.

Scent of a teen

Velcro-backed hair jewelry by Melies, also at Jacobson's, are fun little iridescent crystals that stick anywhere on the hair — again and again. These are more popularly priced for teenagers at \$14 a pack.

Not surprisingly, preteens like everything the teenagers wear. But there are some styles that appeal mostly to the younger set.

"What's really hot is makeup and scented lip gloss on a chain," said Christine La Rock of Jacobson's. "The girls like anything with powder and shimmering things."

Platinum plus

If you're heading out to Somerset, stop by Tiffany & Co. and see timeless best-sellers for back-to-school fashion. The sterling silver classics include a heart-tag bracelet and a matching banded bracelet and necklace.

With price tags of \$60 to \$125, these are less novelty fad items and more of a fashion investment. White metals — silver, platinum and white gold — have been surging in popularity because of the return of platinum as a standard in precious metal.

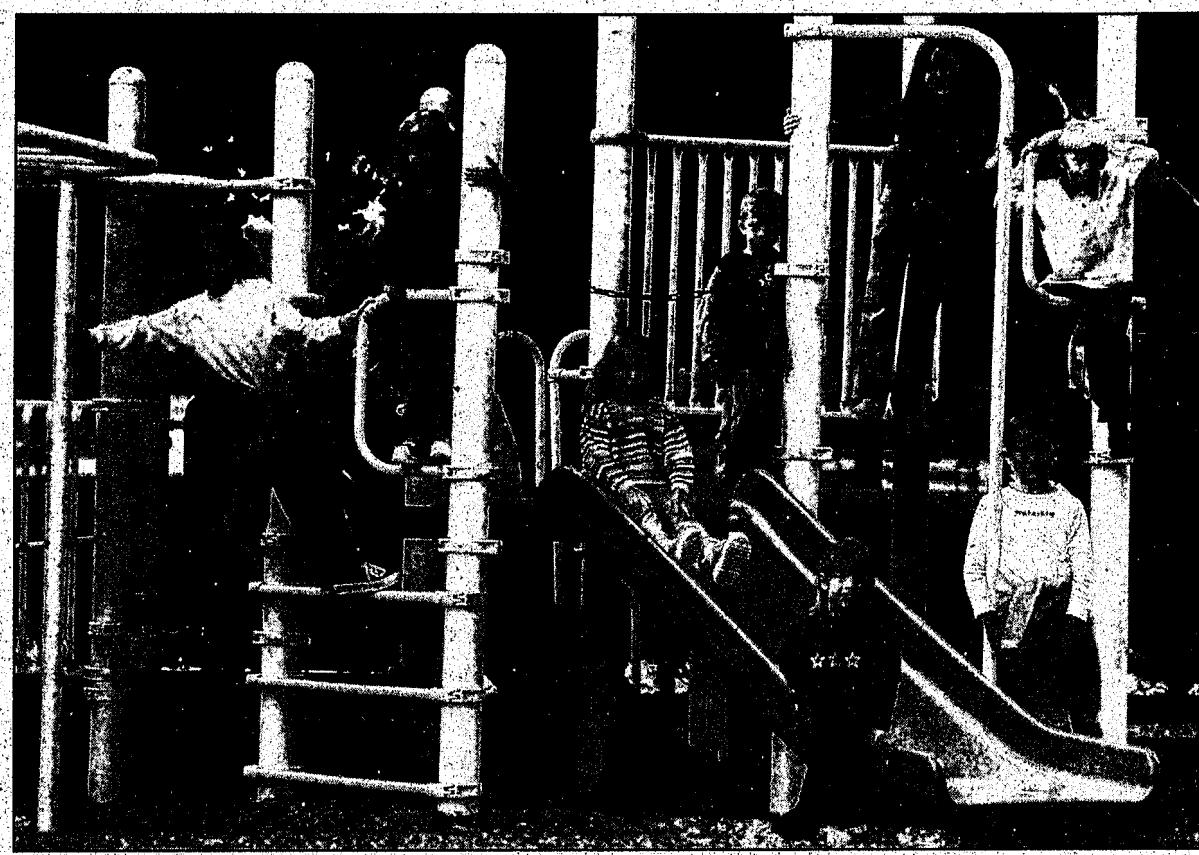
Platinum's comeback has had a trickle-down effect on the demand for other white metals, especially for Xers and Nexters.

Add a miniature backpack that Poellnitz says is fashion-must and your teen or preteen is ready to hit the books in style.

A Jewelry Lady note: In the last column, The Jewelry Lady suggested that costume jewelry lovers check out a special Web site.

The Web address was printed as "gcostume.com." The proper address is "atgcostume.com." The "atg" stands for "all that glitters."

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



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Active look:
Modeling back-to-school fashions from Just Kids Outfitters in Rochester, Annie Dauphinee in Birmingham, Guys N' Gals in West Bloomfield and Hansel N' Gretel in Birmingham are (left to right) Megan Bauman of Livonia, Lauren Brockmann of Rochester, Sarah Bauman of Livonia, Mitchell Brockmann of Rochester, Allyson Ginsberg, and Jenna Guntmacher, both of West Bloomfield, Katharine Smith of Birmingham and Nathaniel Beier of Bloomfield Hills.

Room to move

Back-to-school fashion aimed at kids' active lifestyles

BY CARI WALDMAN
SPECIAL WRITER

The overwhelming task of back-to-school shopping is almost done for Susan Luther, a mother of three school-aged daughters.

But Luther, of Oakland Township, and other mothers might be baffled by their children's fall fashion choices.

Naturally, keeping up with children's changing style preferences is difficult for any parent. But this year, the look is undeniably active, causing some parents to wonder what their children will change into for gym class.

Luther's 12-year-old daughter Amanda is on the edge of "tweendom," the time between age 10 and 12 when style is heavily influenced by teen magazines and peers' clothing choices.

Luther said that last week when she and her daughter went back-to-school shopping, Amanda picked out khaki bell-bottoms, three-quarter-length T-shirts, jeans with flares, little clips to wear in her hair and Dr.



Details: Sarah Bauman of Livonia wears Bu and the Duck's woven striped sweater, \$100, and coordinating striped pants, \$28, both at Annie Dauphinee in Birmingham. Velcro-strap navy Oxford by Dr. Martens, \$60, and grey flannel loafer by Candies, \$39, both at Hansel N' Gretel in Birmingham.

Martens' shoes.

"Trying to keep up with her is a science," she said. "12-year-olds' tastes can change like the wind."

But Amanda's choices are right on track with hip back-to-school fashion.

The look is active and, for girls, the name of the game is mixing and matching.

That means pairing T-shirts embellished with embroidered hearts or stars with flare jeans and cargo pants. T-shirts, worn alone or layered, should probably be considered a back-to-school wardrobe staple.

Strong choices are T-shirts with hoods, those made of fabric with printed graphics and solid shirts with chest stripes or funky logos.

Remember, bottoms are undeniably flared.

When the weather cools down, vests will serve as both a funky and functional alternative to standard outer wear.

Watch for vests in fleece, leather and puffy, quilted nylon. Colors will range, but look for silver and

shades, like baby blue. Mixing soft colors with bold, sporty apparel is an excellent way to capture the spirit of the active style.

There is no doubt that boys, too, will seek to have an athletic look in coming months.

To obtain the look, mix nylon track pants and jersey crewnecks embellished by uniform numbers or contrasting, sporty arm stripes.

Also, details like bungee cords and drawstrings at the waist are important for boys.

Novelty in the form of butterflies and other embellishments is important to younger school-aged children,

said Susan Brockmann, owner of Just Kids Outfitters in downtown Rochester.

"Kids are picking out their clothes at an earlier age now, so details like hearts and dinosaurs need to be there to draw a kid's attention," she said.

The active look, however, is just as popular with this age group, said Brockmann. "We have been selling many separates for back to school, as most kids of all ages want a comfortable, active look this year," she said.

Since most mothers like to put together three to four outfits for every

five to six pieces they buy, Brockmann recommends purchasing a sweater, sweatshirt, long-sleeved T-shirt and two bottoms that mix and match.

Also, to meet your children's desire for trendy clothing, try mixing better pieces, like woven sweaters and pricey cargo pants, with less expensive pieces from Old Navy or Target.

"Kids' lives are so diverse. They want to be dressed like a Woodstock attendee one day, yet need to be outfitted for brunch the next," said Susan Beier, owner of newly opened Annie Dauphinee children's boutique in downtown Birmingham.

"Our approach is to cover kids' varied needs and to be a vehicle for moms to find what they want. Kids do not have to be dressed in the most expensive clothes, but they need to feel good," said Beier.

Taking cues from her own children's combination of comfort and style, Beier has filled her 1,300-square-foot store with a mix of American, European and French-Canadian fashions.

"Both the European and American lines are showing the active-inspired looks," says Beier. "It is, simply, what the kids want."

With heart: Jenna Guntmacher of West Bloomfield wears a three-quarter sleeve shirt with heart detail, \$19, and cargo flare pants, \$36, both by Tractor at Guys N' Gals in West Bloomfield.

Attractive: Susan Brockmann, owner of Just Kids Outfitters in Rochester, wears a striped sweatshirt, \$100, and cargo pants, \$36, both by Tractor at Guys N' Gals in West Bloomfield.



who saw Winkelman a week ago at lunch at the Franklin Hills Country Club. "He's one of the finest gentlemen I've ever known."

Winkelman was born in

Please see WINKELMAN, A7 Stanley Winkelman

Winkelman inspired family, community

BY ALICE RHEIN
STAFF WRITER

Stanley J. Winkelman, a prominent civic leader who brought affordable fashions to career women as chairman of Winkelman's stores, died Thursday at age 76 in his Bloomfield Hills home.

He had been battling health problems, but his cardiac arrest was unexpected, according to his wife Mar-

garet "Peggy" Winkelman.

"I was with him and he died peacefully," she said. "He was the most remarkable man. We had 56 rich beautiful years together."

Indeed, the life-long love affair he had with his wife was no secret.

"It was obvious that she adored him and he adored her," said Bloomfield Hills artist Patricia Hill Burnett,

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

SALON Z

Saks Fifth Avenue and Oscar de la Renta introduce the "Oscar" Fall 1999 collection for sizes 14-24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for a personal appointment, call (248) 643-9000.

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Half price used books August 24 and 25 at Tel-12 Mall, Southfield. Hours 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

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SKIN CARE SEMINAR

Experts from Beaumont Hospital will present a seminar on skin care and the anti-aging process at Jacobson's Birmingham store, lower level conference room, 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Also on Saturday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For further information call Christine LaRock at (800) 837-5227 ext. 5273.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

CINAH'S WIMZIE'S HOUSE LIVE

Characters from the PBS Wimzie's House program at Wonderland Mall in Livonia near the food court for free performances of "The Personal Trainer" at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. For further information call Wonderland Mall at (734) 522-4100.

Winkelman

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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:

- Clairol 3 in 1 Shampoo plus Fairway Discount in Monroe, MI, and at F&M on Warren in Westland.

- "Heidi" video can be purchased at the Sun Coast video in Laurel Park Mall.

- Small pickles for (processing) can be purchased at Randazzo's and Clyde Smith's on Newburgh road.

- Traugr's on Woodward in Ferndale remakes down-filled quilts.

- Coty 24 lipstick can be found at Andrews Drugs on Middlebelt and Ford road and Meijer's in Canton and Westland.

