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THE WEEK AHEAD TODAY

More congestion: Motorists can expect northbound lanes on I-275 to be reduced to two lanes between Five Mile and I-696 until at least Saturday, while construction crews build a barrier. Once the barrier is completed and crews build temporary crossover lanes through the I-275 median, southbound traffic will be crossed over to temporary lanes on the northbound side, possibly as early as May 13.

MONDAY

Council meeting: The Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. Monday in second-floor council chambers at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, west of Wayne Road in Westland.

TUESDAY

Planning meeting: The Westland Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, west of Wayne, in Westland.

WEDNESDAY

Dinner program: The Westland Chamber of Commerce Spring Awards Murder Mystery dinner "Pasta, Passion and Pistols" begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Joy Manor, Joy Road east of Middlebelt in Westland. The winners of the Athena and Business Person of the Year awards will be announced.

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Schools wrestle rumors, fears



Rumors of bombs, shootings and hit lists proved unsubstantiated after investigations by Wayne-Westland school officials and police officers who partly blamed a media frenzy for escalating fears.

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Swirling rumors of hidden bombs, impending school shootings and Internet-posted "hit lists" fueled fears among parents and students last week as Wayne-Westland district officials and city police tried to ease anxieties. The rumors proved unsubstantiated

following investigations by school officials and police officers who partly blamed a media frenzy for escalating fears.

Television news cameras descended Friday morning on John Glenn High School as rumors of possible violence prompted many parents to keep their children home.

Please see RUMORS, A3

Livonia schools deal with threats, rumors

BY DAVE VARGA
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The massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., on April 20 has prompted threats and

rumors around many Livonia Public School buildings this week.

"We've been dealing with all kinds of rumors and stuff going on in the

Please see LIVONIA, A3

Olympic dreams



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM BLAWLEY

At the games: Alex Wallo, 3, of Westland tried to catch balloons in the butterfly safari at the nursery school olympics held at the Bailey Center April 24, featuring events for kids.



Hot's on: Maya Knight, 3, of Westland wears her hat she drew on at the nursery school olympics.



Course work: Melissa Poma, 3, of Westland goes through the obstacle course that was sponsored by the Dad's Athletic Club at the Bailey Center in Westland. Kids of various age groups competed in a variety of games just for them.

Residents want city to hang up on cell tower

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AT&T's proposal to build a 160-foot cell tower on Westland municipal golf course property has some residents teed off.

"One of my biggest concerns is whether the value of my house will go down," said Kathy Bey, whose back yard faces the golf course.

Bey said she and other residents also question whether the cell tower could pose possible health risks to nearby residents.

A crucial vote looms Tuesday when AT&T's proposal comes before the Westland Planning Commission during a 7:30 p.m. meeting at City Hall.

Deputy Mayor George Gillies' said the cell tower would be built on the east end of municipal golf course prop-

Please see TOWER, A2

Man suspect in local pair of larcenies

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Released early from Wayne County jail, a man accused of theft returned to Westland only to become suspected in a second larceny, police said.

The Inkster suspect has been arrested again, but Westland police say the second incident points out the perils of early release.

The 46-year-old man is suspected of seizing money from a Westland pharmacy on April 22 - a month after he was charged in a similar incident at a local Arbor Drugs.

Westland police Sgt. Roy Buresh said the suspect had been released early from Wayne County jail even though a local district judge had ordered him held in lieu of a \$25,000 cash bond.

The suspect hadn't even received a trial date on the first charge when he was released from jail, only to become suspected in a second incident, police said.

Westland district judges have long complained that the bonds they set are often ignored when suspects reach the county jail. They say county jail officials blame the problem on overcrowding.

The latest saga started at 9 a.m.

Please see LARCENIES, A2

Beautification awards

Westland's mayor's office will accept nominations for the residential and nonresidential beautification awards beginning Monday, May 10. The last day that nominations will be accepted is 5 p.m. Friday, July 30. Judging for the residential nominees will be based on the overall appearance of the front and back yards. This includes flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery. Judging for the nonresidential nominees will be based on the overall appearance of the grounds surrounding the business. This includes flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery as well as the cleanliness of the business and its property. Condominiums and apartments will be judged under the nonresidential award category. To submit a nomination, call (734) 467-3200 between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or send nominations to: Mayor Robert J. Thomas, Beautification

PLACES & FACES

Awards, city of Westland, 36601 Ford, Westland, MI 48185. The residential prizes are: first place, plaque, dinner for two with Thomas via limousine and a yard sign; second place, certificate of recognition, \$30 dinner certificate for two at Alexander the Great restaurant and a yard sign; third place, certificate of recognition, \$25 gift certificate to Westland Shopping Center and a yard sign. The nonresidential prizes are: first place, plaque and yard sign; second place, certificate of recognition and a yard sign; third place, certificate of recognition and a yard sign. All winners will receive their awards at a special ceremony to be announced at a later date. They will also be highlighted on television.

Modeling

Jessica Berner of Westland, 14 and a student at Ladywood High School, will model in the fashion show at the Novi Expo for the Women's International Show through today.

Brotherhood funds

Huron Valley Lutheran High School in Westland recently received \$450 from Lutheran Brotherhood through the member matching gift program. The latest payment matches five gifts from Lutheran Brotherhood members made during the first quarter of 1999. Since the beginning of the program in 1985, Huron Valley Lutheran has received \$15,825. During that same period, Lutheran Brotherhood has allocated more than \$4.3 million on behalf of the 102 participating high schools.

Your own Web site? It's free and easy Tower from page A1

If you've ever been surfing the World Wide Web and decided that everyone in the world has a Web site except you, here's your chance.

A new service being offered by the Observer Newspapers allows nonprofit community organizations to set up their own Web sites. And the best part is: It's easy and it's free.

"Mihometown.com is a new community Web site service designed to serve and promote community organizations in the state of Michigan," said Brion Roberto, manager of the Observer & Eccentric Enhanced Media Department. "We want mihometown.com to be a local hub for community information."

Using software developed by KOZ.com, the site allows organizations to set up sophisticated Web sites with just a few clicks of a mouse. You don't need to write code or know HTML. You simply connect to mihometown.com, click on "Create a New Site Now," and follow the on-screen instructions.

Training sessions are scheduled for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, and 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 19, at CompUSA in the Novi Town Center. Each session will last two and a half hours, after which, Roberto said, you will be ready to set up your site.

The \$15 fee includes training, materials and refreshments. You can fill out the attached coupon and send a check payable to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers or register online with a credit card at this secure site <http://oeonline.com/mihometown> or call Jennifer Murray at (734) 953-2038 for more information. Space is limited.

After the brief training session, you can create a Web site complete with an online newsletter, a calendar of events, discussion groups and a live chat room. The site also includes a built-in search engine.



The sites can be customized by following on-screen instructions and can include graphics or pictures that you upload, feedback forms, and one-click e-mail to participants.

You can open your site to the public or password protect it so that only members or participants can access it. Or you can keep some areas public and make others private. It's all up to you.

Roberto said that while other services offer free Web sites, the mihometown.com site is able to serve community organizations and bring them all together on the main page. He compared that to the community news provided by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

"We offer community news in our newspapers and our online services. Mihometown.com completes the service by offering groups the ability to promote themselves and by serving as a community resource for these groups."

The service is available for schools, PTAs, school clubs, libraries and government agencies, as well as such diverse organizations as churches, arts and culture groups, sports and recreation clubs and teams, alumni associations and so on.

Roberto said that groups that already have a Web site might want to set up another one through mihometown.com simply because of the sense of community of having many local sites accessible through one source.

"There's strength in numbers by combining many organizations in one place," he said. And he plans to promote the service through newspaper advertising and through the oeonline.com and observer-eccentric.com Web sites.

"The notion of 'Build your own Web site and they will come' is not working for many people," he said. "There are millions of sites out there and they aren't always easy to find."

erty on Merriman Road, south of Cherry Hill.

"It would be surrounded by trees," Gillies said of the tower.

Bey said residents have collected more than 200 signatures on petitions opposing the cell tower.

"Another one of the concerns I have is for the children in the area," Bey said. "To me, this tower is something they will look at and say, 'We're going to climb it.'"

"I think it belongs in an industrial area," she said. "I think it's going to be an eyesore."

Bruce Thompson, Westland planner, said AT&T could be joined by as many as two more cell tower users if the city approves the project.

Westland City Council members would decide the tower's fate if planning commissioners approve the project.

Planning department heads favor the tower.

"It does meet the ordinance requirements,"

Thompson said.

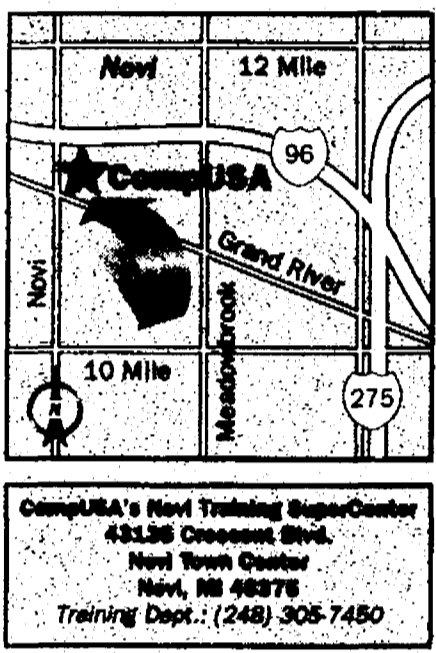
Gillies said AT&T's use of city land for its tower would result in financial gain for the city.

He estimated that AT&T would pay the city \$28,000 in initial fees and then about \$1,100 a month to continue operating the tower.

"That money would be put back into the golf course," he said. "We're going to make some major improvements."

Residents are expected to raise several issues during Tuesday's planning commission meeting:

- They want to know about liability issues if it were learned in years to come that the cell tower caused potential health problems.
- They oppose the tower being in view of their homes.
- They question whether some golfers might take their game elsewhere if the tower is erected.



CompUSA's Novi Training Center 43135 Crescent Blvd. Novi, MI 48275 Training Dept.: (248) 305-7450

Larcenies from page A1

March 15, when a man pried open a cash register at Arbor Drugs, 2651 S. Wayne Road at Glenwood, while a clerk was elsewhere in the store, police said.

The man, seen with a wad of cash in his hand, fled the store only to encounter police officers who arrived in time to chase him and capture him, a police report said.

Police found \$569 on the suspect.

The man was charged with larceny from a building, a felony that carries a five-year prison term upon conviction.

He was jailed in lieu of a \$25,000 cash bond and later ordered to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Before his case ever moved through the higher court, however, the suspect was released only to become suspected in an incident that occurred about 9 p.m. April 22 at F&M, 35715 Warren Road.

In the latest incident, a man is accused of seizing money from a pharmacy cash register after an employee briefly walked away from the counter, a police report said.

The suspect escaped but was later arrested during a traffic stop in Inkster. Buresh said Thursday that charges for the second incident are pending.

OBITUARIES

LARRIE PARISH
A memorial service for former Westland resident Larrie Parish, 63, of New Hudson was April 30 in Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Brighton. Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Vanderbilt, Mich. Arrangements were from Ziomek Funeral Home in Livonia.

Mr. Parish died April 26 due to complications from an illness, in Battle Creek. He was a Westland resident for more than 30 years before moving to New Hudson this past year. He worked for the Wayne-Westland School District for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Betty; sons, Edward (Shawna) and Kenneth; daughters, Donna (Bill) Hamlin and Anna (Terry) Babcock; and three grandchildren.

ROSE MARIE MARCINIAK
Services for Rose Marciniak, 72, of Westland were May 1 in St. Raphael Catholic Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Edward Prus. Arrangements were from John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Marciniak, who died April 27 in Dearborn, was born Sept. 13, 1926, in Detroit. She was a medical records clerk.

Surviving are her son, Michael Marciniak; daughter, Laura (John) Domagala; granddaughter, Danette (John) Dudley.

Mrs. Marciniak was preceded in death by her husband, Edmund.

Memorials may be made to St. Raphael Catholic Church.

of Westland were April 15 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Willet J. Herrington.

Mrs. Gilmer, who died April 10 in Westland, was born Aug. 17, 1902, in Ishpeming. She was a legal secretary.

Surviving are her brothers, William (Virginia) Bryden of Canton and Jack (Elaine) Bryden of Lexington, Ky.; sister, Arvilla Beauchamp of Bradenton, Fla.; and niece, Grace Carney of Livonia.

RAYMOND A. BOURLIER
Services for Raymond Bourlier, 81, of Plymouth were April 17 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth, with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry Yarnell.

Mr. Bourlier, who died April 12 in Livonia, was born March 1, 1918, in Detroit. He was a warranty claims adjuster. He served with the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor; son, Duane (Margaret) Bourlier of Stevensville, Mich.; stepson, John McClellan; sister, Lucille Calkins of Westland; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 384, Plymouth, MI 48170; American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072-0129; or St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, MI.

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Rumors from page A1

"I think the biggest problem we're facing is rumors," Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration, said. "We have investigated literally every rumor that has been brought to our attention, and we have not been able to substantiate anything of a concrete nature."

Westland police officials placed as many as four officers in Glenn hallways as a security measure, and one officer patrolled outside on a bicycle, Chief Emery Price said.

Other officers stood inside Glenn's auditorium, where students on Friday watched visiting district judges handle Westland criminal cases during Law Day - an annual program that went on as scheduled.

■ 'We are on a zero tolerance policy for the discussion of violence.'

*Charlotte Sherman
assistant superintendent*

"We certainly have beefed up our presence in the school," Price said. "We have committed more of our personnel there until this reaction, this fear, kind of settles down."

Price described most threats of violence as insensitive "pranks and childish behavior" in the wake of a Colorado school massacre that left 15 dead.

Not taking chances

"The thing that we need to stress is that schools for the most part are safe," he said Friday. "That doesn't mean we aren't reacting (to threats of violence)."

Sherman confirmed that one bomb threat last week prompted school officials to call in officers with police dogs for a nighttime search of Glenn, a school of 2,100 students in grades nine through 12. Nothing was found.

"We are continuing to investigate all rumors, because we feel we need to be overly cautious in this time," Sherman said. "Unfortunately, our investigations continue the rumors. When we investigate, kids seem to think there's something to the rumors."

One Glenn student who pulled a fire alarm on Wednesday, prompting an evacuation, also was suspended and faces possible criminal charges, Sherman said.

On Thursday, Glenn and Wayne Memorial High principals sent letters home to parents to try to quash rumors and let them know that security has been increased.

The letters stressed that "no incident which would jeopardize the safety of your student has occurred at the high school."

Glenn Principal Neil Thomas and Wayne Memorial Principal Donald Chastain also advised parents to talk to their children and to advise them to report rumors to teachers or school administrators.

Some educators said they hoped the letters wouldn't fuel even more rumors of impending violence.

"Safety is our No. 1 priority, and I believe it's the No. 1 priority of our parents, too," Sherman said.

Promise to parents

"We have made a promise to parents, and we will continue to investigate any rumors even though we know that that may only further the rumors. We feel we have an obligation," she said. "There have been no incidents of threats to any students."

"The behavior is exemplary at this point," Sherman added. "The school is very orderly, very quiet. We have taken extra precautions in every single building."

Some rumors that sparked fears at John Glenn began to trickle into middle schools last week, indicating a widening sense of unease. Sherman said staffs at every school have reviewed emergency procedures and have been told to keep doors locked except for main entrances, especially during after-school hours.

Employees such as custodians also have been advised to report any object that looks suspicious "that doesn't belong in the school," Sherman said.

Despite all the measures to ensure safety, Sherman conceded that "the students seem anxious, the parents are anxious."

One Glenn secretary said Friday that telephones "are ringing off the hook" as parents phoned to say they chose to keep their students home.

School officials and police couldn't confirm reports of Internet postings of supposed "hit lists" that named students to be harmed. One secretary wearily remarked that a piece of crumpled paper in a classroom can fuel rumors of targeted students.

"We are on a zero tolerance policy for the discussion of violence," Sherman said. "We will not tolerate even joking remarks."

One school employee said privately that she had heard reports of some students missing school Friday not because they feared going to class - but because they wanted to attend beer parties. She said she had heard of two or more parties, but her allegations couldn't be confirmed.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Law day: Rumors of school violence didn't stop district judges from coming to Glenn for an annual Law Day program. Above, Glenn ninth-graders Ari Borromeo (left) and Kerrienne Mackin listen to the different court cases. At left, 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos talks to students. Police, meanwhile, patrolled Glenn hallways.



Media factor

Educators and police officials, alike, assigned some blame to the media for fueling problems in the wake of the Littleton, Colo., shootings.

"We have a concern that the media, especially the television media, are heightening the anxiety by continuing to play up stories even when no violence has occurred," Sherman said.

Chief Price agreed and said, "We feel that as soon as the media gets off this for a week or so, this will die down."

Price conceded that threats of violence can't be ignored. "It only takes one or two of these kids who have severe emotional problems to carry out these (violent) fantasies."

"But," he added, "I think the media is feeding it."

Principals send letter to parents

Here's the text of a letter sent home to parents and guardians of students who attend John Glenn High School. The letter, sent Thursday, was signed by Principal Neil Thomas. Wayne Memorial High School Principal Donald Chastain sent a similar letter to parents.

It is understandable that our school staff, parents and citizens are anxious this week following the tragic circumstances in Colorado. The unsubstantiated rumors of potential violence along with the evacuation of this school caused by a student-initiated fire alarm on Wednesday have only added to the anxiety. The relentless media coverage of high schools throughout the state and country has further heightened the concerns of students and parents.

Please be assured that your children's safety is our number one concern. Last Tuesday, I met with our staff to intensify our security measures to protect our students and staff. We have been in contact with the Westland police on a daily basis to investigate any and all rumors. Additional security, including uniformed police officers, will be present in the building tomorrow (Friday) to relieve the anxiety expressed by many of our stu-

dents.

I am personally frustrated at the continuing flow of rumors. I know that youngsters, like most people, hear things and take them at face value; but the fact is, no incident which would jeopardize the safety of your student has occurred at the high school. These rumors remain unsubstantiated.

The high state of anxiety caused by the Colorado tragedy has created a fertile ground for rumor and innuendo in every school district. We've been told by the news media that parents are calling them instead of the school office to express concern over alleged incidents. Such behavior only diverts the attention of your school officials from the real task at hand - making our schools a safe harbor for our children. This behavior also increases the level of anxiety for all of us.

Please be assured that we have taken all of the precautions we can reasonably take, and we will follow through on anything that needs our attention. When you speak with your children, help them to understand that rumors should be reported to the proper authority - a teacher or an administrator. We appreciate your support.

Livonia from page A1

last 72 hours," said Ken Watson, Livonia Public Schools superintendent Friday afternoon. "The last I heard there was no evidence that anything was found."

A locker search at a middle school turned up the drawing of a pipe bomb in a boy's locker. Livonia police searched the boy's house and a friend's house and found nothing suspicious. The student was suspended Thursday, according to John Kuenzel, the district's director of secondary instruction.

To ensure the district hears all the rumors and reports of potentially dangerous situations, the Livonia Public Schools is setting up a "confidential and anonymous" hot line. The phone number will be (734) 458-8880.

"Obviously we're very busy, but we want the input from people. It's our job to check it out and follow through," Watson said.

School administrators were in the midst Friday of preparing a

letter including the hot line number that would be sent home to parents next week.

"We are going over the letter with board members now," Watson said early Friday afternoon.

Watson said the district's security director, Mark Schultz, who customarily works in and out of the middle and high school buildings, had also been circulating throughout the elementary schools in the past week.

The Livonia Police Department confirmed there had been an increased police presence around all four public high schools last week.

Watson noted that the district would take threats seriously: "We do intervene and do everything we can to protect the health and safety of our students and staff."

Rumors of a "disturbance" at Franklin High turned out to be false Friday. Watson said it turned out to be a "very quiet day."



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Reporter takes journalist of year honors

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Tim Smith, a reporter with the Farmington Observer, certainly has received his share of accolades and accomplishments this year.

Smith's book was published, in which he tackled the topic of premature babies, reliving his and his wife, Donna's, own personal experiences during the birth of the couple's now 4-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

For his coverage of educational issues, Smith won a first-place award from the Suburban Newspapers of America.

On Thursday, Smith received the Journalist of the Year Award for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers from Philip Power, chairman of Hometown Communications Network, the company that owns the newspaper group.

Smith, 42, of Livonia, was honored for his exemplary coverage in his reporting on schools, police and fire departments for the Farmington Observer.

Smith was nominated along with Tom Hawley, photographer with the Observer Newspapers; LeAnne Rogers, reporter with the Garden City Observer; Larry McKee, photographer with the Lake Orion and Oxford Eccentric editions; and Pat Murphy, Oakland County reporter for the Eccentric Newspapers.

Power remembered a recent

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luncheon where he spoke to the Farmington Exchange Club and learned of the respect and admiration that the Farmington community had for Smith.

"He's an idea man with a gift of making that idea a reality," Power said. Power cited Smith for his educational coverage and sensitivity he showed in his approach to stories on a Wayne State University professor — a Farmington Hills resident — who was slain in his classroom.

Joanne Maliszewski, editor of the Farmington Observer, nominated Smith.

"He puts his heart and soul into every story, whether it's a big story or a little story," Maliszewski said. Smith also pays attention to detail and double checks his information, Maliszewski said.

Maliszewski commended Smith for his stories on block scheduling in Farmington schools. "It's so complicated, but he went through it with such great pains," Maliszewski said. "He talked with parents and students about it."

"That's his M.O. He takes what's happening and puts it into a human sense."

A 1974 graduate of Clarenceville High School, Smith received his journalism degree from Wayne State University in 1979. Smith has worked for the Observer & Eccentric since February 1986. Before Smith began covering Farmington in July 1997, he covered the communities of Southfield and West Bloomfield.

Smith thanked Maliszewski for her nomination, and showed appreciation for his co-workers.

"I've been here 13 years and a lot of people have helped me get here," Smith said. "We had five nominees, but it easily could have been 55. It's a great honor."

Smith added that the award shows that "hard work is rewarded."

"It means a lot to me that my peers have selected me for this honor."

Smith's book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies," was officially released Friday.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Award winner: Phil Power, chairman of the board of the company that owns the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, congratulates reporter Tim Smith on being named Journalist of the Year. Smith, who has covered West Bloomfield and Southfield for the Eccentric newspapers, now works on the Farmington Observer staff. Smith has also recently published a book on premature babies

Day of prayer Observances planned for May 6

On Thursday, May 6, area residents will join Americans across the country to "Light the Nation with Prayer" as part of the 48th annual National Day of Prayer.

Established by an act of Congress, the National Day of Prayer encourages Americans to pray for the nation, its people and its leaders.

Days of prayer have been called for since 1775, when the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for such a day, but it wasn't established as an annual event until an act of Congress in 1952.

The law was amended in 1988 to establish the first Thursday of May as the National Day of Prayer.

Plymouth-Canton residents and business people will gather for the ninth annual Community Prayer Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, west of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road.

Sponsored by the L.J. Griffin

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Funeral Home, the breakfast will feature motivational speaker Carol Kent of "Speak Up With Confidence" seminars, which aim to help Christians develop communication skills, and "Resurrection" gospel band. Since 1986, the three-man group has performed at numerous events around the country.

Tickets cost \$10 each while \$80 reserves a table. Call (734) 495-9253 for reservations. At mid-day, the American Family Association on National Day of Prayer will sponsor the annual "Meet at City Hall" 12:20-12:40 p.m. at the flagpole at the Canton Township Admin-

istration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 981-3442 for more information.

And Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton will have a prayer and praise service at 7 p.m. at the church, 46001 Warren Road, east of Canton Center Road.

Sponsored by the Board of Women's Ministry, the service will focus on the greatness of the Lord and petitions for the nation and its leaders, churches, the community and the family.

In morning, the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will celebrate its 25th anniversary 7:15-9 a.m. at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center, 39000 Schoolcraft.

Tickets cost \$14 for adults and \$10 for students and are available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427. Tables of eight are available.

Featured will be pastor and gospel singer the Rev. Wintley Augustus Phipps, who has performed at the Vatican, at the 1993 and 1994 National Prayer

Breakfasts and the Inaugural Breakfasts for Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

A 1988 and 1989 Grammy Award nominee, he is the founder and president of the U.S. Dream Academy.

