

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Council business: Westland City Council study sessions on the city budget will begin 5:30 p.m. May 8 at City Hall, on Ford near Carlson. An 8:30 p.m. session on the clerk consultant contract is planned. Budget sessions continue May 10 and May 17.

School board: The Wayne-Westland Board of Education will meet 7 p.m. May 8 at the board office, on Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland.

TUESDAY

Mayor speaks: Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will speak to the Westland Chamber of Commerce. The business luncheon begins 11:30 a.m. May 9 at Joy Manor, on Joy east of Middlebelt in Westland. For reservations, call (734) 326-7222 by noon May 8.

SATURDAY

Food: The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold its eighth annual Food Drive May 13. Carriers will collect non-perishable food items residents leave near mailboxes. The food will help stock food banks, pantries and shelters in southeast Michigan.

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Praise God: Susan May, a former drug addict who found religion after failed rehab attempts, spreads her arms wide during an emotional moment in prayer at Westland City Hall.



Pray with me: Clasped hands express the deep emotion that was prevalent among worshippers who gathered Thursday afternoon in front of City Hall.

Prayer prompts calm protest



BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The lawn in front of Westland City Hall became a battleground of beliefs Thursday afternoon, as participants of the National Day of Prayer were met by a group opposed to their use of government property.

About a dozen members of American Atheists Inc., a national group dedicated to the absolute separation

National Day of Prayer at Westland City Hall included a group of atheists this year. Members of American Atheists Inc. oppose the use of government property to endorse religion. The protest was peaceful.

of government and religion, came to protest the event, at which participants prayed and sang together in hopes of fostering goodwill in the community.

It was the third consecutive year Westland and other local residents organized at City Hall to recognize the National Day of Prayer, which President Ronald Reagan proclaimed

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Views: Henry Morgan, Michigan state director of the American Atheists, pickets before a gathered crowd.

Jaycee bowling to help Vietnam memorial

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Remember bowling for dollars? Well, now comes the chance to bowl for a monument.

The Westland and Garden City Jaycees are collaborating with local VFW posts to run a fund-raiser called "Bowling for the Brave" Sunday, May 21, at Westland Bowl. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the effort of building a Vietnam War memorial for the state of Michigan.

Michigan is the only state in the nation that does not have its own memorial for the war. That fact has been hard to swallow for many state Vietnam veterans, because Michigan lost 2,649 soldiers and other participants during the war, second only to Ohio.

A group of veterans responded in 1988 by forming an organization called the Vietnam Monument Commission of Michigan. Since its founding, the group has come up with a design for the monument and lobbied the state to donate funding and a site for it.

However, the state Legislature provided \$1 million of the \$2.7 million price tag for the project. Through a number of fund-raising functions, the VMCM has tried to come up with the remaining cost, but is still \$600,000 shy of the goal.

Enter Westland residents and Jaycee members Mike Kehrer and Tom Sigler. After speaking to some local veterans about the cause, the two men came up with the concept for the bowling fund-raiser.

After getting the support from the Westland

Jaycees chapter, they approached the Michigan Jaycees in an effort to make it a statewide event. They were given the go-ahead to come up with a proposal to take to the VMCM, which overwhelmingly gave its support.

"They really got excited when we showed them our proposal," Kehrer said. "It knocked their socks off. They are not used to people being so organized."

Larry Main, a member of the VMCM, contacted state VFW posts and other veterans groups about throwing their support behind the event.

Both of the Westland VFWs have signed on to co-sponsor the event at Westland Bowl.

"This is a wonderful event. We are hoping it will be

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Kudos: At left, Athena winner Mary Denning visits with husband Charlie. At right, Business Person of the Year Tom North (left) chats with Charles "Trav" Griffin, city council president. Also honored was Barbara Douglas.



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Chamber honorees represent our community ably

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Family means a lot to Mary Denning, Barbara Douglas and Tom North.

The three business people were honored Wednesday at a Westland Chamber of Commerce program at Joy Manor in Westland. Denning received the Athena Award, Douglas an Outstanding Achievement Award and

North the Business Person of the Year.

Denning's family includes husband Charlie, two grown children and a granddaughter. She's been owner and CEO of Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe for eight years this year.

"I always loved to cook, loved to bake," the honoree said. She tries to get her staffers to do their best, and provides ample training.

"I couldn't have done it without my

family," Denning said. It's a challenge to own a business, she agreed, and some still think that's a man's domain.

Her good people have been a tremendous help in business growth. "They're so proud of it because we've all grown together."

The Garden City resident grew up in Westland. She was stunned to receive the Athena Award, given to those who help women in the workplace. "It was

truly an honor."

She encourages younger women to "always look ahead and not be afraid," learning from their mistakes and keeping dreams going by helping others.

The Athena Award is sponsored by Bank One.

Douglas, owner of Personalized Hearing Care, received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Women

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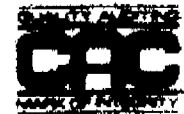
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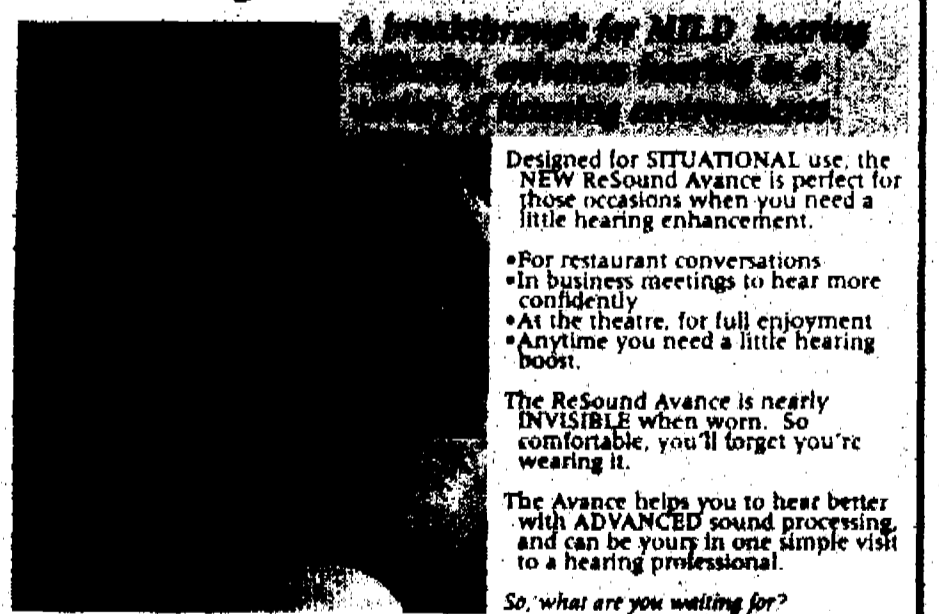
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2000

SPECIAL MEETING

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaleada, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Kociss, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, Building Official Dodson, Parks and Recreation Director Whiteon, Fire Chief Todd, Police Chief Harvey and Library Director Elmouchi.

The Special Council Workshop was called to discuss the computer system City Manager Kociss gave an overview of the planned MIS System for the City. Council discussed and asked questions about the system with the City Manager, Department Heads and Consultant James Blackburn of BPI.

Council expressed concerns regarding the necessity of remote site servers and request further information in that area.

Council compared the use of T1 lines versus fiber optic lines for remote site connections. Council requests further information in this area.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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of Westland networking group of the chamber. The award goes to an outstanding woman.

Douglas' family includes husband David, two grown children and a granddaughter. "When you are recognized, it's a really nice surprise," said the Livonia resident, who has owned her Westland business 6 1/2 years.

"I appreciate it immensely," Douglas added of the award.

North, vice president of North Bros. Ford in Westland, thanked wife Ann for her support. Their family includes three small children.

"I was kind of speechless," North said of his honor. "It's a great privilege and an honor."

He's been in the family's auto dealer business for 10 years. The family believes it's imperative to support the community that supports the business.

"It's a little overwhelming," the West Bloomfield resident said of the Business Person of the Year designation. He's impressed with the caliber of earlier honorees.

Denning was introduced by Pat Hermatz, last year's Athena winner, and North by Jim Vermeulen, last year's Business Person of the Year. Hermatz noted Denning also teaches at Henry Ford Community College and is president-elect of the chamber in Westland.

Lori Brist, chamber director, said Denning's an asset. "Mary, you are truly a gem in our community and we appreciate you."

The honorees received tributes from many government officials. Westland Mayor Robert Thomas said of Denning "Mary's been a longtime contributor to the community." He urged those present to try her pasties.

Douglas is a chamber vice president and member of the Westland Rotary and Lions. "Despite her own troubles, she would always be there," said Denning, calling Douglas a "beacon of light and hope."

Douglas is an inspiration to all working women, Denning added. North was also praised for civic involvement.

"Tom's been very, very active in the community," Vermeulen said of North, a former Westland Rotary president.

The Ford dealership sponsors a benefit golf outing, along with a food drive and other efforts. "We'll do that as long as we can," North said of the community endeavors.

The evening had a Hawaiian theme, complete with a "Lethal Luau" murder mystery. Douglas, committee chair for the evening, thanked all who contributed.

"We always seem to work really hard and accomplish good things."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Outstanding: Barbara Douglas' award Wednesday was an honor and a pleasant surprise. At Joy Manor, Douglas (left) shares a laugh with friend Julie Handel.

■ 'Tom's been very, very active in the community.'

Jim Vermeulen
—on Tom North

■ She will discuss her TV career, workings of a television station and daily schedule. Co-hosts are Deputy Mayor George Gillies and Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli.

Forecaster to be featured

Kim Adams, WXYZ Channel 7 meteorologist, will be the next guest on the city of Westland "People Worth Watching" program. She will discuss her TV career, workings of a television station and daily schedule, among other topics.

George Gillies and Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli. The show will be taped Thursday, May 11. Among questions posed to Adams will be:
■ What education is required to become a meteorologist?
■ Was it difficult entering a field which was notoriously male-

dominated?
■ It appears at times that predictions for the weather are totally incorrect. How can these forecast errors occur?
■ What is the most difficult component of your job?
The "People Worth Watching" show will air at a later date.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Teamwork: As others look on, kindergartner Brandon York is one of the students who helped plant a Japanese maple tree and flowers.

Kettering kids love their planet

BY JULIE BROWN
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Kaylei Motz and her classmates at Kettering Elementary School in Westland have a good idea of how to take care of the earth.

Kaylei, a 10-year-old fifth-grader, and the others have participated in Earth Day 2000 Making a Difference activities at school. Activities have included an art and essay contest, recycling contest, a visit from Wormy Dave and a Beautification Week.

"I like the part that the school is participating," said Kaylei, an essay contest winner. "I like to help out."

In her essay, she wrote about what to do to help the school look better and why it's important.

She had a lot of fun and

learned "you have to work for something to get it done."

Custodian Dave Mytych, who played Wormy Dave, came up with the idea of planting a school tree, a Japanese maple. He and other staffers wanted the kids to be involved.

"We had a bottle drive to raise money for the tree and flowers," said Mytych, one of those participating in Thursday's planting.

The 18 contest winners participated in the planting and the winning essays were read. Students have been excited about all the activities at Kettering, he said. This is his first year for such an elaborate celebration.

Kettering students cleaned up the school grounds, he said, and in essays mentioned recycling and other ways to make the earth better.

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an annual commemorative day in 1988.

While both groups demonstrated peaceably, there was a great difference of opinion about whether government property should be used for a religious function.

"Religion and prayer are private matters that rightfully belong in the church and the home, not at a city hall or other such government venue," said Henry Morgan, a Westland resident and Michigan director of American Atheists Inc.

Morgan said the U.S. Constitution was set up to ensure government has no role in religious thought or activity.

Prayer organizer and Westland resident Gena Giannuzzi said Morgan was misinterpreting the Constitution.

"I see their demonstration as trying to take our constitutional rights away," Giannuzzi said. "I think they have a flawed idea of what freedom of religion is."

"The Constitution says that we have the freedom of religion, not from it. We have the freedom of speech and assembly just like everyone else. It is dangerous to try to take those rights away from a certain segment of society."

Morgan doesn't think the motivations of his group should be the ones being questioned.

"We are not trying to erode their rights," Morgan said. "They are trying to erode the barrier between church and state."

Charles "Trav" Griffin and David James, both members of the Westland City Council, attended and gave their support to those who came to pray.

"I wanted to come," Griffin said. "I thought it was a worthwhile event. I definitely support their right to hold this event

There is nothing but good that come of it.

Despite the difference of opinion, Giannuzzi said she welcomed the atheists, and even said a prayer for them.

"We welcomed the atheists because we support their right to be there," she said. "I don't understand why they cannot accept our rights."

However, there were some who showed up to pray who were unnerved by the atheists and felt they had no reason being there.

"Their presence was upsetting to me," said Carol Jaszczyk, a Garden City resident who came to pray. "I'm at such opposite ends of belief with them. I felt they were intrusive. They really caught me off guard."

Griffin said he believes in the separation of church and state, and he stressed the fact that the event was not sponsored by the city. However, he said the group had as much right to organize on City Hall property as any other group.

"The National Day of Prayer was set up by the federal government. It is organized by a group of city residents, not the city government," he said.

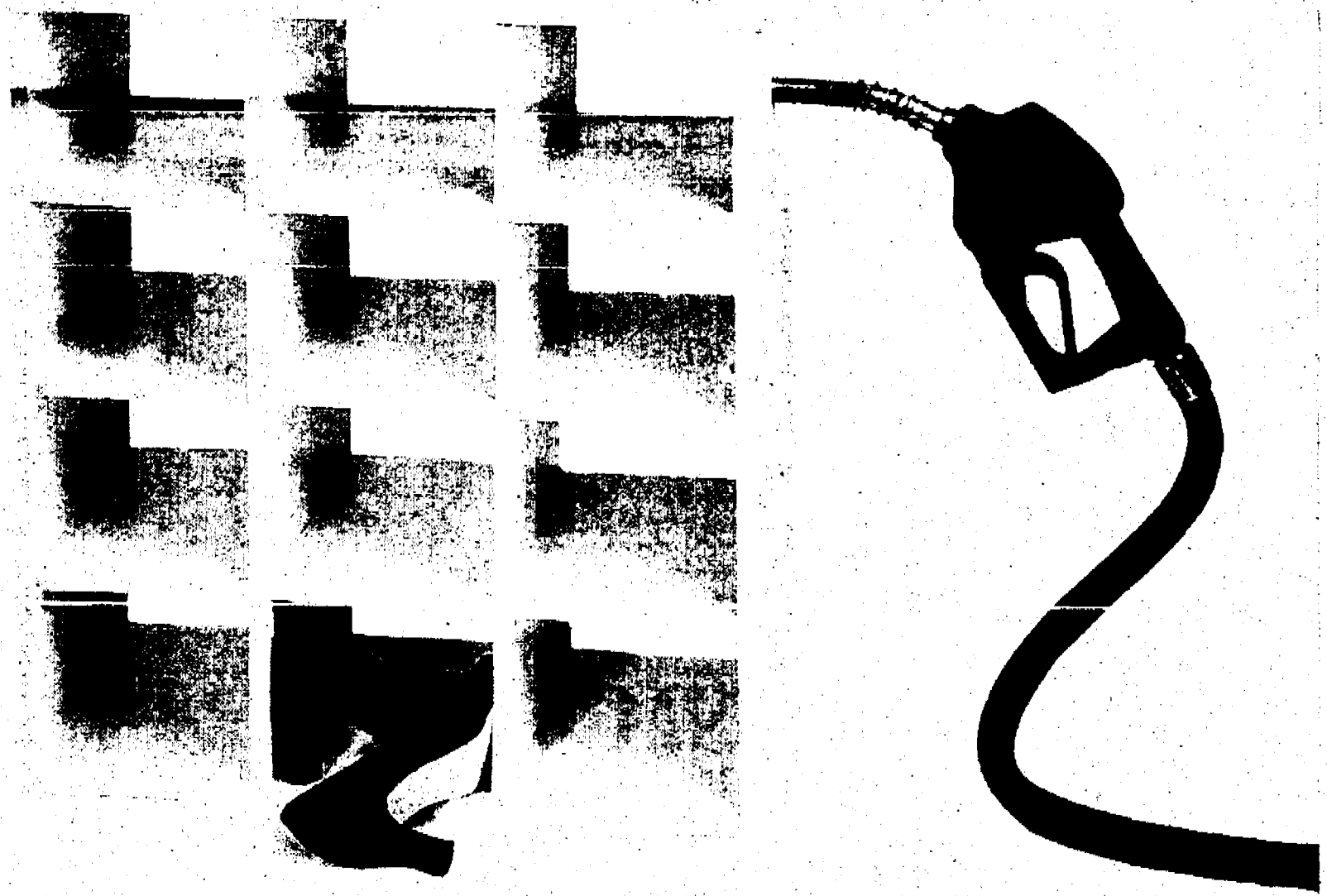
"I can't see anything negative about people praying for their families, their leaders, and their community."

Still, Morgan believes the use of City Hall property and the presence of Griffin and James is paramount to government sponsorship of the event.

"Why didn't they have it on church property? That is because this is government recognition of prayer. That's what it boils down to," he said.

"No elected officials, from the federal government on down, have any business calling for a national day of prayer."

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Bowling from page A1

very successful for both the Jaycees and us veterans that are involved," Main said.

"Not only will it educate the young people of the Jaycees about public service, it will also energize a lot of the old codgers with the veterans groups when they are introduced to all these young fireballs."

Main said the Michigan Vietnam Memorial will be the centerpiece of the proposed Veterans Memorial-Park that will connect the Capitol building with a new state courthouse. The Vietnam Memorial will be the first of a series of monuments dedicated to the fighting men and women of this state, with others to follow.

"This monument is going to be a focal point of veterans affairs in the state," Main said.

"It will be an inspirational site for contemplation. We have tried to design it so when veterans

visit, it won't bring back bad memories. It will have a positive effect for all the vets who come."

Although Kehrer said the original goal was to get all 60 state Jaycee chapters to participate, only 10 have actually begun organizing an event. Each participating chapter has a goal of raising \$2,649, symbolizing the Michigan lives lost during the war.

Ticket prices for the Westland/Garden City event are \$15, which will pay for three games of bowling, shoes and a lunch. There will be plenty of prizes, including those for best game and best series, as well as other raffles and games.

Sign-up begins at 11 a.m. at the door, with the actual bowling to begin at 1:30 p.m. Organizers encourage those interested to call and order tickets in advance, because of limited bowling lanes. There is also an opportunity to

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sponsor a lane by either corporate or personal donations. By doing so, a sponsor will get their name advertised on a lane, as well as be recognized at the two VFW posts. Kehrer said that he already has 10 sponsors and is hoping to get 20 more.

"This event is important because the Vietnam veterans are people that a lot of us can identify with," Kehrer said. "I just think that this is a needy cause."

Sigler agreed.

"We are doing what we can to help, and raising some needed cash for a great cause," Sigler said.

For more information about the event, call Kehrer at (734) 595-1890 or e-mail Sigler at tsigler@gr-lakes.com.

Some of Observer e-mail lost

The well-publicized "I Love You" virus hit your Westland Observer computer system Thursday.

Anyone who sent us e-mail that day is invited to send it again, since some of our e-mail from Thursday was lost. The

address for Westland community editor Julie Brown is jbrown@oe.homecomm.net.

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IVA H. COGSWELL
Services for Iva Cogswell, 89, of Westland were May 4 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Cogswell was born Sept. 7, 1910, and died May 1 in Wayne. She was an assembler.

Surviving are her daughter, Judith Haag; three grandchildren, DeWayne Haag, Lloyd Cogswell and Phyllis Gross; and two great-grandsons.

Mrs. Cogswell was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; son, Richard; brothers, Kenneth Howling and Archie Howling; sisters, Blanch Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Phoebe Horn and Grace Raymond.

STEVEN R. DELONG
Services for Steven DeLong, 35, of Osceola Township were May 3 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Robert McDonald.

Mr. DeLong was born July 8, 1964, and died April 29. He was a quality engineer. He was an active member of the Fair Haven Baptist Church in Westland and the Liberty Baptist Church in Howell.

Surviving are his wife, Dawn;

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son, Ryan; daughter, Becky Wade; parents, Phillip (Cathy Ann) DeLong, and Bernice (William) Zerbis; brothers, James (Tina) DeLong of Westland, Alan Doe, Michael Waddell, Robert Waddell and Alan Waddell; sisters, Deborah (Bruce) Slaughter, Yvonne (Chris) Morrison and LeeAnn (Nick) Nicholas; grandmother, Freda Edward; grandparents, James and Mary Nichol; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. DeLong was preceded in death by his grandfather, Lyle Edward.

ENID JOHNSON
Services for Enid Johnson, 66, of Westland were May 5 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Joy.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 6, 1934, and died May 3 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, Steven, Gary (Karen), John (Karen), Phillip (Janice) and Mark; daughters, Carol (Frank) Hogle and Debra (Rick) Matthews; brother, Gordon Corless; sisters, Eileen Henderson and Joyce Mills; and 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in

death by her husband, Wilford Jr.

GENEVIEVE TOBICZYK
Services for Genevieve Tobiczky, 93, of Inkster were May 6 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. Gerald Flannigan from St. Mel Catholic Church.

Mrs. Tobiczky was born Sept. 15, 1906, in Fall River, Mass., and died May 3 in Inkster. She was an assembler.

Surviving are her brother, Adam (Dorthea) Mikol of Westland; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Tobiczky was preceded in death by her husband, Walter.

ESTELLE J. GISH
Services for Estelle Gish, 82, of Westland were May 6 in St. Theodore Catholic Church. Officiating was the Rev. Gary Michalik.

Mrs. Gish was born Nov. 11, 1917, in Detroit and died May 3 in Southfield. She lived in this area many years. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Ted; brother, William Barz; and sister, Helen Zaleski.

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Ameritech plan for new area codes put on hold

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Your fingers likely won't be walking as much as they could have this summer, thanks to a Flint business executive.

Because of Jerry L. Preston's intervention, a plan to institute overlay area codes in the 734 area - which would have meant dialing 1 plus the area code plus the number (11 digits) every time you made a local call - has been put on hold, probably until later this year.

Under the plan, 11-digit dialing in the 734 area would have been optional beginning July 8 but mandatory on Nov. 4.

In the 313 area, optional 11-digit dialing was to begin Nov. 4 and become mandatory on Feb. 4.

It would have begun optionally back in February in the 810 area, where Flint is located, and become mandatory on May 6.

But Preston, who's president of the Flint Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, protested there had been no public hearing when the plan was drafted.

As a result, the North American Numbering Plan Administration suspended instituting new area codes pending a Federal Communications Commission ruling, probably later this year.

According to the original plan, an overlay area code - 278 in the 734 area, 679 in the 313 area - would have been assigned new local service customers, including those getting cellular phones, pagers, alarms or fax or Internet numbers. Older numbers would keep the 734 or 313 codes.

