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AHEAD

MONDAY

In the city: The Plymouth City Commission meeting begins at 7 p.m. in city hall.

Dirty work: A ceremonial groundbreaking for the new courthouse will occur at 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

In the township: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will meet in a study session beginning 7:30 p.m. at township hall on the corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor roads.

THURSDAY

Safety first: The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools host a discussion on safety in school beginning 7 p.m. at the Canton Little Theater, 8415 Canton Center Road.

Pray tell: Motivational speaker Carol Kent headlines the Community Prayer Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Admission is \$10.

FRIDAY

Take in a play: The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Wait Until Dark", 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday. All performances are at The Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Tickets are \$9 at the door. Call (248) 349-7110.

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Township buys more parkland

Plymouth Township officials bought five acres on Haggerty Road for \$380,929 last week to use as part of a 12-acre public recreational area that could include soccer fields, softball diamonds, or tennis courts.

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With the purchase of five acres on Haggerty at M-14 last week, Plymouth Township officials cleared the way for development of recreation facilities in that area.

The five acres are adjacent to 6.7 acres already owned by the township government. Combined, the nearly 12 acres are expected to be used for recre-

ational applications that could include soccer fields, tennis courts, softball diamonds, etc.

The property, officially 5.06 acres, was purchased Thursday from Top of Plymouth Inc. for \$380,929.

The deal was coordinated by Plymouth Township trustee K. C. Mueller, a real estate broker for Remerica HomeTown. She did not receive commission.

As to what recreational uses the

property will be dedicated to, that's not settled.

"We've looked into soccer fields, tennis courts; baseball diamonds ... even if someone wanted a pool there, at least we'd have a site that the township could provide it," said Mueller. "As we settle into having the last undeveloped properties in the township, we'll take a look and develop a plan as to what to put there."

Mueller said her personal preference is tennis courts.

"I say that only as a Realtor, though. I have a lot of people ask me questions about where the nearest tennis courts are and I usually say 'Uh ... Canton.' I

think Plymouth is a type of community that would make use of tennis court and deserves them."

Paul Lumley, a coach in the Plymouth Soccer Club, felt that the move was the best option compared to what could have been.

"The township certainly needs more soccer fields. There is definitely a lack of quality fields in the area," he said. "It's much nicer that having a Meijer or a large shopping center in your neighborhood. It's kind of tough that it's right up against M-14 because it's pretty noisy back there but it'll be nice for

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The grass keeps right on dyin'



Dead grass: Floyd Spaulding rakes the dead grass before reseeding the patch of lawn between his sidewalk and Harvey Street. Spaulding has lived in Plymouth "for about 40 years, well, 30 anyway," he said. He said the lawn dies along that patch every year, mostly due to the salting of the street.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Officials aim to make you fix your sidewalk

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Watch your step! That crack in the sidewalk could cost you plenty.

A recent Michigan Supreme Court decision declaring townships responsible for maintaining sidewalks has prompted the Plymouth Township board to prepare a new ordinance requiring property owners to replace broken, tilted, dipped or scaled walkways.

Township governments across the state are taking similar actions because the Supreme Court has declared townships, not counties, liable for trip-and-fall sidewalk accidents.

Once the ordinance is officially adopted, township inspectors will examine sidewalks and notify the property owners who must replace all or part of their sidewalk.

If a property owner doesn't replace the sidewalk, the township will replace it and bill the resident for the work.

"It shall, in all cases, be the responsibility of the owner of every lot or parcel of land in the township to keep the sidewalks adjacent to his/her lot or parcel in good repair," states the new ordinance. "Sidewalk sections (flags) shall be replaced when the condition of same is detrimental to the safety of the general public."

Examples of conditions requiring replacement are outlined in the ordinance as the following:

■ A rise or drop of more than 3/4 of an inch between any two sections of sidewalk.

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Space campers blasting off this week

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For the first time in more than a month, fifth-grade students from Plymouth-Canton are at Space Camp this week.

This time, students are split between space camps in Florida and California.

The first of three groups of Allen Elementary students are with Fiegel Elementary fifth-graders in Titusville, Fla. Meanwhile, students and teachers from Field and Smith elementaries are visiting the camp in Mountain View, Calif.

Plymouth-Canton students, along with Taylor and Van Buren fifth-graders, were recipients of a \$2.5 million grant from unknown benefactors to attend a week at the U.S. Space Camp.

In March, Isbister Elementary in Plymouth Township and Tonda Elementary in Canton Township visited the camps in Florida.

"Everyone is definitely excited," said John Hagai of Canton, who is among the Field students in California. "I can't wait to get on the zero gravity wall."

Field fifth-grade teacher Stu Raben was one of four

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STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Off to see the shuttle: These Allen Elementary School students are off to Space Camp in Titusville, Fla., this week.

Throwing money away

Plymouth resident Rosita Smith has thrown a dollar bill with two pennies taped to it in a ditch somewhere in Plymouth or Canton. Is she crazy? No. It's part of a promotion of "Country" magazine to encourage folks to pick up litter. The magazine has hidden 10 \$100 gift certificates in the roadside trash around each of the 50 state and asked subscribers to help by tossing in a dollar. "I'd like to be proud of our state," Smith said, "to see it a little less littered, a little less trashed."

Hey, Rubel!

The Kelly-Miller Circus will be in Plymouth with two performances at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 10. The Big Top will be located behind Central Middle School. Plymouth Lions Club members will contact area merchants to solicit their help

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

in purchasing tickets for children.

'60s memorabilia sought

Two Advanced Placement U.S. history classes taught by Beth Savalox at Salem High School will participate with the Plymouth Historical Museum in a presentation/exhibit covering the 1960s next month. Savalox requests that anyone with memorabilia from the '60s contact her at (734) 416-2700 during school hours by May 15. She would like to borrow your stuff.

How 'bout them apples?

East Middle School art teacher Jane Beaudoin has won a \$2,500 grant from the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.

The grant allows Beaudoin's eighth-grade art class to create fruit and vegetable sculptures.

The project begins Tuesday, May 4, when students walk to Plymouth Marketplace on the corner of Mill and Ann Arbor Road to photograph fruits and vegetables.

Production on the sculptures begins May 11, and by the end of May the students hope to display photos of their work at the Wayne County RESA Art Show, 33500 Van Born Road in Wayne.

The student-produced art work will later be displayed at the Plymouth Marketplace.

Township may land Catholic high school

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A new Catholic high school may be in the future for western Wayne County, and specifically for Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Township.

While speaking to members of the Tonquish Economic Club Wednesday, Adam Cardinal Maida hinted at the need for a Catholic high school in the area.

Maida noted the complex at Beck and North Territorial where the new OLGC church, activity center and elementary school are being constructed, would be the logical site.

"A Catholic high school out here, I would hope so," Maida told the gathering. "When, I don't know. Do we have the place? We have the place. Let's just wait and see."

Afterward, Maida addressed the issue further.

"We're talking about it, to see if it's possible," he said. "A new high school would cost \$30-\$40 million to do it right, and that's a lot of money. I'm looking at ways and pray that we can come up with something. I'd love to see it happen. Whether it could become a reality will depend on the practicality."

Still talking

The Rev. John Sullivan, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, said he's been part of some discussions concerning a high school.

"We're still in the talking stage. We're still dreaming," he said. "We can dream, but the bottom line is 'show me the money.'"

Sullivan admits Maida knows of the need for a new Catholic high school.

"I don't have the jurisdiction to do what my parishioners want me to do," said Sullivan. "The vision is coming from the cardinal. We're telling him what we need, and he's going to say to us some day he's ready."

Present plans call for eventually building a K-8 school on the Plymouth Township property. However, Sullivan hinted those plans could change to accommodate a high school.

"We couldn't put two schools on the property with the new church," added Sullivan. "We would probably keep the present grade school in Plymouth and remodel it, and maybe the new school would be the high school instead of the grade school."

Sullivan is quick to point out there is no plan yet for a high school, despite some of the

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Adam Cardinal Maida
—archbishop

forward thinking.

"The cardinal knows and recognizes the need, and that after eighth grade there's nowhere close to go," said Sullivan. "If it were to happen, a new high school would be open to all 18 Catholic parishes in Redford, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton."

Currently, parochial school students can travel to Divine Child in Dearborn and St. Agatha in Redford for coed Catholic education.

There is also Catholic Central in Redford, an all-boys Catholic school, and Ladywood in Livonia, an all-girls Catholic school, which Sullivan admits are too expensive for many families.

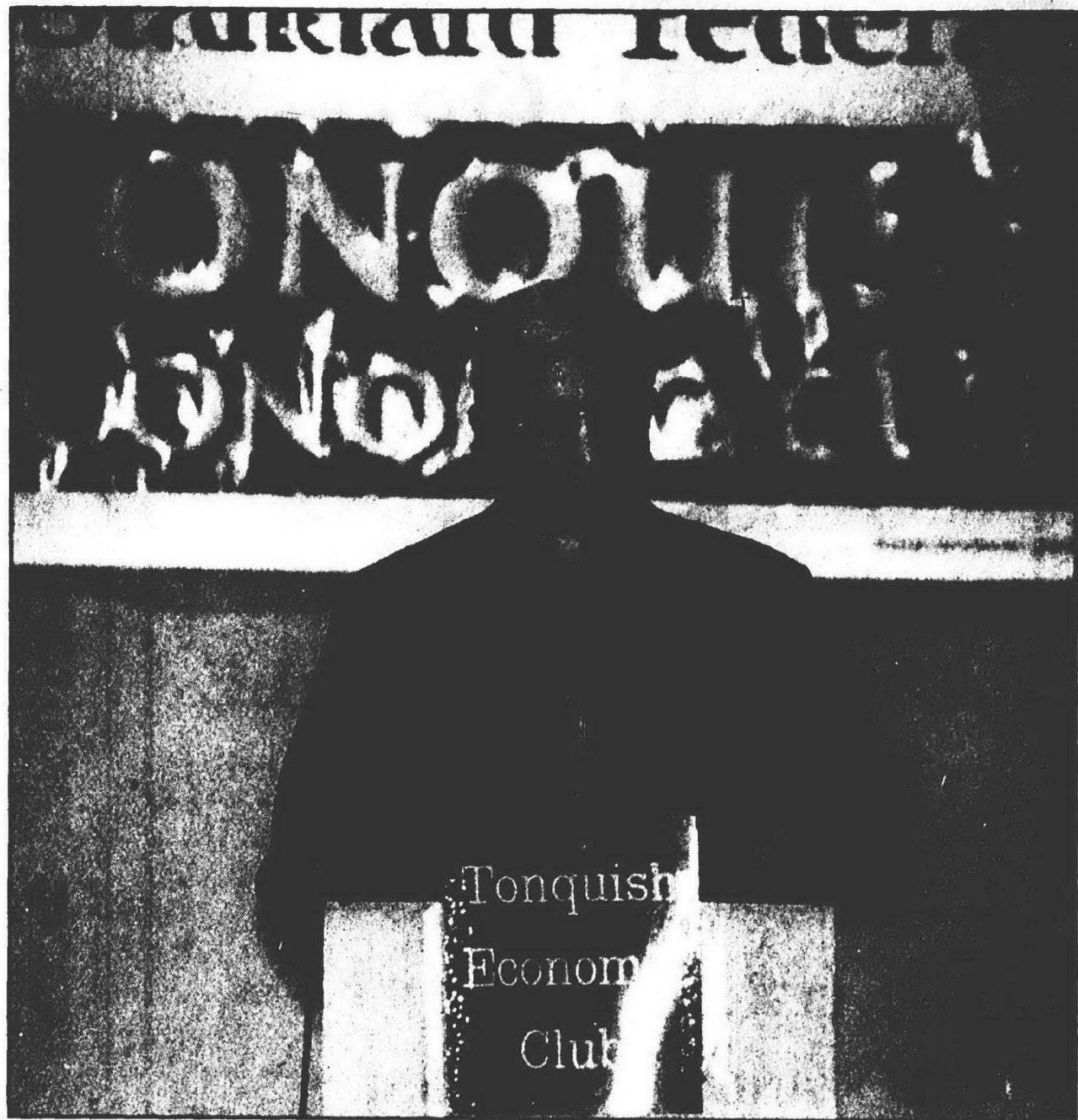
Maida also said he knew All Saints Catholic School in Canton, the first new parochial grade school in decades, would be a success. Next year, All Saints will have nearly 400 students.

"I knew that if we built a quality program people would come," said Maida. "That school is state-of-the-art. As good as any in the area."

The cardinal also spoke of turning the former St. John Seminary into a conference center and golf course.

"The conference center will cost about \$10 million to renovate," said Maida. "I think when we finish there, with the center and golf course we'll have spent about \$20 million. It will become a positive tax source for the community and we'll find it a source of revenue for our programs."

"We took what was once a liability there and made it into an asset."



If not here, where? Archbishop Adam Cardinal Maida told members of the Tonquish Economic Club that Plymouth Township could be the site of a new Catholic high school.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Plymouth man guilty in death of 2 Ohio boys

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A Plymouth Township man who was involved in a double-fatality highway accident near Sandusky, Ohio, last August, has pleaded guilty to two counts of vehicular homicide.