- A sewing machine cabinet with machine and chair.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A place that sells Kemp's Smoothie (cross between ice cream & yogurt) for Pat in Washington.

- A baster with a meat marinade injector on the top for Judy.

- A telephone number or a place that sells plastic doorway covers (used during remodeling) for Donna of Westland.

- A bamboo fishing pole which breaks down for Marion.

- A sock clip or rings for laundry for Faye.

- A place that does paper cut silhouettes of children for Kathy.

- A replacement glass for a silver holder and tip glass coffee carafe for Linda.

- A painted wooden figure with tray called "Jeeves the Butler" for Karen.

- A game played outside called "Zim Zam" for Mary.

- A 1998 City of Rochester Christmas ornament of the Chapman House, and a St. Joan of Arc Elementary School yearbook from 1974 for Tom.

- A game Michigan Rummy or Rummy Royal for Phyllis.

- A 1969 and 1971 Birmingham Seaholm High School yearbook for Donna.

- A "Julie" comforter, pillow shams, curtains (has a little girl on it), K-Mart use to carry it for Cherie.

- A 1964 Bentley High School Women's Class Ring for Linda.

- An original recipe of Weight Watcher's "Pineapple Fluff" from 15-20 years ago for Carol.

- A Mint Rub lotion by Proctor Gamble for Phyllis.

- A store where instructions for making hand-sewn Daran fabric bags are available or sold for Alice.

- A 1953 Central High School yearbook for Faye.

- A game Catch Phrase for Elizabeth of Livonia.

- A 1948 Clawson High School yearbook for Betty.

- An Ekco Bakers Secret pan called "Muffins and More" for Evelyn.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Winkelman

Sault Ste. Marie where his father, Leon, ran a women's clothing store. The family moved to Detroit in 1928 where a young Stanley scrubbed floors and did odd jobs in the first store on Fort Street.

In 1943, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in chemistry and worked as a research chemist in California. During World War II, Winkelman served as a naval officer. After the war, he joined the company that his father and uncle, Isadore, founded. By 1976, he was its chairman and CEO.

Winkelman's stores had wide appeal to women looking for stylish, affordable apparel. "He brought the whole panache of importing fashions. Winkelman's came to be known for fashion at moderate prices," said Al Cohen, who worked with Winkelman for 35 years as the company's senior officer.

At its peak, the chain had 150 stores. Winkelman retired in

1984, having sold the company to Petrie Retail Inc. the previous year. After unsuccessful attempts to revive the retail store, Petrie closed its last Winkelman's in 1998.

The Winkelmans savored all the cultural arts in Detroit and traveled extensively. For years, Winkelman covered the European fashion scene for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and wrote a column entitled "Euro Fashions."

John Reddy, retired "Birmingham Eccentric" publisher, said Winkelman understood the elements of fashion that had appeal for Midwestern women, but it was his contributions to the community that will long be his legacy.

"Stanley was a man of vast and varied interests. He made quite an impact in the city," Reddy said.

Winkelman virtually immersed himself in community affairs. He served as president of the Metropolitan Affairs Corp.

■ "He felt it his obligation to do the best he could for everyone: for his family, for the city, for the state and for me. He had tremendous energy."

—Peggy Winkelman
widow of Stanley Winkelman

and was a board member of the Jewish Welfare Federation, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., Detroit Renaissance and the Economic Alliance for Michigan, in addition to many others.

During the 1967 Detroit riots, Winkelman was pivotal in bringing together the business and labor communities and in urging store owners not to flee to the suburbs.

"He felt it his obligation to do the best he could for everyone: for his family, for the city, for the state and for me. He had tremendous energy," said Peggy.

Fred Marx, president of Farmington Hills-based Marx Layne

& Co. and a longtime friend of Winkelman said: "His family always came first, but I can't remember anything that he wasn't interested in. He was a forerunner in so many Detroit neighborhood opportunities. When you say 'Stanley' in town, it meant Stanley Winkelman."

In addition to his wife, Peggy, and two brothers, Jack and Fred, he is survived by three children, Andra Soble, Margi Epstein and Roger Winkelman, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. today at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Township.

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Net classification for this Project is 21E or 21J. The Davis Bacon Wage Act and the Michigan Department of Transportation 1990 Standard Specifications for Construction will apply. The contractor must also have current MDOT Prequalifications. Contract Work totaling not less than 40% of the original total contract price shall be performed by the General Contractor's own organization.

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.

Bidders shall review and comply with the instructions to Bidders, which are incorporated by reference, and carefully review all Contract Documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders. Bids submitted after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered.

The Contract will consist of the following principal items of work and appurtenances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

Description of Work

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Copies of plans and specifications and Proposal Forms may be secured on or after August 23, 1999 at the offices of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303-0824.

A non-refundable payment of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars, CHECK ONLY, payable to "Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc." will be required for each set of drawings and specifications. Drawings and specifications can be shipped by U.S.P. ground for a shipping and handling charge of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, CHECK ONLY, non-refundable, to Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

A certified cashier's check or bid bond payable to the City of Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan, in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance and Labor and Material Bonds.

The City of Wixom reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding. No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids for at least ninety (90) days.

No proposal will be received unless made on blanks furnished and delivered to the City Clerk on or before 10:00 a.m., Local time, Monday, September 13, 1999.

CITY OF WIXOM
JUNE BUCK, City Clerk

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Candidates key in early on Oakland

BY PAT MURPHY
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In case you needed it, here's additional evidence that Oakland County will play an important role in next year's election:

The two likely candidates for the U.S. Senate race in 2000 — incumbent Republican Spencer Abraham and Democratic challenger Debbie Stabenow — both made campaign stops last week to woo Oakland voters.

Abraham stressed the importance of maintaining a strong military during a town meeting at the Wayne State University campus in Farmington Hills.

Stabenow called attention to the high cost of prescription drugs for senior citizens at a press conference at Daring Drug Store in Southfield.

"It's no coincidence both candidates were stumping in Oakland County," said David A. Sebastian, a Birmingham attorney and chair of the county GOP. "For both candidates to be here — in mid-August, more than a year before the election — indicates just how important Oakland will be in determining Michigan's next senator."

His Democratic counterpart, Gary L. Kohut, agrees. "Oakland will definitely play an important role," said the Troy attorney. "Oakland's a populous county, and we have a lot of votes. But we're also the richest county in the state, so candidates look to Oakland for money."

Abraham, a freshman senator who lives in Auburn Hills, was accompanied by U.S. Rep. Joseph Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Hills) as part of a multi-city bus tour.

Military depletion

Abraham said military resources are dangerously low, and Congress should consider earmarking part of the national surplus for increasing military salaries. Better salaries are needed to enable the military to retain the highly trained and skilled personnel needed to operate high tech weapons systems, said the freshman senator.

About 40 people attended the town meeting.

Stabenow, whose 8th Congressional District includes Rose and Holly townships in Oakland County, said senior citizens without private insurance simply pay too much for prescription drugs.

"That's why it is so important that Medicare offer a prescription drug benefit," she said, reiterating a contention made by President Clinton and other Democrats.

The respective messages of Abraham and Stabenow also indicate the likely tone of the upcoming campaign, according to the Republican and Democratic county chairs.

"Stabenow is extremely liberal," said GOP Chair Sebastian. "Once people are aware of that, she won't have much support. We (Republicans) intend to remind people about how liberal and how out of touch she really is."

But it is Republicans who are out of touch, insisted Democrat Kohut. Voters want prudent government, he said. "But they also want government that mindful of the needs of the people, not just the needs of business."

Replica Vietnam 'Wall' tour in Oakland Aug. 27

If you haven't had an opportunity to visit the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington, D.C., you can get a feel for the significance of this national monument by viewing a replica of it this weekend in Rochester Hills.

The Vietnam Wall Experience, a 24-hours-a-day exhibit, opens Friday, Aug. 27, at Christian Memorial Cemetery, 521 E. Hamlin Road, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 29.

The traveling replica, made of simulated granite, is more than three-quarters the size of the actual monument in the nation's capital. The actual monument located on the Government Mall in Washington is of black granite

and contains the names of 58,209 Americans who died in the Vietnam War. The rows and rows of names are engraved in the Wall where friends and family come to visit and leave mementos for their lost loved ones. Assistance is available for visitors who want to find names and make rubbings of them.

The names of 2,649 Michigan military personnel are among those on the Wall.

Vietnam veteran Ed Leafdale finally saw the Wall during a visit to the capital this summer.

"I got a couple of friends who are on that Wall," he said. "I was kind of apprehensive when I first walked up — I didn't know what

kind of feeling to expect. It's something I really can't put into words, to tell you the truth. I think if affects everyone a little differently." But you saw all those names — a hell of a price to pay," Leafdale added.

Free admission

The traveling exhibit is sponsored by Service Corp. International, a major funeral and cemetery service provider. Admission is free.

"Not everyone gets a chance to go to Washington and see the actual monument," SCI spokeswoman Renee Felix said.

The actual Wall was dedicated

by President Ronald Reagan in 1982.

Local sponsors of the Vietnam Wall Experience include: Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester; Pixley Funeral Home-Davis Chapel, Auburn Hills; Goodhardt-Tomlinson Funeral Home, Keego Harbor; Elton Black & Son Funeral Home, Highland and White Lake townships; Diener Funeral Home, Utica; Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills; and the Vietnam Veterans of America, Oakland County Chapter 133. To volunteer, or for more information, call (810) 997-7797.

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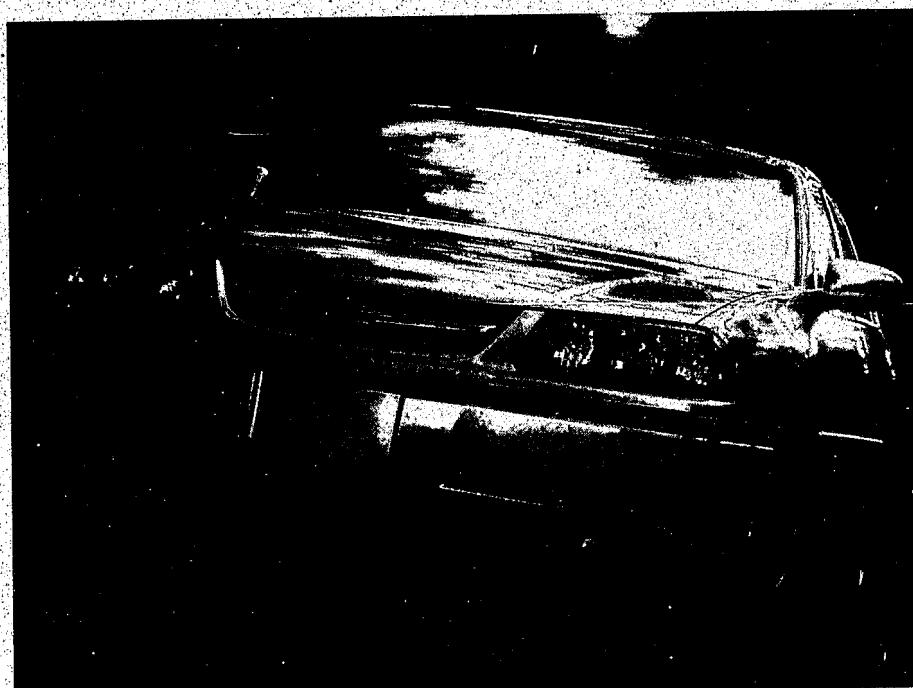
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The Eccentric

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Summer pasta recipes

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Sunday, August 22, 1999

CHEERS FOR BEER



CHEF JOSEPH STYKE

Bring home the flavors of Jamaica

Last week my neighbor came over with a case of Red Stripe so I made him a deal. "You hold off a day mon and I make some good jerk mon." Now how could he turn that down?

