

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Whale of a good time: The Plymouth Whalers host Game Three of their Ontario Hockey League championship series at 7:30 at Compuware Arena.

TUESDAY

School's in: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets in a special meeting at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey.

Township meets: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall meeting room at Ann Arbor and Lilley roads.

SATURDAY

A dog's world: The Plymouth Dog Jog, presented by the Kiwanis Club, takes place in Kellogg Park, with registration starting at noon. Registration forms may be obtained by calling (734) 459-7000, or stopping in at "Doggie Central," 9450 S. Main St., in Plymouth. Cost is \$25.

SPECIAL SECTION

Buzz Job: What's the best lawnmower for you? Find that and more in the Observer's Home & Garden section inside this issue.

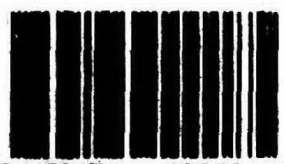
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Snafu scrambles 35th court race

State's confusion could cost challengers shot at Lowe's seat

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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For the first time in history, a sitting 35th District Court judge will have a challenger come the August primary ... maybe.

Two attorneys, Peter Bec from Plymouth Township and William Selinsky of Northville Township, have both filed petitions to run in the August primary against incumbent judge Ron Lowe. However, because of misinformation

fed to them by the state Board of Elections concerning the number of petition signatures needed to qualify for the primary, the pair will have to go to court in order to have their day in court.

Selinsky said he turned in his petitions April 28 and was told his 40 signatures would be enough to get him on the ballot.

"Then I got a call on May 2, only hours before the deadline for petitions, and I was told there was a mistake and

'We can't fix the problem because it's a statutory mandate.'

Chris Thomas
—Director of Elections

that I really needed 600 signatures," said Selinsky. "I'm preparing a lawsuit against the Secretary of State and the Board of Canvassers, hoping the court will issue a writ to compel the

Board of Elections to accept my nominating petitions."

Bec said he was told by the Board of Elections "explicitly that I needed a minimum of 100 signatures and no more than 200. I had someone file my petitions. They accepted my petitions, but then said I needed 600 signatures."

"They told me they didn't know what to do," Bec added. "If I can't trust the Elections Board ... if push comes to

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Music to their ears: Leah Purugganan, 16, (from left) and Lauren Gaines of Canton, 16, and Bethany Herr, 16, and Lauren Wheelock of Plymouth, 17, listen to a flute recital.

Happy birthday, Bard!

A year ago, English teacher Diane Prieur was teaching Shakespeare in an African jungle.

This week, she took the students at her new school — Plymouth Christian Academy — back to the Elizabethan era, with just as much success.

Prieur, who teaches 10th-grade English and British literature at PCA, got together with her students

to put on the school's first Shakespeare Festival, teaching them all about the culture of the time and letting them get a small sample of it at the same time.

"It's just absolutely wonderful to see them be able to understand the period and the culture, and then see them get to have a taste of it, too," said Prieur.

Among the activities are studying the time period, and putting on plays. The sophomores did "Julius Caesar," while the British lit students did "Hamlet." Students did everything from deciding what games would be played to preparing the menu.

Letters were sent to parents, inviting them to become sponsors of the event, thus creating a family atmosphere for the students. Students researched the heraldry, all the colors and symbols, and "that's how we crowned royalty," Prieur said.

"Many of the (students) hand-sewed their costumes with their parents and grandparents," she added. "One knight hand-made his shield. We had three musketeers who were up until 2:30 in the morning hand-making their costumes. It was phenomenal."



Taketh five: Aaron Boone of Northville, 15, (from left) Rob Treadwell of Canton, 16, and Emily Henry of Plymouth, 16, hang out during lunch.



Renaissance Festival: Lauren Terkoski of Canton, 16, pushes Liz Lulek of Canton, 16, in the jousting competition during the Plymouth Christian Academy's Renaissance Festival Thursday. The festival helped mark Shakespeare's 436th birthday.

Art in the Park tops survey of Plymouth events

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Art in the Park is tops with Plymouth residents. According to 330 surveys of area residents, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority, Art in the Park is Plymouth's most popular special event.

Next in line of most favorite downtown festivals are the Fall Festival, the Ice Spectacular and the Farmers' Market.

Surprisingly, two of those events — the Fall Festival and the Ice Spectacular — are also on the list of least favorite events in the city. The specific problems with those events, as related by the survey, are crowds that are too large, too many food booths and an Ice Spectacular that's not so spectacular.

Not so surprisingly, survey results indicated people are attracted to downtown Plymouth because of its unique stores and small, hometown atmosphere.

Although many would like to see retailers keep

later store hours, there were other suggestions to improve downtown. They include installing public restrooms and creating more parking spaces.

An overwhelming number of people want to see more restaurants downtown.

Their wishes will come true with the scheduled openings this summer of Compari's on the Park, E.G. Nicks, a piano bar, and Tom's Oyster Bar.

Clothing, shoe and high-quality retail stores were

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Accident halts I-275 traffic for several hours

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The driver of a semi-truck was transported by helicopter on a survival flight to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor Wednesday after he jackknifed his truck up a steep embankment trying to avoid a serious accident on southbound I-275, north of Plymouth Road.

Police said traffic was detoured for three hours following the accident about 3 p.m.

"A small black car went off the shoulder and hit the rear end wheels of the semi," said Michigan State Police Trooper Firmin Troye of the Oak Park post. The trucker, a Romulus man, reacted by driving off to the right, went up the embankment and jackknifed

'This was one that was extremely unusual. Dispatch told us it was in the grass. As we were driving there, I expected it to be in the median.'

Larry Groth
—Fire Chief

the truck, Troye said.

Troye declined to release names pending completion of the final police report by MSP, which is expected Monday. Troopers weren't certain if the Canton woman who drove the black car would be ticketed. They were wait-

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Airlift: Emergency personnel load the truck driver into the U.M. survival flight helicopter. The truck went up the hill along southbound I-275 at Plymouth road.

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ing to learn the severity of the truck driver's condition first. He appeared to be suffering only from a broken leg Thursday, Troye said.

Plymouth Township Sgt. Jim Jarvis was one of the first of the day shift to arrive on the scene.

"He (the trucker) said that a black car was cutting in and out of traffic," Jarvis said. "She was changing lanes. The only alternative was for him to drive to the right. I was trying to keep him stable. He looked clammy and I was worried he would go into shock. I put my hand on him and told him to relax."

The woman stopped her car down the road after the accident but Jarvis didn't speak to her because MSP took the report and he went to direct traffic, he said.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department also responded. Sixteen firefighters, including off-duty and volunteer firefighters, were called in, said Fire Chief Larry Groth.

"The driver was pinned in the cab," Groth said. "The cab was

crushed and his legs were pinned. It took us an hour and a half with multiple rescue tools. We used the Jaws of Life, spreaders, power saws and bolt cutters. A good sign was that he was conscious."

Four firefighters from the Livonia Fire Department's heavy duty rescue team also responded, Groth said.

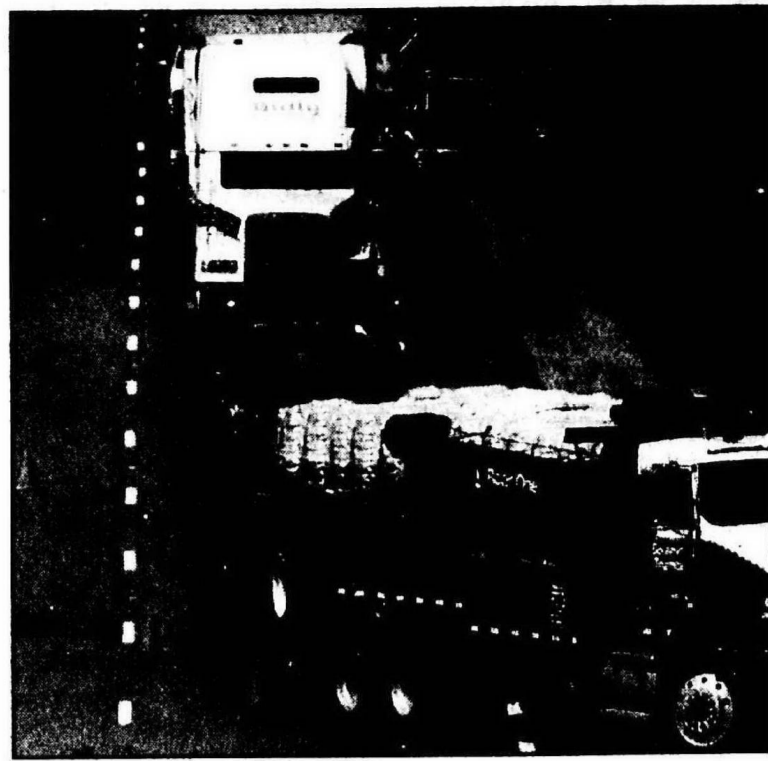
The truck penetrated the fence of a plastics company, Groth said.

"I couldn't believe my eyes," he said. "This was one that was extremely unusual. Dispatch told us it was in the grass. As we were driving there, I expected it to be in the median."

Not all drivers were cooperative with the detours, Jarvis added.

He criticized the temperament of some drivers.

"One man got mad, shook his fist at me, gunned his car and sprayed rocks at me," Jarvis said. "Three people ran barricades."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Road closed: State police closed southbound I-275 at M-14 and made motorists exit on to M-14 after a truck jackknifed Wednesday afternoon. Here police have southbound traffic caught between M-14 and Plymouth road cross the median to the northbound side after stopping northbound traffic for awhile backing it up as well.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Beautification award

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce seeks nominations for its annual Business Beautification Award, given for the last eight years to acknowledge businesses which "strive to make Plymouth a more beautiful place to do business," according to chamber officials.

Winners have included every type of business, from small retail to larger corporate companies.

Nominations are eligible in three categories: Renovation, Landscaping and New Construction. Nominated businesses must be located in the City or Township of Plymouth. Nominations must be made in writing by June 15, 2000. They can be mailed or carried to the chamber office, 386 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, or faxed to (734) 453-1724.

For more information, call the chamber, 453-1540.

Garage sale

Risen Christ Lutheran Church sponsors its second-annual Garage-Rummage-Craft Sale May 12-13. The church is located at 46250 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, a mile west of Sheldon Road.

The sale takes place May 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Table space is available, or items can be sold on commission. Donations of items would also be appreciated. Proceeds will benefit the church's Building Expansion Fund.

For more information, call the church office, (734) 453-5252.

Zoo gets Man Friday

Plymouth resident Rick Friday has been appointed to be the director of marketing for the Detroit Zoological Institute and the Detroit Zoological Society. In his new position, Friday will be responsible for marketing The Detroit Zoo, Belle Isle Zoo and Belle Isle Aquarium, as well as marketing the programs and services of the Detroit Zoological Society.

Friday has more than 28 years of advertising experience working primarily on consumer packaged goods and services accounts. Most recently, he had been responsible for overseeing the Progressive Insurance account at Doner, headquartered in Southfield.

Friday began his advertising career at the Detroit office of Young and Rubican. He entered the firm's Account Management Training Program in 1969 and within two years was an account executive on the Chrysler-Plymouth account. He received a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from the Detroit Institute of Technology.



Rick Friday

POLICE BLOTTER

Break-in

Someone attempted to break into Sheldon Veterinary Hospital on Sheldon Road about 11:49 p.m. May 1, Plymouth Township police said.

A bench was moved up against the window and two bricks were thrown at the window. There was no entry due to the size of the window and nothing was stolen, a police report said.

Theft

A florescent light that was stored behind Specialty Pets on Ann Arbor Road overnight was reported stolen May 3.

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Job qualifications: Jeanette Wenger of EDS looks over the resume of Jeff Pike of Plymouth.



What's available: George Przygodski of Plymouth Canton Community Schools (wearing glasses) speaks with Phil Wallace of Canton and Sharon Lomske of Plymouth about opportunities within the schools at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Job Fair at Hilton Garden Hotel on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL BRUBICKIANSKY

Career choices

Opportunity knocks for job seekers

They came. They saw. They applied. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsored its second-annual job fair Wednesday, hoping to match last year's initial success. When all was said and done, they'd done just that, drawing more than 800 job seekers to a

fair that featured 34 businesses looking for people. "We just about came even with what we did last year," said chamber Director Fran Toney. "It was just a constant stream of people." The fair, hosted by the Hilton Garden Inn, featured businesses from nearly every walk of life — engineering,

computers, manufacturing, accounting, sales, teachers, retail and management, drivers, medical, general labor and administrative fields. The fair was sponsored by the chamber, Hilton Garden Inn, WDWB TV-20 and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.



Networking: Renae Watkins of Accountemps speaks with a gentleman during Wednesday's job fair, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and hosted by the Hilton Garden Inn.

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shove I may file a suit. Maybe we could do it jointly." The Board of Elections admits to making the mistake, but says its hands are tied. "We were notified by the sitting judge (Lowe) on May 2, the deadline day for petitions, that our figures were wrong," said Chris Thomas, director of elections. "The Michigan Manual, which lists jurisdictions served by each court, only listed the cities of Plymouth and Northville for the 35th District Court. "Since we changed to a population-based requirement for petition signatures last March, and when you add the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville, the requirement goes up from 40 to 600 signatures. We can't fix the problem because it's a statutory mandate." Selmsky said the Board of Elections admits to making a mistake, but only a judge can change the rules. "I was told that if I filed suit, they would admit to making a mistake," he said. "I expect to win this. No one would have qualified to run because of their mistake." "We would admit to making a mistake, and would live with the results of a judge," said Thomas. Lowe, who is completing his first six year term as 35th District Court judge, filed his intention to run in February. As an incumbent, Lowe didn't have to file nominating petitions in announcing his re-election bid for the \$118,000 a year job. "I'm proud of the progress