Erie County court officials say two felony charges of involuntary manslaughter against George Latva were dismissed this week in exchange for the misdemeanor guilty pleas. Latva was scheduled to face a trial on the felony charges.

Latva, who was 51 at the time of the crash, was charged in connection with the Aug. 14 accident on State Road 2 in Margaretta Township, which killed two young Cleveland boys.

Latva was the driver of a Chevy Suburban that crashed into the rear of a Saturn driven

by Paul Steinmetz of Cleveland. Police say Latva's sport utility vehicle was traveling about 65 miles per hour when it crashed into a three-mile-long construction backup.

Paul Steinmetz, 2, who was celebrating his birthday the day of the accident, and his 2-month-old brother, Kevin, were killed in the accident.

Latva, his wife, Margaret, and their teenage children, Pete and Kate, were treated and released from a Sandusky hospital.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 22. A court official said Latva could face up to six months in jail and pay a \$1,000 fine for each of the misdemeanor counts.

Judge Ann Maschari is also expected to decide if Latva's drivers license should be suspended, ranging from 30 days to three years.

Grant proposals solicited

Applicants have until Tuesday, May 18, to submit proposals for funding under the Drug-Free grant awarded to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

A state grant for \$72,596 has been awarded to the district from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools program for the 1999-2000 school year. The local grant is coordinated through a subcommittee of the Plymouth-Canton Community Council for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Proposals should address drug prevention, drug intervention, violence prevention, student safety, parent training or community programs. All proposals submitted for consideration must include the following information:

- A history of the project documenting an effective impact on the population served;
- Strategies and activities used as part of the project;
- Data that shows how this

need was determined and by what process the information was gathered;

■ A clear presentation that describes the design of the project, its intended outcomes and measurable criteria to determine its effectiveness.

Applications for proposals are available at the Board of Education office, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

They must be completed and returned to the office of the assistant superintendent of instruction no later than May 18.

Interviews are scheduled May 24 only. Interview times will be determined after the receipt of the application.

All activities provided through the Drug-Free grant will need prior approval of the CCSAP Committee.

For more information, contact Linda Kelly at (734) 416-3001.

Seniors sought for golf league

A new golf league for senior citizens is looking additional participants.

Plymouth resident Mitch Bozowski reports that there is room for 15 more golfers. But don't wait long because the league starts playing 9 a.m. Wednesday at Fox Hills.

To join, you must be a woman 55 or older, or a man 60 or older. The league runs for 16 weeks. The registration fee is \$25. League members pay \$8 for nine holes and \$10 for 18 holes.

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Sidewalk from page A1

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Any 5-foot section in which more than 25 percent of the surface area has a slope off to a depth of 1/4 inch or more.

Any sidewalk section that has dipped to allow water to accumulate to a depth of 3/4 of an inch or more.

The Supreme Court decision hasn't been easily accepted by township officials, according to Plymouth Township Trustee Chuck Curmi.

"(The decision) turned around the old, long-established rule that townships are not responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks because they are in the county right-of-way," said Curmi.

"It used to be that, first, it was the homeowner's responsibility and then, second, the county's. The township never had anything to do with it. The state legislature should go back and reverse that decision," he said.

Some officials find it odd that townships should be held liable for sidewalks but not roads.

"The township has no responsibility when it comes to the

roads," added Curmi. "It's kind of an awkward situation where, now, we have responsibility for the sidewalks but not the roads."

The board raised the issue of how the sidewalk repairs would take place and who would coordinate the work. Curmi argued that some sort of fee or interest rate should be levied against homeowners who do not perform the work.

"What we want to do is have minimum government intervention," he said. "We have to make sure that the township doesn't act like a zero interest bank loan. If there is no interest charge, what rational person would pay it off? This gives some kind of economic incentive to the homeowner."

Curmi would like the township to pre-negotiate concrete replacement rates with a few companies in the area that residents can hire when they are cited.

"That way, they don't have to worry about whether they're getting a good price or not."

Curmi is a longtime advocate of sidewalks in Plymouth Township neighborhoods and says they promote a sense of community. "I know that people say they prefer a country living atmosphere, and that means no sidewalks, but this isn't really the country."

Offices to replace old market

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The old Farmer Jack building on South Main will be demolished this month and replaced with a two-story office building.

"The building will be Georgian-style architecture," said property owner Tom Pomarolli of Farmington Hills. "We're purists, so we really want the building to blend right in."

Pomarolli said a lease of 15 years, plus options, was signed Tuesday with Century 21 Town & Country owner John Kersten. Kersten plans to use the entire complex, about 30,000 square feet, for his real estate offices.

Pomarolli estimates the cost of the office building will be \$4.5 million to \$5.5 million.

Pomarolli will have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a parking variance. Current drawings indicate parking spaces in front of the Main Street entrance. However, the city ordinance does not permit parking in front of buildings along Main Street.

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the kids if does turn out to be soccer fields."

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards agreed that the land acquisition was a good move.

"It allows us to expand on the current property to put in some sort of park land," he said. "If (the residents) want soccer fields then that's what we'll do. That's a little further down the road and we'll look into that but at least we're not land-locked."

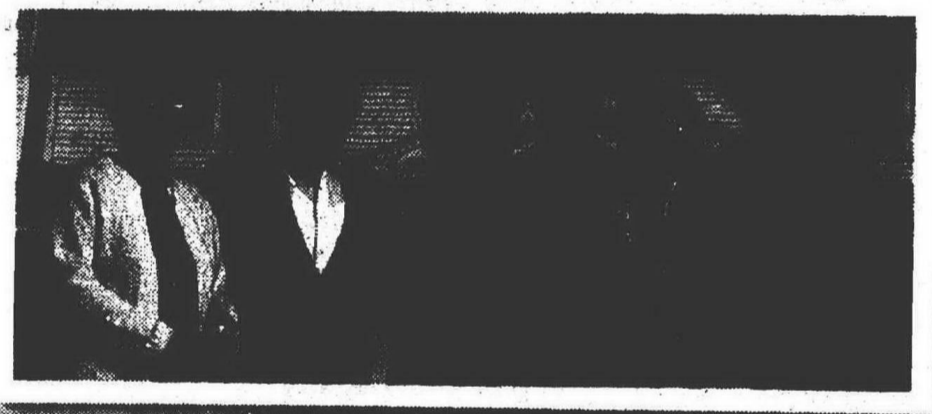
Edwards said Mueller was the main force behind acquiring the land.

"K.C. Mueller is really the one that instituted this," he said. "She gets all the credit."

This most recent land purchase is the latest in a series of moves by the township board with the intent of adding public recreational land. Late last year, three acres abutting Township Pointe Park near Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road were purchased.

"Because of this, future boards will at least have a choice," Mueller said. "We didn't have the choice for a while when we came into office. It's not going to happen overnight but at least we have the opportunity to do something. Once the property is gone, we don't have an option."

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Madonna ceremony to honor grads, special friends of school

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kreege Foundation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

While attending Madonna as a part-time student in the early '90s, the administration quickly recognized his talents. President Sister Danatha



Noel Goemanne



Mary Angela



Jean Corr



Arthur Lenaghan

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Private memorial services are pending for Dorothy "Dottie" Kanyan Cline, 96, of Ashland, Ore. Mrs. Cline was born March 28, 1904, in Northville and died April 19 at a Medford, Ore., foster home.

Funeral services for Helen Margaret Boltrick, 78, of Plymouth were April 30 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Ortman officiating.

Funeral services for Thaddeus "Ted" C. Matley, 80, of Livonia were May 1 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

Funeral services for Raymond A. Bourlier, 81, of Plymouth were April 17 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

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Fighting high-tech crime

Granholtm announces new investigative unit

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

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

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

Internet probe

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM BOFFMEYER

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

suit of Internet criminals and how to investigate identify theft.

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

Internal training

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

Along with Internet crimes, Granholtm hopes to protect con-

sumers from the following scams:

- Phony travel agents. Granholtm expected the travel agent who allegedly scammed Detroit area youngsters of money paid by them for Florida plane tickets to be arraigned Friday in Grosse Pointe;
- Credit report scams. People who have a heavy credit card load sometimes are approached by scammers, offering to fix a credit problem for \$100;
- Scanner problems with merchandise at retail stores. "The

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

- Fitness clubs that set up a "gym" with a few exercise machines, sign up members and collect money, then leave town;
- Home repair scams, where a homeowner may be approached to pay a few thousand dollars for a "new roof" and the "roofer" then uses two buckets of tar and spray to "seal" the roof;

- Warranty complaints, in which hundreds of people may have problems with an appliance, such as a hot water heater with a defective dip tube, that won't voluntarily be resolved by companies, even if they are aware of the problem. Granholtm is negotiating with an Ohio dip tube manufacturer for consumer reimbursement;
- Motor vehicle and dealer complaints. One old trick is the scam artist showing the car owner metal shavings from a transmission to convince him that the vehicle supposedly needs repair;

- Mail order and sweepstakes, particularly those companies that "guarantee" winners;
- Slamming, spamming and cramming. Utility companies that switch service providers for consumers without their knowledge, and unwanted e-mails from companies.

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

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

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Families may select the youngster of their choice from student applications, photo collages and biographical essays. For more information, call Hannah Walker at (734) 944-3213 or (800) 785-8040.

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

Lenaghan has supported Madonna University by contributing to the annual fund every year since his graduation.

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When someone local, who cut her teeth in the wine business here, returns from Italy as a wine consultant, that scenario translates as international with a special Michigan touch.

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

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

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

Natural career choice

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see WINES, B2

Wine Picks

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■ Zinfandels are great for early spring barbecues: 1996 Chateau Souverain Zinfandel \$11; 1996 Piedrobin Zinfandel \$12; 1996 Cayser Peak Zinfandel \$14; and 1996 Ferrari-Carano Zinfandel \$17 are delicious and priced in a range from light to full-bodied.

■ Premium wines are generally blends. The following blends are available on the market: 1996 Rosemount Cabernet Sauvignon \$12; 1996 Canoe Ridge Cabernet Sauvignon \$14; and 1996 Ferrari-Carano Cabernet Sauvignon \$18.

■ The following are also available: 1996 Metazano Creek Merlot \$30; 1996 Metazano Creek Cabernet Sauvignon \$35; and 1996 Metazano Creek Pinot Noir \$35.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- 2 Unique
- Main Dish Miracle

Desserts

for spring

Easy Spring Desserts

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

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

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

After making the dough, roll it out and make for a topping. The remaining dough is spread into a baking pan.

The dough "base" is spread with peach or apricot preserves. Dough that was not used is placed from a plastic bag with one corner removed into criss-cross strips on top of the preserves.

Rhubarb, one of the first fruits of the season, is ready to harvest. If you've got stalks growing in your backyard, and are hungry for something "Short & Sweet: Sophisticated Desserts in 15 Minutes or Less" takes a look at this early produced cookbook by Melanie Barnard, Doughnuts Hill, N.Y., 1998, \$20.

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

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

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

"I take advantage of the high-quality refrigerated pie crusts, puff pastry, and puff dough that are available," she writes. "With them, I can



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

Thanks to Ann Stratton enhance this delicious culinary package that is sure to delight the palate in your life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whether you like your desserts cool, warm or frozen, Barnard has something that's sure to please and surprise mom. In addition to recipes

like what you're looking for. Beginning with suggestions for stocking "The

Have these easy bar cookies can be made ahead of time and frozen.

See recipes inside.

Baking tips

- Place the oven rack in the center of the oven when baking cakes or cookies. If the rack is too low the bottom will bake too quickly.
- Cookies brown more evenly when baked on a flat shiny aluminum cookie sheet with no sides.
- If a recipe calls for preheating the oven, allow 10 to 15 minutes to reach the proper temperature.
- Always place cookie dough on cooled cookie sheets, otherwise the dough spreads and results in irregularly shaped cookies.

- Remove cookies immediately from the cookie sheet or they continue to cook.
- If you don't have enough batter to completely fill a cookie sheet, cover the unused space with an inverted baking pan. The pan will absorb the heat so the cookies don't bake too fast.
- Warped cookware conducts heat unevenly so cheap pots, cake pans, muffin tins or cookie sheets are not a bargain.
- When using glass cookware for

- baking, reduce the oven temperature by 25 degrees. Increase cooking time slightly to compensate. Glass retains heat longer than the average metal baking pan.
 - If your cake is done on the outside before the center of the cake you are probably using the wrong size pan or your oven temperature is too high.
- Information from Lois Thelake of Birmingham, extension home economist for the Michigan State University Extension - Oakland County.