That means businesses adding extra telephone numbers would have two area codes, requiring the expensive reprogramming of telephone systems.

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Jack Kirksey
—Livonia mayor

Many scratchpads

There also would be the potential for reprinting business cards, letterheads and forms. "It can hit some businesses hard," said Sarah Hubbard, Lansing lobbyist for the Detroit Regional Chamber. "If they've got 500,000 pieces of letterhead and they find out this is a change, they have 500,000 scratchpads," she said.

In the last six years, Wayne County has seen the 313 area code split into 313 and 734 while in Oakland County, 313 has gone from that to 810 to 248. "It's ridiculous," said Linda Jolicœur, a Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce member.

Rodney Crider, president of the Livonia Chamber, said reprogramming of its Livonia businesses database would be "a lot of time and expense."

And Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said a major part of the problem is "that no one is addressing the causal factors" behind the proliferation of area codes.

"Most of the energy seems to be directed at schemes like overlays that make life difficult for users and there isn't any effort focused at solving the problem for years to come," he said.

In same house

For residents, the overlays could mean having different area codes for telephones within the same house.

However, charges for local calls would remain the same, despite the extra dialing.

Which is probably why some chamber directors told the Observer they hadn't heard one way or the other from their memberships about 11-digit dialing.

Several echoed the response of Lori Brist, director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, who said, "This is the first I've heard of it."

Preston of Flint said the new area codes aren't needed: In the 810 area, for example, "there are enough phone numbers" going unused that "every man, woman and child over 16 can have one."

He believes the problem stems from deregulation of local telephone service. When the FCC approved deregulation, it decided that new local service providers would be issued blocks of 10,000 phone numbers, "never envisioning there would be" the dozens of local phone companies now in existence.

As a result, he said, a lot of the numbers are going unused - as many as 350,000 numbers in 810 alone, because of unused prefixes (the first three digits in a phone number).

Furthermore, prefixes ending in 00 - such as 200 and 300 - also aren't used, nor are those ending in 11, except for 9-1-1, he said.

And Michigan did not grant its Public Service Commission the authority to oversee the assigning of phone numbers, as has happened in other states.

One bright spot: Gov. John Engler is pushing for revisions in the state's telecommunications act which would give such authority to the PSC.

Also, state Sens. John Cherry, D-Cllo, and Dianne Byrum, D-Onondaga, have asked the PSC to petition the FCC to grant Michigan authority in determining area codes and other aspects of telephone numbering.

Pat Murphy of the Eccentric! Newspapers contributed to this article.

Seniors get help in writing memoirs

When seven Madonna University nursing students reached out to older adults at the St. Rose Senior Center in Detroit, a portion of history was brought to life. The students assisted in a project, called "Memory Lane," which was developed by the center to give seniors "assistance in writing and publishing something of their life story, including their faith, accomplishments, desires and words they want to leave behind."

Olivia Royster, a frequent visitor at the St. Rose Senior Center, was eager to volunteer for this project. "This was a great experience for me. The students were very friendly and I got to put my history into words. My grandkids will be able to read about me and find

out where I met grandpa," Royster said.

Participating were students from the course Nursing 331: Juniors Nicole Cartinar of Macomb County, Lillian Durecki of Garden City, Nicole Polite of Detroit, Kelly Przygocki of Dearborn, David Walters of Waterford, Jenny Webb of Northville and Patrice Wingo of Detroit, with the help of Ann Marie Knoerl, adjunct clinical instructor.

Nursing 331, Family and Community Health Concepts in Nursing I, focuses on the application of fundamental nursing practices with families in the context of community. This project gave the students the opportunity to practice what they have learned in class and to carry out the missions of Madonna

University, nursing, and the Felician Sisters, which is a commitment to serve others.

The students made four visits to the St. Rose Senior Center. During the first two visits, each student interviewed a senior. At the end of the second visit, the students asked their seniors to choose a health related topic that they wanted to know more about. The third visit was a teaching-learning session, as the students presented a personalized teaching plan on the health topic their senior chose. On the fourth and final visit, the seniors were given a book detailing their lives that they were able to take home and share with their families and friends.

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Madonna University bash is truly one for the books

Going once, going twice ... Forget about it. At Madonna University's annual dinner auction, it was likely long gone.

More than 450 bidders took part in the university's 12th annual "Around the World ... and Beyond" Scholarship Dinner Auction April 28, which netted \$330,000. Money raised will replenish the Madonna University Scholarship Fund.

More than 1,000 items went up for bid. Those ranged from a jet-provided, accommodations-paid excursion to South Bend, Ind., to see a Notre Dame football game, to a Joe Louis suite for 20 for a Red Wings playoff game.

The Red Wing suite, which included food and drink, netted \$10,500 while the Notre Dame journey fetched \$10,000 as the auction's high ticket items.

A Knabe piano with player piano disc system generated \$5,000, while a chance to be a fighter pilot for a day - flying with an instructor in one of two Marchetti SF 260 NATO air combat trainers - brought in \$2,500 each.

A Northwest Airlines trip to Italy for two went for \$1,250 while a flight and accommodation paid journey to New York for four drew \$1,800.

Don Massey Cadillac, Northwest Airline, Kimcraft Printers,

Michael Kranson of Grosse Pointe collected the top prize in a raffle for a 2000 Cadillac Sedan DeVille donated by Don Massey.



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

Madonna crowd: Honorary chairpersons (left to right) Leonard Vier, Patricia Vier, and Margaret Vier, along with Carol Bridges and Jean Shapero, visit at the dinner auction.

Al Long Ford and Sodexo-Mariotti served as sponsors of this year's event, which was chaired by Tarik and Helen Daoud. Leonard, Margaret and Patricia Vier served as honorary chairpersons.

Michael Kranson of Grosse Pointe collected the top prize in a raffle for a 2000 Cadillac Sedan DeVille donated by Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth. The car raffle alone brought in \$114,600, with tickets going for \$200 each.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE # 99-047 NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its Regular Meeting of Monday, May 1, 2000, the City Council of the City of Garden City did adopt the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-047

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 92-005, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY, WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE EAST 110 FEET OF LOT 27 AND 28, EXCEPT THE EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 27 AND 28, ALSO EXCEPT THE NORTH 43 FEET OF LOT 28, ASSESSOR'S FOLKERS LITTLE FARMS SUBDIVISION, DESCRIBED AS PARCEL I.D. #010-01-0027-003 FROM R-3 TO R-1.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

THAT ORDINANCE NO. 92-005, THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, SPECIFICALLY THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY, WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE EAST 110 FEET OF LOT 27 AND 28, EXCEPT THE EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 27 AND 28, ALSO EXCEPT THE NORTH 43 FEET OF LOT 28, ASSESSOR'S FOLKERS LITTLE FARMS SUBDIVISION, DESCRIBED AS PARCEL I.D. #010-01-0027-003 FROM R-3, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

REPEAL

The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Garden City, specifically the zoning map of the City, as said map relates to the zoning classification of the East 110 feet of Lot 27 and 28, except the East 30 feet of Lot 27 and 28, also, except the North 43 feet of Lot 28, Assessor's Folkers Little Farms Subdivision, described as PARCEL I.D. #010-01-0027-003, FROM R-3 TO R-1 as previously adopted by the City, shall be repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance. The repeal of this zoning classification with respect to said parcel does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or any liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred prior to the time enforced, prosecuted or inflicted.

All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same hereby are repealed.

PUBLIC PURPOSE

This Ordinance is declared necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the people of the City of Garden City and is given immediate effect upon its publication.

SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance and the various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections and clauses it contains are hereby declared to be severable. Should any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by any court for any reason, such judgment shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Furthermore, should the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure be adjudged invalid by any court, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure in the City, unless otherwise stated in the judgment.

Effective Date

Made and passed by the City Council of the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan on this 1st day of May 2000, and effective upon publication as required by law.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted: May 1, 2000

Published: May 7, 2000

Westland recognizes beautification work

Mayor Robert Thomas' office will accept nominations for landscaping beautification awards from Monday, May 15, through Friday, July 28.

Judging for residential nominees will focus on overall appearance of front and back yards, including flowers, color combinations, trees and greenery.

Judging for nonresidential

nominees will include many of the same criteria but will also be based on cleanliness and overall appearance of grounds surrounding businesses.

Condominiums and apartments will be judged in the non-residential category.

To submit a nomination, call (734) 467-3200 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or write to

Mayor Robert Thomas, Beautification Awards, City of Westland, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185.

Residential winners will receive, for first place, a plaque, dinner for two with the mayor via limousine, and a winning yard sign; for second place, a certificate, \$30 dinner certificates and a yard sign; for third place,

a certificate, a \$25 gift certificate to Westland Shopping Center and a yard sign.

The first-place nonresidential winner will receive a plaque and a sign, while second- and third-place winners will be given certificates and yard signs.

Awards will be given during a ceremony which has yet to be scheduled.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 17, 2000 REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. Absent none.

Also present were Acting City Manager Whitson and Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- Curt Stevens, of Garden City, still has many questions regarding the modular home.
- Bill Harrison, of Garden City, is seeking more feedback pertaining to the modular home.
- Richard Pickens, of Garden City, has additional questions regarding the above issue.
- Bob Gilbert, of Garden City, disagrees with decisions made by the City regarding the modular home.
- Herman Bersano, of Garden City, requests information regarding water overpayments to the City of Detroit and sewage overpayments to Wayne County.
- Arlene Green, of Garden City, wants to know the procedure for receiving information from the City.

♦ **Item 04-00-124**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Kaledas. RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2000. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

♦ **Item 04-00-125**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Dodge. RESOLVED: To approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING POPPY DAYS IN THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, all veteran organizations serve to honor veterans who served the United States during times of conflict, and

WHEREAS, not only have members of these organizations have served with distinction in the armed forces of the United States but also provide significant and important community services to the citizens of Garden City, and

WHEREAS, all veteran organizations have designated May 11, 12 and 13, 2000, as the date set-aside in Garden City for Poppy Days 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Garden City recognizes, celebrates, and encourages the purposes of all veteran organizations and the designation of May 11, 12 and 13, 2000, as Poppy Days in Garden City, Michigan.

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 04-00-126**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch. RESOLVED: To approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION CITY OF GARDEN CITY, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the safety of all Michigan motorists is an issue of enduring consequences. Our State's licensed motorcyclists are required to keep their vehicles inspected and obey our current laws relative to operate safety equipment, and

WHEREAS, motorcyclists promote highway safety through education and encourage other vehicle operators to be cognizant of motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, in Michigan, there are 431,360 motorcycle operators, and 119,126 motorcycles. The safety of our motorcycle riders is everyone's concern

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garden City, that during the month of May, education of motorcycle safety will be a top concern for the State of Michigan and for the many motorcycle advocacy groups that we have in Michigan. ABATE of Michigan, Inc. (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education), in particular, will continue their advocacy of motorcycle safety during May, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to ABATE of Michigan, Inc. in recognition of May 2000, as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

- Housing Rehab Case #000102
- Housing Rehab Case #000203
- Supplemental Appropriation
- Special Workshop
- Metrcom.

♦ **Item 04-00-127**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Gora. RESOLVED: To award the bid for Housing Rehab Case #000102 to ReConstruction, Inc., in the amount of \$9,075.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 04-00-128**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacek. RESOLVED: To award emergency approval for Housing Rehab Case #000203 to Arthur Nelson Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$3,200.00. AYES: Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch and Gora. NAYS: Councilmember Briscoe. ABSENT: None.

♦ **Item 04-00-129**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Dodge. RESOLVED: To approve the following:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION Ordinance No. A89-095

WHEREAS, the City Manager has certified that there is available for appropriation, monies in excess of those in the current budget, and

WHEREAS, additional monies are needed in various accounts, and

WHEREAS, Section 5.03 of the City Charter exempts ordinances dealing with the budget, appropriations, and the levy of taxes from the requirements of other legislative enactments, and

WHEREAS, these specific enactments under Section 6.09(A) are not permanent in nature and need not be compiled in the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Garden City hereby adopts the following form for this supplemental appropriation and also for the passage of those ordinances exempt from the requirements of Section 5.03 of the City Charter:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

The 1999/2000 fiscal year budget is hereby supplemented by appropriating the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorizing the expenditure of that money in the following departments, office and agencies listed:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
Revenue: 790-790-595.000	Library Grant	\$50,000.00
Expenditure: 790-790-960.000	Reserve	\$50,000.00

AYES: Unanimous

ABSENT: None

♦ **Item 04-00-130**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Wiacek. RESOLVED: To call for a Special Workshop for April 24, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss the computer system. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Lawmakers want tougher grading on report cards

BY MIKE MALOTT
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Michigan lawmakers want tougher grading on report cards — the ones handed out for the schools themselves.

Representatives voted 88-20 April 26 to pass a bill requiring public school districts to include more information in the education report cards they are required to turn over annually to the State Board of Education, and to make them available to the public.

"The annual Michigan School Report has been a first step in bringing information about school performance to families. We need to take that further," said Rep. Charles LaSata, R-St. Joseph, sponsor of House Bill 5212. "Unfortunately, right now at least two-thirds of all parents don't know this information exists. We need to make it more readily available and have it sent home to each family."

The bill requires school boards to submit to the Department of Education the following information:

■ 'All this information is something parents should be able to easily access about their child's school or when they are scouting out new schools.'

Charles LaSata
—state representative

- Accreditation status.
- Core academic curriculum.
- MEAP scores.
- Pupil retention rate.
- Average class size for grades K-3.
- Ratio of teachers, counselors and staff to students.
- Percentage of teachers with a master's, doctorate or specialist's degree.

High schools would have to report additional information, including the number of students who enrolled in postsecondary courses; college level classes offered in the district; students who took the ACT and their scores; and the graduation rate.

"All this information is something parents should be able to easily access about their child's school or when they are scouting

out new schools," LaSata said. "This legislation doesn't require our school systems to report any new information. The informa-

tion is already there, it's just in many different forms and locations."

Each intermediate school district in the state would also have to develop its own annual report card for every school in its district. The education report card would be submitted to the school, the department, the parent of each pupil enrolled in the district and newspapers in the district.

Concerns have been raised over the cost of mailing out the reports, but LaSata said the state will cover those expenses. According to LaSata, no extra paper work or costs are being placed on local schools by the bill.

Representatives rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, that would have required even more information to be included in the

reports and would have added a school improvement program, the cost of which would have been covered by the state.

Reps. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, and Laura Toy, R-Livonia, voted yes.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, did not vote.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

MU adds 2 cage recruits

Madonna University men's basketball coach Bernie Holowicki announced the signing of two new recruits — Joe Green of Southgate Anderson and Garden City's Jess Webb.

Webb, a 6-foot-4 forward, earned All-League honors for the Mega Conference Blue Division champions.

Greene, a point-guard, made All-Mega, All-State honorable mention (Detroit Free Press) and All-Metro honorable mention (Detroit News).

He also plays baseball where he was an All-Region selection.

Both Webb and Greene join Livonia Churchill's 6-4 second-team All-Observer forward John Bennett as MU basketball recruits.

Madonna finished last season with a 4-28 record, 2-12 in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Indoor soccer champions

The Livonia Family Y Meteors, an under-13 Little Caesars six-on-six girls soccer team coached by Frank Baker, recently captured the under-14 division at Total Soccer in Wixom.

Members of the Meteors, who racked up 42 goals en route to the title, include: Annie Bernacki, Lauren Brodie, Amanda Carlisi, Mandy Hawley, Lauren Hess, Kim Herbst, Ele Keeler, Julie Mitchell, Jenny Perkins, Tracy Repoz, Lindsay Rowe, Stefanie Stephens, Sandy Swish and Maggie Vaillancourt.

The assistant coach and trainer is Jeff Bobo. The team manager is Paulette Baker.

National Judo champs

Alan Panaackia of Livonia took firsts in two Kata divisions at the U.S. Judo Inc. National Championships April 28 in Houston, Tex.

Panaackia and partner Mark Pasquinely of Maumee, Ohio finished first in both the Ju No Kata (forms of gentleness) and Goshin Jutsu (forms of self defense).

Last month the duo captured the Michigan State Championship in No Kata, Goshin Jutsu and Koshiki No Kata (forms of antique). They also finished first in Itsutsu No Kata (forms of five) and second in Ju No Kata at the Ohio State Kata Championships.

Both Panaackia and Pasquinely practice at the University of Toledo under instructor Tony Owed, a sixth degree Black Belt.

Panaackia and Brian Marks of Los Angeles, Calif. also compete in the Nage no Kata division, but had to withdraw because of a knee injury to Marks.

"This was quite an accomplishment for the two of us," said Panaackia, who teaches at the Farmington Judo Club and has been doing Judo for 34 years. "It would have been great if my other partner didn't get hurt, but that's the breaks."

Collegiate notes

•University of Missouri-Rolla junior **Lizz Szkrybalo** (Livonia Churchill) was recently named MVP of the women's soccer team.

•Kalamazoo College sophomore shortstop **Teri Fox** (Livonia Stevenson) is second on the women's softball team with 10 RBI, four doubles and three steals. She finished the year with 23 hits and a .274 average batting in the second spot as the Hornets finished 7-19 overall and 2-12 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Simon hoop camps

Wayne State University women's basketball coach Bob Simon will hold two sessions of basketball day camps at Our Lady of Loretto School, located at the corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly roads, Redford.

The first session is for boys and girls (grades 2-5) from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30. The second session is for boys and girls (grades 6-9) from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 10-14.

The cost is \$115 per session. For more information, call Bob or Donna Simon at (313) 634-6992.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36261 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Churchill squeaks out 1-0 victory

BY BRAD EMONS
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■ GIRLS SOFTBALL

It was a nail-biter, just like a late-night Stanley Cup playoff overtime game. Lots of defense and low scoring.

But this was girls softball, set Friday afternoon under the warm sun.

This time host Livonia Churchill emerged the winner in eight innings against Farmington Hills Harrison, 1-0.

Churchill notched its ninth straight victory to move to 9-2 overall and 3-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Harrison falls to 5-5-1 overall and 3-1 in the division.

Churchill sophomore pitcher Meghan Misiak averted jams in the second, fourth and seventh innings to pick up the win. She struck out 12, scattered six hits and did not walk a batter.

Harrison senior left-hander Lindsey Emmett, who had won divisional games on her two previous birthdays, was equal to her counterpart, allowing

just four hits, while fanning five and walking just two (both in the sixth inning).

The lone run came across the plate in the bottom of the eighth.

Lead-off batter Sallie Kuratko singled, went to second on a wild pitch and took third on groundout to second.

Christine Fones then popped a slow shot to the right side of the infield. The squibbler was mishandled as she beat the throw to first base, scoring Kuratko with the game-winner.

"We've been in some pressure situations this year and have had a lot of close, extra inning games," said Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge, whose team beat Westland John Glenn on Wednesday in eight innings, 3-2.

"We dodged some bullets early in the game and then they (Harrison) started dodging some later on.

"I thought our defense came up big in the beginning of the game when they

had people on. We made some big plays and looked like a poised team."

Harrison center fielder Kristin Schrock came up with a defensive gem in the bottom of the seventh.

With one-out, she caught a fly off the bat of Courtney Cross and cut down pinch-runner Renae Ritz at home plate with the potential game-winning run to keep the game scoreless.

In the second inning, Harrison's Jenelle Welling and Emmett each singled, but were left stranded.

The final out came when Misiak threw past catcher Sheila Gillies, but the Churchill sophomore backstop recovered the ball in time to pick off pinch-runner Ellery Diem at the plate.

In the fourth, Kelly Taylor double and Emmett collected her second hit on a bunt with one-out, but both runners were frozen when Misiak struck out the next two hitters.

Harrison's bottom half of the batting order went 0-for-12.

"We had runners at first and third, second and third and one-out and

couldn't get the hit we needed," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We also tried to go to the bunts and couldn't execute them."

"I figured it would be a 1-0 or 2-1 ballgame. And in a 1-0 game the team that wins doesn't make the last mistake."

"But overall it was a pretty good softball game."

Harrison, like Churchill, has been in some close battles this spring.

"Four of our losses are by one run or have come during the last at-bat," Teachman said.

The win keeps Churchill in the Western Division race, one game behind unbeaten Plymouth Canton.

"Our division does not have a weak team," Hardwidge said. "Any time you show up, you have to play hard to win the game."

"Emmett is a pretty good pitcher. And a left-hander always makes it a little bit harder."



Softball action

Playing tag: Livonia Churchill's Christine Fones (left photo) tags out Westland John Glenn runner Jenny Lock at second base. Meanwhile, Glenn's Ruthie Kieltyka (bottom photo) makes the catch in Wednesday's WLAA game. See roundup, B2.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

2000 ALL-AREA GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Trio of repeat selections lead All-Observer team

Youth dominates this year's All-Observer gymnastics team, which has only one senior. Four of the seven gymnasts are either freshmen or sophomores.

Three honorees are repeat selections: Plymouth Canton senior Liz Fitzgerald, Farmington United sophomore Chelsea Keesling and Wayne-Westland junior Nicole Simonian. Farmington's trio of gymnasts includes sophomore Kristin Ulewicz and freshman Clara Seymour. Plymouth Canton junior Amy Driscoll and Plymouth Salem freshman Bethany Bartlett rounds out the elite squad.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

Nicole Simonian, Wayne-Westland: The John Glenn High junior was a state qualifier in Division II where she posted scores of 9.15 (floor exercise), 9.0 (vault) and 8.875 (uneven parallel bars).

At the regional, Simonian took third in the vault (8.95), fifth on floor (9.05) and eighth on bars (8.675). She also scored a 8.35 on beam for an all-around total of 35.025.

ALL-AREA GYMNASTICS

Nicole Simonian, junior, Westland Glenn
Liz Fitzgerald, senior, Plymouth Canton
Amy Driscoll, junior, Plymouth Canton
Bethany Bartlett, freshman, Ply. Salem
Chelsea Keesling, sophomore, Farmington
Clara Seymour, freshman, Farmington
Kristin Ulewicz, sophomore, Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION

Parallel bars: Jenny Geibrath, Natalle Olesko, Nicole White, Candace Kristin Schik, Maggie Bert, Ashley April Aquino, Katay Enser, Ashley Howard, John Glenn/Wayne, Kristen Costantini, Julie Costello, Sarah Vermeas.

In the Western Lakes Division II meet, Simonian finished an all-around score of 34.25 after taking fourth on vault (8.7); fifth on bars (8.75); fifth on beam (8.9); and 11th on floor (8.85).

"Nicole is one of the most dedicated gymnasts I've ever coached," Glenn's Katie Boogren said. "She really puts her heart into it."

"She was consistent all year, but improved from beginning to end. She always had a positive attitude and is serious about her sport and the team."