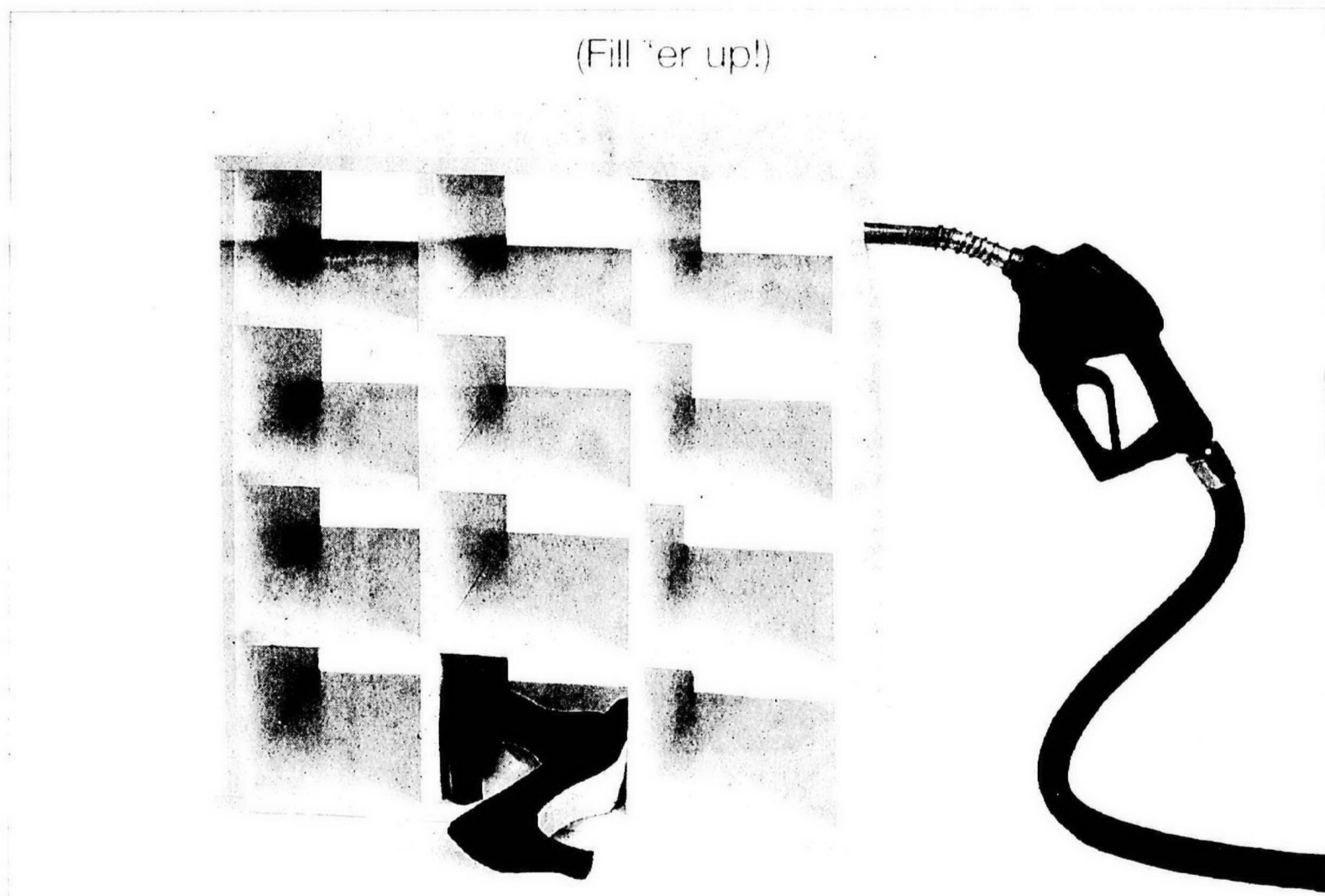
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—Director of Elections

we've made in our teen court and juvenile programs. And I'd like to see if we can enter into other areas of public education pertaining to the law," said Lowe. "I would like to educate people on how to resolve disputes in small claims court so they could settle many issues themselves." "We need to decide how best to provide essential services of the court... get your day in court as soon as possible and as painless as possible," added Lowe. Bee, 57, and an attorney for 30 years, said he was asked to run by some who aren't pleased with the direction of 35th District Court. "I've heard some ramblings from individuals about the way certain cases are handled," said Bee. "Some people were upset and asked me to consider the job. I think I could make a difference." Selmsky, 50, has been practicing law for 16 years. "I would like to make the court more accessible to the public, more user friendly," he said. "I would like more youth programs to help young people understand how to become better adults."

Canton upgrades plans for Summit expansion

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Canton's plans for expanding the Summit are growing. An additional entrance, parking spaces and upgraded architecture for a new fitness center highlight the changes. The project, which will likely start late this summer, will cost approximately \$2.7 million, up \$900,000 from initial projections. Summit Manager Debbie Bibrey-Honsowetz told Canton trustees renovations are necessary to remain competitive. "If we don't provide a good facility our guests will go somewhere else," she said at a Tuesday night session.

Bibrey-Honsowetz is particularly concerned about the fitness center. Lifetime Fitness, an all-in-one exercise firm likely coming to Canton in the near future, she said. "We have to offer good equipment that's well maintained and that guests can get on in a reasonable time," said Bibrey-Honsowetz. "We have to make our selves competitive." Talk of expanding the Summit has been ongoing for more than year. Last year, Canton received \$750,000 as part of the "Clean Michigan" initiative passed by voters in 1998. The act put \$50 million aside for recreation grants.



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Students rescue trees

Kids move foliage endangered by construction

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Salem High Principal Gerald Ostoin and retiring ecology and zoology teacher Art Durow led a contingent of students this week in moving hundreds of trees that were threatened by the construction this summer of a new high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"For the past few years we've purchased 500 trees a year and planted them in the acreage around the current high schools, before we knew there was going to be a third high school," said Ostoin. "So, we're scrambling right now to replant the trees where we think they'll be most appropriate. With all the construction traffic from bulldozers and other heavy equipment, we figured we'd lose them."

Teachers and students joined forces Wednesday afternoon to move 285 trees, some of which have grown to be four-feet high and others only a foot tall, to areas not expected to be dis-

'We're scrambling right now to replant the trees where we think they'll be most appropriate.'

Gerald Ostoin
—Salem High Principal

turbed by construction. Ostoin said there are approximately 600 trees still to move out of harm's way.

"We'll try to get some service clubs and other organizations to help on a weekend or two," he said. "We have the land, so we need to do something to save the trees."

The majority of the trees are blue spruce, with some white pine and others red pine.

"All those trees will die if we don't move them," said Brandon Redding, 18, of Canton, who spent part of his day helping to move trees. "That area out there has been a good classroom and now it's going to be destroyed."

"Plymouth and Canton are becoming so populated," said Dave Kushman, 18, also of Canton. "It's nice to help out and save something instead of watching it be destroyed."

For 32 years, Durow has used the acreage at The Park as an outside classroom.

"It's a good teaching environment to learn about trees, flowers, insects, amphibians, reptiles ... it's all there," said Durow.

"We got a lot of kids involved. It certainly was a fun day. I had some students ask me if the relocated trees are going to live," said Durow. "Look at the alternative ... if we don't move them they won't live — guaranteed."

"I hope they learn there's a lot of hard work in taking care of the environment," he said. "And, if we do our job right, they can come back some day and show their kids and grandkids they helped in this project and made a difference."



Musical guests: The Resurrection will be the featured entertainment for the Plymouth-Canton Prayer Breakfast. The group makes its second appearance at the annual event.

Prayer breakfast moves to Livonia's Laurel Manor

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER
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The location has changed but the mission remains the same.

With expectations for a larger crowd, Thursday's annual Plymouth-Canton Community Prayer Breakfast will move to the Laurel Manor banquet center in Livonia, said Phyllis Redfern, breakfast chairwoman. The event has previously been held at Summit on the Park.

"It was a hard decision. We really wanted to keep it in Canton but there weren't facilities large enough for what we hope this event can become," Redfern said.

"Last year we were at capacity (400 people) at the Summit."

The decision was made in January and many churches were agreeable, Redfern said. The breakfast is also becoming something of a regional draw, with congregations from other western Wayne and Washtenaw communities participating.

The breakfast is part of a day-long series of religious events in and around the community. It's goal is to "come across with a very strong message, so people will leave with something," she



David Bryant

said. The keynote speaker for this year's event, David Bryant, will do just that, Redfern believes.

"He's a powerful speaker. You feel like he's talking right to God and so you have a direct link," she said.

Bryant was suggested as a speaker by several of the church leaders involved in planning this year's breakfast, Redfern said.

Bryant hosts "National Concert of Prayer," a daily radio program heard nationally on some 300 stations. He is the founder of Concerts of Prayer International, a traveling ministry that has conducted evangelical Chris-

tian prayer rallies in cities across the country.

The New Providence, N.J. resident was formerly involved in the Promise Keepers organization.

Bryant holds advanced degrees in Biblical Studies and Missiological Studies. He and his wife, Robyn, have three children, all adopted from India.

Bryant joins a list of previous prayer breakfast speakers that has ranged from Detroit television journalist Cheryl Chodun, who talked about the importance of religion in her life, to motivational Christian speaker Carole Kent.

Also on Thursday's program is the gospel-style vocal group, The Resurrection. The popular, four-member band appeared at last year's event and Redfern said the committee was enthusiastic about asking them back.

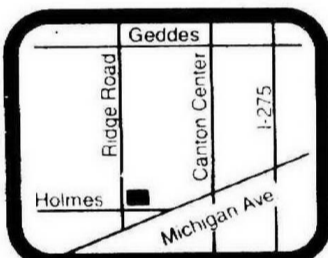
"They have a way of reaching out with their music and sharing the word," she said.

In addition to the breakfast, events in the community include a seminar for area clergy and a Community Concert of Prayer.

The public is welcome to attend the free concert 7 p.m. Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road in Canton.

Tickets to the Plymouth-Canton Community Prayer Breakfast are still available for \$10 each. The event runs 7-15 p.m. at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call Sandy Bergerson, (734) 495-1062 by Monday for reservations.

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JUDY L. MARDIGHAN, Secretary
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Ameritech plan for new area codes put on hold

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jack Kirksey
—Livonia mayor

Many scratchpads

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

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

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

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

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

In same house

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pat Murphy of the Eccentric Newspapers contributed to this article.

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Seniors get help in writing memoirs

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

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

out where I met grandpa," Royster said. Participating were students from the course Nursing 331: juniors Nicole Cartmar of Macomb County, Lillian Durecki of Garden City, Nicole Polite of Detroit, Kelly Przygocki of Dearborn, David Walters of Waterford, Jenny Webb of Northville and Patrice Wingo of Detroit, with the help of Ann Marie Knoerl, adjunct clinical instructor.

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

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

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

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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Writing Tutorial Centers have been selected to receive the Michigan Association of School Boards Educational Excellence Award. A description of this program will be published in Michigan's Best, highlighting the best teaching practices in the state.

The two high school Writing Tutorial Centers allow students to drop in during their fourth hour lunch and consult with a trained peer tutor to improve their skills on various writing tasks. Tutors concurrently enroll in the Advanced Composition Methods course and receive four weeks of training in tutor-mentor relationships and in writing criticism.

Two teachers oversee the tutor instruction and confer-

ences. Clients receive a tutorial report as proof of the conference and as a guide for revision. Their goal is not merely to help students write better papers, but to help them become better writers.

Students and teachers have written and received local and intermediate school district grants that are used for funding the Writing Centers. The funds are used for texts, supplies, promotional materials and team-building workshops.

Both Writing Tutorial Centers have been open for business six years. Teachers involved in the centers from Canton High School include Jerry Thompson and Brian Res. Teachers from Salem High School are Kathy Thompson, Nancy Koppin and Sue Welker.

JOSEPHINE C. MCGARRY

Services for Josephine C. McGarry, 69, of Plymouth were May 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Dixboro, Mich.

She was born Dec. 5, 1930 in Plymouth. She died April 29 in Southfield. She was a homemaker and a lifelong Plymouth resident.

Survivors include her husband, Clare D. McGarry of Plymouth; three children, Jean (Raymond) Ryan of Newport, Mich., Ted (MaryAnn) McGarry of Jackson and Norman (Patricia) McGarry of Milford; one sister, Beth Kerr of California; three brothers, Ted Bailey of Florida, Robert Bailey of Westland and Joseph Bailey of Westland; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

MARGARET H. TOMLIN

Services for Margaret H. Tomlin, 83, of Plymouth were May 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was in Mt. Feake Cemetery on Lilac Path, Waltham, Mass.

She was born Sept. 9, 1916 in Quincy, Mass. She died May 1 in Plymouth. She retired in 1982 after 20 years of service as a saleswoman for Jordan-Marsh Department Store in Boston, Mass. She came to the Plymouth community in 1982 from Boston, Mass. She lived in Village Green in Plymouth. She loved to walk in Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren. Survivors include her son, Bruce (Mary) Tomlin of Plymouth; and one grandson, Gordon Tomlin of Troy.

OBITUARIES

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

EDWARD J. MARGALSKI

Services for Edward J. Margalski, 79, of Livonia were May 6 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Partensky of the Archdiocese of Detroit officiating.

He was born Sept. 6, 1920 in Hamtramck, Mich. He died April 29 in Livonia. He was a cloth cutter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude Margalski; and two brothers, Stanley and William Margalski. Survivors include nephew, John E. Margalski of Plymouth; one son, Gary Margalski; one sister, Cecilia Turner; and many other nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

JOHN G. BLOME

Services for John G. Blome, 70, of Indian River (formerly of Pigeon, Mich., and Plymouth) were April 30 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, Mich., with the Rev. James Dunham of Hope Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Windsor Township.

He was born July 1, 1929 in Detroit. He died April 27 at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey.

Following his 1951 graduation with a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State College, Mr. Blome entered the United States Navy, where he served from 1952-1955. In 1959, he began working for Unisys Corp. (Burroughs) and retired as a supervisor in 1988.

In 1993 he relocated to Indian River. He was very active and involved with his church. He was a member of the Hope

Lutheran Church in Indian River and the Builders for Christ W.E.L.S., as well as a member of the Indian River Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Lorene L. Heck and Virginia Blay; and one brother, Donald. Survivors include his current wife, Shirley; three sons, David Blome of Howell, Paul (Nancy) Blome of Plymouth and John (Marie) Blome of Belleville; five step-children, Luann Miller of Ann Arbor, Linda (Joe) Czyzewski of Auburn, Cindy Sturgis of Bad Axe, Wanda Sturgis of Florida, and Scott (Barb) Sturgis of Grand Rapids; three grandchildren, Ryan, Rebecca and Rachel; six step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Joanne (Patrick) Powers of McCordsville, Ind.; one brother, Harols Blome of Pigeon, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels of Pigeon, Hope Lutheran Church, or W.E.L.S. Builders for Christ.

ELIZABETH GRELIK

Services for Elizabeth Grelik, 16, of Canton Township were May 6 at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton, with Father Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

She was born Jan. 6, 1984. She died May 3 in Canton Township. She was a student. She attended Plymouth Salem High School.

Survivors include her parents, Edward and Jadwiga Grelik; one sister, Jennifer; one brother, Christopher; grandparents Rozalia Bernacki and Aleksandra Pinczuk; family; and many friends.

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some of the other popular suggestions for businesses wanted downtown.

Respondents said they got most of their shopping information from ads in local or regional newspapers, as well as direct mail, with frequent customer discounts and postcards the most popular promotions.

"What the public is saying to us is that they want additional downtown parking, more restaurants and better advertising campaigns," said Melanie Purcell, Downtown Development Authority director.

"Our number one issue is

parking ... inventory, signage and enforcement," added Purcell. "We need to look at a new parking deck, or what to do with our current deck, to get more parking downtown."

Purcell said downtown merchants may have to rethink how they market themselves.

"We had thought of moving into radio and cable television ads, but the survey specifically supports direct mail and our advertising in local and regional newspapers," said Purcell. "We don't advertise enough or effectively. We had a hunch that was the case, but now we know."

And through that advertising, survey respondents indicated they want to know about the city's events well in advance so they can plan to attend.

Although clothing and shoe stores are suggestions for downtown, Purcell said "people historically have not shopped them downtown. We don't have a good track record to try and get a clothing or shoe store."

Purcell said the information from the survey will be used by the DDA and the Downtown Business Authority during their goal sessions this month.

"The conclusion from the survey is that there's a great deal of

support for what we've done and our professional image," added Purcell. "But we still have work to do."

"Increased parking needs to be addressed while the demand is building so it will be there," she said. "And, downtown merchants are committed to resolving the bathroom issue for visitors."

"People are paying attention to what we're doing. Our customers are speaking out and we need to listen," said Purcell. "It needs to be a cooperative effort in order to have a successful downtown."

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Lawmakers want tougher grading on report cards

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

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

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

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

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

Charles LaSata
—state representative

- Accreditation status.
- Core academic curriculum.
- MEAP scores.
- Pupil retention rate.
- Average class size for grades K-3.

- Ratio of teachers, counselors and staff to students.
- Percentage of teachers with a master's, doctorate or specialist's degree.