Wheat, yeast, mold, milk make some people sick

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

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

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

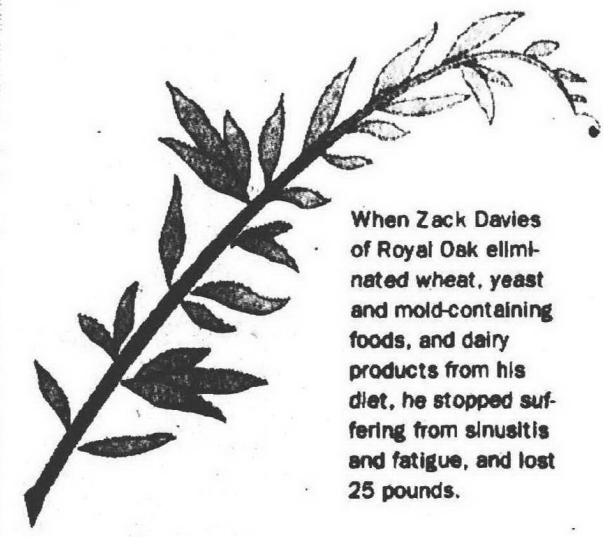
The goal is to strengthen the immune system through proper diet, exercise and stress management in order to avoid reactions to common foods.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have food allergies, try these recipes

See related Living Better Sensibly Column on Taste front.
QUICHE ALA' ANNE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mix the seasonings, egg substitute, soy milk and barley flour

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

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

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

SPILT PIZZA

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

sliced
5 oz. shredded SoyaKaas Mozzarella Style Cheese

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nutrition information: 230 calories, 3 grams protein, 10 grams fat, 35 grams carbohydrate, 311 mg sodium, 51 mg cholesterol.

Join Beverly Price for "Natural Treatment Options for Menopause." — Lecture and Cooking, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at her office in Farmington Hills.

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CHOCOLATE CAKE FROM JANE ZUKIN'S DAIRY-FREE COOKBOOK
1 and 2/3 cup sugar
2/3 cup milk-free margarine

Combine dry ingredients and add alternately with water to creamed mixture.

Pour into two greased and cocoa powdered 9-inch round baking pans. Bake for 30 - 35

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

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

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

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

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

dessert of fresh strawberries and Mom's favorite chocolates.

TOMATO, BEEF AND BOW TIE PASTA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nutritional facts per serving:
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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Breast cancer

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

Thyroid support

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

Blood drive

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

Menopause support

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

Long-term care

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

CPR review

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

Survivor picnic

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

Early detection is your best defense against breast cancer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Her mother was also diagnosed in her mid-40s



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

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

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

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

Turning the tables

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Raising awareness, celebrating life

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

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

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

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

Now, mammogram results may be reported directly to patient

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

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

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

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

their results."

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

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

Long QT is little-known heart abnormality

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pet allergies nothing to sneeze about

Washing the family feline may not be the cat's best idea in reducing allergy symptoms, say researchers at Ohio State Health System.

In a new study, a washed cat emits just as much allergy-causing protein 24 hours after a bath as it does before its bath. Therefore, contrary to what many people allergic to cats are unlikely to believe, allergies are relieved by washing the cat.

Researchers have recommended cat owners wash their cats, said Dr. Michael Park, a fellow at the Ohio State Health System and Ohio State University.

"We found that it probably isn't the best idea other than leaving you with a clean cat," he said.

neutered.

Allergy shots may be helpful for some people allergic to cats. Keep your feline's coat free of dander. Wash your hands after handling the cat.

Get allergies under control. Cat allergies are nothing to sneeze about. Cat allergies, called Fel d 1, are proteins secreted by cats' sebaceous glands and found in their saliva.

In the past, researchers have found that cats used to be washed for their allergies, but now they are finding that in the wild, cats are shedding their dander and saliva into the air.

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Late payments

500,000 shut out from paying bills online



MIKE WENDLAND

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

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

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

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

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

O'Hanlon, senior vice president of corporate communications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

eBay shopping spree, the Haddonfield, N.J. boy placed bids of \$15,000 for a 1955 Ford convertible, \$125,000 for a Superman comic, \$600,000 for the bedroom set of Canada's first prime minister and miscellaneous bids for a physician's office clinic in Florida, two mobile kitchens for movie shoots and a Van Gogh painting.

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

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

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

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

PC Mike seminars
Online banking and Internet auctions

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

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

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

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

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

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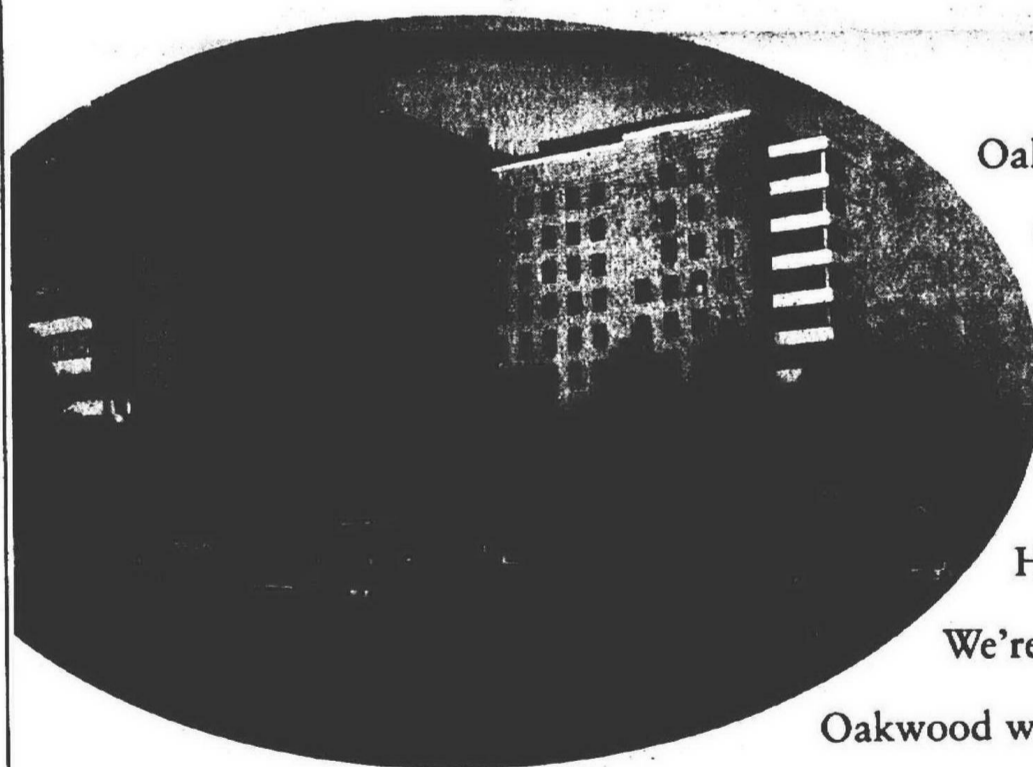
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Chorus creates new twist on love story

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

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

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

Imagination inspires ideas

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

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

New and improved

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

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

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Roundtable to discuss arts education

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

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

Call Frank Provansano, (248) 901-2587; Kesty Wygonik (734) 958-2106, or Linda Chomin (734) 958-2146 if you have any questions.



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

Generations of Harmony MUSIC CEMENTS FAMILIAL BONDS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Sitting in the string section of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Nick J. Nagrant and his children blend in quietly with the rest of the musicians rehearsing for the final concert of the season May 16.

Nagrant, a long-time Farmington resident, is quick to

"String Bonds"

violinists are Yuri and Dana Mazurkevich. Both studied at the Moscow Conservatory. When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 15. Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, (north of Joy Road), Livonia. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$8 children under age 12. Call (248) 645-6666, (734) 464-2741 or (734) 421-1111.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suzanne was seven when she heard her father and mother Marianne talking about signing up younger

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

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

"I like it, I've enjoyed feeling a part of it," said Andrew. George also started at age 4. He joined the Livonia Symphony because at the time he was taking trumpet lessons with DiBlasi. Anna, in addition to playing with the Livonia Symphony, is concertmaster for the Livonia Youth Philharmonic. Youngest son Michael, at age 11, is still too young to play with the Livonia Symphony, but is a member of the Livonia Youth Philharmonic.

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

All in the family

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

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

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

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

Mom's job

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



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

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

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

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

An area rug, Cobb believes, should be

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Birmingham Fine Art Festival

What: 300 artists exhibit painting, sculpture, clay, photography, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, wood, glass, jewelry, and fiber. Admission is free. For more information, call the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, (248) 644-0866. What: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8, until 5 p.m. Sunday, May 9. Children's activities take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday on the corner of Merrill and Bates. Where: Shain Park, downtown Birmingham.

BOOKS

Premature birth inspires book of 'Miracles'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

With the help of Livonia's Laurie Blacker, of "Premie Stars," the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program, he made contact with parents of premature children through the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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

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

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Tim Smith

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



Noteworthy

Gallery exhibits, art shows, classical concerts

MAKING CONTACT: Please submit items for publication to Frank Provenzano, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314

ANTIQUES SHOWS, ART FAIRS

ANTIQUA/COLLECTIBLE SALE
Sponsored by the White Lake Historical Society, May 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Kelley-Fisk Farm, 9180 Highland Rd. (M-59), White Lake. Rent a space at (248) 887-9959.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

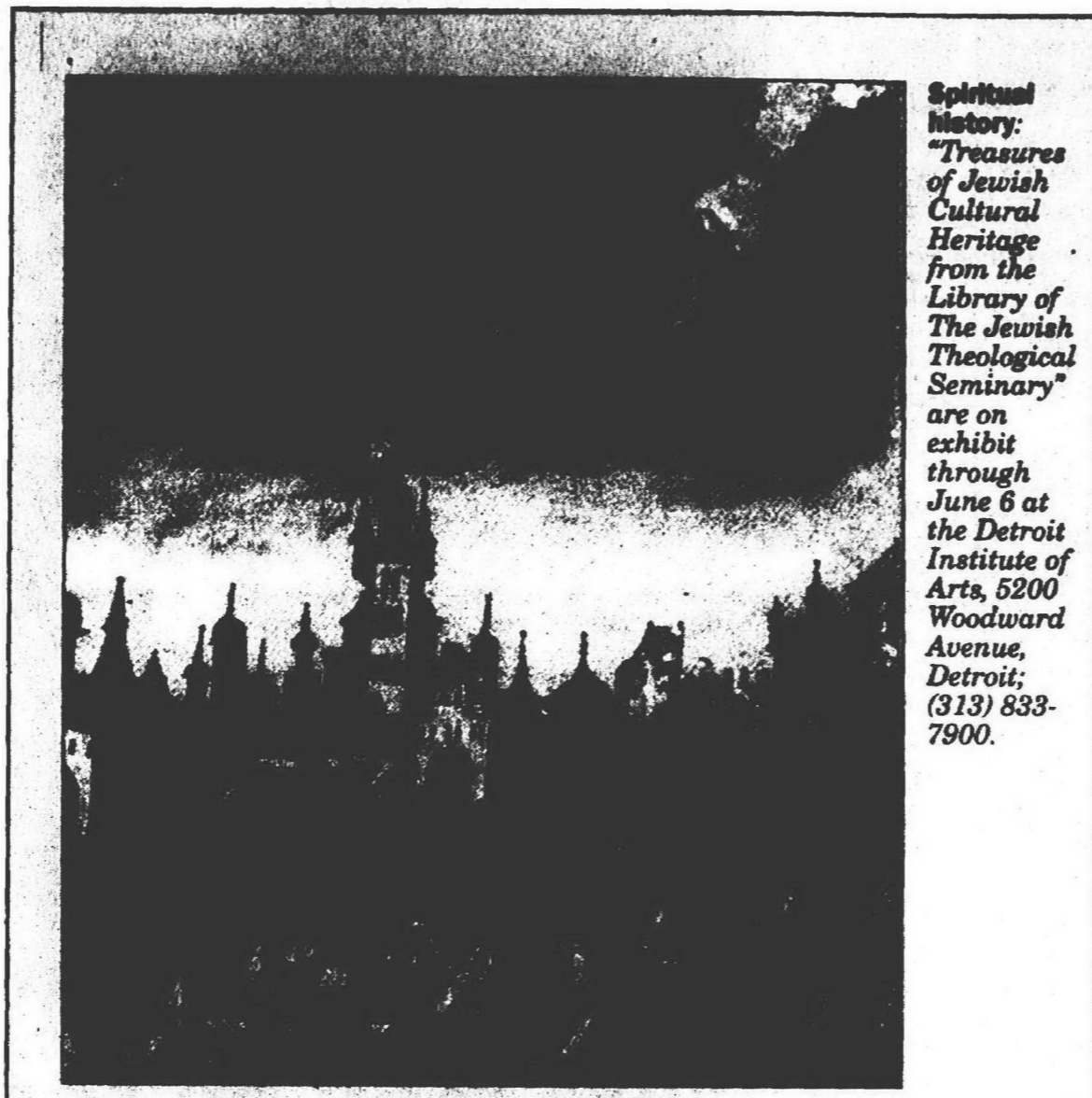
MEADOW BROOK THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for 8th annual "Spotlights," an art, craft and gift show, 7-9 p.m., May 6 & May 20. Oakland Center; (248) 656-1170.

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

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

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

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



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

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

CLASSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
LCE is accepting applications for Summer Chamber Music Camp '99, featuring the Arianna String Quartet. Camp times & dates: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 6-17. Held on the Eastern Michigan campus.

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

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

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

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

QUILT CLASS
Merry Silber, quilt show curator, appraiser and judge will discuss quilts on May 15, 2-4 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248) 948-0470.