Livonia residents also are invited to "Meet at City Hall," 33000 Civic Center Dr. at Five Mile and Farmington roads, noon-1 p.m. to observe the National Day of Prayer.

Westland residents are invited to gather noon-1 p.m. at the flagpole at the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, for the observance, while in the evening, the film, "The Incredible Power of Prayer," will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Warren Road Light and Life Church, Warren at Farmington roads. The presentation is free of charge.

In Redford Township, residents will gather to sing songs and say prayers 12:20-12:40 p.m. at the flagpole at Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road.

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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, May 11, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. The auction is to be held at Dalton's Towing, 1950 Bailey, Dearborn, MI 48124.

Please note: the bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT ONE (1) SCHOOL SITE

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of May, 1999 at the office of the Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

A MANDATORY BUILDING WALK-THROUGH WILL BE HELD ON MAY 10, 1999 AT 3:30 P.M. BEGINNING AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE MAIN LOBBY, 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

Specifications and bid forms will be available at the walk-through. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Mr. Jim McMuldloch at (734) 525-3560.

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held Monday, June 14, 1999.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city, or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

DANIEL P. LESSARD
Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48154

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

LAVATORY STALL REPLACEMENT AT 28 LOCATIONS IN LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of May, 1999 at the office of the Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

All questions regarding this bid may be directed to Ray Irvine, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 623-9160.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 18th of May, 1999 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance bond and payment bond may be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

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Madonna ceremony to honor grads, special friends of school

More than 800 graduates will join the Madonna University alumni ranks on Saturday, May 8, during Madonna's 52nd commencement.

The ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. in Calhoun Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit.

Nearly 600 students will receive a bachelor's degree, 209 a master's degree and others will receive an associate's degree or certificate.

Madonna University will confer posthumously an honorary doctoral degree in education to the foundress of the Felician Sisters, Blessed Mary Angela.



Mary Angela

Benefactor Jean Corr and musical artist Noel Goemanne will also receive honorary doctoral degrees, while a distinguished alumnus award will be given to Arthur Lenaghan.

Madonna's degree to Blessed Mary Angela honors the centenary year of her death, her beatification by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and is in recognition of the 125th anniversary of the Felician Sisters in America.

Born May 16, 1825, Sophia Camille Truskowska, or Mother Mary Angela, as she came to be known in religious life, had a strong sense of compassion and brought together a group of dedicated women to respond to the church and the needs of the time. Mother Mary Angela provided education and training for the women who joined her in the charitable activities of caring for abandoned children, elderly women, and the fields of social work, nursing and education.

The date of Nov. 21, 1855, is considered the Founding Day of the Sisters of St. Felix, or the Felician Sisters, a name ascribed to them by the Polish people because of the sisters' devotion to this patron of children and of the sick.

Madonna University trustee Jean Corr, who is chief executive officer of Educational Bus Transportation, in Copiague, N.Y., will receive an honorary doctor of business administration degree.

A street sign bearing the name "John and Jean Corr" Drive, which leads to the entrance of Madonna University's Residence Hall, is indicative of the special place the Corrs hold as major benefactors of Madonna University.

John Corr, Jean's husband of 42 years, served on the board until his death in 1995. Strong supporters of Catholic higher education, the Corrs have made investments in Madonna University, including 10 annual scholarships for Madonna Students and a \$400,000 donation for the renovation of the Residence Hall, which will be applied to a \$1 million balance needed to complete the project and to receive the challenge grant of \$350,000 from the

Kresge Foundation.

Jean Corr graduated from King's County Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse and from Farmingdale Agricultural College, where she majored in beef cattle ranch management. She managed and operated a 500-acre purebred Charolais ranch for 20 years. A resident of Ocala, Fla., Corr is involved with the Catholic Church, schools and community organizations.



Noel Goemanne

International composer, organist and choral director, Noel Goemanne was born in West Flanders, Belgium, in 1926, emigrating to the United States in 1952 and becoming a citizen in 1959. Goemanne is a graduate of the Lemmens Institute of Sacred Music of Belgium with postgraduate studies from the Conservatoire Royal De Liege and private study with composer Flor Peeters. Madonna University will bestow upon Goemanne a doctor of sacred music.

Among his published works are more than 200 original compositions: including 17 Masses, numerous piano pieces, anthems, motets, organ works and various arrangements of hymns and songs, including the Madonna University School Song, and a choral arrangement of Pachelbel's "Canon in D" which was featured in the film, "Ordinary People."

In 1974 the Manila Institute of Sacred Music (Philippines) presented Goemanne with an award recognizing his contributions to church music. In 1977 Pope Paul VI presented him with the Pro Ecclesia Medal.

Noel Goemanne served as organist-choirmaster at St. Rita's Church in Detroit for five years starting in 1955, and at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Birmingham from 1960 to 1968. He also was a teacher of piano, organ and harmony at the Palestrina Institute in Detroit between 1955 and 1968.

Presently Goemanne is the organist-choirmaster at Christ the King Church in Dallas, serving in that position for the past 27 years.

Novi resident Arthur Lenaghan, a 1975 graduate, who was instrumental in setting up the fire protection and occupational safety degree program, will receive a Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Novi's fire chief for the past 21 years, Lenaghan's leadership abilities were recognized early in his career when he was named Livonia's Fireman of the Year in 1974, receiving a special tribute from the state of Michigan.

While attending Madonna as a part-time student in the early '70s, the administration quickly recognized his talents. President Sister Danatha

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Fighting high-tech crime

Granholtm announces new investigative unit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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State Attorney General Jennifer Granholtm will initiate a new "high-tech" investigative division within her office starting on Monday to pursue and possibly prosecute offenders who use the Internet to prey on children, steal identities or conduct other criminal activities.

Granholtm, who spoke Thursday at a breakfast to honor the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers "Journalist of the Year" at the Birmingham Community House, said the new unit will have three attorneys working with the State Police dedicated to pursuing Internet crime.

"We will let the bad guys know we are out there," Granholtm said.

Internet probe

While the Internet provides a wealth of information, authorities have scrutinized it for its potential harm to minors or the general public — whether it is a predator pursuing a minor or minors who decide to break the law themselves.

Granholtm said a staffer at her office who went on the Internet and posed as a 13-year-old girl received 14 "hits" or contacts from potential predators. That staffer also ordered beer from another Web site just by checking a box on a form inquiring whether that buyer was 21.

"No UPS person will check her ID," Granholtm said. A hate group now received over one million hits a year, she added.

Granholtm expects her staff to review whether Michigan needs additional legislation in its pur-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Fighting crime: State Attorney General Jennifer Granholtm talked about the new high-tech investigative unit Thursday at a breakfast to honor the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers "Journalist of the Year." The new unit will have three attorneys working with the State Police dedicated to pursuing Internet crime.

suit of Internet criminals and how to investigate identify theft.

"How do you trace that (crime) on the Internet?" Granholtm asked. "It's all part of our internal training."

Internal training

Starting July 1, an investigator from the attorney general's office will receive training from the U.S. Department of Justice for nine months in investigating computer crime.

Along with Internet crimes, Granholtm hopes to protect con-

sumers from the following scams:

- Phony travel agents. Granholtm expected the travel agent who allegedly scammed Detroit area youngsters of money paid by them for Florida plane tickets to be arraigned Friday in Grosse Pointe;

- Credit report scams. People who have a heavy credit card load sometimes are approached by scammers, offering to fix a credit problem for \$100;

- Scanner problems with merchandise at retail stores. "The

item pricing law probably will be challenged in the Legislature," Granholtm said;

- Fitness clubs that set up a "gym" with a few exercise machines, sign up members and collect money, then leave town;

- Home repair scams, where a homeowner may be approached to pay a few thousand dollars for a "new roof" and the "roofer" then uses two buckets of tar and spray to "seal" the roof;

- Warrantly complaints, in which hundreds of people may have problems with an appliance, such as a hot water heater with a defective dip tube, that won't voluntarily be resolved by companies, even if they aware of the problem. Granholtm is negotiating with an Ohio dip tube manufacturer for consumer reimbursement;

- Motor vehicle and dealer complaints. One old trick is the scam artist showing the car owner metal shavings from a transmission to convince him that the vehicle supposedly needs repair;

- Mail order and sweepstakes, particularly those companies that "guarantee" winners;

- Slamming, spamming and cramming. Utility companies that switch service providers for consumers without their knowledge, and unwanted e-mails from companies.

- Telemarketing. Calls from people seeking personal information, such as bank account numbers or Social Security numbers, "could be deceptive," Granholtm said.

Residents can contact Granholtm's office on the Internet by www.ag.state.mi.us or calling (517) 373-1110 or the consumer protection line at (517) 373-1140.

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and Dean Sister Lauriana invited him to assist in developing the fire protection major. He then was hired director of the program, a position he held for five years.

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This year marks Colleen McKettrick's 20th year in the wine business. With family home in West Bloomfield, she recently paid a visit to see her parents Ann and Bill McKettrick. She brought along a stellar list of wine clients for her CMK Consulting company, founded and incorporated in January this year.

We've known Colleen for most of the 20 years she's been marketing wine. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1980, with degrees in German and pre-law and a minor in performance flute. She spent her junior year abroad at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, honing her German language skills. Since then, she has become fluent in French and Italian.

Shortly after graduating, Colleen entered the wine trade, selling wines in Michigan, and making connections with European wine producers.

Natural career choice

"Entering this career was a natural," she said. "My junior year abroad piqued my interest in travel, culture, food and wine. If you add my interest in music, it all goes together."

After 11 years state side, Colleen had the opportunity to market abroad for Kuentz-Bas, a producer of top-flight Alsace wines. After three years there, she went to Italy and internationally marketed Tenuta dell'Ornelaia wines for nearly five years.

"I feel connected to Europe," she remarked. "I'm happy there. It's a challenge as a single woman to do what I do in the international wine scene."

"Over the years, travel opened new doors and I had a wealth of contacts and friends around the world. The decision to form my own company, independently consulting a small portfolio of selected wine estates, is a manifestation of my personal commitment to these relationships, developed over my years in the wine business."

The cover page of the CMK Consulting book of clients states Colleen's business and personal purpose best.

"Each estate exemplifies excellence and innovative winemaking; combines creativity with technical prowess and is a testimony to what passion can create, when from the vineyard to the cellar, no goal is considered unreachable."

Please see WINES, B2

Wine Picks

■ Pick of the Pack: 1996 Matanzas Creek Winery Merlot \$50, dynamic, bright red fruit with notes of cocoa. Chocolatey notes in the finish complemented by toasty oak. Merlot at its best!

■ Pair these chardonnays with pan-seared scallops for a deliciously simple dinner: 1996 Rosemount Chardonnay \$10; 1997 Canoe Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay \$18; and 1997 Ferrari-Carano Chardonnay \$22.

■ Zinfandels are great for early spring barbecues: 1996 Chateau Souverain Zinfandel \$11; 1996 Pedroncelli Zinfandel \$13; 1996 Geyser Peak Zinfandel \$14; and 1996 Ferrari-Carano Zinfandel \$17 are delicious and listed in a range from light to fuller-bodied.

■ Proprietary wines are generally blends and do not include the varietals on the label: 1996 Rosemount GSM \$19 gives you a hint that the blend is grenache, syrah and merlot; and 1996 Ferrari-Carano GSM \$28 is burgundy, cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

■ Best buys at \$10 and under: 1996 Rosemount Pinot Chardonnay and Syrah, both \$8.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle

Desserts

for spring

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Simple, short, sweet — these are the things we like our dessert recipes to be. Most of us don't have time to fuss in the kitchen.

Relax this Mother's Day, prepare a simply luscious dessert for mom that didn't take all day to prepare, but looks like it did.

Peach Lattice Bars, a recipe from the Kretschmer Wheat Germ Kitchens, is elegant, yet easy enough for beginners. You can even make it ahead of time and freeze for later.

After making the dough, half of it is set aside for a topping. The remainder is simply spread into a baking pan.

The dough "base" is spread with peach or apricot preserves. Dough that was set aside is piped from a plastic bag with one corner removed into criss-cross stripes on top of the preserves.

Rhubarb, one of the first fruits of the season, is ready to harvest. If you've got some growing in your backyard, and are hungry for something "Short & Sweet: Sophisticated Desserts in No Time at All," take a look at this newly published cookbook by Melanie Barnard, (Houghton Mifflin, Boston, New York, 1999, \$25).

A James Beard Award winner, Barnard dedicated the book to her mom who "baked every day... and baked for love."

The book is a collection of elegant desserts, including some for rhubarb, that can be prepared in under 30 minutes with seven or fewer ingredients.

A columnist for *Bon Appetit*, Barnard doesn't believe it's necessary to bake everything from scratch.

"I take advantage of the high-quality refrigerated pie crusts, puff pastry, and phyllo dough that are available," she writes. "With them I can make pies and tarts in fewer than 30 minutes, including the baking time. Store-bought pound and angel food cakes become memorable when filled with jams or preserves."

Beginning with suggestions for stocking "The



Spring: There's no need to worry about dessert when you make Peach Lattice Bars. These easy bar cookies can be made ahead of time and frozen.

Short & Sweet Basic Pantry," Barnard shares recipes and tips that lead to sweet success.

Photos by Ann Stratton enhance this delicious culinary package that is sure to delight the sweets in your life.

Back to the rhubarb, which, if you're like me, is ignored until the stalks are too big and tough to be good.

Harvest rhubarb in early spring when the leaves are fully developed. Don't cut the stems, break and pull stalks from the crown.

After harvesting, tightly wrap rhubarb stalks in a plastic bag. Rhubarb will last about three days in the refrigerator. Freeze for up to nine months.

You'll want to have some rhubarb on hand in late June when Michigan strawberries are in season. If ever there was a flavorful pair, it's strawberries and rhubarb.

By then, your rhubarb will be too tough to enjoy, and the strawberries will be perfect.

To freeze rhubarb, home economists at the Michigan State Cooperative Extension recommend choosing firm, tender, well-colored stalks with good flavor and few fibers.

Wash, trim and cut the stalks into 1- or 2-inch pieces in lengths to fit the freezer bag or container. Heat rhubarb in boiling water for 1 minute and cool promptly in cold water to retain color and flavor. Drain well.

For a sugar pack place raw or preheated rhubarb tightly into containers; cover with cold 50-percent syrup (1 cup sugar to 1 cup water). Leave 1/2-inch headspace. Seal, label and freeze.

Rhubarb is rich in vitamins A and C and a good source of calcium and potassium.

Whether you like your desserts cool, warm or frozen, Barnard has something that's sure to please and surprise mom. In addition to recipes and tips, the book is sprinkled with heartwarming anecdotes that will remind you of your family. Like the time you made your first cake.

See recipes inside.

Baking tips

■ Place the oven rack in the center of the oven when baking cakes or cookies. If the rack is too low the bottom will bake too quickly.

■ Cookies brown more evenly when baked on a flat shiny aluminum cookie sheet with no sides.

■ If a recipe calls for preheating the oven, allow 10 to 15 minutes to reach the proper temperature.

■ Always place cookie dough on cooled cookie sheets, otherwise the dough spreads and results in irregularly shaped cookies.

■ Remove cookies immediately from the cookie sheet or they continue to cook.

■ If you don't have enough batter to completely fill a cookie sheet, cover the unused space with an inverted baking pan. The pan will absorb the heat so the cookies don't bake too fast.

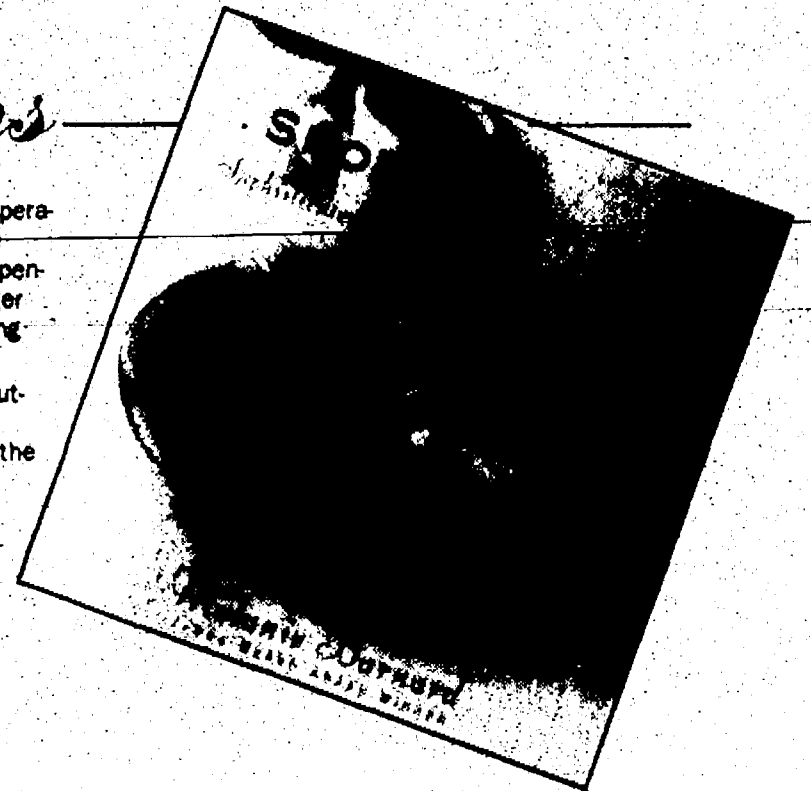
■ Warped cookware conducts heat unevenly so cheap pots, cake pans, muffin tins or cookies sheets are not a bargain.

■ When using glass cookware for

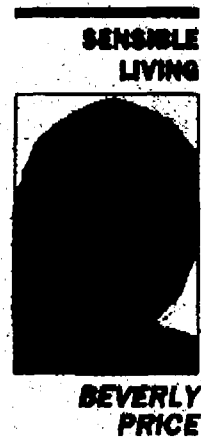
baking, reduce the oven temperature by 25 degrees. Increase cooking time slightly to compensate. Glass retains heat longer than the average metal baking pan.

■ If your cake is done on the outside before the center of the cake you are probably using the wrong size pan or your oven temperature is too high.

Information from Lois Thieleke of Birmingham, extension home economist for the Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County.



Wheat, yeast, mold, milk make some people sick



BEVERLY PRICE

Do you ever wake up with swollen joints, sinus pain and drainage, puffy eyelids, and/or overwhelming fatigue?

Could it be that spring is in the air along with the pollen that it brings? Or, do you have food allergies or intolerances that you may not be aware of?

Some people are born with food allergies and eventually outgrow them, while others develop food allergies over time. A weak immune system can be the cause of many food allergies or intolerances.

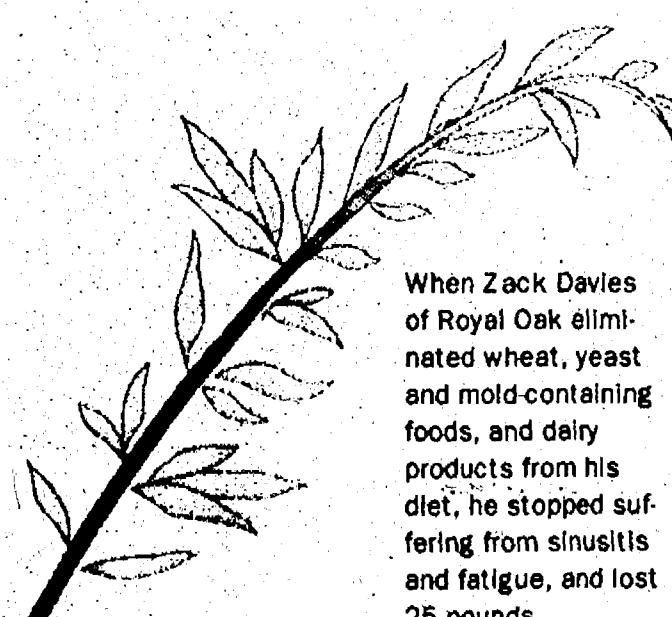
The goal is to strengthen the immune system through proper diet, exercise and stress management in order to avoid reactions to common foods.

Common food allergens include wheat, yeast, mold, and milk. Let's explore how these foods affect various people, and how you can adjust your diet if one or more of these foods bother you:

■ **Wheat** — an allergy or intolerance to wheat can develop when you eat the same types of foods day in and day out. In this country, we overuse wheat, which is commonly found in breads, cereals and pastas. We sometimes ignore other grains, which can provide us with lots of great nutrients.

What's left to eat if wheat is in so many of our food products? Try other grains from around the globe such as quinoa, barley, spelt, millet, amaranth and kamut. These are grains of the ancients that are rich in B-vitamins, protein, fiber and trace minerals.

Janet Styles of Plymouth was diagnosed with fibromyalgia, an autoimmune condition character-



When Zack Davies of Royal Oak eliminated wheat, yeast and mold-containing foods, and dairy products from his diet, he stopped suffering from sinusitis and fatigue, and lost 25 pounds.

ized by constant muscle pain, aching, stiffness, disturbed sleep, depression and/or fatigue.

Styles said she felt awful shortly after eating wheat products. When she eliminated wheat from her diet, her energy increased dramatically.

■ **Yeast and mold** — leavened breads and cake mixes contain yeast. Mushrooms, vinegar and vinegar-containing condiments, soured dairy products, alcohol, and aged foods contain yeast-like substances as well as mold.

You may think of mold as being an environmental problem only. However, mold-containing foods also include dried fruits, cheese, and pickled foods.

Try making your own pizza with soy or rice cheeses. A variety of wheat and vinegar-free condiments are available at your neighborhood health food store.

■ **Milk** — Many children are born with a milk-protein allergy which can cause severe intestinal problems. If left untreated, permanent damage to the intestinal lining as well as lactose intolerance can occur. Although still controversial, juvenile diabetes has also been linked to a milk-protein allergy. Recurring sinus problems may also be traced to milk in the diet.

If a soy allergy is not a concern, try soymilk, soy-cheese (including soy cream cheese), soy sour cream and soy yogurt. If a soy allergy is a concern, rice milks, cheeses, desserts and other rice products are available. Major grocery store chains are now carrying soy and rice products.

When Zack Davies of Royal Oak eliminated wheat, yeast and mold-containing foods, and dairy products from his diet, he stopped suffering from sinusitis and fatigue, and lost 25 pounds.

Although it may seem like a sacrifice, your health is priceless. Focusing on what you can eat will make you feel great when you wake up each morning.

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

Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in taste.

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Spring desserts are simply delicious

See related spring dessert story on Taste front.

PEACH LATTICE BARS

- 1-1/2 cups ground almonds
- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup wheat germ, any flavor
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 pound (3 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 egg yolks, plus 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons grated lemon peel (2 to 3 lemons)
- One 18-ounce jar peach or apricot preserves

Powdered sugar for garnish (optional)

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a 13 by 9-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

In medium bowl, combine almonds, flour, wheat germ, ginger, cinnamon and salt; mix well. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until creamy. Add egg yolks, egg and lemon peel; continue beating until light and fluffy. Stir in wheat germ mixture; mix well.

Place 1-3/4 cups dough into 1-gallon heavy-duty plastic food storage bag. Seal bag, squeezing out as much air as possible; set aside. Spread remaining batter with spatula onto bottom of pan.

Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until edges are light brown. Remove from oven. Spread preserves evenly over warm crust to 1/4-inch from edges. Cut a 3/4-inch opening in corner of food storage bag.

Squeeze reserved dough over preserves, forming 12 diagonal rows about 1-1/4 inches apart. Repeat in opposite direction, creating a lattice (criss-cross) pattern. Bake 33 to 35 minutes or until lat-

tice is golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

Sprinkle lightly with powdered sugar before serving, if desired. Cut into bars. Store tightly covered.

Cook's Tips: Ground almonds can be found in the baking section of the supermarket with other nuts used for baking.

To grind nuts, be sure nuts are at room temperature and grind small amounts of nuts at one time. When grinding whole nuts, first use the grating disc of the food processor; then switch to the metal blade and pulse until the nuts are finely chopped. When grinding sliced or chopped nuts, start with the metal blade and pulse. Do not overprocess; overprocessing will create an oily nut paste.

Nutrition information: 1 bar; calories 200, calories from fat 110; total fat 13g, saturated fat 6g, cholesterol 45mg, sodium 50mg, total carbohydrates 22g, dietary fiber 1g, protein 3g.