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

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

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

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

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

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

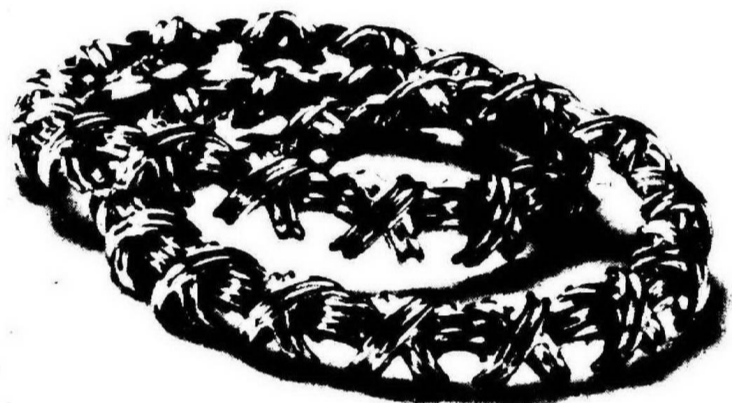
Representatives rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, that would have required even more information be included in the

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

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

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

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Pom-pom tryouts

Tryout clinics for 2000-2001 Plymouth Canton Chieftettes pom-pom squad will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Canton HS gym. When the clinics are completed, potential squad members will individually tryout at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Tryout packets are available in Canton HS offices and all middle schools. There is a mandatory informational meeting for all potential Chieftettes and their parents at 7 p.m. Monday in the Canton HS Phase III choir room.

Middle school champs

Winners were crowned at the Middle School City Wrestling Championships, and it appears the wrestling class, taught by Plymouth Canton coach John Demick, together with the attention the sport is given in physical education classes taught by Mark LaPointe and Dan Abraham, is reaping dividends.

"Either I'm getting better at teaching this, with the assistance of future coach John Pocock, or we have a batch of super-talented athletes that took the class this year," said Demick.

First-place winners at the city championships were: at 97 pounds, Zachary Vaughn; 109, Joe Lorenz; 113, Steve Hosey; 117, Eric Mills; 121, Mike Priebe; 150, Richard Demick; 170, Dustin Steiner; heavy-weight, Thom Taylor.

Other place-winners were Mike Dendinos, Justin Chizek, Erik McKee, Jeremy Due Quang, Kyle Smart, John Potter, Matt Priebe, Jacob Conner, Mike Gifford, Adam Pitt, Jacob Larry, John Smart and Chris Pocock.

YMCA Annual Run

The Plymouth YMCA's 21st Annual Run is scheduled for Father's Day, June 18, and it will be a full day of fun and competitive events for all ages.

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

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

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

Baseball tournament

The Great Lakes Memorial Classic Boys Baseball Tournament, a USSSA World Series Qualifier, is scheduled for May 26-28 at the Canton Softball Center.

The round-robin format with a four-game guarantee will be in four age divisions: 11-and-under, 12-and-under, 13-and-under and 14-and-under. Entry fee is \$325 per team.

For further information, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 724-1981, or e-mail him at wilkk@ix.netcom.com.

Baseball qualifier

The Super Series Baseball of America Boys Tournament will be June 30-July 2 at various sites in Canton and Novi. The tournament serves as a qualifier for the Super Series Baseball of America National Tournament.

There will be four age divisions featured. Entry cost for the 11-and-under and 12-and-under divisions is \$280, with a three-game guarantee; entry cost for the 13-and-under and 14-and-under divisions is \$325, with a four-game guarantee.

For further information, contact Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 724-1981, or e-mail him at wilkk@ix.netcom.com.

Chiefs' boosters meet

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 in Room 165 at Canton HS.

Parents of all football players, and parents of incoming freshmen who plan to play football, are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Paul Szejewski at (734) 453-0985.

Victory at last

Salem snaps Canton's victory streak

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Don't think this match doesn't mean a lot.

It did to Plymouth Salem. The Rocks, for the first time in three years, managed to outshoot cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton 201-209 in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls golf match Wednesday at St. John's Golf Course.

The win elevated Salem's WLAA dual record to 2-1; the Chiefs are 1-3. "I'll tell you how excited they were," said Salem coach Rick Wilson.

"(Wednesday) night they went out and painted the Rock."

It is a time-honored tradition. When a Salem team beats a Canton team, the rather large rock in front of the school is re-decorated. This latest version includes a team slogan: Chix with Stix.

Against Canton Wednesday, the Rocks certainly swung some pretty solid sticks. "We were pleased, obviously," said Wilson. "It was our lowest score of the year."

They managed it with their top gun, senior Angie Jones, experiencing a bit of an off-day. Jones' 55 didn't count in Salem's total.

Kim Tamme shared medalist honors with Canton's Christine Slupek, each with a 48. Other Salem scorers were Kelly Tamme, a 49; Danielle March, a 51; and Molly Hedges, a 53. Katie McKinley added a 56.

Although it wasn't a winning score, the number posted by Canton was one of its best of the season as well. The Chiefs other scorers were Julie Dziekan, 51; and Meghan Stewart and Meghan Depp, both at 55. Jessica Pondell added a 57 and Katie Herbeck shot a 60.

"They were pleased to win," added Wilson. "It's been a couple of years since we've beaten Canton, and for the seniors, it was a big thing."

On Thursday, both Canton and Salem competed in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational, played at the University of Michigan Golf Course.

It was, as Wilson described it, an experience for golfers on both teams.

"It's really a stern test of golf," the Salem coach explained. "There's a lot of water and a lot of sand, and there's big greens with lots of undulations."

Grosche II, the defending state runner-up in Division III and state champ in Class B-C-D the three previous years, won the title with a 336 total, led by medalist Sarah Martin's 80.

Salem shot a 427 to finish back in the pack at the 19-team tournament. Jones' 102 paced the Rocks; Kelly Tamme shot a 104, Kim Tamme had a 106 and Jenny Schwan fired a 116. Other scorers were Hedges with a 123 and March with a 129.

Canton carded a 457. Dziekan's 102



Nothing easy: Kim Tamme (left) was challenged by this hazzard, but managed to blast her way out to lead Salem to a dual-meet win over Canton Wednesday. Tamme shot a 48.



Team leader: Christine Slupek led Canton with a 48, earning her co-medalist honors.

was best among the Chiefs, followed by Pondell's 117. Slupek's 118 and Depp's 120. Stewart added a 123 and Herbeck had a 127.

Salem has three WLAA home matches next week, playing Livonia Stevenson Monday, Livonia Churchill Wednesday and Westland John Glenn Friday. All three are at St. John's.

Canton plays at the Pinckney Tournament Monday, then hosts WLAA rival Stevenson Tuesday at Hilltop before meeting John Glenn Wednesday on the Rockets' home course.

Fitzgerald lifts Whalers in OT



Defense? Did somebody say something about defense?

It wasn't in total absence when the Ontario Hockey League Championship Final, between the Plymouth Whalers and the Barrie (Ont.) Colts, opened Thursday in

Barrie. But defense definitely wasn't the rule in this nail-biter.

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

The best-of-seven-games series now comes to Ply-

mouth for Games Two (7 p.m. today) and Three (7:30 p.m. Monday).

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

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

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

Eric Gooldy, one of the aforementioned veterans, opened the scoring for Plymouth with a goal at 7:11

of the second period. Kris Vernarsky and Fitzgerald assisted.

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

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

Three goals scored in the first 7 1/2 minutes of the third period, two of them by Barrie, made it a

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Spartans can't challenge Rocks

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If Livonia Stevenson was going to catch Plymouth Salem's juggernaut of a girls track team, this would have been the time to do it.

It wasn't. Both the Spartans and the Rocks, the Western Lakes Activities Association two powerhouses, were trying to shake off the effects of a 15-day spring vacation layoff when they met Thursday in a pivotal dual meet at Salem.

Stevenson did have a slight advantage. The Spartans had competed in the Warren DeLaSalle Invitational last Saturday, although their coach, Paul Holmberg, said it was a "skeleton crew" of a team he took to that invitational.

In the final analysis, emotion was enough to boost both teams over the effects of the abnormally long layoff — and, with that element favoring neither side, talent did rule. And Salem had more of it, winning 76-61.

"I was very excited with the way we performed before Easter, and this was a nice way to start coming back,"

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said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "It was a long (break), longer than I ever want to go again — 15 days."

"We tried to do a lot of constructive things in practice, and we even had an intra-squad meet. I was afraid (coming into the meet), afraid we'd do something like drop a baton. But we didn't."

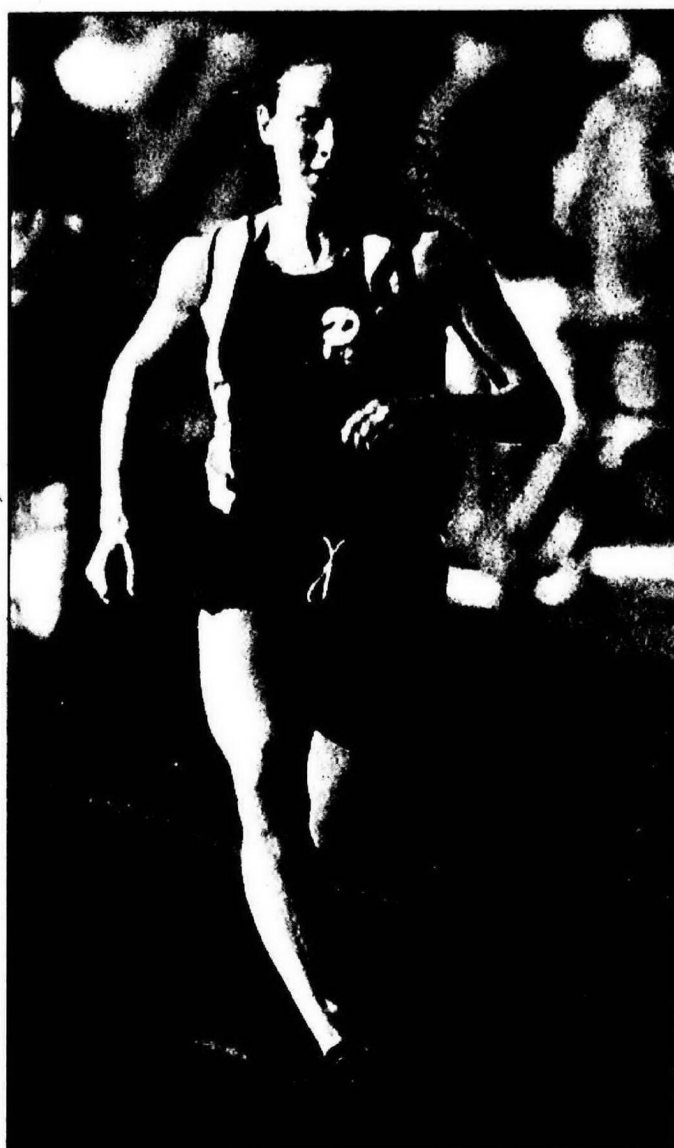
Gregor was impressed by the commitment shown by the vast majority of his athletes. Of the 71 on the team, 57 showed up for workouts during the off week.

It showed during the Stevenson meet, although Gregor thought "both teams were excited."

The difference? "We had some real good field events and sprints, and that carried us through," said Gregor.

Stevenson's Holmberg agreed. "I had seen their speed before," he said. "Our sprinters ran their best times of the year, and we didn't score a point (in the sprints)."

"They would have had to have an off-day and we



Leading the way: Rachel Jones won both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes for Salem in its dual meet win over Stevenson.

BASEBALL

Salem clubs John Glenn; Canton rolls

Steve Gordon ripped Westland John Glenn with three run-producing singles, enabling Plymouth Salem to battle back for a 9-4 triumph in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division baseball game Friday at Salem.

The victory pushed the Rocks' record to 6-9 overall, 4-3 in the WLAA and 3-1 in the Lakes Division. Glenn is 5-12 overall, 0-4 in the division.

Chris Trott got the win with three innings of scoreless relief pitching, allowing just two hits and walking four, with four strikeouts. He's 2-0 for the season.

Mike Thackberry started but the Rockets scored four runs in two innings off of him. Jeff Mitchell started and took the loss for Glenn.

Gordon went 3-for-3 for Salem, supplying a one-run single in the first, a one-run single in the Rocks' three-run fourth, and a two-run single in their four-run fifth.

Ian Winter added two hits, including a double, and an RBI, and Chad Goetie had a double and an RBI, scoring two runs.

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Canton still atop division; Rocks struggle

Break? What break?
Plymouth Canton's boys track team showed no ill effects from the 15-day spring-break layoff in disposing of Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival Livonia Churchill, 88-48, Thursday at Canton.

"They were focused," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We told 'em, 'If you're going to be gone, you'd better be ready to get back at it.' They bought into it."

The Chiefs improved to 3-1 overall, 3-0 in the division. Churchill is 2-2 overall, 1-2 in the division.

Canton was bolstered by the performances of three double-winners in individual events. Jordan Chapman won both the high jump (6-feet, 4-inches) and pole vault (13-5), the latter a new school record, breaking the previous mark of 13-4 set by Jim Mack in 1975.

Chris Kalis ruled in the hurdles, winning at 110-meters (15.2) and at 300-meters (41.3). Jamie Bonner was the Chiefs third double-winner, posting personal bests in capturing both the 100 (11.1) and 200 (23.2).

Canton also got individual wins from Ugo Okwumabua in the long jump (52.1), Jack Tucci in the 400 (52.1) and Jerry Gaines in the 800 (2:07.2).

The Chiefs also swept the

Relays

Bonner, Nate Howe, Gary Lee and Mike Parker won the 4x100 (46.1); K.J. Singh, Howe, Bonner and Parker were first in the 4x200 (1:34.7); Doug Kurth, Brian Page, Tucci and Aaron LaBeau captured the 4x400 (3:39.8); and Page, Aaron Schmidt, Tony Mize and Gaines were winners in the 4x800 (8:43.1).

Canton hosts Walled Lake Western Thursday, then travels to the Troy Athens Relays Saturday.

Stevenson sinks Salem

This should have been a tighter meet, but Livonia Stevenson's sweep of the four relays lifted the Spartans past Plymouth Salem 78 2/3-58 1/3 Thursday at Stevenson.

The win boosted Stevenson's dual-meet record to 4-1 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Salem is 2-2 overall, 1-2 in the Lakes.

Salem coach Geoff Baker wouldn't blame the long spring layoff (two weeks) as the reason for the Rocks' lackluster performance.

"Everyone else was going through the same thing we were," he said. "It's not like we

were alone.
"Our sprinters aren't turning it over right now. I am frustrated — I don't know what it is. We've just got to get through it."

Salem won all five of the field events, getting two firsts from Mark Snyder, in the shot put (50-1/2) and discus (132.9). Gabe Coble won the long jump (19-3 1/4), Ryan Silva was first in the high jump (5-8) and Greg Kubitski took the pole vault (10-6).

After that, however, Stevenson dominated. The Rocks only other wins came from Pat Johnson in the 100-meter dash (12.13), Manvir Gill in the 1,600 (4:45.0) and Donnie Warner in the 3,200 (10:22.2).

Salem runs at Walled Lake Central Thursday and at Ann Arbor Huron's River Rat Relays Saturday.

Pirate Relays

Plymouth Canton got some impressive performances from its freshmen and sophomores at last Saturday's (April 30) Pirate Relays, hosted by Pinckney HS specifically for ninth and 10th graders.

The Chiefs had one first-place finish and two seconds. The win came from Ricky Singh, Rich Wilson and Pawel Paszkowski in the shuttle hurdles (1:06.9).

Ken Page and Wilson com-



Twice a winner: Plymouth Canton's Jordan Chapman collected two wins in the Chiefs' dual meet against Livonia Churchill, in the high jump and a record-setting performance in the pole vault.

bined for a second in the long jump relay (35-8 1/2), and Singh was second in the open 300 hurdles (43.5).

Tony Mize, Ross O'Hara, Patt Pruitt and Brandon McClellan

took third in the 3,200 relay (9:08.2); Mize, Singh, Casey Maloney and O'Hara were third in the distance medley (12:02.7); and Page, Singh, Corey Walsler and Jon Craighead placed third

in the 1,600 relay (3:45.8).