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

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

CONCERTS

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

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

BRENTANO STRING QUARTET
With pianist Mitsuko Uchida, 8 p.m., May 11. Sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit; (248) 737-9900.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRO MUSICA
Soprano Bridgett Hooks May 14, 8:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 886-5639.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MUSEUMS

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

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

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

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (OPENINGS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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May 4 - Joyce Grace "Personal Myths" images in watercolor, through May 29. 215 East Washington, Ann Arbor; (734) 761-2878.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

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

CREATIVE RESOURCE
Through May 8 - "Fruits & Vegetables," featuring the work of Bruce Campbell, Jon Hall, Richard Jerzy, Norman Laiberte, Lori Lytle, Guilo Pallone, Burke Paterson, Carol Sams, Nan Schaff and Michael Zigmund, 162 N. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248) 647-3588.

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

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

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

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

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w/ LEE ROY PARNELL & MONTGOMERY GENTRY
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Column B

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July

- 1 **GORDON LIGHTFOOT** °
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QUIET RIOT, SLAUGHTER & FIREHOUSE
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- 6 **HEART** Featuring ANN & NANCY WILSON
- 11 **AMERICA/THREE DOG NIGHT**
- 14 **PAT BENATAR**
- 15 **AIR SUPPLY** °
- 15 **CLAY WALKER**
- 16 **THE COMMODORES**
- 17 **PETER FRAMPTON** w/ ERIC STUART
- 19 **REO SPEEDWAGON**
- 23 **CHEAP TRICK**

- 1 **SMOKEY ROBINSON**
- 3 **BLUE OYSTER CULT/NAZARETH**
w/ SURVIVOR
- 12 **KENNY ROGERS** w/ ANNE MURRAY
- 25 **TONY BENNETT**
- 26 **NATALIE COLE**
- 29 **RAY CHARLES**

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Dear Jewelry Lady,

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

Devoted Siblings

Dear Devoted,

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

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

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

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

Dear Jewelry Lady,

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

Handy Andi

Dear Handy,

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

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

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

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

Dear Jewelry Lady,

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

Novice Antique Buyer

Dear Novice,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dear Jewelry Lady,

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

Seeking the Perfect Emerald

Dear Seeking,

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

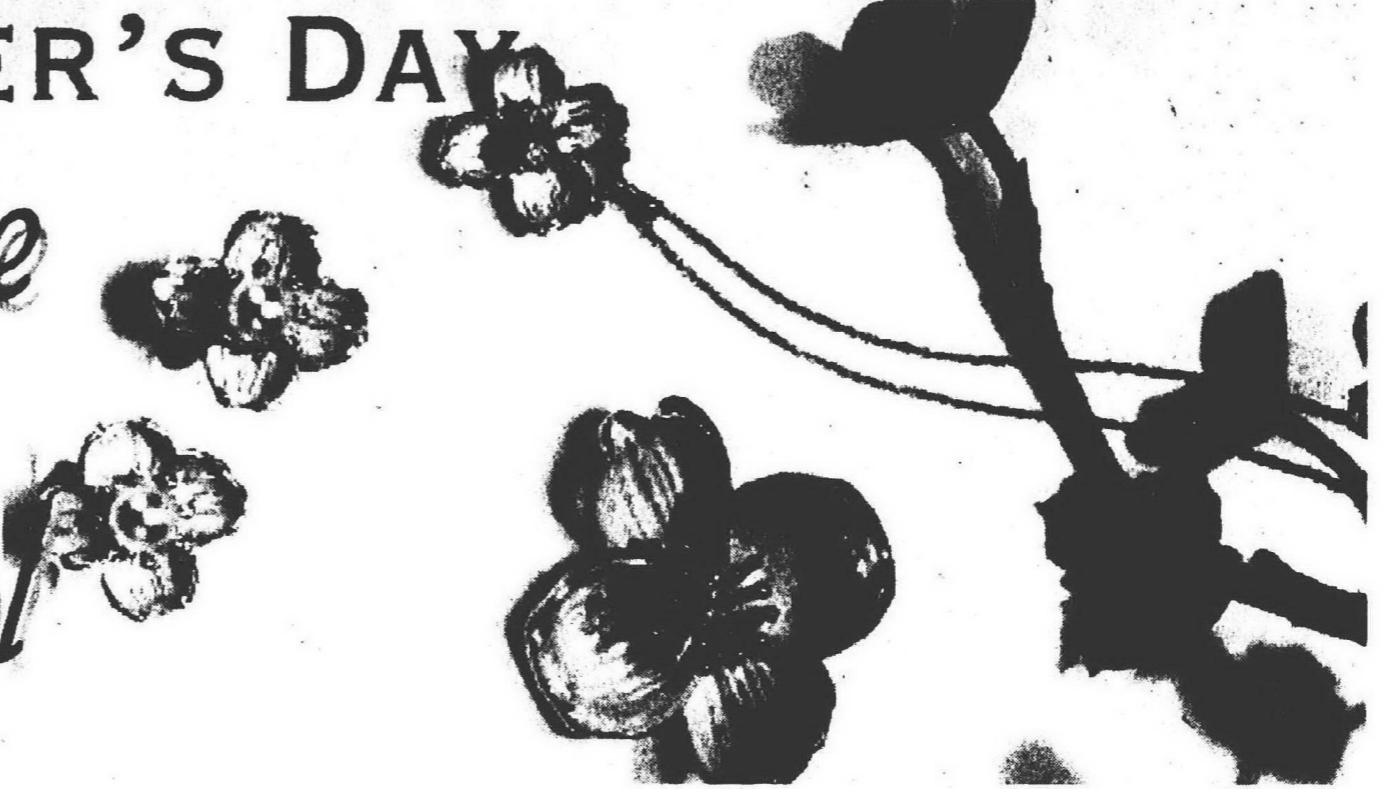
If you examine their flaws under a microscope, you'll see they resemble foliage.

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

Send your questions to The Jewelry Lady by e-mail, rogers@nich.com, fax, (248) 983-9282 or mail, The Jewelry Lady, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48006.

MOTHER'S DAY

Make It Special



BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Femme.

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

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

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

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

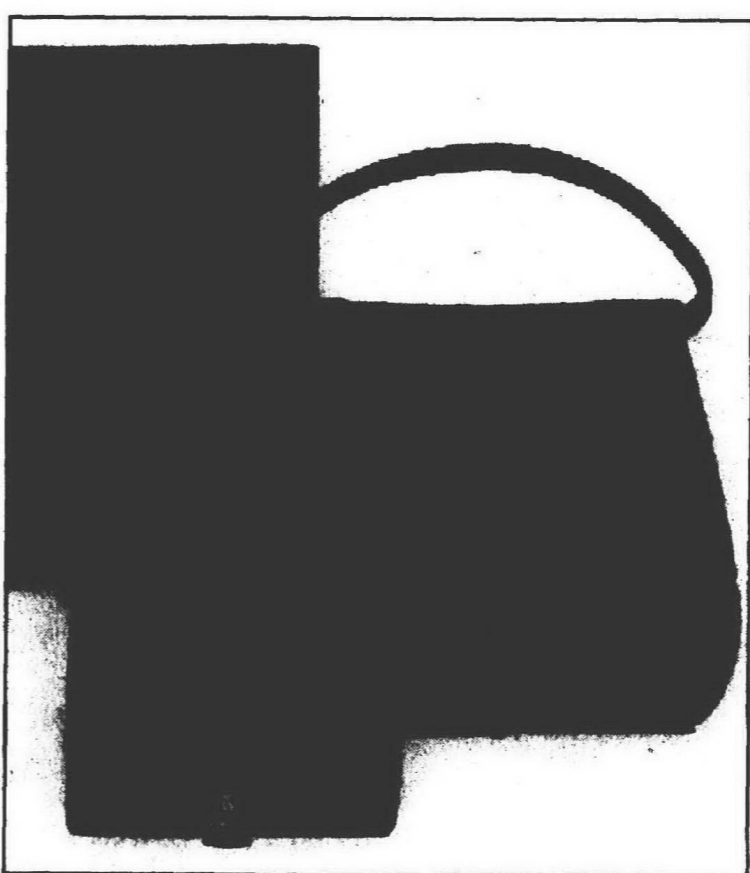
Whatever the purchase may be, keep in mind your mother's taste, interests and style.

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

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



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



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

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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

TUESDAY, MAY 4

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

FRIDAY, MAY 7

DAVID DART'S FASHION
Hudson's hosts David Dart and his spring collection with a fashion show at The Somerset Collection in Troy, 11:45 a.m., and a reception with informal modeling at the Twelve Oaks store, 7-8:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Women's Economic Club. For tickets, call (248) 963-6088.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

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

SATURDAY, MAY 8

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

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

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

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 48006. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

BRIDAL REGISTRATION EVENT
Hudson's assists future brides and grooms make their bridal registry selections in a relaxed atmosphere with experienced registration staff prior to regular store hours. Reservations are required. The special event also runs May 16 and May 30. Event times are: 9:30 a.m., Oakland Mall in Troy, (248) 597-6000; 9:30 a.m., The Somerset Collection in Troy, (248) 516-4721; 9 a.m., Twelve Oaks Mall in Troy, (248) 244-7071; and 9:30 a.m., Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, (616) 596-3940.

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Everyday jewelry

Steven Lagos talks about jewelry's new fashion role

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

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

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

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

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

Q: Define your jewelry. What does it represent?

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

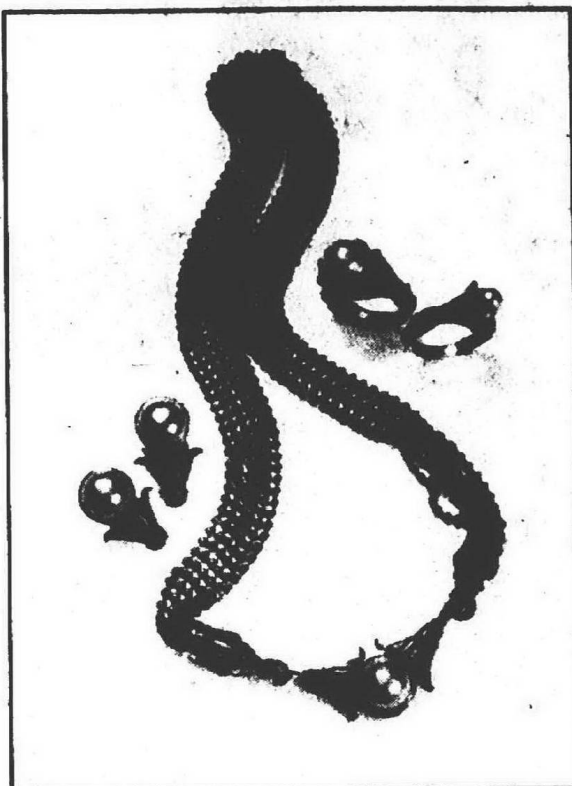
Q: Are there some jewelry elements that you think are particularly in vogue at the moment?

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

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

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

Q: What should women look for in jewelry today?



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

Q: What's the most important piece of jewelry for spring and summer?

Lagos: I always think earrings are one of the most important pieces. A woman isn't necessarily dressed without earrings on. But I think pendants are very important right now.

Q: What's your favorite piece in the Arcadian Collection for a Mother's Day gift?

Lagos: I like hearts. I do a lot of hearts, and we've done an Arcadian heart. ... (Hearts) can be a little bit cliché and we try to make (them) fun.

-Special Editor Nicole Stafford

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This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 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.

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Ken's Casuals Inc. will re-strap outdoor furniture, 1352 Combermere, Unit L in Troy, (248) 585-6629.

Popweaver popcorn can be found at the Wal-Mart store at I-96 & Middlebelt Road. Art II popcorn is available at JCM Vending, (313) 537-8999.

We found a 1950s, loose leaf, Betty Crocker cookbook with pictures (1961 and 1978 editions). Maybelline's Ultra Brow brush-on color in brown can be purchased at the F & M store at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

For Mrs. Murphy, we found a soft plastic hair dryer.

For Diane, we located an oak table phonograph.

For Don, we found a 1972 Henry Ford High School yearbook that he can look at, but not purchase.

A half-inch, brush, curling iron can be found at local beauty supply stores, according to one reader.

Lauren called to say she has

purchased Kobbie Cuddlers at Kmart stores.

Rochelle called to say the Cadbury Beverage Corporation bottles Hires Root Beer. The drink isn't available in Michigan, but can be purchased at a Foodtown store located in Toledo, Ohio at the Michigan border.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:

Julie is looking for Fox's Whole Mealbrand crackers, an English biscuit.

Kathy is looking for "Viva Italia" dishes in white with red and green stripes. Hudson's store formerly carried them.

Florence is looking for White Wizard spot remover and all-purpose cleaner.

Stacey is looking for summer-themed serving pieces shaped like a watermelon. Hudson's carried the dishes in the summer in 1995 and 1996.

Sherrrie is looking for a Goldilocks cookie jar made by Regal in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Toni is looking for Brown Bread in a can. The item contains raisins and is used as a dessert by B & M.

Dino is looking for a business that recovers large lampshades for a reasonable price.

Young Ashley, of Redford, is looking for backstage passes to the July 31, "In Sync" concert at the Silverdome.

Jill is looking for Revlon's Moondrops lipstick in Mocha Pocha #70.

