

# Treasure hunters fail to find diamond

Hundreds of treasure hunters, many armed with garden rakes, spent last week looking in vain for a large diamond, valued between \$12,000 and \$15,000, lost by the wife of a jeweler.

The consensus, as of Friday, is that the oval-shaped diamond with a point on each end must have been found by someone who isn't talking.

Another popular theory is that the diamond wasn't lost July 27 during Kila's Day festivities in the park at all — the feeling being that it was only discovered missing from its ring setting there.

The other theory is that the ring is still in the large park somewhere — possibly imbedded in the dirt by hoards of fortune hunters seeking to collect a reward that has been upped to \$2,000.

Julie Duquet, the woman who lost the wedding ring given to her on the fifth wedding anniversary by her husband, Allen, owner of Duquet Jewelers of Farmington, still believes the ring is somewhere in the park. She spent much of last Wednesday at the park with her children and friends raking the grass looking for the gem without success.

"I SUPPOSE if we had to have bad luck this bad, at least it wasn't one of our kids getting sick," said Julie Duquet as she made another swipe at the grass with the rake.

She got loads of advice from fellow diamond hunters in the park.

"Line up everybody shoulder-to-shoulder. That way you cover the whole square footage and you're not distracted by the entire area," said Terry Shapiro of Farmington Hills. "It works for finding contact lenses in a gym."

As the days passed, fewer treasure hunters turned out and the ones that did got discouraged.

"You know how you throw rocks out of the outfield when you play ball?" asked Jim Frabrie of Northville. "Some kid probably pitched it thinking it was a rock."

The area where Duquet figures she lost the diamond is in bordered by a large maple on the east and a row of light poles on the west boundary just beyond the first softball diamond west of Power Rd.


There's a squirrel in the maple tree. Maybe the diamond is stashed away among the walnuts.

# Sheldon to stay in district

Walled Lake School District Superintendent Don Sheldon will not become superintendent of the Lincoln City School District in Nebraska.

"I'm staying here (in Walled Lake) and am happy to be doing so for personal and professional reasons," Sheldon said. He was one of two finalists for the Lincoln post.

Sheldon declined comment on whether he was offered the position. "Let's just say I'm not going and leave it at that," he said. "I probably made it impossible for myself to accept the job."




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# Ticket driver in 4-car crash

Two Farmington Hills teen-agers were injured in a four-car accident Monday night at the 14 Mile Orchard Lake Road intersection.

Darren Vickery, 18, of Farmington Hills, one of the drivers, was treated for cuts at St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac and released early Tuesday morning.

Maria Botsford, 16, one of two passengers in Vickery's car, was treated at Providence Hospital in Southfield for multiple bruises and was released at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, a hospital spokesman said.

West Bloomfield Township police said Vickery was ticketed for failing to stop for a red light.

Police said Vickery was driving west on 14 Mile about 10 p.m. when his car went through the light and struck a northbound car driven by Patricia Daniels, 19, of West Bloomfield.

Vickery's car then struck another northbound car driven by Michael Costa, 25, of Holley, and swung around in front of a car driven by Jill Hutton, 19, of West Bloomfield, police said. Hutton's car hit Vickery's vehicle.

Farmington Hills Police responded to the accident but since it occurred to the north of the intersection and in West Bloomfield Township, the township police handled the case.

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