Jerk refers to a cooking method from the Arawak Indians and the Maroons (runaway African slaves), of cooking heavily seasoned meat, mostly pork, in pits with hardwood lump charcoal. There were no charcoal briquettes back then. To use this cooking method on your grill, you have to buy lump charcoal. Vic's Quality Fruit Market on Southfield Road in Beverly Hills has lump maple, which is really good, but you have to be very careful because it burns much hotter.

In Jamaica mon they use fruit and hardwood coal, but you can add soaked applewood chips, or if you get really carried away, there is a company called Rastafire where you can order wood imported from Jamaica. Their number is (366) 924-9459. Visit them online at www.rastafire.com.

Best beer

Of course, the best beer to go with jerk is Red Stripe or Dragon Stout from Desnoes & Geddes Ltd. Kingston. In 1918 Eugene Desnoes and Thomas Geddes got together to make soft drinks. In 1927 when English and German brewmasters came on the scene, Red Stripe was born as an ale. Then in 1938, with the arrival of reliable refrigeration, Paul Geddes and Bill Martindale came up with the present day Red Stripe lager.

Red Stripe is a nice hazy yellow, with a good head, low hops, and a slightly sweet finish. Dragon Stout is a very dark red with that nice big brown stout head with notes of licorice and a roasty finish.

The jerk rub recipe I am giving you is a wet one, and great on anything, chicken, beef, pork, lamb, fish, you get the idea, it's all up to you. Jerk is hot, sometimes real hot. Feel free to add or subtract hot peppers to your taste. The best way to use jerk is to really rub it into the meat, and let it sit overnight, wrapped, for the best flavor.

Side dish

Now, of course we need a side dish to go with it, and this Lentil Jicama Salad can be served hot or cold. For the curious, a jicama is a tuber, close to a water chestnut in taste and texture. Just peel the skin and the outer layer off, and you are ready to go.

WET JERK RUB

Makes 2 1/2 cups
1/2 cup fresh thyme leaves
2 bunches green onions
4 tablespoons fresh minced ginger
3 Scotch bonnet or habanero peppers

1/4 cup candela oil
3 bay leaves
2 teaspoons ground allspice
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon black pepper
1 tablespoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
Juice of 1 lime
2 tablespoons dark rum (my favorite is Appleton Dark)

Place everything in a food processor and blend to a dark thick paste.

This will keep for about 2 months, tightly covered, in the refrigerator.
LENTIL-JICAMA SALAD
6 — 1/2 cup servings
1 cup lentils
16 ounces chicken stock
3 tablespoons oil
1/4 red onion, diced small
1/4 cup red bell pepper, diced

Please see BEER, B2

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:
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GARDEN JAR



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER
Garden fresh: Cafe Cortina captures the essence of summer with their garden-fresh pasta sauces.

Cafe Cortina puts fresh flavors in sauces

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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You don't have to grow your own tomatoes and spend a lot of time in the kitchen to enjoy garden-fresh tomato sauce. Cafe Cortina has captured the flavors of summer in a jar. Since last year they've developed three sauces — Pomodoro Veneziana, Sugo Del Veneto and Aglio Del Veneto.

"People have been requesting for years that we prepare sauce for them," said Rina Tonon explaining why her popular family-owned restaurant in Farmington Hills decided to offer their pasta sauces for sale.

"They've been very successful. We've been getting wonderful feedback. People are enjoying them."

Rina credits her son, Adrian for bringing Cafe Cortina sauces to market. "It's something he's done," she said. "I never had the time."

Adrian has enjoyed working on the project. "We're trying to do a variety of sauces," he said. "These are family recipes. We want to stand out, we're known for our authentic Italian food. We want people to experience our restaurant, and the sauces are a sample of what we have to offer."

The first sauce, Pomodoro Veneziana was introduced a year-and-a-half ago. Made with garden-fresh tomatoes, onions, celery, carrots, basil and bay leaves, Adrian describes the sauce as "simple, simple, simple."

To serve he recommends sautéing a little chopped onion in olive oil, then add the sauce. You can serve it over pasta, with chicken or veal.

Sugo Del Veneto is a light tomato sauce, with a hint of cream and Parmesan cheese. Just heat and serve over pasta, nothing could be easier.

Both sauces taste homemade. Your family will think you spent the whole day in the kitchen preparing them.

In September, Cafe Cortina's newest sauce — Aglio Del

Veneto will be available. That sauce will be a flavorful blend of fresh tomatoes and roasted garlic.

Like Sugo Del Veneto, Adrian says all you'll have to do is open the jar, heat and serve.

Look for Cafe Cortina sauces at Hiller's Shopping Center Market, Westborn, Vic's Merchant of Vino Whole Foods Market and other specialty stores. You can even find them Up North in Charlevoix. The sauces start at \$4.99 for a 16-ounce jar — four 1/2 cup servings. You can place an order online at www.cafecortina.com.

The sauces are also available for purchase at Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 474-3033.

In the future, Adrian would like to "maybe offer a line of pastas."

Cafe Cortina is open for lunch and dinner 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

ELENA'S

Elena's, a family-owned and operated manufacturer of gourmet pasta and pasta sauces in Auburn Hills, is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

Elena's Aglio Arrosto, a pan-roasted garlic pasta sauce, was selected as a finalist in the 1999 National Association of Specialty Food Traders Product Awards Competition in the Outstanding Pasta Sauce category.

Elena's products include the popular tomato-based Elena's Bread Dipping Sauce, introduced in 1990, and a Pasta Piatto "meal in a bag" line, launched in 1994.

Elena's pasta and sauces, can be purchased locally at Jacobson's, Merchant of Vino Whole Foods markets, Long Lake Market, Papa Joe's, Kroger-Birmingham, Holiday Market, and Hiller's Shopping Center Market.

Elena Houlihan is company president. To learn more about Elena, her products, and weekend cooking classes in upstate New York, go to www.greatfood.com/products/grtfood/elena, or call 1-800-72-ELENA.

Farmer Jack, Northwest offer 'WorldPerks'

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Farmer Jack has a new partner, Northwest Airlines. Beginning today, Farmer Jack Bonus Savings Club members will be able to earn one WorldPerks Bonus Mile for every dollar they spend at the store.

You need to accumulate at least 20,000 miles before you have enough for a trip, but Jay Yoshioka, manager WorldPerks Partner Marketing, suggests using your Northwest Airlines Visa card to pay for groceries, that way you'll earn another WorldPerks Bonus Mile for each dollar spent at Farmer Jack.

The partnership was announced Thursday at the Farmer Jack store on Big Beaver Road at John R in Troy.

"Our mutual customers will benefit tremendously from this partnership," said Craig Sturken, president Farmer Jack Supermarkets. "We are proud to partner with Northwest Airlines and reward our Farmer Jack customers with frequent flyer miles."

Farmer Jack began courting Northwest Airlines a year ago. They have a lot in common.

"We have over 1 million Bonus Club members in Southeast Michigan," said Dennis Eidson, vice president of merchandising for Farmer Jack. "Northwest has over a million WorldPerks card holders in the area. Both cards are popular. It's one more way to add value to the Bonus Club card. It's more than a card, it's a club."

By enrolling in the Northwest Airlines WorldPerks program, you'll be on your way to free travel to more than 500 destinations in nearly 100 countries on six continents. To begin earning WorldPerks Bonus Miles, you need to become a member of the Farmer Jack Bonus Savings Club. Stop by any Farmer Jack Supermarket Customer Service Desk, it only takes a couple of minutes to fill out the form. There is no charge to join the club.

If you're already a member, you'll need to get a Northwest Airlines WorldPerks card. You can enroll online at www.nwa.com or call 1-800-225-2525.

Once you have both cards there are three ways to enroll in the program.

■ Enroll online at www.farmerjack.com, or

■ Fill out an enrollment form at the Farmer Jack Customer Service Desk, or

■ Call 1-877-FLY-FREE (1-877-359-3733)

"WorldPerks Bonus Miles will start to accrue on grocery purchases about 14 days after enrollment," said Eidson. The program excludes alcohol products, and miles are based on net purchase after all applicable savings, discounts and coupons. There is a limit of 25,000 WorldPerks Bonus Miles per year allowed in the Farmer Jack program.

After a customer enrolls, grocery dollar Bonus Miles will be reported on their Northwest Airlines WorldPerks statements.

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RECIPES TO SHARE

Showcase your blossoms in beautiful ice bowl

BY BEVERLY A. LEN
SPECIAL WRITER

Are you looking for different ways to display the fruits of your flower garden labor? Here is a way to combine fruits and flowers that is sure to compliment both.

While visiting friends in England, I was invited to a casual barbecue. My hosts assured me it would be nothing fancy, right.

After a stupefying meal of grilled pork chops, steaks, chicken Tikka and sausage, plus salad, vegetables and several wines, dessert was the farthest thing from my mind.

Then my hostess made a delectable dessert presentation that no one could refuse: Marinated fresh fruit in phyllo baskets, served from an ice bowl of frozen flowers from her garden.

Light, simple and elegant; perfect for a sultry summer day.

BOWL

Place 3 nested smooth-sided bowls, with at least 1-inch difference in size.

Flowers from your garden, preferably flat types such as pansies or daisies

Place blossoms in largest bowl, breaking off a few petals

Fill bowl half full of water

Place the second bowl into the first, forcing water and flowers in between. Place both bowls in the freezer overnight until ready to use. (You may have to lightly weight the second bowl to keep it submerged.)

FRUIT MIXTURE

Two or three hours before serving, cut up 1 cup each of fresh strawberries, blueberries, pineapple and grapes. Marinate in 1/2 cup of Cointreau.

SERVING BASKETS

Place 3 staggered layers of phyllo dough in lightly greased large muffin tins to create a flared effect.

Bake at 350°F until crisp. Cool and remove.

Prepare whipped cream

TO SERVE

Place phyllo dough on serving plates

Sprinkle each basket lightly with powdered sugar

Spoon a dollop of whipped cream into each basket

Place several layers of paper toweling on platter, cover with cloth napkin.

Unmold flowered ice bowl by running warm water inside bowl to remove, then run water on bottom of large bowl to remove ice bowl. Place on prepared platter. Surround ice bowl with clear ice cubes.

Fill ice bowl with marinated fruit, garnish with a sprig of mint or a blossom.

Beverly Len is a Livonia resident and freelance writer.

Everyone has a recipe to share.



What's yours? Send original recipes for consideration in Taste to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

Look for Recipe to Share on the fourth Sunday of the month in Taste. If your recipe is chosen to be featured in Taste, you'll receive a cookbook along with our thanks.

Basil, cherry tomatoes make pasta sauce special

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

In Italy, I find eating is always a treat. Even in the Rome airport, I have had pasta cooked properly al dente and bathed in the correct amount of a satisfying and flavorful yet light tomato sauce better than those served in most Italian restaurants at home.

Travel beyond familiar parts of Italy and you may well find food that is more than just good. Off the beaten track, it is still easy to discover unique, local styles of cooking and truly remarkable dishes. For me, exploring the south, particularly Puglia and Sicily, has produced many memorable culinary finds.