Joyce is looking for a four-piece set of Corolla dishes in the pattern "Mirage."

Emile would like to find new or used parts and accessories for a Honeywell slide projector (model 6820).

Al is looking for two, Wilson fairway woods, a #3 and a #5. Sam is looking for two 1987 De LaSalle High School yearbooks.

Dorothy needs Eastern High School yearbooks, two from 1940 and one from 1941.

Joanne is looking for a place where Colombo yogurt is sold.

Leo is looking for Miracle Berries and Pop Knots popcorn, products he saw advertised on television.

Diane would like to find a machine that cuts walls and can be used in rug-hooking. The machine she is thinking of has a hand-held crank.

Dolores is looking for a glass stem for a six-cup Pyrex glass percolator.

Mary wants men's Britannia pants and women's Kobbie Cuddler Velcro tennis shoes.

Faye is searching for a 1968 Central High School yearbook.

Yvonne is looking for a black, ceramic, butter dish with a lid.

Dorothy would like to find Plymouth/Canton High School yearbooks from 1985, 1987 and 1992.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

Great Lakes offers incentives to mall walkers

Turn your tired workout into a daily adventure at Great Lakes Crossing during the Michigan Walking Adventure, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network.

As of April 19, each time shoppers lace up their walking shoes to exercise at the Auburn Hills mall, they will come closer to valuable coupons and other prizes related to travel in Michigan and shopping at Great Lakes Crossing.

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points for their Michigan Walking Adventure card.

When you register for the program, you'll receive a card to swipe through a computerized reader that tracks the number of times you walk at Great Lakes Crossing. Each time you walk, you'll receive points as you travel toward one of 22 Michigan cities depicted in colorful and informative displays.

When you reach each destination, you'll receive comprehensive information about the city and valuable coupons for its hotels, restaurants, and other attractions. You'll also receive

coupons redeemable at stores at Great Lakes Crossing.

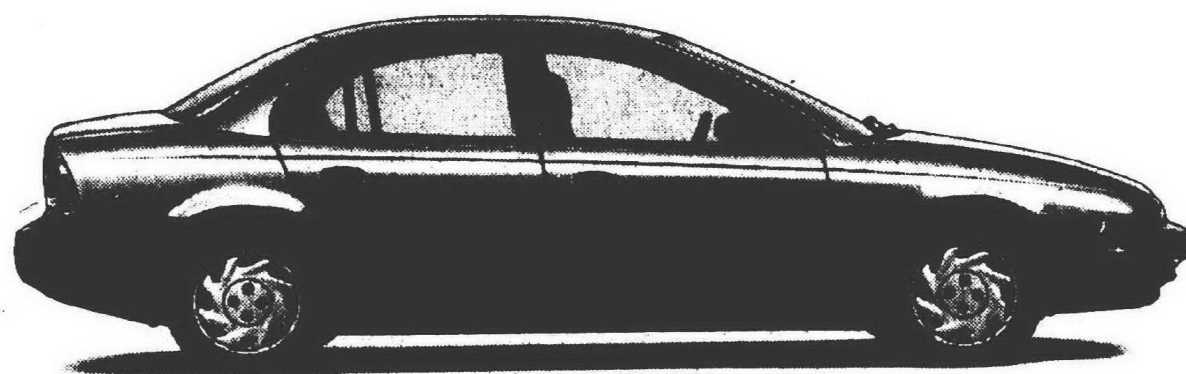
"I hope many members of the community join us as we begin this wonderful adventure," said Glenda Cole, the mall's marketing director. "Where else can you get your exercise, earn valuable prizes and plan your next vacation, all at once?"

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Family finds adventure in rain forest of Costa Rica

By Roger Wheeler
Special Writer

"What," begins the proverbial question "did you do over your Christmas vacation?"

"Well," I reply, in a voice tinged with the sly cleverness of someone about to give a completely unexpected answer, "over Christmas I ... rode in an aerial tram through the top of a rain forest looking down on the vast multi-green carpet below; went horseback riding; took a river raft trip; watched beneath a star-filled sky as red-hot molten lava slid down the side of a volcano; strapped myself into a harness and cabled through the forest canopy; ate several delicious meals at a beautiful lodge 5,400 feet up in the mountains; witnessed a huge leatherback sea turtle laying eggs on a moonlit sandy beach; enjoyed a leisurely ride down a wildlife infested river, even seeing a baby monkey swimming for its life."

I went to Costa Rica.

My wife, Sharon, and adult son, Chris, and I were part of a 15-person tour, sponsored by the Detroit Zoological Society, in conjunction with the Park East tour agency, which after a circuitous series of airplane trips enjoyed 10 wonderful days in this sunny, congenial Central American country. Ours was actually one of two Detroit Zoo tours, exploring Costa Rica.

The zoo representative accompanying our group was Andy Snider, curator of herpetology (snakes and reptiles). Our trip was marked by adventure, ecology and pura vida (Costa Rican greeting meaning both hello and good-bye, but literally translated as "pure life"). All stitched together by long, bumpy, back bruising bus rides.

On our first day in Costa Rica, we were whisked off, early in the morning, to Braulio Carrillo National Park and its exciting new Rain Forest Aerial Tram, where we were loaded into a five- or six-person cable cars and launched into the vast multi-green. From our gliding perch high above the lush rain forest floor we had an excellent view of the flora and birdlife all around,



Gliding: Roger Wheeler goes for a ride through the rain forest of Costa Rica.

as enthusiastically pointed out by our eager and knowledgeable naturalist guide.

The highlight of the trip was the sighting of a Great Curacao, large multi-colored turkey-sized birds. Our guide was visibly excited as he heard the word of the sighting, ecstatic as he found the Great Curacao and pointed them out to us and still trembling as he recorded the sighting in his bird book.

We first sighted the volcano through the dusty front windshield of our bus in the early evening haze of our first day in Costa Rica. As we bumped along the rough, washed out road, we first saw the volcano as a faint gray outline slowly emerging from the dust on the windshield.

Later it came to dominate our forward vision, then our conscious thoughts; it was an ever-present hulk on our horizon, Volcan Arenal. It was often obscured in mist.

We at last pulled into Las Cabanitas, past the open-air dining room and on to our rustic cabins amid a refreshing little

rain squall. We ate dinner at 8:30 at a place down the road. Afterwards we went to a lookout point on the side of the road where we watched long, thin strips of molten lava emerge, slide down the silhouetted side of the volcano, separate and then disappear.

Gliding

We read that we might explore the rain forest canopy by gliding through it a hundred feet up using a system of harnesses and cables. Or, we could choose the "skywalk," a series of suspension bridges connecting the beautiful rain forest trails. I wanted to do both; either would be great, but the harness-and-cable option looked like the greater adventure.

We ascended into mountain higher than 5,000 feet. Even as we marveled at foggy-green panoramas, we passed the inky blue Pacific in the distance, I wondered whether we would get to Monteverde in time to register for the canopy glide. We dined on octopus and rice for lunch, went

on afternoon tours and had an elegant dinner of garlic mussels and mushroom bisque with a delightful Chilean cabernet sauvignon.

Up the next morning, the eight gliders among us left early, taking our bus into town where we transferred into a faded khaki green Korean-war vintage army truck. At the canopy glide headquarters we were fitted with harnesses, equipped with a pulley and given heavy leather gloves.

We were led anxiously up an incline and along a lovely rain forest trail. We seemed too preoccupied, too tentative, too anxious to actually focus on our guide's descriptions of the flora all around us.

A great ride

At last we passed along a small wooden platform on the forest floor. Our guide told us what we would end up at the completion of our trek, as we rappelled down from the canopy above.

We shortly came to a huge



Misty vistas: The low mountains of Costa Rica provide dramatic scenic views.



In wild lands: Chris, Roger and Sharon Wheeler found a different world in Costa Rica.

strangled fig tree, which would be our passage up to the rain forest. The fig tree was hollow, and a rope ladder had been made inside. We climbed it about 80 feet. At the top we crawled out of the tree (still tingling) and onto a platform about the size of a diving board.

Right away we were tethered by a clip on our harnesses to a rope hanging loosely around the fig tree. My son Chris was the first of our group to go. Just one failed to make it; stopping short, dangling momentarily, then being rescued.

I knew I would go. It was my turn and I was on the edge of the platform. My legs shook as I followed the guide's instructions to hold onto the pulley with one hand. Put your hand over the cable I was told, so you can touch the cable to slow down. "Go when you're ready," the voice said.

Then I was gliding off into the lush multi-green. Moving about

10-12 miles an hour, my stomach finally caught up with me.

After that the glide was smooth, even exhilarating. I couldn't wait to do it again. We did two more glides before attaching to the descent rope and rappelling down to the forest floor.

The trip back to our lodge was marked by the familiar sounds of Elvis and the Beatles as we joined in an impromptu jam-along with the bus CD player. Still feeling good when we arrived at the lodge, I had an early brew, played two games of backgammon with our tour guide Omar and ordered steak Costa Rica style for lunch. We waited for the "skywalkers" to return. They finally arrived at mid-lunch, exploding into the dining room exclaiming: "Boy, we have an adventure!"

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TRAVEL INFO

The 1999-2000 Visitors Guide to Grand Haven, Mich., is now available. The visitors guide offers information for the consumer in planning a getaway or summer vacation to the West Michigan lakeshore.

For complete travel information, the brochure features maps, attractions, fishing, boating events and rentals, marinas, area parks, cross-country skiing, campgrounds, shopping, restaurants, hotels and bed and breakfast inns. New features include a complete directory of specialty shops and boutiques, 2000 calendar of events and a new parks section indicating facilities and activities.

Grand Haven is three hours west of Detroit.

To receive a copy of the Visitors Guide, call the Grand Haven/Spring Lake Area Visi-

tors Bureau at 1(800)968-0891 or e-mail to events@grandhavenchamber.org or write to Grand Haven/Spring Lake Area Visitors Bureau, One South Harbor Drive, Grand Haven, MI 49417.

BIKE FAIR

Local bike clubs will provide promotional information at the

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Canton golfers fall

Five Livonia Churchill golfers shot 54 or better, and that was more than enough to offset a strong performance by Plymouth Canton's Julie Dziekan Thursday at Hilltop Golf Course.

Churchill won the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division match-up, 200-220. Canton falls to 4-3 overall with the loss.

Dziekan led the Chiefs with a 48, one shot behind meet medalist Heidi Aittama. Stephanie Koppe was next best for Canton with a 53, followed by Christina Slupek with a 58 and Meghan Stewart with a 61.

The Chargers other scorers were Kelley Parzuchowski, 48; Stacey Louels, 51; and Julia McLaughlin and Ashley Johnson, 54 apiece.

Canton hosts Westland John Glenn at Hilltop Monday, then plays Farmington at Glen Oaks Wednesday.

Senior players wanted

A men's 30-and-over baseball team is looking for serious, experienced baseball players for a fun, but competitive, baseball league.

Those interested should call Dan O'Dunne at (734) 420-0586.

Adopt a duck

The Great Canton Duck Derby gets underway Monday.

It starts with duck adoptions, which can be accomplished through Canton Parks and Recreation Services. The adoption fee for one duck is \$2; for three ducks, it's \$5; and for seven ducks, it's \$11.

Once adopted, your ducks will be entered in the first annual Great Canton Duck Derby Aug. 13, with thousands of prizes ranging from two round-trip airline tickets on Northwest Airlines to a \$1,000 savings bond to Red Wing and Piston autographed items and stereos, cameras and Summit gift certificates.

In addition, those who adopt a duck will be invited to a special "Quackers and Cheese" party on race day.

For more information, call Duck Central (otherwise known as the Canton Parks and Recreation office) at (734) 397-5110.

Ladies golf lessons

Lessons for women interested in playing golf will be co-sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services and Pheasant Run Golf Club. The lessons will be May 24-26, with two times available: 10-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m.

The instructor will be PGA professional Dave Horstman and his staff of assistants. Cost is \$65. The lessons will include instruction in chipping, putting, sand shots, iron play, wood play and golf course management. The lessons will help both beginners and those in need of a refresher for golf season. Lessons will be at the Pheasant Run Golf Club's practice facility.

Deadline to register is May 21. There are no residency requirements. Sign up at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services office, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI, 48188.

For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Royal Blue Classic

The IHM Sisters will host their fourth annual Royal Blue Classic women's golf outing Wednesday, June 30 at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth. All levels of play are welcome at this golf scramble, which begins with a shotgun start.

Packages are \$100 for nine holes or \$175 for 18, which includes cart, beverage, lunch, dinner, door prizes and a silent auction. For non-golfers, a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres begins at 3:30 p.m., followed by a silent auction, raffle and dinner for \$50.

The Royal Blue Classic is a major fundraiser for the IHM Sisters. Proceeds from the Classic go to the IHM Ministry Fund, which helps people in need.

For more information, call 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-through-Friday at (248) 433-0950. Registration ends June 11.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports-editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Salslerak, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7278.

Breaking on top

Salem edges Stevenson in WLAA showdown

BY C.J. RISAK
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Call it Round One. Last season, this best-of-three battle went to Livonia Stevenson's girls track team, which opened the annual series by beating Plymouth Salem in their Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division dual meet. The Rocks drew next blood, besting Stevenson in the WLAA Championship Meet, but it was the Spartans who prevailed in the final competition, outscoring Salem in the state regionals.