"When the pressure was on, she handled it well and kept up with the competition."
Chelsea Keesling, Farmington United: Keesling is a two-time state qualifier and one of the top gymnasts in the WLAA.

The sophomore was second in Division I all-around at the WLAA championships. She tied for first place on vault; she was second

Please see ALL-AREA GYMNASTS, B2

Whalers tame Colts

Defense? Did somebody say something about defense?

It wasn't in total absence when the Ontario Hockey League Championship Final, between the Plymouth Whalers and the Barrie (Ont.) Colts, opened Thursday in Barrie. But defense definitely wasn't the rule in this nail-biter.

Comebacks from both teams added to the excitement, but it was the Whalers who got the final statement when Randy Fitzgerald scored his second goal of the game 59 seconds into the first overtime to propel Plymouth to a 5-4 triumph in front of 4,081 Colt fans.

The best-of-seven games series now comes to Plymouth for Games Two (7 today) and Three (7:30 p.m. Monday).

For Fitzgerald, a fourth-year player who serves as team captain, this season's playoffs have served as redemption. He scored 18 regular-season goals; in 17 playoff games, he has 11.

Indeed, he wasn't the only Whaler veteran to come through when needed most. Plymouth took the early lead with a second period onslaught, going up 3-1 entering the final period.

Not that it came without warning. The Whalers jumped on the Colts from the start, outshooting the home team 12-2 in a scoreless opening period.

Eric Goody, one of the aforementioned veterans, opened the scoring for Plymouth with a goal at 7:11 of the second period. Kris Vernarsky and Fitzgerald assisted.

Jamae Lalonde doubled the

Whalers' lead 68 seconds later with his first playoff goal, assisted by defenseman Cole Jarrett, who kept a Colts' clearing attempt in the zone and then found Lalonde at the edge of the crease.

Barrie's Blaine Down narrowed Plymouth's lead to 2-1 at the 9:41 mark as the defense that had ruled the first 25 minutes of the game began to melt away. Fitzgerald's first goal at 13:06 restored the Whalers' two-goal advantage; Goody assisted.

Three goals scored in the first 77 minutes of the third period, two of them by Barrie, made it a one-goal contest. Mike Jefferson accounted for both of the Colts' goals, the first at the 2:27 mark and the second, on the power play, at 7:27.

Inbetween, Goody got his second goal of the game and his sixth of the playoffs, a power-play marker assisted by Fitzgerald and Damian Surma at 5:53.

Barrie knotted it with 6:40 left in regulation. Mike Christian getting the key goal. The Colts continued to apply pressure around Whalers' goalie Rob Zepp and very nearly scored in the final seconds of the third period, but Zepp stopped Sheldon Keefe, the OHL's regular season scoring champ.

Fitzgerald's game winner was set up by George Nistas, who dropped a pass back to him for a wrist shot that beat Barrie goalie Brian Finley. Goody also assisted.

Fitzgerald and Goody both had two goals and two assists. Zepp made 29 saves for Plymouth; Finley had 25 for the Colts.

PREP BOYS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 89 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 48 May 4 at Canton

Shot put: Mike Gaura (LC), 50 feet, 9 1/2 inches; discus: Gaura (LC), 129-11; long jump: Ugo Okwumabua (PC), 20-10; high jump: Jordan Chapman (PC), 6-4; pole vault: Chapman (PC), 13-5 (school record); 110-meter hurdles: Chris Kalls (PC), 15-2; 300 hurdles: Kalls (LC), 41-3; 100 dash: Jamie Bonner (PC), 11-1; 200: Bonner (PC), 23-2; 400: Jack Tucci (PC), 52-1; 800: Jerry Gaines (LC), 2:07-2; 1,600: Jason Richmond (LC), 4:43-8; 3,200: Richmond (LC), 10-18-4; 400 relay: Canton (Bonner, Nate Howe, Gary Lee, Mike Parker), 45-1; 800 relay: Canton (K.J. Singh, Howe, Boerner, Parker), 1:34-7; 1,600 relay: Canton (Doug Kurth, Brian Page, Tucci, Aaron LaBeau), 3:39-8; 3,200 relay: Canton (Page, Aaron Schmidt, Tony Mize, Gaines), 8:43-1.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA Western Division; Canton, 3-1 overall, 3-0 in the WLAA's Western Division.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 78.3 PLYMOUTH SALEM 58.3 May 4 at Stevenson

Shot put: Mark Snyder (PS), 50 feet, 1 inch; discus: Snyder (PS), 132-9; long jump: Gabe Coble (PS), 19-3; high jump: Ryan Silva (PS), 5-8; pole vault: Greg Kubitski

(PS), 10-6; 110-meter hurdles: Brian Jones (LS), 15-4; 300 hurdles: Jones (LS), 43-2; 100 dash: Pat Johnson (PS), 12-13; 200: James Bartshe (LS), 24-15; 400: Dave Novara (LS), 52-9; 800: Brad Carroll (LS), 2:09-6; 1,600: Manvir Gill (PS), 4:45-9; 3,200: Donnie Warner (PS), 10-22-2; 400 relay: Stevenson (Dan Howery, Bartshe, Joe Lubinski, Mike Lenardon), 45-8; 800 relay: Stevenson (Howery, Bartshe, Lubinski, Lenardon), 1:33-9; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Novara, Nick Soper, Lubinski, Steve Keckskemet), 3:39-6; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Novara, Carroll, Matt Isner, Keckskemet), 8:24-25.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 4-1 overall, 2-1 WLAA Lakes Division; Salem, 2-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA Lakes Division.

NORTHVILLE 76 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 60 May 4 at Northville

Shot put: Nate Hensman (LF), 46 feet, 3 inches; discus: Hensman (LF), 133-6; long jump: Cornelius (N), 19-4; high jump: Haines (N), 6-2; pole vault: Anderson (N), 12-0; 110-meter hurdles: Pauling (N), 15-9; 300 hurdles: Pauling (N), 42-5; 100 dash: Langston (N), 11-3; 200: Langston (N), 23-4; 400: Kevin Schneider (LF), 52-0; 800: Brian Klotz (LF), 2:08-9; 1,600: Klotz (LF), 4:43-9; 3,200: Steve Stewart (LF), 10:32-5.

400 relay: Northville, 45-8; 800 relay: Franklin (Schmidler, Ryan Krause, John Moore, Dave Parlier), 1:36-4; 1,600 relay: Northville, 3:39-9; 3,200 relay: Northville, no time available.

Franklin's dual meet record: 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA Western Division.

FARMINGTON 98 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 39 May 4 at Farmington

Shot put: Rory Crittenden (F), 41-7; discus: Crittenden (F), 123-4; high jump: Jeremy Mares (F), 6-5; long jump: Jason Spinks (F), 19-11; pole vault: Jeff Fradenck (F), 11-0; 110-meter hurdles: Ben Lukas (F), 15-5; 300 hurdles: Frederick (F), 43-6; 100 dash: Mares (F), 11-1; 200: Todd Anthony (F), 23-6; 400: Derek Hurst (JG), 56-1; 800: Mark Parent (WJG), 2:12-6; 1,600: Bryan Giglio (F), 5:02-1; 3,200: Andrew Czaplicki (F), 11:08-5; 400 relay: Farmington (Mark Ostach, Spinks, Anthony, Dustin Gress), 44-1; 800 relay: Farmington (Ostach, Spinks, Anthony, Gress), 1:34-2; 1,600 relay: John Glenn, 3:43-5; 3,200 relay: Farmington (Tom Eason, Pat Lockhart, Chris Tobe, Chris McDonald), 9:02-8.

Dual meet records: Farmington, 1-3 overall, 1-2 WLAA Lakes Division; John Glenn, 1-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA Lakes Division.

PREP GIRLS TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 91 PLYMOUTH CANTON 46 May 4 at Churchill

Shot put: Marin Jacoby (LC), 32 feet, 10 inches; discus: Jenny Hefner (LC), 122-1; long jump: Amy Driscoll (PC), 16-7; high jump: Driscoll (PC), 5-1; pole vault: Jane Peterman (LC) and Kari Cerat (LC), 9-0 each; 100-meter hurdles: Peterman (LC), 17-7; 300 hurdles: Mandy Hein (LC), 51-5; 100 dash: Meredith Fox (PC), 13-4; 200: Melissa Lokken (LC), 28-7; 400: Jessica Levey (PC), 1:04-9; 800: Sarah Westrick (LC), 2:33-0; 1,600: Westrick (PC), 5:55-1; 3,200: Christy Smith (LC), 13:07-9; 400 relay: Churchill (Lokken, Beth Kwapis, Samantha Harris, Stephanie Dean), 54-1; 800 relay: Canton (Fox, Driscoll, Elizabeth Lanning, Tekia Bude), 1:54-2; 1,600 relay: Churchill (Dean, Hein, Rachel Wodjpa, Westrick), 4:30-6; 3,200 relay: Churchill (Susan Duncan, Michelle Phillips, Wodjpa, Sarah Anastasiou), 10:35-5.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 4-0 overall, 3-0 WLAA Western Division; Canton, 1-3 overall, 1-2 WLAA Western Division.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 76 LIVONIA STEVENSON 61 May 4 at Salem

Shot put: Tiffany Grubough (PS), 39 feet, 1 inch; discus: Grubough (PS), 129-6; long jump: Jessica Stamberger (PS), 16-2; high jump: Angela Alfonso (LS), 5-0; pole vault: Jenny Jones (PS), 8-0; 100-meter hurdles:

Aisha Chappell (PS), 16-4; 300 hurdles: Cassie Ehlerdt (LS), 47-5; 100 dash: Rachel Jones (PS), 12-8; 200: Jones (PS), 26-8; 400: Autumn Hicks (PS), 1:00-7; 800: Andrea Parker (LS), 2:31-7; 1,600: Parker (LS), 5:40-1; 3,200: Heather Vandette (LS), 12:32-6; 400 relay: Salem (Michelle Bonor, Celena Davis, Snamberger, Jones), 51-2; 800 relay: Salem (Hicks, Davis, Brynne DeJong, Jones), 1:48-3; 1,600 relay: Stevenson (Erin Mazzoni, Meredith Kinkead, Ehlerdt, Parker), 4:21-9; 3,200 relay: Stevenson (Tessa Farley, Tara Tarole, Vandette, Parker), 10:19-9.

Dual meet records: Salem, 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, 3-0 in the WLAA Lakes Division; Stevenson, 3-1 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA Lakes Division.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71 FARMINGTON HIGH 66 May 4 at John Glenn

Shot put: Rachel Ellis (WJG), 27 feet, 8 inches; discus: Heather Fried (F), 96-6; long jump: LaTasha Chandler (WJG), 15-10; high jump: Felicia Bairrett (WJG), 5-0; pole vault: Nicole Simonian (WJG), 8-0; 100-meter hurdles: Chandler (WJG), 16-3; 300 hurdles: Kristel Stricker (F), 57-8; 100 dash: Barnett (WJG), 13-4; 200: Elizabeth Easter (WJG), 28-9; 400: Kristen Fischer (WJG), 1:06-3; 800: Kristen Barja (F), 2:41-3; 1,600: Barja (F), 6:03-8; 3,200: Megan Annarino (F), 13:14-0; 400 relay: John Glenn (Chandler, Easter, Barnett, Stephanie Brown), 54-2; 800 relay: John Glenn (Chandler, Easter, Barnett, Stephanie Brown), 1:54-4; 1,600 relay: John Glenn (Fischer, Brown, Angela Adams, Nicole Blah), 4:30-9; 3,200 relay: Farmington (Emily Darnbrook, Claire Czaplicki, Danielle Miller, Lindsey Mergener), 11:34-1.

Dual meet records: Glenn, 2-3 overall, 1-2 WLAA Lakes Division; Farmington, 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA Lakes Division.

400 relay: John Glenn (Chandler, Easter, Barnett, Brown), 1:54-4; 1,600 relay: John Glenn (Fischer, Brown, Angela Adams, Nicole Blah), 4:30-9; 3,200 relay: Farmington (Emily Darnbrook, Claire Czaplicki, Danielle Miller, Lindsey Mergener), 11:34-1.

Dual meet records: Glenn, 2-3 overall, 1-2 WLAA Lakes Division; Farmington, 0-4 overall, 0-3 WLAA Lakes Division.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 84 HARPER WOODS REGINA 44 May 3 at Ladywood

Shot put: Megan Guardola (LL), 29 feet; discus: Edna Lamsen (LL), 81-1; long jump: Alexis Noel (LL), 15-11; high jump: Trey Noel (LL) and Karen Kuszyński (LL), 4-10 each; 100-meter hurdles: Lia Grig (HWR), 16-5; 300 hurdles: Briden (HWR), 52-0; 100 dash: Brasha Watson (LL), 12-6; 200: Kelly Carey (LL), 28-0; 400: Yaris Bridges (LL), 1:07-3; 800: Jimenez (HWR), 2:45-1; 1,600: Trey Patty Simon (LL) and Andrea Doud (LL), 6:08-8 each; 3,200: Jennifer Koterba (LL), 13:20-3; 400 relay: Ladywood (Lizbeth, Carley, Sierra Miller, Watson), 52-8; 800 relay: Regina, 1:56-5; 1,600 relay: Ladywood (Rachel Marentant, Doud, Carey, Elaine Thompson), 4:32-8; 3,200 relay: Ladywood (Lisa Koterba, Michelle Taylor, Anna Piagany, Marentant), 10:53-5.

Ladywood's dual meet record: 2-1 overall, 2-1 Catholic League Central Division.

Various small sports results and announcements including 'LADYWOOD 84 HARPER WOODS REGINA 44' and 'WJWR AM 760'.

TRU TEMP HEATING & COOLING advertisement with phone number 734-427-6612 and 1-800-956-TEMP.

HOCKEYTOWN Authentics advertisement for the 2000 Playoff Merchandise, featuring 'BRING IT ON HOME!' and 'ON TAP AT HOCKEYTOWN CAFE'.

WJR AM 760 High School Athlete of the Week advertisement, featuring Sarah Clark as the winner and a nomination form.

Indiana Tech clubs Crusaders

Go up against the top team in the conference, and you'd better be darn sure you're at your best.

Go up against the top team in the conference when that team has vengeance on its mind, and you'd better be ready to try and cage an enraged tiger.

That's the situation Madonna University's basketball team faced Wednesday when it traveled to Indiana Tech. Tech had clinched the top spot in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with an 18-4 record, but one of its four losses came against Madonna.

So the host team wasn't exactly rolling out the welcome mat for the Fighting Crusaders Wednesday, even if it had already clinched a bye into the

COLLEGE BASEBALL

NIAA Region 8 Tournament

The results showed it. Tech swept Madonna, 10-7 and 11-1. The losses left the Crusaders with a 13-11 WHAC record; they were 25-19-1 overall through Thursday.

In Monday's opening round of the WHAC Tournament at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, Madonna plays Spring Arbor while Aquinas meets Tri-State. Both games will be at 10 a.m.

Following Game One, winner meets winner and loser meets loser at 1 p.m. The team with two losses will be eliminated; the team with two wins advances to

Tuesday's championship round.

The teams with one loss meet at noon Tuesday. The winner of that game advances to the championship round, with the first game starting at 3 p.m. If necessary, a second game will be played at noon Wednesday.

In Wednesday's first game against Tech, the Crusaders managed to keep it close but could never get in front of Tech. Dale Hayes started and took the loss for Madonna, giving up nine earned runs on 12 hits and three walks in 4 1/3 innings. Brandon Zartman got the win in relief for Tech.

Madonna did manage to tie it with two runs in the top of the

fifth, but then surrendered three runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Eric Lightle led the Crusaders with two hits, including a double, and three runs scored. Mario D'Herin went 3-for-3 with two runs scored, and Derrick Wolfe had a run-scoring double.

The second game was all Tech. Madonna scored its only run in the first inning, with Bob Hamp driving in Wolfe with an RBI single. The Crusaders managed just four singles off Tech starter, and winner, Brad Sparks, who walked two and struck out four.

Mitch Jabzenski last four innings for Madonna, allowing seven earned runs on 10 hits and a walk.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CLARENCEVILLE HOOP CAMP

Livonia Clarenceville High School will hold a fundamental basketball camp for boys and girls from 9 a.m. until noon (grades 4-6) and 1-4 p.m. (grades 7-9) Monday through Friday, June 19-23.

The cost is \$60 per session (includes camp T-shirt).

The camp is limited to 40 players per session.

For more information, call Clarenceville High School at (248) 473-8926 or coach Bill Dyer at (734) 261-0917.

MEN'S HOCKEY RAGINGS

A men's ice hockey rating session for 30- and 40-and-over players will be from 10-11 a.m. Sunday, May 14 at the Westland Arena.

Full equipment required. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call Walt Fischhoff at (734) 844-5281.

LADYWOOD NEEDS FALL COACHES

Livonia Ladywood High School has openings for three different coaching positions for the fall season — varsity swimming, junior varsity tennis and field hockey (JV and assistants).

For more information, call athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2323.

PLYMOUTH YMCA 10K, 5K RUNS

The Plymouth YMCA's 21st Annual Run is scheduled for Father's Day, June 18, and it

will be a full day of fun and competitive events for all ages.

Races will start in downtown Plymouth. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a kid's jog for 4-6 year-olds. That will be followed at 7:45 a.m. with a kid's trot for 2-3 year-olds and, at 8 a.m., a one-mile run/walk.

At 8:15 a.m., there's a 5-kilometer run/walk, and at 8:45 a.m. there's a 10-K run. Also, there's the chance to run the Triple Race (one mile, 5-K, 10-K). There's even the free diaper dash for toddlers under two years old.

Awards and refreshments will add to the festivities. Volunteers are needed to help with the events. Call the Plymouth YMCA for registration or volunteer information at (734) 453-2904.

BAYSHORE ROAD RACES

The Traverse City Track Club is sponsoring the 18th annual Bayshore Marathon and 10-kilometer road races on Saturday, May 27.

Both races, held on Mission Peninsula, are sanctioned and certified by the Road Runners Club of America and U.S.A. Track & Field.

For more information, call (231) 941-8118.

OCC SEEKS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

First-year Oakland Community College women's volleyball coach Mark Ridley is looking for players for the fall 2000 season.

All players must be enrolled full time at OCC in the fall semester. The season runs from August through early November. Practices and matches are at the Highland Lakes Campus.

If interested in playing volleyball for the Lady Raiders, contact the OCC athletic department at (248) 942-3173 or Ridley at (248) 474-0231.

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Total Soccer in Wixom is offering a six-on-six flag football league starting Thursday, July 13.

Trophies will be awarded to each league champion in the following age groups: 15-18, 19-30 and 30-and-over.

The team fee is \$400 (14 players allowed per roster). The individual fee is \$50.

Registrations will be taken by phone at (248) 669-9817; or send checks payable to: Total Soccer, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, Mi. 48393.

JUNIOR GOLFERS WANTED

The Oakland County Local Independent Insurance Agent Junior Classic will be held June 26 at Bogie Lake Golf Course in White Lake.

Organizers of the HAJC hope to attract a record number of golfers to this year's local, state and national tournament. Last year more than 1,000 golfers participated in 20 local qualifying sites across the state

of Michigan.

Winners of the Oakland County tournament will advance to compete in the Michigan finals July 16-17 at Tree Tops Golf Course in Gaylord. The top Michigan winners advance to the national finals set for Aug. 14-18 in Atlanta.

Entry forms and additional information may be obtained by calling tournament director Jon Rethford at 624-1531.

U.S. LACROSSE TRYOUTS

U.S. Lacrosse, the sport's governing body in the United States, has accepted two youth teams from Michigan to participate in its National Festival.

A boys U-13 and a boys U-15 team representing Michigan will participate in the National Youth Lacrosse Festival to be held at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) near Albany, N.Y., June 23-25.

Players throughout the state are welcomed to try out for Michigan Select Lacrosse, which will play in the Festival as Team Michigan.

Tryouts for Team Michigan will be held from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Berkshire Middle School in Beverly Hills. Players eligible for the U-15 team are those born in 1985 or 1986 while those born in 1987 or 1988 are eligible for the U-13 team.

For more information, visit www.teamtz.com/michiganselect.

Churchill posts another shutout

Sarah Phillips Churchill improved to 6-1-1 on the mound with a 3-0 girls soccer victory Wednesday over visiting Westland John Glenn.

The loss drops the Rockets to 4-6 overall. Deanna DeLoe contributed a goal and assist for the Chargers, who tallied all three during the opening 10 minutes of the second half.

Kristin Leaczynski and Michelle Esparza also chipped in with assists.

"We couldn't finish in the first half because Glenn had five defenders back and used a two-sweeper system," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "But we did a good job of possessing the ball."

"And I've been very happy with our defensive play." Renee Kashaewic was in goal as Churchill notched its sixth shutout of the season.

WAYNE 10, RIVER ROUGE 0: Wayne Memorial (7-3, 6-0) stayed unbeaten in the Mega Football Blue Division Wednesday at River Rouge as Kristine McCahill led the way with two goals and two assists.

Other Wayne goal scorers included Wendy Pearson, Toni Watson, Kristin Zilka, Sheila Honeycutt, Ronda Brockman, Jenny Clark and Lori Gardner. Tina Bradley, Kristal Swope, Watson, Brockman and Clark each added assists.

STEVENSON 8, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Lindsay Gusk's hot trick was more than enough Wednesday for state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (7-0-2, 3-0-1) in a WLA-Lakes Division victory over visiting Walled Lake Central.

Andrea Sed, Laura Shishkovsky and Katie Beaudoin also tallied goals for the Spartans, who led 4-0 at intermission. Sed's goal came on a penalty kick.

Goalkeeper Katherine Koch posted the shutout.

LUTHERAN NORTH 4, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 1: Lutheran High Westland fell to 3-5-1 overall in a Metro Conference defeat Wednesday at visiting Macomb Lutheran North.

Kelly Buczek had the lone goal for the Warriors from Angie Matthews.

PREP BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

REDFORD THURSTON 4 WAYNE MEMORIAL 4 May 3 at Wayne

No. 1 singles: S99 Rowland, W.M. def. Ryan Pickett, R.T. 6-4, 6-4. No. 2: Dan Wells, W.M. def. Hyper, R.T. 6-2, 6-1. No. 3: John Lewis, W.M. def. Kevin Rowland, R.T. 6-3, 6-4. No. 4: Jason Fry, W.M. def. Matt Donnelly, R.T. 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Jason Lewis/Brian Taylor, R.T. def. Chris Fry/Jonny Lewis, W.M. 6-1, 6-2. No. 2: Kyle Seltzer/Chris Bullock, R.T. def. Matt McQuinn/Mark Grogan, W.M. 6-3, 6-6. No. 3: Scotty McQuinn and R.T. def. Dan Gans/Ben Day, W.M. 6-1, 6-3. No. 4: Matt Grogan/Greg Murray, R.T. def. Brian Taylor and Greg Barak, W.M. 6-0, 6-0.