Sicilian dishes can often be

imitated, though not truly duplicated. For example, in Autumn, we do have green and purple cauliflower similar to what Sicilians call "broccoli." A chef from the island of Pantelleria, off the western tip of Sicily, showed me how to make Pasta Arrumata, using this cauliflower. He sauteed it with pine nuts, raisins, a touch of sugar, and toasted semolina bread crumbs to make the sauce. But the rich volcanic soil and strong Mediterranean sun of Sicily give its vegetables an intense, sweet flavor ours do not approach. So I make this dish, a healthy and unexpected way to enjoy cauliflower, accepting that, while good, it is only a fair copy of the original.

Happily, one of the most

appealing Sicilian dishes I know tastes as good as the original, especially between August and October, when the ingredients for making it are at their best. Giovanna Guttione, who with her sister runs a small hotel on Favignana, one of the Egadi Islands off Sicily's coast, makes this sauce with herbs from her own garden. A kind of red-and-green Sicilian pesto made with cherry tomatoes, it is good enough to eat from a spoon, or to heap on toasted bread, as well as on spaghetti.

This uncooked sauce contains no cheese. It is best when made with salted capers imported from the Pantelleria, or Salina, another Sicilian island. (Many specialty food stores sell them.) Then

find the sweetest cherry tomatoes and feast on this Sicilian dish.

SICILIAN PESTO

3/4 cup loosely packed flat-leaf parsley
1/3 cup loosely packed basil
1/4 cup loosely packed celery leaves
1/4 cup loosely packed mint leaves
1/4 small red onion, chopped
6 blanched almonds (see note)
1 tablespoon capers, rinsed and drained (see note)
1 garlic clove, chopped
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
12 cherry tomatoes
3 tablespoons extra virgin

olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper
6 cups cooked pasta

Place the parsley, basil, celery leaves, mint, onion, almonds, capers, and garlic in a food processor. Pulse 6-8 times to chop them. Add the oregano and tomatoes, and chop coarsely.

With the motor running, drizzle in the olive oil. Turn the pesto into a bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Let sit 30 minutes to allow flavors to meld. Toss with spaghetti, penne or spread on bruschetta, toasted slices of semolina bread. Store in the refrigerator, tightly covered. Use within 24 hours.

Notes: You can easily skin almonds by tossing them in boiling water to loosen their skin, which takes 1-2 minutes. Drain and pop the almonds out of their skin.

Salt-cured capers are preferable to those preserved in vinegar. Simply rinse them in tepid water to remove the salt crystals.

Nutrition information: Each 1/4 cup serving of pesto with 1 cup pasta contains 299 calories and 10 grams of fat.

"Something Different" is written for the American Institute for Cancer Research by cookbook author, Dana Jacobi, who also created the recipes for AICR's book, "Stopping Cancer Before It Starts."

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You'll have to buy a lot of groceries to earn enough miles for a free trip, but don't despair. "There's very little reason not to participate in the program," said Yoshioka. "The miles don't expire."

Farmer Jack has 100 locations throughout southeast Michigan and is a market leader. "Our share of the market is over 30 percent and rapidly growing,"

said Eidson. "Last year it was about 27 percent."

Northwest Airlines World Perks Bonus Miles program joins the 28 other business partners who offer Farmer Jack Bonus Savings Club card members discounts. Partners include Cranbrook Institute of Science and Cranbrook Art Museum, Blockbuster Video, and D.O.C. Farmer Jack recently introduced a

Bonus Savings Club Card key chain that will fit on customer key rings.

Eight more Farmer Jack stores are under construction including one in Westland and Canton.

Farmer Jack is a subsidiary of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., one of the largest supermarket operators in North America.

Dressing doubles as marinade

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This quick and easy buttermilk dressing can be served on mixed green salads, cold pasta salads, cabbage slaws, shredded carrot salads or on sliced tomatoes, avocados or cucumbers. It is also a good marinade for fish and chicken, especially when the fish or chicken is to be dredged with flour or other coating.

Almond-Crusted Marinated Chicken uses the lemon-buttermilk dressing to tenderize the meat. Almonds and Asiago cheese give the dish a roasted, nutty flavor.

There is a common misconception that buttermilk is high in fat content, but it typically is made with skim or low-fat milk. Buttermilk does not actually have contact with butter. Instead, its buttery flavor is derived from diacetyl, a compound characteristic of butter flavor and a byproduct in the fermentation process.

GARLICKY LEMON BUTTERMILK DRESSING

3/4 cup canola or safflower oil

1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup buttermilk
4 to 5 large garlic cloves, pressed

1 1/2 teaspoons dillweed, dried

1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons coarsely ground pepper

1 teaspoon salt

Put all ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid and shake well, or whisk thoroughly. Keep refrigerated. Shake well or whisk before using. Spoon over salad and toss; do not drench. Makes about 2 cups and will keep, refrigerated, for 10 days. Makes 2 cups; 10 servings.

ALMOND-CRUSTED MARINATED CHICKEN

4 chicken legs with thighs
2/3 cup Garlicky Lemon Buttermilk Dressing (recipe above)
1 cup roasted, unsalted whole

almonds
2 ounces Asiago cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Skin chicken pieces carefully. Wipe with a damp cloth and dry well. Lay in a shallow dish in one layer.

Shake or whisk dressing well and pour over chicken pieces, turning several times. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes; turning in marinade two or three times.

Meanwhile, put almonds and cheese in a food processor or blender and grind into coarse meal; transfer to a shallow bowl.

Lift chicken pieces from marinade, roll in almond mixture and lay in a lightly greased or sprayed shallow baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees F for 30 to 40 minutes, or until juices run clear. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 633 cal., 39 g pro., 115 mg chol., 9 g carbo., 427 mg sodium, 4 g fiber, 49 g total fat.

Recipes from: California Milk Advisory Board.

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1/4 cup corn kernels
1/4 cup short julienne jicama
2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro
1 tablespoon fresh chopped basil
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
Salt and pepper to taste

Cook lentils in chicken stock just until tender. Don't cook them too long, or they'll turn to mush. Drain.

In a pan, heat oil and cook onion until just soft.

Add everything else, and cook 3 to 5 minutes more on medium heat, being careful not to break up the lentils. Serve.

To serve cold, drain and cool the lentils. Place everything in a bowl and toss.

Joseph Styke is executive chef at the Box Bar in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. He is in the process of developing a new menu for the Box Bar, which is being renovated. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

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Sunday, August 29
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CONVERSATIONS



FRANK PROVENZANO

Titanic survivor heads home with guitar in hand

Sean McCourt has returned from yet another audition. And he's not talking. Not about the audition, at least. "I'm kind of superstitious," he said. "There's a lot of disappointment in this business."

The 1989 Birmingham Lahser High School grad, who won critical notice for his performance on Broadway in "Titanic" two years ago, knows the unspoken rule among thespians: "Never talk about a role until you've gotten the part."

While the sirens blaring from the New York City streets can be heard in the background, he sits in his apartment, talking on the phone and barely raising his voice.

This isn't a guy who gets flustered easily.

McCourt changes roles with nearly slight-of-hand ease. In a couple of hours, he'll strum and pick his guitar at a nearby club.

And this Tuesday, he'll head west — back home — for a performance of songs from his recent CD, "Stick Figures Skating," at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

Song of diversity

From his New York home, McCourt runs a recording studio. He records demos for musicians looking to catch on with a label.

Working as a sound engineer is another way to pay the bills, along with searching for roles on stage and film.

"Diversity is my strongest weapon in making a living," said McCourt. "Many people who act can sing, too. Fewer of them can write music." Besides his latest CD, McCourt's music

can be heard in the soundtrack of "Snow Days," an independent film that stars Bernadette Peters.

Many of the songs are "romantic singalongs."

The film has been entered in the Sundance Film Festival. If it gains wide distribution, McCourt expects that he, too, will receive wider recognition for his songwriting.

Fingers crossed

After he left the cast of "Titanic," McCourt played Woody Guthrie in a musical about the folk singer.

"Playing Woody Guthrie helped me find where my heart was," said McCourt. "I knew I had to follow writing music."

While Guthrie's songs are more populist and political, McCourt's compositions also strive to tell stories and create characters in the Guthrie tradition.

But clearly, the late 1990s music industry is far removed from Guthrie's dust bowl, Depression-era imagery.

"Today's music market is changing rapidly," said McCourt, who not only writes, performs and records his music, but also serves as promoter and chief marketer.

"Being from a theatre background has made me used to rejection," he said. "You learn to just keep prodding along."

Based on his acting, singing and writing ability, the day will soon arrive when McCourt will be able to toss away superstitions.

Until then, it can't do any harm to keep his fingers crossed, and keep mum about his next role.

Exhibit focuses on Jewish, Arab, Druze artists promoting peaceful coexistence

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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They came in droves to what they called the Promised Land. They came by rail. They came by sea. And Israeli artist Zivit Sharabi recalled that her grandfather even walked all the way from Yemen to a land that he believed was surely calling his name across the Rub al Khali desert.

But 51 years after the state of Israel was founded, the Promised Land has been anything but a place to find "peace on earth."

Two years ago, Israeli artists figured they could accomplish through their art what governments failed to gain by treaty. Jewish, Arab and Druze artists living in Israeli held a collective exhibit of their works, entitled "Identity, Thoughts and Visions."

In a series of paintings, drawings, photographs and mixed-media works, 22 artists living in Israel communicated their longing for peace and community. For the most part, only their names attached to the works offered any clue to their ethnicity.

An expanded version of the exhibit is making its North American debut at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery/Museum inside the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

"I hope the exhibit is a symbol of (Jews and Arabs) working together," said Sylvia Nelson, director of the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery.

"With how quickly messages of hate can be spread on the Internet, you don't want to forget about those who are working for peace."

In the wake of the hate-inspired shooting at a Jewish Daycare Center in Los Angeles, the question of how people can get along peacefully — and accept cultural differences — has not only expanded beyond the Middle East, but resounds with a sense of urgency.

Personal relationships

"We're not trying to solve the problem of the Middle East," said artist Sharabi, whose portraits of Third World women combine classical portraiture style with a subtle appeal to reexamine contemporary notions of beauty.



Tolerance: Natour Camel's painting depicts the common religious symbols in Israel.

EXHIBITION

Paint Creek Center celebrates Michigan artists

BY ALICE RHEIN
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The Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester is best known for its fall Art & Apples Festival, but its annual Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibit continues to gain an impressive reputation among collectors and artists statewide.

The exhibition, which opened Friday, began in 1987 in observance of the state's 150th anniversary. In the last 12 years, the Celebrate Michigan Artists exhibit has evolved into the Paint Creek's most prestigious juried show.

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showcasing the rich artistic talent throughout the state, said exhibition director John Cynar.

"Most of our other shows are subject-oriented. This one used to be just two-dimensional, but we've since added sculpture," he said.

John Woodward, who took first place in last year's exhibition for one of his popular sculptures, has a solo exhibit in the first-floor gallery, while the CMA exhibit is displayed in the upstairs gallery.

The multimedia event is one way of



Heads up: Artist John Woodward won first place in last year's Celebrate Michigan Artist exhibit. A solo exhibit of Woodward's sculptures is on display in the first-floor gallery at Paint Creek Center for

multiple artists at once.