The Rocks are hoping for a turnaround in fortunes this season, and they started along that road Thursday by edging the host Spartans 70-67 in a WLAA Lakes Division dual meet. The event that actually provided Salem with its meet-clinching points was the 200-meter dash, which Rachel Jones — who had four first-place finishes to her credit — won for Salem in 26.9. Jones' other individual first came in the 100 (12.7); she also anchored Salem's winning 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

"She was outstanding today," said Salem coach Mark Gregor of Jones. "This was a good, competitive meet by both teams. It's nice to win this because it's a major rivalry. This is for first place in the division — it let's us know where we stand."

Although the Rocks' performance was well short of spectacular, something Gregor attributed to their long layoff (their previous competition was seven days earlier, and that was cut short by inclement weather), their coach did appreciate the way his team competed.

Jones was certainly at the top of that list. Besides her two victories in the sprints, she combined with Michelle Bonior, April Aquinto and Melissa Drake for a first in the 4x100 relay (52.8) and with Autumn Hicks, Valerie Brown and Brynne DeNeen to win the 4x200 relay (1:51.0).

Stevenson won the two longer relays, underlying its strength. Indeed, as coach Paul Holmberg noted, "This is only the second dual meet these seniors have lost in four years." The only other loss came against — you guessed it — Salem, two years ago.

The Spartans had first-place finishes in everything from the 400 on up. But the Rocks ruled the field events, with Tiffany Grubaugh capturing both the discus (116-feet, 3-inches) and shot put (36-8), DeNeen winning the long jump (15-0), and Kelly Van Putten setting a



STAFF PHOTO BY LEE CARROLL

Record-setter: Salem's Kelly Van Putten cleared eight feet in the pole vault Thursday against Stevenson, not only winning the event but setting a new school record in the process.

school and personal record in taking the pole vault (8-0).

The Rocks also got three strong performances in individual events from Aisha Chappell, including a first in the 100 hurdles (16.6 — a personal best) and seconds in both the 300 hurdles (48.8 — another personal record) and high jump (4-10).

It wasn't just the wins in four of the five field events that spurred Salem. The Rocks also had three of the seconds, with Chappell in the high jump, Paula Tomlin in the shot (35-4 1/4) and Aquinto in the long jump (14-1/2).

On the track, Salem got individual

Please see **GIRLS TRACK, D4**

Rocks remain unbeaten in duals; Chiefs tumble

Eleven of the 17 first places went to Plymouth Salem runners in their dual meet against visiting Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson Thursday — and so did the meet, by an 81-56 total.

Salem improved to 3-0 in dual meets, including a 2-0 mark against WLAA Lakes Division foes. Stevenson is 1-1 in the division.

Gabe Coble topped the Salem effort with two individual wins, in the 400-meter run (53.3) and the long jump (19-feet, 7-inches).

There was one rarity in this meet: two first-place

ties. Salem's Manvir Gill and Donnie Warner tied for top honors in the 1,600 (4:34.2) and the Rocks' Ryan Silva and Stevenson's Dan Silva were co-winners in the high jump (5-6).

Other Salem wins went to Chris Mason in the 100 (11.2); Mark Sheehan in the 200 (23.3); Jon Little in the 800 (2:02.4); Nick Allen in the 3,200 (10:12.3); Dave Clemons in the 110 hurdles (14.5); Mark Sny-

der in the shot put (47-6 1/2); the team of Trevor Davis, Bobby Cushman, Little and Allen in the 3,200 relay (8:15.9); and the foursome of Mason, Sheehan, Pat Johnson and Clemons in the 400 relay (45.7).

"We've got a tough one coming up," said Salem coach Geoff Baker of Thursday's WLAA dual meet against Lakes Division rival Walled Lake Central. Salem will host the meet, starting at 3:30 p.m.

Chiefs lose on last relay

Please see **TRACK, D5**

Chiefs pummel Pats

Gretchen Hudson did it on the mound and with the bat Friday, propelling Plymouth Canton to a 7-1 girls softball victory over host Livonia Franklin.

Canton is now 8-2 overall and 2-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Hudson, who had missed 10 days with a sprained knee, returned to action last Wednesday against Westland John Glenn. Against Franklin, she went all seven innings, allowing just five hits and one walk. She fanned 10.

Tara Muchow, the losing pitcher, gave up seven hits and seven walks. She also struck out 10.

Offensively, Hudson had two hits and three RBI, while Lisa Baker contributed a pair of hits.

Daylin Starks knocked in the lone Patriot run with a single.

Franklin is 6-5 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Salem 4, John Glenn 3: The Rocks scored all their runs in the fourth Friday to erase a 1-0 Rocks' lead.

Amanda Sutton, now 5-4, protected the margin by scattering nine hits, striking out six and not walking a batter.

Salem only had four hits but two came in the fourth as the Rocks (3-3) remained unbeaten in the Lakes Division of the WLAA.

Heather Sonntag singled to open the fourth and reached third on a throwing error. Sutton laid down a bunt single to tie the score and Maureen Buchanan was safe on a fielder's choice.

Dawn Allen hit a fly to left field which was dropped for an error, bringing in Sutton with the go-ahead run. Shae Potocki hit into a run-producing fielder's choice and Marnie Jones hit a grounder to short which scored Allen.

Franklin 3, Salem 0: Tara Muchow tossed a one-hitter to go along with 10 strikeouts Wednesday, leading Livonia Franklin (6-4 overall) to the WLAA crossover win over visiting Plymouth Salem.

Muchow allowed just three walks and a fourth-inning single by Maureen Buchanan in picking up the win.

Franklin scored all three of its runs in the sixth.

Muchow led off with a strong and scored on Amy Sandrick's single. Daylin Starks followed with an RBI double and Kerstin Marshall contributed an RBI single.

Tara Morrill led the Patriots with three hits, while Starks doubled twice and Sandrick singled

Please see **SOFTBALL, D4**



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In safe: Canton's Becky Mize slides in safely as the ball bounces away from John Glenn's Stephanie Fedulchak. Canton won, 9-0.

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No. 2: Jason Meininger (PS) def. Dave Kovacs, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 3: Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Rajiv Desai, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Jim Lewis (PS) def. Anthony Lambert, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 5 double: Todd Schmalhurst-Brian Ott (PS) def. David Stephens-Evan Weddell, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 6: Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki (PS) def. Robert Dzuban-Jeff Drotar, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 7: Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak (WJG) def. Jon Bernard-Andy Fenton, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.
No. 8: Evan Rolter-Scott Peruski (PS) def. Ousman Afzal-Haridk Dalal, 6-1, 6-1.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5

PLYMOUTH SALES 3

April 29 at Churchill
No. 1 singles Faraz Siddiqui (PS) def. Rob Simon, 7-5, 6-0.
No. 2: Tom Wells (LC) def. Jason Weinger, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3.
No. 3: Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Ben Luong, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 4: Tom Fitzstephens (LC) def. Jim Lewis, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
No. 5 double: Todd Schmalhurst-Brian Ott (PS) def. Ian Quai-Bobby Kohnen, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 6: Scott Risher-Mike Horka (LC) def. Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki, 6-3, 7-5.
No. 7: Adam Rourke-John Boboje (LC) def. Jon Bernard-Andy Fenton, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 8: Chris Singleton-Kenny Tseng (LC) def. Jason Schamburger-Jon Neal, 6-4, 6-0.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 7

LIVONIA STEVENSON 1
Thursday at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def.

Meher Sahaj 6-0, 6-3.
No. 2: Scott Mincher (PC) def. Todd Levery 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Ritchie Ikeh (PC) def. Matt Dargan 6-1, 6-4.
No. 4: Chris Foss (PC) def. Brian Adams 7-5, 6-1.
No. 5 double: Jason Daroy-Chris Houdak (PC) def. Sean Mann-Brendan Corneison 6-2, 6-1.
No. 6: John Schietinger-Pat Peterson (LS) def. Matt Schmidt-Mike Bruder 6-3, 6-2.
No. 7: Steve Clawson-Niraj Patel (PC) def. Jon Scheel-Derek Kogut 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.
No. 8: Phil Shedd-Brad Kruger (PC) def. Brian Curd-Robert Ficara 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).
Next Cantos dual meet: 4 p.m. Monday at Farmington Harrison.

FARMINGTON 5

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Monday at Farmington
No. 1 singles Faraz Siddiqui (PS) def. Jon Gero 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: Randy Hosen (F) def. Jason Meininger 6-2, 6-0.
No. 3: Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Max Moore 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
No. 4: Jim Lewis (PS) def. Brandon Mytyk 6-2, 6-3.
No. 5 double: Eric Bruce-Ben Bruder (F) def. Todd Schmalhurst-Brian Ott 7-6, 6-1.
No. 6: Dan Turkovich-Guime Odendaal (F) def. Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki 6-3, 6-4.
No. 7: Hemarath Srinivas-Shamik Trivedi (F) def. Jon Bernard-Andy Fenton 6-2, 6-0.
No. 8: Loren Klein-Chris Hall (F) def. Scott Peruski-Andy Herrald 7-5, 1-6, 6-1.

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, May 3

Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Pinckney, 4 p.m.
Redford CC at Country Day, 4:15 p.m.
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Canton, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Redford CC at Brother Rice (2), 4 p.m.
Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. North at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.

Friday, May 7

Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m.
Hamtramck at C'ville (2), 4 p.m.
Shrine at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Warren Zoo, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 8
(all double-headers unless noted)
Salem at Midland Toun., 10 a.m.
Wayne at Seokhgio, 10 a.m.
Edsel Ford at John Glenn, 11 a.m.

U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
Churchill at Thurston, noon.
B.H. Lahser Tournament, TBA.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Monday, May 3

Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Taylor Kennedy at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

Churchill at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton vs. W.L. Central (at W.L. Western), 4 p.m.
Franklin at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Harrison at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

W.L. Western at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Liggett at Clarenceville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. North at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 7

W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.
Salem at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Hamtramck at C'ville (2), 4 p.m.
Shrine at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Warren Zoo, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 8

(all double-headers unless noted)
Fred Piper at Royal Oak, 9 a.m.
Redford Union at Churchill, 11 a.m.
Garden City at John Glenn, 11 a.m.

Canton Classic, TBA.

BOYS TRACK

Monday, May 3

Redford CC vs. Divine Child at Farm. Hills Mercy, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

Monroe at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Tri-meet at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

W.L. Central at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Canton at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
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Friday, May 7

Salem at Mott Relays, TBA.
Saturday, May 8
Canton at Troy Athens Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Adrian Invitational, 9:45 a.m.
Oxford Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday, May 4

Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

W.L. Western at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Wayne at Allen Park, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 7
Salem at Mott Relays, TBA.
Saturday, May 8
Canton at Troy Athens Relays, 10 a.m.
Hillsdale Invitational, 9 a.m.
Jackson N'west Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, May 3

Canton at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Kingwood at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

Ladywood at Marian, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5

Salem at Farm. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
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Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

A.A. Huron at Canton, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 7

Crestwood at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 8
Birm. Groves at Salem, 12:30 p.m.
Churchill at Rochester, 11 a.m.
Regina at Ladywood, 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday, May 4

Madonna at Northwood (2), 2 p.m.

Wednesday-Saturday, May 6-8

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Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8

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Madonna makes it 6 straight

It was a wild, wild Friday afternoon of baseball for Madonna University and Tri-State University to conclude a home-and-home pair of doubleheaders played in two days.

The Indiana school exploded for nine runs in the second inning of the first game, then held off a late Madonna rally which saw the Crusaders score six in the fifth and two in the seventh to just fall short in a 13-11 loss.

Travis Steele went 3-for-3 with three RBI for host Tri-State (8-23). Todd Wilkins hit a home run and Mike Podleinst went 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Jason Brooks went 3-for-5 with two RBI for Madonna and Neil Wildfong went 3-for-4 with three RBI. Delano Voletti had two hits.

In the second game, Madonna took care of matters by batting around three times in the first inning to score 17 runs. The final score was 24-3 as the Crusaders went 3-1 in the consecutive doubleheaders.

Voletti went 3-for-3 with a home run, Aaron Shrewsbury went 3-for-5 and Daryl Rocho hit a home run and drove in three runs. Madonna pounded out 20 hits in the second game to

improve to 22-18-1.

Madonna is 12-10 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference while Tri-State has a 6-12 league mark.

Madonna 11-8, Tri-State 4-2: The Crusaders went on the offensive Thursday afternoon with an 11-4 win over visiting Tri-State University.

Tri-State helped Madonna's cause, committing nine errors in the game. Jason Brooks, Jeff Warholik, Neil Wildfong each had two RBI for Madonna while Aaron Shrewsbury, Nick Dedeluk and Todd Miller each had one.

Brooks and Miller were both 3-for-3 from the plate and each scored a run to lead the Crusaders' offense.

Mike Butler (4-2) pitched all seven innings for Madonna allowing four runs (three earned) on 11 hits while walking two and striking out four.