Recipe from *Kreschmer Wheat Germ*

RHUBARB COBBLER

- 1 1/2 pounds fresh or frozen rhubarb stalks, thawed cut into 1-inch chunks (1 pound equals 3 cups chopped raw rhubarb)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 2/3 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 425°F. Generously butter a 1 1/2 to 2 quart shallow baking dish or a 10-inch pie plate.

Place the rhubarb in the baking dish and sprinkle it with 3/4 cup of

the sugar and 1 tablespoon of the flour. Use a fork or your fingers to toss and mix the fruit, sugar, and flour, then spread it evenly. Bake for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a food processor, combine 3 tablespoons of the sugar, the remaining 1 cup flour, the baking powder and the baking soda. Add the butter and pulse to make coarse crumbs. With the motor running, pour the buttermilk through the feed tube and process just until a soft dough forms, about 6 seconds.

Remove the fruit from the oven and drop the dough from a spoon on top of the hot fruit to make 6 mounds. Sprinkle the dough with the remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar and bake until the fruit is bubbly and the topping is golden brown, about 20 minutes. Serve warm. Serves 6.

Recipe from *"Short & Sweet: 150 Sophisticated Desserts in No Time at All,"* by Melanie Barnard (Houghton Mifflin, 1999, \$25)

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB COBBLER

Filling

- 1 quart strawberries, halved or quartered if large
- 3 cups sliced rhubarb
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons raspberry liqueur or orange juice

Top Crust

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted margarine or butter, cut into

pieces

- 1 tablespoon nonfat plain yogurt
- 1-2 tablespoons skim milk
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat a 9-by-9-inch baking dish with no-stick spray.

To make the filling: Place half of the berries in a large saucepan. Add the rhubarb, sugar and water. Cover and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes.

Place the cornstarch in a cup. Add the liqueur or orange juice and stir until smooth. Add to the saucepan and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute, or until thickened. Stir in the remaining strawberries. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish.

To make the top crust: In a medium bowl, combine the all-purpose flour, whole-wheat flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and 2 teaspoons of the sugar. Cut in the margarine or butter and yogurt until the mixture resembles coarse meal. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, and stir until the dough just holds together. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and roll into a 9-by-9-inch square. Carefully lay the dough over the strawberry mixture.

In a cup, stir together the cinnamon and the remaining 2 teaspoons sugar. Sprinkle over the dough. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until bubbling and the crust is golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

Recipe from *"Prevention's Health Guaranteed Cookbook,"* by the food editors of *Prevention Health Books & University Hospitals Synergy Culinary School* (Rodale Press, Inc., 1998, \$29.95)

Wines from page B1

To illustrate, Colleen introduced us to an Italian wine producer we did not know — Fattoria Montellori in Tuscany.

Impressive Italian wines

The following impressive wines are available now in Michigan:

■ 1995 Montellori Vigne de Moro Chianti \$12.50 is 90 percent Sangiovese and 10 percent Black Malvasia. Sporting bright red fruits and medium weight, Colleen said it pairs with antipasti such as bruschetta or green vegetables, chicken, pasta with red sauce or simple, rustic ragout.

■ 1995 Montellori Castelrapiti Rosso \$22 is 75 percent Sangiovese with the balance Caber-

net Sauvignon. This bigger-structured wine will pair with game birds or any mushroom dish.

■ 1995 Montellori Salamartano \$42 showcases full-blown red fruit with the distinct scent of violets. An exceptional wine, half cabernet sauvignon, and half merlot, pairs with any full-flavored dish begging for a great red.

Among McKettrick's well-known clients from Italy are Roberto Anselmi, Fausto Maculan, Russis Superiore and Marco Felluga. Not abandoning her U.S. roots, Crichton Hall, Napa Valley, is also listed.

Matanzas Creek

Matanzas Creek, the Sonoma

County winery famous for its unctuous merlot

among other fabulous wines has taken its lavender-covered winery grounds to food heights.

If Lavender Smoked Shrimp, Lavender Roasted Lamb or Lavender and Walnut Madeleines sound tempting, you might want to call the winery at (800) 590-6464 to order "Fragrant Harvest: Lavender Recipes from Celebrity Chefs" for \$15, along with lavender spice mix and/or herb and spice blends to make these recipes in your kitchen.

The idea for the cookbook came from Matanzas owners Sandra and Bill MacIver's frustration with the lack of literature on the culinary uses of

lavender.

Wine school

From now through late September, The Bordeaux Wine School offers wine lovers a chance to study wine abroad. Price per course ranges \$17 to \$417. For more information phone direct to France 011-33-5-56-00-22-66 or fax 011-33-5-56-00-22-82. Class information is listed on the school's Web site at www.vins-bordeaux.fr or via email: ecole@vins-bordeaux.fr.

Gallo family visits

On Wednesday, April 28 wine-maker Gina Gallo and winegrower Matt Gallo visited metro-Detroit and conducted a tasting at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn.

Additionally, Matt presented Gallo of Sonoma wines at Birmingham's Merchant of Vino. Both Gina and Matt are the grandchildren of the late Julio Gallo who founded E.&J. Gallo winery with his brother Ernest in 1933.

Gallo of Sonoma was selected as *Bon Appetit* magazine's Winery of the Year and the third-generation Gallos were here to showcase their award-winning wines accompanied by hors d'oeuvres created by high-profile local chefs including Tom Murray, Giulio & Sons; Takashi Yagihashi, Tribute; Marshall Chin, Mon Jin Lau; Paul Grosz, The Whitney; Tim Voss, Forte; Jim Barnett and Frank Turner, Morels; and Greg Upshur, Too Chez. While we've recommended Gallo of Sonoma wines to readers for many years, we've not given you a third generation profile. Keep reading us; it will happen.

Wine Walk Around

You'll have the opportunity to taste over 350 wines judged by a panel of professionals and dine on great food from 12 area restaurants including Tribute, Steve & Rocky's, Fox & Hounds, and the Golden Mushroom Club at the Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around, 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, (southwest of I-696, Orchard Lake exit), Farmington Hills, 3rd floor J-Building. Tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund for Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Programs. Call (248) 471-8340 or (248) 471-7786 for order tickets.

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If you have food allergies, try these recipes

See related Living Better Sensibly Column on Taste front.

QUICHE ALA' ANNE

Crust:
3/4 cup amaranth flour -
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon
olive oil-based margarine
4 - 5 tablespoons cold water
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 375° F. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, salt and margarine. Blend with a pastry blender until flour and margarine are mixed and form little beads or coarse crumbs.

Sprinkle cold water over flour mixture, 1 tablespoon at a time, mixing with a fork or pastry blender until particles are moistened and cling together.

Form dough into a ball. Roll out on a floured pastry sheet or wax paper into a 11 - 12 inch circle.

Place in a 9-inch pie pan. Flute edges. Prick bottom of crust with a fork. Bake about 10 minutes. Remove from oven.

Filling:

1 small zucchini, sliced and partially cooked
1 onion, sliced and partially cooked
3 carrots, peeled, sliced and partially cooked
3/4 cup chopped cauliflower, partially cooked
1/2 cup Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1 1/2 cup Morningstar Farms Scramblers
1/2 - 2/3 cup soy milk
1/2 cup SoyaKaas Mozzarella Style Cheese, shredded
1/2 cup SoyaKaas Monterey Jack Style Cheese, shredded
1 tablespoon barley flour
Mix the seasonings, egg substitute, soy milk and barley flour

together. Spread 1/3 of the cheese mixture over the bottom of the pre-baked pie crust.

Mix vegetables and crumbles together and spread evenly over cheese and crust.

Place remaining cheese over vegetables. Pour milk mixture over cheese and vegetables. Bake 35 - 40 minutes until quiche is set and golden brown. If a knife is inserted in center, it should come out clean. Yields 6 servings.

SPELT PIZZA

1-8 inch spelt pizza crust
Olive oil
1/2 cup marinara sauce
2 - 3 oz. Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles
1/2 onion, sliced and partially cooked
1/2 cup chopped fresh broccoli, partially cooked
1/2 red pepper, julienne

sliced -
5 oz. shredded SoyaKaas Mozzarella Style Cheese

Brush crust with lightly with olive oil. Spread sauce over crust.

Sprinkle 1/2 the amount of cheese over sauce. Evenly distribute onions, broccoli, and pepper over crust. Top with remaining cheese.

Bake at 400° F for 15 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and begins to brown. Yields: 4 slices

3 eggs
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
2/3 cup cocoa powder
1 and 1/4 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 and 1/3 cups water

Preheat oven to 350° F. Place sugar, margarine, eggs and vanilla in mixing bowl and beat on high for three minutes.

Combine dry ingredients and add alternately with water to creamed mixture.
Pour into two greased and cocoa powdered 9-inch round baking pans. Bake for 30 - 35

minutes. Let cakes cool in pans for ten minutes. Invert onto wire racks to cool completely. Frost, glaze or dust with confectioners sugar. Serves 16.

Nutrition information: 230 calories; 3 grams protein, 10 grams fat, 35 grams carbohydrate, 311 mg sodium, 61 mg cholesterol.

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Beefy pasta looks fancy, but it's not hard to make

AP - Here's a dish Dad and the kids may like to offer to cook for Mom on Mother's Day. Tomato, Beef and Bow Tie Pasta looks fancy, but it takes only about 25 minutes to get ready.

The techniques called for are as simple as boiling water for pasta, browning ground beef and tossing in fresh tomatoes. The details - the colorful arrangement on the plate, the sprig of fresh basil to garnish - make the difference. Plus the loving thought.

Older kids can help chop the tomatoes and stir the beef occasionally while it cooks. The little ones can toss in the basil and sprinkle on the finishing touch of cheese.

The pasta could be served with a salad made from bagged, pre-washed greens and followed by a

dessert of fresh strawberries and Mom's favorite chocolates.

TOMATO, BEEF AND BOW TIE PASTA

1 pound lean ground beef
3 cloves garlic, crushed
2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes (see note)
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 cups uncooked bow tie pasta
2 tablespoons sliced fresh basil
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
Fresh basil sprigs for optional garnish

In large nonstick skillet, brown ground beef and garlic over medi-

um heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking beef up into 3/4-inch crumbles. Pour off drippings.

Stir in tomatoes, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat 5 minutes; stir occasionally.

Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions. When pasta is done, toss it with beef mixture and basil. Sprinkle with cheese. Garnish with basil sprigs if desired.

Makes 4 servings.
Note: A 28-ounce can whole peeled plum tomatoes, drained and chopped, may be substituted for the fresh tomatoes.

Nutritional facts per serving: 420 cal., 29 pro., 35 carbo, 18 g fat, 596 mg sodium, 77 mg chol.

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St. Mary Hospital's Marian Women's Center offers a Breast Cancer Support Group that is a free, self-help/education group that provides women the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. The support group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month (May 11) in West Addition B. Call (734) 655-1100.

Thyroid support

A support group for people who suffer from thyroid disorders will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 10, at the Plymouth Library. The speaker will begin at 7 p.m. and there is an opportunity for a question and answer session following their discussion. For reservations, call Tracy Green of Plymouth at (734) 453-7945.

Blood drive

Girl Scout Troop 3321 of Livonia is holding a blood drive 7-8 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Hull Elementary, 34715 Lyndon in Livonia. For more information, call Nancy Debuffere at (734) 464-8937 or Linda Hoff at (734) 464-4062.

Menopause support

Join the menopause support group of St. Mary Hospital that gathers at the Marian Women's Center 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 5. The topic will be "Happy Mother's Day? Do You Have a Full House or an Empty Nest?"

Long-term care

Hear Marilee Driscoll, national speaker and founder of The Long-Term Care Learning Institute, address how to avoid paying for long-term care. See how to avoid making retirement planning mistakes, hear how to benefit from the most recent state of the art information on Medicaid guidelines and a new federal tax deduction at a free seminar 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 W. 13 Mile (1/4 mile east of Orchard Lake) in Farmington Hills. Call (800) 287-9206.

CPR review

The American Red Cross will host a CPR review course for individuals with current CPR certificates to be recertified in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the professional rescuer. Certification and text is required to take this review course. Course length is four hours. Cost \$22. Programs run 6-10 p.m. May 19, May 25 and June 15 at the Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 542-2787 to register.

Survivor picnic

Oakwood Hospital is hosting the seventh Annual Cancer Survivor's Day Picnic 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at Ford Woods Park. The picnic (barbecue, special events, gifts - rain or shine), held in conjunction with National Cancer Survivor's Day, is for "anyone with a history of cancer from time of diagnosis and for the remainder of life." For directions or information, call (313) 593-7270.

Early detection is your best defense against breast cancer

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In 1998, Michigan had the eighth highest recorded number of new breast cancer cases in the United States and tied with New Jersey for the eighth highest breast cancer mortality rate, according to the American Cancer Society.

One way women can take a proactive role against the disease is to perform monthly breast self-exams that don't cost anything and can be done in the privacy of your own home. Another way is to have a yearly mammogram. Unfortunately there is a large population of women who cannot afford to have the exam and they face a nine percent lower chance of survival than women in higher income brackets.

An initiative, in its ninth year of operation, the Mother's Day Mammograms program founded in Pennsylvania by the Rite Aid Women's Health Foundation and sponsored by Rite Aid Corp., serves to "connect uninsured and low-income women with free mammogram services," according to Lisa L. Kirchner a Rite Aid spokeswoman.

The criteria to qualify is based on age (at least 40 years old), income level and insurance status. Women are encouraged to call (888) 748-3669 (RITENOW) to determine if they qualify for a free mammogram.

"The facts are clear. Early detection of breast cancer can save lives. In fact, when detected early, a woman has a 95 percent chance of survival," said Amy Johnson, executive director of The Rite Aid Women's Health Foundation. "But thousands of women cannot afford regular mammograms. The Foundation offers a solution by connecting uninsured women with healthcare providers who offer the screenings for free."

Redford resident Judy Timberlake knows all too well the benefits of having a regular physical exam. In 1989 a lump was detected in her breast during a routine check up. In her mid-forties, Timberlake says she was somewhat mindful of the importance of visiting her doctor regularly as she was treated in her twenties for a fibroid tumor in the same breast.

"When you're young you are aware but your not, of the importance of going to your doctor annually. Unfortunately you don't have that fear or awareness that comes with age," said Timberlake.

Her mother was also diagnosed in her mid-40s



with breast cancer and lived to be 78. Timberlake said the likelihood of her daughter developing breast cancer has never been a significant issue but the 22-year-old has made a practice of visiting her doctor on a regular basis.

Timberlake says she's scheduled for her annual mammogram in two weeks at the Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Hospital where she was treated a decade ago.

After the lump was detected through a mammogram, the Redford 55-year-old says a needle biopsy was performed to confirm the diagnosis and she underwent a mastectomy to remove the cancerous breast.

"I went through six months of chemotherapy because there was some lymph node involvement," said Timberlake. 1999 marked the 10th year for her as a breast cancer survivor.

Turning the tables

The American Cancer Society reports that women have a 95 percent chance of surviving when breast cancer is confined to the breast and early detection is one of the best defenses against such a devastating disease.

"Women should faithfully see their doctor every year and perform breast self-exams," encouraged Timberlake.

Ford Motor Co. recently launched a new Web site in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure in Detroit (www.fordvehicles.com/fordforce)

"Ford Division is committed to the fight against breast cancer," explained Jan Klug, marketing communications manager. "We think we can make the most impact by helping educate women about the importance of early detection and treatment. This new Web site will help us achieve that goal in a fun and interactive way."

Two of the five options on the site include "Healthy Living" — a link to information on breast cancer prevention, detection and management in a question-and-answer format, articles on topics like "Foods that fight cancer" and "Making things easy for my kids when I'm in the hospital" are posted every two weeks.

A second feature "Interact with Friends" allows you to send a friend an electronic postcard that serves as a reminder to conduct monthly self-exams and the other card encourages the recipient to register for a Race in their local community.

Additional features coming soon include a tribute wall which allows you to honor someone you know who has been affected by breast cancer. There will be space to leave a personal message, post your own photos from local Races, participate in a virtual Race and visit the virtual Ford Race tent.

Raising awareness, celebrating life

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is coming to Livonia beginning at noon Friday, June 18 and will conclude the following day at noon at Stevenson High School.

Teams of 15 to 20 people from local businesses, churches, service groups and families will take turns walking, running or jogging around the track at the high school. The event includes a "Victory Lap" where cancer survivors are celebrated, a luminary ceremony in the evening to honor victims and survivors, and there is camping, food, and entertainment throughout the 24-hour program.

The Livonia Wal-Mart is participating in the event by sponsoring a team of participants. To become a member, contact team captain Karen at (734) 524-0577.

For information about breast cancer research, fund-raising and volunteer opportunities or support visit these Web sites: Susan G. Komen Foundation Web site at www.komen.org the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at www.karmanos.org or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org

Now, mammogram results may be reported directly to patient

What do the results of your mammogram really mean? It can be agonizing waiting for the results of your mammogram, and once you get them they can be confusing. A new requirement regarding direct reporting to the patient may help to ease the process.

As of April 28, 1999, the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA), includes "a summary of written [mammography] report

shall be sent to the patient by the interpreting physician in terms easily understood by a lay person." The amendment to the MQSA applies to every patient who receives a mammogram.

"We are very excited to offer this service to our patients," said Sandy Zijsa, product line manager, Oakwood Breast Care Center. "It will certainly help them to understand and feel more comfortable with

their results." Physicians are also pleased with the new direct reporting requirement. "We've shared samples of the letters with our referring physicians," said Zijsa. "They see it as a great way to improve communication with their patients and since the letter is in language that is easy to understand, the physicians feel it will help to put the patient more at ease."

Any summary that is sent with abnormal results will also include clear direction about the appropriate next steps to be taken. Results that are abnormal may be conveyed by a phone call, which will be followed by the summary letter. The referring physicians will receive an official interpretation of the results prior to the letter being sent to the patient.

Long QT is little-known heart abnormality

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Public attention is being drawn to a little known condition called Long QT Syndrome that annually claims the lives of between 3,000 to 4,000 children and young people each year.

In an effort to raise awareness of the genetic cardiac disorder — an abnormality of the heart electrical system due to defects in the heart muscle cell structures — the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation is promoting the week of May 3-8 as Long QT Syndrome Awareness Week.

The symptoms of LQTS include fainting, dizziness, palpitations and or seizures. Unfortunately some of the more mild symptoms are often blamed on low iron levels, fatigue or stress and further investigation isn't done or pursued by the victim or the medical profession according to Denise Falzon whose 19-year-old son died from LQTS in 1993.

"Brian collapsed and died with no warning during classes at Michigan State University on October 1, 1993. He was a gorgeous, healthy, vibrant 19-year-old and there was no explanation for his sudden and tragic death. His death certificate stated cause as sudden arrhythmia," said Falzon. "A year before his death he had a fainting spell, but doctors dismissed it because it happened during weight lifting."

Electrical defects in the heart muscle's cell structures predispose people with the condition to a rapid heart rhythm called "torsade de pointes" which leads to sudden loss of consciousness and may cause sudden cardiac death, according to the SADS Foundation.

Diagnosing the condition is done from a electrocardiogram (ECG). While the procedure isn't a regular test performed during a physical exam, Falzon said a family who has a history of LQTS should request the test or if a child or young person has experienced

some of the symptoms such as loss of consciousness or dizziness the ECG should be a part of their medical evaluation.

"Please help the SADS Foundation prevent other families from being shattered and tormented by such a devastating loss," said Falzon who encourages families to take a more proactive role in their children's health if they have a concern that to them may seem somewhat insignificant.

The SADS Foundation reports that if a child has LQT each of their siblings has a 50 percent chance of also having it. Unfortunately, one-third of individuals who have Long QT syndrome never exhibit symptoms, and therefore the lack of symptoms does not exclude a person or family having LQTS.

Pet allergies nothing to sneeze about

Washing the family feline may not be the cat's meow in reducing allergy symptoms, say researchers at Henry Ford Health System.

According to a new study, a washed cat emits just as much allergy-causing protein 24 hours after a bath than it did before its bath. Therefore, contrary to popular belief, people allergic to cats are unlikely to see their symptoms relieved by washing the cat.

"For years, allergists have recommended cat owners wash their pets," said Dr. Michael Park, a fellow in the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. "However, our study found that it probably won't make a difference — other than leaving you with a soggy, unhappy cat."

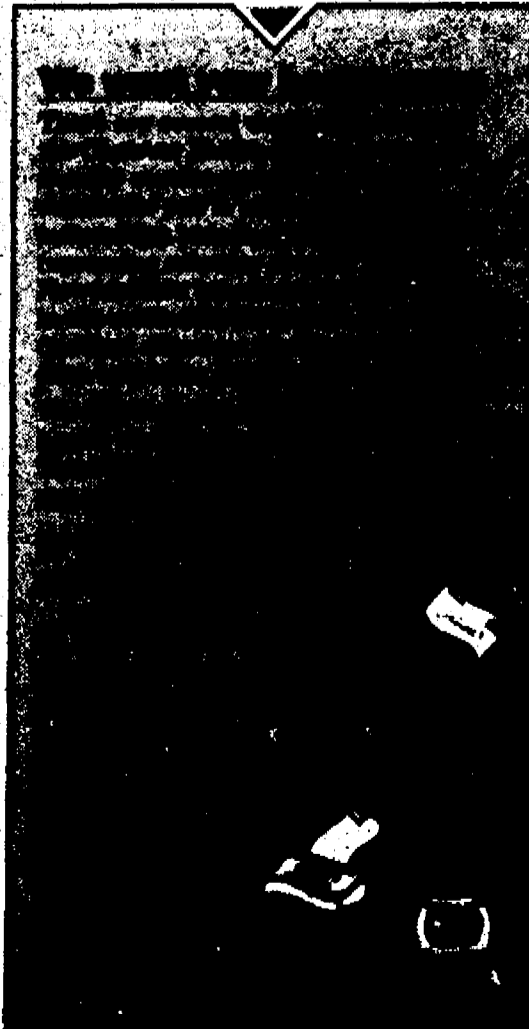
If you can't part with the favorite kitty, or if you simply can't part with the family pet to be allergic to your allergies — here are a few things to remember: If you have a male cat, make sure he is

neutered. Allergy shots may be helpful for some people allergic to cats. Keep your bedroom a cat-free sanctuary. Wash your hands after petting a cat.

Have someone else change the litter box. Cat allergen, called Fel d 1, is a protein secreted by cats' sebaceous glands and found in their saliva.

In the study, researchers bathed cats in tap water for three minutes, followed by a three-minute rinse in tap water. Then they measured allergen levels by placing each cat in an enclosed chamber and sampling the air. "You'd have to wash your cat at least once a day to make a difference, and in reality, that's just not going to happen," said Park.

"Ideally, people with cat allergies should not live in homes with cats," Park said. "Cats can cause severe reactions. If a cat-allergic person exhibits an asthma-type reaction, the cat should be placed in a good home where no one has pet allergies."



Late payments

500,000 shut out from paying bills online



MIKE WENDLAND

PC TALK
If there was hope that people were finally going to embrace electronic banking via the Internet, those hopes have sure dimmed this past week.

That's because a big part of online banking failed big time for most of the week when hundreds of thousands of people using the two most popular financial programs were effectively shut out from accessing their accounts to pay bills electronically.

As many as a half-million people who had been going online to pay bills and electronically write checks were frustrated in using their online accounts. Either they would have difficulty logging on or, shortly after making a connection, would be booted off.

The massive disruption affected those who use the popular software packages Quicken from Intuit, and Money from Microsoft to pay their bills through the Internet.

Those two applications use the service of an online payment clearinghouse called CheckFree Holdings Corp. and it was a glitch in the CheckFree computer system that caused the problems. The system failure stemmed from CheckFree's changeover to a new transaction-processing system, according to Terrie

O'Hanlon, senior vice president of corporate communications.

"We're working as diligently as possible to isolate the root cause of the problem," O'Hanlon said. "This is disappointing, obviously, but we're confident we'll identify the root cause and solve it."

That statement, however, brought little consolation for the estimated 500,000 customers who lost service. About 20 banks were also affected, though CheckFree would not identify them.

It couldn't have happened at a worse time, occurring right at the end of the month, when many consumers pay their bills.