This year's juror, Jan van der March, curatorial consultant at the Detroit

said Woodward. "A lot of people like to buy art from regional artists."

Indeed, since last year's award Woodward has had many inquiries about his work.

Gallery owners and private collectors are among the visitors to CMA.

"(The exhibit) definitely acts as a springboard," said Woodward.

"Collectors

may purchase a piece and galleries can see

multiple artists at once."

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Chilling play about racism set to burn on OU stage

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In his Introduction to Theater course, Oakland University Professor Michael Gillespie used to include a short play on the list of mandatory readings for his students.

The short play, "Dutchman" by Amiri Baraka (formerly known as LeRoi Jones), was included because Gillespie contends that it's among the finest examples of the theater of provocation.

Performed for a three-night run beginning Thursday in the intimate Varner Studio, "Dutchman" will inevitably create an uneasy proximity to the ugliness of raw racism.

And that's exactly the point. No gloss. No politically correct hogwash. The play's defiant tone and chilling suggestion sounds a warning in the bloody street-fight for equal space.

"Unfortunately, it's as relevant today as it was when it was written in 1964," said Gillespie.

Written as a contemporary allegory that takes place on a big-city subway, "Dutchman" rubs away at all the euphemisms about racism. Basically, the play centers on the conversation between a white woman and black man. Each reflects the playwright's interpretation of the prevailing attitudes of White and Black America of the early 1960s, at the onset of the black nationalist movement.

While most plays that aim at polemical righteousness rather than compelling drama often become dated, "Dutchman" continues to be a political lightning rod.

The play has the driving beat of startling rap lyrics, but portrays the inflexible attitudes planted by racial intolerance.

It takes a balance of daring and edginess to pull off the play. And Gillespie believes that Angel Maclean and Esau Pritchett, who portray the play's central characters, evoke the playwright's provocative vision.

"When they gave a reading during one of our theater classes, the sparks were flying," said Gillespie. "It got pretty hot."

Maclean and Pritchett are considered two of the most acclaimed actors to graduate from the Oakland University theater program.

Maclean, a 1993 grad, performed in the national tour of "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" and "Play It Again Sam." She is a part-time instructor at OU.

Meanwhile, Pritchett won the highest award in 1997 from the American College Theatre Festival. He plans to move to New York City to begin his professional acting career.

Proceeds from "Dutchman" will help fund students' participation in the annual collegiate theater festival.

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can the various ethnic groups peacefully coexist.

That question was the motivation behind Cynthia Phillips' trip to Israel in 1997 to film a documentary on the exhibit.

"It's very difficult to separate the political from the search for identity," said Phillips of Ann Arbor, whose documentary is currently in post-production. She expects the film to be shown on PBS stations across the country.

Phillips' documentary examines the role and influence of artists in peace-making and building communities. It's a precarious path that draws from the war-torn past and hopes of a peaceful future.

"The arts are a vehicle for showing what can't be communicated verbally," said Phillips, who is also an agricultural economist specializing in early warning systems of famine in Africa.

If people can find a road to

each other through art, it's a way to maintain a dialogue," she said.

Stories behind the art

While "Identity, Thoughts and Visions" doesn't offer any cutting-edge art or provocative images, it does present an overview of the current range of art being created in Israel, especially in the artist community north of Tel Aviv.

Clearly, appreciating the art

is only half the story. The exhibit is foremost about the story behind the creation of the art.

And several of the stories offer compelling visions.

In Aya Friedman's photographs of Arab homes abandoned in 1948 — the year of Israeli independence — there's a common sense of despair. Friedman, a second-generation Holocaust survivor, draws a parallel between the Jews forced from their homes during the reign of the Nazis and dis-

placed Arabs.

That might not be a popular view among Jews, but it does build a bridge among various cultural perspectives.

The exhibit doesn't soft-pedal views of the Israeli government. Anton Beiderman's several dozen small-scale drawings of past and present Israeli leaders are framed and placed on the floor. The effect is to deflate the official Israeli-state line.

Several works focus on

themes of everyday life, such as Ahmed Kanaan's wooden sculptures and Natour Camel's bold colors of religious symbols.

"I'm interested in other cultures," said artist Sharabi. "I don't want to convert people to my religion. The 'way of life' is to learn to deal and accept other people."

For many Israeli artists, that simple precept is the resounding call of the Promised Land.

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For first place winner Yoriko Hirose Cronin, "Flight," a Japanese woodblock print, represents the opposing themes of tradition and technology present in her native Japan.

"I see two opposing themes existing in their lives in many ways. Their struggle to search for an identity as Japanese and their longing for entirely different stimuli from outside of Japan," Cronin explained in her artist's statement.

Ron Ribant, the second-place winner for his mixed-media painting "Still Life with Water Bottle," said he entered the competition at the last minute, but he's glad he did.

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ters to keep together. There aren't a lot of commercial places to show."

Road show

After the CMA exhibit closes at Paint Creek on Sept. 17, it will travel to the Daimler-Chrysler headquarters in Auburn Hills. The exhibit will be displayed from Sept. 27 to Nov. 5.

"There's lots of energy, but not a lot of opportunity," he said, regarding Michigan's art scene.

Cynar sees the CMA exhibition as one way the art community supports itself from within. "It's important for the art cen-

"My work doesn't try to dictate an experience," said Nelson, a Livonia resident who earned an M.F.A. in sculpture from Michigan State University. "It's important that you remember your own experiences and those can be good or bad."

In distinctive installations, Nelson along with Jared Wilson and Ron Ribant stretch the limits of artistic expression and inevitably offer their own take on the age-old question, "What is art?"

In addition to Nelson's stainless steel sculptures, Wilson's

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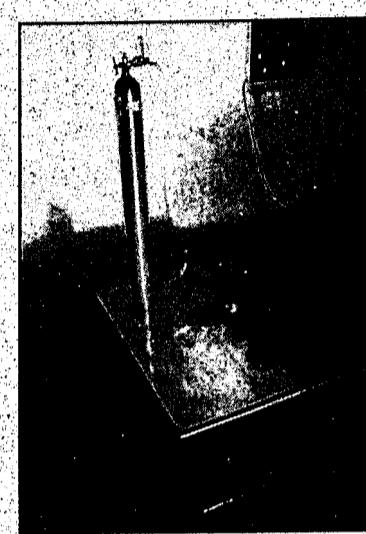
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"Sound Installation" is just that — sound. Beats and counterbeats throb through the brick-walled space.

Ribant's "New & Used Paintings" addresses the need to preserve nature. Using text with landscape imagery, Ribant's carved wood words warn of "poison" and the need for "preservation."

Several of Nelson's works demand the viewer's attention, especially "For Julie and I (Erythrocytes)" and "Monday, Jan. 10, 1985 Memory Loss." In these sculptures, Nelson frames his ideas, including his interpretation of a perfect day, in stainless steel. His other sculptures also express various experiences from his life. Mobile in nature, the images are a reminder of time passing and how our activities mark "the specific meaning



of a place or event."

In "Her Breath, the Wind, to Fix the Image in Memory I Exhale (for Lauri)," Nelson leads the viewer into pondering the state of the environment and life. The video projection of rustling trees is centered on a horizontal canvas, which is really the top of what looks like a medical or industrial cart. Alongside, Nelson places a modified oxygen tank and nasal cannula.

The sculpture "Dutifully Performed to Ward off Some Future

Exhale: Brian Nelson makes a statement about the environment in this sculpture created from welded stainless steel, a modified oxygen tank, nasal cannula, video projection and VCR.

Event" also uses the bed of a stainless steel table as a canvas for a video in which two scenarios alternate: water tediously dripping from a faucet into the sink, and someone ritually washing their hands.

Nelson, who teaches at Center for Creative Studies, has exhibited his work extensively throughout the metro area, including the Detroit Artists Market and the Creative Arts Center in Pontiac.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART FAIR AT NORTHLAND CENTER
Hi-Line Gallery of Southfield will host the Ninth Annual African-American Art Fair, Saturday-Sunday, August 28-29 at the Northland Center, east of the Lodge Freeway, between 8

and 9 Mile roads.

The art fair will kickoff with a reception, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27 at the Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit.

The exhibit will feature original works by national artists,

including John Bloomfield, Lashun Beal, Kathleen Wilson, and Ted Ellis. These artists will be available to sign prints of their work during the art fair.

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Writers offer intimate views of life, work on the Great Lakes

A Sailor's Logbook
By Mark L. Thompson
(Wayne State University Press, \$24.95 paperback)

Huron
By Napier Shelton
(Wayne State University Press, \$34.95 hardcover)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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The outline of Michigan is defined by the Great Lakes.

We often forget that our heritage, prosperity and character have also been defined by the big lakes.

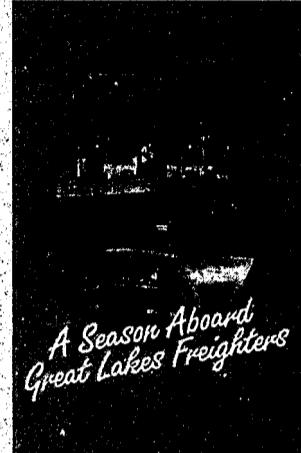
Mark L. Thompson is a steward (or chief cook) on lake freighters. Napier Shelton is a naturalist with a cottage on Lake Huron. They offer unusually intimate views of life and work on the water.

Thompson comes from Rogers City, where becoming a sailor on the great freighters is as normal as going to work for the Big 3 is downstate. Thompson, however, is not your typical sailor. He is a former college professor and administrator, state legislator and published author of lakes histories. This renaissance man has chosen the unusual life of being a cook on a freighter, a job he describes as one of the best in the world. He has a brother, cousins and boyhood friends who also work the lakes.

He says it pays well, if you don't mind being cooped up on a boat for seven or eight months with brief stops in port cities where sailors "go up the street" while cargo is unloaded.

Thompson's book is a logbook following day-by-day activities during the 1996 freighter season on the Great Lakes. During the season Thompson served on four boats (not ships) ranging from the 605-foot Calcite II to the 1,000-foot Edgar B. Speer. His longest stints were on the Calcite II.

Though Thompson's book is almost too literally a diary of his work and life during the season, it is still a fascinating and colorful account of how the freighters work. Thompson fills in his daily accounts with descriptions of the different occupations, the types of raw material hauled, the life in the



various port towns and the special camaraderie of sailors.

The old rough and tumble of drunken sailors wreaking havoc on port cities is a thing of the long past (apparently they stopped drinking about the same time as newspaper reporters). But the sailors lead lives different from the rest of us. They are away from home for long periods of time. They sleep in tight quarters with few luxuries. They eat in mess halls. Their work is hard and dangerous. Even being on the boats can be dangerous. Thompson describes some tremendous storms and a serious fire.

These two books are great reminders, if we need them,

exploring every aspect of lake life. Shelton combines the observations of a naturalist with the reportage of a journalist to describe natural and human activity on and around the mighty lake.

Though anchored in Port Sanilac, Shelton travels north to the Soo and east to the Georgian Bay to provide an account of the whole lake.

Shelton begins with winter and describes in loving detail the shifting phenomenon of ice and takes the reader on a trip with an ice breaker. He describes the migration of birds, the varieties of lake life from plankton to large fish and the work life of humans tied to the water for their survival. He goes out with the fishing boats and describes the changing ecology of the lakes as the Michigan and Ontario governments try to stock various kinds of fish for game and commercial fishing.