Madonna scored runs in each of its first four innings, including three runs in the first, to cruise to an easy win over Tri-State in the second game of the doubleheader.

Warholik went 2-for-2 with a home run and led the team with three RBI in the win. Shrewsbury, who went 2-for-3, also had a home run and two RBI.

Eric Williamson allowed just three

hits and two runs in seven innings pitched to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Madonna 9-8, Spring Arbor 1-2: Jeff Warholik did just what he needed to do to get Madonna over the hump.

Warholik bested Ted Gebauer of Spring Arbor Tuesday in the first game of a doubleheader and the Crusaders went on to smash the Cougars in the second game.

Ryan Parrott doubled home Wayne Forman to give visiting Spring Arbor a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning of the first game. But Madonna tied the score in the bottom of the sixth and Derrick Wolfe opened the bottom of the seventh with a dramatic game-winning home run, his ninth of the season.

Warholik (4-3) was rewarded for his three-hitter. He walked six, struck out three and drove home the tying run.

James O'Connor (3-1) spun a six-hitter in the second game. Jason Brooks, Wolfe and Neil Wildfong each had two hits. Nick Dedeluk and Wildfong each drove in three runs.

Madonna has been muddling around the .500 mark for about a month and that's just what the Crusaders did Sunday.

They entertained Siena Heights College, with Bob Mason doing his part, tossing a three-hitter in the opener: a 13-2 romp for Madonna. Mason allowed one earned run and four walks, with six strikeouts, as he improved to 3-4.

Home runs by Aaron Shrewsbury (his 13th), Daryl Rocho (his 10th) and Wolfe propelled the Crusaders. Both Rocho and Wolfe also had doubles, with Rocho driving in three runs and Wolfe one. Shrewsbury had two RBI, Delano Voletti added a double, a single and three RBI, and Bob Hamp had two singles and scored four runs.

The second game was another story, however. The Saints trailed 7-1 after four innings but scored twice in the fifth, pushed across eight runs in the sixth and added three more in the seventh to win going away, 14-8.

Warholik paced a 15-hit Madonna attack, going 4-for-4 with three doubles, a homer (his second) and four RBI. Shrewsbury added two hits and scored three runs, and Hamp had two hits and an RBI.

E.J. Roman started and lasted 5 2/3 innings, giving up five earned runs on eight hits and two walks, with two strikeouts. Three other pitchers then combined to give up nine runs (two earned) in 1 1/3 innings: Rocho took the loss (0-2).

Kevin Barkholz was the winner for the Saints (6-5).

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Crusaders lose a pair to Cornerstone

Madonna University put one run on the board in the top of the seventh inning to tie the score in the second game of a women's collegiate softball double-header Wednesday, but host Cornerstone plated the winning run in the tenth inning to complete the two-game sweep, 4-2 and 5-4.

Janell Leachinger (17-6) went the distance for Madonna but got into trouble in the decisive tenth inning, loading the bases for Cornerstone's Sara Hocking who knocked in the winning run.

Madonna committed four errors in the game, leading to two unearned runs.

Although both teams had eight hits in the game, Cornerstone left 14 runners on base compared to just six for Madonna.

Cornerstone put three runs on

the board in the sixth inning of the day's early game and held off a scoring push by the Crusaders in the final inning to post the win.

Melissa Bako took the loss for Madonna, falling to 1-6 on the season while Brown issued five strikeouts and no walks.

Kelly Zurawski was 2-for-3 from the plate for Madonna and Kristy McDonald was 1-for-3 with the team's only RBI.

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Girls track from page D1

seconds from Bonier in the 100 (13.0), Hicks in the 400 (1:02.2) and Miranda White in the 800 (2:33.0).

All of which made the dual-meet win possible. But, as Gregor was quick to point out, this is only the first round.

"It's a good measuring stick for us at this point of the season," the Salem coach said. "But most of our goals will come later in the season."

A clear reference to Round Two and Round Three.

Softball from page D1

Churchill tips Canton
The bulk of the first-place finishes went to Plymouth Canton in its dual meet against visiting Livonia Churchill Thursday.

But the win went to the Chargers, whose superior depth was the deciding factor in a 77-60 triumph in what figures to be a key WLAA Western Division showdown.

"It was a great meet all-around," said Canton coach John Venning. "Both teams ran very well, with fine performances by all."

"The seconds and the thirds were the deciding factors."

The Chiefs got double-wins from Meredith Fox, in the 100-meter (12.8) and 400-meter (1:04.0) runs, and from Crystal Alderman in the 100 hurdles

(16.6) and 300 hurdles (50.3). Other individual winners for Canton were Kim Theeke in the high jump (4-foot-9), Jenny Seiberras in the shot put (33-11/3) and Sarah Rucinski in the 3,200 (13:02.5).

Canton also won the 4x200 (1:56.7) and 4x400 (4:31.8) relays.

Performances by Fox, Rucinski, Seiberras, Amy Fitzsimmons, Kelly Tabaka, Jessie Myks and Amy Dupuis were all personal bests. "You just have to be proud of that," insisted Venning, his team now 1-2 in WLAA dual meets and 1-1 in the Western Division.

Baseball from page D1

Canton 9, John Glenn 0: Pitchers Gretchen Hudson and Laura Stewart combined on a one-hitter and fanned 11.

Stewart, who pitched the last three innings, allowed the lone hit.

Harrison 6, Churchill 0: Ali Ault tossed a one-hitter Friday, lifting

Farmington Hills Harrison (5-1, 3-1) to the WLAA-Western Division victory over visiting Livonia Churchill (5-6, 0-3).

Ault, who threw her fourth one-hitter of the year, gave up a leading single to right-center to Churchill catcher Kristin Derwich in the seventh.

Losing pitcher Meghan Misiak gave up eight hits, four walks and struck out nine.

Jenelle Welling and Gayle Ternes each had two hits for the Hawks, who scored one run each

in the second and third innings before breaking it wide open with four in the fourth.

W.L. Central 6, Churchill 3: In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, Walled Lake Central (9-7) downed Livonia Churchill as winning pitcher Kami Scott had two hits and two RBI.

Scott scattered 10 hits and struck out six. She did not walk a batter.

Losing pitcher Adrienne Doyle fanned 11 in seven innings, but gave up 12 hits.

Baseball from page D1

ing three walks and striking out 11. Mike Swafford took the loss for the Rockets.

Canton 8, John Glenn 7: Joe Cortellini proved to be a two-way savior for Canton Wednesday.

The senior third baseman/pitcher singled in Brian Kay from second base with the go-ahead run with two-out in the top of the seventh inning, then stepped to the mound with the tying and lead runners aboard and got the game's final out to earn a save at Westland John Glenn.

Jon Johnson got the win for the Chiefs, improving to 4-0. Johnson worked 6 2/3 innings and gave up seven runs (six earned) on nine hits and three walks, striking out four.

Canton managed just four hits in the game, but took advantage

of six Rocket errors. Oliver Wolcott had a base hit and two RBI, and he scored two runs, while Kay was 1-for-1 with two runs scored and three stolen bases.

Andrew Copenhaver added a single, a run scored and a stolen base.

The win helped offset the sixth-inning shellacking Canton absorbed last Monday against Farmington Harrison, a WLAA finalist last season. The Hawks scored five runs in the sixth to get the 11-1 win by a 10-run mercy.

The Chiefs managed just four hits, with Steve Lueck getting two of them, scoring one run. Mike Crudele and Jim Reddy also had hits.

Ben Tucker lost for the first time this season (he's 4-1), allowing five runs in on seven hits and two walks in three innings;

he struck out four. Kevin Tomassitis relieved and gave up six runs on three hits and six walks, with three strikeouts, in 2 2/3 innings.

Joe Ghannum was the winning pitcher for Harrison, tossing a four-hitter with six strikeouts.

Salem 6, Franklin 4: A five-run third inning, sparked by a pair of two-run doubles, carried Plymouth Salem past Livonia Franklin Wednesday at Salem.

Jason Lukasik and Joe Rizzi each unloaded a two-run double in the five-run Rock rally, which gave them a 5-1 lead. Chris Longpre and Corey Wacker added two hits apiece, with Wacker scoring twice and Longpre once.

Chris Trott started and got the win for Salem; he worked five innings, allowing two runs on six hits and two walks, striking out five. Mike Franklin was the main force for Franklin, pitching all six innings and going 3-for-3 at the plate.

The Patriots closed the gap with reliever Adam Kolb on the mound, but two double plays in the game helped keep Salem in command.

WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Commission will hold a public hearing on the 1999 Equalization Report as prepared by the Wayne County Assessment and Equalization Division on:

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Early spring signs

Despite the chaos in the world and the stress life presents, it's comforting to me to know that the natural world has an order, time-table and beauty that is dependable.

Early spring is the time to walk the woodlands.

Sunlight beams to the forest floor and warms all the creatures under the leaves of fall.

Under those leaves worms wriggle out from the soil, sow bugs find moist areas from spring rains and millipedes curl up when the are exposed.

All these little creatures that live under the leaves were dormant until the sun warmed them up.

Beneath logs, salamanders join the others that live in leaf litter. When the warm spring rains arrive, they emerge from their winter dormancy.

Red-backed salamanders are the ones I find most often, but one log I overturned proved to be a real bonanza.

I found both the red-backed form of the red-backed salamander and the gray colored form. They are the same species, just different colors.

But the prize was a blue-spotted salamander under the same log.

Blue-spotted salamanders are about three times the size of a red-backed salamander. In all, I found five salamanders under one log. As always, I put the log

back where it was originally.

Salamanders, worms, sow bugs, millipedes, as well as, wood frogs, chorus frogs, spring peepers and mourning cloak butterflies, are all early arrivals to the spring forest.

They will find just a few wildflowers emerging and blooming during their early appearance.

Skunk cabbage flowers were blooming when snow was on the ground in late winter and early spring.

Now that other plants have started to flower, skunk cabbage flowers are withering and sending up large, bright green leaves that accent the browns and grays of the wet forest areas.

Fortunately the hepatica is blooming and adding colorful accents to the forest floor. Despite the electric blues, purples and whites of hepatica flowers, they can be overlooked.

Sometimes the plants are scattered and small, but once you see them I think you will agree, they are gorgeous.

Hepatica has fuzzy stems and sepals which gives a delicate appearance surrounding the bright colorful petals. They grow low to the ground in rich soils of forests.

The name hepatica comes from the color and shape of the leaves, which are often hidden. Their leaves can be a brownish-green color and are three-lobed, like the liver. It was once used as medicine to cure liver ailments.

Together with spring beauty and trailing arbutus, hepatica and other early forms of life emerging in spring, assure me that everything is on schedule and normal.

Ferguson earns trip

After a nine-year absence, Livonia resident Art Ferguson III has earned a trip back to the prestigious BASSMASTER Classic.

Ferguson, who fished in the Classic in 1990, earned a berth in this year's tournament by winning the Northern Division championship in the Wrangler/B.A.S.S. National Championships last weekend on the Red River in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The Federation is divided into five geographical divisions - Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western, and Central. The top angler from each division at the national championship advances to the Classic.

Ferguson was seventh overall, but first among Northern Division competitors with a three-day limit of 15 fish that weighed 39 pounds, 5 ounces.

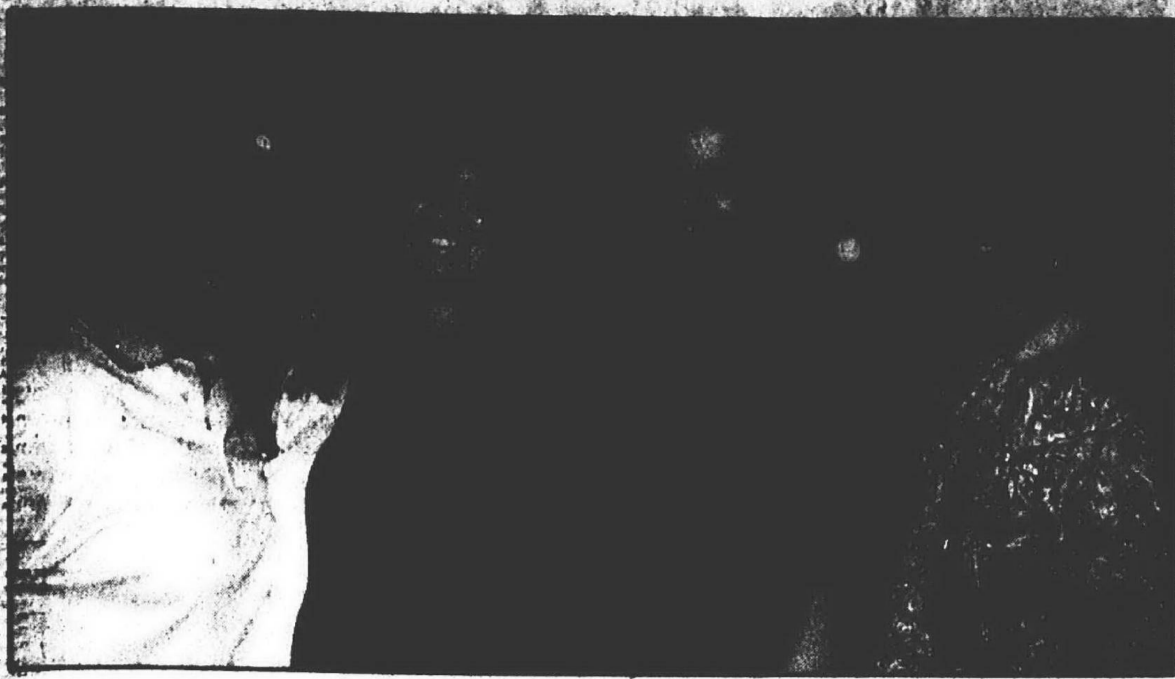
"I'm real excited," Ferguson said. "This is something I have been shooting for for the last two years and I finally made it — that's step number one. Step number two is to win it. I feel pretty good about it this time. I'll have plenty of time to pre-fish it and I've already fished that water. I have a one-in-41 chance to win it so I think my chances are pretty good."

