



SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2000

FULL HARVEST MOON, SEPTEMBER 13.

MISS AMERICA TURNS 80

Begun in 1921 as a scheme to extend the tourist season in Atlantic City, N.J., the Miss America Pageant has continued, with the display of talent and beauty regularly scheduled on the second Saturday following Labor Day. This year, the contestant for 2001 will be named, making her the 72nd Miss America. (The second Miss America, Mary Campbell, of Columbus, Ohio, was also the third, holding her title in 1922 and 1923, and there have been lapses because of major world events.) Once simply a beauty pageant, the contest is now an opportunity for scholarships, travel, and working contributions to charitable causes. The current Miss America covers about 20,000 miles a month.

If truth is beauty, how come no one has their hair done in a library?

-Lily Tomlin

TIP OF THE WEEK

Make homemade croutons by cubing a day-old baguette and toasting it with olive oil and garlic.

WATERCRESS SOUP

8 cups water
4 to 6 large boiling potatoes
1 pound watercress (about 4 bunches), washed
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
salt and pepper, to taste
croutons, for garnish

Boil water, then add peeled and washed potatoes, cut into small pieces. Cook for about 20 minutes, until soft. Trim the bottoms off the watercress

and discard. Add watercress to potatoes in water and cook for another 10 minutes. Drain and process in a blender or food processor until creamy. Add butter and pulse to blend. Add salt and pepper. Just before serving, reheat just to a simmer. Serve with croutons.

Makes 4 servings.



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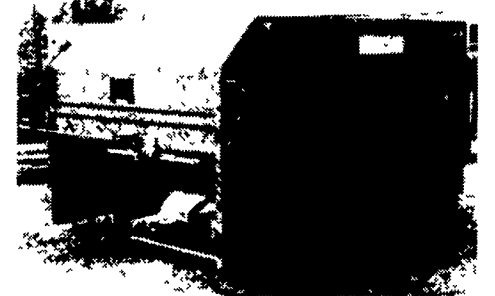
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