Dual meet records: Wayne 2-11 overall, 12-11 Mega Conference. Redford 1-1 overall, 10-10 Metro.

NORTH FARMINGTON 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0 May 3 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Chris Erickson, N.F. def. Matt Ciesla, L.F. 6-0, 6-1. No. 2: Luke Barmann, N.F. def. Jeff Barmann, L.F. 6-0, 6-6. No. 3: Chris Davidson, N.F. def. Vincent Strick, L.F. 6-2, 6-2. No. 4: Steve Jaffe, N.F. def. Cole Chesnut, L.F. 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Brian Daver/Greg Streit, N.F. def. Adam Karpman/Steve Grogan, L.F. 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Jeff Wells/Matt Lewis, N.F. def. Paul Karpman/Jeff Grogan, L.F. 6-2, 6-2. No. 3: Greg Barmann/Steve Jaffe, N.F. def. Matt Ciesla/Matt Grogan, L.F. 6-3, 6-2. No. 4: Steve Jaffe/Brian Daver, N.F. def. Cole Chesnut/Matt Grogan, L.F. 6-2, 6-2.

Dual meet records: North Farmington 3-2 overall, 4-4 Metro Conference. Livonia Franklin 0-0 overall.

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Mushroom hunters keep things hush, hush over prime spots

A neighbor stopped over last week bearing the harvest of a long afternoon hunt: a bag full of morel mushrooms!

He was proud and boastful as the contents of a medium-sized paper grocery bag spilled out onto the ground in my backyard. There must have been 30 of them ranging in size from the tiny, tender two-inchers to one that was pushing eight inches in height. They were all black morels.

"Where'd ya get 'em," I boldly inquired.

He turned to me slowly and said with a half-grin, "If I told ya, I'd have to kill ya."

Mushroom hunters are probably the most secretive of all hunters.

When someone finds a honey hole for mushroom picking, chances of that person giving up the location are pretty slim. Most mushroomers will take that location with them to the grave.

Morel mushrooms have been popping in southern Michigan for the past few weeks and are emerging in large numbers up north as well. Mushroom picking

is best the day after a nice warm rain.

Unfortunately, due mostly to lack of education, many mushroomers, my neighbor included, are unknowingly destroying our mushroom crop.

The cap of a morel is full of thousands of spores that must be returned to the earth for the species to perpetuate itself.

When mushroomers use non-mesh bags - like the grocery bag my neighbor used - those spores are removed from the woodlands forever.

It's imperative that anyone out hunting for these delicious delicacies use a mesh bag like an onion or potato sack when gathering mushrooms.

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It takes five years for a spore to emerge as a mushroom.

With any luck, that spot in my backyard where my neighbor dumped his bag may turn into my honey hole come the spring of 2005.

Successful turkey hunter

Livonia's Ron Clifton waited until the final day of the first turkey season to put a tag on a Michigan gobbler. Hunting near Lansing, Clifton shot a plump jake with a 3-inch beard at 8:20 a.m. Easter Sunday morning.

"I wasn't in church like I was supposed to be," he said. "I'll have to do some penance for that."

Fire danger is high

Hikers, campers, anglers, turkey hunters, mushroom hunters and anyone else enjoying the outdoors are reminded that fire danger is extremely high.

Fire crews in northern Michigan have been extremely busy this spring as a mild winter, coupled with a dry spring, have left the northern woodlands parched.

State Department of Natural Resources fire fighting crews have responded to over 300 fires so far this year, including a huge one last week that burned over 4,000 acres in the Huron Manistee National Forest, south of Mio.

During the same period a year ago, the agency had battled 179 fires that consumed 1,126 acres.

Although there currently is no statewide ban on burning the

DNR will not be issuing any burning permits in the Upper Peninsula or northern Lower Peninsula until the fire danger decreases.

Concern about campfires that escape and become wildfires is increasing across the state.

"Both last year's Tower Lake fire in Marquette County and the recent fire in Oscoda County were caused by escaped campfires," said Ed Hagan, acting Forest Management Division chief. "The simple precaution of drowning these fires with plenty of water would have prevented their escape."

Here are some tips to remember when dealing with a campfire:

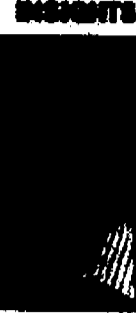
- Keep your campfire small.
- Never leave any outdoor fire, including a campfire, unattended - even for a moment.
- Always be sure your campfire is completely extinguished before leaving it unattended.
- Use plenty of water to extinguish your fire. Wet everything thoroughly, especially the undersides of unburned pieces. Stir the ashes to find any remaining hot spots, and wet them again with more water.
- Do not simply bury your fire with soil - this will not extinguish the fire. Fires covered with

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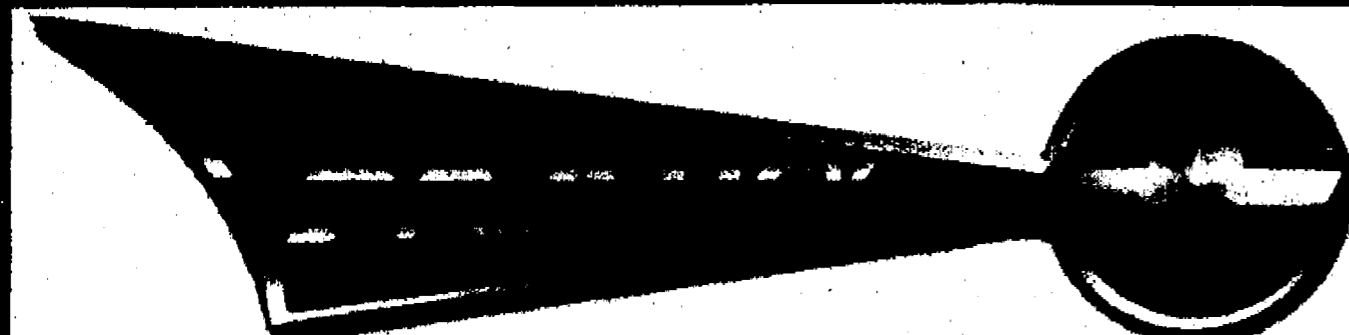
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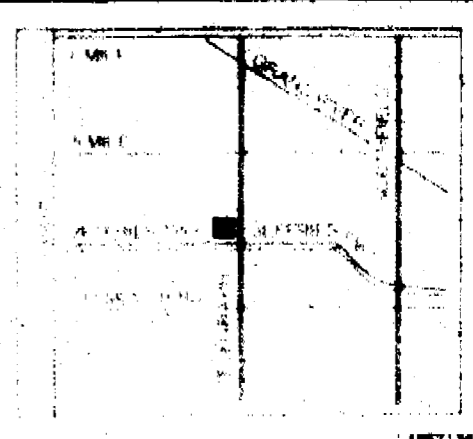
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Concert recalls days in Ukraine

The next Livonia Symphony Orchestra concert will be like going home for Volodymyr Schesiuk.

The Ukrainian-born conductor has invited pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky to play the world premiere of a concerto by a composer from their homeland. It's an event that more than likely wouldn't have occurred if not for Schesiuk's and Vynnytsky's immigration to the U.S. from Ukraine in 1991.

SchESIUK had heard of the young pianist while he was conducting the Lviv Symphony and the orchestra for the Bolshoi Ballet. But even though the two knew of each other, they never met.

"He was a young musician in Lviv and I'd heard he was really good," said SchESIUK, a Garden City resident. "Then I found out he was here."

SchESIUK didn't waste any time contacting Vynnytsky. This is the 45-year-old pianist's second performance with the orchestra. In 1998, he played Tchaikovsky's *Concerto No. 1* and was well-received by the audience who'd come to hear the nearly all-Ukrainian program.

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra spotlights Ukrainian pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky in the world premiere of a concerto by Myroslav Skoryk

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13
Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 6900 Newburgh, north of Jay Street, Livonia
Tickets: \$15, \$10 students/children. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 464-2741.

Premiere

On Saturday, May 13, Vynnytsky will play the world premiere of a Ukrainian piece - Myroslav Skoryk's *Concerto No. 3 for Piano & Orchestra* after Franz Liszt's *Piano Concerto No. 1*. One of Ukraine's most prominent composers, Skoryk began his music studies at Lviv Music School in 1945 only to have to leave two years later when he and his family were deported to Siberia. They were not permitted to return until 1955. Shortly after, Skoryk entered the Lviv Conservatory where he studied composition. By 1960, he was in the doctoral program at the Moscow Conservatory, studying with Dmitri Kabalevsky.

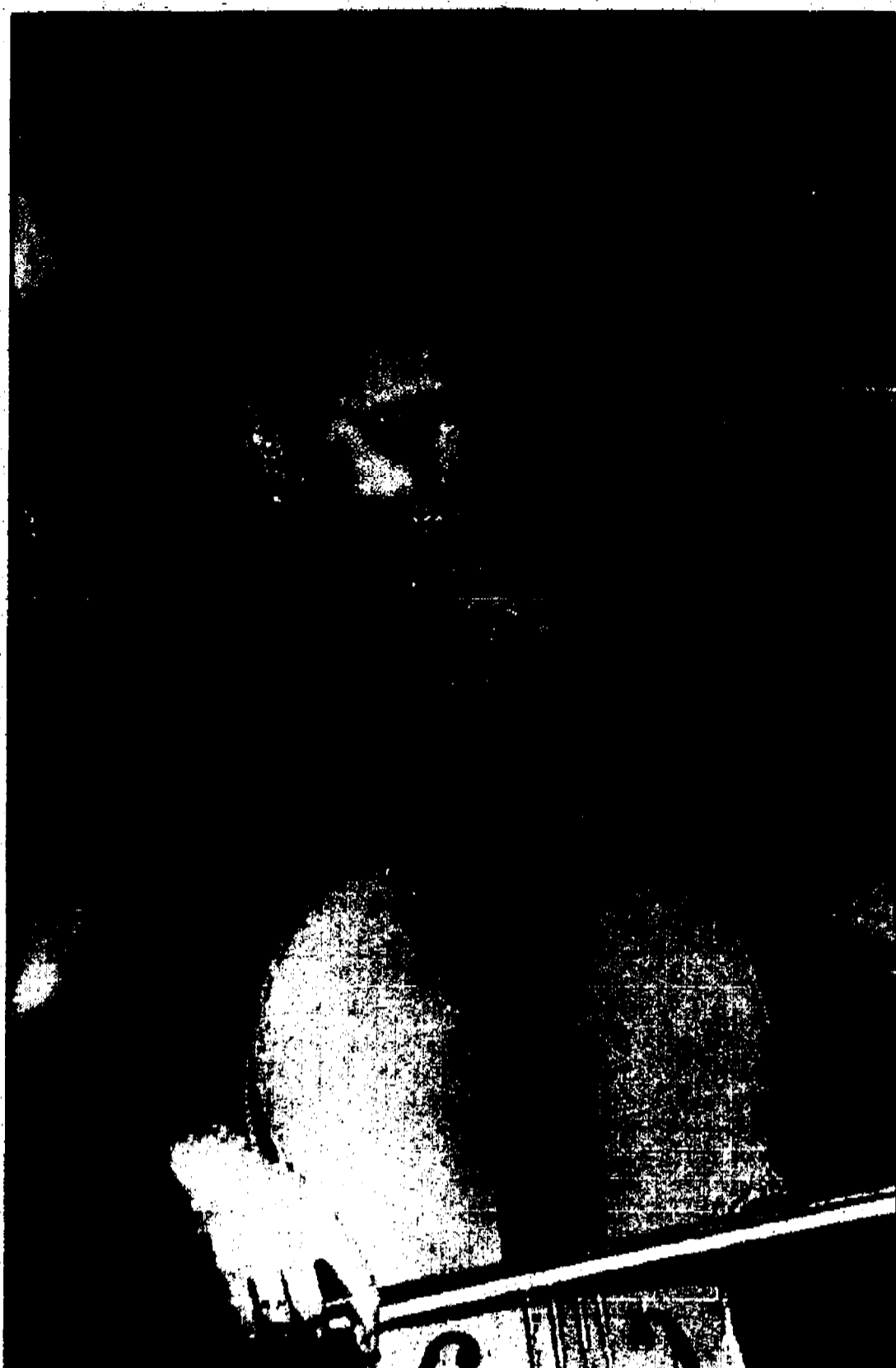
"Skoryk wrote it on the border of two centuries," said SchESIUK. "It's a very modern piece with modern form and language. It's a philosophy of what's happening in life and art. Skoryk spent part of his childhood in Siberia. It is very cold and isolated. There's nothing there."

SchESIUK idolized Skoryk even before he studied modern music history with the Ukrainian composer.

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Ukrainian inspired: Pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky performs the world premiere of a concerto by a composer from his homeland with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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When Charles Burke took up the baton to lead the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra in September he knew the 30-year legacy left by his predecessors would be a challenge to live up to. It wouldn't be easy to top that first season when the youth training orchestra brought in Duke Ellington to work with its members.

But Burke continues to carry on the Civic Orchestra's fine tradition by inviting Detroit Symphony Orchestra guest conductors such as Eri Klas and Yan Pascal Tortelier to work with the young musicians. Sectional training sessions and master classes led by DSO members and visiting artists further increase the skills of Civic Orchestra musicians.

In Burke's first full season the Civic Orchestra has augmented its three season concerts with performances for Queen Nor of Denmark and a chamber music program at the Detroit Institute of Arts. And although they're excited about performing at the Detroit Grand Prix on June 18, the young musicians are focusing on their 30th anniversary Gala Concert Sunday, May 13, at Orchestra Hall with much anticipation.

More than 160 members of the Civic Orchestra, Civic Sinfonia and Civic Jazz Orchestra will celebrate with a program featuring the world premiere of Kevin Beavers' *Native Tongue*. The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra commissioned the four-movement work in honor of its 80 years of educating young musicians in weekly rehearsals held from September to June. The program opens with a fanfare of horns as the U.S. Army

Herald Trumpets play *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Reflections

"I'm reflecting back on the first year, how great it is, how great it's going to be," said Burke, a Canton resident. "We're springboarding to musical education excellence. We've set the stage to increase the size of the group next year and initiate a mentorship for college students. We're trying to make it the premier training orchestra in the country."

There's no doubt the Civic Orchestra has come a long way from the days when it was known as the Detroit Youth Symphony. In addition to expanding the size of the orchestras, Burke is planning to present more concerts in the 2000-01 season. The newly formed Civic Jazz Orchestra will have its own series of concerts.

"The more you put in front of a student, the more they're going to learn," said Burke. "We have a wonderful orchestra that needs to be heard by the community more. The May 13 concert gives members the opportunity to perform a world premiere, and celebrate the legacy of 30 years of training musicians. One of the founding members, Paul Ganson, is now a DSO bassoonist and other members have gone on to play with the Atlanta Symphony and other orchestras."

Burke is especially looking forward to conducting Respighi's *Pines of Rome* with 160 musicians as the Civic Sinfonia join the Civic Orchestra on stage. The Sinfonia was created last September for emerging young musicians in elementary, middle and high school. At their first combined rehearsal at the end of April, Burke and the students were in awe of the sound.

"It's not something they hear very

What: The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra presents its 30th anniversary Gala Concert

When: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13

Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit

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EXHIBIT

Artist reflects on the process of creating

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Just call her Julia - that's what her paintings seem to say. There's no pretension about the vibrant watercolors painted by the Ann Arbor psychotherapist whose patients call her Dr. Hardy.

Whether the subjects are olive trees from Italy, a patisserie in Geneva or small-town life in the south of France, the works have an honesty and peacefulness just like Julia Hardy herself. Her inner calm is reflected in the sunflowers, boats, and spices on display in an open-air market.

Hardy created nearly all 29 of the paintings for a Plymouth Community

What: The Plymouth Community Arts Council exhibits watercolors by Julia Hardy
When: Through Thursday, May 25. Hardy presents a lecture/slide presentation on the creative process 1 p.m. Friday, May 12
Where: Joanne Winklerman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Call: (734) 416-4278 for more information.

Arts Council exhibit within the last two years. The one-woman show continues to Thursday, May 25.

Window laundry

The series of brightly colored "window laundry" paintings was begun after a two-week trip to Provence in 1998. Hardy takes photographs on location to use in her home studio where she begins developing ideas in a favorite sketch book. She frequently adds color to them before deciding if whether they're worthy of a large-scale painting.

Drenched in the area's golden light, the building in *Sun Dried Laundry* is in stark contrast to the laundry whites hung out of an upper-level window in a fishing village near Nice.

"When I was in Italy 10 years ago, I noticed that there are still people who put their laundry up," said Hardy. "They're people living a simpler life. In rural Provence, it's just the way of life. When the soft mistral begins to blow, they're hanging their laundry and tending their fields."

Hardy can relate to that slower life style because she grew up near the Mississippi bayou. Perceptions of the bayou and how they relate to painting is one of the topics Hardy will cover in a lecture-and-slide presentation of her work on Friday, May 12.

Content

Hardy came to Michigan to complete her psychiatric residency at the University of Michigan 20 years ago and never left. But it wasn't because she didn't love the South.

"I'm going to talk about how you get the content in the work and the difference between illustration and a work of art," said Hardy. "An artist projects something of themselves into a painting. For example, I grew up in the



Sweet music: Above, Adrienne Jacobs of Troy is a violinist with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. At left, Livonia cellist Jessica Gomulka rehearses for the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra's 30th anniversary concert.

Variations ON A THEME

Civic Orchestra celebrates past, looks to the future

often," said Burke. "You could sense that they knew I'm really part of something special."

Something to be missed

Jeff Grossman is going to miss performing with the Civic Orchestra next season. A senior at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills, Grossman will be studying music at Harvard University in Boston in fall. Over the last two years of playing piano and percussion with the Civic Orchestra, he's enjoyed working with conductors such as Klas, Tortelier and the DSO's Neeme Jarvi during an annual side-by-side rehearsal with DSO musicians. Grossman would eventually like to become a conductor.

"It's the ability to learn what so many professional musicians have to say," said Grossman, who also plays with Harrison's Symphony Band and Symphony Orchestra as well as the Metropolitan Youth Symphony based in Birmingham. "It's a taste of what it would be like to be in a professional orchestra. And Orchestra Hall, it's amazing, it's really wonderful. When you rehearse in a classroom, it doesn't sound the way it does in a hall, and we get to use the symphony's piano and equipment."

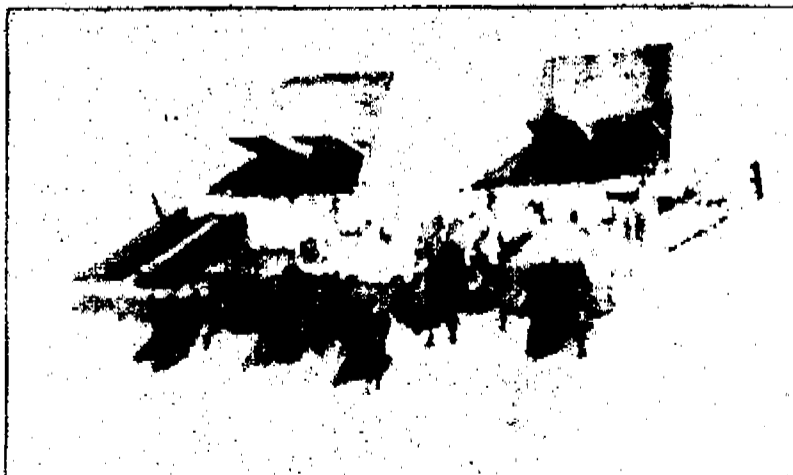
One of Grossman's favorite pieces on the program is Beavers' *Native Tongue*. He is anxious to hear Beavers comment on the work when the orchestra rehearses with the conductor before the concert.

"It's an interesting piece with influences of jazz and Thelonius Monk," said Grossman. "We're doing the world premiere but the Philadelphia Symphony is opening their season with it next year."

First year

This is Candice Wagner's first year with the

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Peaceful: Julia Hardy instills a peacefulness in this watercolor titled "Sun Dried Laundry."

South, so for me the bayou is peaceful and meditative. For other people, it may be spooky.

"My painting of the bayou will be different from someone else who's never experienced its beauty. It's amazing how autobiographical painting is. I love the free associating. It's my medium of expression."

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Through the years, they've stayed in touch. In fact when Schesiuk heard Skoryk was conducting a concert in Chicago last year, he traveled all the way to the Windy City just to attend the performance. It was there he learned that Skoryk's concerto would soon be ready for its world premiere. Between the two of them, they decided Vynnytsky should be the first to perform it. Unfortunately, Skoryk won't be able to attend the world premiere because he'll be conducting a concert at the Lviv Opera House.

Hero

"He is a hero for many people," said Schesiuk. "He was writing new modern songs."

Vynnytsky has performed Skoryk's works before at Carnegie Hall in New York. Like Schesiuk, he respects the composer's modern approach to writing music. Back in Ukraine, Vynnytsky actively promoted new music as a member of the Kiev Chamber Orchestra, performing the works of 20th century composers, many of whom had never been heard in the former USSR. He is looking forward to playing the world premiere of *Concerto No. 3 for Piano & Orchestra* with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

"It is fresh," said Vynnytsky.

"And composed in three movements - *Prayer, Dream and Life*."

Background

Vynnytsky began playing piano as a young boy in Lviv in western Ukraine. He earned his Doctorate of Music from the Moscow Conservatory in 1983 and taught at Kiev Conservatory until immigrating to the U.S. in 1991.

This year alone he will play 40 to 50 concerts around the world. Traveling back and forth between performances in London and San Diego and other cities to his home in Queens, New York, can be physically grueling.

"The life of a pianist is very hard," said Vynnytsky, who teaches music at New York State University. "It's hard physically to be pianist and to travel."

But Vynnytsky has no regrets about the life he's chosen or the country in which he's chosen to live it.

"There's a big difference in the opportunity and possibility to perform," said Vynnytsky. "It's the most important thing for me."

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Civic Orchestra. Her father, Corbin, plays French horn with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The Bloomfield Hills violist attended the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Summer Institute last year. The Institute is an intensive, two-week training camp with members of Detroit's world-class orchestra.

"I learned a lot at the Summer Institute and it got me all jazzed up about playing viola," said Wagner, a junior at Southfield Christian School. "In the Civic Orchestra, I like the way we're treated as adults. There's a responsibility for us to know our

I learned a lot at the Summer Institute and it got me all jazzed up about playing viola.

Candice Wagner
Civic Orchestra member

parts. It's a professional atmosphere."

This is Wagner's second world premiere. The first one she played was with the Oakland Youth Orchestra.

"It's an honor to be able to do that," said Wagner. "It's been interesting learning that piece and challenging to work on

because we don't have any recording to listen to."