Sean Conlen, Dave Lenz, Brian Frawley and Marty Smith finished fourth in the thrower's relay (55.3).

Canton placed sixth out of

Stewart ignites Chiefs

Plymouth Canton pitcher Laura Stewart fanned 15 batters Friday as Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division girls softball leader defeated Livonia Franklin, 3-1.

Canton is 4-0 in the division, while Franklin drops to 0-4. The Patriots are 6-6 overall.

Stewart's no-hit and shutout bid was foiled in the seventh inning as Jenny D'Annunzio singled with two-out, stole second and scored on Rachel Bramlett's single.

Canton got a pair of runs in the fifth inning on two Patriot errors and a wild pitch.

Brianna McNicholas scored on a wild pitch and Jenna Perino came home on a fielders choice. Angie Neu, who had both Canton hits, made it 3-0 in the sixth when she singled, swiped a pair of bases and scored on wild pitch.

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Losing pitcher Tara Muchow also worked all seven innings, fanning nine and walking four.

Ladywood 6-2, Mercy 4-5: Livonia Ladywood (4-10, 3-5) handed state-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy (13-2, 7-1) its first Catholic League Central Division loss of the season, 6-4 in the opener, as sophomore catcher Meghan Wilkenson had a pair of triples, double and four RBI.

Mercy came back to win the nightcap, 5-2, on Alex Duda's two-run triple which broke a 2-2 deadlock in the sixth inning.

Ladywood freshman Shawn Fallon (2-5), who worked the first six innings before giving way to Shelly Moros, was the winning pitcher in the opener.

She gave up four hits, five walks and hit two batters.

Erin Howard, who went the distance for Mercy, took the loss. She struck out three, while allowing 11 hits and one walk.

Patty Kolinski added two hits for Ladywood, while Kathy Day and Cathie Rospieski each knocked in runs.

Mercy hurler Megan Fediuk won the nightcap as she scattered nine hits and one walk over seven innings. She struck out seven.

Moros (2-5), the losing pitcher went five innings, allowing nine hits.

Krystal Shina and Carrie Brankiewicz each had two hits for the victorious Marlins.

Fallon had two hits, including a triple, to lead the Blazers. Wilkenson contributed an RBI double, while Rospieski had an RBI single.

Canton holds off Seaholm

Anne Morrell managed to withstand the rough play of Birmingham Seaholm's defenders for a half, anyway. After that, her Plymouth Canton teammates had to hold off the Maples to post a 3-2 non-league soccer victory Friday at Canton.

Morrell scored three first-half goals to stake the Chiefs to a 3-0 halftime lead. Stephanie Johnson assisted on one of them; the other two came on penalty kicks, awarded when she was knocked down in the penalty area.

With three minutes left in the first half, Morrell left the game with an injury to her ribs. It wasn't expected to be serious, but she was kept out of the second half.

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Seaholm made it interesting by scoring twice in the second half. Jill Bennis accounted for both Maple goals, the second coming with 13 minutes left.

Canton keeper Amy Dorogi, however, kept Seaholm off the board the rest of the way.

Salem 2, N. Farmington 0: Plymouth Salem remained unbeaten with a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division win at North Farmington Wednesday.

The Rocks are 9-0-1 overall, 3-0-1 in the Lakes. North, through

Friday, was 8-4 overall, 3-4 in the WLAA and 0-2 in the Lakes.

Jenny Fisher and Anna Moniodis accounted for Salem goals.

Canton 8, Farmington 0: Anne Morrell scored four goals and Stephanie Johnson got two more to catapult Plymouth Canton past Farmington in a match played at Canton.

Morrell also had an assist and Johnson had two. The Chiefs led 5-0 at the half.

Kara Marsh and Amanda Lentz each had a goal and an assist for Canton. Allison Mills and Erica Ahrens got assists.

Amy Dorogi and Briana Roy Wolcott divided time in goal.

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would have had to have a day even better than this to win."

Not that Holmberg was disappointed with his team's showing. Not at all. "I was very encouraged by today's performance," he said.

But Salem got rolling in the field events, winning four of five — Autumn Hicks tied Stevenson's Angela Alfonsi in the high jump at 5-feet, but Alfonsi won, due to fewer misses — and just kept it going.

Tiffany Grubaugh was her usual dominant self in winning both the discus (129.6) and shot put (39-1/2). Jessica Shamberger was first in the long jump (16-2) and sophomore Jenny Jodlick was a bit of a surprise winner in the pole vault (8-0).

The two teams split in the hurdles, Aisha Chappell taking the 100-meters (16.4) and Cassie Ehlerdt winning the 300s (47.5).

In the sprints, Salem ruled with Rachel Jones capturing both the 100 (12.8) and 200 (26.8). Hicks was a winner in the

400 (1:00.7).

Stevenson's Andrea Parker won the 800 (2:31.7) and 1,600 (5:40.1), and the Spartans' Heather Vandette finished first in the 3,200 (12:32.6).

The two teams split in the relays. Salem won the 4x100 (51.2), with Michelle Bonior, Celena Davis, Shamberger and Jones, and the 4x200 (1:48.3), with Hicks, Davis, Brynne DeNeen and Jones.

Stevenson's Tessa Tarole, Tara Tarole, Vandette and Parker were best in the 4x800 (10:19.9), and Erin Mazzoni, Meredith Kinkead, Ehlerdt and Parker won the 4x400 (4:21.9).

Salem improved to 3-0 in WLAA dual meets, 2-0 in WLAA Lakes Division duals. Stevenson is 2-1 in the WLAA, 1-1 in the Lakes.

The Rocks travel to Westland John Glenn for a make up WLAA dual meet Tuesday, then return home to host Walled Lake Central Thursday.

Churchill stops Canton

Plymouth Canton was limited to five first-place finishes in 17 events as Livonia Churchill rolled to a 91-46 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division dual meet Thursday at Churchill.

Amy Driscoll accounted for two of the Chiefs' four individual wins and teamed with Elizabeth Lanning, Tekla Bude and Meredith Fox to capture the 4x200-meter relay (1:54.2).

Driscoll was first in the high jump (5-feet, 1-inch) and long jump (16-7 1/2).

Canton's other wins came from Fox in the 100 (13.4) Jessica Levely in the 400 (1:04.9).

"This season is flying by, with regionals and conferences right around the corner," noted Canton coach John Venning, his team now 1-3 in the WLAA and 1-2 in the Western Division. "I'm confident the girls will give a 100 percent plus effort the rest of the way."

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Observer gymnasts: Rising stars

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



Liz Fitzgerald
Plymouth Canton

Nicole Simonian

Farmington's trio of gymnasts includes sophomore Kristin Ulewicz and freshman Clara Seymour. Plymouth Canton junior Amy Driscoll and Plymouth Salem freshman Bethany Bartlett rounds out the elite squad.

ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

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

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

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

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

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

"When the pressure was on, she handled it well and kept up with the competition."

Chelsea Keesling, Farmington United: Keesling is a two-time state qualifier and one of the top gymnasts in the WLAA.

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

second on bars, sixth on beam and fourth on floor.

At the state finals, Keesling was 19th in all-around competition. She was 15th on floor, 17th on beam, 20th on vault and 31st on bars.

She also set a Farmington Harrison school record with a 37.10 all-around score during the season.

"Chelsea made a name for herself last year, and she did the same things she did last year," Dwyer said. "Nobody is surprised by it any more."

"She expects to hit nines in each event, and she does meet after meet. It's easy to take what she does for granted, because she's so good and she always rises to the occasion."

"At the state meet, I think she just got beat up a little. She had a back problem, and her body was really hurting this year."

"But meet after meet she had the ability to get over her pain and compete. That's what I mean about her being a tough competitor."

Kristin Ulewicz, Farmington United: Ulewicz tied for fifth place on the balance beam in the Division 2 state meet with a 9.2 score. She also qualified in floor exercise.

"She was one of our most consistent gymnasts last year, and she just picked up where she left off last year," Dwyer said. "Her consistency is reflected in her balance beam. This was the second year in a row she qualified for state individually."

"I don't think she could get a higher score with her routine, as far as the difficulty. She had a near-perfect routine, and that's why she was fifth in the state."

Ulewicz performed on bars for the first time this year, and Dwyer looks forward to bigger and better things from her in the next two years.

The sophomore averaged nines on beam and floor, she scored in the mids eights on vault, she

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

HONORABLE MENTION
Farmington: Jenny Galbraith, Natalie Olesko, Nicole White; Canton: Kristin Schilk, Maggie Bett; Salem: April Aquinto, Kelsey Ensr, Ashley Heard; Glenn: Kristen Costantino, Julie Costillio, Sarah Verhines.

high sevens to low eights on bars.

"The next two years she can really start to show she's one of the top Division 2 gymnasts," Dwyer said. "Kristin makes the sport look easy, and that's what helps in her scores. She's very artistic when she performs."

Clara Seymour, Farmington United: With a background in club gymnastics, Seymour had an immediate impact at the high school level and instantly became one of Farmington's top gymnasts.

Seymour's best event is bars, she set a Farmington High record in that event with a 9.4 and all-around with a 36.80.

The Division 1 freshman gymnast was 17th as an all-arounder at the state meet. She was 14th on beam, 22nd on floor and 23rd on bars and vault. In the WLAA Lakes Division, she had the best season average on bars.

"She did what Chelsea did last year," Dwyer said. "She opened a few eyes around the league and state."

"She likes to win as a team and individual. At the end of the state meet, she didn't place and one of the first comments she made was 'OK, I need to get a double twist on floor. I need to do a straddle back to hands on bars.' She was already thinking about what she needed for next year."

"One of the nicest things about

Chelsea and Clara is they're club girls who didn't come in and just look out for themselves, because they weren't used to the team concept."

"Clara is very team oriented, though she comes from a club. We're starting to build a team tradition at Farmington and that's what it takes."

Liz Fitzgerald, Plymouth Canton: A senior, Fitzgerald reached All-American standards in all four events and with her all-around score to help cap a superb tenure at Canton.

"She's had a very good career," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Probably her only disappointment was that she wasn't elected as team captain. But she does so much with the marching band, she didn't get to join the team in time (for the vote)."

"She deserved (the captaincy). She's a team leader, the anchor who could be depended on for consistent high scores. She never had a bad meet."

Fitzgerald tied her best all-around score of the season at the state finals: a 36.10 that put her seventh in Division II. She was fourth at state on the bars (9.1), sixth on vault (9.15), ninth on floor exercise (9.15) and 19th in beam (8.7).

At the state regional, Fitzgerald won the Division II all-around with a 35.7 score. She also placed first in the beam (9.15) and was third on floor (9.15), seventh on bars (8.75) and 12th on vault (8.65).

Bethany Bartlett, Plymouth Salem: Bartlett makes the future look bright for Salem gymnastics.

A freshman, she was easily the best the Rocks had. Their only state qualifier, Bartlett competed in three events in Division I. Her best finish came in the vault, she scored 9.2 to tie for 13th.

She also had an 8.5 in floor and a 7.8 in bars. At the state regional meet, Bartlett narrowly missed making the cut for state meet in the Division I all-



Bethany Bartlett
Plymouth Salem



Amy Driscoll
Plymouth Canton



Nicole Simonian
Westland John Glenn



Chelsea Keesling
Farmington United



Kristin Ulewicz
Farmington United



Clara Seymour
Farmington United

around, scoring 35.375, the sixth (and final) qualifying score was 35.575.

Her best scores of the season were 9.2 in vault (at the regionals and at the Pinckney Invitational), 9.25 in bars (at the WLAA finals), 9.3 in beam (at the Brighton Invitational), and 9.35 in floor in the Canton dual meet. Her best all-around mark of 36.50 came at the Northville/Novi dual.

Her best event is another matter. "I can't pinpoint just one event she was good on," said Salem coach Melissa Hopson. "She was good on everything."

"She's very serious, she's very determined, and she's dedicated to gymnastics."

Her work with her club team this summer should make Bartlett even more formidable as a sophomore.

Amy Driscoll, Plymouth Canton: A junior, Driscoll reached All-American standards in four of five events, including the all-around — in which she qualified for state meet.

Competing in Division II at her first state finals, Driscoll finished third in the bars with a 9.2 and tied for 15th on floor with a 9.1, and took 17th in the all-around with a 34.8.

Her performance at the state regionals was even more impressive. Driscoll was second in the all-around with a 35.65, winning the vault (9.15) and bars (9.05), and placing second in floor (9.25).

Indeed, Driscoll's biggest foe throughout her prep career has been injuries. She had a bad ankle sprain that limited her at state meet as a freshman and a broken hand sidelined her last year.

"She would have made it to state both years without question," said Cunningham. "She has state championship potential in any event."

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- SHOT PUT**
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 51.6
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 51.4 3/4
Mark Snyder (Salem) 50.1 2
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 46.3
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 46.1
Asa Hensley (Canton) 45.10
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 44.9
Jeff Dueweke (Redford CC) 43.9
Adam Abels (Garden City) 43.8 1/2
Brad Arsenault (Stevenson) 43.4
- DISCUS**
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 150.7
Charlie Rozum (Redford CC) 147.9
Nate Meckes (Lutheran Westland) 145.1
Brad Person (Harrison) 144.7
Jeff Dueweke (Redford CC) 141.5
Mark Snyder (Salem) 139.8
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 137.1
Asa Hensley (Canton) 131.9
Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 131.4
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 129.11
- HIGH JUMP**
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6.6
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 6.5
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6.2
Chris Kalis (Canton) 6.2
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 6.2
P. J. Woodman (Plymouth Christian) 6.0
Ryan Silva (Salem) 6.0
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 6.0
Brad Person (Harrison) 6.0
Paul Karoljak (Churchill) 6.0
- LONG JUMP**
Eric Scott (Churchill) 21.4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20.11 1/2
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 20.10
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Michael Rashad (Wayne) 20.2 1/2
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Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 14.2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 13.5
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 12.6
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Justin Shafer (Harrison) 11.0
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- 110-METER HURDLES**
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.5
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 15.2
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Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.3
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- 300-METER HURDLES**
Nick Hall (Harrison) 41.2
Chris Kalis (Canton) 41.2
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 41.2
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.2
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 42.3
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 42.4
Ricky Singh (Canton) 42.5
Kyle Metzger (N. Farmington) 42.8
Nick Doherty (Luth. Westland) 42.8
- 100-METER DASH**
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 10.9
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.0
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 11.1
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.1
Jeremy Mazes (Farmington) 11.1

- 200-METER DASH**
Agim Shabab (Harrison) 22.4
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 22.9
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 23.1
Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.2
Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.2
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 23.3
K. J. Singh (Canton) 23.3
Chris Roberson (Harrison) 23.3
Mike Parker (Canton) 23.3
- 400-METER DASH**
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 49.6
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.9
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.5
Jack Tucci (Canton) 52.1
Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 52.7
Dave Novara (Stevenson) 52.9
Justin Combs (Lutheran Westland) 53.0
Ryan Kracht (Franklin) 53.2
Matt Markowicz (Redford CC) 53.5
- 800-METER RUN**
Steve Keskemeti (Stevenson) 2:01.8
Ryan Gali (Churchill) 2:04.0
Robert Tymowski (Redford CC) 2:05.1
Jeff Haller (Redford CC) 2:05.2
Brian Hor (N. Farmington) 2:05.7
Charlie Stamboulan (N. Farmington) 2:07.0
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 2:07.2
Donnie Warner (Salem) 2:07.8
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:08.0
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:08.5
- 1,600-METER RUN**
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:33.9
Charlie Stamboulan (N. Farmington) 4:38.7

- 3,200-METER RUN**
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 9:35.0
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 9:51.0
Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:13.4
Eric Travis (Stevenson) 10:13.9
Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:22.2
Doug Gibbons (Redford CC) 10:24.3
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:25.0
Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:31.0
Scott Gillen (Canton) 10:38.8
- 400-METER RELAY**
Farmington Harrison 43.7
Farmington 43.9
Plymouth Canton 44.9
North Farmington 45.2
Garden City 45.6
- 800-METER RELAY**
Farmington Harrison 1:31.6
Farmington 1:31.7
North Farmington 1:33.8
Plymouth Canton 1:33.9
Livonia Stevenson 1:34.0
- 1,600-METER RELAY**
Plymouth Canton 3:27.9
North Farmington 3:29.9
Livonia Franklin 3:33.1
North Farmington 3:34.4
Livonia Churchill 3:36.0
- 3,200-METER RELAY**
Redford Catholic Central 8:20.4
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A 2nd flurry

CC's splurge buries Stevenson

One inning was all it took for Redford Catholic Central to beat Livonia Stevenson in a non-league boys baseball game Thursday.