CheckFree says it does not know when its service might return to normal. The CheckFree spokesperson said she did not know how many consumers' transactions had failed, or what percentage of transactions were being blocked by the glitch.

But a Quicken customer support representative told MSNBC, "As far as I know, it's affecting about every Quicken customer trying to do some kind of online banking."

"This is really bad," said Robert, from Dearborn, who e-mailed me earlier in the week about the problem. "I use Intuit's service and they tell me the clearinghouse can't say when the problems will be fixed completely. I've been writing checks. If they don't clear, I

could be hit with late charges, plus suffer damage to my credit. This is ridiculous."

By Friday, the problems were still reported to be intermittent, with bill paying working some times, not working others. CheckFree, however, said it would be fixed by the start of the new week.

"We now believe we have developed what we believe will be the solution," the company's chief operating officer Pete Sinisgalli said in a statement.

But the glitch will only increase concerns about the reliability of the Internet for processing confidential financial transactions. While The U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency estimates that there are more than 840 banks that now have Web sites, it has been tough for many to convince consumers to log on and handle their own financial transactions over the Internet. Surveys show the main reason for the reluctance is a lack of confidence in online security and reliable service.

On a related matter, the reliability of Internet auctions took a major spanking this week, too.

And so, presumably did a 13-year-old New Jersey boy who went on a \$1 million electronic shopping spree on the Internet auction site e-Bay (www.ebay.com).

"I'm really not supposed to talk about it," the boy told his local newspaper. "I'm off the Internet now." During his

eBay shopping spree, the Haddonfield, N.J. boy placed bids of \$15,000 for a 1956 Ford convertible, \$125,000 for a Superman comic, \$900,000 for the bedroom set of Canada's first prime minister and miscellaneous bids for a physician's office clinic in Florida, two mobile kitchens for movie shoots and a Van Gogh painting.

Officials grew suspicious of the exorbitant prices bid by the boy and ended up calling his mother.

"I said he bought (the \$600,000) bedroom suite and she said, 'I'm hyperventilating,'" said Internet Auction House owner Aubrey Garrett, whose company was selling the 1860s era bedroom suite owned by former Canadian Prime Minister Sir John MacDonald.

The boy's father wasn't pleased, either. "We're not looking at this as a funny story," he said, asking that reporters stop calling his home.

Meanwhile, how the bidding got so far is being investigated by e-Bay because, by policy, minors are not allowed to place bids. But spokeswoman Jennifer Chou admitted the company operates on an honor system, and anyone with a computer online can sign on. The Internet Auction House is considering legal action against e-Bay for failing to head off the prank. e-Bay officials said they had suspended the boy's account.

PC Mike seminars
Online banking and Internet auctions

are among many topics I'll be discussing in depth from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, at my PC Mike "Internet 101" Seminar, to be held at Lawrence Technological Institute, 21000 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield.

The session will provide a broad and practical overview of how the Internet and e-mail can help personal and business users. It will include information on navigating and searching the World Wide Web, how to set up a Web site for personal and business use, how to filter out porn and unwanted e-mail and what to look for in a computer system and Internet Service Provider.

I'll also pass out my new PC Mike Tech Tips card... free to all attendees. Doors open 9:30 a.m., but you must reserve a spot in advance. Call the 24-hour PC Mike reservation line at WXYT, TalkRadio 1270 at (248) 423-2721. Admission is \$5 per person.

And we've just added a second seminar for next month, this one dealing with the Y2K problem. It will be held Saturday May 22, at the MSU Management Center in Troy. Again, call (248) 423-2721 to reserve a space.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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in the 90s
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

TAKEN TO HEART

An estimated 15% of American adults have cases of advanced periodontitis (gum disease) that puts them in danger of losing their teeth. And, there is more at stake. Research shows that people with periodontal disease are 1 1/2 to 2 times more likely to suffer a fatal heart attack and nearly 3 times more likely to suffer a stroke than those without gum disease. Studies also indicate that chronic oral infections can encourage the development of clogged arteries and blood clots. The culprits responsible for these effects are oral bacteria that enter the bloodstream. Because infections in tissues of the mouth are easily spread into the bloodstream, we all have good reason to practice good oral hygiene.

During May, "National Stroke Awareness Month," we would like to stress the importance of regular dental checkups. Identification of the types of bacteria in the mouth may be the first step in diagnosing several diseases and ailments. At LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES, we stress the importance of preventive dental care for the entire family. When is the last time you had your teeth checked by a professional? Call us now at 478-2110 and schedule an appointment. Your total, emotional and physical, well-being is as important to us as your teeth. We will do what is best for you and we will not compromise. We're located at 19171 Merriman Road. Smiles are our business.

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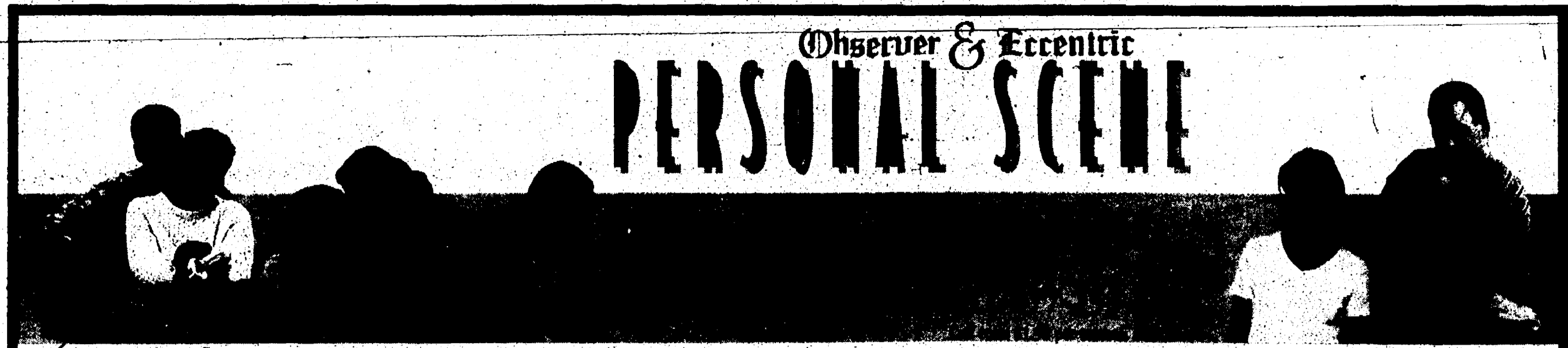
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BEST FRIENDS... Attractive, outgoing, humorous DWF, 52, 5'5", medium build, suburb/grown, enjoys nature...

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE... SWF, brown/blue, 250 lbs, enjoys dancing, partying, socializing...

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IMAGINE... Communicative, curious, humorous, outgoing, intelligent, social...

I'M THE MAN FOR YOU... Conservative but crazy SWM, 22, NS, likes outdoors, cuddling...

YOUR SMILE WITH ME... Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate...

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SOFT-HEARTED BODY... Athletic, energetic, fit, humorous SWM, 5'11", 165 lbs...

YOUR SMILE WITH ME... I do! Very handsome, affectionate DWM, 38, 5'9", athletic build...

SMILE WITH ME... Friendly, handsome, tall, fit, caring, attentive, affectionate...

LOOKING FOR YOU... DWF, 57, 5'10", NS, would like to meet you. Many interests...

MAINTAINING LADY REQUIRED... Cosmopolitan, 40, 5'10", NS, 150 lbs, business owner, health club addict...

HELLO, THERE... Humorous, yet intellectual, active, outgoing SWM, 40, 5'10", 190 lbs...

DOWN-TO-EARTH... Fun-loving, attractive, professional SWM, 31, enjoys theater, adventure...

DAD SEES MOM... DWM, 37, 5'10", 170 lbs, enjoys outdoors and being active...

LOOKING AT YOU... Very caring, attractive, outgoing, giving SWF, 46, with a variety of interests...

RICHARD GENE EYES... Considered very attractive, romantic, educated business owner...

ONE-OF-A-KIND... Outgoing, dynamic, very attractive DWF, 40, 5'7", 120 lbs...

FACE LIKE LINDA FARBENTWITZ... Attractive, intelligent, quick-witted SWF, 41, 5'7", 100 lbs...

ONE-OF-A-KIND... Honored, professional, SWM, mid-30s, would like to meet special...

GENIE DANCE... Gentle, dark eyed physician, 38, enjoys traveling, shows, can read...

BEETLES TO BACH... Bear chomper, handsome, slender, intelligent, relaxed, outdoor...

LOOKING FOR PLAIN LADY... Sensual, attractive, 5'6", 150 lbs, NS, 175 lbs, seeks medium-build, jolly...

A HANDSOME SCHWEAR... A handsome, charming, intelligent, romantic, honest, and ready to love again...

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EASYGOING... Intelligent, good-looking, tall, well-built, sensual, passionate SWM...

GOOD GUY... Good-looking, intelligent, successful SWPM, 36, good build, with many interests...

RUGGED AND OUTDOOR... Great-looking, sandy/blue, 5'11", 170 lbs, enjoys movies, theater...

SEEKS EUROPEAN LADY... Good-looking SWM, 40, 5'8", 150 lbs, enjoys movies, theater...

TRUE GENTLEMAN... Spontaneous, romantic, active, tall DWM, 36, father of two children...

URBAN COWBOY... Handsome, open-minded, caring, well-educated SWPM, 38, 5'8", 170 lbs...

ROMANTIC WARRIOR... College-educated, athletic, adventurous, creative, open-minded...

A GOOD MAN... Attractive, honest, attentive, passionate DWM, 40, 5'11", 200 lbs...

MEXICAN SWM... Mexican SWM, 38, 5'10", 175 lbs, enjoys dancing, canoeing, camping...

SEEKING GENUINE PERSON... Well-established, good-looking SWM, 44, 5'9", 150 lbs...

A CLASSIC MINDED... SWM, 47, appreciates cars made in the 50s, and lapses born in the 60s...

FIRST TIME AD... Attractive, outgoing, intelligent, professional SWM, 35, 5'10", 170 lbs...

YEAR-OLD WASP... SM, WASP, 42, just moved in, needs companionship...

LIFE LIFE... Easygoing SWM, 5'8", 180 lbs, fit, brown/blue, enjoys slow dancing...

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DOWN-TO-EARTH... Good-looking, honest, caring, romantic SWF, 5'6", 150 lbs, NS...

YOU SEEK AN... Attractive, professional SWM, 30, 6'10", 165 lbs, who listens to your dreams...

A NO-GAMES GENTLEMAN... Mature, healthy, easygoing DWM, NS, Bachelor, has reasons, business owner...

LOOKING FOR YOU... Fit, attractive SWF, 5'9", 170 lbs, with great job, likes running, biking...

FIRST TIME AD... Romantic, honest, humorous DWM, 48, 5'10", MBA, NS, enjoys all sports...

ARTIST, OFFBEAT TRENDY... A unique, creative SWM, 43, as a musician to recruit a lady and honest, romantic partner...

DO YOU BELIEVE... In love at first sight? Handsome, intelligent, successful SWM, 45, seeks "when it's right, there's no denying it..."

SINCERE... Tall, honest, loyal DWM, 54, 6'4", with sense of humor, financially secure...

A GOOD MAN... Attractive, honest, attentive, passionate DWM, 40, 5'11", 200 lbs...

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ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS... Easygoing, playful, fit, muscular, average-looking, 40, 5'10", 170 lbs...

ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS... Easygoing, honest, secure SWM, 38, 5'7", 160 lbs, brown/blue, NS...

MADE THE FIRST MOVE... Now it's your turn, muscular, clean, good-looking SWM, 5'11", 210 lbs...

SPRITTED ROMANTIC... Handsome SWM, 38, 5'11", 170 lbs, enjoys all sports...

NO CUTIE AD... Outgoing DWM, mid-50s, seeks kind-hearted, fit LTR. All calls answered.

MR. RIGHT HERE... Affectionate, financially independent SWM, 25, seeks nice, well-grounded, financially secure...

BARRETT ON THE BEACH... Handsome, fit, outgoing SWM, 34, 5'11", 160 lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SWF...

IVORY BECKING EBONY... Romantic, sensitive, shy SWM, 37, 5'8", 140 lbs, reddish brown hair...

FLYING IN A HANDSOME... Sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor...

DOWN-TO-EARTH... Down-to-earth, secure, widowed SWM, 44, 5'10", 160 lbs, father of three...

GENIE DANCE... Gentle, dark eyed physician, 38, enjoys traveling, shows, can read...

BEETLES TO BACH... Bear chomper, handsome, slender, intelligent, relaxed, outdoor...

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Chorus creates new twist on love story

Bob Taylor chuckles as he talks about re-writing the words to "Peg In My Heart," a take-off on the song "Peg O' My Heart," for the Renaissance Chorus's spring production May 8 at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

A spoof on the Frankenstein monster story, "The Ballad of Frank & Nellie: A Story of Love Alive?" is peppered with puns including a scene where Dragula reminisces about his lost love. (Oh yes, monsters are everywhere in this show written by Taylor.) A Westland resident, Taylor took the liberty of changing the names of classic monster characters such as Igor (Eager) and Dracula (Dragula). Frankenstein's Monster is now known as a friendly, singing Joe.

"I want the show to be entertaining. I did it to get a laugh," said Taylor. "Dragula is a feminized version of Count Dracula, he's dressed in drag."

Imagination inspires ideas

Taylor looks to his imagination for ideas. This is the second show he's written for the Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

"The style is based on pre-published shows that the Society has available," said Taylor, a member of Kirk of Our Savior Choir in Westland. "I love Barbershop music, the sound of the male quartet. There's four parts: the lead covers the melody, the tenor carries the high note line, the bass is the foundation of the music, and the baritone, the toughest part, the part I sing."

"The Ballad of Frank & Nellie: A Story of Love Alive?"

What: The Renaissance Chorus of the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America presents a spoof on the Frankenstein monster story which intersperses songs such as "I'm Sittin' On Top of the World," "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" "Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie," and "New York, New York."

When: 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8.

Where: Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road at Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

Tickets: \$10 for matinee, \$12 evening performance. To order tickets, call Jerry Bearish, (734) 427-9140 or John Lynn, (313) 937-1322.

New and improved

Difficulties with chorus members remembering their lines for last year's show about a man who found himself in an old library trying to trace his family tree led to changes for the spring production. Karen Pritchard, wife of chorus member Mark Pritchard, is lending the talents of students in the theater department she directs at Divine Child High School in Dearborn.

Pritchard, a Garden City resident, cast Matt Utter (Livonia) to play the Monster; Margaret Winowiecki (Redford), Nellie; Scott Gizicki (Detroit), Doctor Frankenfurter; James Evans (Wayne), Eager; Andrew McGuire (Dearborn), Dragula; Kevin Savel (Dearborn), Wolfman, and Jeff Zwal-

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Roundtable to discuss arts education

You're invited to "Opening the Book," a roundtable discussion about arts curriculum in our local school districts, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Panelists will answer questions from the audience, and address their concerns about arts education and curriculum in the school districts the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers cover. There is no charge to attend.

Call Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557, Keely Wygonik (734) 953-2105, or Linda Chomin (734) 953-2145 if you have any questions.



Family affair: The Nagrants — Andrew (left), Nick, George and Suzanne (Swanney) play violin in the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Generations of Harmony

MUSIC CEMENTS FAMILIAL BONDS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Sitting in the string section of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Nick J. Nagrant and his children blend in quietly with the rest of the musicians rehearsing for the final concert of the season May 15.

"String Genda"

What: A concert with the emphasis on strings. Guest violinists are Yuri and Dana Mazurkevich. Both studied at the Moscow Conservatory.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15

Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, (north of Joy Road), Livonia.

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$8 children under age 12. Call (248) 645-6666, (734) 464-2741 or (734) 421-1111.

Nagrant, a long-time Farmington resident, is quick to add the family is but one of six playing with the orchestra. (The Ford Motor Co. engineer and his four children shy away from being the only ones in the spotlight.)

Parents and children, husbands and wives — they faithfully meet at Churchill High School every Monday evening from September to May to rehearse for the regular season. Nagrant is the only original member left from the Oakway Symphony Orchestra founded by Francesco DiBlasi.

26 years ago, Oakway, short for Oakland and Wayne, was the name of the orchestra until 1988 when it became the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

"As a result of the orchestra, I was introduced to the Madonna University music program," said Nagrant. "In 1981, I began studying for a music degree which I received in 1986."

Music education is important to Nagrant. Ever since he first started taking lessons in third or fourth grade, Nagrant said he has seen time and again the power music has to develop the mind and body. It's the main reason he started eldest son Nicholas P. playing violin in fourth grade.

Besides building physical and mental skills, early music lessons help train the ear. Nagrant, who began conducting choirs in the 1970s, says "learning pitch is important to singing a cappella."

"By learning things at an early age, I wanted to give my kids the opportunity to have an easier time to differenti-

ate pitches, to have that brain development for pitches," said Nagrant, director of St. Nicholas Byzantine Church Choir in Detroit. "The best instrument is a violin, not a piano, to differentiate pitches."

Nagrant's children — Suzanne Swanney, 26, Andrew, 23, George, 22 and Anne, 17, like their father, love playing the violin.

Suzanne was seven when she heard her father and mother Marianne talking about signing up younger brothers Andrew and George for violin lessons. Suzanne was playing piano at the age of 10, and was an engineer at Ford Motor Co. Suzanne has played with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra for the past 10 years.

"I enjoy playing violin and it's a tradition for us to play our ethnic music — Carpatho-Rusyn," said Swanney, a Royal Oak resident.

Andrew began playing at age four. A substitute teacher for Farmington, Novi and West Bloomfield middle and high schools, Andrew, like his brothers and sisters, studied both traditional and Suzuki methods of violin. By the time they were in the school band, the boys played trumpet, the girls flute.

"I like it, I've enjoyed feeling a part of it," said Andrew.

George also started at age 4. He joined the Livonia Symphony because at the time he was taking trumpet lessons with DiBlasi. Anne, in addition to playing with the Livonia Symphony, is concertmaster for the Livonia Youth Philharmonic. Youngest son Michael, at age 11, is still too young to play with the Livonia Symphony, but is a member of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic.

The Nagrants are quiet and modest about being the largest family group in the LSO. They point to father and son Carl (French horn) and Mike Karoub (cello), mother Alicia Ledwon and daughter Halina McAlpine (violinists), brother and sister Leslie (violin) and John Kachnowski (trombone), and husband and wife violinists Tan Gao and Zhiling Zhang and Sharon (viola) and Tim (cello) Nicolai as other families who play with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

All in the family

In keeping with the family theme, the final concert features husband and wife guest violinists Yuri and Dana

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Festival lures artists and buyers in time for Mother's Day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Susan Cobb isn't ashamed of being a stay-at-home mom. In fact, after a divorce eight years ago, the West Bloomfield artist was determined to find a job that would allow her to stay home with two small children.

Cobb began creating colorful, contemporary area rugs cut from large rolls of carpeting purchased through an East Coast mill. On Mother's Day weekend, she and 299 other artists, will display their wares at the 18th annual Birmingham Fine Art Festival May 8-9 in Shain Park, and adjacent streets, in downtown Birmingham. The fest is co-sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce with assistance from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Mom's job

"Not too long ago, my daughter came to me and said it's so incredible that



Touchables: West Bloomfield fiber artist Susan Cobb brings her custom-designed rugs to the Birmingham Fine Art Festival.

you made up a job so you could stay home with me," said Cobb. "During the summer they (daughter Jackie, 13 and son Kelly, 15) work with me and I pay them."

Cobb had been a court reporter when she quit to raise a family. Out of boredom, she started painting clothing and exhibiting it at art fairs 15 years ago. It was during the time she experimented with paint on cloth that her color and design skills were shaped. Cobb's rugs are the perfect way to finish a room.

"They tie the room together," said Cobb. "A lot of people move into homes and don't like the carpet. I make an eye-catching design to draw the eye away. It's a lot less expensive than replacing wall-to-wall."

An area rug, Cobb believes, should be

Birmingham Fine Art Festival

What: 300 artists exhibit painting, sculpture, clay, photography, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, wood, glass, jewelry, and fiber.

Admission is free. For more information, call the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (248) 644-0866.

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8, until 5 p.m. Sunday, May 9. Children's activities take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday on the corner of Merrill and Bates.

Where: Shain Park, downtown Birmingham.

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BOOKS

Premature birth inspires book of 'Miracles'

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On Sunday, Nov. 20, 1994, Elizabeth Ellen Smith entered this world 15 weeks early and struggling to survive.

Her parents, Tim and Donna Smith, were thrown into the anxiety and roller coaster emotions that confront the parents of very premature babies (micro-preemies).

For Tim Smith, a reporter for the West Bloomfield Eccentric at the time, and now for the Farmington Observer, his first concern was that of a worried father. It was only later that he realized his experience might help others.

"I wasn't going to write anything while she was in the hospital," he said. "I wanted to focus on her, on being a father. Then I saw the thumbs up photo and it was so dramatic, someone speaking to me, a spiritual thing. It was my duty."

That quick snapshot of little Elizabeth at 4 months old, a happy smile on her face and her thumb definitely giving a high sign, was the spark for a col-



Tim Smith

umn, a series of stories on other micro-preemies and, now, a book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies: Little Thumbs Up!" (Bergin & Garvey, \$15.95 trade paperback).

And the message that Smith provides through his dramatic and sensitive stories of brave micro-preemies and their parents was summarized in that first column, "... good things can happen to premature babies with love, care, advances in hospital technology and the prayers and thoughts of many people, some of them strangers."

Smith wanted to reach a wider audience and provide a book for parents of micro-preemies that would be realistic, factual and encouraging. As many first-time writers do, he got his share of rejections from the big New York publishers he queried before being signed

with the Greenwood Publishing Group. But he knew he had a good book and an audience.

With the help of Livonia's Laurie Blacker, of "Premie Stars," the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program, he made contact with parents of premature children through the Premie L on-line chat room. He asked if there was any interest in a book that focused on the stories of premature babies who made their way successfully through the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

"The common thread was that there was nothing similar to this book," Smith said.

This book is a compendium of stories, all dramatic, some at least in part heart-breaking but all offering hope in

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Family portrait: Elizabeth Ellen Smith (center) and her parents, Tim and Donna Smith.



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Mazurkevich. Livonia Symphony conductor Volodymyr Schesiuik grew up with Yuri. Both studied with the same violin professor in Lviv, Ukraine (formerly a part of the Soviet Union). Both Yuri and Dana are music professors at Boston University and winners of many international competitions.

"They're a very interesting family. They left the Soviet Union about 20 years ago," said Schesiuik. "Yuri played with the LSO a couple of years ago. He's a beautiful violinist. Not on any concert can you hear two famous violinists."

Schesiuik invites the Jewish community to attend the concert because he's programmed something special for them — Christopher Tew's "Rhapsody on Jewish Folk Songs" and Ernest Bloch's "Three Pictures of Hassidic Life." Tew, before moving to Tenn. with his wife Laura, was a violinist with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Concertmaster Kathy Ferris is soloist for "Rhapsody on Jewish Folk Songs."

This is the final salute to American composers featured by the orchestra this season.

"It's a tribute to my Jewish friends," said Schesiuik who immigrated to this country in 1991 from Ukraine. "Christopher Tew uses full orchestra sound. It's a popular Jewish melody. When it was played before people would sing it with orchestra."

This is the final salute to American composers featured by the orchestra this season. Besides Tew's work, the orchestra will play George Chadwick's "Serenade in F for String Orchestra."

"This season we wanted to show American music is not less than European music," said Schesiuik. "Written in 1890, there's no connection with Europe, no radio, no TV. It's a very special American feeling."

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the last piece Cobb added to a room.

"I go into their homes then design it specifically for that person," said Cobb. "I love working with cloth. I work upside down and the surprise is when I turn it over and see the outcome. It's very exciting. It always makes people happy because it adds so much to their home."

Exhibiting

Cobb exhibits her rugs in several shows each year including the Ann Arbor State Street Art-Fair. Artists, like Cobb, love the Birmingham Fine Art Festival for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center takes no commission on sales. Artists do pay a booth fee, however.