Shelton has a journalist's talent for using personal portraits as a way of examining broader issues, especially the problems of the endangered fishing industry. He tells us about Coast Guard personnel, fishermen and devoted birders.

But he is also a naturalist who can describe the activities of fish and birds with passion and intelligence.

Thompson describes all of this with solid knowledge and deep affection. He is particularly proud of his own work as an imaginative, conscientious cook. But he is bluntly honest about the strengths and weaknesses of his fellow sailors. His strong opinions give the book a needed dose of vinegar. The book is illustrated with black and white photos of freighters and crews.

Life on Lake Huron

Shelton's book is a Great Lakes variation of Thoreau's "Walden." Shelton lives in Washington, D.C., but has vacationed for many years at his in-laws cottage at Port Sanilac.

He wanted to find out what life was like on Lake Huron during a whole year of change, so following his retirement as a writer for the National Parks Service in 1995, he spent a year



BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to wygonik@oe.homecomm.net

BOOK SIGNINGS

Farmington Observer reporter and Livonia resident Tim Smith will sign copies of his new book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!"

■ Saturday, Aug. 28, 1-4 p.m., B Dalton Booksellers, Westland Mall;

■ Thursday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m., Borders Books, Southfield-13 Mile roads, Beverly Hills.

■ Saturday, Sept. 11, 2-4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Rochester Road in Rochester Hills;

■ Thursday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, Telegraph south of Maple in Bloomfield Hills.

Smith can be contacted directly at (248) 477-5450.

BOOKS CONNECTION (LIVONIA)

The Books Connection and Oakland County Author Berl Falbaum will contribute \$7 to a customer's favorite charity for every copy of Falbaum's new novel "A Matter of Precedents" purchased between Monday, Aug. 23 and Aug. 30.

Falbaum will be at the store, 19043 Middlebelt, to sign books 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25. The book deals with the ethics of corporations, the media and public relations. Priced at \$19.95, the book will be discounted 10 percent for each sale. The book can be ordered in person, or by calling the store toll-free 1-877-268-8837 or send an e-mail request to casspat@rust.net. As customers purchase the book they'll fill out a short form listing their favorite charity and its address and phone number. The Books Connection and Falbaum will mail the \$7 donations to all designated charities after the drive is ended Aug. 30.

SOUTHFIELD LIBRARY

Book discussion series at the library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, features the works of Edith Wharton. Registration is required, and participants will be responsible for providing their own books. Register at the Fiction Desk, or call (248) 948-0470. Discussion date is 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26. "The Mother's Recompense" Series is part of the Summer Humanities Program. The month of August will also feature a display ("My Wish for Tomorrow") of the vision of the future through the eyes of children and their art, on the main level.

BOOK FAIR

The Jewish Community Center will hold its annual Jewish book fair Nov. 6-14. Included in the event is the authors mini-fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Deadline for submissions for the fair is Aug. 31. Books must be by a Jewish author or contain Jewish content. The fair will take place at the center's facilities in West Bloomfield and in Oak Park. More than 30 speakers will appear, and entertainment will be provided (both free). Call the center for submission requirements, (248) 661-7648.

Deborah R. Chappa's "Words for when there are No Words: Writing a Memorable Condolence Note," is an easy-to-use reference that gently educates readers about various losses. Caring condolence expressions are exemplified by sample letters where the use of writing

tools called "Keys to Comfort" are highlighted.

Topics include: Prolonged illness; visiting caregivers; children's deaths by miscarriage, illness, accident or murder; writing to youth; suicide; pet deaths; job loss; divorce; sympathy cards and other remem-

brances. The author has requested special discounts be made available to non-profit organizations. The book is available for \$9.95, plus shipping and handling by calling 1-877-BUY BOOK (289-2665), or online at www.buybooksonttheweb.com.

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OAKLAND NATURALLY



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

Now that's my idea of a 'wild' outing

Bloomfield Township is the proud home of the Moose Preserve Bar and Grills. West Bloomfield hosts The Flying Fish. Downtown Birmingham boasts Bad Frog. And the regal City of Bloomfield Hills has the landmark Fox and Hounds.

These restaurants, all good places I frequent now and then, are guilty of false advertising. Well, at least when it comes to the world of nature and names.

Search all you want, but you will not find live moose, fish, frogs or fox on the premises of these eateries. If you want to find truthfulness in names, you must head up M-15, between the bustling little town of Clarkston and the quaint, no longer sleepy, hamlet of Ortonville.

On the western shore of Lake Louise, just a few miles south of Ortonville, among the glacial hills and wetlands of Brandon Township, is Bullfrogs Bar and Grill, a newcomer in the restaurants-with-animal-names game. A truth teller.

As you might expect, this restaurant overlooking a real lake, has frog legs on the menu. And as you might not expect, Bullfrogs has frogs; the lily pad-hopping, bug-slurping, moist-skinned ones. And they live within croaking distance of their outside deck.

So, as August wanes, I collect my thoughts from the deck of Bullfrogs to salute the bullfrogs of north Oakland County and the one new restaurant in town with an honest name, Brandon Township's Bullfrogs Bar and Grill, not to be confused with Birmingham's popular bad boy — Bad Frog — a frog-named eatery in concrete habitat.

Most columns I write on the computer at home with some sort of music to keep my brain clicking. Today, however, I scribble notes between lakeside croaks and waitress visits. Every time she approaches I put down my reporter's notebook and just smile. I think she is suspicious that I am some sort of hidden restaurant reviewer. Not quite, I'm just a nature guy watching a brisk westerly wind make willow trees sway and shake the leaves of sweet-scented quaking aspen. I tell her nothing of my frog notes.

I do this as I eat and watch swans, high-flying geese and a rapidly passing squadron of jet-black cormorants. Now and then I take note of a rabbit nibbling on greenery and a plump woodchuck making the slow pre-autumn transition from fatness to obesity. Not a bad view from a deck.

Crickets chirp. Doves coo. Catbirds call. And a motorcycle roars. And I think about frogs, just not the ones on the menu as dinner is served on the deck. A columnist's life is not that bad. But this is a nature column: time for frog facts.

Bullfrogs are the largest frogs to be found in Oakland County. For that matter they are the largest of all North American frogs. A bullfrog can easily cover a human hand.

The bullfrogs of Bullfrogs are most often heard on warm humid nights. But as summer winds down they fall silent. Trust me, they are still out there amidst the dense carpet of lily pads and veil of cattails that line the shore of Lake Louise.

As the couple next to me eat frog legs (oh no, not while I watch) I take some comfort in knowing that the bullfrogs of this lake are not menu items and are still free to live the wild life in this shallow glacial-era lake.

Who else eats bullfrogs besides people? Great blue heron, raccoon, mink, turtles, snakes, opossum and, on some occasions, bigger bullfrogs.

And what do bullfrogs eat? As noted herpetologist Jim Harding states, "any animal they can capture and swallow." The list is long and includes bugs, beetles, snakes, turtles, smaller frogs, snails, crayfish and sometimes small ducklings. I kid you not. Eat and be eaten is the name of the game.

Please see SCHECHTER, C2

Wolves join Waterford for gymnastics

BY BRAD KADRICH
SPORTS EDITOR
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For the first time in two years, Clarkston gymnasts are going to have a place to play their trade.

The Wolves have agreed to form a cooperative gymnastics team, along with the Waterford School District, which includes Mott and Kettering, in order to give athletes a chance to compete in a sport the school can't provide itself.

There isn't enough interest in the sport among Clarkston High School students for the

district to support a team of its own. Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services and High School operations told the Clarkston School Board at a recent meeting.

Waterford, which already has an established, successful program, will co-op Clarkston for the 1999-2000 school year.

"It worked out two years ago, but then (Clarkston) lost interest," Wolves athletic director Dan Fife said. "My concern was starting a program again and then have it fall through. I had to tell those girls two years ago we were

(dropping), and I don't want to have to do that again."

Enter Pat Riley. The owner of Riley's Gymnastics in Waterford, Riley has coached several Clarkston girls in competition. Those girls are now beginning to get to high school age and needed a place to play at the high school level. She started her studio in Rochester and moved to Waterford 20 years ago.

Riley, who has coached the Waterford team to the regionals in every season in which it has competed, will now get a chance to coach them in

scholastic competition.

"We needed to get my Clarkston girls on there," said Riley, who coaches the Waterford School district team. "We've got one for sure, Amy Kinney, who has been with my gym team for quite a few years. There are a couple of others who will be in high school next year."

The kids will pay their own way — at a cost of about \$500 for the six-month season — and will continue to work out at Riley's gym. The team will officially list Waterford Kettering as its home school, but

home meets will be held at Riley's Waterford gym in the Waterford Christian Association building at Crescent Lake and M-59.

"Neither of the (Waterford) high schools has the equipment to host a meet," Riley said. "We're all set up for it, and we've been competing by the same rules."

Official workouts begin in November. The first meet scheduled the week of Dec. 17.

Clarkston girls interested in performing for the team can call Riley's studio, (248) 674-8060.

NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Fast-pitch tryouts

The Oakland Stars will conduct tryouts for their girls fast pitch softball tournament team for the 2000 season Sept. 4-5.

The tryouts are set for 10 a.m. at Lake Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road. Players must be 12 and under as of Jan. 1, 2000. Coaches for the team for Bob Howey and Joe Woityra.

For more information, call Howey at home, (248) 693-0824, or at work, (248) 588-6200, ext. 161.

Boosters meet

The first informational meeting of the school year for the Lake Orion Athletic Booster Club is set for Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the lower-level staff lounge.

The club is open to all parent/guardians of student athletes in any sport at Lake Orion High School. Boosters run concessions at most high school sporting events to help supplement the needs of all high school sports teams.

For more information, call Sheree McKee, 391-3811.

Legion scramble

The Sons of American Legion Squadron #108 presents its second-annual Golf Outing, a four-person scramble set for Aug. 28.

Tee time is 11 a.m. at Oxford Hills Golf and Country Club on Drahner Road in Oxford. The \$65 per-person cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, a steak dinner and prizes.

Proceeds will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation. For more information, call 628-9081.

Soccer statistician needed

Rochester High School has an opening for a volunteer boys soccer statistician for the upcoming season. Interested individuals will be required to keep stats at both varsity and junior varsity games, and make a commitment to attend all games, home and away. Materials and system will be provided.

If interested, contact Rochester coach Erick Pfeifer at (248) 628-3193 or Rochester Athletic Director Shane Redshaw at (248) 651-5590.

Women's soccer tour

Twelve members of the women's champion United States World Cup soccer team will participate in an indoor all-star game Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Americans who have made a commitment to play for Team USA against the world all-stars are Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy, Carla Overbeck, Michelle Akers, Kristine Lilly, Briana Scurry, Brandi Chastain, Tiffany Millett, Tisha Venturini and Joy Fawcett.

The game begins at 2 p.m. and is part of the 12-city World Soccer Victory Tour across the United States.

Ticket prices are \$37.50, \$29.50 and \$18.50. Children age 12 and under and seniors age 62 and over receive a \$5 discount on all tickets.

For more information on the game or tickets, call The Palace at (248) 377-0100.

Hoopin' it up



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Camp provides soccer serenity

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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Six years ago, Erick Pfeifer was searching for a secluded place to host his North Oakland Soccer Camps — a place where participating teams could just concentrate on the drills and scrimmages during the day and enjoy the scenery and nightlife in the evening hours.

When a friend tipped him off about scenic The Leelanau School, well, the rest is history.