The Shamrocks scored six runs and had all seven hits in the second inning as they nipped Livonia Stevenson, 6-4.

On Wednesday, CC lost the opener of a doubleheader to Warren DeLaSalle, 4-3, but came back in the second game to earn a 6-4 win over the Pilots.

"You don't see something like that too often, where you get everything in one inning," said CC coach John Salter. "They changed pitchers and he shut us down the rest of the way."

All six runs were charged to Stevenson starter Joe McCrohan, while Tim Oliver gave up just a walk and a hit, batter in the last four innings.

Sean Mahoney opened the rally with a bases-loaded double to score two runs, then Ryan Rogowski had another double to score two more. Brian Williams singled home Rogowski, then John Hill singled Williams home. Brad Buckler went 2-for-3 with a double for Stevenson.

Dave Tovey (2-0) earned the win for CC (14-5), with three hits, no walks and two strikeouts in four innings, while Adam Kline earned the save despite giving up two runs in the seventh.

Against the Pilots, CC had chances to win the opener but didn't help its cause by stranding eight runners.

"Still, it was a good pitchers' battle between Kevin Entsminger and LaSalle's John Kowalski, who beat us 10-0 at out place," said Salter as the Shamrocks moved to 7-4 in the

BASEBALL

Central Division. "We had chances to score, but couldn't get them home."

Entsminger (2-2) took the loss, going the distance with seven strikeouts, six hits and eight walks — the final one with the bases loaded in the seventh inning to score the game winner for the Pilots. Rogowski helped CC at the plate by going 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored, while Kline was 3-for-3 with a run scored.

CC rebounded in the second game, scoring five runs in the last two innings for the win.

"We were three outs from being swept," said Salter. "Then Wadowski led off the seventh with a homer, Matt Loridas walked and Rogowski wound up scoring him on a single for our first lead all day."

Tovey wound up singling home Rogowski for an insurance run and went 2-for-4 with a walk in the game, while Rogowski was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Tovey got the win in relief of Rogowski, who had gone the first five innings, while Andy Smith struck out the side in the seventh inning to earn the save.

Churchill 7, Harrison 4: Livonia Churchill (7-8, 2-3) unloaded for 13 hits in a victory over WLAA-Western Division leader Farmington Hills Harrison (7-1, 3-1).

The Chargers trailed 4-2 after four innings, but exploded for four runs in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Josh Odum led the Churchill hit parade, going 3-for-4 with two RBI. Brad Bescoe, Tim

Greenleaf, Rob Wilson and Paul Mercier each went 2-for-4.

Bescoe, who pitched 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief of Mercier, the starter, struck out three and did not walk a batter. He allowed one hit. He also drove in two runs.

Greenleaf and Mercier also had RBI.

Brad Hocking went 2-for-3 to lead Harrison.

Tim Doig, the Harrison starter, lasted 4 1/3 innings.

Stevenson 8, W.L. Central 6: Brad Buckler on the mound was a sight for sore eyes as far as Livonia Stevenson baseball coach Harry Weingarden was concerned.

Buckler, a senior three-sport athlete coming off a minor knee surgery during the off-season, made his first pitching appearance Friday and got the decision as the host Spartans stayed atop of the Lakes Division of the WLAA with a win over visiting Walled Lake Central.

Stevenson is 6-5 overall and 4-0 in the Lakes. Central slips to 5-10 and 2-2.

Buckler struck out eight, scattered six hits and did not walk a batter in five innings. He gave up four runs, including a 3-run homer in the third inning to losing pitcher Dennis Kinderman, who went 4-for-4 on the day.

"Brad threw well and threw hard," Weingarden said. "He's our inspirational leader. He brings electricity to the team. He gave us a big boost."

Offensively, Pete Pinto went 3-for-3 with an RBI. Ronnie Williams added two hits and three RBI, while Gary Zielke went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Baseball from page B1

Canton 12, Franklin 1: The offense was in high gear Friday for Plymouth Canton, which used a three-run sixth to claim a six-run mercy victory over host Livonia Franklin.

The Chiefs improved to 11-4 overall, 6-1 in the WLAA and 3-1 in the Western Division. Franklin is 3-8 overall, 1-4 in the Western.

Jim Wisniewski and Oliver Wolcott each had solo home runs to propel Canton. Wolcott finished with three hits and three runs scored. Wisniewski also had three hits, including a triple. Jon Johnson added two hits and an RBI, and Jason Evans had a two-run single in the sixth and totaled three RBI for the game.

Johnson was the winning pitcher, improving to 5-1 for the season; he allowed seven hits and no walks, striking out six. Chris Hall took the loss.

Canton 13, N. Farmington 5: Jason Evans powered a two-run homer in the sixth inning and added two other hits, driving in

three runs and scoring two more in the Chiefs' WLAA triumph Wednesday at North Farmington.

Mark Hanson got the win, pitching the first four innings and giving up four earned runs on four hits and six walks, striking out four. Brent Vasher worked the final three innings, limiting North to one earned run on one hit and two walks, striking out four.

Bryan Kay contributed four hits, including a triple, two RBI and three runs scored for the Chiefs. Jim Wisniewski added two hits and two RBI. Jon Johnson had two hits, one of them a double, and scored two runs. Jay Solen had three hits. Oliver Wolcott had a hit and two RBI, and Jim Reddy chipped in with a hit and two runs scored.

Harrison 5, Salem 4: A run-scoring single by Brad Hocking in the fifth inning delivered the game-winning run for Farmington Harrison Wednesday at Plymouth Salem.

The Rocks had a 4-3 lead going

into the fifth, but a combination of two errors, two walks, two steals, a sacrifice and a hit resulted in two runs for the Hawks.

Neither team mounted much of an offense. Salem had four hits. Harrison had three. Jason Lukask took the loss, giving up five runs (one earned) on two hits and eight walks, striking out eight. James Kay got the win for Harrison.

Jason Furr was an offensive sparkplug for the Rocks, collecting two hits — including a three-run home run in the fourth. He also scored twice.

Through Friday, Harrison was 7-1 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Agape 8, Life Summit Christian 3: Robert Hough spaced out four hits and struck out 14 Tuesday to lead Agape past Life Summit Christian at Griffin Park.

Hough also went 2-for-4 with two singles and an RBI while Paul Anleitner was 3-for-4 with two singles plus a double and four RBI and three stolen bases.

Agape is now 1-2.

Whalers from page B1

one-goal contest. Mike Jefferson accounted for both of the Colts' goals, the first at the 2:27 mark and the second, on the power play, at 7:27.

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

Barrie knotted it with 6:40 left in regulation. Mike Christian getting the key goal. The Colts continued to apply pressure around Whalers' goalie Rob Zepp

and very nearly scored in the final seconds of the third period, but Zepp stopped Sheldon Keeble, the OHL's regular-season scoring champ.

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

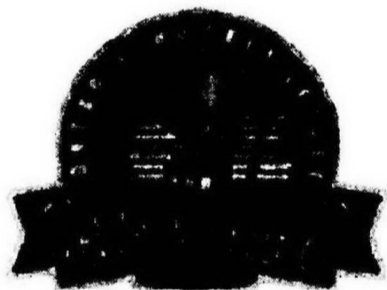
Fitzgerald and Goody both had two goals and two assists. Zepp made 29 saves for Plymouth. Finley had 25 for the Colts.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- Best of seven games
- **Game Two:** Barrie at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Sunday.
 - **Game Three:** Barrie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Monday.
 - **Game Four:** Plymouth at Barrie, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
 - **Game Five (if necessary):** Barrie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Friday (May 12).
 - **Game Six (if necessary):** Plymouth at Barrie, 6 p.m. Sunday (May 14).
 - **Game Seven (if necessary):** Barrie at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday (May 15).

All Whaler home games will be played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. The winner advances to the Memorial Cup Series.

OHL FINALS



Plymouth vs. Barrie

- GAME 2-SUNDAY, MAY 7 @ 7:00**
 - GAME 3-MONDAY, MAY 8 @ 7:30**
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RECREATION AND BOWLING

Wildflowers that are close to home

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Now is the time to walk through the woodlands. Sunlight penetrating the forest floor highlights the many wildflowers that will soon lose their blossoms. Old beech-maple forests have some of the best collections of wildflowers. Woodland Hills Preserve in Farmington Hills is a perfect example. In this woodlot just south of I-696 on the west side of Farmington road, there are carpets of trout lily or adders tongue. On the smooth shiny leaves are red-

dish wiggles that reminded botanists of the pattern found on a brook trout, hence the name trout lily. Only the larger leaves will produce a flower that will be yellow in most cases, but can be seen in white on occasion. Large flowered trillium are favorites of woodland walkers because they are so showy and ephemeral. Like most woodland wildflowers their blossoms die by the time the trees leaf out fully. But while they are blooming, the white of the bloom is like shiny white chalk. Red trillium are just about finished blooming. They bloom earlier than their white cousin. Hepatica also blooms with the red trillium. Often low to the ground, hepatica can easily go unnoticed, until the

electric blue of its bloom catches your eye. In the early morning, sunlight hits the fuzzy hairs on the stems and adds another delight to your visual experience. On slopes of rich woodlands there is an obscure flower that hides under its heart-shaped leaves. Wild ginger flowers rest on the ground beneath the leaves. Even when you lift the leaves to see the flower, its deep maroon color makes it difficult to see. Early pioneers sugared this plant's roots and ate it like a candy. Miller Woods in Plymouth, Rotary Park in Livonia, Bicentennial Park in Livonia, Hines Park in Westland and Heritage Park in Farmington Hills are just a few more places to visit within

the next couple weeks to see the woodland wildflowers. While you are looking down at the flowers, be sure to listen to the songs of migrating birds feeding overhead. You may hear the buzzing of the black-throated green warbler that sounds something like someone saying the word phrase, "Trees, trees, murmuring trees." Also, "cheese, cheese, limburger cheese." Another migrating warbler that has a distinctive song phrasing is the chestnut-sided warbler. Even with your eyes focused on the ground you may recognize the lightly raspy song that sounds something like, "Please, please, please to meet you Miss. Beecher." Concentrating most of their activities

on the ground are the thrushes. Most are a brown or gray-brown with dark brown spots on a white breast and belly. But even if you don't see them, their clear tones ring through the woodlands. Wood thrush have a flute like song that is reminiscent of the phrase "e-o-laaaayyy." Hermit thrush, Swainson's thrush and the veery are also woodland songsters that will accent your wildflower walk. Beautiful blue spring azure butterflies, metallic green tiger beetles and rusty orange angle wing butterflies will complement your visual and auditory woodland experience. Take advantage of this once a year experience before it ends.

CLASSES/CLINICS

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

DUCK & GOOSE CALLING
The West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department is offering a basic Duck & Goose Calling class on Mondays, beginning May 1 and lasting through May 22. The one-hour classes will be taught at Orchard Lake Middle School from 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40. Contact the West Bloomfield Schools Community Education Department at (248) 539-2290 for registration information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by

calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

DETROIT ARCHERS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
Open shoot hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call (313) 825-2110.

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

BASS TOURNAMENT
The 2000 Top Bass Tournament will be held at various sites throughout the summer months. The schedule is as follows: Saginaw Bay, May 27; Lake St. Helen, June 3; Wixom Lake, June 24; Sanford Lake, July 8; Wixom Lake, July 22; Lobdell Lake, Aug. 5; Lake St. Helen, Aug. 19; and Wixom Lake, Aug. 26-27. Guaranteed payoffs will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information.

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson

Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS
The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

NATURE PROGRAMS
Two nature programs will be conducted at the Nature Center of Stony Creek Metropark (near Rochester): "May Migrants" is scheduled for 8 a.m. Friday, May 12, where an interpreter will guide you in a search for warblers, vireos and flycatchers during an early morning walk. "An Adult Night Walk" follows on Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. Take a two-hour, two-mile leisurely walk (for adults only) through woods and meadows to learn about the sights and sounds of a spring evening. Pre-registration is required for both events. For more information or to register, contact the Nature Center at (810) 781-4621.

MOTHER'S DAY
Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester will be the site of the "Annual Mother's Day Walk-a-Mom" on Sunday, May 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Take mom for a walk on any of the trails. "Walk-A-Mom" certificates will be awarded, and moms receive a garden flower to plant. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 1-800-477-7756.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs

at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$25. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858 1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685 2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. fax information to (248) 644-1314.

After 30 years, perfection

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

The All-Star Bowlerettes league finished their season with an elimination match dubbed the Clover Cup on May 1 at Cloverlanes in Livonia. And during the heated competition, there were two 300 games and a 299. Pat Chall of Livonia registered her first perfect game after 30 years of bowling, having started out in the youth leagues at Southfield Bowl. She comes from a bowling family, both parents bowled as did all four kids. It was her brother, Mike, who mentored her along the way to becoming a very fine bowler. Chall used a brand new ball, the Brunswick Danger Zone 2000 and it worked to perfection for her. Mike Samardzija at K&S bowling Supply drilled it up for her. Pat now works as a sales assistant for Raymond James and Associates, a brokerage firm. When she's not bowling, Pat likes to play softball and is planning to take up golf this summer. She also bowls in the Suburban Lakes League at Drakeshire Lanes, the only woman in the league. Novella White of Detroit bowled the other 300 game of the day, and that put the icing on the cake for her as she was a vital part of the record setting team, Turbo 2-N-Lgrips/Remerica, which had set a new all-time high series for women a few weeks ago. Her team also captured the Clover Cup on this same night, defeating Geno's Pro Shop, 706-627, in a three-player format. Novella's teammate, Lisa McCurdy came close with a

299 game in the semifinal match.

It is now 25 years since the end of the war in Vietnam and Michigan is the only state without a Vietnam Memorial. There is now an organization formed to bring this idea to reality.

The Jaycees of Westland and Garden City will be having a "Bowling for the Brave" Bowl-A-Thon on Sunday, May 21 at Westland Bowling on Wayne Road. The event, limited to 300 bowlers, will raise funds for this very purpose. Minimum entry is \$15 and that includes food.

A site in Lansing has already been selected and the design has been approved. The Michigan Vietnam Memorial Foundation will build it when the necessary funds are raised.

The Bowl-A-Thon will go a long way to help get it started.

Each bowler participating can pick up a pledge sheet at Westland Bowl or call (734) 722-7570.

Prizes will be distributed to the top three fund-raisers with a minimum value of \$100.

Check-in will start at 11:30 a.m. and the event will begin at 1 p.m.