At the Wrangler/B.A.S.S. National Championships, Ferguson caught most of his fish in shallow flats adjacent to deep creek channels in the back oxbows of the river. Pitching Gambler Dion's Classic twin tail grubs and casting Terminator Titanium spinnerbaits, he managed to boat a total of 35 keepers over the course of the three-day tournament.

"This was the highest pressured tournament of my career," he said. "I really wanted to make the BASSMASTER Classic and it was a very close tournament with a lot of good fishermen and big fish biting. It's the biggest accomplishment of my career and I'm looking forward to going to New Orleans and fishing in the Big Show."

This year's Classic is slated for July 29-31 on the sprawling Mississippi River delta. The weigh-ins will be held inside the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

Ferguson was one of the youngest anglers ever to qualify for the Classic when he earned a berth in 1990 at the age of 24, again by winning the Northern Division at the Federation's national tournament. Now Ferguson, who is also competing in the



Top bowlers: Leading the way in the Queens Tournament recently in Battle Creek was (from left) first-place finisher Novella White of Detroit, runner-up Julie Wright of Farmington Hills, third-place finisher Lisa McCurdy of Westland and fifth-place finisher Marianne DiRupo of Dearborn.

All-Star Bowlerettes dominate Queens tourney in Battle Creek

How sweet can it get?

The answer to that question took place in Battle Creek last weekend as many of our local lady bowlers took part in the Michigan Queens 16th annual tournament in Battle Creek.

They not only participated in this most prestigious event of the year, they came back loaded with cash prizes for having rewritten several tourney scoring records.

The top production came from the All-Star Bowlerettes League from Livonia's Cloverlanes.

Local women dominated the final standings with Novella White of Detroit finishing in first place, worth \$4,000, a tiara, and a plaque.

Second place went to Julie Wright of Farmington Hills, who was nothing short of spectacular with a 300 game along the way, and bowling a total of 24 games to reach the finals. Second place money was \$2,000, which Julie will spend wisely, according to her dad, Ed Wright.

Lisa McCurdy of Westland took home \$1,000 for finishing third, and Marianne DiRupo of Dearborn pocketed \$800 for fourth place.

Others from Observer & Eccentric cities who were among the top echelon were Angela Wilt of Westland who rolled her first-over 300 game during the qualifying rounds.

It would be remiss on my part not to mention the great performance of Cyndi Black from Taylor.

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Her 300 game helped her achieve an 815 series. It was Cyndi's first 300 in adult competition, and also her first ever 800 series.

Aleta Sill did not make it to the finals even though she, too rolled a 300 game in the qualifying rounds.

Kristi Troy of Westland survived the qualifying rounds, as well as Cheryl Stipcak of Redford (1984 winner) and Belleville's Lisa Bishop.

Another 300 was bowled by Heather Judge-Owen of Waterford.

Other Bowlerettes members who finished well but did not make the cut, were Jeannie Gebbia of Garden City, Tina Judy of Westland, Tracey Wade of Lansing, Darlene Dysart, Sandra Winbigger (1996 winner), Marti Marshall and Carmen Allen.

It was interesting to note that three of the top five came up through the Sunday Youth Classic travel league (SYC) — White, Wright and McCurdy.

Most of these ladies started out very young, received proper training, and are now sitting pretty in the world of women's bowling.

Jerry Bazner is the secretary of the St. Linus Classic League which bowls at Garden Lanes in Garden City.

Jerry faithfully calls me every week with scores for the honor roll section.

This week, there were two 300s — the first by Jerry's son-in-law, Mike Baldwin.

I was not sure that he had the correct week, for it was Mike the previous week with a perfect game also. According to Jerry, Mike was complaining that he would probably never get a 300 game, but Jerry kept reassuring him and to said "keep on trying."

Father-in-law advice is usually the best advice of all.

The Greater Detroit Bowling Association and Turbo 2-N-1 Grips present the seventh annual Senior Masters Championship Tournament beginning Saturday, May 1 through May 9.

Co-sponsored by Ansara's Big Boy restaurants and Red Robin restaurants, DiLaura Brothers, Thunderbowl Lanes and East-own Printing.

The event offers \$1,500 first prize plus award, second prize amounts to \$1,000 and better than one out of four bowlers will receive prize money.

This event is American Bowling Congress sanctioned and open to GDBA members at least 50 years of age as of May 1, 1999.

The tournament is limited to the first 160 entries and bowlers may try to qualify for TEAM USA while bowling by paying the additional fee of \$10. This event will be held at Parkway Lanes in Trenton. For information, call the GDBA at (810) 773-6350.

Best wishes to O&E staff writer Tim Richard on his retirement after 32 years as our Lansing correspondent covering the State of Michigan political and government scene.

Tim was very helpful to me when I covered the bowlers fight against the Michigan Liquor Control Commission when they tried to suppress our bowling jackpots.

We won the battle with words and a heck of a lot of popular support from the bowlers in Michigan.

He also ran an editorial on the subject which helped to influence the legislators in our favor. The bill passed and the bowlers prevailed. Thanks again, Tim.

Pro shop operator offers advice on purchasing the perfect ball

Bill Zacheranik runs the Z & Z Pro Shop at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, with a little help from his dad, Rich Zacheranik.

Rich discusses the new balls that are out there on the market, for this is an ideal time for a bowler to reload his or her arsenal.

Getting a new ball at this time gives one the opportunity to get in some good practice sessions where there is no pressure to bowl for a score.

It is good to get focused on the coverstocks of the new balls, some are more aggressive than others and some are a lot more tame.

It is a good idea to seek the advice of the pro shop operator as to which type of ball will fit in with your type of game.

If you plan to join any certain league in a particular house, what are the usual lane conditions, and for when they are on the lanes.

There are two direct opposite types, the highly polished pearlized resin kind versus the dull finish reactives and then there are the proactives that are a more recent development.

Another new innovation has been the development of Mica,



Bill Zacheranik Z&Z Pro Shop-Mayflower Lanes

which is ingrained in the balls surface for even greater traction, even on heavily oiled lanes.

Mica is supposed to hook early and still be strong on the back end and most of them will do that.

Even with these high powered balls, you have to be strong enough to throw something like that and keep it in play. So many balls, so many different styles of bowling, therefore these balls are not for everybody.

But that is where your pro

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shop comes in. He should be able to match the equipment to the type of delivery you use.

For some, a pearlized resin ball would give someone an advantage as you can get more control, and more control means more strikes.

Some of the balls I recommend are the Triton KO Punch, the 3D Offset Hammer and the Sledge Hammer.

Many of these are pretty tune-able as well because you can polish them or sand them dull. It all depends on the lane conditions, which will ultimately dictate what you will throw.

The Pro-Actives are able to hook early, even in oil, get down the lane well and still be strong at the back end, but you would not want it on a dry lane condition.

If you prefer a ball that will go long and finish hard at the back end, then a pearlized reactive resin or highly polished reactive will do the job.

Best advice of all, see the pro shop operator, they keep up on all the latest developments and will steer you in the right direction.

Table listing bowling tournament results, including names, scores, and dates. Headers include 'SUPER BOWL (Continued)', 'Friday Majors: Dave Jacobs, 236/684', and 'Country Regulars: Ed Daulton, 268/688'.



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CC tops Stevenson in a slugfest

After Thursday's game, just call Livonia Stevenson junior Brad Buckler and Redford Catholic Central senior Casey Rogowski distant relatives.

The players, who are first cousins by the way, each hit a home run in a slugfest won by host CC, the state's No. 1 ranked team in Division I, 19-9.

The non-league game was called after six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Rogowski hit a solo homer to lead off the sixth inning. He also walked twice and was hit by a pitch, scoring four runs.

Buckler hit a three-run homer in the fifth, a mammoth shot that followed singles by Dan Wilson and Roy Rabe.

CC outhit Stevenson, 13-12, and each team committed five errors.

Stevenson scored a pair of unearned runs off CC starter Mark Cole in the first inning before the Shamrocks responded with five in their half of the first and six in the second for a commanding 11-2 lead.

CC junior Matt Loidas raised his averaged to .555, going 4-for-5 with nine RBI, hitting a three run homer, a bases-loaded triple and RBI single.

"Even the out he made was a bullet that Rabe made a nice play on at third base," CC assistant coach Kevin Walters said. "I'll tell you, he had five quality at-bats."

CC coach John Salter can't ever remember a CC batter collecting nine RBI in one game.

Salter is considering moving the outfielder up from his No. 7 spot in the order. His two-run single in the sixth gave the Shamrocks a 10-run cushion and the win by mercy.

"If he keeps hitting like that we've got to move him up," said Salter, counting Loidas' attributes. "He's seven for eight on stolen bases, has a real accurate arm and great size. Cole last week was the guy getting big hits. It's nice that some of the other guys can pick it up when the other guys don't."

Malek contributed two hits, including a double, and two RBI. Mario D'Herrin had two hits and one RBI.

Rabe led the Spartans with three singles. Wilson and Matt DiPonio had two hits each.

The Shamrocks, 11-0 overall, used Brent Schoenbach, Dave Lusky and Bob Malek on the mound after Cole left following the second inning.

Schoenbach, who pitched the third and fourth innings, was credited with the win for CC. He allowed three runs, two earned, on three hits, one walk and a strikeout.

Jon Ritzler started for Stevenson and was the pitcher of record. Buckler and Steve Anderson also saw duty in relief.

Stevenson 6, W.L. Central 2: Mike Byberg and Roy Rabe combined on a four-hitter Friday to boost host Livonia Stevenson over .500.

The Spartans improved to 5-4 with the victory and are 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Walled Lake Central is 4-7.

A four-run third carried Stevenson to a 6-0 lead and

Byberg pitched five innings of three-hit shutout ball before turning the game over to Rabe. Byberg struck out three and walked two.

Rabe gave up single runs to the Vikings in each inning he worked but only allowed one hit. Joe Higgins pitched a four-hit

ter for Walled Lake Central, walking five and striking out four.

Steve Anderson did the damage for the Spartans, going 2-for-2 with a double and driving in two runs.

Harrison 8, Churchill 6: It was Brian Nelson's turn to be the hero for Farmington Harrison. Nelson's one-out RBI double in

the top of the seventh Friday broke a 6-6 tie and lifted the Hawks (6-3) to their WLAA win over the host Chargers (5-4).

Harrison is unbeaten in three Western Division WLAA games while Churchill is 1-2.

Joe Ghannam improved to 3-0 with the help of the rally. He was touched for 10 hits and walked three in seven innings, but struck out four.

Josh Odom belted a leadoff home run off Ghannam in the sixth to trigger a three-run rally which gave Churchill a 6-5 lead. He also had a double and single and scored two runs.

Justin Draughn worked 62/3 innings for the Chargers, who made four errors, allowing six hits. Only two runs off Draughn were earned.

Dave Wasil had three singles and drove in two runs for

Churchill while Rich Strain had two hits.

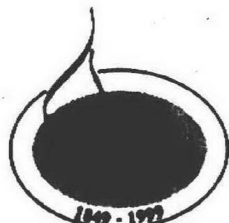
An error permitted Lou Hadley to get on base in the seventh. He stole second and scored the tying run on a single by Blake Boesky. Nelson's double scored Boesky and he scored an insurance run on Blake Ashley's RBI single.

Dave Pesci had an RBI on a squeeze bunt for the Hawks and Kevin McVay had an RBI single.

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Track from D1

The two fastest times recorded in the 1,600-meter relay, through Thursday, came in the same race — and it was decisive.

Churchill's Brant Hauck, John McCallum, Brandon LaPointe and Ryan Kearney outdueled Plymouth Canton's foursome, and it provided the Chargers with the winning margin, 73-64. Churchill was clocked at 3:32.9, one second better than the Chiefs.

Canton did have seven firsts, including the 3,200 (8:35.2) and 800 (1:36.1) relays. Jason Rutter turned in an impressive double, winning both the 1,600 (4:50.2) and 3,200 (10:19.9). Other wins went to K.J. Singh in the 100 (11.1), Jerry Gaines in the 400 (53.6) and Steve Blossom in the 800 (2:06.3).

What hurt the Chiefs was the field events — they did not have a win in any of them.

Churchill moves to the top of the WLAA's Western Division; the Chargers are 3-0 overall. Canton is 1-2 overall, 1-1 in the division. The Chiefs travel to Walled Lake Western at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.