After the premiere and a brief intermission the Civic Jazz Orchestra, which began rehearsals in January, will perform three selections in its debut performance. Detroit trumpeter Marcus Belgrave and Rodney Whitaker, a Detroit-born musi-

cian who plays bass with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra based in New York, coached the 35-member jazz band.

"It was the vision of education director Daisy Newman to start Civic Jazz to address the needs of the entire community," said Burke. "There's a real talent pool in Detroit jazz. They're getting a true jazz education."

Burke encourages musicians to audition for the orchestras. Auditions for Civic and Sinfonia will be held at the end of May. Call the education department for information, (313) 576-5164.

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"I'm not a happy camper unless I'm sketching or painting. I've always appreciated the visual arts. There's a satisfaction from doing one better than the next that expresses something non-verbal."

As a psychotherapist, Hardy spends a lot of time "helping people develop their own points of view and be their fuller self." Her satisfaction comes from dual roles as a psychotherapist and an artist.

Similarities

"I see a lot of similarities between being a psychotherapist

and an artist," Hardy said. "As a psychotherapist, you learn to develop a good ear to hear what people are saying. As an artist you develop a good eye. They're similar skills."

Hardy will also talk about the rebirth of respect for creativity. She's believed in the power of art and creating since she began painting a few years after receiving her medical degree from Harvard University. Since then, Hardy's exhibited her award-winning art extensively and given several presentations on the psychological side of creativi-

ty. "People went through a phase thinking creativity wasn't important," said Hardy. "Our culture is changing and swinging like a pendulum. We realized we're developing creative problem-solving skills. It's part of our intuitive. We're thinking all day long."

Up-close-and-personal

Hardy's up-close-and-personal portraits of brilliantly-colored sunflowers are favorites of hers because they remind her of people. One particularly dazzling yellow flower she found growing

along Packard in Ann Arbor. She calls it her mid-life sunflower.

"At some point the sunflowers almost start to take on a personality of their own," said Hardy. "I can feel some of the human emotion. When they're fresh and young, everyone says they're beautiful. They don't see the new growth as time goes on, and they curl back on themselves.

"It's almost like a joyous dance. There's a joy for a psychotherapist when people get well. I like to see people and myself move beyond restraints."

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.

The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual spring exhibit and sale Monday-Saturday, May 8-13 at the Garden City Library, 2012 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road.

A reception and awards ceremony takes place 7 p.m. Monday, May 8 at the library. The

public is invited. Meet the artists and enjoy the exhibit and refreshments.

Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Friday.

MARKET OPENS

The Ann Arbor Artisan Market opened Sunday, May 7 at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market site, 315 Detroit Street at Fourth, one block east of Main, next to Kerrytown.

The Artisan Market remains open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays until Christmas. The European-flavored, open-air market offers an ever-changing array of local artists. Treat yourself to original hand-crafted jewelry, glass, furniture, fiber arts, paintings, pottery, spiritual gifts and more. There are also guest musicians

and art demonstrations.

Call (734) 994-FARM Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday mornings for more information. New artists welcome, call (734) 665-2009.

MARKET OPENS

Clarenceville Schools' students exhibit their work through Wednesday, May 31 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

An opening reception will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11.

VAAL CLASSES

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins classes and workshops Monday May 8 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

For more information or to register, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

Classes span the mediums of oil, watercolor and mixed media to pastel. Workshops range from monotypes to portraiture, pastel and watercolor.

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

The Farmington Players present the musical comedy *Kiss Me, Kate*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13 and May 18-20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 14, 21 and 27 at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$15, call (248) 553-2955

A special gala celebrating 48 years of community theater and the last show at the barn begins 6 p.m. Saturday, June 3 with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction followed by *Kiss Me, Kate* at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$100. All proceeds to benefit the construction of a new barn theater. Call (248) 553-2955

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

Presents "Squabbles," a comedy by Marshall Karp, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13 and May 19-20, and 6 p.m. Sunday, May 14. Water Tower Theater on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of Haggerty. Tickets \$10, \$7 children ages 18 and under, call (248) 349-7110.

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ART SHOWS

ART SCAPES
The South Oakland Art Association presents the annual spring art show May 8-19 with an opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the American Center Building, 2777 Franklin, Southfield. (248) 546-7850.

BIRMINGHAM FINE ART FESTIVAL
The festival takes place May 13-14 in Shan Park.

DOLL SHOW AND SALE
The Michigan Costumers Guild hosts this sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Holiday Inn, Laurel Park, Livonia (6 Mile at I-75). (248) 357-2090.

JUDAICA ART FAIR
The Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center is hosting the art fair on Sunday, May 7, at the Synagogue, 5595 West Maple, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-3311.

SPRING ART SCOPES
The South Oakland Art Association announces its annual juried show opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, with regular exhibit hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8-19 at the American Center Building, 2777 Franklin, Southfield. (248) 647-1886.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

PAINT-CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Accepting entries for *Celebrate Michigan Artists 2000* fine arts exhibition. The slide deadline is June 30 at 5 p.m. Curator this year is Helga Pakasaar, curator at the Art Gallery of Windsor, Canada. To receive an application, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to PCCA/Celebrate Michigan Artists, 407 Pine Street, Rochester, MI 48307. PCCA is also accepting entries for the Student, Faculty and Staff Art Show that will open on June 2. It is open to students and faculty of all ages who have taken or taught classes at PCCA from June 1999 to June 2000. For more information contact Exhibition Director John Cynar at (248) 651-4110.

CLASSES

ART THERAPY WORKSHOP
A hands on workshop on *Art Therapy and the Native American Medicine Shield* is 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 and Saturday, May 13 in 115 O'Dowd Hall, Oakland University. (248) 370-3033.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
The Spring Art Term begins May 8 with more than 100 classes for adults and children, including weekend workshops. 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham. (248) 644-0866.

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE
Karen Halpern teaches a Watercolor Workshop beginning May 11 through June 29 at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. (248) 644-5832.

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Classes in child and adult classical ballet, tap and jazz. Adult beginners welcomed. Classes offered at the Betty Johnston Dance Studio in Farmington Hills at Folsom and Nine Mile. (248) 474-3174.

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Adult art classes 9 a.m. to noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Woodcarving classes at 9 a.m. Monday-Friday. 15110 West Ten Mile, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level, 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield. (248) 932-8699.

SHAAREY ZEDEK
Mozart, Mommy and Me, the individualized play-based multi-sensory approach to caregiver/child interaction for preschoolers, will continue spring programs at Shaarey Zedek in Southfield. Five week program begins Tuesday, May 9. Summer classes begin in Birmingham in June. Call (248) 642-7933 for information.

VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
Classes in watercolor, figurative drawing and painting; workshops in batik and watercolor monotypes at the Jefferson Center, Room 16, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia. (734) 455-9517.

YMCA WRITER'S VOICE
A six-week Creative Writing Workshop for screenwriting, fiction, poetry, healing poetry, performance art, creative non-fiction and Gonzo-Investigative Journalism is held at the Scarab Club and area YMCA branches. Cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non members. Financial aid available. Call (313) 267-5300, ext. 338.

CONCERTS

BRUNCH WITH BACH
Pianist Neill Eisenstein performs solo piano at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-7900.

CONCERT AT THE CENTRE
Presents pianist David Syme at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9041.

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR
Present Opera Stars Tonight at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 O'Quirk, Bloomfield Hills. (313) 882-0118.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Fazil Say performs Tchaikovsky's piano concerto May 11-13 at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA
A 30th anniversary celebration of the Civic Orchestra is at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111.

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC SINFONIA
The 70-member introductory orchestra for young musicians performs at Orchestra Hall at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7. (313) 576-5100.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The Fritts Family Bluegrass Band, from Rogersville, Tenn., will play 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at First Baptist Church in downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0550.

MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield. (248) 788-6618.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
A choral concert is 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. (248) 349-8175.

STOMP
The energetic production is May 12-14 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts at Hall Road and Garfield, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2141.

TEMPLE BETH EL CELEBRATION
A musical revue marking 160 years of Beth El will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14 at Wayne State Bonstelle on Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Tickets (248) 865-0616, press 2.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Presents *For Love or Money*, 8 p.m. Friday, May 12 at Troy Athens High School, John R north of Wattles. (248) 828-8289.

DINNER THEATER

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Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays; 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. 40 W. Pike, Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666.

EVENTS

ARTS OF INDIA CONFERENCE
A celebration of Indian culture is May 12-13 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. (734) 462-4401.

ICE COMPANY SHOW
Vive Les Girls will take place on Thursday, May 11-Sunday, May 14 at the Southfield Sports Arena, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 354-9357.

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Reservations being taken for Mother's Day Dinner at Oakland University Meadow Brook Hall at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 14. (248) 370-3140.

BOND Photographs through June 17, 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

A.C., T. GALLERY
Through May 19 - Go: Figure, 35 East Grand River, Detroit. (313) 961-4336.

ALLEY CULTURE
Through May 27 - Canvas, dedicated to Ann Mikolowski, Alley between Trumbull and Lincoln, Red Building, south of Willis, Detroit.

ANDERSON GALLERY
Through June 3 - Sonya Clark, Walk Talk, 135 Pierce, Birmingham. (248) 593-6892.

ANGEL'S GALLERY
A Spring 2000 Exhibition, featuring the works of Bulgarian born artist Lidia Simeonova, continues through June 30. She will be on hand to greet visitors from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Call (248) 547-8383.

artists is held through May 30. Times are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call (248) 542-1698.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Dreams and Reflections by California artist Brad Durham, featuring landscape paintings, is held through May 27 at 163 Townsend in downtown Birmingham. The second exhibition running through the same dates is American modernist Joseph Stella, who shows his paintings and works on paper from the 1930s and 1940s. Times are 11 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Second annual print show Editions is held through May 27. The purpose of this competitive exhibition is to recognize and encourage emerging print-makers. Hours are 12 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Call (248) 656-1942.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through June 1 - In the Livonia Civic Center Library, the students of Clariceville Schools present their artwork. 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby is an exhibit by Visual Arts Association of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466-2340.

MAJESTIC CAFE
Through June 1 - Art show featuring Martin Hirschak, 4120 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 833-9700.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through June 3 - Reconstruction featuring Jon Lockard and Willis Davis. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313) 886-2993.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through May 14 - Progress on the Department of Art and Art History Student and Faculty Art Exhibition.

METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS
Through May 27 - Showcase 9: recent works of nine Wayne State University graduating MFA students. 6911 E. Lafayette, Detroit. (313) 259-3200.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Voices, an exhibit by the Birmingham Society of Women Painters, runs from May 8 through June 9 at the Oakland County Galleria. Galleries are open weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Galleria is located on the second floor of the Oakland County Executive Office, Building 1203 North Telegraph in Pontiac. Call (248) 858-0415.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through May 20 - Piece 26 works in sculpture and mixed media. Through June 17 - Eric Mesa, Mixed Media Constructions. 407 Pine, Rochester. (248) 651-4110.

PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB
Through June 16 - a juried exhibit of the club's paintings at the 655 Corporate Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Bazaar Hills. (248) 648-7033.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through June 3 - Anne E. Leisler's Sculpture, Pewabic Pottery, 215 Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0284.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL
Through May 20 - Watercolor by Julia A. Hovak, 774 N. Franklin, Farmington Hills. (248) 416-0278.

PLYMOUTH IS ARTRAGEOUS
celebrates the artists in the city by displaying works in the shops, work by the artists, including The Plymouth Society of the Fine Arts. 44795 Dixie Hwy. at W. 9th, Plymouth, Mich. 48178. Through June 4 - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Through June 4 - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Through June 4 - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

POSA GALLERY
Through May 21 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

PRINT GALLERY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

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Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

SMALL WORLD CAFE
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9041.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 24350 Southfield, Southfield. (248) 424-9041.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES GALLERY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

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Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

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Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

VILLAGE PLAYERS
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

WOODEN PEOPLE by sculptor Chris Donnelly, 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761-2287.

ZEITGEIST GALLERY
Through May - Altered Landscapes (three Canadian perspectives) by James Gurdaneer, Jeremy Gurdaneer and John Climerhage. 2661 Michigan, Detroit.

ZI ZI
Birmingham's newest (and smallest) art gallery, located upstairs at 124 S. Old Woodward, is having an opening reception for Joannia and Jill, a Mother's Day celebration, from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 13. The exhibit runs through June 10. Call (248) 594-1099.

LECTURES

BROWN BAG LECTURE
Bob Gaylor, curator of Rare Books at Oakland University, hosts a Brown Bag Lecture that asks is There Gold in Your Attic? at noon, Thursday, May 18. Brown Bag lectures are held in the Information Technology Auditorium, on the west side of the county campus in Waterford. For more information, call the Office of Arts, Culture and Film at (248) 858-0415.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB
A members shoe show art talk is 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 at the Farmington Hills Library.

LITERATURE

AGBU MANOOGAN SCHOOL
ArtServe Michigan's Creative Writers in Schools program, funded by the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, is having a project for fourth through 10th graders from May 8-12. Call Judith Kahn, Upper School Head Teacher, at (248) 569-2988.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Artist as Professional, lecture No. 5, is held at Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place in Detroit, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Cost is \$5 per person, cash or check only. Call Tracy Smith at (313) 852-8540 for reservations.

WRITER'S VOICE

The YMCA Writers Voice celebrates New York City's acclaimed humorist Louise Press at 7 p.m., May 13 at the Scripps Club. Features are readings by poets Robert Merser, Debra Brook, Paul Violi and Keith Taylor. Free admission and parking. The Scripps Club is at 211 E. Farmington at the Riverfront, the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 267-5300, ext. 338.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through May 12 - The Student Degree Show 2000 featuring original work by more than 60 graduate students of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, 1201 W. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (313) 977-9000.

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through May 12 - The Student Degree Show 2000 featuring original work by more than 60 graduate students of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, 1201 W. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (313) 977-9000.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through May 21 - Detroit Public School Student Exhibition, The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit. (313) 267-5300.

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

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Plant life

Get a Klue: The above visual is one of the exhibits featured in "Red/Desert," appearing at the Arnold Klein Gallery through May 30. Times are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call (248) 542-1698.

TASTE OF THE NATION
Share our Strength's Taste of the Nation is 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at Somerset Collection, Troy. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling (313) 920-3535, ext. 215.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Saving the Past to Build the Future: People, Place and Preservation features keynote speaker Richard Moore, president, National Trust for Historic Preservation. The exhibit is held 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21 at St. Andrews Hill at WSU's campus.

FOR KIDS

KINDERMUSIK
Enroll anytime for classes for newborns to age 7. Parents participate in classes for children under 8. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Terminal, Plymouth. Call Lou at 734-474-9109.

PUPPET LADY
Betty Appleton of Birmingham will perform *The Frog Chorus* at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the African Galleries at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Riding songs and outdoors for ages 10 to 4 years. Classes held at the Southfield Community Center, West Bloomfield. Register at 248-644-2221.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Openings through May 11, 11:00 a.m. through May 27, Reception 7:00 p.m. Through May 14, 11:00 a.m. through May 14, Reception 7:00 p.m. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Openings through May 11, 11:00 a.m. through May 27, Reception 7:00 p.m. Through May 14, 11:00 a.m. through May 14, Reception 7:00 p.m. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Art Awards 2000: BRAC High School Competition, through May 29, 2000. Zagan Vireos (see Art of the New Century, sculptures by members of the Sculptors Guild of Michigan, 1516 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-0868.

BOOKBEAT
Through April 30 - *Letter*, Silverman's Letters Home, 2810 Greenfield, Oak Park. (248) 965-1199.

BREAKFAST CLUB
Through April 30 - *With a Tingle*, Brian Taylor, 234 E. Maple, Clawson. (248) 244-9997.

CARIBBEAN COLORS
Through May 21 - *Colors and Culture*, Eric L. Taylor, 234 E. Maple, Clawson. (248) 244-9997.

CASS CAFE
Through May 21 - *Colors and Culture*, Eric L. Taylor, 234 E. Maple, Clawson. (248) 244-9997.

CREATIVE RESOURCE GALLERY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

GALLERY 212
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

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Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

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ELAINE JACOB GALLERY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

ROBERT KIDD GALLERY
Through May 27 - A juried exhibition of professional artists' work. 14145 Westland, Westland. (313) 237-9591.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through May 30 - *Red/Desert*, Arnold Klein, 14145 Westland, Westland. (248) 542-1698.

Opera theater

On stage: Tenor Marcello Giordani is one of the featured performers in Tosca, which is showing at the Detroit Opera House through May 14. Call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666.

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U-571 (PG13)
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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9:30
ROMEO MUST DIE (R)
 6:05
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
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NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 1:00, 3:50, 6:35, 9:15
EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
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 7:15, 8:00, 9:20,
LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13)
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28 DAYS (PG13)
 10:20
RETURN TO ME (PG)
 4:45, 9:35
EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
 2:20, 7:05
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
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U-571 (PG13)
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LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13)
 1:15, 4:00, 7:40, 9:30
AMERICAN PSYCHO (R)
 7:30, 9:45
RETURN TO ME (PG)
 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
 12:35, 3:40, 6:40, 9:10
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
 5:10, 7:20, 9:25
SCREAM 3 (R)
 9:30
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
 12:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20

Showcase Westland 1-8

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 6:40, 7:30, 8:50, 9:40
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NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
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NP U-571 (PG13)
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 NO VIP TICKETS

LOVE & BASKETBALL (PG13)
 12:50, 3:30, 6:40, 9:15
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
RETURN TO ME (PG)
 12:45, 3:35, 6:10, 9:05

THE ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
 12:55, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55
THE SKULLS (PG13)
 12:25, 3:15

HIGH FIDELITY (R)
 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 7:55

EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
 12:40, 3:30, 6:15, 9:15

ROMEO MUST DIE (R)
 2:45, 7:45

FINAL DESTINATION (R)
 1:40, 5:55, 8:25, 9:55

SCREAM 3 (R)
 9:55 PM ONLY

RETURN TO ME (PG)

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
 12:05, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
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 MON-THURS 12:00, 12:30, 1:15,
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 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:45,
 10:30
 NO VIP TICKETS

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 MON-THURS 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
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 7:15, 9:15, 10:15
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LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13)
 SUN 11:30, 12:50, 2:15, 3:40, 5:20,
 6:30, 8:30, 9:30, MON-THURS 12:50,
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FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
 SUN 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:45,
 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15
 MON-THURS 1:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45,
 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15

NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
 SUN 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
 MON-THURS 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00

NP U-571 (PG13)
 SUN 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, 8:45,
 10:20, MON-THURS 12:00, 2:45,
 3:30, 4:40, 5:40, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30,
 10:50, MON-THURS 1:45, 4:30, 7:45,
 8:45, 10:20

28 DAYS (PG13)
 SUN 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45
 MON-THURS 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45

KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
SCREAM 3 (R)
 10:10

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
THE ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40

EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
 SUN 11:10, 2:20, 5:30, 8:40
 MON-THURS 2:20, 5:30, 8:40

FINAL DESTINATION (R)
 3:00, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
RETURN TO ME (PG)
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 MON-THURS 2:20, 5:20, 8:20

THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
 SUN 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40
 MON-THURS 2:50, 5:50, 8:10

MISSION TO MARS (PG)
 SUN 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:30
 MON-THURS 2:30, 5:10, 7:40

HEBE ON EARTH (PG13)
 SUN 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
 MON-THURS 2:40, 5:10, 7:30

BOY'S DON'T CRY (R)
 SUN 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:50
 MON-THURS 3:00, 5:40, 8:00

1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55

KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
 1:05, 3:55, 6:55, 9:45
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (PG13)
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 4:55, 6:05, 7:00, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15

I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13) NY
 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13) NY
 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:20

FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG) NY
 10:30, 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:25, 9:45

FREQUENCY (PG13) NY
 11:10, 1:45, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50

U-571 (PG13) NY
 10:45, 11:45, 1:20, 2:50, 4:00, 5:00,
 6:55, 8:00, 9:25, 10:30

28 DAYS (PG13)
 11:25, 1:55, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10

KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
 10:35, 1:10, 3:40, 7:05, 9:55

BASES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 10:55, 1:15, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25

RETURN TO ME (PG)
 11:05, 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40

ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
 10:40, 12:45, 2:45, 4:50
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28 DAYS (PG13)
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EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
 2:05, 6:45

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20

HIGH FIDELITY (R)
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NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
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NP FLINTSTONES: VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
 12:40, 2:40 (4:50 @ \$4.00), 7:15, 9:30

NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
 1:20 (4:20 @ \$4.00), 7:00, 9:40

NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
 1:30 (4:30 @ \$4.00), 7:30, 10:00

U-571 (PG13)
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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 12:50 (4:10 @ \$4.00), 7:00, 9:45

RETURN TO ME (PG)
 6:50, 9:20

ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
 12:15, 2:15, (4:15 @ \$4.00)

EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
 1:30, (4:30 @ \$4.00), 7:15, 9:55

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NP FLINTSTONES: VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
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NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
 1:20 (4:20 @ \$4.00), 7:00, 9:40

NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
 1:30 (4:30 @ \$4.00), 7:30, 10:00

U-571 (PG13)
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 10:00

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28 DAYS (PG13)
 1:10 (4:15 @ \$4.00), 7:15, 9:45

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
 12:50 (4:10 @ \$4.00), 7:00, 9:45

RETURN TO ME (PG)
 6:50, 9:20

ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
 12:15, 2:15, (4:15 @ \$4.00)

EDEN BROCKOVICH (R)
 1:30, (4:30 @ \$4.00), 7:15, 9:55

FINAL DESTINATION (R)
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Season of outdoor art shows begins in Birmingham May 13

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Sure, the Birmingham Fine Art Festival is a rite of passage — the gateway to warmer weather and days at the park. A sign that it's time to lose the laundry, and show some skin.

Held every year on Mother's Day weekend in Shain Park, the two-day festival has become a defining seasonal event. Typically, the festival occurs in mid May, sometime after the tulips are in full bloom, and before the suffocation sets in of sweltering weather and misquotes.

But a week before Shain Park in downtown Birmingham fills with 300 artists display booths, food vendors, a stage for musical acts and 80,000 visitors, there's another, less talked about ritual.

Festival organizers Jennifer Muir and Christine Winans, neither demonstrably prone to shyness, are reluctant to describe their ritual dance for good weather.

Suffice it to say that both Muir and Winans use their impressive persuasion skills on a higher force of nature in the days preceding the outdoor event.

If a dance is required to coax away the rain clouds and attract pleasant temperatures, then so be it. Just don't expect pictures, they point out.

"For us, the Weather Channel becomes prime-time watching," said Winans, executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber, co-sponsors of the festival, which is organized by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

When art festival organizers are more concerned with the

Birmingham Fine Art Festival 2000
When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 13; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 14
Where: Shain Park, and adjacent streets, downtown Birmingham
Features: 300 fine artists, food vendors, musical performers and children's activities
Admission: Free to the public
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 Proceeds benefit the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

weather than the wide range of variables that need to be in place, it's usually a sign an event is running on automatic pilot.