Pat Chall of Livonia tosses her first perfect game

There will be jackpots and mystery games, so let's all have fun bowling while we help preserve the memory of the brave men and women who fought in that war. Here is some good news from the ever changing array of new bowling balls to hit the market. Over the past several years new ball prices have been spiraling upward as each manufacturer tried to out-do each other at the top end. They all have had a wakeup call recently as Columbia 300 came up with some moderately priced balls that performed as well as many of the top priced balls. Other producers, seeing that Columbia could hardly make enough Messengers and Titanium Messengers to meet the demand, have focused to a lower price range. Most of these balls fall into about a \$125 to \$150 selling price including drilling at most local pro shops. Brunswick has the Battle Zones, Bullet and Missile, MVP Mike Auby and Vengeance in their Revolution line. From Ebonite, among the offerings are the Cat Line of Wildcat, Tiger, Puma and Panther. Meanwhile, Hammer now has the Spike. Storm recently came out with the Eraser in addition to Lightning Flash and Thunder Flash, while AMF hits the lanes with the Hawk and Track, Inc. has the Pearl Stomp. The reversal in pricing does not mean there will not be any more expensive balls. They are continuing to develop more balls in the high end at over \$200 which gives the customer so many other options.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

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| Merri Bowl (Livonia) Strikes & Spares: Dorothy Holzheter (April Bowler of the Month), 267/578; Joan Scheuer, 203; Arlene Woods, 203; Barb Dollase, 201; Judy Bishop, 202. | Genevieve Forbes, 223/569; Doug Brueggeman, 228/567; Rose Harrison, 201/535. |
| Cloverlanes (Livonia) Tuesday Seniors: Norm Kovala, 248/611; John Gonsior, 244/603; Floyd Halstead, 222/591; Reggie Budzik, 268-256/673; Tony Rye, 235/621; Ken McDaniel, 248-225/632; Tony Golchik, 247-241/676; Larry Slavin, 227/615; Dan Uller, 213/611. | Westland Champs: Candy Loschiavo, 243/652; Sunday Gams, 241/638; Cyndi Lombardi, 211/562; Mary Marvaso, 210/576; Susan Tkachuk, 209/500. |
| Friday Seniors: Roy Prater, 273-234/203/710; Joe Newton, 227-225-220/672; Leo Seib, 242/576; Bob Gorm, 209/618; Larry Trute, 223/554; Mary Bowman, 200/554. | Town 'n Country Lanes (Westland) Saturday Nite Mixed: Tiffany Harvey, 673. |
| Pizza Lanes (Plymouth) Pizza Men: Larry Minehart, Jr., 239-238-245/722; John Paz, 279-236-255/770; Don Potts, 257/709; Paul Portrey, 300; Ted Gish, 275/701. | WB Memorial: Jill Linden, 279/724. |
| Woodland Bowl St. Mel's Men: Scott Gytraszin, 234/681; John Piotrowski, 237/622; Jason Williams, 258/627; Mike Hatch, 287/586; Erik Hein, 246/590; Don Cook, 244/686. | 17th Annual Mach Memorial Youth Scholarship Tournament (Boys Division): Derek Paquin, 849 (\$1,000 scholarship); Steve Reitzel, 816 (\$500 scholarship); Girls Division: Laura Engebretson, 828 (\$1,000 scholarship); Amber Trongo, 722 (\$500 scholarship); Boys actual high game: Bill Collins, 267 and Danny LaRocca, 267. High actual series Bill Collins, 708. Girls actual high game and series: Amber Henn, 234/579. |
| MASCAR Ties: Brian Doddie, 246/593; Lou Swindell, 228/594; Dan Doddie, 226/646; Clyde Howarth, 221/603; Mike Souther, 204/526; Doug Eisey, 248/596; Holly Boucher, 201/537. | Garden Lanes (Garden City) St. Linus Classic: Mike Baldwin, 204-258-277/739; Larry Curtis, 243-235-215/693; Dennis Rocheleau, 240-228-215/692; Ron Latimer, 245-224-218/685; Gary Czajka, 237-213-233/683; Dave M. Bazner, 256-211-214/681; League Champions (Collision Services): Mike Baldwin, Scott Day, Jeff Martin, Dennis Rocheleau and Mark Gorno. High average was held by Dave M. Bazner with 213. |
| Monday 8:30 p.m. Mixed: Jeff Sopotowski, 266/750; Dino Makowski, 246/632; Frank Peika, 247/561; Lawrence Pydyn, 244/669; Mike Golchik, 244/619; Dale Nelson, 244; Mike Sopotowski, 238/596. | Country Lanes (Farmington) Greenfield Mixed: Debbie VanMeter, 277/643; Tony Varnas, 237-231-222/690; Chris Brugman, 248-246/694; Bill Weed, 232-222/643; Ryan Wilson, 254-227-228/709; League Champs (Team No. 3): Rich Nizza, Cheryl McDowell, Barbara Turner and Ron Turner; Doubles no-top winners (1st place): Tony Varnas and Pat Smith, 1273; 2nd place - Betty Cowell and Ryan Wilson, 1262. |
| Thursday Nite Mixed: Franklin Boner, 270/748; Candy Bailey, 245/605; Ken Forbes, 235/639; Larry Cyr, 230/542; | |

Following are the best Observerland track and field results. Coaches can fax updates to (734) 591-7279 or call (734) 953-2141.

SHOT PUT

Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 40.7
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 37.7 1/4
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 34.9
 Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 34.8 1/2
 Lisa Balko (Franklin) 34.3
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 33.3
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 32.10
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 32.0
 Kristen Rader (Churchill) 30.5 1/2
 Becky Loftus (Thurston) 30.3 1/2

DISCUS

Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143.6
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 122.1
 Judy Telford (Mercy) 121.10
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 109.0
 Meghan Kelley (Redford Union) 109.0
 Susan Dash (Lutheran Westland) 103.4
 Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 100.3
 Miranda White (Salem) 99.7
 Susan Hand (N. Farmington) 98.7
 Jenny Harb (Franklin) 98.4

HIGH JUMP

Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 5.5
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5.2
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 5.2
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 5.1
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5.1
 Angela Alfonsi (Stevenson) 5.1
 Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 5.1
 Krystal Dennis (St. Agatha) 5.0
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 5.0
 Angela Adams (John Glenn) 4.10
 Amanda Sales (Luth. Westland) 4.10
 Karen Kuszynski (Ladywood) 4.10
 Karen Abramczyk (Luth. Westland) 4.10
 Kelly Ward (Ladywood) 4.10
 Elizabeth Lanning (Canton) 4.10

LONG JUMP

Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16.7 1/2

Brynn DeNeen (Salem) 16.2 3/4
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 16.2
 Alexis Noel (Ladywood) 15.11
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.10 1/2
 Kristy Ramsey (Mercy) 15.8
 Heather Vargo (Ply. Christian) 15.8
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15.7 1/2
 Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 15.5 1/2
 Allison Diakow (Churchill) 15.5

POLE VAULT

Kim Wise (Garden City) 10.4
 Kari Cezat (Churchill) 9.6
 Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9.2
 Jane Peterman (Churchill) 9.0
 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8.6
 Nicole Simonian (John Glenn) 8.0
 Julietta Iarina (Harrison) 8.0
 Jenny Jedlicka (Salem) 8.0
 Kristen Schik (Canton) 7.6
 Abby Schrader (Stevenson) 7.6

100-METER HURDLES

LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.4
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 16.1
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 16.2
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 16.6
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300-METER HURDLES

Cassie Ehlerdt (Stevenson) 47.5
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 Colleen Bosman (Stevenson) 50.6
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 Mandy Hein (Churchill) 51.5
 Kristen Kukhahn (Salem) 52.3
 Anna Rolf (Lutheran Westland) 52.5
 Amanda Gardner (Harrison) 52.7

100-METER DASH

Brianna Watson (Ladywood) 12.6
 Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 12.7
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.8
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 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 13.1
 Celina Davis (Salem) 13.1
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 13.2
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 13.2
 Sierra Miller (Ladywood) 13.2
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200-METER DASH

Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 26.5
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 26.8
 Jane Peterman (Churchill) 27.2
 Kelly Carey (Ladywood) 27.3
 Sharia Felton (Redford Union) 27.5
 Celina Davis (Salem) 27.6
 Jessica Shamberger (Salem) 27.8
 Kristen Schik (Canton) 27.8
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 Melissa Lokken (Churchill) 27.8
 Dominique Whitner (Borgess) 27.8

400-METER DASH

Alexandria Marshall (Mercy) 1:00.2
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:00.7
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:02.6
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 1:04.1
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 1:04.1
 Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:04.2
 Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:04.3
 Jessica Levely (Canton) 1:04.9
 Mary Lou Liebau (Salem) 1:05.7
 Ria Hill (Harrison) 1:05.7
 Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:05.7

800-METER RUN

Andrea Doud (Ladywood) 2:29.0
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 2:31.7
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 2:31.8
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2:32.5
 Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 2:34.6

Susan Duncan (Churchill) 2:34.6
 Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 2:34.9
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:35.0
 Miranda White (Salem) 2:35.2
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 2:36.0

1,600-METER RUN

Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:33.5
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:34.0
 Tara Tarole (Stevenson) 5:36.2
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5:36.6
 Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 5:37.0
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 5:39.0
 Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 5:39.5
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:42.1
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5:42.4
 Tess Kuehne (Lutheran Westland) 5:42.9

3,200-METER RUN

Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 12:13.0
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 12:32.1
 Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 12:36.7
 Kim Woods (Salem) 12:42.5
 Megan Annarino (Farmington) 12:45.0
 Sara Pilon (Stevenson) 12:47.0
 Diana Leparskas (Churchill) 12:47.5
 Claire Czaplacki (Farmington) 12:50.0
 Marissa Montgomery (Stevenson) 12:53.0

400-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 51.2
 Westland John Glenn 52.0
 Livonia Ladywood 52.7
 Redford Union 53.6
 Plymouth Canton 53.7
 Farmington Harrison 53.7

800-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 1:48.3
 Westland John Glenn 1:49.4
 North Farmington 1:51.7
 Plymouth Canton 1:52.6
 Livonia Stevenson 1:53.5

1,600-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Salem 4:12.8
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 Livonia Stevenson 4:21.9
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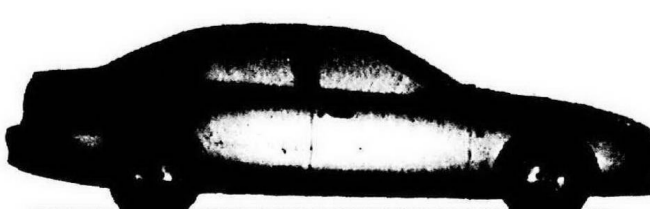
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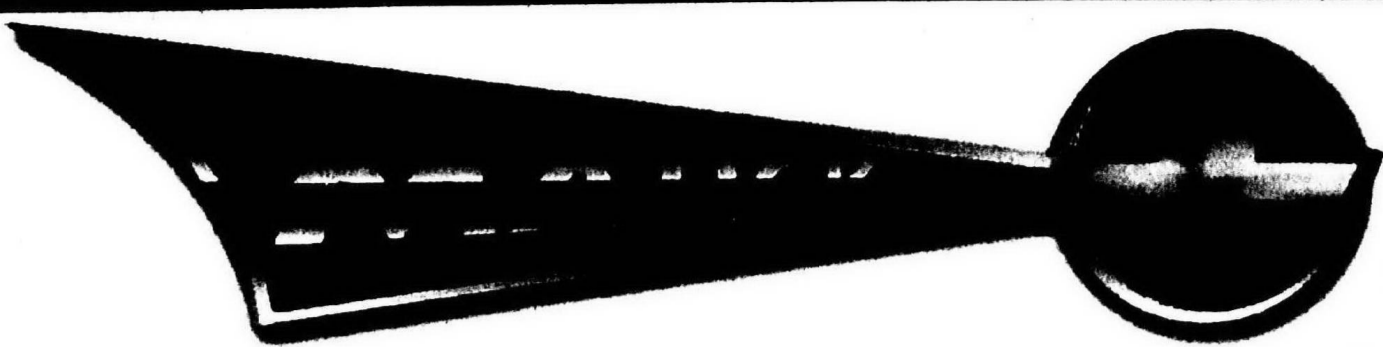
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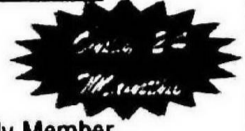
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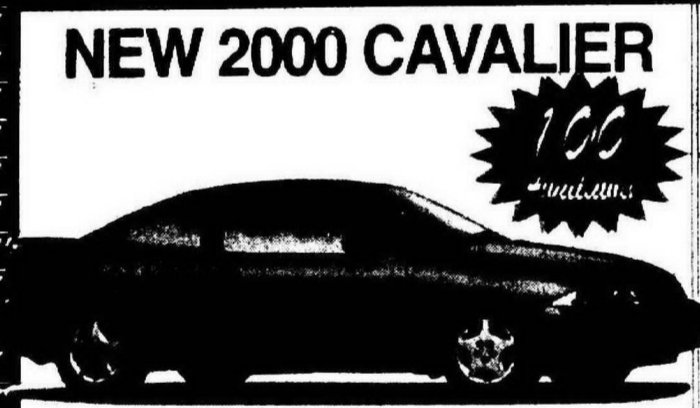
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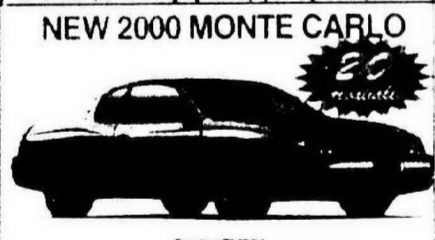
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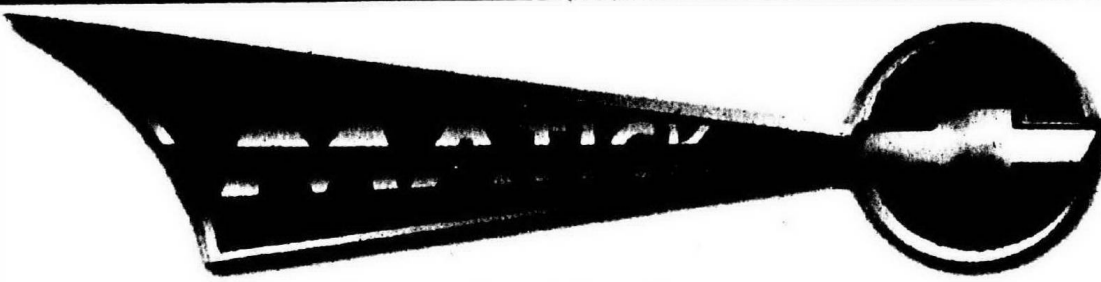
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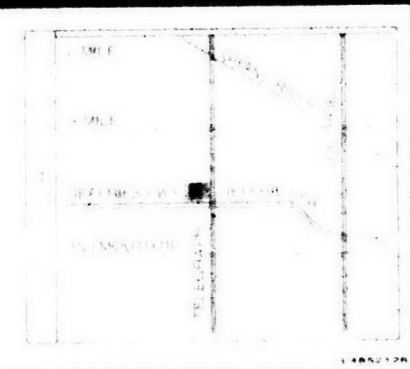
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Concert recalls days in Ukraine

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

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

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

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

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

What: The Livonia Symphony Orchestra spotlights Ukrainian pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky in the world premiere of a concerto by Myroslav Skoryk
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13
Where: Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia.
Tickets: \$15; \$10 students/children. Call (248) 645-8686 or (734) 464-2741.

