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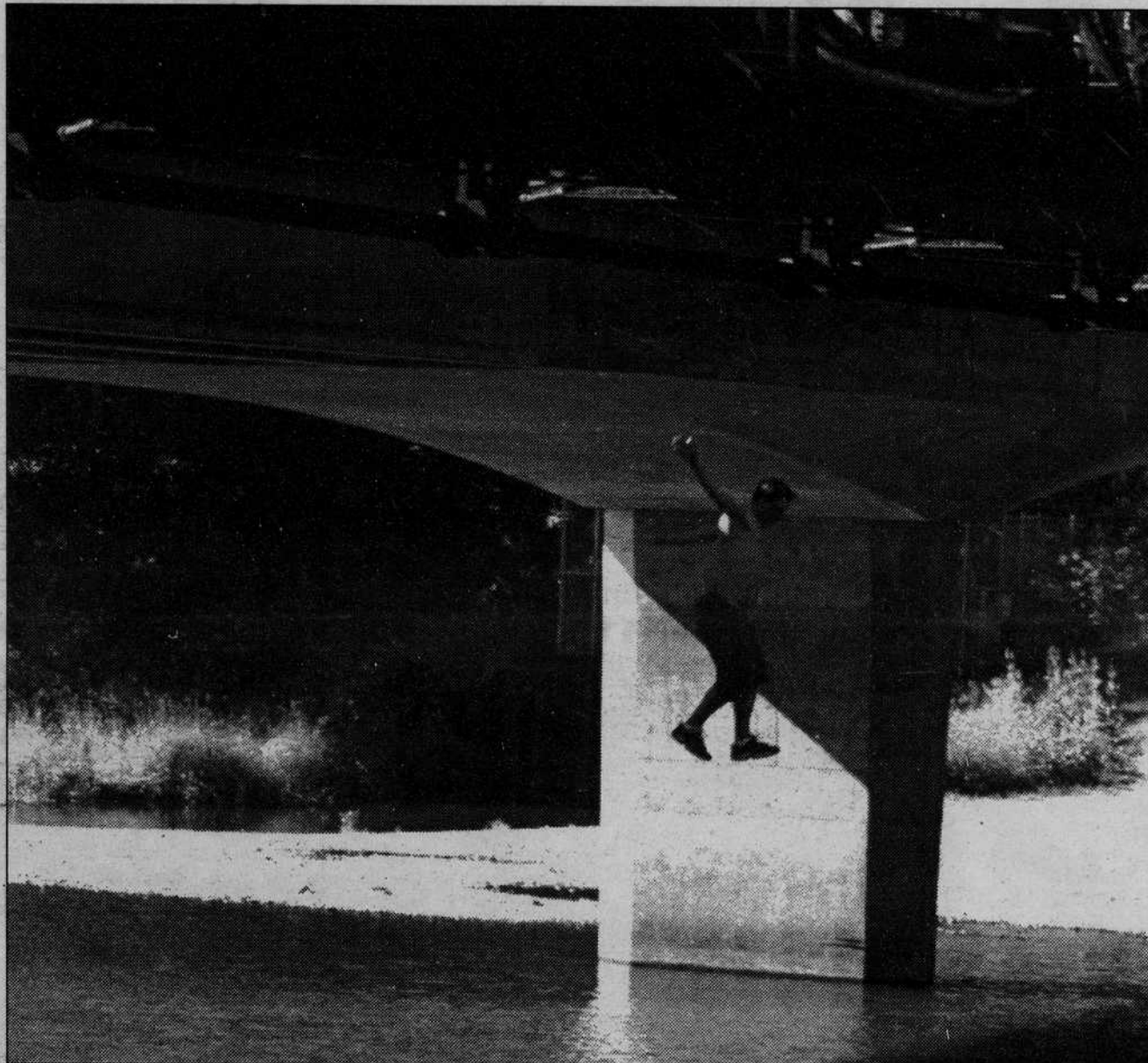
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Joy, fun and seasons in the sun



Nancy Suryan for the Emerald

Although jumping from a bridge may not be the wisest of summer activities, it is still an old past time in Eugene that some regularly enjoy.

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Let the season of sun commence.

Despite what many may think, our little piece of heaven called Eugene has a lot to offer when the sun comes out. Deadlines and stress are on a three-month hiatus, letting students take time to go out on the town.