That's not to say it doesn't take long hours and a coordination of many volunteers for the BBAC to pull together the artists, vendors and performers for the annual show that raises funds for its operating budget.

This year, nearly 750 artists applied for only 150 openings. Among the 300 artists are 150 invited from last year.

Recently, BBAC's effort was rated 24th in *Sunshine* magazine's annual listing of top art festivals. Although landlocked and smaller than the Ann Arbor Art Fairs and Paint Creek's *Art and Apples*, the Birmingham Fine Art Festival generates plenty of attendance and revenue for artists.

"Among artists, this is a well-known area because of the demographics — many people come to buy," said Allison Parks, who teaches at the BBAC and is this year's featured artist at the festival. Parks' jewelry is exhibited at the BBAC gallery shop, Andy Sharkey Gallery in Royal Oak, and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

Four years ago, the BBAC and

chamber entered a partnership to enliven what had become a somewhat predictable annual art fair. The goal, according to the BBAC's Muir, was to create a nationally renowned festival. The result was a name change from "art fair" to "fine art festival," an expanded performing arts lineup and broader participation from local businesses.

"The festival brings people to the city," said Winans. "There are immeasurable benefits. People come to the festival, go to the restaurants.

"Maybe go shopping. But we realize we can't be all things to all people."

Coming a week before *Celebrate Birmingham*, the arts festival serves as a kick-off to the summer season of outdoor events, including concerts in the park, mid July's *JazzFest* and the *Dream Cruise* in mid August.

In addition, this year's festival has attracted more sponsors. That could be an indication, said Muir, that future festivals may add a title sponsor.

For now, however, Muir is more concerned with keeping her fingers crossed. And of course, performing the ritual dance for good weather, which translates into clear skies and pleasant temperatures.

SCHEDULE OF FAIRS

Mark your calendar — here are some art fairs you won't want to miss. Be sure to read Arts & Leisure for event details:

- Greektown Arts Festival — Friday-Sunday, May 19-21
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Gold hues influence more than just jewelry

REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

There's no question we've hit a gold rush, as far as summer style is concerned.

Gold has returned in many things: lipstick, Capri pants, aviator-rim sunglasses, thin bracelet watches, footwear and, of course, jewelry.

After years of shying away from the shiny tone, the trends of the moment have thrust gold back into the forefront of fashion. And, infusing gold into your life seems to again signify luxury, just like it did in the early 80s.

In other words, there's an appetite for brilliance in our summer fare. And, if you ask me, the gold mine is here not a moment too soon.

Here's three modern ways to plunder the mine for summer.

Blushing gold

What's "now" in cosmetics is make-up glowing with gold, and, as the heavier makeup season draws to a close, the interest in using gold on the face heats up.

I spotted glimmering amber products at such department store makeup counters as M.A.C., Christian Dior, Lancome, Chanel and Clinique, as well as in drug store displays for Revlon, Almay and Loreal.

According to area makeup artists, the golden picks for day are: gold eye shadow highlighters used just below the brow bone, bronze shimmer powders for the face and neck, and sheer, gold lip glosses worn without a lip liner.

Not sure? Oh, lighten up - literally. Gold is meant to compliment daily makeup, not overpower it. If nothing else, gold tones leave the skin radiant and fresh. And, what could be more refreshing than that?

Fashion hues

Interestingly, but hardly surprisingly, designers, too, are feverishly reinterpreting gold.

Anne Klein, for instance, uses gold in her sporty collection of silk Capri pants and stretch tees. But, because her gold hues look more like the color of hummus than shiny pennies, the collection is an up-to-the-minute look that isn't brassy.

When buttery leather jackets, delicate silk tees, and halter tops are done in the same soft gold, the shade harmonizes beautifully with summer's neutral palette of black, khaki, white and denim.

Putting a gold T-shirt - a Michael Stars tee is a good pick - or halter, under a traditional midnight blue or black suit, for example, brightens up evening wear.

Instead of dropping a load of cash on the gold trend, I recommend visiting stores with moderate prices like Express or Contempo Casuals where I found tops in shades of gold for about \$20.

Jewelry, jewelry

Following suit, jewelry designers have chosen gold as the metal of choice for the season, so dust off any gold pieces you haven't been wearing and fall in love with them all over again.

Interestingly enough, other jewelry trends are being fused with gold tones. Cast bronze necklaces are, for example, being mixed with turquoise, colorful precious stones, pearls and gypsy-inspired beads.

Just keep in mind gold jewelry should be used to enhance and update, rather than trounce on, your personal style.

"You can accomplish the new, fresh gold look when you use gold as an enhancer to your style," says Leslie Ann Pilling of Presence II in downtown Birmingham. "If you have a gold chain that you haven't worn in years, update it with a cast bronze slide, or add a few simple gold bangles to your silver or platinum bracelets. Mixing the two materials is cool and hip."

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Sneak peak



STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND

Fall choices: Escada's couture pieces for evening spanned many styles. From traditional satin ball gowns in black, red, gold and silver to slinky, beaded, spaghetti-strap dresses, there was something for everybody. Escada's Fall and Winter 2000 Collection was shown at Neiman Marcus, the Somerset Collection in Troy to benefit the Children's Charities Coalition.

Neiman Marcus fall fashion show predicts variety

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If Escada's Fall/Winter 2000 Collection, shown Tuesday at Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy, is any indication of what's in store for fashion-lovers following summer, there's sure to be no lack of options.

Held in conjunction with a luncheon to benefit The Children's Charities Coalition, the well-attended show gave local fashion watchers a rare opportunity to glimpse what's new, what's back and what's sizzling for fall.

The collection had tremendous breadth and bowed its head to both classic and trendy designs - often with an eye towards role-playing.

One segment of the show, for example, paired soft taupe-colored cowboy hats, flat boots and Cowgirl-influenced skirts with classic, tailored jackets.

Another showed Navy separates with visible red stitching that conjured up the 70s image of the sexy stewardess.

A sleeveless, zip-front, black, leather body suit and series of saucy leopard prints - along with the appearance of front, top-of-thigh slits on skirts throughout the show - suggested playing vamp will be in style next season.

Although many current trends were echoed - lots of leather, use of vibrant colors, ruffled edges, elaborate beading and pashmina wraps - the collection added to something more down-to-earth.

Tailored suits, asymmetrical tunics and voluminous wraps came out in such colors as ivory, camel, chocolate brown and taupe. Once more, there was a healthy dose of such classics as tweed, pin strips and paisley.

The notion that there was something for everybody was most evident at the close of the show. Escada's couture pieces for evening ranged from slinky, beaded spaghetti-strap dresses to youthful ball gown skirts with sweater sets to traditional satin gowns in red, black and silver and gold.



Familiar sights: Escada's collection for fall and winter, shown Tuesday at Neiman Marcus in Troy, reflected many current fashion trends, including the emphasis on leather separates.

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.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

FALL FASHION

View the Badgley Mischka Fall 2000 Special Order Collection and informal modeling from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through May 11. For details, call (248) 614-3393.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

The Somerset Collection in Troy hosts the 2nd Annual Women Helping Women luncheon and fashion show to raise funds for the Pontiac Rescue Mission from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. WDIV Channel 4 TV anchor Ruth Spencer and Teresa Tomeo, speaker and media consultant, co-host the show. For information, call (248) 649-9900.

FAMILY FUN FEST

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

The Livonia Mall, at Middlebelt and Seven Mile roads, hosts Karaoke, arts and crafts, a Pokemon workshop and tournament and spring fashion show for kids, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in celebration of Mother's Day weekend. Call (248) 476-1160 for more information.

LIZ CLAIBORNE WARDROBE WORKSHOP

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi offers a wardrobe workshop featuring the season's must-have items and Liz Claiborne's Spring 2000 Collection, 2 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 593-1370.

TREND WARDROBING/BOOK-SIGNING

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts Michele Weston, fashion and style director of Mode Magazine and Modestyle.com. Weston discusses trend wardrobing and signs copies of her book *Learning Curves - Living Your Life in Full & With Style*, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details, call (248) 614-3323.

PLYMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the opening of the Plymouth Farmer's Market, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The outdoor market sets up at the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park next to the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth.
THURSDAY, MAY 18

ST. JOHN CARAVAN

Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the St. John's Spring 2000 Collection featuring an assortment of suits, dresses and gowns. A continental breakfast begins the event at 8:30 a.m. with informal modeling until 10:30 a.m. Tamar Arslanian, a St. John representative, will be available to assist customers with selections and answer questions until 3 p.m. Studio 121, second floor. To make a reservation, call (248) 816-5100, ext. 1550.
SATURDAY, MAY 20

IN CONCERT

Wonderland Mall in Livonia hosts Bobby Lewis & The Crackerjack Band, 5-9 p.m., Food Court. For details, call (734) 522-4100.

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate difficult-to-find merchandise through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WHAT WE FOUND:

- The Mrs. Beasley doll can be purchased through the Chatty Cathy Haven, 19528 Ventura Blvd. #495, Tarzana, CA. 91356, (818) 881-3878.
- The directions for making copper sprinklers can be found on the Internet at www.HCTV.com. Post a message on the message board and people will give advice on how to make them.
- The aluminum wash board can be purchased at Frentz Hardware on Main Street in Royal Oak.
- All area David's Bridal stores carry Mother of the Bride dresses.
- Hush Puppy shoes can be purchased at Hershey Shoes on Ford Road in Garden City and all Meijer stores.
- Wooden 1/2 barrels can be found in the L.L. Bean catalog.
- The Henry Mancini Romantic piano music CD can be purchased through Cavilien's Music, Customer Service, 19465 Brennan, Paris, CA. 92599.
- The alphabet and number ice cubes trays can be found at Bed, Bath & Beyond at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn

- Hills.
- Taylor Auto (800) 636-6414 might have a Camero automobile owner's manual.

- An Oriental store at Twelve mall on Telegraph in Southfield might have the wind chimers.

- Plastic Rain bonnets are sold at area J.C. Penney stores.
- The Kohl's stores in Westland carries the nautical theme shower curtains.

- VaVoom Volumizing foam by Matrix can be purchased at area Meijer stores.

- The following are Party Lite distributors in Wayne County: Susan (734) 261-8604, Terri (734) 595-4308, Vivian (734) 981-4110, Karen (734) 266-0578.

- The following are Amway distributors in Wayne County: Kathy (313) 538-4287, Virginia (734) 397-4522, Carol (313) 532-8230, Bruce (313) 532-8526.

- ACO Hardware stores carry the lead testers.
- The cookbook Sweet Miniatures can be found on the Internet at www.bookfinder.com. They have listings of bookstores all over the world.

- Big Book of Movies by Critics Choice (800) 367-7765, has My Little Margie videocassette tapes (4 for \$59.77), item #GACCV10662.

- For Disney movies try Movies Unlimited (800) 4-MOVIES.
- Chicklets gum can be purchased at the following stores: F&M on Woodward in Beverly Hills, CVS, and Farmer Jack stores.

- Damman Hardware on Newburgh and Five Mile roads in Livonia has Scotch Brite.
- Sock sorters can be purchased through the Walter Drake catalog at (800) 525-9291, 12 for \$1.99.

- Maria is a Tupperware consultant; (313) 538-1966.

- A 1943, 1944, 1945 Dear-

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:
— A reader has an Apple IIE computer with dual disc drive to donate to an organization.

- A reader has size 2-4 petite business suits to donate to an organization.
- A reader has a 20-year-old encyclopedia to donate to an organization.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:
— Givenchy Balancing Mist cosmetic for Sharon.

- A person to translate Russian script for Michelle of Westland.

- A 40-inch wide electric stove in almond, brown or stainless steel, any brand in good condition for Leanne who resides in Bloomfield.
- A store that sells 4x8 recipe card with plastic sleeve over the card for Ann.

- The game Dog Fight for John.
- A replica of the Oscar award statue for Linda of Lake Orion.

- A store that sells screens for a storm door with no frame for Debbie.
- A store that has odd-shaped glass for picture frames.

- An Ashton Drake porcelain baseball doll from the late 1980's named "Michael."
- A company that can repair wooden kitchen chair legs for Flo of Redford.

- A store that sells a cabinet with grow lights for Doris, who resides in Plymouth.
- A replacement glass top for a Revere coffeepot for Alice of Rochester.

- The crochet pattern "Indian Trail" for Norine.
- A store that sells men's Cross Trainer gym shoes made in U.S. for Ed.

- The Norman Rockwell print "The Runaway" for Nancy of Commerce.
- A 1943, 1944, 1945 Dear-

- The following are Amway distributors in Wayne County: Kathy (313) 538-4287, Virginia (734) 397-4522, Carol (313) 532-8230, Bruce (313) 532-8526.

- born Fordson High School yearbook for Frances.
- The Disney videocassette "Song of the South" for Joann.

- A store that sells the monkey sock pattern for Lois.
- A store that sells Buffalo Hot-Dogs for Delores.
- A store that sells Alberto VO5 conditioner to use with a blow dryer hair (white package) for Carmel.

- A store that sells covers for the Ironite mangle for Jean.
- Redford Stuckey Elementary School 50th School Reunion, any memorabilia, pictures of surrounding streets, pictures of classmates and names, address, telephone numbers of former students for Sally.

- The 1989 book, The People from North American, The Croatian Americans, for Mark.
- A new/used square stainless electric fry pan for Joyce of Farmington Hills.

- A 1980 Bentley High School yearbook for Kathleen of Livonia.
- A store that sells Misses/Women's Allison Smith women's clothing for Mrs. Sutliss of Rochester Hills.

- A store that has ZIPLOC vegetable bags.
- A store that sells turn tables for William.

- A Company that will make a quilt/cover for a pool table with embroidered logo's from old bowling shirts for Jean, who resides in Farmington.
- A new/used Murphy bed for Linda of Canton.

- A store where cold-air return registers, 32x34 long, 2

- inches wide at floor, 7x8 inches high, can be purchased for Ralph of West Bloomfield.

- A store that sells a 14x9x3 Mirro/Wearer all aluminum roaster with lid for Ralph.
- A store where sheer curtains sizes 40x48, 49x62, 48x72 can be purchased for Virginia of Beverly Hills.

- A store that sells the beaters for an old Sunbeam Mix Master for Karen.
- A bookstore in the Livonia area that buys and sells used books for June.

- A store that sells silk ribbon embroidery kits for Elaine of Livonia.
- A store that sells a triangular plastic strainer that is used in a sink for Janet of Canton.

- A store where Chipwich ice cream sandwiches can be purchased for Connie, who resides in Rochester.
- A large eel skin purse

- A store where Almay roll-on deodorant and Almay eye cream can be purchased for Gladys.
- A store that sells Chuckles jelly Easter Bunny candy for Karen of Waterford.

- A store in Oakland County where Shelled bakery goods (bagels, bread) for display in a kitchen can be purchased for Lori of Clarkston.
- An old super 8 film projector with stand for Tom of Westland.

- A store that sells Health Tech socks for men (black with white feet) for Dorothy.
- The old WRIF bumper sticker that says "BABY" for Jan of Union Lake.

- A glass top for a Révere percolator for Delphine.
- A videotape of the March 15, 2000, Oprah Winfrey show "Would you know what to do" for Ann.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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Couple treasures memories of cruise to Tahiti

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Sometimes a snap decision turns out to be the best one you ever made.

While surfing the Internet, Gerry Myers learned about a cruise to Tahiti offered by Renaissance Cruises. He called his parents, Loleta and Evert in Garden City, and said, "You've got two hours to make up your mind."

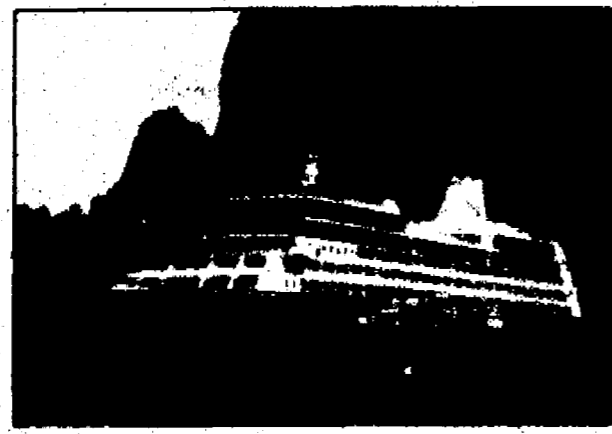
"Gerry had always wanted to go on a cruise," said Loleta. She and her husband said yes, and made plans to cruise to Tahiti and the Society Islands of French Polynesia with Gerry and his wife Marti who live in Palm Springs.

"I would highly recommend it," said Evert, whose friends call him E.J. "It was an absolutely fabulous cruise. The food was exceptional - lobster, roast duck, steak. No tipping was allowed, and I felt very awkward. It was the most pleasant crew you'd ever want to meet. Everything was 'yes sir, no ma'am.'"

With only 750 people on board, the Myers said it felt like the ship was almost empty. They liked that you could eat whenever you felt like it, and that there

Planning your trip

What: Cruise to Tahiti and the Society Islands of French Polynesia, offered by Renaissance Cruises.



Length: Ten days, departure from Los Angeles.

Cost: Prices start at \$1,999 per person. Call Renaissance Cruises (800) 590-8863, or visit www.RenaissanceCruises.com on the Internet.

were four different places on board to eat including an Italian restaurant and a buffet.

Their accommodations "were exceptionally nice," said Loleta. "We had a suite with an outside balcony. My son had never been on a cruise. To just sit there and have people wait on you - he thought it was the greatest thing. We had such a lovely room, and that helped."

At sea, the Myers tried their luck at the casino or bingo, and enjoyed dancing. There was a floor show almost every night.

When they weren't on the ship, the Myers took side trips to the islands. There was lots to do - swimming, boating and snorkeling. "The pool on the ship was humongous," said Evert.

After a couple of trips, they decided to rent a car in Bora Bora and explore the island on their own.

"It was more fun when we rented a car and explored on our own," said Loleta. "The people were friendly, and the scenery was gorgeous. It was all green - the flowers were just beautiful."

One of their favorite stops was Bloody Mary's. "It's a fabulous place," said Evert about the popular bar and grill. "The floor is all sand and you sit on tree stumps. They cook your dinner outside."

If you're thinking about cruising to Tahiti, the Myers recommend learning a little French.

"On shore a lot of people spoke French," said Loleta. "A lot of times you couldn't carry on a conversation. They didn't understand you."

She'd also pack more dresses to take on the trip. Although dress on board was casual, at night the women got dressed up. "Almost everyone wore a dress for dinner," she said. "My daughter-in-law wore her sun dresses."

Sitting in their cozy living room, looking at pictures and talking about why this cruise to Tahiti with their son and daughter-in-law truly was the trip of a



Cruising: Evert and Loleta Myers on Renaissance Cruises' R3, their home away from home while touring Tahiti and the Society Islands of French Polynesia.



Lush landscape: Loleta, (left to right), Marti, and Gerry Myers in Bora Bora.

Loveliest islands on Earth

Described as being "some of the loveliest islands on earth," Tahiti and the Society Islands of French Polynesia are a tropical paradise of lush greenery, volcanic mountains and waterfalls.

The islands have inspired many writers and artists, including Robert Louis Stevenson, Jack London, Herman Melville and Paul Gauguin.

■ **What to buy on the islands**
Black pearls - which are a deep metallic blue-green-gray. A smooth, flawless black pearl can sell for more than \$1,000. A whole necklace can cost as much as \$50,000.

Source: Renaissance Cruise Journal, April 2000

lifetime, Loleta and Evert smile. "You have the pictures," they said, graciously offering to share some of their treasured snapshots with readers, "but we have the memories."

Tell us about your "trip of a lifetime." Send your stories to Keely Wygonik, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or call (734) 953-2105. You can e-mail your stories to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net. Be sure to include a daytime telephone number where you can be reached.

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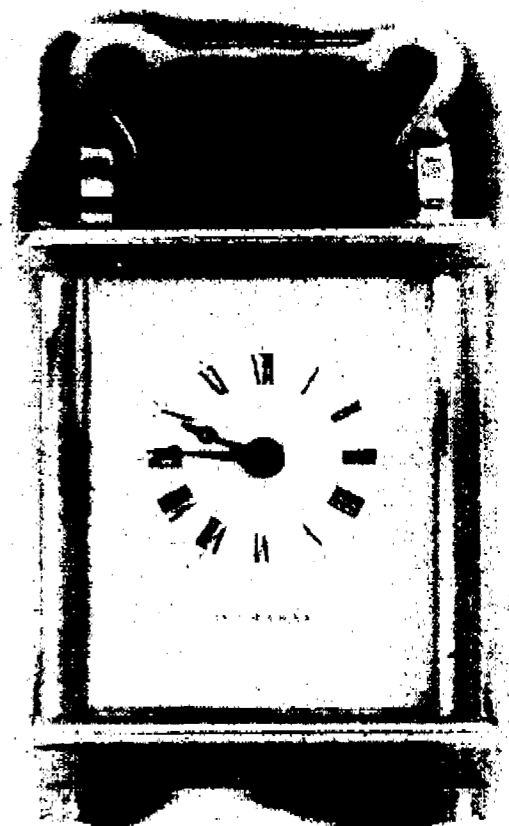
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Rodet — a Burgundy star on the rise

If you've come to like delicately oaked chardonnay and the silky finesse, cherry fruit, and spicy nuances of pinot noir, you need to learn more about their origins.

That places you in the Burgundy region of France. All white Burgundy wines are made from Chardonnay. Red Burgundy wines are produced from pinot noir.

Many Burgundy domaines are centuries old with established reputations.

Wine picks

Wineries worldwide have backed off from oakley chardonnays, making them more in the style of French white Burgundies. Here are the best from our recent tasting of dozens.

- Chardonnays over \$20/bottle: 1997 Chateau St. Jean, Robert Young Vineyard, \$24; 1998 Pine Ridge Stags Leap District, \$40; 1998 Shafer Red Shoulder Ranch, Carneros; and 1997 Gallo-Sonoma Laguna Ranch, \$22.
- Chardonnays under \$20/bottle: 1998 Sanford, Santa Barbara County, \$19; 1998 Meridian Edna Valley, \$15; 1998 Gallo Family's Gallo of Sonoma, \$11; 1998 Hogue, \$10; 1999 Rosemount, \$12; 1998 Fetzer Sundial, \$9; 1999 Fleur du Cap (South Africa), \$9; and 1998 Columbia Crest, \$9.
- Rich, raspberry and plum flavors of sangiovese and zinfandel lend themselves to marinara-sauced pasta or rustic pizza with sundried tomatoes and fresh mozzarella.
- Sangiovese: 1996 Trentadue, \$18; 1997 La Farniglia di Robert Mondavi, \$22; 1997 Atlas Peak, \$16; and 1997 Shafer Firebreak (big and juicy), \$30.
- Zinfandel: 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve, \$30 (fabulous!); 1997 Gallo Sonoma Barattoli Creek, \$19 (none better under \$20); 1997 Fetzer Home Ranch, \$9 (nice every day wine).