Premiere

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

More than 160 members of the Civic Orchestra, Civic Sinfonia and Civic Jazz Orchestra will celebrate with a program featuring the world premiere of Kevin Beavers' *Native Tongue*. The Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra commissioned the four-movement work in honor of its 30 years of educating young musicians in weekly rehearsals held from September to June. The program opens with a fanfare of horns as the U.S. Army

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

When: 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13

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Reflections

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

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

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

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

"It's not something they hear very



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

Variations ON A THEME

Civic Orchestra celebrates past, looks to the future

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

Something to be missed

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

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

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

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

First year

This is Candice Wagner's first year with the

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EXHIBIT

Artist reflects on the process of creating

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

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

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

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

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

Window laundry

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

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

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

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

Content

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

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



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

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

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

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

Hero

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

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

"It is fresh," said Vynnytsky.

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

Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Candice Wagner
Civic Orchestra member

parts. It's a professional atmosphere."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Artist from page C1

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

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

Similarities

"I see a lot of similarities between being a psychotherapist

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

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

ty.

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

Up-close-and-personal

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

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

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

MARKET OPENS

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

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

and art demonstrations.

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

STUDENT EXHIBIT

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

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

VAAL CLASSES

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

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

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

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

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

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

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

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

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

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

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ART SHOWS

ART SCAPES
The South Oakland Art Association presents the annual spring art show May 8-19 with an opening reception 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the American Center Building, 27777 Franklin, Southfield. (248) 546 7850

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

DOLL SHOW AND SALE
The Michigan Costumers Guild hosts this sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Holiday Inn, Laurel Park, Livonia 16 Mile at I-275. (248) 357 2090

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

SPRING ART SCOPES
The South Oakland Art Association announces its annual juried show opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 with regular exhibit hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8-19 at the American Center Building, 27777 Franklin, Southfield. (248) 647 1886

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

CLASSES

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

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

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VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
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YMCA WRITER'S VOICE
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CONCERTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
The Fritz Family Bluegrass Band, from Rogersville, Tenn., will play 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at First Baptist Church in downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 644 0560

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

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

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TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS
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EVENTS

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

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

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

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GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

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

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

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

ANGEL'S GALLERY
A Spring 2000 exhibition, featuring the works of Bulgarian born artist Lida Simeonova, continues through June 30. She will be on hand to greet visitors from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 7. Call (248) 547 8383.

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

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

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

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through June 1 - In the Livonia Civic Center Library, the students of Clarenceville Schools present their artwork. 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby is an exhibit by Visual Arts Association of Livonia, 38000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia. (734) 466 2540

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

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through June 3 - Reconstruction featuring Jon Lockard and Willis Davis. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313) 886 2893

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

METROPOLITAN CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS
Through May 27 - Showcase II, recent works of nine Wayne State University graduating MFA students. 6911 E. Lafayette, Detroit. (313) 259 1290

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERIA
Views an exhibit by the Birmingham Society of Women Painters, which runs May 8 through June 11. The Oak and Maple Galleries in Oak Park are weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Galleria is located on the second floor of the Oakland County Executive Office Building, 1200 North Telegraph. (248) 348 8100

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Wooden People by sculptor Chris Donnelly, 215 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 761 2287

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

LECTURES

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

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

LITERATURE

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

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Artist as Professional, lecture No. 5, is held at Detroit Artists Market, 300 River Place, Detroit, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Cost is \$5 per person. Cash or check only. Call Tracy Smith at (313) 832 8540 for reserve tickets.

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
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TASTE OF THE NATION

Share our Strength's Taste of the Nation is 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at Somerset Collection. Ticket prices are \$75 and can be purchased by calling (313) 923 3535 ext. 249.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Saving the Past to Build the Future: People, Place and Preservation highlights keynote speaker Richard M. Prosser, National Trust for Historic Preservation. The event is held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21 at St. Agnes' Hall on W. State.

FOR KIDS

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Beth Apperent of Birmingham will perform The Puppet Lady at the Detroit Institute of Arts at the African Galleries at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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Opera theater

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

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1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
RETURN TO ME (PG)
6:30, 9:25
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:40, 9:55
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:15

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
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NP GLADIATOR (R)
12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10, 10:40
NP FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
U-571 (PG13)
12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:35
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
4:15, 6:40, 9:30
ROMEO MUST DIE (R)
6:15
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
12:15, 2:10, 4:10, 6:15, 8:15

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph & Lake Rd. W. Side of
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248-332-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
NP DENOTES NO PASS

NP GLADIATOR (R)
12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00
NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
1:00, 3:50, 6:35, 9:15
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
1:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:25

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of
Telegraph
248-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
NP DENOTES NO PASS

I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
1:10, 4:00, 7:20, 9:45
NP FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:45, 1:15, 2:55, 3:25, 5:00, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:20
LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
28 DAYS (PG13)
10:20
RETURN TO ME (PG)
4:45, 9:15
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
2:20, 7:05
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
U-571 (PG13)
1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
NP THE ROAD TO ELDORADO (PG)
12:45

One Yacht
Warren & Wayne Rds
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Continuous Shows Daily
LATE SHOWS FRIDAY & SATURDAY
THRU THURSDAY
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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
12:50, 3:30, 6:40, 9:15
NP LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13)
1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
AMERICAN PSYCHO (R)
7:30, 9:45
RETURN TO ME (PG)
1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
12:55, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
5:10, 7:20, 9:25
SCREAM 3 (R)
9:30
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
12:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20

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NP GLADIATOR (R)
12:45, 1:15, 1:45, 3:50, 4:20, 4:50, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:10
NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
12:30, 2:30, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
NP FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:45, 1:15, 2:45, 3:35, 5:00, 5:30, 7:15, 8:00, 9:30
U-571 (PG13)
12:55, 3:20, 6:45, 9:15

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11:50, 12:30, 1:10, 1:50, 2:30, 3:10, 3:50, 4:30, 5:10, 5:50, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:30, 9:10, 9:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP ADRENALINE DRIVE (NR)
1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:40
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:10, 1:05, 2:25, 3:15, 4:55, 5:20, 6:40, 7:30, 8:50, 9:40
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
11:45, 1:00, 2:15, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:00, NO VIP TICKETS
NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP U-571 (PG13)
12:20, 1:30, 3:00, 4:10, 5:30, 6:50, 8:00, 9:20
NO VIP TICKETS
LOVE & BASKETBALL (PG13)
1:35, 4:30, 6:55, 9:35
28 DAYS (PG13)
11:55, 2:10, 4:45, 6:55, 9:15
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
AMERICAN PSYCHO (R)
12:50, 3:20, 6:40, 8:10
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
RETURN TO ME (PG)
12:45, 3:35, 6:10, 9:00
THE ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
12:55, 3:25, 5:40, 8:55
THE SKULLS (PG13)
12:35, 3:15

HIGH FIDELITY (R)
12:00, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
12:40, 3:30, 6:45, 9:55
ROMEO MUST DIE (R)
2:45, 7:45
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
1:05, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00
SCREAM 3 (R)
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12:00, 12:50, 1:40, 2:30, 3:30, 4:10, 5:00, 6:00, 6:50, 7:40, 8:30, 9:20
NO VIP TICKETS
NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
11:50, 12:40, 2:20, 3:10, 4:50, 5:50, 7:20, 8:20, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 8:00
NO VIP TICKETS
U-571 (PG13)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
28 DAYS (PG13)
5:00, 6:30, 8:50
AMERICAN PSYCHO (R)
1:00, 5:40, NO 5:40, 5:10 AND 5:11
WHERE THE MONEY IS (PG13)
3:15, 8:10, NO 8:10, 5:10 AND 5:11
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
12:05, 3:00, 6:20, 9:10
RETURN TO ME (PG)
1:10, 3:40, 6:15, 8:40
THE ROAD TO ELDORADO (PG)
11:55, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
ROMEO MUST DIE (R)
9:30 PM ONLY
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:00

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NP GLADIATOR (R)
12:30, 2:00, 3:45, 5:10, 7:00, 8:30, 10:10, NO VIP TICKETS
NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
11:50, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
1:00, 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
NP THE FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:00, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40, 8:50
NO VIP TICKETS
U-571 (PG13)
12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40, 10:15

RETURN TO ME (PG)
12:20, 6:30
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
12:05, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
12:30, 3:40, 6:50, 9:30

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MON-THURS 12:00, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:00, 4:45, 5:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:45, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
SUN 11:00, 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
NO VIP TICKETS
NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
SUN 12:15, 1:15, 3:15, 4:15, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15
MON-THURS 12:15, 1:15, 3:15, 4:15, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:15
NO VIP TICKETS
LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13)
SUN 11:30, 12:50, 2:15, 3:40, 5:20, 6:30, 8:30, 9:20, MON-THURS 12:50, 2:15, 3:40, 5:20, 6:30, 8:30, 9:20
FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
SUN 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15
MON-THURS 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15
FREQUENCY (PG13)
SUN 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:06
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:06
U-571 (PG13)
SUN 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, 8:45, 10:20
MON-THURS 12:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:40, 5:40, 7:45, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, MON-THURS 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, 8:45, 10:20
28 DAYS (PG13)
SUN 11:30, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45
MON-THURS 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
SCREAM 3 (R)
10:10
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
THE ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
SUN 11:10, 2:20, 5:30, 8:40
MON-THURS 2:20, 5:30, 8:40
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
5:30, 8:00, 10:30
RETURN TO ME (PG)
12:30

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THE HURRICANE (R)
SUN 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45
MON-THURS 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:20
THE CODER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
SUN 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:40
MON-THURS 2:50, 5:30, 8:10
MISSION TO MARS (PG)
SUN 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:50
MON-THURS 2:30, 5:00, 7:40
HERE ON EARTH (PG13)
SUN 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
MON-THURS 2:40, 5:10, 7:50
BOY'S DON'T CRY (R)
SUN 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:50
MON-THURS 3:00, 5:40, 8:00

United Artists 12 Oaks
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ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13) NY
SUN 12:30, 3:55, 7:00, 9:40
MON-THURS 2:50, 5:10, 7:50
FREQUENCY (PG13) NY
SUN 1:00, 4:15, 7:20, 10:00
MON-THURS 2:40, 5:05, 7:35
FINAL DESTINATION (R)
SUN 9:30
MON-THURS 8:00
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (PG)
SUN 12:40, 3:45, 7:10, 9:50
MON-THURS 2:40, 5:15, 7:45
RETURN TO ME (PG)
SUN 12:50, 4:05, 7:30, 9:55
MON-THURS 2:45, 5:05, 7:40
ROAD TO EL DORADO (PG)
SUN 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:00
MON-THURS 3:15, 6:00

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ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

GLADIATOR (R) NY
SUN 12:30, 3:15, 6:45, 10:00
I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13) NY
12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:00, 9:40
WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13) NY
1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15
FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG) NY
12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30
FREQUENCY (PG13) NY
1:15, 4:10, 7:20, 10:05
U-571 (PG13)
12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
GOSIP (R) NY
9:20 PM ONLY
LOVE AND BASKETBALL (PG13) NY

1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
1:05, 3:55, 6:55, 9:45
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (PG13)
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

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1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:45
DEFERENCE (R)
(12:00-4:00) 7:00, 9:15

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WED (4:15) 9:45
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SUN (1:45-3:45) 6:45, 8:45
MON-THURS (3:45) 6:45, 8:45
EAST IS EAST (R)
SUN (1:30-4:00) 6:30, 9:00
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12:45, 3:45, 7:10, 9:45
NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:30, 9:55
NP U-571 (PG13)
12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:00, 9:55
NP THE FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:10, 2:00, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30
28 DAYS (PG13)
12:05, 4:35, 9:20
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
2:05, 6:45
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
HIGH FIDELITY (R)
12:05, 2:10, 4:30, 6:45, 9:15

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NP GLADIATOR (R)
12:30, 1:00 (4:00, 4:45) \$4.00
7:00, 8:00, 10:10
NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
1:15 (4:15) \$4.00, 7:10, 9:45
NP FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:40, 2:40 (4:50) \$4.00, 7:15, 9:30
NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
1:20 (4:20) \$4.00, 7:00, 9:40
NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
1:30 (4:30) \$4.00, 7:30, 10:00
U-571 (PG13)
12:45, 3:00 (5:20) \$4.00, 7:40, 10:00
KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
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NP I DREAMED OF AFRICA (PG13)
1:15 (4:20) \$4.00, 7:10, 9:40
NP THE FLINTSTONES IN VIVA ROCK VEGAS (PG)
12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, (4:30, 5:30) \$4.00, 6:40, 7:40, 9:00, 9:50
NP WHERE THE HEART IS (PG13)
1:00, 2:00, (4:00, 4:50) \$4.00, 6:40, 7:30, 9:20, 10:00
NP FREQUENCY (PG13)
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U-571 (PG13)
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KEEPING THE FAITH (PG13)
12:40, (4:00) \$4.00, 7:00, 9:55
28 DAYS (PG13)
1:10 (4:15) \$4.00, 7:15, 9:45
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (R)
12:50 (4:10) \$4.00, 7:00, 9:45
RETURN TO ME (R)
6:50, 9:20
ROAD TO ELDORADO (PG)
12:15, 2:15, (4:15) \$4.00
ERIN BROCKOVICH (R)
1:30, (4:30) \$4.00, 7:15, 9:55
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Want the kids to read this summer? Then take them to meet two award-winning authors who will visit the Detroit area this week.

Author Avi will appear for a talk and book-signing 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, in the Jones-Thursdon Theater at the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington. There is no charge and parking is free in the campus parking structure. The visit is sponsored by Book Beat and Oakland Community College.

Jacqueline Woodson will appear 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, May 8, for a book talk and autographing. The event will take place in the newly refurbished Friends Auditorium of the Detroit Main Library, 5201 Woodward Ave. Usually closed on Mondays, it will be open for this occasion. Use the Cass Avenue entrance. Parking is available in staff parking at the Putnam entrance. Admission is free. The appearance is sponsored by Book Beat in cooperation with the Detroit Main Library.

Avi's numerous award-winning novels for young readers include the Newbery Honor books *Nothing But the Truth* and *The True Confession of Charlotte Doyle*, plus the Dimwood Forest tales, *Poppy* and *Ragweed*.

Jacqueline Woodson has written many books for young adults, including *From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun*, *Maizoon At Blue Hill*, and *I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This*. She has received the Kenyon Review Award for Literary Excellence and two Coretta Scott King Honor awards.

Here are two previews of the authors' new releases.

Avi

In *Ereth's Birthday* (Harper Collins, \$15.95), Avi has created an unforgettable character. He's Erethion Dorsatum, a pompous and crotchety old porcupine with a personality as prickly as his coat of quills. But today is dif-

Award-winning authors make reading fun for kids



ESTHER LITTMANN

ferent. It's his birthday, and that brings a smile to Ereth's bewhiskered face. Surely, he'll be the center of attention when his best friend Poppy, a deer mouse, arrives laden with gifts.

But Poppy and her husband have business elsewhere, and all the children can do is poke fun at Uncle Ereth's funny way of talking.

"Listen here, you smidgen of slipper slopper," cries Ereth in one of his customary alliterative outbursts, threatening to turn them into "pink pickled pasta" if they don't behave.

Disappointed and hurt, Ereth leaves in a huff, determined to find his own birthday treat. He knows just what that is and where to find it - salt, stored in a hunter's cabin deep in Dimwood Forest.

But the human beings have left more than a block of salt. They've set 16 traps to capture the animals for their fur. And Leaper the Fox is their first victim. Responding to faint cries for help, Ereth finds her bleeding and mangled. As she draws her last breaths, Leaper begs the old porcupine to care for her three helpless kits: Tumble, Nimble, and Flip.

"Chipped cheese on monkey mold," Ereth exclaims, as he imagines himself nursemaid to three baby foxes. But he grants the dying mother her final wish and lumbers off, immersed in self-pity and a thick blanket of snow that has accumulated since dawn.

What follows is a heartfelt tale, laced with humor and suspense, of the porcupine's new relationship with the foxes. There's the tricky matter of a vegetarian providing food for three frisky meat-eaters, not to mention the problem of a crusty old bachelor raising a family.