"The Birmingham Fine Art Festival is the place to be seen Mother's Day weekend without walking the blocks of Ann Arbor," said Cobb. "It draws a

very serious buying crowd and because of that it draws a lot of talented artists from across the country like Ann Arbor does. It's highly attractive for an artist to be in this show. The jury chooses what the public demands."

It is the jurors business to know art. Pam Hill of the Hill Gallery, Birmingham; Janet Torno, executive director of the BBAC; Ray Fleming, director of the Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham; Nicole Jacquard, metal-smith and jewelry instructor at the BBAC; John Stephenson ceramicist and University of Michigan professor emeritus, and sculptor John Cynar make their living by tracking the public's buying habits.

"We've increased the amount of artists in the last three years from 180 to 300, and 100 are new — they have never been in the festival before," said Jennifer Muir, BBAC special event coordinator. "We think that's because of our ranking (20th in the Fine Arts by the 1999 Art-

Fair SourceBook) and artists feeling they do very well."

Community event

Muir is working with Birmingham gallery owners such as Ray Fleming, Elizabeth Stone and George N'Namdi for select galleries to open for business, noon to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 9. It is just one of the ways the BBAC is trying to involve the community in the festival.

BBAC instructors will lead children's activities such as painting a flower pot for mom. Once completed, instructors will place a flower in each. Other activities include T-shirt painting and ceramic clay work. For a small fee on Saturday, children may also paint a silk scarf for mom as a gift.

Award-winning works from BBAC's High School Competition will be on display on the Community House terrace. The exhibit features 87 outstanding student artists from 19 local

high schools.

Community groups such as the Village Players, St. Dunstan's Theater Guild, Troy Community Chorus, and Troy Country Fiddlers will provide entertainment. Visitors will also be able to enjoy the sounds of the acoustic Hope Orchestra and jazz by The Warren Commission on the steps of city hall. Pandora's Puppets will delight young and old 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

"One of our goals is trying to increase awareness in the community about who the BBAC is," said Muir. "We're the ones who put on the spring art fair." Common Ground produces the fall art fair in Birmingham.

Founded 44 years ago, the nonprofit BBAC offers 125 art classes every semester, two children's summer art camps, and 18 exhibitions in three gallery spaces every year.

"The children's activities give an idea of what they can do at the BBAC," said Muir.

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ley (Dearborn), Zombie. The students will miss prom night but they don't seem to mind because fun is what this show is all about.

"It's a monster love story," said Pritchard, a teacher at Divine Child since 1978. "In spring, a young man's fancy turns to love, even monsters. There's a scene with the monsters reminiscing about how each lost loves."

Community involvement

Three times a year, about 100 students are involved with putting on productions at Divine Child. The chorus production is one of the many ways Taylor works to involve the students with the community. In addition to acting in the "The Ballad of Frank and Nellie," students helped a girl scout troop at St. Raphael's in Garden City earn their theater arts badge.

Chapter president Bob Wolf couldn't be happier about the chorus's affiliation with Divine Child's theater department. A Livonia resident, Wolf also chairs the chorus's Youth Outreach Program. This summer with help from the 35-member group, four students from the

University of Detroit-Mercy will be able to attend a 4-day music camp in Muncie, Ind.

"We're trying to get into the schools and keep the children singing," said Wolf. "Music is a good foundation. If they're involved with that we're hoping it keeps them from getting into trouble."

The chorus doesn't stop at helping youth though. Year-round they give concerts at senior homes and churches. Proceeds from the two shows on May 8 will go to continue their work which includes supporting Heartspring, a Wichita, Kan. organization that helps children and adults with speech impairments.

In addition to "The Ballad of Frank & Nellie," the program will include performances by visiting quartets: "The Detroit Sound Company" and Sharper Image.

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin, (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

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opposition to what Smith sees as the usual negative stories about premature births. When Elizabeth was born, the newspapers were covering the story of a doctor who pulled the plug on his infant son and many newspapers were running articles about the problems faced by premature babies.

"I wanted to show the other side, that it's not always total bleakness," Smith said. "A lot of families don't have that positive experience and I hope that I don't offend them."

The stories came from around the country and close to home. There is the story of Derrick and Torrey Scholz of Des Moines, premature twins who had to fight for every breath. Derrick came through, but Torrey did not. There's Mindy Hull, an accomplished young woman in her 20s who was born premature at a time when medical science wasn't as advanced. There's John Henry Kurtz, whose mother says she was visited by angels and who's faith carried her through continuing crises.

Each chapter tells of a different family and their struggles and triumphs. As a highly skilled reporter, Smith deftly weaves through a wealth of medical information within the context of each story.

"I felt people might get more from following a particular family all the way through their experiences," Smith said.

Smith's view is not Pollyanna. He realizes the immediate and continuing dangers for those born prematurely. He said lung and heart problems often plague premature children for several years. An eye condition called retinopathy of prematurity caused by being in an oxygen tent is also a common problem.

"I'm sorry for those cases that didn't turn out as my daughter's did or others in the book," he said. "Had my daughter taken a turn for the worse, who knows if I wouldn't have written about the downsides of prematurity."

Smith said other parents were eager to share their stories and especially with him because he had been through the same experience.

In an introduction to the book WDIV-TV anchorman Devin Scillian, the father of premature twins, writes about the camaraderie that develops among parents with a child in the NICU.

"Some parents would be open and some wouldn't," Smith said. "You got to know which ones you could talk with. Being side by side for months, you can't help but get to know them. You're going through something, the Preemie Club, I call it, a common experience, and you get to know each other. Even relatives can't understand what it's all about."

"Miracle Birth Stories" is a way to offer that needed support and understanding.

"If they can pick up a book and see someone else has been through it. That was my goal, to be cathartic, a resource for parents," Smith said.

He said he hopes the book becomes a fixture in NICUs. Smith said his religious faith was important to him during the down periods and especially the

support of the Rev. David Brown of Ward's Presbyterian who baptized Elizabeth in the hospital.

Smith's book is a generally positive view of medical care and the dedication of doctors and nurses.

"Communication between doctors and parents is critical," Smith said. "Give caregivers a little slack. Parents need to be informed as much as possible and understand everything."

Today, Elizabeth, "Bizzy Girl" to her parents, is a healthy 4-year-old, with the usual childhood illnesses. She's doing fine, as her father knew she would. After all, Tim Smith was born in December of 1956 and wasn't due until March of 1957.

"Miracle Births" will be in bookstores beginning May 1. Smith will begin a round of book signings and radio and television appearances. In July he will be signing books at a conference in Chicago for the Alexis Foundation for Premature Infants and Children, headquartered in Birmingham.

ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

OPERA TODAY

The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's fifth annual "Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition" for high school students reaches its final stage when 10 finalists take to the stage 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at the Italian American Cultural Center in Warren.

Tickets are \$7, \$5 seniors/high school students, and available at the door. For more information, call Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan president John Zaretti at (734) 455-8895 or the Italian American Cultural Society at

(810) 751-2855

Nearly 50 students submitted cassette audio tapes of two Italian classical songs or opera arias of their choice. At the concert, each finalist will be required to sing their two songs from memory. Each of the 10 finalists receive cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. This year's judges are Jeanette Dagger, University of Windsor voice professor; Karen VanderKloot-DiChiera, composer, writer, educator and director of Michigan Opera Theatre's community programs, and George Shirley, University of Michigan School of Music professor.

The 10 finalists are Natalie Conte, Warren; Kathryn Drake, Big Rapids; Peter Freddolino, Okemos; Tamara Grove, Traverse City; Laura Lane, Marysville; April Marzec,

Chelsea; Laura Nanes, Beverly Hills; Julia Rosen, East Lansing; Melody Yerke, Royal Oak, and Davin Youngs, Oostego.

ART AUCTION

The Scarab Club holds its annual art auction noon Sunday, May 2 at 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Admission is \$5. Proceeds go towards restoring the historic Scarab Club built in 1928. For more information, call (313) 831-1250.

Livonia artists Jack Olds, Al Weber, Eileen Bibby, and Arthur Parquette have donated works. The silent auction runs noon to 2 p.m. The live auction begins at 2:30 p.m.

STUDENT ART

Clareneville Public Schools shows off its students' art May 1-23 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

An opening reception for the artists takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.

Regular viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call teacher John Watson at (248) 473-8926.

VAAL ART EXHIBIT

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents their annual art exhibit and sale May 4-28 in the lobby of Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

A mix of mediums will be exhibited by 36 artists. Regina Dunne won the Livonia Arts

Commission Award, Best of Show, and third place in mixed media. Joan Boerger took the Grumbacher Award. First place winners were Ann Niparka (oil), Margaret Malott (watercolor) and Beverly Johnston (mixed media).

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

OPENING RECEPTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a reception to meet artists Michelle Hegyi and Mary Reusch 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 7 at the Joanne Winkler Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth.

An exhibit of their recent works continues through May 26. Hegyi, an Israeli-born artist who earned a mathematics degree in the U.S., speaks about her work 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19 during an art exhibition committee luncheon. She will explain the process involved in her Mylar paintings and how the computer can be used to create works of art. Tickets are \$20, includes luncheon.

Create colorful and creative art works on fabric during a two-part batik workshop 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 8 and another date as yet unannounced. No experience needed.

The cost is \$30 and includes all materials. At least two sessions are needed to finish the work begun in the first class. Students can arrange an ongoing workshop. For more information about the exhibit, luncheon or workshop, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

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Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

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ANTIQUES SHOWS, ART FAIRS

ANTIQUÉ/COLLECTIBLE SALE
Sponsored by the White Lake Historical Society, May 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Kelley-Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Rd. (M-59), White Lake. Rent a space at (248) 887-5959.

ANN ARBOR ARTISANS' MARKET
Features fine arts and handmade crafts by 50 Michigan artists. Open every Sunday through December starting May 2 at Farmers' Market at Kerrytown, 315 Detroit, Ann Arbor.

ANN ARBOR SPRING ART FAIR
21st anniversary art fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., May 2, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

BIRMINGHAM FINE ARTS
More than 300 exhibitors at this 17th annual event. May 8-9 at Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

FARMINGTON FEST OF ARTS
Farmington Artists Club's annual Festival of the Arts, May 2, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission free; (248) 473-1816.

MEADOWBROOK MALL ART SHOW
Spring Art Show May 3-9 at Meadowbrook Mall, Walton Blvd. and Adams Rd. in Rochester; (248) 652-4830.

"PLYMOUTH IS ARTRAGEOUS"
Annual art walk weekend May 14-16 featuring artists and entertainment in downtown Plymouth.

ROYAL OAK ART WALK
More than a dozen galleries will be open on May 5, 5-9 p.m. in downtown Royal Oak.

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

ARBOR CONSORT
Meeting for summer Renaissance season, May 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Concordia College Krefl Center for the Arts, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor; (734) 665-7823.

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
Auditions for the Charles E. Shontz Strings Scholarship, 10 a.m., May 15. Applicants must be high school graduates, between ages of 18-22. Michigan residents, and perform violin, viola, cello or string bass. First Baptist Church, Willis Street (at Bates Street), Birmingham; (248) 375-9534.

CALL FOR ENTRIES
Livonia Arts Commission seeks artists interested in exhibiting work in a juried show in conjunction with the Livonia Arts Festival, held June 12-13 at Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh & 8 Mile Road. Entry fee: \$25. Call (734) 422-6400.

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

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

EISENHOWER DANCE AUDITIONS
Audition for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble on June 12, 1 p.m. at EDE Center for Dance, 1541 W. Hamlin in Rochester. Call (248) 370-3024.

EXHIBITORS NEEDED
"A Fair to Remembrance" on Oct 16-17 at St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 East Maple, Troy is seeking exhibitors for an arts and crafts show. Call (248) 932-5636.

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibition fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Call (248) 851-5438.

KIWAHS KAVALERS
Canadian drum & bugle corps seeks performers ages 14-21 for summer tour. Call (416) 241-2968.

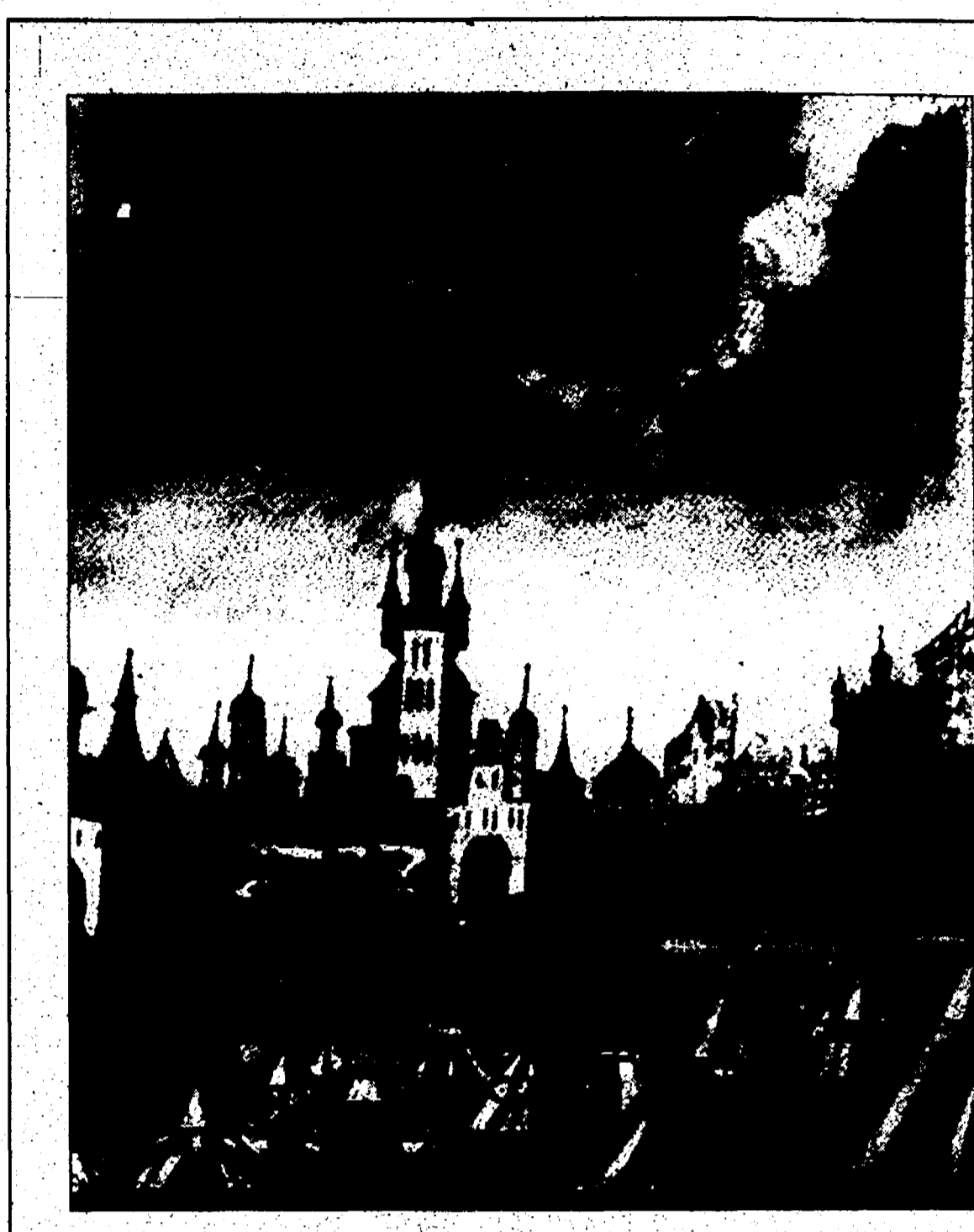
MEADOW BROOK THEATRE QUID
Jurying for 8th annual "Spotlights," an art, craft and gift show, 7-9 p.m., May 6 & May 20. Oakland Center; (248) 656-1170.

METROPOLITAN SINGERS OF SOUTHFIELD
An adult choir of mixed voices is looking for new singers, especially men, to sing blues, pops, hit tunes and folk tunes. Choir meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Birney Middle School vocal room, 27000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield.

MICH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
Auditions for experienced actors to perform at the 20th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, held Aug. 14-Sept. 26. Auditions on Saturday, May 8 by appointment only.

"OUR TOWN" CALL FOR ARTISTS
Michigan artists invited to submit work for jurying in the 1999 "Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale," held Oct. 13-17. All work must be submitted on slides by July 30. For application: The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009; (248) 594-6403.

PLYMOUTH COMM. ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS
Gilbert Camp Memorial and Plymouth Community Arts Council Fine Arts Camp Scholarships for any student in grades 6-11 who resides in



Spiritual history: "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary" are on exhibit through June 6 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

Plymouth/Canton and plans to attend summer fine arts camp. **Jeanne Winkelman Huice Interlochen Arts Camp Scholarship** for any student in grades 6-11 who resides in Canton area and has applied to the seven-week Interlochen Summer Arts Camp. **Margaret E. Wilson Scholarship for the Performing Arts** for any graduating senior who is a resident of Canton area, accepted in accredited professional program in the performing arts for fall. Applications due by 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1999. Applications for scholarships available through fine arts teachers and the PCAC office, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4ART.

CLASSES

ART MUSEUM PROJECT/UM DEARBORN
Non-credit studio art classes and workshops through March. Programs led by instructors from the area, including Bill Girard, Grace Serra, Mary Stephenson, Donna Vogelheim. For information, (734) 593-5058.

BALLROOM DANCING
Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield will hold a class in ballroom dancing on May 4. Women's Dance and Teen Dance are held Tuesday evenings beginning May 4. Call (248) 661-1000.

BASKETRY LECTURE
Lissa Hunter will discuss the contemporary basket movement May 3, noon at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham; (248) 544-3388.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Offers a range of art classes. Spring term through June 19. New offerings: beginning drama for youth, oil lacquer miniature painting class, stone sculpture design, "The Artist's Way," "A History of Women in the Visual Arts," and "Go Forth Further." 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call for more information, (248) 644-0866.

CRANBROOK CHAMBER MUSIC ACADEMY
Adults, June 14-18; High school/college, June 21-25. Entrance based on taped audition. Deadline for application is May 14, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3678.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Spring classes through June 5. Classes for children, teens and adults. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Classes for adults, educators and youth. Call for details, (313) 833-4249, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Classes for age 3 and up. All levels of classes for recreational and professional students, including modern, ballet, pointe, tap and jazz. 1541 W. Hamlin Road, between Crooks and Livernols, Rochester Hills; (248) 852-5850.

GARDEN CITY FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Art classes now through May 20, ART Gallery/Studio, 29948 Ford Road, Sheridan Square, Garden City; (734) 513-4044.

GEIGER CLASSIC BALLET ACADEMY
Newly refurbished dance studio opening for new enrollment, 782 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 334-1300.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
"A Century of American Jewish History, Culture and Thought," May 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES
Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield; (248) 932-8699.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
LCE is accepting applications for Summer Chamber Music Camp '99, featuring the Arianna String Quartet. Camp times & dates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 6-17. Held on the Eastern Michigan campus, Ypsilanti. Program open to students ages 9-13, and senior camp open to students ages 12-17. Junior Camp is open to string players only, ages 9-11, who play at Suzuki Book 4 level or higher. Application deadline: May 5. Call (248) 357-1111.

METRO DANCE
Preschool and adult classes, 541 S. Mill, Plymouth; (734) 207-8970.

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Three summer workshops: Drama Workshop for Youth, July 19-23. Register by June 25; Annual Show Choir Workshop, July 25-31, register by May 28; 15th Annual Piano Workshop, Aug. 1-6, register by June 1. Call (810) 286-2017.

PAINT CREEK CENTER
Spring semester runs through June 12. Classes for preschoolers to adults. 407 Pine Street, Rochester; For a brochure, call (248) 651-4110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Classes & workshops for all ages. Live model session 9:30 a.m.-noon, every third Tuesday of the month. 774 N. Sheldon Road. For schedule, call (734) 416-4278.

QUILT CLASS
Merry Silber, quilt show curator, appraiser and judge will discuss quilts on May 15-24 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; (248) 948-0470.

SWAN HILL GALLERY
Free life-drawing art classes, open to anyone. Other classes on oil and acrylic painting, pencil, watercolor, pastels and sculpture 1-4 p.m. Sundays. 1250 Library Street, Detroit; (313) 965-4826.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Classes for students grades 1-12 in scene study, Broadway dance, hip hop, improvisation, Saturdays, through May 15, Cathedral Theatre, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit; (313) 535-8962.

CONCERTS

B'HAM CONCERT BAND
Spring concert, "Fanfare for Spring," 3 p.m., May 2, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road, Groves High School Auditorium, 20500 W. 13 Mile Road.

B'HAM MUSICALS
Free concerts at Tel-Twelve Mall, Monday-Thursday, May 3-6 during mall hours in observation of National Music Week (NMW); also Troy in celebration of NMW on May 8 at noon, Somerset Collection South; (248) 443-1494.

BRENTANO STRING QUARTET
With pianist Mitsuko Uchida, 8 p.m., May 11. Sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit; (248) 737-9980.

DETROIT BLUES SOCIETY
Blue Moon Art Happening every Friday 6-9 p.m. at the Swann Gallery. Live poetry reading and art auction. 1250 Library St. (313) 965-4826.

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS
"Whoopie for Winds and Strings," 4:30 p.m. Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 362-9329.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
American pianist Awadagin Pratt performs Beethoven's Concerto No. 3; 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2. Rozhdstvensky conducts Liszt's Dante Symphony, May 6-8. Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, May 9, 8 p.m. at the Bloomfield Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

THE DUTTONS
Bring their blend of country, folk, classical and bluegrass to the Southfield Centre for the arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 3 p.m., May 2. Admission \$10. call (248) 424-9022.

EUPHONIA PIANO QUARTET
May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Twp.; (248) 642-5800.

FOLK VESPER
"The RED Boys," a bluegrass band, 6 p.m., May 2. First Baptist Church, corner of Willis and Bates streets; (248) 644-0550.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
Annual concert honoring Farmington's handicapped and senior citizens 3 p.m., May 2, William Costick Activity Center, 11 Mile Road (east of Middlebelt) Farmington Hills. Admission is free, refreshments will be served. Call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS
"Going Places," the 20th annual spring concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 7-8, Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills; (248) 788-5322.

KERRYTOWN CONCERT HOUSE
Jaap Blonk, Mats Gustafsson and Michael Zerang perform music and poetry on May 4, 8 p.m. Jazz saxophonist Lee Kowitz, May 8 at 7 and 9 p.m. at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor; (734) 769-2999.

LIVONIA SYMPHONY
Season finale "String Genda," May 15, 7:30 p.m. at Carli Auditorium, Church Hill High School, Newburgh and Joy Roads in Livonia; (734) 421-1111.

MADRIGAL CHORALE
Spring concert 4 p.m., May 2, Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$15. \$12 seniors and students. (248) 546-5733.

MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY
"Measure for Measure," 4 p.m., May 2, Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin; (248) 626-6606.

MICHIGAN FLUTE ORCHESTRA
May 16, 5 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, Franklin; (248) 626-6606.

OAKLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA
World premiere of "Car Trek," 7:30 p.m., May 5, Varner Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$5; (248) 652-2526.

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Presents its 13th choral concert 8 p.m., May 8, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Program includes "Mass in G" by Schubert and Chichester Psalms by Bernstein; (734) 455-8353.

PRO MUSICA
Soprano Bridgett Hooks May 14, 8:30

p.m. in the Recital Hall of the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 886-5639.

G.S. SACHDEV AND SWAPAN CHAUDHURI
Master flutist and percussionist perform at Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, May 15, 7 p.m. Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills

SOMERSET COLLECTION
All-Gershwin program on Steinway & Sons' Rhapsody piano, May 2 at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
The Canadian Brass 6 p.m., May 8, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor; (734) 936-6837.

VFW - CALL FOR ARTISTS
Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards, open to high school students, grades 9-12. Grand prize \$3000. For applications contact VFW Post 2645, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48034; (248) 225-4679.

ZAMIR CHORALE
Annual spring concert, "Elijah's Violin," a musical rendering of the Jewish folk tale, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road; (248) 851-8560.

DANCE

PAUL TAYLOR DANCE CO.
8 p.m. May 6, 7 & 8; 2 p.m. May 9 at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit; (313) 237-SING, or (248) 645-6666.

THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"Don't Dress for Dinner," 2 p.m., May 2; 8 p.m., May 7-8 and May 14-15; 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road). Tickets \$12. (248) 553-2955.