Depending on ownership and care taken, their wines can slip. Other properties are on the rise. One such is Maison Antonin Rodet with its Chateau de Chamirey wines from the Mercurey region; Chateau de Rully in the Cote Chalonnaise; Domaine des Perdrix and its wines from Nuits Saint Georges, Vosne Romanée and Echezeaux. Since 1988, Antonin Rodet owns half of Domaine Jacques Prieur, which today, is making superlative wines.

Talk to a Burgundy wine snob and they may speak to you in acronyms such as DRC (short for Domaine de la Romanée-Conti). Impressive wines. Prices in the stratosphere. That's not where you want to begin understanding Burgundy.

Enter Rodet with its wines from Mercurey and Rully.

They are a good place to begin your love affair with Burgundy wines. Since 1998 vintage wines are just entering the marketplace, get started here. Rodet's renowned winemaker Nadine Gublin offers a word of caution: due to the vagaries of weather, the quality of this vintage, varies greatly from producer to producer and vineyard to vineyard.

We recently tasted many 1998 Rodet Burgundies — our top recommendations are very good to exceptional wines in their price range.

White Burgundies — 100 percent chardonnay:

- 1998 A. Rodet Chateau de Rully, \$16, has generous fruit with nice oak imprint.
 - 1998 A. Rodet Chassagne Montrachet, \$39, is a big step up. Sleek and finesseful.
 - 1998 Domaine Jacques Prieur Meursault Clos de Mazeray Monopole, \$46. In one word, fabulous.
 - 1998 Domaine Jacques Prieur Puligny Montrachet Premier Cru Les Combettes, \$72 (very limited quantity). Again, one word, incredible.
- Red Burgundies** — 100 percent pinot noir:

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Dishes for seniors
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MOM GETS HUGS FROM PORTUGAL

EXCHANGE STUDENT CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY WITH AMERICAN FAMILY

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYBY
SPECIAL WRITER

A Birmingham Groves High School senior won't spend Mother's Day with her mom and family this year, but she has some special people who are great substitutes.

She'll share the day with her American "mom" and her family. Joana "Joe" Lima is a foreign exchange student from Lisbon, Portugal, and a member of the Greg Wagner family of Beverly Hills for the past school year.

"We, too, celebrate Mother's Day in Portugal with cards, flowers and by taking our mothers out to dinner," Joe said. "And on this special day, we hug our moms a little more than we usually do."

Although she is sad that she won't be with her mother, she's excited to take part in the Wagners' traditions. "I'm especially looking forward to helping to make breakfast for Mom Nancy."

For more than 20 years, "Dad Greg" has supervised the four Wagner children — Jake, 23, Julia, 21; Anna, 20, and Noel, 17 — in cooking and other kitchen activities to provide a special beginning on Mother's Day for their "queen for the day."

"When the kids were younger, breakfast was served to Mom in bed," Greg said. "The youngest children took a cup of coffee and the newspaper to our honoree while the rest of us handled the kitchen duties."

"When the food was served, all the kids sat on the bed and talked with Nancy while she ate breakfast. Then, they gave her their cards and gifts."

Now that the kids are older,



Breadmakers: Noel and Joe pour the batter into bread pans. Noel and Joe expect to prepare recipes on Mother's Day to honor Nancy Wagner on that special day.



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL

Exchanging families: Nancy and Greg Wagner of Beverly Hills (from left), have opened their house — and lives — to exchange student Joana "Joe" Lima from Portugal (right), who is a senior at Birmingham Groves High School. Here they pitch in with daughter Noel in preparing a batter for bread.

breakfast. "They're too big to all fit on the bed," she said.

Nancy is pleased to have Joe around to celebrate this special day.

"With two of the children away (Jake is in Los Angeles pursuing a film career and Julia is completing her senior year at Arizona State University), it's nice to have Joe to help out around the house."

Joe plans to do her share by preparing a Portuguese fish dish. "We eat a lot of fish and seafood in my country because of our proximity to the ocean."

While Joe is making her dish, Greg, Anna, who just completed her

sophomore year at Washington University in St. Louis, and Noel will be working on traditional family breakfast dishes.

"I really like making the day special for mom," says Noel, a junior at Groves. "It's a time to give back to her and to show our appreciation for everything she does for us."

Greg agrees. "Nancy does so much for us every day. It's nice to give her the opportunity to do what she wants on this special day."

In addition to her Portuguese dish, Joe plans to bring another touch of Portugal to her American mom on Mother's Day. "I plan to hug

her more that day."

According to the other members of the Wagner family, Joe will have to stand in line. "We all hug Mom a little more on Mother's Day."

Sandra Dalda-Pryby is a Beverly Hills resident and writes about food for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Family, student share recipes

Here's some recipes for Mother's Day from the Wagner family of Beverly Hills and one from Joana Lima, an exchange student from Portugal who is visiting the family.

BACALHAU A' GOMES DE SA (SALT COD WITH POTATOES, EGGS, ONIONS AND BLACK OLIVES)

- 1 1/2 pounds salt cod
- 6 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 1 cup olive oil
- 2 medium onions, cut into 1/8-inch slices and separated into rings
- 6 eggs
- 18 black pitted olives, thinly sliced

(Note: Do this step 24 hours ahead of time. Place cod in a large bowl and cover with cold water. Let soak, changing water every 8 hours. Prior to cooking, drain and rinse cod. Cut into bite-size pieces. Salt cod can be purchased at Vic's Market.)

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Readers share mom's recipes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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When we asked for recipes from readers for Mother's Day, they responded with a common chord of love, respect and appreciation for their mothers.

Euni Rose of Southfield remembers her mother's Eastern European cooking origins. Rose's mother, Florence Margolis, learned from her mother-in-law and "never varied an inch from what she learned."

"When (my twin sister and I) each got married, our mother actually made recipes from her dishes for us," Rose recalls. "She really worked hard because she never ever used a recipe in her entire life — wow!

"My twin and I have taken her recipes and done some changes

through the years, but the original feeling is still there."

Rose said her most favorite meal was a picnic meal her mother prepared nearly every Sunday in the summer.

"No one we knew ever had a picnic like this one. She made breaded veal cutlets — not chops — veal cutlets, bought from a kosher butcher — not that we kept kosher, but she liked the tenderness and flavor of those particular cutlets."

She fried the cutlets in Crisco or Spay, not oil, because when she was a child her stepmother would send her to the grocery store to buy oil and give her a jar for it. The grocer would pour the oil into the jar, Rose said.

"On the way home the oil would

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FAMILY FOOD

Don't obsess about child's weight — just eat healthy

SENSIBLE LIVING



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How do you avoid obsessing about your child's weight while teaching them to eat healthy at the same time?

A study by Dr. Leann Birch, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, confirmed that pre-schoolers have an innate ability to regulate their eating according to what their bodies need for growth.

This holds true even when the child's eating seems to be horrendous. Researchers found that at a given meal, calorie intake was highly variable but it balanced out over time.

Yet, many parents assume that their young children cannot regulate food intake on their own. Often, parents implement coercive strategies in an attempt to ensure that their child consumes a nutritionally balanced diet.

However, research by Birch indicates

such control strategies are counter productive.

"Parents' attempts to control their child's eating were reported more often by obese adults than by adults of normal weight," Birch said in the study. Similarly, Duke University psychologist Philip Costanzo found that excess weight in school-age children was highly associated with the degree to which parents tried to restrain their children's eating.

Develop intuitive eating

Costanzo found that even well-meaning parents interfere with a child's intuitive eating, and when a parent tries to overrule a child's natural eating cues, the problem gets worse, not better.

Evelyn Tribole, author of Intuitive Eating, notes that a parent who feeds a child "whenever a hunger signal is heard and who stops feeding when the child shows that he's had enough, can play a powerful role in the initial development of intuitive eating."

Tribole also suggest that you attempt

to help your kids eat only about 10 percent "fun" or "play" foods while the other 90 percent contributes to their good health.

You can try to explain this concept to them as they approach adolescents and can grasp this information.

Therapist and dietitian, Ellyn Satter points out that when the parents of overweight kids back off, and let them eat without pressure, the kids will eventually eat less. This way, the child begins to hear and understand her own inner signals of hunger and satiety.

"Children deprived of food in an attempt to be thin become preoccupied with food, afraid they won't get enough to eat, and are prone to overeat when they get the chance," Satter said.

Children's menus

Let's look at a sample of young children's eating habits.

Abbey Frank, of Walled Lake, is 4 years old and attends pre-school Beth Abraham in West Bloomfield. Her favorite foods are grapes, bananas and peanut butter and jelly. "They are

healthy, very tasty and good for you," Abbey said.

Five-year-old Elana Price, of Huntington Woods attends Kindergarten at Burton Elementary School. Her favorite foods are pizza because she likes the cheese. She likes soy meat and enjoys it in homemade tacos.

One of her favorite dishes is peanut butter pasta, and she also likes fruit. "I love strawberries because they remind me that I have little freckles on my nose."

Erica Mendelson, 6, of Farmington Hills attends Meadowbrook Elementary School in Walled Lake. She enjoys rice at Middle Eastern restaurants, along with salad and french fries.

"The inside of french fries are mashed potatoes," Erica said. "I also like oranges 'cause you can drink them."

Erica even makes her own lunch, with assistance from her mom who sets certain boundaries such as no excessive junk.

Gail Hennessy of Oak Park tries to

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Sauté chicken with balsamic-prune sauce without a lot of fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seasoning gives a rich taste to Chicken Sauté With Balsamic-Prune Sauce without adding a lot of fat. A serving contains only about 9 grams of fat.

This is a one-dish main course that can be prepared start to finish in about 35 minutes.

The chicken pieces are cooked first, then the sauce in the same pan. While it simmers, there is time to cook accompa-

niments - perhaps rice or couscous and a simple vegetable.

CHICKEN SAUTÉ WITH BALSAMIC-PRUNE SAUCE

2 tablespoons olive oil
4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 pounds)
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup finely chopped shallots

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup (3 ounces) coarsely chopped pitted prunes
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot.

Season chicken with salt and pepper, to

taste. Place chicken in skillet; cook 10 minutes or until browned and centers are no longer pink, turning once. Transfer to serving platter and keep warm.

Add shallots and garlic to same skillet; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until softened.

Stir in broth, prunes, vinegar, thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat

slightly; cook until sauce is reduced by half, about 1 cup.

Spoon over chicken.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: cal., 9 g fat, 100 mg chol., 890 mg sodium, 20 g carbo., 2 g fiber, 41 g pro.

Recipe from California Prune Board.

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safe container and cook on high until tender. Set aside.

In a large skillet, add 1/2 cup olive oil and onion rings. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until onions are soft and transparent. Remove and set aside.

Add remaining oil and cod pieces. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring gently and frequently until fish flakes easily. Return onions and add potatoes to skillet.

In bowl, scramble eggs. Stir in olives. Add mixture to skillet. Cover skillet and cook over medium heat approximately 10 to 12 minutes or until eggs are set. Cut into wedges. Serves 6 to 8.

Recipe courtesy of Joana Lima.

MOTHER'S DAY GRIDDLE CAKES

3/4 cup white flour
3/4 cup whole wheat flour
1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
3 tablespoons sugar or honey
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 1/4 cups milk
(Note: Batter is best if made the night before.)

Combine dry ingredients in large bowl. In another bowl, beat eggs slightly. Add remaining ingredients and beat to combine. Add wet ingredients to dry mix-

ture. Mix until barely moistened. (Mixture will have lumps.) Cover and set in a cool place as long as possible.

Lightly grease griddle or frying pan. Heat to medium-high. Pour 1/4 cup batter for each cake. Cook until bubbles appear on surface. Turn and brown other side. Makes 8-12 cakes.

Recipe submitted by Wagner family.

BROCCOLI QUICHE

1 10-inch pie crust
1 package (10 ounces) frozen, chopped broccoli, thawed and drained
4 eggs
1 cup evaporated milk
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1 tablespoon parsley flakes
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

In 325° F oven, bake pie crust for 5 minutes. Remove.

In blender, chop broccoli into fine pieces. Add remaining ingredients and blend until mixed. Pour into crust. Cover crust edges with foil and bake in 375° F oven for 35-45 minutes or until set. Serves 6-8.

Recipe submitted by the Wagner family.

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always drip out of the jar, making a sticky mess. So she always hated using oil."

Her mother made macaroni salad and the family's best friend always made lemonade - with lots of oranges as well as lemons, Rose said.

"My mom and dad were very young parents, so their friends were very young as well," Rose writes. "The guys played softball at the picnics and the 'girls' and we kids cheered them on. Too much fun!"

Best meals

Greg Zotos of Livonia wrote: "My mother makes the best meals. They are so tasty because she puts her love in her cooking. I always say her meals are gourmet meals because they taste so good."

Catherine Zotos' Greek 'n' Easy Pasta Salad is one of our featured recipes.

Euni Rose appreciates the opportunity to share her childhood memories.

She writes: "Thanks for allowing me to wallow in these memories. My dad died in 1992 and my mom will be 85 in June. My parents came here in 1991 from Cleveland when my dad was so ill they could not be away from my husband and myself."

Here are some of our reader's favorite recipes shared in honor of their mothers:

FLORENCE MARGOLIS' CUTLETS

(FROM HER DAUGHTER EUNI ROSE)

Dip veal cutlets into a wash of beaten eggs with salt and pepper, then dip them into bread crumbs.

Fry them in the hot Crisco until browned on all sides. Then put the cutlets into a roaster, covered, at 350° F for one hour until tender.

(Euni Rose has cooked this recipe using olive oil. But of course the flavor is different - "delicious, but not the same memory comes to mind," she writes.)

CATHERINE ZOTOS' GREEK 'N' EASY PASTA SALAD

(FROM SON GREG ZOTOS)

8 ounces rotini pasta
8 ounces cooked diced chicken
1/3 cup chopped red onion
Dried basil
Salt to taste
Black pepper to taste
Fresh basil, shredded
1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes, packed in oil, cut in strips
1 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in halves
1/2 cup crumbled Feta cheese with tomato and basil
Caesar salad dressing, regular or low-fat
1/2 cup chopped imported black olives

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, Feta cheese, red onion, 2 tablespoons dried and 2 tablespoons fresh basil, salt and pepper to taste, and olives.

Blend in 1/3 cup salad dressing. Mix in warm pasta. Enjoy warm or chilled. Serve with crusty bread, pita chips and fresh fruit. Serves 4.

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■ 1998 A. Rodet Monthele Cave Privée, \$29, interesting black cherry aromas; full, rich flavors.

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Terroir conscious wines. Terroir, a French word, is now broadly used by the U.S. wine industry to mean wine characteristics inherited from the particular place where wine grapes

are grown. Between 1980 and 1994, Napa Valley's Cakebread Cellars' top cabernet sauvignon was its Rutherford Reserve. During those years, winemaker Bruce Cakebread noticed distinct parcels with unique, stand-alone "inherited" characteristics.

In 1995, Three Sisters from fairly rocky soils and Benchland Select from loamy soils were introduced. No knee jerk on our part to enthusiastically recommend — not that they weren't good, but we're interested in consistency. It's there in the 1996 Cakebread Three Sisters Cabernet Sauvignon and 1996 Cakebread Benchland Select Cabernet Sauvignon, both \$90. A barrel sample tasting of both wines from the 1998 vintage has us enthused. For full impact of the meaning of terroir, try to taste these wines side by side. Quite amazing!

Picking the best spring produce

It's hard to go wrong in the supermarket produce department at this time of year.

Peak spring vegetables are making their way to market, and the color, flavor and nutritional content of these seasonal delights couldn't be better. This makes spring a perfect time to try new vegetables that you may not be accustomed to eating to help add variety to your diet.

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables is a key component of the American Institute for Cancer Research's diet and health guidelines for cancer prevention, and promotes better overall health.

Be sure not to pass up the spring asparagus. Choose spears with tight, compact tips and medium green color with purple highlights.

Pick spears of similar diameter so they all will cook in the same amount of time. Try them simply marinated in olive oil, fresh rosemary and ground black pepper, then drained and roasted in a 500-degree oven for about 10 minutes.

The height of radish season is right about now as well, so look for red globes sold in batches with their greens still attached. Fresh looking greens are a good sign of quality, and they're edible as well! Fix a radish and broccoli slaw by grating broccoli stems, radishes and carrots. Marinate the grated vegetables in a mixture of soy sauce, sesame oil, de-fatted chicken stock, rice wine vinegar, grated ginger root, a smashed garlic clove and toasted sesame seeds. Remove the garlic before serving.

Rhubarb is best in spring, and choice rhubarb is firm and has good color. Be sure to remove the leaves before cooking, as they are quite toxic. This

vegetable is sensational paired with spring strawberries in a sweet/tart crisp.

Good spring spinach is the greenest of the green, fresh and crisp with no signs of wilting or yellowing. Use it in the beautiful and easy salad recipe below:

SPRING SPINACH SALAD

- 10 ounces fresh spinach washed thoroughly, torn in pieces and steamed
- 2 cups strawberries halved or sliced
- 2 kiwifruit peeled and sliced
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 5 tablespoons part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 tablespoon plain lowfat or nonfat yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried herb of your choice (basil, tarragon; or use 2 tsp. fresh herbs)
- Dash pepper

Prepare the spinach, strawberries and kiwifruit in a large salad bowl or individual salad bowls. Combine the remaining ingredients in a blender or food processor; puree until smooth without a trace of graininess, and serve with the salad.

Each of the 4 servings contains 90 calories and 2 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114; Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, this free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian your questions regarding diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>.

Knock out the fat with these recipes

Here's some lowfat recipes from Beverly Price. 360mg. See related column on Taste front.

SOFT SOY TACOS

- 1 (12 ounce) package Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles
- 1 packet fat free taco seasoning mix
- 8 (10-inch) whole wheat flour tortillas
- 8 ounces Soy sour cream
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups chopped lettuce
- 2 cups soy cheese, shredded
- 1 cup salsa

In a non-stick skillet, mix Recipe Crumbles with taco seasoning and saute. Warm the tortillas in microwave or in a frying pan. Place some soy mix in each tortilla and top with sour cream, tomato, lettuce, cheese and salsa. Fold to eat. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 243, fat 0g, pro. 14g, carb. 46g, chol. 1mg, fiber 1g, sodium

PEANUT BUTTER SPIRALS

- 12 ounces uncooked whole wheat spiral pasta
- 2/3 cup natural peanut butter
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 to 4 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons mild vinegar
- 1 scallion, coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon honey or rice syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 1/2 cups frozen green peas, thawed

In a large soup pot bring 4-6 cups of water to a boil. Once water is boiling add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. While pasta is cooking, combine all remaining ingredients except peas in a food processor or blender and process until smooth.

When pasta is done, drain well and transfer to a large serving bowl. Add peas and sauce; stir to combine thoroughly. Serve warm. Serves 8.

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expose her children, Rina, 8, Asher, 7, and Gila, 5, to a variety of foods. She leaves a relish tray loaded with vegetables for the kids to graze on after school. Hennes recalls a parenting magazine concept: "It takes a child 20 exposures to a new food

before a child will try it." Hennes also believes what parents "model" for children directly affects their relationship with food.

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.

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

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Hearty chicken soup can be a family-oriented project

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Mothers and Daughters at Home" (Simon & Schuster, \$24) by Charlotte Lyons is subtitled "35 projects to make together."

Her mother, Lyons tells readers, taught her how to sew and crochet and do needlepoint; how to make decoupage, to paint flea-market furniture and do whatever else she could think of with her only daughter.

"These lessons were given in the spirit of fun and sharing."

Now, Lyons says, that experience "is

the centerpiece of the home I share with my husband and three daughters."

Text and color photos in her book feature projects ranging from painted note cards to button necklace, from patchwork throw to doll armoire, from recipe scrapbook to recipes such as the following chicken soup, *Sopa de Lima*.

"This particular soup is especially enjoyable because it has a variety of textures that please children."

"Crushing tortilla chips, squeezing lime wedges, and sprinkling with grated cheese are the final flourishes to a very

hearty dish popular in Mexico."

SOPA DE LIMA

- One whole chicken, about 3 to 4 pounds
- Water to cover, about 12 to 14 cups
- 1 large Spanish onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Fresh pepper to taste
- 28-ounce can whole tomatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Tortilla chips
- Cheddar or Jack cheese

Lime wedges

Wash and dry the chicken. Place it in a 6-quart kettle and add water to cover the chicken. Add the chopped onion, salt and pepper. Simmer for two hours or so, until the chicken begins to come off the bones. Remove from heat and lift chicken with a slotted spoon, placing it into a bowl to cool.

Cool broth and remove fat accumulation from surface.

Add the canned tomatoes, crushing by hand as you add them. Simmer broth gen-

tly. Remove skin and bones from chicken and return shredded chicken pieces to the simmering broth.

Add chopped cilantro and cook for 30 minutes.

To serve: Ladle into large soup bowls and serve with a basket of crisp tortilla chips, grated Cheddar or Jack cheese, and wedges of fresh lime.

Garnish with some of each. Makes 8 servings.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net*

Battling Hunger - Taste of the Nation Detroit will help raise money for nonprofit organizations to battle hunger and poverty. The event is scheduled from 6-9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Somerset Collection in Troy. It features the area's 50 best restaurants, caterers and purveyors. Tickets are \$75. About 70 percent of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Community Food Bank, The Food Bank of Oakland County, Forgotten Harvest and Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. For information or to purchase tickets call Gleaners Community Food Bank at (313) 923-3535.

Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yaliove Baum, author of "Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking," conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899

Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled sessions 6-9 p.m. on marvelous quick meals, Monday, May 8, and a model spring dinner, Monday, May 22. Learn the principles of macrobiotics, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 30. Baum also teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays in May and another on Mondays in June. Call (248) 478-4455.

Quick, Easy Meals - Schoolcraft College offers this course through its Continuing Education Services program from 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, for the busy person to create elegant meals using techniques with products from local supermarkets. Chef Jeff Gabriel will demonstrate many dishes including soups, salads, entrees and simple desserts. Dishes will be sampled, and recipes shared. For information, call (734) 462-4448.

Exploring Spring Vegetables - Learn about lesser-known spring vegetables and new ideas for old favorites at Schoolcraft College in a two-day course offered Tuesday,

May 16, and Thursday, May 18. You will learn how to identify, purchase and the proper care for fresh vegetables along with recipes and techniques from instructors Traci Bahlan and Laura Wood-Romito. The course is offered through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Service program. For information, call (734) 462-4448.