With fewer students around, there's never a line at Espresso Roma in the morning, and service is much faster at Rennie's Landing. Some people even find that a casual stroll across campus is pleasant without the bustle and jostle of harried, hurried students trying to get to class.

In the summer, music and art festivals crop up like English ivy. People interested in culture can see performances at the Oregon Bach Festival or browse art and sip wine at Art and the Vineyard. Adventure seekers can dive into the second largest pool in the West Coast at the Amazon Pool or bike many mountainous regions.

Readers can look forward to the Emerald's special summer issues, in which we'll explore fireworks, festivals, concerts and more.

Whether it's news or entertainment, it's in here.

Read on.

Annual fundraiser celebrates art, wine

Art and the Vineyard is ripe and ready to go.

The 19th annual art and wine celebration hits Alton Baker Park July 5 to 7, 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily. The event is a fundraiser for the Maude Kerns Art Center, a nonprofit gallery.

More than 10 wineries will show their wares, such as Airlie Winery, Eugene Wine Cellars and King Estate Winery.

The festival also offers microbrews as well as food booths from local vendors, including Café Yumm, Ritta's Burritos and Cosmic Pizza.

This year also has "the largest artist (exhibits) that we've ever had in the history of the event," Maude Kerns administrative assistant Sarah Kemp said. More than 100 artists will present their pieces.

This is the first year sculptor Peter Evonuk will display his work at the event.

"Most of my sculptures are mixed media: bronze, wood and steel. They're kind of abstract, but kind of fun," Evonuk said.

Paul Birchak of Apollo Art Studios in Eugene, also a first-timer to the event, will be displaying his entire sculptural line.

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Eugene Emeralds entertain fans, struggle with early season games

Local residents are heading to the ballpark for inexpensive summer fun, supporting the area's baseball team

By Brad Schmidt
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On most nights, the games aren't pretty. But hey, baseball is in Eugene for the summer and fans are taking to the ballpark, even if it is only to watch a non-polished farm team.

The Emeralds, a low-end affiliate of the San Diego Padres, provide players a chance to enhance their stock while offering fans some good, clean fun.

And even though the players may not be familiar, the game sure is.

"I just come to watch baseball," fan Robert Silva said.

Silva, a University junior, added that

the price of a ticket — \$4.50 — is affordable, cheaper even than the cost of watching a movie.

The Ems, 1-5 as of Sunday, offer plenty of excitement for the carefree fan. Fielding errors are commonplace for the team, but for fans like Silva, the fun comes in the shape of hits and home runs.

Already in last place in the Northwest League West Division — a position the Ems found themselves in at season's end last year — manager Jeff Gardner is optimistic about the young season.

Gardner put the season in perspective, saying that if the team was four games under .500 midway through the season, he wouldn't worry.

One reason he need not fret was the Emeralds' first win Saturday night in front of 3,945 fans.

Trailing the Tri-City Dust Devils 1-0

going into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Ems found a rhythm for the first time this year.

Designated hitter Michael Richardson walked to open the inning after getting the best of a full count. First baseman Jeff Brooks then blooped a fly ball into shallow right field to put runners at first and second bases.

With Tri-City's first and third basemen drawn in for a bunt, right fielder Steve Baker took an 0-2 pitch deep to right-center field for his third home run of the season.

Two batters later, second baseman Brian Burgamy knocked another pitch out of Civic Stadium, giving the Ems a 5-1 lead and an eventual victory.

"These guys showed they wanted to win a ball game tonight," Gardner said.

The victory prevented a series

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Emerald publishes special editions during summer classes

During the summer session, the Emerald regularly publishes every Tuesday and Thursday, except for the Fourth of July holiday, which is on a Thursday.

This year, we decided to mix things up just a little bit. This issue is the first in our series of special summer editions.

Throughout the next eight weeks, each special edition will focus on a different topic or theme, such as the Fourth of July, summer reading and summer getaways.

We will alternate between publishing special editions and regular newspapers. Although the special editions will have longer stories with more focused content in the majority of the paper there will also be news items on Page 2.

Our regular newspapers will feature commentary on Page 2 and both Pulse and sports stories throughout the paper as well as news stories. Pulse and sports sections will alternate on regular issue weeks.

This Thursday, the Emerald will publish a regular newspaper with a Pulse section.

We hope readers enjoy the relaxed format, and, as always, we welcome feedback. Send any comments, opinion articles or letters to the editor at editor@dailymerald.com.