FUNDRAISER

MICH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
The Michigan Renaissance Festival offers invite local charities and nonprofits to earn donation dollars by providing volunteers in Renaissance costumes to operate beer, wine and food booths. Call (800) 601-4848.

TOURS

CRANBROOK HOUSE
Guided House tour 1:30 & 3 p.m., May 9, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3149.

VOLUNTEERS

ANIMATION NETWORK CLUB
Looking for artists such as animators or comedians who would like to be featured on cable. For more information, contact Jane Dabish, president, P.O. Box 251651, West Bloomfield, MI, 48325-1651; (248) 626-2285.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Gallery Service volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum galleries. Training session 1:30-3:30 p.m., Holley Room, DIA, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-0247.

FAR CONSERVATORY
Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile Road at Newburgh, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Web site: mccb.org, or contact MCB. Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road; (248) 349-0376.

WORKSHOPS

CRANBROOK RETREAT FOR WRITERS
Workshops in fiction, poetry, screenwriting, essay, and other genres. Three sessions - July 9-13, July 9-11, July 14-18. Register by May 15. Call (248) 645-3664.

UNDERSTANDING THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY
Wayne State grad Bonnie Barvin's two day workshop for aspiring writers trying to break in the entertainment industry, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., May 15-16. The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham; (248) 644-2476.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through May 14 - "The 1999 Cranbrook Academy of Art Graduate Degree Show," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3313.

DIA
Through June 6 - "Treasures of Jewish Cultural Heritage from the Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary," through June 27 - "Walker Evans Simple Secrets. Photographs from the Collection of Marian and Benjamin A. Hill, through May 23 - 62nd annual Detroit Public Schools Student Exhibition, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through May 16 - "An Illustrated History of Negro Leagues Baseball," 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

U OF M MUSEUM OF ART
Through July 3 - "Seeing it Through: Faculty Artists from the School of Art & Design," 525 South State, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
May 14 - Solo exhibition of retrospective works by Lillian Mitchell, through June 13. Opening reception May 14, 6-8 p.m. 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 626-5022.

CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES
May 14 - Annual student exhibition opens May 14 with a patron's preview 5-6 p.m. and opening reception 6-8 p.m. Tickets required, call (313)664-7464. Opens free to the public on Saturday, May 15 through Sunday, May 30, 201 East Kirby, Detroit; (313) 872-3118.

CARY GALLERY
May 8 - New paintings by Mary Aro, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY
May 6 - "Seven Hands On" exhibition and sale of art of seven Jewish artists. Opening reception May 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Show runs through May 20, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
May 7 - New paintings by DeLoss McGraw and Otto Duecker through May 29. Opening reception May 7, 6-8 p.m. 107 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
May 5 - "Editions: Printmaking '99" juried exhibit to recognize emerging printmakers, through May 28, 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 334-6716.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY
May 4 - "Please Touch!," an unusual exhibit for all your senses. Through June 18, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
May 7 - Recent works of Michelle A. Hegyi and Mary J. Reusch, through May 26, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 416-4278.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
May 3 - Birmingham Society of Women Painters' 55th Anniversary Show, through May 28, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

SOUTH OAKLAND ART ASSOC.
May 2 - "Art Scapes," an annual spring show, through May 14, The American Center Bldg., 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield; (248) 855-5177.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
May 4 - Joyce Grace "Personal Myths" images in watercolor, through May 29, 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor; (734) 761-2287.

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COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY
Through May 7 - An undergraduate exhibition of Wayne State students. 150 Community Arts Bldg., Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through May 8 - "Fruits & Vegetables," featuring the work of Bruce Campbell, Jon Hall, Richard Jerzy, Norman Laiberte, Lori Lytle, Giulio Pallone, Burke Peterson, Carol Sams, Nan Schaff and Michael Zigmoad, 162 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Through May 14 - Recent works by Dana Freeman, Paul Sacardimith, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit; (313) 393-1770.

DIA
Through May 15 - Center for Creative Studies and U of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture in a collaborative exhibit speculating on the possibilities of urban development, 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 872-3118.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY
Through June 4 - "Self Portraits" by Susanna Coffey, Daniel Leary and Susan Hauptman, 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through June 19 - "In Honor of Water," a group exhibit, 32782 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak; (248) 647-7709.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
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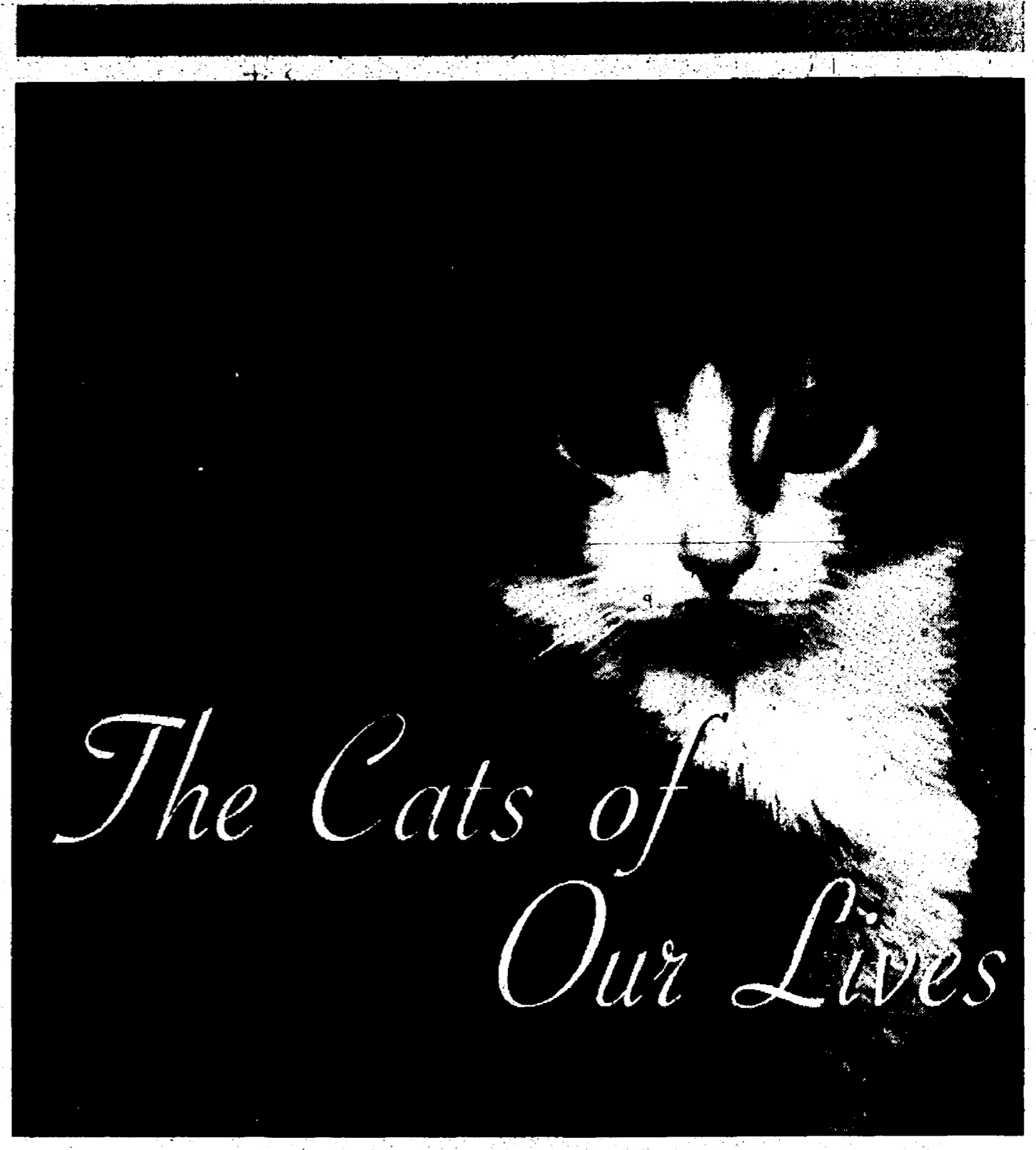
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Through May 28 - Mixed media of Jane Hammond, 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
Through May 24 - Exhibit of Junior and Senior High School students of Clarenceville Schools, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

LIVONIA CITY HALL LOBBY
Through May 28 - Exhibit by members of the Visual Art Association of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia; (734) 466-2540.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase, Star, and United Artists.



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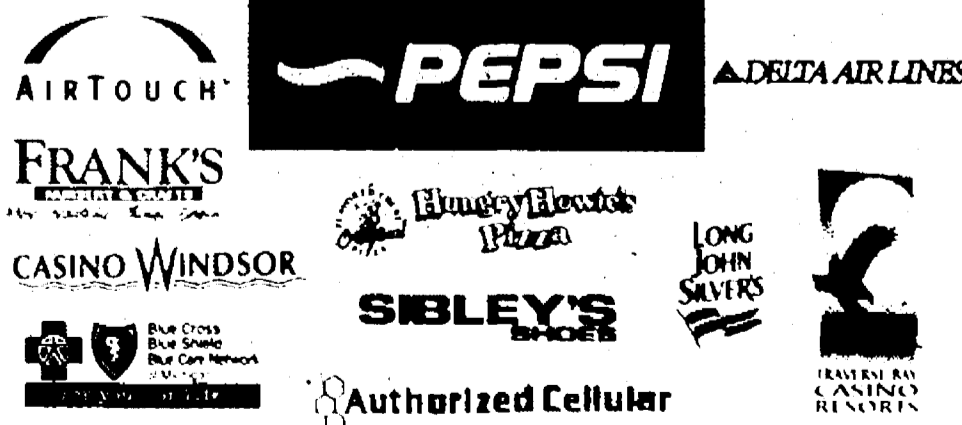
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DENISE RODGERS

Dear Jewelry Lady,
Is there anything besides mother's rings that we can buy our mother this year for Mother's Day? There are six children in the family, and she already has a mother's ring.
Devoted Siblings

Dear Devoted,
Good news! Jewelry designers work overtime coming up with ideas for devoted adult children to give their mothers.

Mother's rings, those wedding-band style designs set with the birthstones of a mother's children (and grandchildren) is a perennial favorite.

Other classic Mother's Day jewelry gifts include Madonna-and-Child pendants, children charms, some set with birthstones, and gem-studded or enameled baby-shoe charms.

Take a stroll through a couple of fine jewelry stores. I promise you'll find all kinds of tempting gifts. There's enough out there to bring out maternal feelings in all of us.

Dear Jewelry Lady,

When I shake my ring close to my ear. I can hear the stone rattle. Should I bend the prongs to make it sit tighter in the setting?

Handy Andi

Dear Handy,

While you may be a talented person, The Jewelry Lady doesn't understand why you would consider undertaking a task generally reserved for experienced bench jewelers.

My advice is to remove your ring, immediately place it in a secure plastic bag and drive directly to your jeweler. He or she will examine your ring under magnification and let you know whether the gem or mounting is worn or broken. If all is well, the jeweler will simply tighten the fit.

Keep in mind you may have to leave your ring for repair. It also might require prong re-tipping or replacement.

But unless you are an experienced bench jeweler in clever disguise, don't do this yourself!

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I really like antique jewelry, but I'm not really confident enough to buy it. I'm afraid I'll be taken. How can you tell an antique from a fake?

Novice Antique Buyer

Dear Novice,

If you are serious about buying antique jewelry or becoming a collector, you'll have to invest some time acquiring knowledge.

I suggest browsing the antique and collectible sections of your local library and at one of those oversized bookstores for reading material.

Go to flea markets, antique shows and jewelry stores with estate and antique jewelry departments, and ask questions.

Also, hold some pieces in your hands. Turn each over and look at the clasps and the backs of stones. Locate stamped markings and look at those.

In other words, give yourself a complete education, and when you are through, you will be ready to make your first purchase.

Your safest bet is to buy from an established jeweler with a good reputation, rather than from a dealer at a traveling antique show. If you second guess your purchase, tracking down such a dealer is much more difficult.

Don't forget to ask for written appraisals verifying age and value when making your purchases.

Only you will know when you have the knowledge and experience to make more daring purchases. So, do your homework, be prepared, and, most of all, enjoy the hunt!

Dear Jewelry Lady,

I want to find a perfect emerald with no flaws. One jeweler I visited told me such a stone would be extremely expensive. Is that true?

Seeking the Perfect Emerald

Dear Seeking,

Yes, it's true. Flawless emeralds are incredibly rare. Flaws are so common in the gem, jewelers and gemologists use the word "jardin," which is French for "garden," as a euphemism to describe them.

If you examine their flaws under a microscope, you'll see they resemble foliage.

Depth of color in emeralds also affects price and value. In fact, a flawless emerald stone with a deep emerald-green color may be more valuable than many like-sized diamonds.

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

MOTHER'S DAY Make It Special

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

Floral and feminine: Tiffany & Company's 18-karat gold, Dogwood jewelry collection, a gift she would never buy for herself, is available at the retailer's store at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

Gifts for Mother's Day abound, but when it comes to presents, mothers savor, more than anything else, ingenuity, thoughtfulness and nostalgia.

So, while you're doing your shopping for mom this week, keep in mind ways to personalize those stylish and sought-after items on her wish list.

You may even want to save a few dollars and a little extra time to buy a roll of floral wrapping paper or assemble your mother's favorite photographs in a photo album.



Gift of art: Give a one-of-a-kind gift - art from the Birmingham Fine Art Festival, which runs May 8-9 in Shain Park.

As always, jewelry, perfume and scented body products are items women rarely buy for themselves, but always enjoy receiving and having.

Particularly popular and in vogue this season is jewelry with a light touch.

Jacobson's in Birmingham, Rochester and Livonia carries a line of freshwater pearls - another trend this season - strung on transparent MicroCord, which gives pearls the appearance of floating on a woman's neck or wrist.

Available in white or gray, Jacobson's Honora freshwater pearl collection runs \$90-210.

Also sprightly is Tiffany & Company's Dogwood jewelry collection, available at the retailer's store at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

Playing off the spring flower, the collection incorporates 18-karat gold, diamonds and cultured pearls, with pieces between \$825 and \$900.

While most women prefer particular fragrances, some like to try new ones. For those with moms willing to take a gamble, consider Neiman Marcus' new fragrance collection, S.T. Dupont Pour



Bath favorites: Unique body products like these Portuguese soaps, herbal sea salts and tub tonic from the Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe in Clarkston, make for great Mother's Day treats.

Femme.

Also, keep in mind most department stores and bath and body companies introduce new lines of scented products every spring.

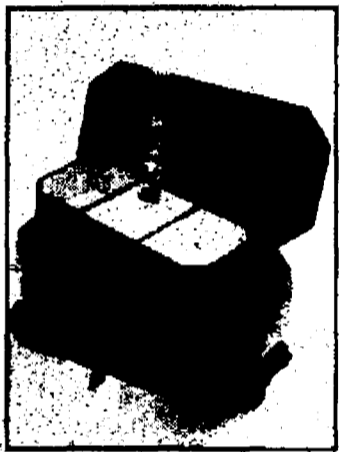
Hudson's new line, for example, is called Repose. The collection includes body washes, body sprays, bath salts, creams, potpourri, scented organza pillows, soaps and candles all in four different scents.

Citrus is Repose's dominant scent, and the collection's products are available singularly or in gift sets for between \$4 and \$55.

Other less obvious accessories that make for wonderful gifts and hit the mark this season include silk scarves, small purses with embroidery, beading and other embellishments, hair clips and headbands trimmed with faux jewels, sunglasses with pale-colored frames and tank shells in cotton, silk or knit blends.

Whatever the purchase may be, keep in mind your mother's taste, interests and style.

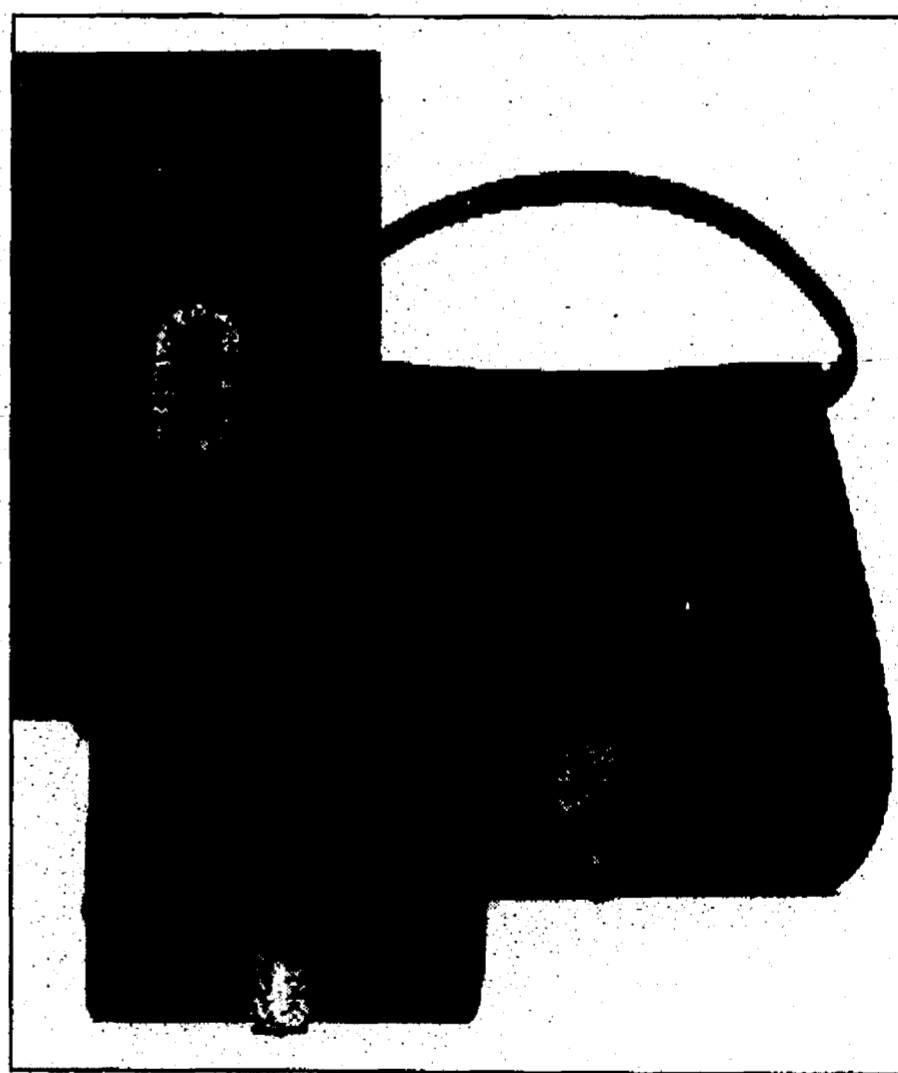
Most importantly, don't forget to devise a way to impart a few special thoughts.



Keepsake: Give a keepsake, like this wood jewelry box from Jacobson's. It may come as a welcome surprise.



Light touch: Jewelry with a light touch is particularly in vogue this year. At left, Honora freshwater pearls in white and gray from Jacobson's.



Details: Handbags with faux gems, beads and other details make for a personal but stylish Mother's Day gift.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 2

BRIDAL REGISTRATION EVENT

Hudson's assists future brides and grooms make their bridal registry selections in a relaxed atmosphere with experienced registration staff prior to regular store hours. Reservations are required. The special event also runs May 16 and May 30. Event times are: 9:30 a.m., Oakland Mall in Troy, (248) 597-2056; 9:30 a.m., The Somerset Collection in Troy, (248) 816-4721; 9 a.m., Twelve Oaks Mall in Troy, (248) 344-7071; and 9:30 a.m., Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, (810) 566-2940.

MONDAY, MAY 3

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield celebrates National

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Music Week with live performances by local school and community groups through May 7, Center Court stage. Schedules are available at Mall Customer Service.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

SANSAPPELLE TRUNK SHOW

Roz & Sherm, at 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, hosts a Sansappelle trunk show with store owner Ina Sherman through May 5, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

DAVID DART'S FASHION

Hudson's hosts David Dart and his spring collection with a fashion show at The Somerset Collection in Troy, 11:45 a.m., and a reception with informal modeling at the Twelve Oaks store, 7-8:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Women's Economic Club. For tickets, call (248) 963-5088.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

Wonderland Mall in Livonia presents an arts and crafts show for Mother's Day during regular mall hours through May 9.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

THE HISTORY OF FRAGRANCE

Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, holds a special breakfast event in honor of Mother's Day, including a presentation about the history of fragrance by Guerlain at 9 a.m. Samples fragrances and Mother's Day gift ideas will be available at noon. Cosmetics and Fragrances, first floor. For reservations, call (248) 643-9000 ext. 261.

GARDENING TIPS

Garden writer and expert Nancy Szerlog demonstrates how to plant an indoor garden, shares garden accessory ideas and answers questions at Art Van Furniture in Waterford, 1-3 p.m.

FINE ART FESTIVAL

Shain Park in downtown Birmingham hosts the Birmingham Fine Art Festival featuring 300 artists, entertainment, food and children's activity booths through May 9. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., May 8 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 9.

Everyday jewelry

Steven Lagos talks about jewelry's new fashion role

Jewelry designer Steven Lagos, known for creating highly-crafted, fine jewelry suitable for everyday wear, recently visited Neiman Marcus at The Somerset Collection in Troy to speak with customers and present his new Arcadian Collection. We sat down with Lagos to ask him about his new pieces and jewelry's changing role in fashion and style.

Q: In your opinion, what is the role of jewelry in fashion today?

Lagos: Jewelry is interesting because it is not strictly a fashion item. The idea of women buying jewelry for themselves is really a new idea, something that has happened in the last 10 years. Prior to that, it was typically a gift type thing, and so it had a lot of other significance to it. Today ... I think fashion has been played down a lot, and jewelry has been played up a lot. So, as casual dressing has become more popular, all the accessories have become much more the fashion.

Q: Why do you think jewelry's role has changed?

Lagos: I think that there are cultural shifts. (There are) women in the work place in a much more significant way. ... The other thing that's happened is there's this whole other breed of jewelry, and it's one of things that we pioneered as a company. Typically, there was costume jewelry and there was precious jewelry. Now there's this whole big bridge market.

Q: Define your jewelry. What does it represent?

Lagos: It's about lifestyle. ... It's everyday jewelry. It's travel jewelry.

Q: Are there some jewelry elements that you think are particularly in vogue at the moment?

Lagos: I see the whole white thing as being a trend - the white topaz that we're doing so well with. Jewelry people want neutral right now. The hematite is doing really well right now, which is that silver-gray. Black is trending really strongly right now.

Q: How does your Arcadian Collection fit into those trends?

Lagos: There's a bit of nostalgia in it for me. ... Looking at where we are, getting ready for the year 2000 ... there's this whole thing going on - this idea of things becoming very modern and very streamlined. ... All the designers right now are prone to be very nostalgic. The Arcadian Collection is about heightened detail, it's anything but streamlined. It's very embellished, very feminine.

Q: What should women look for in jewelry today?



Recalling antiquity: Heavy on details, Steven Lagos' Arcadian Collection, available at Neiman Marcus at The Somerset Collection in Troy, is anything but sleek and modern. The designer says the pieces are nostalgic.

Q: What's the most important piece of jewelry for spring and summer?

Lagos: I always think earrings are one of the most important pieces. A woman isn't necessarily dressed without earrings on. But I think pendants are very important right now.

Q: What's your favorite piece in the Arcadian Collection for a Mother's Day gift?

Lagos: I like hearts. I do a lot of hearts, and we've done an Arcadian heart. ... (Hearts) can be a little bit cliché and we try to make (them) fun.

Special Editor Nicole Stafford

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 991-2555 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:

Ken's Casuals Inc. will re-strap outdoor furniture, 1352 Combermere, Unit L in Troy, (248) 585-6629.

Popweaver popcorn can be found at the Wal-Mart store at I-96 & Middlebelt Road. Act II popcorn is available at JCM Vending, (313) 537-6999.

We found a 1950s, loose leaf, Betty Crocker cookbook with pictures (1961 and 1978 editions). Maybeline's Ultra Brow brush-on color in brown can be purchased at the F & M store at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

For Mrs. Murphy, we found a soft plastic hair dryer.