The small boarding high school, nestled in the woods one mile east of the small resort town of Glen Arbor, Mich.,

which is just a 30-minute jaunt northwest of Traverse City, has been the site of the North Oakland camps on three weekends each July. Pfeifer, an Oxford resident and the current varsity soccer coach at Rochester High School, invites 3-4 teams on each particular weekend, which lasts roughly from 3 p.m. on Friday to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

"The camp is usually pretty successful," said Pfeifer. "We try to invite some good guest coaches to help the kids out and I think everybody takes home something with them."

At this year's final session, held July 23-25, Ludington, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep and Rochester high schools stayed at the camp's guest cabins, with

roughly 25-30 potential varsity players from each school taking part in a variety of activities, for a \$150 camp fee per player.

Athletes participated in 6-on-6 and 8-on-8 drills on Friday, before participating in drills on set pieces and field tactics on Saturday morning and early afternoon. The late Saturday afternoon and evening session saw the three schools play each other in low-key, 90-minute scrimmages, with Pfeifer serving as the referee. Each team was coached by one special guest coach, which included former Detroit Rockers star forward Drago, and former Oak-

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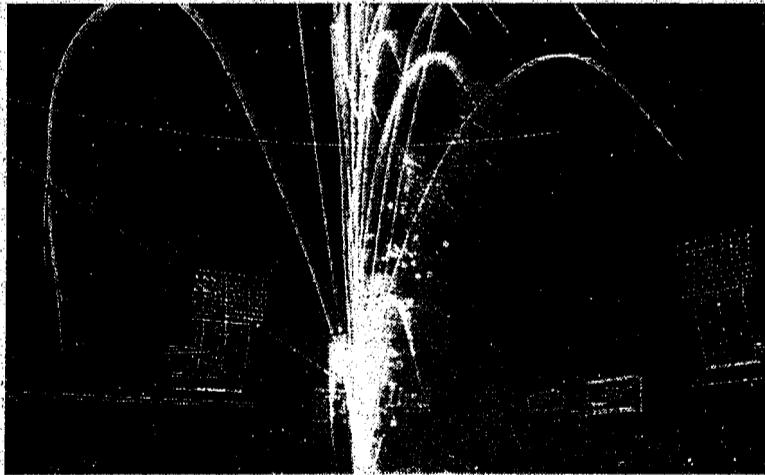
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Good defense: The 183 LOBOS girls' soccer team defended their 1998 title as the Michigan Cup Tournament champions in the Girls U-19 Select Division. The LOBOS defeated the Rochester Thunder 1-0, then shut out the NMSC Crusaders 3-0. They returned to play the Bloomfield Borce to a 0-0 tie. With no goals scored against them, the LOBOS moved to the tournament final against the Livonia Meteors II. The teams played to a 2-2 regulation tie, but the LOBOS won the shootout 4-3. Members of the LOBOS included (front, l-r) Sandy Bongiorno, Sarah Poisson, Sarah Normile, Lauren Kemsuzian, Katie Pirnann and Elizabeth Balten; (back, l-r) Christine Saveage, Andrea Galvas, Andrea Moncrief, Lynda Daisley, Kaleena Miller, Gayle Harding, Anthea Stoltz, Coach Wayne Pirnann, Yasmin LaKamper, Leah Omillion and Katie Maloney.

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land University players Brian Fitzgerald and Jeff Forshey.

On Sunday, one individual from each school formed a team, drew from a hat a name of a country, and each trio competed in a World Cup tournament. The World Cup featured three different competitions — penalty kicks, the radar gun, and the 3-on-3 mini-cup — where each team accumulated points from each competition.

At the end of the tournament, the top two teams with the most points are award prizes, which usually amount to some new equipment, such as soccer balls and shin pads.

Overall, the athletes on hand enjoyed the camp.

"This is really good for team unity," said Todd Larson, a senior-to-be at Rochester. "You

get to play together and meet some of your (potential) new teammates. Plus, it gives you a chance to work on your skills, and get back into playing again."

"And I really like the setting," Larson continued. "It's really quiet so you can get a lot done. Plus, we can swim or go into the town on our breaks, which I think everybody likes."

Barry Teshima, a senior-to-be at Ludington, agreed wholeheartedly with Larson.

"I think tactically, we learned a lot; we learned how to play together," he said. "And I think coaches like Drago taught us a lot. People that have played the game a long time like Drago can always teach you something different."

When not on The Leelanau School's soccer field, campers

were given three meals on Saturday and two each on Friday and Sunday. For a couple hours on Saturday afternoon, and again after 9 p.m. on Saturday evening, athletes and coaches were allowed to visit the beach on Lake Michigan, which was just a five-minute walk away, or could go into Glen Arbor for social engagements.

"The whole camp is really worth it," said Pfeifer. "You can get a lot done over the course of a weekend, especially on this weekend in particular when the three schools had around a total of 90 players, which is perfect. Plus, I think the families liked it because they could stay in Traverse City or camp near town. It makes for a good weekend for everybody."

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BROADHEAD SHOOT

Royal Oak Archers will host a broadhead shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, August 28, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Similar shoots will be held Sept. 5 and Sept. 12. Call (248) 628-8354 or (248) 589-2480 for more information.

OCSC BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE

Oakland County Sportsman's Club will host its annual Bowhunter Jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, on its walk-through course in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

HOLIDAY 3D SHOOT

Detroit Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4-6, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

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BROADHEAD PRACTICE

Detroit Archers will hold broadhead practice beginning at 5 p.m. every Thursday night through the month of October. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 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

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A few more months and the bullfrogs outside Bullfrogs will kick and swish and cruise their way into the mud of the lake bottom. And that is where they will hibernate winter away, oblivious to their cousins being devoured on deck. Nature's way.

Jonathan Schechter is the park ranger and naturalist for West Bloomfield Parks and writes on nature's way for the Eccentric Newspapers. He is not a food columnist, now or ever. Email him at oaknature@aol.com

Naturescapes

■ Webelos Activity Badges: Forester, Naturalist & Geologist Saturday, Sept. 4, call for times and full details

Indian Springs Metropark, (1-800) 477-3193

Webelos Scouts may earn one, two or all three badges in this day-long program to be held at the Nature Center of Indian Springs near White Lake. Badge requirements will be covered. Leaders are to provide badges. Fee: Naturalist \$1 per scout; Forester \$1 per scout; Geologist \$3 per scout. Scouts and leaders only. Limited enrollment. Pre-registration required. No siblings.

■ Muskrat Club: The Wonder of Walnuts

Saturday, Sept. 4, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Lake Erie Metropark, (1-800) 477-3189

Children from kindergarten through third grade will have a nutty time at this month's meeting of the Muskrat Club, during which they will talk about nuts, eat nuts, play nut games and do other nutty things at the Marshlands Museum and Nature Center of Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown Township.

■ Paddle the Voyager Canoe for Free

Sunday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m.

Stony Creek Metropark (810) 781-4621

Join a park interpreter and paddle the 34-foot Voyager canoe to learn a bit of Michigan history. Participants should meet at Mr. Vernon picnic area by the boat rental building. Children must be six years of age and older. Pre-registration is required.

Explore the Metroparks' website: <http://www.metroparks.com>

For general Metroparks information, call (1-800) 47-PARKS.

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.

SHOOTING SPORTS

SPORTING CLAYS

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

BEAR

Bear season opens Sept. 10.

GOOSE

A special early Canada goose season runs Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula. Check the DNR's Early September Canada Goose Season Hunting Guide for special restrictions.

GROUSE

Grouse season opens Sept. 15.

RABBIT

Rabbit season opens Sept. 15.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

B.A.S.S. TOP 150

The first stop on the 1999-2000 B.A.S.S. Top 150 circuit will be Wednesday-Saturday, Aug. 25-28 on Lake St. Clair. Daily weigh-ins will take place at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a two-man team tournament on Sunday, Aug. 29 on Lobbell Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254. Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final tournament of the season on Sunday, Sept. 26, on Lakeville Lake.

CLASSES/CLINICS

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.

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering three hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 9-10, Oct. 23-24, 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 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. 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

HERITAGE DAYS

Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association and Gander Mountain will host the fourth annual Heritage Days, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Huron Pointe clubhouse and grounds in New Haven. Activities include trap & skeet shooting, 3D

archery, novelty shoots and guest speakers covering topics such as hunting the Metroparks, and gun rights. Call (810) 598-8018 or (810) 948-0259 for more information.

FALL HUNTING CLASSIC

Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is holding a Fall Hunting Classic Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 26-29. The event includes seminars, a 3D pop-up tournament, vendor booths, prizes, whitetail rack scoring, a live deer display, special sales and more. Call (248) 209-4200 or visit the web site at www.outdoor-world.com.

WEST BLOOMFIELD WOODS

Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a two-hour stroll through the West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve during this program, which begins at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Participants are asked to meet at the west end of the K-Mart parking lot at Orchard

Lake Road and 13 Mile Road in Orchard Lake. Call Lee Becker at (810) 294-7789 for more information.

CLUBS

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoti at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDIES

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad#5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading, and horseback riding. Ad#6684

A RARE FIND

Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing, and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#8317

VIVACIOUS

Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad#1103

TO THE POINT

SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#2220

LOVES THE LORD

Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, Bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#1956

A RARE FIND

Sincere, compassionate SWF, 58, 5'4", full-figured, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad#7141

LIFE GOES ON

This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#2652

DEDICATED

She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9", N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad#1980

HERE SHE IS...

This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad#1665

IS IT YOU?

This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad#4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD

Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#8888

JUST ONE CALL

Picnic with this educated, churchgoing SBF, 35, who enjoys walks in the park, movies, and spending time with her son. If you're a sociable, humorous SBF, pack your basket and give her a call. Ad#1234

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Upbeat, Catholic DWP mom, 47, 5'9", is seeking a Catholic SWM, 38-50, who likes children, for friendship first. Her interests include camping, water sports, hiking, the theater and much more. Ad#6666

HEAVEN SENT

This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50; who likes children. Ad#6561

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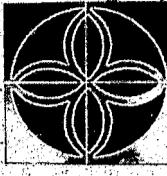
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LET'S TALK

Settle down with this SWPCF, 47, 5'2", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys cooking, travel and church activities. She's seeking a nice, Born-Again SWCM, 45-55, for a possible relationship. Ad#3333

HONESTY COUNTS

SWC mom of one, 25, 5'9", enjoys the outdoors, drama movies, and quiet times at home. She seeks an honest, compassionate SWCM, 27-34, without children at home. Ad#8498

POSITIVE VIBES HERE

Leave a message for this personable DWCF, 50, 5'4", who enjoys rollerblading, bicycling and keeping active. She wants to meet an outgoing SWCM, over 47, for friendship first. Ad#1199

CHILD OF GOD

Outgoing, friendly DWCF, 49, 5'4", who resides in the Redford area, enjoys sewing, antiques and movies. She's seeking a secure, independent DWCM, under 55, for friendship first. Ad#3521

THE BEST THERE IS

Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, N/S, with similar interests. Ad#6354

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Catholic DWF, 34, 5'2", with brown hair and blue eyes, loves nature, water activities, biking, sports, concerts and more. She's ISO a Catholic SWM, 30-45, N/S, without children at home. Ad#6440

STILL SEARCHING

Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SBCM, 60-69, race unimportant. Ad#4444

END MY SEARCH

Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#2625

UPLIFTING

Outgoing, friendly SWF, 51, 5'4", who enjoys long walks, dancing and more, would like to meet a SWM, 46-56, with similar interests. Ad#5614

SIMPLY PUT

Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad#5555

IS IT FATE?

Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad#9455

INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Versatile, active and outgoing, she's an attractive SWP mom, 34, 5'8", a blue-eyed blond, interested in meeting a handsome SWPM, 28-42, with a strong sense of home and family. Ad#1212

BE MY COMPANION

SWCF, 56, 5'4", with blondish hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys reading and movies. Is seeking a SWM, 55-62. Ad#2433

UNTIL NOW

Friendly, down-to-earth SWF, 47, 5'2", who enjoys the outdoors, hockey, golf, hiking and more; is seeking a SWM, 40-51, for a possible relationship. Ad#2451

VALUES HUMOR

Catholic DWF, 57, 5'3", 125lbs., with long blonde hair, who enjoys crafts, dining out and reading, is ISO a humorous, Catholic SWM, 50-60. Ad#2041

WALKS WITH THE LORD

Get to know this vibrant, classy SWCF, 47, 5'6", with dark hair/eyes, if you're a SWCM who enjoys meeting new friends, dancing, dining out, movies and great conversation. Ad#1236

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Looking for a long-term relationship? Make it happen with this DWF, 33, 5'5", because she is searching for a Born-Again SWCM, 34-40, N/S. Ad#8565

GOD IS FIRST

Devoted SBC mom, 25, 5'9", who enjoys romantic dinners, movies, dancing and singing, wants to meet a family-oriented SBCM, 25-36. Ad#6623

COMPANIONSHIP

Outgoing, honest and fun-loving, describes this Catholic DWF, 50, 5'9", looking for friendship with a Catholic SWM, 45-55. Ad#4536

FRESH START

Hardworking, Catholic DWF, 48, 5'3", who enjoys walking, movies and going to church, is looking for a compatible, caring, Catholic WWWM, 48-52; without children at home, for friendship first. Ad#3907

GREAT TIMES AHEAD

She's an outgoing and friendly DWCM, 42, 5'3", who's looking to share life and great times with a SWCM, 37-48. Her interests include the outdoors, traveling, Bible study and hopes that yours do too. Ad#1122

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Sweet DWCPF, 27, 5'9", is seeking an honest, caring SWCM, 48 or under, who is interested in an educated, hardworking SWM. Ad#4734

NEW TO THE AREA

Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad#1203

LOVE'S IN THE AIR

Sensitive, caring DWF, 52, 5'5", with auburn hair and green eyes, whose interests include travel, cooking, movies, nature walks and dining out, is hoping to meet a SWM, 51-58. Ad#1203

HONESTY COUNTS

Shy SWM, 42, 6'1" who enjoys

sports, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad#4123

ONLY THE BEST

Educated WWWCM, 49, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating, fishing, movies, fine dining and trying new things, is ISO an attractive, affectionate SCF, age unimportant. Ad#9876

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What you'll like the most is the trunk. Even da Mafia wood-like-a-dis one. It's huge at 13 cubic feet of space.

What I liked most is the tallness of the trunk. The teeny trunk lid swings up to allow you to get the stuff in there easily. There are even little assist grips to help you close the trunk lid without touching the exterior of the vehicle.

I enjoyed my week in the Jetta. It proved to be a perfect all-around town type of car. Check it out.

Write Anne Fracassa at avan-ti054@aol.com.

1999 Volkswagen Jetta

Vehicle class: Compact.

Power: V6 engine.

Mileage: 19 city / 26 highway.

Where built: Germany.

Price: \$16,700-\$29,500, depending on the trim level.



Art Cervi

Search-ing for THE car part d i e u x Where oh where did I go wrong. As my search con-tinues for a big block '67 Corvette (with air), I'm beginning to think that I'm way out of touch with reality...or...that maybe a few others might be. Can't seem to fathom how people can ask top dollar for a vehicle and not fix those minor flaws that would really make it nice (and save you from pointing them out). Business 101 says you minimize your customers' objections...puts you in the driver's seat.

Sadly, what I'm finding (I know I sound like a broken record) is that there are a lot of bogus cars around. Another buzz word is a *clone* being passed off as original. These guys are getting so good they're now fooling experts. With the new technology they can literally take your order, make the car, make you a new VIN plate that states it is a number-matching vehicle. Quite a few people have gotten burned when it came their time to sell what they thought was a correct Vette. Under \$10,000 can sometimes be passed off as a bad investment, but at least you enjoyed it while it was yours. 55K to 95K is

another story, for that amount it had better be right!

One of my favorite stories lately is about the guy I called in New York who has a low-mileage '67. He restored the car a few years ago. He wasn't happy with some of the flaws and just recently had it re-done. Receipts for all he's done to the vehicle while he has had it add up to over \$115,000 (my Lord, what did it need?). This gentleman will let the car go for \$90,000-\$95,000. Oh yes, there are a few things left to do on the car if you want to make it perfect says he. Maybe he should check price guides and auctions to

see that nice ones are selling for almost half that. I will also stress here that unlike new cars, these cars do not come with a warranty. Auction or private sale, you buy as-is where-is. All you have in many cases is a person's word that certain things were done to the vehicle...get receipts!!! Buyers are getting sharper lately, and are now bringing in attorneys to protect them against fraud. Sellers are stating that these are number-matching so...buyers are telling them it must be in writing. You say it, you back it up, and if it turns out down the mad that it's not legit, you buy it back, at the purchase price

plus 25% for selling a bogus vehicle. I find it very amusing how many sellers are now balking about signing the statement. Prior to your bringing up about having to sign, they were swearing to you that this is a true blue absolutely original car and they had in their possession the build sheet to prove it. As stated before...today anything can be made to make it look as if it was built that way...till next week...

Art Cervi of "Let's Talk Cars" can be heard each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon on WYUR, AM 1310.

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VW Jetta delivers A-OK comfort

CAR Report



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You could say that you could see me coming and going in this all-new 1999 Volkswagen Jetta. It was a very bright color of green, almost fluorescent, actually.

Frankly, I didn't care for it.

And a color doesn't make a car, anyway.

What you will find in the Jetta is a comfortable, performance-driven compact sedan with amenities usually found in much higher brand of automobile.

There are three distinctive trim levels in the Jetta line: the GL, the high volume GLS and top-of-the-line GLX.

The standard powerplant is the new 2.0-liter 4-cylinder 115-horsepower engine that features a low-block design, cast aluminum oil pan and a new lightweight valve train.

What that means to you and me is better power and performance. Available as an option on the GLS model is the 174-horsepower VR6 engine. This engine is standard on the GLX model, however.

You would expect the base model of the Jetta to have a short list of standard equipment. Not so. There are front side airbags, a premium 8-speaker cassette stereo, anti-lock brakes, height and telescoping steering wheel, heated remote mirrors, a remote locking system, two power

outlets and a center-cut folding key and fob.

The key and fob are really neat and deserve a mention.

The key is center-cut, like I said, but can easily fold down into the fob and locked. That way, you can put it in your purse or pocket without risking a tear. Also in the fob is the remote keyless locking system. Fumbling with the trunk key with a large box in your hand can be a hassle unless you can conveniently press a little button.

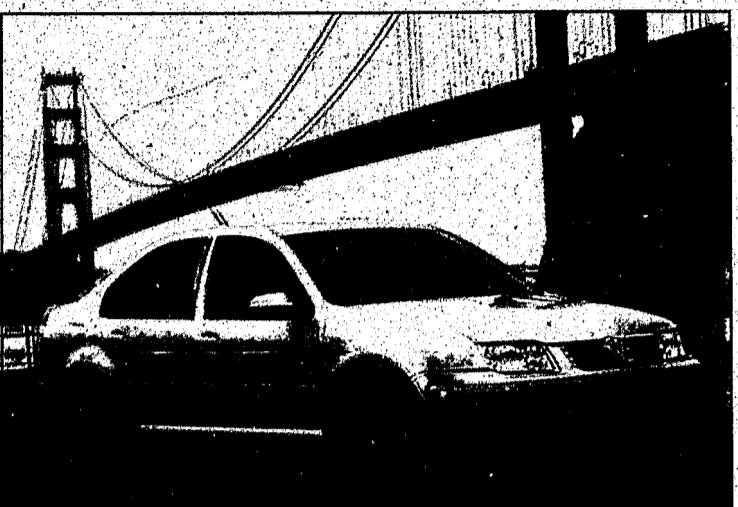
With the GLS model, the standard equipment list grows to include power windows and mirrors, cruise control and a center armrest.

The GLX model comes standard with the VR6 engine, automatic climate control, rain sensor wipers, tasteful wood decor, leather upholstery, self-dimming rearview mirrors and fog lamps.

The interior appointments on the Jetta make it look a lot more expensive than the vehicle really is. Everything is tasteful and placement of knobs, buttons and gauges are smart. You will have to take a quick look around when you first get in, however. There are several things to get used to as opposed to where things normally are.

The Jetta hugs the road like it doesn't want to let go. It's planted firmly and you can feel how rigid the car is. I never felt like it was too slow or unresponsive in any situation. From merging on the freeway to cruising the byways, the Jetta proved its worth.

There were two minor annoyances. The 5-speed manual transmission had me very uncomfortable because it wasn't fluid. It was hard to shift and it had the tendency to slam you back into your seat during quick



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shifting.

The only other thing that was very annoying was a vibration in the instrument panel when you took your foot off the gas at highway speeds. Even my girls asked, "what's that?" That's how noticeable it was.

I felt around and pawed the instrument panel to no avail. I never found where that vibration was coming from. It was loud and annoying, though.

Speaking of the instrumentation, I've gotta tell you, it's a work of art at night. The instrumentation in front of you that contains all the pertinent information is back-lit in a beautiful blue and the gauges have bright red needles. Really pretty effect.

Seating was really comfortable. I loved the 8-way electrically adjustable seat that moves to the

exact spot that's most comfortable to drive in. Never was I fatigued on long drives.

And even though there are three headrests for the three rear passengers, the headrests did not intrude into my rear view of the road. I didn't even notice the headrests back there until I took a thorough look throughout the car.

There is a good amount of storage compartments in the Jetta. You'll find the glove box has a shelf in it to separate manuals from all the other junk you jam in there. There are two cupholders in front concealed in the center armrest.

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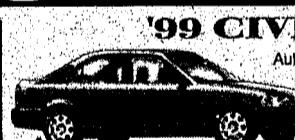
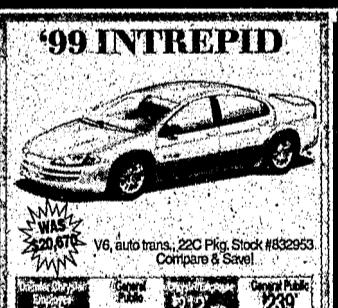
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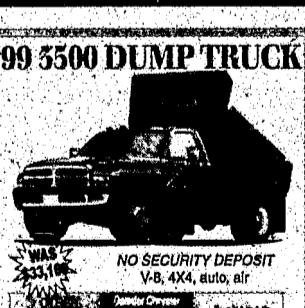


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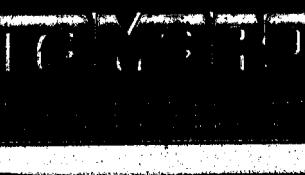


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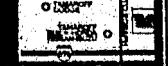


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