Wine-Tasting benefit - Wine aficionados can taste wine and help benefit scholarship and other groups at A Toast to Canton Wine-Tasting 7-9 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at the Summit on the Park.

The event will help the Leadership Canton Alumni scholarship fund, the Canton Goodfellows, the Canton Place Helping Hands Fund, Character Counts and the Community Literacy Council. Enjoy a splendid array of wines, hors d'oeuvres, gourmet cheeses, sushi, breadhouse breads and live entertainment. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. They can be bought at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center, or at Holiday Market. For information, call the

chamber at 453-4040 or call (734) 844-2200.

Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center: Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252.

Rich Brioche Desserts - Dolly Matoi will teach the techniques of creating light French brioche, including pecan sticky buns, a brioche chocolate bread pudding and an almond brown sugar coffee cake. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Novi Town Center; Wednesday, May 10, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Call (800) 641-1252.

Cooking with Herbs - Linda Kay Drysdale will offer a lesson on selecting the proper herb and preparing herb-stuffed honey lime chicken, Greek pasta salad, icy gazpacho and mint lemonade. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Novi Town Center; Wednesday, May 17, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Call (800) 641-1252.

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- 3 tablespoons olive oil or cooking oil
- 1/2 teaspoon finely shredded lime peel
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound halibut steaks, 1/2-inch thick
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Lime wedges and tortilla chip strips (optional)

For the salsa: In a bowl combine fruit, sweet pepper, green onions, jalapeno pepper, oil, lime peel, lime juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to use.

For the fish: Preheat oven to 450 F.

Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towels. Cut into 4-ounce size pieces, if necessary. Brush with a mixture of lime juice and 1 tablespoon water. In a bowl combine lime paprika, salt, ginger, allspice and pepper and rub onto fish.

Arrange fish in a shallow baking pan and bake, uncovered, for 8 to 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove from oven, brush fish with pan juices. If desired, garnish with lime wedges and/or lime peel strips. Serve with salsa. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from "Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook" Almond, 1998. \$26.95. www.bhglive.com

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"Women's Health Issues" will be presented at the hospital noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 in West Addition A. Nurse Mary Lou Anolick will discuss heart disease, osteoporosis, and menopause. Call (734) 655-8910 to register for the skin cancer screens and health issues discussion.

Cancer support group

Have you received a diagnosis of cancer within the last six months and don't know where to turn?

The Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support Group at Oakwood Hospital meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Aday Conference Center at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 8101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. You do not have to be an Oakwood patient to attend. Call (313) 593-7765.

Who are you?

The subconscious mind is a curious thing. It stores and remembers events, words, places and people you do not even realize you heard, saw or felt. Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network, as part of its Mind-Body Connection workshops program, is offering "The Cube: The Secret Language of Your Mind Revealed" 7 p.m. Monday, May 15.

"This cube program is an ancient visualization technique," says Donna May, class instructor. "It is based on a popular book that asks a series of questions. The way you answer those questions has a lot of symbolic meaning into what type of things your subconscious mind remembers."

The workshop will be at the Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Cost is \$20. To register, call 248-477-6100.

Free car seat check

Motor vehicle crashes are the nation's leading cause of death and serious injury to children younger than 14. More than 70 percent of these tragedies can be prevented if car seats and safety belts are used correctly.

Oakwood's *Keep Kids Safe!* team and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will offer a free car seat safety check 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 18, in the West Outpatient Lobby driveway at Oakwood Annapolis, 33155 Annapolis Ave. off Michigan Avenue and Veno Way. For more information, call Oakwood at (313) 791-1494 or (313) 791-1488.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Bookend (supporting calendar events), Medical Newsmakers, appointments now lists in the medical field, and Medical Brief medical advances short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies. We also welcome newsworthy items for health and fitness related stories. E-mail us at rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or call, write, fax or mail us.

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Implant helps palsy patients

Oakwood's Program for Exceptional Children treats the whole child

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Kimberly White, 12, of Garden City is an articulate honor roll student who loves to write short stories and eat macaroni and cheese. When she grows up, she may become a famous author -- or a police dispatcher. Then she could ride to work with her father, David White, a sergeant with the Garden City Police Department. She recently finished a story about a girl who made a time machine and traveled with two friends to the Eiffel Tower in the year 5000. "I like to write fictional stories because then you can make anything happen," she says.

Kimberly, who has cerebral palsy, can easily say "intrathecal baclofen therapy," whereas her mother, Kim White, trusts herself with just using the initials, ITB therapy.

Intrathecal baclofen therapy, which uses a surgically implanted pump to deliver anti-spasticity medicine directly into the spinal fluid, has made a big difference in Kimberly's life. She had the pump implanted in January at Oakwood Hospital. "I like it because for me I can do a lot more things," she said. "Now when I walk my heels, touch the floor, my feet are more in line and my back is a lot straighter. I can sit Indian style without any help. Before I needed help, but now my legs move by themselves."

Relatively new treatment

ITB therapy is a relatively new treatment for severe spasticity in children and adults with cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury. A neurosurgeon implants a SynchroMed pump, about the size of a hockey puck, just under the skin of the abdomen. A tiny catheter is threaded around the abdomen and into the spinal fluid. The catheter carries "baclofen injection," a medication that substitutes for the brain's naturally produced relaxing chemical, called GABA.

Because baclofen injection is delivered directly into the spinal fluid, minute doses can be used. Baclofen taken by mouth is not effective. The pump is programmed by a computer to release the correct amount of the drug. It can be reprogrammed externally.

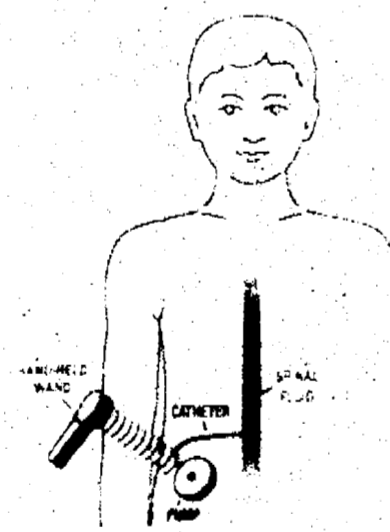
Kimberly sees both Dr. Yasser Awaad, the pediatric neurosurgeon who implanted her pump, and Dr. Susan Youngs, a pediatric psychiatrist, at Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families. Youngs, the program's director, manages Kimberly's overall medical care and her rehabilitation program.

"Kimberly is a great example of the kinds of children who come to our program and get more of the comprehensive approach," said Youngs. For Kimberly, ITB therapy was a good choice, she added. "She's really motivated, which also makes her a good candidate."

Searching

"When you have a child with special needs, you almost feel you have entered a secret society," said Kim White. "You need to know the right password to get a question answered. If you don't get hold of the right person and ask the right question, you don't move forward."

She and her husband knew something "was" wrong with their daughter by the time she was 4 years old. "She was yelling but her mouth didn't move," she said. "It was awful," said Kim White, trying to describe her youngest daughter's symptoms. "I was desperate."



Baclofen injection is delivered into the spinal fluid by a pump implanted under the skin of the abdomen. A tiny catheter turns on the pump and programs it to deliver the baclofen injection. The pump can be reprogrammed through a hand held remote device placed externally over the implanted pump. Multiple times as a physical therapy worker, she has pushed the pump to help her walk.



All smiles: Kimberly White says her newly implanted medicine pump allows her to walk better and sit Indian-style. Her parents, Dave and Kim White, are her biggest cheerleaders.

It took two misdiagnoses before the Whites had an answer: Beautiful, bright-eyed Kimberly, who was born premature and weighed only 2 1/2 pounds, had cerebral palsy.

For several years, the Whites took Kimberly to Shriners Hospital in Chicago for treatment. The drive was long and inconvenient. One day, Kim

'I can sit Indian style without any help. Before I needed help, but now my legs move by themselves.'

—Kimberly White
Age 12

White asked Kimberly's local pediatrician to write a new prescription for braces. He said he couldn't, and referred her to Dr. Awaad.

Kim was wary. She had seen so many neurologists. There was nothing new to be discussed.

"It turned out to be wonderful," she said. "Dr. Awaad was the first one to say, 'Do you know your options?'"

Kimberly was shown videos of different treatments, including botox injections (used to treat local spasticity), to which she said, "no." However, she became very excited after seeing the video of ITB therapy and became even more excited after a test run of the drug yielded positive results. The device was implanted on Jan. 11.

Results came quickly. "Oh my, a lot of people noticed her steps were sure." She could put her arm up over her head. Now she can "high five," said Kim White.

Anne Marie Michon, a nurse who works with Dr. Awaad, said all the children who have had the pump implanted experienced positive results, ranging from dressing or being dressed more easily to walking faster or without a walker.

"Every patient has improved to some level."

Comprehensive care

Kim and Dave White found the right people and the right answers at Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families, which treats patients with a wide range of chronic, complex disorders and disabilities, including cerebral palsy, muscle disorders, spina bifida, rheumatologic disorders, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries, amputations and sports injuries.

"They treat the whole child. Dr. Awaad looks for what's best physically. Dr. Youngs looks at the emotional component. Even the nurses, they work as a complete team. I was so impressed," said Kim White.

"We all spend an exorbitant amount of time on the phone with families, dealing with the issues," said Youngs.

Youngs understands the frustration for patients and their families. "They're going, traveling back and forth, sometimes at great distances, between specialists. That just wears on a family. They're visiting one person or place, that was pulling it together," she said.

The Program for Exceptional Families is the equivalent of one-stop shopping, a medical center hybrid, Youngs refers to it as a "medical home."

During a single visit, children and their families are seen by a team of pediatric specialists, including a pediatrician, physical medicine and rehabilitation physician (a physiatrist), neurologist, nurse, dietitian, social worker, parent advocate, psychologist, physical and occupational therapists and orthotist.

Rehabilitation is the hallmark of the program. "This is really the part in which we have carved a niche," said Youngs. "How can we make this person's life better? How can we walk beside them?"

Youngs' holistic approach extends to the patient's broader community. She knows the dynamics of school systems. "If I have a question, I can just call the school and say, 'Hi, I'm Dr. Youngs from the Program for Exceptional Families. I have questions about Johnny. That's what sets this program apart.'"

Kimberly White is now learning how to use crutches in physical therapy. It's a big challenge, but one Kimberly is not afraid to tackle. After all, this is a girl who made the honor roll even after missing nine days of school while having an ITB therapy pump implanted.

Thanks to Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families and Kimberly's own determination to do her absolute best, Kimberly's life may be like the title of her time machine story: "Anything is possible."

For more information on the Program for Exceptional Families, visit www.oeobserver.com or call 734-953-1494.



Tender touch: Dr. Susan Youngs tends to Deshae Raschke of Melvindale, one of her youngest patients in the Program for Exceptional Families.

Life-saving advice for mothers about strokes

Taking time to learn the warning signs of stroke could be the key. Mothers, Dr. Richard J. Adams, a neurologist at the University of Michigan Medical Center, says, "A stroke is a medical emergency. As a mother, you need to know the signs and symptoms of a stroke so you can get your child to the hospital as quickly as possible."

Adams says that a stroke occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is cut off. This can happen if a blood vessel in the brain is blocked by a clot or if a blood vessel in the brain bursts.

Each year, about 700,000 people in the United States suffer a stroke, and about 200,000 of them die. Stroke is the leading cause of disability in the United States. Adams says that the most common warning signs of a stroke are: sudden weakness or numbness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden trouble with memory, judgment or personality.

Adams says that the most important thing for mothers to know about strokes is that they can happen at any time and to anyone. "It's not just for old people or people with high blood pressure," he says.

- Stroke warning signs: "If a mother sees any of these signs, she should call 911 immediately." Adams says that time is critical when it comes to treating a stroke. The sooner a person is treated, the better the chances are of recovering.
- Stroke prevention: "There are several things a mother can do to help reduce the risk of a stroke in her child." Adams says that eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and not smoking are all important.
- Stroke education: "It's important for mothers to know the signs and symptoms of a stroke and what to do if they see them." Adams says that many people are not aware of the warning signs of a stroke.
- Stroke support: "There are many resources available for mothers who have a child with a stroke." Adams says that support groups and counseling can be helpful for these mothers.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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ONGOING

OVEREATERS

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. through June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile. Call Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

AA & ALANON

Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Marquette House, a residential

assisted living facility at 36000 Campus Drive in Westland (across from John Glenn High School), holds blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday. Open to the public 11 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 326-6537.

SUN, MAY 7

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

Celebrate Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week at The Good Food Company, 42615 Ford between Sheldon and Lilley one-half mile west of I-275 in Canton. Guest speakers will discuss issues of indoor air quality and alternative pest management. Videos, refreshments, and printed information. Contact MCS Friends for times at (248)349-4972.

MON, MAY 8

THYROID DISORDERS

The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

TUES, MAY 9

EXERCISE SEMINAR

St. Collette Parish Health Ministry will offer a seminar on "Exercise: Can it save your life?" with Dr. Steven Keteyian, exercise physiologist at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute at 7 p.m. in the church, 17600 Newburgh in Livonia. Call for reservations (734) 464-4436.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will present "Advance Directives: When and how soon should they be in place," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center of Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations.

WED, MAY 10

HEARING IMPAIRED

Self Help for Hard Of Hearing People (SHHP) of Western Wayne County will be meeting 7 p.m. at the Garden City Hospital, Alfred Breakie Medical Office Building downstairs classroom. Contact Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 evenings or e-mail MichRobin@aol.com.

THURS, MAY 11

EXERCISE

Oakland Physical Therapy PC.

will present "Exercises and Techniques in Stress Reduction" 7 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi (intersection of Grand River and Beck). No charge. Reservations required. Call (248) 380-3550.

MON, MAY 15

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME

The Restless Leg Syndrome Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland to discuss medications and exercises. The meeting will feature a video by California-based physician Dr. Vuchfuhner. For more information, call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

TUES, MAY 16

LYME DISEASE

The Lyme Disease Support Group will sponsor a "Lyme Disease education night" at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502 for more information.

WED, MAY 17

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT

The Michigan Dyslexia Institute - Detroit Metro Center will host a meeting on the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as

related to accommodations for students/adults with dyslexia. Parents, advocates, professionals and students encouraged to attend. Meets at 6:45 p.m. at the MD Institute, 30230 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, Suite 130.

HEALTHY FOOD

Learn how the energy of food can help strengthen your internal organs. Presented by Macro Val 6-8 p.m., 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3C, Garden City. No cost. Complimentary dessert and tea. Call (734) 261-2856.

THUR, MAY 18

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines a child needs except chicken pox. Adults must take immunization records for any children. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

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TUES, MAY 23

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME

The Restless Leg Syndrome will meet at 2 p.m. at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland to discuss medications and exercises. Garden City Hospital nurse Marilyn Armerage will be the featured speaker. For more information, call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

MAY 24-JUNE 14

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WED, MAY 31

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Blood drive sponsored by the Canton Hindu Temple (44955 Cherry Hill). For information, call (734) 981-8730.

JUNE 3 & 7

STOP SMOKING

Providence Hospital will present smoking-cessation programs 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3, Novi Park: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park 47601 Grand River (Beck entrance), Novi; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Providence Medical Center-Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile (at Newburgh), Livonia. For reservations, call 1-877-345-5500.

SAT, JUNE 10

CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT

Prerequisite for initial training: proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card. Retraining: proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card and current ACLS certification. Class is offered Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital/ Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute (734) 712-2948.

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MIKE WENDLAND

In less than 24 hours, the "I Love You" computer virus spread to millions of computers around the world, worse than any other virus yet experienced, including last year's infamous Melissa virus.

While Melissa was relatively harmless, the so-called Love Bug destroys multimedia graphics and sound files before e-mailing itself as an attachment to every address in the user's e-mail directory.

Security and IT professionals have been working around the clock to remove the virus from network mail servers. Scores of

major corporations and government systems around the world have had to shut down or become so clogged with the viruses that e-mail was all but unusable. Millions of copies of the virus poured into the electronic mailboxes of individual computer users. At one point Thursday, I was getting a new copy of the bug every minute.

As the weekend arrived, there were reports that the virus has morphed into a new version that is rapidly making its way around the Internet as a round two of the attack. This one has the subject line "FW: JOKE" and contains an attachment called "Very Funny.vbs." The name change masquerades the exact same virus, thus allowing the malicious program to worm its way into even more computers and avoid anti-virus software that

screens out viruses by name.

Microsoft's vulnerability

Like most of the destructive viruses we've seen recently, the Love Bug was written in Microsoft's Visual Basic scripting language and exploits security weaknesses in Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser and its popular Outlook and Outlook Express e-mail programs.

Already, a growing number of Microsoft critics are urging people to turn away from the popular programs in favor of alternate browsers such as Netscape (www.netscape.com) or Opera (www.opera.com), and third-party e-mail programs such as Eudora (www.eudora.com), which seem to be much less susceptible to viruses.

For those who want to disable the Microsoft Visual Basic script-

ing function that this particular virus exploits, here's how to turn this option off. Go to the Control Panel, then:

- click on Add/ Remove Programs
- click the Windows Setup tab
- click on Accessories to get the details
- uncheck Windows Scripting Host
- click "OK" to save any changes

This will have minimal effect on most Windows functions and will keep you free from this virus. But it's not a cure-all, and the problem is much bigger than Microsoft. The deranged people who spread viruses can just as easily write viruses for other operating systems and programs.

Protect yourself

That said, just because you

get the virus, doesn't mean that you're infected. The only way that will happen is if you open the attached Love Letter file that comes with the e-mail.

Meantime, there are three simple steps everyone can take to protect against all kinds of computer viruses.

■ Back up all your important files. Use something like Iomega's popular Zip disks or other large-capacity storage media, or even floppies if that's all you have. Just do so. Now. Before you're infected with whatever is next unleashed. Then, get into the habit of backing up weekly.

■ Never, ever, under any circumstances, open attached files or pictures or graphics that you receive unsolicited by e-mail, even if you know the person supposedly sending the file. This is

the way viruses are spread, and though most of the 1,000 new viruses being unleashed every month are not as nasty as the Love Bug, it's simply too risky to take the chance.

■ Make sure your anti-virus software is updated. All of the big anti-virus firms now have Love Bug

Until next week... '73 every-body.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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TUE, MAY 9

CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban chapter of the National Association of Career women will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guest speaker Ron Koller will speak about "Groups that work, and those that don't." The cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. Call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

WED, MAY 10

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

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FRI, MAY 12

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The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts its 11th Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The VIP reception begins at 6:30

p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo Andersson, executive in charge of worldwide purchasing for General Motors Corp., is event chairman. The ball provides an opportunity to network with business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCC at (248) 208-9915.

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a.m. to noon Thursday, May 18, Executive Office Building of Oakland County, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac; "Pre-Business," 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Central Michigan University, 2051 Rosa Parks, Detroit; and "Business Plan,"

8:45 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20, Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. The cost for each workshop is \$40. To register, call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

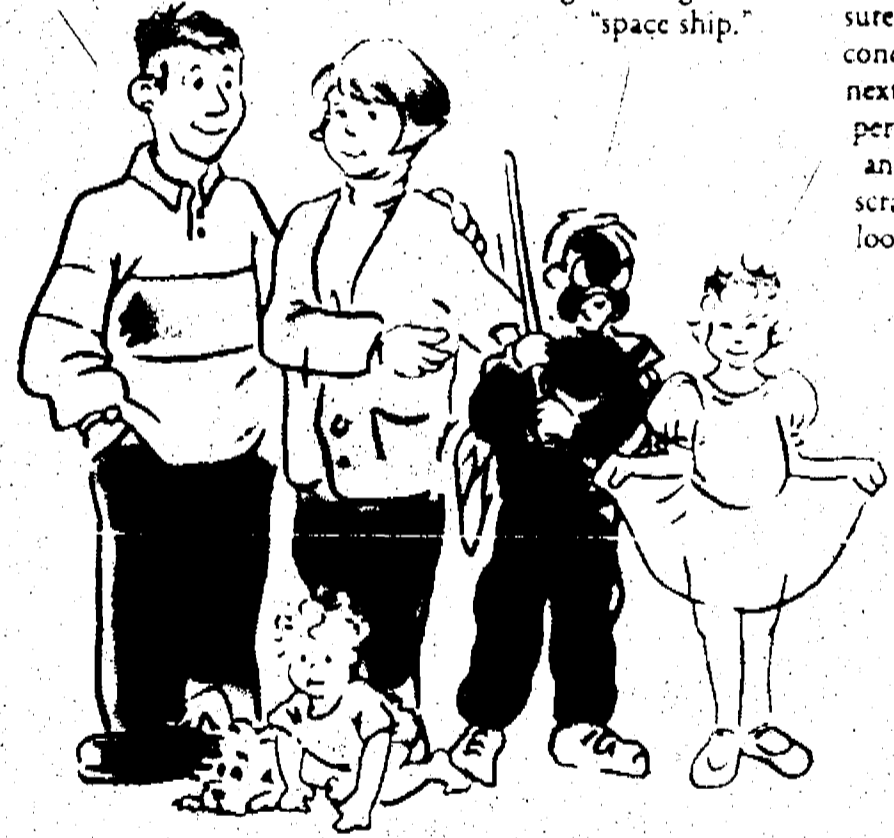
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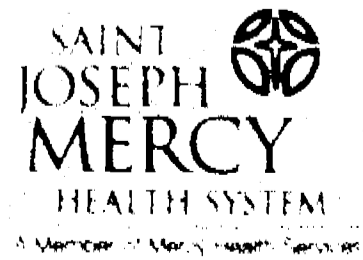
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The Detroit Regional Chamber and the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership in association with the International Business Council will present World Trade Week 2000 May 15-18.

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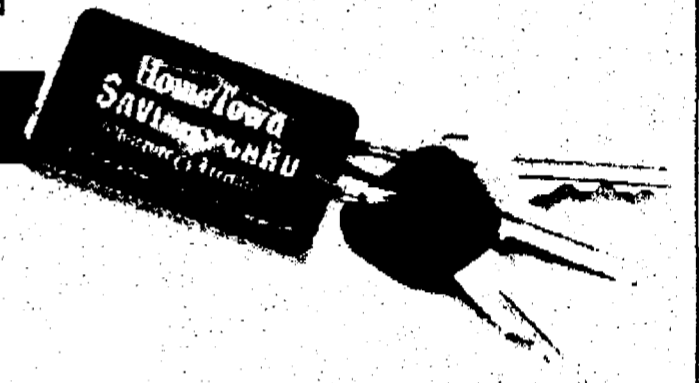
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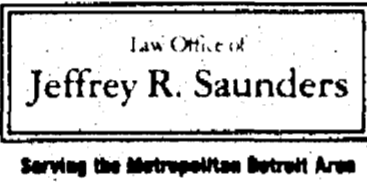
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Place your ad for as low as \$22.50* and who knows?— you could be one of our weekly winners!



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