For Diane, we located an oak table phonograph.

For Don, we found a 1972 Henry Ford High School yearbook that he can look at, but not purchase.

A half-inch, brush, curling iron can be found at local beauty supply stores, according to one reader.

Lauren called to say she has

purchased Kobbie Cuddlers at Kmart stores.

Rochele called to say the Cadbury Beverage Corporation bottles Hires Root Beer. The drink isn't available in Michigan, but can be purchased at a Foodtown store located in Toledo, Ohio at the Michigan border.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Julie is looking for Fox's Whole Mealbrand crackers, an English biscuit.

Kathy is looking for "Viva Italia" dishes in white with red and green stripes. Hudson's stores formerly carried them.

Florence is looking for White Wizard spot remover and all-purpose cleaner.

Stacey is looking for summer-theme serving pieces shaped like a watermelon. Hudson's carried the dishes in the summer in 1995 and 1996.

Sherrie is looking for a Goldilocks cookie jar made by Regal in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Toni is looking for Brown Bread in a can. The item contains raisins and is used as a dessert by B & M.

Dino is looking for a business that recovers large lampshades for a reasonable price.

Young Ashley, of Redford, is looking for backstage passes to the July 31, "In Sync" concert at the Silverdome.

Jill is looking for Revlon's Moondrops lipstick in Mocha Pocha #70.

Joyce is looking for a four-piece set of Corolle dishes in the pattern "Mirage."

Emile would like to find new or used parts and accessories for a Honeywell slide projector (model #620).

Al is looking for two, Wilson fairway woods, a #3 and a #5.

Sam is looking for two 1957 De LaSalle High School yearbooks.

Dorothy needs Eastern High School yearbooks, two from 1940 and one from 1941.

Joanne is looking for a place where Colombo yogurt is sold.

Leo is looking for Miracle Berries and Pop Knots popcorn, products he saw advertised on television.

Diane would like to find a machine that cuts walls and can be used in rug-hooking. The machine she is thinking of has a hand-held crank.

Delores is looking for a glass stem for a six-cup Pyrex glass percolator.

Mary wants men's Britannia pants and women's Kobbie Cuddler Velcro tennis shoes.

Faye is searching for a 1953 Central High School yearbook.

Yvonne is looking for a black, ceramic, butter dish with a lid.

Dorothy would like to find Plymouth/Canton High School yearbooks from 1985, 1987 and 1992.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

Great Lakes offers incentives to mall walkers

Turn your tired workout into a daily adventure at Great Lakes Crossing during the Michigan Walking Adventure, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network.

As of April 19, each time shoppers lace up their walking shoes to exercise at the Auburn Hills mall, they will come closer to valuable coupons and other prizes related to travel in Michigan and shopping at Great Lakes Crossing.

The first 400 individuals to register for the program will receive a free gift and double

points for their Michigan Walking Adventure card.

When you register for the program, you'll receive a card to swipe through a computerized reader that tracks the number of times you walk at Great Lakes Crossing. Each time you walk, you'll receive points as you travel toward one of 22 Michigan cities depicted in colorful and informative displays.

When you reach each destination, you'll receive comprehensive information about the city and valuable coupons for its hotels, restaurants, and other attractions. You'll also receive

coupons redeemable at stores at Great Lakes Crossing.

"I hope many members of the community join us as we begin this wonderful adventure," said Glenda Cole, the mall's marketing director. "Where else can you get your exercise, earn valuable prizes and plan your next vacation, all at once?"

To make sure walkers stay motivated, everyone who completes the Michigan Walking Adventure will be registered for a chance to win a \$5,000 shopping spree at Great Lakes Crossing.

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Family finds adventure in rain forest of Costa Rica

BY ROGER WHEELER
SPECIAL WRITER

"What," begins the proverbial question "did you do over your Christmas vacation?"

"Well," I reply, in a voice tinged with the sly cleverness of someone about to give a completely unexpected answer, "over Christmas I... rode in an aerial tram through the top of a rain forest looking down on the vast multi-green carpet below; went horseback riding; took a river raft trip; watched beneath a star-filled sky as red-hot molten lava slid down the side of a volcano; strapped myself into a harness and cabled through the forest canopy; ate several delicious meals at a beautiful lodge 5,400 feet up in the mountains; witnessed a huge leatherback sea turtle laying eggs on a moonlit sandy beach; enjoyed a leisurely ride down a wildlife infested river, even seeing a baby monkey swimming for its life."

I went to Costa Rica.

My wife, Sharon, and adult son, Chris, and I were part of a 15-person tour, sponsored by the Detroit Zoological Society, in conjunction with the Park East tour agency, which after a circuitous series of airplane trips enjoyed 10 wonderful days in this sunny, congenial Central American country. Ours was actually one of two Detroit Zoo tours, exploring Costa Rica.

The zoo representative accompanying our group was Andy Snider, curator of herpetology (snakes and reptiles). Our trip was marked by adventure, ecology and pura vida (Costa Rican greeting meaning both hello and good-bye, but literally translated as "pure life"). All stitched together by long, bumpy, back bruising bus rides.

On our first day in Costa Rica, we were whisked off, early in the morning, to Braulio Carrillo National Park and its exciting new Rain Forest Aerial Tram, where we were loaded into a five- or six-person cable cars and launched into the vast multi-green. From our gliding perch high above the lush rain forest floor we had an excellent view of the flora and birdlife all around,



Gliding: Roger Wheeler goes for a ride through the rain forest of Costa Rica.

as enthusiastically pointed out by our eager and knowledgeable naturalist guide.

The highlight of the trip was the sighting of a Great Curacao, large multi-colored turkey-sized birds. Our guide was visibly excited as he heard the word of the sighting, ecstatic as he found the Great Curacao and pointed them out to us and still trembling as he recorded the sighting in his bird book.

We first sighted the volcano through the dusty front windshield of our bus in the early evening haze of our first day in Costa Rica. As we bumped along the rough, washed out road, we first saw the volcano as a faint gray outline slowly emerging from the dust on the windshield.

Later it came to dominate our forward vision, then our conscious thoughts; it was an ever-present hulk on our horizon, Volcan Arenal. It was often shrouded in mist.

We at last pulled into Las Cabanitas, past the open-air dining room and on to our rustic cabins amid a refreshing little

rain squall. We ate dinner at 8:30 at a place down the road. Afterwards we went to a lookout point on the side of the road where we watched long, thin strips of molten lava emerge, slide down the silhouetted side of the volcano, separate and then disappear.

Gliding

We read that we might explore the rain forest canopy by gliding through it a hundred feet up using a system of harnesses and cables. Or, we could choose the "skywalk," a series of suspension bridges connecting the beautiful rain forest trails. I wanted to do both; either would be great, but the harness-and-cable option looked like the greater adventure.

We ascended into mountain higher than 5,000 feet. Even as we marveled at foggy-green panoramas, out toward the inky blue Pacific in the distance, I wondered whether we would get to Monteverde in time to register for the canopy glide. We dined on octopus and rice for lunch, went

on afternoon tours and had an elegant dinner of garlic mussels and mushroom bisque with a delightful Chilean cabernet sauvignon.

Up the next morning, the eight gliders among us left early, taking our bus into town where we transferred into a faded khaki green Korean-war vintage army truck. At the canopy glide headquarters we were fitted with harnesses, equipped with a pulley and given heavy leather gloves.

We were led anxiously up an incline and along a lovely rain forest trail. We seemed too preoccupied, too tentative, too anxious to actually focus on our guide's descriptions of the flora all around us.

A great ride

At last we passed along a small wooden platform on the forest floor where our guide told us was where we would end up at the completion of our trek, as we rappelled down from the canopy above.

We shortly came to a huge



Misty vistas: The low mountains of Costa Rica provide dramatic scenic views.



In wild lands: Chris, Roger and Sharon Wheeler found a different world in Costa Rica.

strangled fig tree, which would be our passage up to the rain forest. The fig tree was hollow, and a rope ladder had been made inside. We climbed it about 80 feet. At the top we crawled out of the tree (still tingling) and onto a platform about the size of a diving board.

Right away we were tethered by a clip on our harnesses to a rope hanging loosely around the fig tree. My son Chris was the first of our group to go. Just one failed to make it; stopping short, dangling momentarily, then being rescued.

I knew I would go. It was my turn and I was on the edge of the platform. My legs shook as I followed the guide's instructions to hold onto the pulley with one hand. Put your hand over the cable I was told, so you can touch the cable to slow down. "Go when you're ready," the voice said.

Then I was gliding off into the lush multi-green. Moving about

10-12 miles an hour, my stomach finally caught up with me.

After that the glide was smooth, even exhilarating. I couldn't wait to do it again. We did two more glides before attaching to the descent rope and rappelling down to the forest floor.

The trip back to our lodge was marked by the familiar sounds of Elvis and the Beatles as we joined in an impromptu sing-along with the bus CD player. Still feeling good when we arrived at the lodge, I had an early brew, played two games of backgammon with our tour guide Omar and ordered sirloin steak Costa Rica style for lunch. We waited for the "skywalkers" to return. They finally arrived at mid-lunch, exploding into the dining room exclaiming: "Boy did we have an adventure!"

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate golf note

Former Livonia Stevenson High girls golf captain Kelly Kristy shot 85, 78, 78, to place 12th individually and help Charleston Southern (S.C.) win its conference tournament championship.

Kristy, who attends Charleston Southern on a full ride, has been a two-year starter.

Zawacki meets Pele

Livonia Stevenson High junior goalkeeper Joe Zawacki, a member of the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Olympic Development Program Region II team, recently played against some of the top youth teams from professional clubs in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The ODP Region II team finished 2-2-1 overall.

Zawacki, a member of the Michigan Wolves '82, also met World Cup great Pele.

Youth hockey champions

The Livonia Squirt Whalers recently won the Spring Thaw Tournament held at the NHL Rink in Birch Run with a 5-1 victory over the Farmington Fury as Dan Kozlowski tallied three goals, while teammate Joe Reilly and Al Perreault contributed one apiece.

The Whalers also defeated the Vipers, 3-1, in the Livonia Hockey Association's Hockey Day championship game on goals by Brad Rzetelny, Reilly and Kozlowski.

They finished the year with an overall record of 28-7-4 while outscoring their opponents, 159-69.

The Whalers were also league champions, won the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District IV tourney and captured the Farmington Hills Christmas Tournament.

Goaltender Cory O'Neil posted 10 shutouts with strong defensive help from James Dietz, Pete Harkins, Matt Marsh, Justin Oblak, Mogan Sieber and Richard Wyman.

Round out the team are forwards Mike Cullinan, Greg Cutsy, Nicholas Gilmore, Sean Morgan and Stefan White.

The team is coached by Gary Cutsy, Joe Kozlowski, Scott Duval and John Caron. The team manager is Lori Dietz. Team sponsors include Gino's Gun Shop, Little Bill's Trophies and Zap Zone.

Stevenson golf outing

The ninth annual Friends of Livonia Stevenson High School golf outing will be Sunday, Sept. 12 at Fellows Creek in Canton Township.

Registration, along with coffee and doughnuts, is from 7:15-8:15 a.m. The shotgun start (scramble format) follows at 8:30 a.m. A buffet dinner will follow at 2 p.m.

The cost is \$90 for golf and dinner. For more information, call Stevenson athletic director Roger Frayer at (734) 623-9217.

St. Edith sports sign-up

Students in grades 4-8 from St. Edith's, St. Colette, St. Maurice and St. Kenneth are eligible to participate in St. Edith's Catholic Youth Organizations sports program.

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Churchill needs coaches

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STAFF PHOTO BY LIZ CARNEGIE

Relay strides: Stevenson's Sarah Kearfott (left) and Salem's Shannon Will come around the fourth turn in the 4 x 800 relay. Stevenson went on to win the event, but Salem prevailed in the meet, 70-67.

Rocks nip Spartans in Lakes showdown

Field events prove to be difference

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK

Plymouth Salem continues to be a worthy nemesis for Livonia Stevenson girls track.

The Rocks piled up an early lead in the field events Thursday and road the legs of sprinter Rachel Jones to hold off the host Spartans, 70-67, in a Lakes Division dual meet in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"This is only the second (dual) meet our seniors have lost in four years," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "Two years ago we lost to Salem."

Stevenson, which defeated Salem last year, 77-59, but lost to the Rocks by one point in the WLAA meet, made a late charge but fell short by just three.

"We came out with only 15 points in the field events and we got way down right away," Holmberg said. "But we knew we'd be getting some points back."

Jones' victory in the 200-meter dash clinched the victory for Salem with a time of 26.9.

Jones also took the 100 in 12.7 and anchored the Rocks' victorious 400 (52.8) and 800 (1:51.0) relay teams.

"She (Jones) was outstanding today," Salem coach Mark Gregor said. "It was a competitive meet by both teams."

Tiffany Grubaugh added wins for Salem in the shot put (36-8) and discus (116-3).

Other Salem firsts were recorded by Brynne DeNeen, long jump (15 feet); Kelly VanPutten, pole vault (school record 8-0); Aisha Chappell, 100 hurdles (16.6).

Andrea Parker figured in four firsts for the Spartans, sweeping the 800 run (2:29.5) and 1,600 run (5:33.0).

She also teamed up with Katie Sheron, Jennifer Hardacre and Christy Tzilos for a first in the 1,600 relay (4:15.0). The foursome of Parker, Sheron, Tzilos and Sarah Kearfott also captured the 3,200 relay (10:16.4).

Other Stevenson firsts were garnered by Andrea Polasky, high jump (4-10); Tzilos, 300 hurdles (48.5); Hardacre, 400 (1:01.5); and Kim McNeilance, 3,200 (12:28.0).

Stevenson individual second-place finishers included Emily Yambasky, discus (100-1); Abbie Schrader, pole vault (7-6); Cassie Ehlerdt, 100 hurdles (17.1); Hardacre, 200 (27.5); Heather Vandette, 1,600 (5:36.0) and 3,200 (12:32.8).

Salem derails state champs, 1-0

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GIRLS SOCCER

It wasn't a rocket, it wasn't a pretty set-up, it wasn't a singularly-determined play that provided half the answer to that end-of-the-season equation: Who will play whom for the Western Lakes Activities Association girls soccer championship?

It was the wind, as much as anything else.

And it was Plymouth Salem that rode that breeze into a berth in the WLAA finals, getting a wind-aided goal from Jeannine Edwards with just 1:20 left in the match to edge two-time defending state champion Livonia Stevenson 1-0 Wednesday at Stevenson.

"They knew we had to score to get into the (WLAA) finals," said Salem coach Doug Landefeld, whose team (now 4-3-1 overall) had struggled through much of the season — until Wednesday. "We've just been waiting for something to go our way."

It did. With the clock ticking away, the tide had turned; Stevenson had owned most of the play in the first half, but the Rocks — thanks to strong goalkeeping from Jill Dombrowski — had weathered it. A strong wind had aided the Spartans in that first half; in the second, it favored Salem.

The Rocks kept the ball in Stevenson's end of the field for the majority of the second half, but could not finish. Perhaps their best opportunity came with 26 minutes left, when Jami Coyle struck a pass from the left wing to Suzi Towne on the right. Towne's shot went high, however, bouncing off the football upright.

Then, with less than two minutes to play, Coyle put a restart into the box in front of Stevenson keeper Lesley Hooker. The ball bounced free and was finally volleyed out by a Spartan defender, but Edwards gained possession 30 yards away. Her hard shot was carried by the wind over Hooker's

outstretched hand and into the goal, giving Salem the victory.

"We didn't deserve to win," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, his team now 6-2 overall. "We knew going in. We knew Doug would have 'em ready to play. He's a good coach."

"This turns their season around and it leaves us with a question: What will it take for us to go that extra step, and are we willing to do what's necessary to take it? Salem just outplayed us tonight — are we willing to do that?"

The win ended two years of frustration for the Rocks, who were pounded twice by Stevenson last season. Those games were decided in the first 10 minutes as the Spartans put multiple goals on the board.

Which made the opening minutes of Wednesday's game extremely important. "We tried not to mention it," said Landefeld. "Last year, after the first 10 minutes we were out of the game. But Jill (Dombrowski) played great in the first half tonight. She cleaned everything up. She kept us in it."

Madonna takes 3-of-4 in series with Tri-State Crusaders score 24-3 win in 1st game

COLLEGE BASEBALL

It was a wild, wild Friday afternoon of baseball for Madonna University and Tri-State University to conclude a home-and-home pair of doubleheaders played in two days.

The Indiana school exploded for nine runs in the second inning of the first game, then held off a late Madonna rally which saw the Crusaders score six in the fifth and two in the seventh to just fall short in a 13-11 loss.

Travis Steele went 3-for-3 with three RBI for host Tri-State (8-23). Todd Wilkins hit a home run and Mike Podleinst went 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Jason Brooks went 3-for-5 with two RBI for Madonna and Neil Wildfong went 3-for-4 with three RBI. Delano Voletti had two hits.

In the second game, Madonna took care of matters by batting around three times in the first inning to score 17 runs. The final score was 24-3 as the Crusaders went 3-1 in the consecutive doubleheaders.

Voletti went 3-for-3 with a home run, Aaron Shrewsbury went 3-for-5 and Daryl Roche hit a home run and drove in three runs. Madonna pounded out 20 hits in the second game to improve to 22-18-1.

Madonna is 12-18 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, while Tri-

State has a 6-12 league mark.

•MADONNA 11-8, TRI-STATE 4-2: The Crusaders went on the offensive Thursday afternoon with an 11-4 win over visiting Tri-State University.

Tri-State helped Madonna's cause, committing nine errors in the game.

Jason Brooks, Jeff Warholik, Neil Wildfong each had two RBI for Madonna while Aaron Shrewsbury, Nick Dedeluk and Todd Miller each had one.

Brooks and Miller were both 3-for-3 from the plate and each scored a run to lead the Crusaders' offense.

Mike Butler (4-2) pitched all seven innings for Madonna allowing four runs (three earned) on 11 hits while walking two and striking out four.

Madonna scored runs in each of its first four innings, including three runs in the first, to cruise to an easy win over Tri-State in the second game of the double-header.

Warholik went 2-for-2 with a home run and led the team with three RBI in the win. Shrewsbury, who went 2-for-3, also had a home run and two RBI.

Eric Williamson allowed just three hits and two runs in seven innings pitched to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Here's the pitch



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Taking aim: Westland John Glenn hurler Stephanie Fedulchak slings the ball toward home plate during Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game with Plymouth Canton. See softball roundup on page D3.

Franklin baseball team suffers heartbreak in 14th, 4-3

Plymouth Canton and Livonia Franklin played a thriller of a doubleheader Friday — and they did it in just one game.

The host Chiefs went 14 innings before Bryan Kay led off the inning with a solo home run to give Joe Cortellini the win for a fine six-inning relief job in a 4-3 triumph.

"It was a shot," coach Scott Dickey of the Chiefs said. "You knew it was gone right away."

Franklin scored twice in the top of the fourth to take a 3-1 lead but Canton tied it with a run in its half of the fourth and then again in the fifth. It stayed that way until Kay's home run.

Ben Tucker started for the Chiefs and gave up five hits over eight innings, striking out eight and walking five. Cortellini gave up just one hit and walked one in his six innings.

David Ward went the first 11 innings for Franklin before being

relieved by Dan Horning. The Patriots scored their runs in the fourth on three wild pitches.

Tom Jones had two hits for Franklin, which has lost six one-run decisions in a 1-7 season. Mike Franklin, the losing pitcher, contributed three hits.

Canton (11-1) got two hits from Andrew Copenhaver, including a double. Steve Lueck went 3-for-5 with an RBI and Phil Ross went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

The Chiefs are 5-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 2-1 in the Western Division.

•STEVENSON 6, W.L. CENTRAL 2: Mike Byberg and Roy Rabe combined on a four-hitter Friday to boost host Livonia Stevenson over .500.

The Spartans improved to 5-4 with the victory and are 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Walled Lake Central is 4-7.

A four-run third carried Stevenson to a 6-0 lead and Byberg pitched five innings of three-hit shutout ball before turning the game over to Rabe. Byberg struck out three and walked two.

Rabe gave up single runs to the Vikings in each inning he worked but only allowed one hit.

Joe Higgins pitched a four-hitter for Walled Lake Central, walking five and striking out four.

Steve Anderson did the damage for the Spartans, going 2-for-2 with a double and driving in two runs.

•HARRISON 8, CHURCHILL 6: It was Brian Nelson's turn to be the hero for Farmington Harrison.

Nelson's one-out RBI double in the top of the seventh Friday broke a 6-6 tie and lifted the Hawks (5-3) to their WLAA win over the host Chargers (5-4).

Harrison is unbeaten in three Western Division WLAA games while Churchill is 1-2.

Joe Ghanam improved to 3-0 with the help of the rally. He was touched for 10 hits and walked three in seven innings, but struck out four.

Josh Odum belted a leadoff home run off Ghanam in the sixth to trigger a three-run rally which gave Churchill a 6-5 lead. He also had a double and single and scored two runs.

Justin Draughn worked 6½ innings for the Chargers, who made four errors, allowing six hits. Only two runs off Draughn were earned.

Dave Wasil had three singles and drove in two runs for Churchill while Rick Strain had two hits.

An error permitted Lou Hadley to get on base in the seventh. He stole second and scored the tying run on a single by Blake Boesky. Nelson's double scored Boesky and he scored an insurance run on Blake Ashley's RBI single.

Dave Pesci had an RBI on a squeeze bunt for the Hawks and Kevin McVay had an RBI single.

•SALEM 4, JOHN GLENN 2: Single runs in the fifth and seventh innings Friday added up to a single win for visiting Plymouth Salem.

Jason Lukasik, 3-2, limited Westland John Glenn (4-5) to just three hits, surviving five walks and striking out eight as the Rocks (6-7) improved to 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the WLAA. John Glenn is 1-2 in the division.

Mike Swafford worked 6½ innings for the Rockets, striking out six and walking five. Dale Hayes finished up.

Nick Eicher got two hits for Salem, as did Mike Hoben and Joe Rizzi.

Justin Fendeleit and Dan Fedulchak each had an RBI single for John Glenn.

Richard Stankov's two-out single scored the go-ahead run in the fifth. Geoff Bennett's RBI groundout brought in the insurance run in the seventh.

•CHURCHILL 12, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Andy Shoemaker scattered four hits over six innings Wednesday to tame the Vikings.

Seven runs in the fifth broke open a 2-1 game for the Chargers, who took advantage of six Walled Lake Central errors. Shoemaker walked three and struck out two.

Joe Strain had three hits and scored two runs for the Chargers, as did Eric Lightie.

Josh Odum went 2-for-4 and Brad Bescoe had two hits.

•LIGGETT 5-16, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 1-6: Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (6-4, 3-1) came away with the Metro Conference sweep of a twinbill Friday against visiting Lutheran Westland (4-4, 2-2).

Jay Minger tossed a four-hit in the opener, while Brent Habitz, who worked six innings, give up eight hits and five walks, suffered the loss.

Ryan Schafer had two hits for the winners. Tom Habitz knocked in Brad Nollar with the lone Lutheran Westland run in the opening inning.

Liggett scored 10 times in the fifth inning to complete the sweep of the doubleheader as A.J. Stachek went 3-for-4 with a double and homer.

Anthony Legree was the winning pitcher, while John Basley took the loss.

Goedie Engel, Charlie Hoelt and Brent Habitz each collected two hits in the loss.

Lutheran Westland started its three-game losing streak Wednesday with a 17-14

loss to visiting Harper Woods.

Harper Woods out-hit the Warriors, 19-16.

Hoelt, who worked six innings, suffered the defeat.

Brent Habitz went 3-for-5 with two RBIs, while Ian Mackenzie contributed two hits and three RBIs. Mike Boyer also went 2-for-2 with an RBI and run scored.

•REDFORD CC 19, STEVENSON 9: Cousins Casey Rogowski of the Shamrocks and Spartans' junior Brad Buckler each hit a home run Thursday in a slugfest won by host Redford Catholic Central, the state's top-ranked Division I team.

The non-league game was called after six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Rogowski hit a solo homer to lead off the sixth inning. He also walked twice and was hit by a pitch, scoring four runs.

Buckler hit a three-run homer in the fifth, a mammoth shot that followed singles by Dan Wilson and Roy Rabe.

CC out-hit Stevenson, 13-12, and each team committed five errors.

Stevenson scored a pair of unearned runs off CC starter Mark Cole in the first inning before the Shamrocks responded with five in their half of the first and six in the second for a commanding 11-2 lead.

CC junior Matt Loidas raised his average to .555, going 4-for-5 with nine RBIs, hitting a three run homer, a bases-loaded triple and RBI single.

Bob Malek contributed two hits, including a double, and two RBIs. Mario D'Herrin had two hits and one RBI.

Rabe led the Spartans with three singles. Wilson and Matt DiPonio had two hits each.

The Shamrocks, 11-0 overall, pitched Brent Schoenbach (the winner), Dave Lusk and Malek after Cole left following the second inning.

Jon Ritzler started for Stevenson and was the pitcher of record.

•CANTON 8, JOHN GLENN 7: There was just too much Joe Cortellini Wednesday for Westland John Glenn.

Cortellini doubled home the winning run in the top of the seventh inning and then got the last out of the game to preserve Jon Johnson's victory to lead the visiting Chiefs to their 10th win in 12 games.

Dave Mijal was the losing pitcher, going 4½ innings and allowing three earned runs.

Dan Fedulchak had two hits for the Rockets and Brian Reed had two hits plus an RBI.

Bryan Kay had two hits for Canton. Johnson (4-0) struck out four and walked three while scattering nine John Glenn hits.

A walk and a sacrifice set up Cortellini's gamewinning hit. Canton only had five hits in the game.

•SALEM 6, FRANKLIN 4: The Rocks erupted for five runs in the third Wednesday and the twosome of Chris Trott and Adam Kolb held the Patriots off the rest of the way.

Sophomore Trott scattered six hits over five innings. He fanned five and walked two for host Salem.

Kolb gave up the final two runs in the sixth but pitched a scoreless seventh to preserve the victory. He allowed five hits.

Joe Rizzi had two hits, including a two-run double in the third. Jason Lukasik also had a two-run double in the third. Chris Lampe and Corey Whacker each went 2-for-3.

Losing pitcher Tom Jones went 3-for-3 with an RBI for Franklin, including a double. Ryan Tracy had a double and scored a run while David Ward doubled in a run.

A pair of double plays got Salem out of two jams during the game.

•WAYNE 12, EDEL FORD 2: Freshman right-hander Ryan Ybarra pitched the Zebras to the Michigan Mega Conference White Division win Wednesday over host Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Ybarra held Edsel Ford to a pair of singles and a pair of doubles Wednesday in his three-strikeout, no walk performance. The game was halted after five innings due to the mercy rule.

Ybarra also singled to drive in a run for the Zebras while junior outfielder Jon Judd had a double and triple good for four RBIs.

Scott Teasdale drove in a run with a pair of singles and scored three himself while Chuck Nelson weighed in with a pair of singles.

Wayne is now 2-2 in the Mega White and 2-7 overall.

A five-run fourth inning expanded a 3-2 Zebra lead. Edsel Ford made four errors.

•FAIRLANE CHRISTIAN 10, HURON VALLEY 0: The winless Hawks were limited to four hits in their third game of the season, their first in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference competition.

Pat Hoepner was on base three times via a hit, walk and fielder's choice against Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian.

Alan Kleinke was the losing pitcher, going all six innings in the mercy shortened contest. He walked seven, struck out seven and gave up seven hits. Two of the 10 runs he allowed were unearned.

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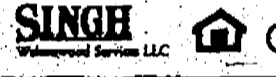
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GIRLS GOLF

BRIGHTON INVITATIONAL
April 30 at Oak Pointe
TEAM STANDINGS (28): 1. Grosse Ile, 317; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 331; 3. Jackson Lumen Christi, 342; 11. Livonia Ladywood, 373; 23. Plymouth Canton 407; 25. Plymouth Salem, 434.
Medalist: Sarah Martin (Grosse Ile), 5-over 68.

Mercy scorers: 3. Jennifer Borowiec, 74; 8. Erin Borowiec, 81; 11. Angela Harbar, 84; Sarah Cahill, 90; Lindsey Densmore, 93.

Ladywood scorers: Katy Zimmerman, 84; Jessica Kowal, 94; Gretchen Siebert, 95; Rebecca Andersen, 100. (Non-scorer: Rachel Andersen, 111).

Ladywood coach Randy Ferguson: "We shot 24 strokes lower than we did last year. Zimmerman shot a season's best and Kowal had her season's best. Our score Thursday against Mercy was our lowest of the year. Things are looking better."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 200
PLYMOUTH CANTON 220
April 29 at Hilltop Golf Course

Churchill scorers: Heidi Aittama, 47 (medalist); Kelley Parzuchowski, 48; Stacy Loucks, 51; Ashley Johnson, 54.

Canton scorers: Julie Dziekan, 48; Stephanie Kappo, 53; Christine Stupik, 58; Megan Steward, 61.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 7-1 overall, 4-1 WLAA; Canton, 4-3 overall.

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 169
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 199
April 29 at St. John's

Mercy scorers: Jennifer and Erin Borowiec, 39 each (co-medalists); Lindsey Densmore, 45; Angela Harbar, 46; Sarah Cahill and LeYayna Foster, 47.

Ladywood scorers: Mary Griffin, 49; Rebecca Andersen, Katy Zimmerman and Betsy Reis, 50 each; Ashley Loyer, 51; Gretchen Siebert, 57.

Dual meet records: Mercy, 5-2 overall, 4-1 Catholic League; Ladywood, 3-3 overall, 2-3 Catholic League.

FARMINGTON UNIFIED 204
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 292
April 29 at Glen Oaks

Farmington scorers: Cassie Jemison, 44 (medalist); Carrie May, 51; Courtney Blackford, 54; Nikki Bourgeois, 55; Lisa Palatin; Sarah Laird, 61.

Glenn scorers: Laura Engbretson, 69; Nicole Ziegler, 71; Nikke Steinhilto, 71; Katie Provot, 79.

Farmington's dual meet record: 3-2 overall.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 230
PLYMOUTH SALEM 232
April 28 at Ivy Wyld

Franklin scorers: Kristin Kmet, 55; Nikie Niles, 56; Megan Houghton, 59; Colleen York, 60.

Salem scorers: Kim Tomme, 52 (medalist); Elise Stabnica and Molly Hedges, 59 each; Kellie Tanure, 62.

Dual meet records: Franklin, 2-2; Salem, 0-5.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
April 29 at Glen Oaks
No. 1 singles: Jason Brown-Edie Housh (WJ) def. Sam Simpson-Brandon Cornelissen 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: John Seltzer (WJ) def. David Kovacs 6-1, 6-3; No. 3: Ben Bertlett (PS) def. Rajiv Datta 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Jim Lewis (PS) def. Anthony Lambert 6-1, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Todd Schmalzer-Brian Ott (PS) def. David Stephens-Evan Waddell 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Yibo Ling-Jon Machnicki (PS) def. Robert Dzuban-Jeff Drotar 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak (WJ) def. Jon Bernard-Analy Parton 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; No. 4: Evan Rolie-Scott Parulski (PS) def. Ousman Afzal-Herdik Datal 6-1, 6-1.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3
PLYMOUTH CANTON 3
April 29 at Hilltop
No. 1 singles: Fuzar Shodgu (PS) def. Rob Simha, 7-6, 6-0; No. 2: Tom Walls (LC) def. Jason Weinger, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Ben Bertlett (PS) def. Ben Luong, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; No. 4: Tom Fitzstephens (LC) def. Jim Lewis, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Todd Schmalzer-Brian Ott (PS) def. Ian Gray-Bobby Kivunen, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Scott Blazer-Mike Nerka (LC) def. Yibo Ling-Jon Machnicki 6-3, 7-5; No. 3: Adam Rosirk-John Behrigan (LC) def. Jon Bernard-Analy Parton, 7-5, 6-2; No. 4: Chris Singleton-Kerry Tsong (LC) def. Jason Schamburger-Jon Neal, 6-4, 6-0.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 5
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3
April 28 at Weston
No. 1 singles: Matt Cleaman (LF) def. Mark Lister, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Jeff Boydoun (LF) def. Yuta Spikingli, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Ryan Sobotecki (WLW) def. Scott Gomez, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Chris Chow (WLW) def. Adam Koppin, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

FARMINGTON HILLS 7
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1
April 27 at Farmington
No. 1 singles: Jon Gera (F) def. Matt Cleaman, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Randy Hansen (F) def. Jeffrey Boydoun, 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Max Moore (F) def. Scott Gomez, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Adam Koppin (LF) def. Brandon Myrta, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Ben Brode-Edie Housh (F) def. Jason Berry-Dave Housh, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3; No. 2: Dan Turbot-John Gullone Odenrot (F) def. Chris Dan-Chris Harsh, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Shami Trivedi-Henry Smith (F) def. Jason Hady-Matt Niles, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Loran Klein-Chris Hill (F) def. Sam Hartley-Mike Culp, 6-0, 6-1.

NORTHVILLE 3
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0
April 28 at Glen
No. 1 singles: Dean Conway (N) def. Danny Kovacs, 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; No. 2: Matt Schierson (N) def. Dave Kovacs, 6-0, 6-3; No. 3: Kris Berker (N) def. Rajiv Datta, 7-5, 7-6; No. 4: Kyle Dahn (N) def. Anthony Lambert, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Chris Geritca-Mark Thomson (N) def. David Stephens-Evan Waddell, 6-2, 6-2; No. 2: Brian Wilson-Kyle Wargo (N) def. Robert Dzuban-Jeff Drotar, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Garrett Brun-Brandon Green (N) def. Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Scott Eller-Phil Gutowski (N) def. Ousman Afzal-Herdik Datal, 6-2, 6-2.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 3
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 2
April 28 at Glen
No. 1 singles: Danny Kovacs (WJ) def. Brian Nelson, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5; No. 2: Andrew Dillio (WLC) def. Dave Kovacs, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Brian Hascala (WLC) def. Anthony Lambert, 6-1, 7-6; No. 4: Sean Newcom (WLC) def. Evan Waddell, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Rajiv Datta-Steve Stephens (WJ) def. R.J. McNab-Mike Caron, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Dave Brown-Mark Williams (WLC) def. Robert Dzuban-Jeff Drotar, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Steve Lashonoki-Alex Shalman (WLC) def. Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak, 6-3, 6-1; No. 4: Brian Gray-Dave Riley (WLC) def. Ousman Afzal-Herdik Datal, 6-1, 6-0.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Wayne Memorial earns 2-0 win vs. Redford Thurston

Goalkeeper Jenny Sheppard posted the shutout Friday as host Wayne Memorial gained a 2-0 Mega Conference crossover girls soccer victory over Redford Thurston.

Sheila Honeycutt scored for Wayne in the opening half on an assist from Alana Green.

Defender Jenny Clark added an insurance goal in the second half.

The victory improves Wayne to 4-5 overall, while Thurston drops to 3-3.

CHURCHILL 1, A.A. PIONEER 1: In a non-leaguer on Friday, host Ann Arbor Pioneer (6-0-3) and Livonia Churchill (5-2-1) battled to a draw.

Katie Mulholland scored for Pioneer, while Kersten Conklin tallied the lone Churchill goal.

STEVENSON 5, JOHN GLENN 0: Livonia Stevenson's 5-0 halftime lead held up Friday in a WLAA-Lakes Division victory at Westland John Glenn.

Lindsay Gusick had two goals and one assist, while Andrea Sied and Susan Bear each contributed a goal and assist. Megan Urbats also scored a goal for the Spartans (7-2, 2-1).

The game ended in a with a player on each team being ejected for scuffling with 30 seconds left.

"We're still struggling and trying to solve what we did in the (Plymouth) Salem match (1-0 loss)," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said.

For the week, Glenn was outscored 20-0 in three games. The Rockets lost Wednesday to Farmington, 7-0, and Monday to Plymouth Canton, 8-0.

FRANKLIN 1, GARDEN CITY 1: Kara Wisniewski's goal in the second half gave Livonia Franklin (0-6-2 overall) the tie Friday with host Garden City (5-2-2).

Freshman Andrea Gibbard scored in the 41st minutes from sophomore Jackie Carson to give GC a 1-0 lead.

The Cougars had to play six junior varsity players because several varsity players missed school Friday because of a bomb scare.

LADYWOOD 3, DIVINE CHILD 3: Stephanie Stachura scored a pair of goals Thursday as Livonia Ladywood (2-7-1 overall) earned the tie against host Dearborn Divine Child.

Melissa Harakas added a goal and an assist. Andrea Schimmel has had two assists, but the Blazers couldn't hold a 3-1 halftime advantage.

DC had a penalty kick in the second half and goalie Liz Obrecht made a great save on it.

"She had an excellent game even though they had three goals," Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon said. "Megan Shefferly also did a great job of marking off the inside game."

"She delivered a lot of great balls to move the ball forward."

Ladywood, which captured its first two games of the season, snapped a seven-game losing streak with the tie.

On Tuesday, Ladywood lost to Central Divison foe Farmington Hills Mercy, 7-1.

NORTHVILLE 3, CHURCHILL 1: On Wednesday, Churchill's Western Division title hopes in the Western Lakes Activities Association took a major hit as host Northville earned a 3-1 victory. Lindsay Dunmead, Angela Maile and

Maggie Ossola scored for the visiting Mustangs (7-1-1).

WAYNE 4, TRUMAN 2: Second-half goals by Alana Green and Toni Watson proved to be the difference Wednesday as host Wayne Memorial (2-2, 3-5) earned the Mega Conference-White Division win.

Sheila Honeycutt tallied a pair of first-half goals for the Zebras, who were tied 2-2.

FARMINGTON 7, JOHN GLENN 0: Emilie Villemonte scored a hat track Wednesday, powering the host Falcons (4-3-2 overall) to the WLAA-Western Division win over Livonia Franklin.

N. FARMINGTON 3, FRANKLIN 2: Cathy Ricco had the tying and game-winning goals Wednesday as North Farmington (3-4-1 overall) rallied from a 2-0 halftime deficit to beat Livonia Franklin.

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Chief pitcher handcuffs Pats

Gretchen Hudson did it on the mound and with the bat Friday, propelling Plymouth Canton to a 7-1 girls softball victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Canton is now 8-2 overall and 2-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Hudson went seven innings, allowing just five hits and one walk. She fanned 10.

Tara Muchow, the losing pitcher, gave up seven hits and seven walks. She also struck out 10.

Offensively, Hudson had two hits and three RBI, while Lisa Baker contributed a pair of hits.

Daylin Starks knocked in the lone Franklin run with a single.

Franklin is 6-5 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA's Western Division.

HARRISON 8, CHURCHILL 0: All Ault tossed a one-hitter Friday, lifting Farmington Hills Harrison (5-1, 3-1) to the WLAA-Western Division victory over visiting Livonia Churchill (5-6, 0-3).

Ault, who threw her fourth one-hitter of the year, gave up a leading single to right-center to Churchill catcher Kristin Derwich in the seventh.

Losing pitcher Meghan Misiak gave up eight hits, four walks and struck out nine.

Jenelle Welling and Gayle Ternes each had two hits for the Hawks, who scored one run each in the second and third innings before breaking it wide open with four in the fourth.

FRANKLIN 3, SALEM 0: Tara Muchow tossed a one-hitter to go along with 10 strikeouts Wednesday, leading Livonia Franklin (6-4 overall) to the WLAA crossover win over visiting Plymouth Salem.

Muchow allowed just three walks and a fourth-inning single by Maureen Buchanan in picking up the win.

Franklin scored all three of its runs in the sixth.

Muchow led off with a strong and scored on Amy Sandrick's single. Daylin Starks followed with an RBI double and Kerstin Marshall contributed an RBI single.

Tera Morrill led the Patriots with three hits, while Starks doubled twice and Sandrick singled twice.

Amanda Sutton, the losing pitcher, gave up 10 hits over six innings.

SALEM 4, JOHN GLENN 3: The Rocks scored all their runs in the fourth Friday to erase a 1-0 Rockets' lead.

GIRLS SOFTBALL WRAP

Amanda Sutton, 5-4, protected the margin by scattering nine hits, striking out six and not walking a batter.

Salem only had four hits but two came in the fourth as the Rocks (3-3) remained unbeaten in the Lakes Division of the WLAA.

Heather Sonntag singled to open the fourth and reached third on a throwing error. Sutton laid down a bunt single to tie the score and Maureen Buchanan was safe on a fielder's choice.

Dawn Allen hit a fly to left field which was dropped for an error, bringing in Sutton with the go-ahead run. Shee Potocki hit into a run-producing fielder's choice and Marnie Jones hit a grounder to short which scored Allen.

W.L. CENTRAL 8, CHURCHILL 3: In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, Walled Lake Central (9-7) downed Livonia Churchill as winning pitcher Kami Scott had two hits and two RBI.

Scott scattered 10 hits and struck out six. She did not walk a batter.

Losing pitcher Adrienne Doyle fanned 11 in seven innings, but gave up 12 hits.

Kristin Derwich went 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause. Crystal Tomczyk and Sarah Hennessey each added two hits. Hennessey also scored twice.

CANTON 9, JOHN GLENN 0: Pitchers Gretchen Hudson and Laura Stewart combined on a one-hitter and fanned 11. Stewart, who pitched the last three innings, allowed the lone hit.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 10, HARPER WOODS 6: Lutheran High Westland (4-2, 2-0) scored four times in the sixth inning to break a 6-6 tie and earn the Metro Conference triumph Wednesday over the Pioneers (2-5, 0-2).

Sharon Greer and Stephanie Lynch each had three hits for the winners.

Lynch clubbed 3-run homer, while Greer also homered.

Sarah Marody went 2-for-2 with a double. Renee O'Brien also collected two hits.

Katie Heiden, who pitched four innings of scoreless relief, earned the victory. Heather Rose, the starter, gave up four earned runs in three innings. Heiden gave up just one walk and one hit.

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Madonna University put one run on the board in the top of the seventh inning to tie the score in the second game of a women's collegiate softball double-header Wednesday, but host Cornerstone plated the winning run in the tenth inning to complete the two-game sweep, 4-2 and 5-4.

Janelle Leschinger (17-6) went the distance for Madonna but got into trouble in the decisive tenth inning, loading the bases for Cornerstone's Sara Hocking who knocked in the winning run.

Madonna committed four errors in the game, leading to two unearned runs.

Although both teams had eight hits in the game, Cornerstone left 14 runners on base compared to

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just six for Madonna.

Cornerstone put three runs on the board in the sixth inning of the day's early game and held off a scoring push by the Crusaders in the final inning to post the win.

Melissa Bako took the loss for Madonna, falling to 1-6 on the season while Brown issued five strikeouts and no walks.

Kelly Zurawski was 2-for-3 from the plate for Madonna and Kristy McDonald was 1-for-3 with the team's only RBI.

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The Westside Football Camp, for boys who will be in the fourth through eighth grades next fall, will be held June 21-24 at Detroit Catholic Central in Redford Township.

are needed. Cost is \$105 per player. Each athlete will receive a camp T-shirt. Call (313) 531-7251 for more information.

YMCA SUMMER SOCCER

The Livonia Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its summer soccer program July 17 through Aug. 14. The program runs Saturdays — half-hour games then half-hour practice for children born Aug. 1, 1993 through July 31,

1996. The cost is \$40 for Y members and \$60 for non-Y members. The fee includes five games, participation award, shirt and socks.

For more information, call Christy Nolan at (734) 261-2161.

SENIOR PLAYERS WANTED

A men's 30-and-over baseball team is looking for serious, experienced baseball players for a fun, but competitive, baseball league. Those interested should call Dan O'Dunne at (734) 420-0586.

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Openings remain for the North American Youth Basketball Tournament, Friday through Sunday, May 28-30. The tournament features separate brackets for both boys and girls in grades 5-6, 7, 8, 9-10 and 11-12 (all grades are based on current enrollment). The entry fee is \$95 per team (guaranteed two-game minimum). Awards will be presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is Friday, May 7.

For more information, call Anita Livesay at 1-888-629-2275, or tourney director Mike Trudeau at (810) 469-4242.

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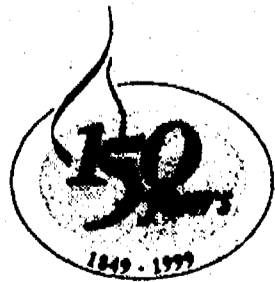
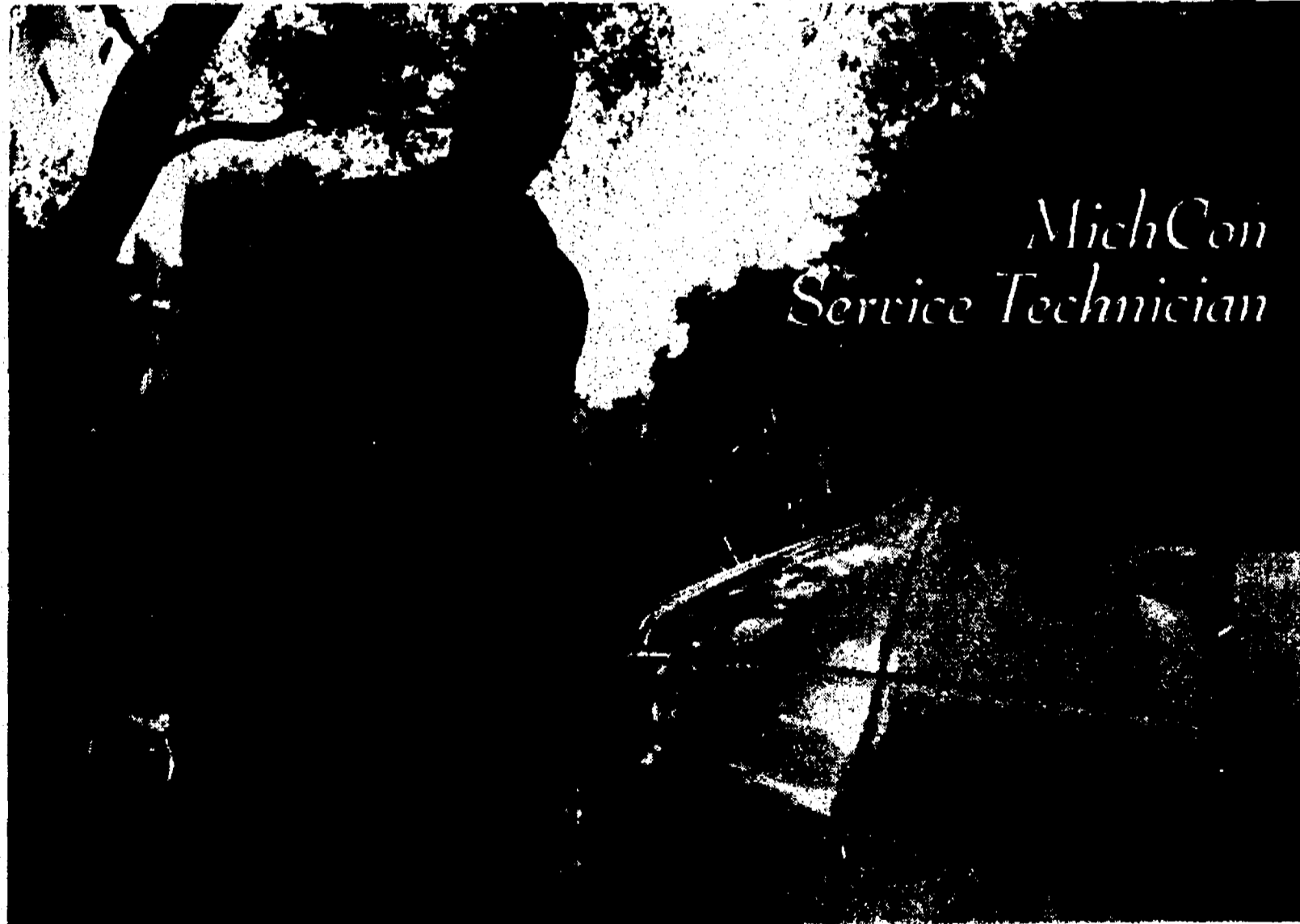
Lessons for women interested in playing golf will be co-sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services and Pleasant Run Golf Club. The lessons will be May 24-26, with two times available: 10-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$65. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

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