Like other books by the author, *Miracle's Boys* explores complex emotional issues that arise from the harsh realities of life: death, alienation and crime.

And then there are the traps, now buried in snow, and the ravenous Marty the Fisher, who stalks Ereth wherever he goes.

Ereth's Birthday tells of love, the kind that begins reluctantly but blossoms into tenderness and respect. Those who enjoyed *Charlotte's Web* will be enchanted by Avi's new book.

Jacqueline Woodson

Miracle's Boys (Putnam's, \$15.99), by Jacqueline Woodson, is also about love and a loss that threatens to extinguish it forever. Here, too, a loving mother has died. For the eldest son, Tyree, that means postponing college and taking a full-time job to support his younger brothers. For Charlie, who was in a juvenile detention home when his mother passed away, it means coming to terms with his mom's absence and his failure to be available when she needed him most. And for Lafayette, the youngest, the loss of his one remaining parent means a constant aching loneliness, along with a nagging guilt, because he was there but couldn't save her.

Woodson displays an uncanny ability to create inner monologue and dialogue that ring true for young males, especially for those living in an African-American and Latino community. It wasn't easy, she admits, to imagine how boys walk, talk and think. But she succeeds admirably, creating characters that are sensitive yet tough, experienced but not jaded.

Like other books by the author, *Miracle's Boys* explores complex emotional issues that arise from the harsh realities of life: death, alienation and crime. The plot provides no fairy-tale endings but shows how human decency and mutual support can produce a climate of hope and affirmation.

Both books can be found at Book Beat, 26010 Greenfield, in Oak Park.

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BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at suburban bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail to keelywygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

BOOK SIGNINGS

■ Farmington Observer staff reporter and Livonia resident Timothy Smith will be signing copies of his book, *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* at the following bookstores:

- 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, BDalton, Southland Mall, (734) 287-3533.
- 7 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Borders, 3527 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, (734) 677-6948.
- 7 p.m. Friday, May 19, Waldenbooks, 30200 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-7811. Smith can be reached at (24

SPECIAL EVENTS

Season of outdoor art shows begins in Birmingham May 13

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

When art festival organizers are more concerned with the

Birmingham Fine Art Festival 2000
When: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, May 13; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, May 14
Where: Sham Park and adjacent streets, downtown Birmingham
Features: 300 fine artists, food vendors, musical performers and children's activities
Admission: Free to the public
For information: (248) 644-0866
 Proceeds benefit the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

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

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

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

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

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

Four years ago, the BBAC and

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE OF FAIRS

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

- Greektown Arts Festival — Friday-Sunday, May 19-21
- Canton's Liberty Fest Fine Art and Fine Craft Show — Saturday-Sunday, June 24-25
- Ann Arbor Art Fairs — Wednesday-Saturday, July 19-22

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Malls & Mainstreets

Gold hues influence more than just jewelry

REAL DEAL



CARI WALDMAN

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

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

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

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

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

Blushing gold

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

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

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

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

Fashion hues

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

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

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

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

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

Jewelry, jewelry

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

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

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

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

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Sneak peak



STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND

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

Neiman Marcus fall fashion show predicts variety

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN
The Somerset Collection in Troy hosts the 2nd Annual Women Helping Women luncheon and fashion show to raise funds for the Pontiac Rescue Mission from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. WDIV Channel 4 TV anchor Ruth Spencer and Teresa Tomeo, speaker and media consultant, co-host the show. For information, call (248) 649-8900.

FAMILY FUN FEST

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

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

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

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

PLYMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET

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

ST. JOHN CARAVAN

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

IN CONCERT

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

WHERE CAN I FIND?

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

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

- Taylor Auto (800) 636-6414 might have a Camero automobile owner's manual.
- An Oriental store at Twelve mall on Telegraph in Southfield might have the wind chimes.
- Plastic Rain bonnets are sold at area J.C. Penney stores.
- The Kohl's stores in Westland carries the nautical theme shower curtains.
- VaVoom Volumizing foam by Matrix can be purchased at area Meijer stores.
- The following are Party Lite distributors in Wayne County: Susan (734) 261-8604, Terri (734) 595-4308, Vivian (734) 981-4110, Karen (734) 266-0578.
- The following are Amway distributors in Wayne County: Kathy (313) 538-4287, Virginia (734) 397-4522, Carol (313) 532-8230, Bruce (313) 532-8526.
- ACO Hardware stores carry the lead testers.
- The cookbook Sweet Miniatures can be found on the Internet at www.bookfinder.com. They have listings of bookstores all over the world.
- Big Book of Movies by Critics Choice (800) 367-7765, has My Little Margie videocassette tapes (4 for \$59.77), item #GACCV10662.
- For Disney movies try Movies Unlimited (800) 4-MOVIES.
- Chicklets gum can be purchased at the following stores: F&M on Woodward in Beverly Hills, CVS, and Farmer Jack stores.
- Damman Hardware on Newburgh and Five Mile roads in Livonia has Scotch Brite.
- Sock sorters can be purchased through the Walter Drake catalog at (800) 525-9291, 12 for \$1.99.
- Maria is a Tupperware consultant; (313) 538-1966.

- FIND & SEARCH NOTES:**
- A reader has an Apple IIE computer with dual disc drive to donate to an organization.
 - A reader has size 2-4 petite business suits to donate to an organization.
 - A reader has a 20-year-old encyclopedia to donate to an organization.
 - Givenchy Balancing Mist cosmetic for Sharon.
 - A person to translate Russian script for Michelle of Westland.
 - A 40-inch wide electric stove in almond, brown or stainless steel, any brand in good condition for Leanne who resides in Bloomfield.
 - A store that sells 4x8 recipe card with plastic sleeve over the card for Ann.
 - The game Dog Fight for John.
 - A replica of the Oscar award statue for Linda of Lake Orion.
 - A store that sells screens for a storm door with no frame for Debbie.
 - A store that has odd-shaped glass for picture frames.
 - An Ashton Drake porcelain baseball doll from the late 1980's named "Michael."
 - A company that can repair wooden kitchen chair legs for Flo of Redford.
 - A store that sells a cabinet with grow lights for Doris, who resides in Plymouth.
 - A replacement glass top for a Revere coffeepot for Alice of Rochester.
 - The crochet pattern "Indian Trail" for Norine.
 - A store that sells men's Cross Trainer gym shoes made in U.S. for Ed.
 - The Norman Rockwell print "The Runaway" for Nancy of Commerce.
 - A 1943, 1944, 1945 Dear-

- born Fordson High School yearbook for Frances.
- The Disney videocassette "Song of the South" for Joann.
- A store that sells the monkey sock pattern for Lois.
- A store that sells Buffalo Hot-Dogs for Delores.
- A store that sells Alberto V05 conditioner to use with a blow dryer hair (white package) for Carmel.
- A store that sells covers for the Ironrite mangle for Jean.
- Redford Stuckey Elementary School 50th School Reunion, any memorabilia, pictures of surrounding streets, pictures of classmates and names, address, telephone numbers of former students for Sally.
- The 1989 book, The People from North American, The Croatian Americans, for Mark.
- A new/used square stainless electric fry pan for Joyce of Farmington Hills.
- A 1980 Bentley High School yearbook for Kathleen of Livonia.
- A store that sells Misses/Women's Allison Smith women's clothing for Mrs. Sutliss of Rochester Hills.
- A store that has ZIPLOC vegetable bags.
- A company that sells turn tables for William.
- A Company that will make a quilt/cover for a pool table with embroidered logo's from old bowling shirts for Jean, who resides in Farmington.
- A new/used Murphy bed for Linda of Canton.
- A store where cold-air return registers, 32x34 long, 2

- inches wide at floor, 7x8 inches high, can be purchased for Ralph of West Bloomfield.
- A store that sells a 14x9x3 Mirro/Wearever all aluminum roaster with lid for Ralph.
- A store where sheer curtains sizes 40x48, 49x62, 48x72 can be purchased for Virginia of Beverly Hills.
- A store that sells the beaters for an old Sunbeam Mix Master for Karen.
- A bookstore in the Livonia area that buys and sells used books for June.
- A store that sells silk ribbon embroidery kits for Elaine of Livonia.
- A store that sells a triangular plastic strainer that is used in a sink for Janet of Canton.
- A store where Chipwich ice cream sandwiches can be purchased for Connie, who resides in Rochester.
- A large eel skin purse

- made in Korea for Jane.
 - A store where Almay roll-on deodorant and Almay eye cream can be purchased for Gladys.
 - A store that sells Chuckles jelly Easter Bunny candy for Karen of Waterford.
 - A store in Oakland County where Shellacked bakery goods (bagels, bread) for display in a kitchen can be purchased for Lori of Clarkston.
 - An old super 8 film projector with stand for Tom of Westland.
 - A store that sells Health Tech socks for men (black with white feet) for Dorothy.
 - The old WRIF bumper sticker that says "BABY" for Jan of Union Lake.
 - A glass top for a Revere percolator for Delphine.
 - A videotape of the March 15, 2000, Oprah Winfrey show "Would you know what to do" for Ann.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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Couple treasures memories of cruise to Tahiti

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

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

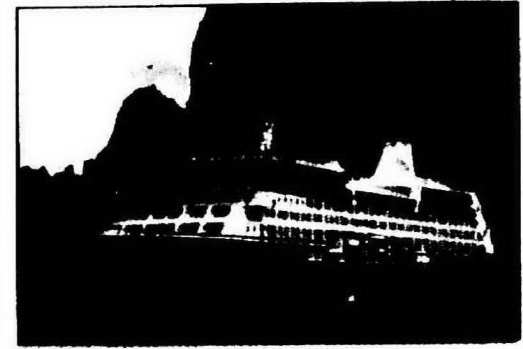
"Gerry had always wanted to go on a cruise," said Loleta. She and her husband said yes, and made plans to cruise to Tahiti and the Society Islands of French Polynesia with Gerry and his wife Marti who live in Palm Springs.

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

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

Planning your trip

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



Length: Ten days, departure from Los Angeles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

Loveliest islands on Earth

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

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

■ What to buy on the islands
Black pearls - which are a deep metallic blue-green-gray. A smooth, flawless black pearl can sell for more than \$1,000. A whole necklace can cost as much as \$50,000.
Source: Renaissance Cruise Journal, April 2000

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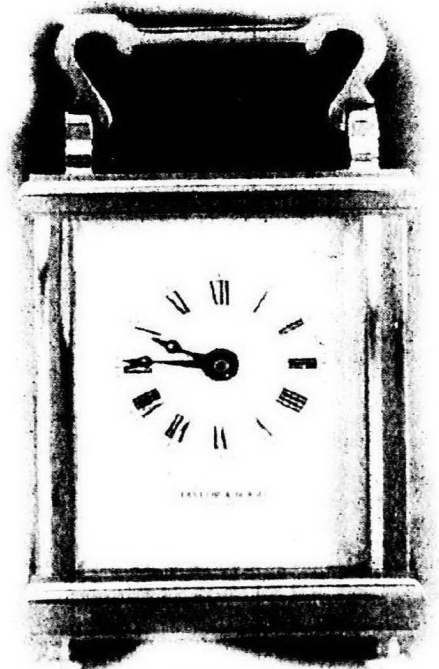
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FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

Rodet — a Burgundy star on the rise

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

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

Many Burgundy domaines are centuries old with established reputations.

Wine picks

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

■ Chardonnays over \$20/bottle: 1997 Chateau St. Jean, Robert Young Vineyard, \$24; 1998 Pine Ridge Stags Leap District, \$40; 1998 Shafer Red Shoulder Ranch, Carneros; and 1997 Gallo-Sonoma Laguna Ranch, \$22.

■ Chardonnays under \$20/bottle: 1998 Sanford, Santa Barbara County, \$19; 1998 Meridian Edna Valley, \$15; 1998 Gallo Family's Gallo of Sonoma, \$11; 1998 Hogue, \$10; 1999 Rosemount, \$10; 1999 Fetzer Sundial, \$9; 1999 Fleur du Cap (South Africa), \$9; and 1998 Columbia Crest, \$9.

Rich, raspberry and plum flavors of sangiovese and zinfandel lend themselves to marinara-sauced pasta or rustic pizza with sundried tomatoes and fresh mozzarella.

■ Sangiovese: 1996 Trentadue, \$18; 1997 La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi, \$22; 1997 Atlas Peak, \$16; and 1997 Shafer Firebreak (big and bold), \$30. ■ Zinfandel: 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve, \$30 (fabulous!); 1997 Gallo Sonoma Barrelli Creek, \$19 (none better under \$20); 1997 Fetzer Home Ranch, \$9 (nice every day wine).

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

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

White Burgundies — 100 percent chardonnay:

■ 1998 A. Rodet Chateau de Rully, \$16, has generous fruit with nice oak imprint.

■ 1998 A. Rodet Chassagne Montrachet, \$39, is a big step up. Sleek and finesseful.

■ 1998 Domaine Jacques Prieur Meursault Clos de Mazeray Monopole, \$46. In one word, fabulous.

■ 1998 Domaine Jacques Prieur Puligny Montrachet Premier Cru Les Combettes, \$72 (very limited quantity). Again, one word, incredible.

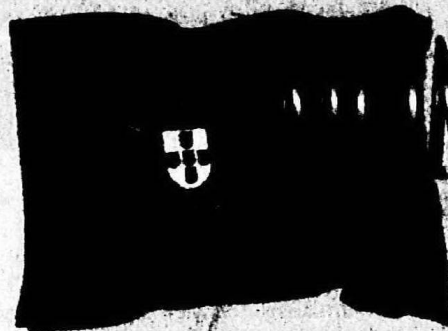
Red Burgundies — 100 percent pinot noir:

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Dishes for seniors
- Main Dish Miracle



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

She'll share the day with her American "mom" and her family.

Joana "Joe" Lima is a foreign exchange student from Lisbon, Portugal, and a member of the Greg Wagner family of Beverly Hills for the past school year.

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

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

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

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

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

Now that the kids are older, Nancy joins them at the table for



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

MOM GETS HUGS FROM PORTUGAL

EXCHANGE STUDENT CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY WITH AMERICAN FAMILY



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARRIGER

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

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

Nancy is pleased to have Joe around to celebrate this special day. "With two of the children away (Jake is in Los Angeles pursuing a film career and Julia is completing her senior year at Arizona State University), it's nice to have Joe to all out and add to the family."

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

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

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

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

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

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

her more that day."

According to the other members of the Wagner family, Joe will have to stand in line. "We all hug Mom a little more on Mother's Day."

Sandra Dalka-Prysbys is a Beverly Hills resident and writes about food for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Family, student share recipes

Here's some recipes for Mother's Day from the Wagner family of Beverly Hills and one from Joana Lima, an exchange student from Portugal who is visiting the family.

BACALHAU A' GOMES DE SA' (SALT COD WITH POTATOES, EGGS, ONIONS AND BLACK OLIVES)

- 1 1/2 pounds salt cod
- 6 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4 inch slices
- 1 cup olive oil
- 2 medium onions, cut into 1/8-inch slices and separated into rings
- 6 eggs
- 18 black pitted olives, thinly sliced

(Note: Do this step 24 hours ahead of time. Place cod in a large bowl and cover with cold water. Let soak, changing water every 8 hours. Prior to cooking, drain and rinse cod. Cut into bite-size pieces. Salt cod can be purchased at Vic's Market.)

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Readers share mom's recipes

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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When we asked for recipes from readers for Mother's Day, they responded with a common chord of love, respect and appreciation for their mothers.

Euni Rose of Southfield remembers her mother's Eastern European cooking origins. Rose's mother, Florence Margolis, learned from her mother-in-law and "never varied an inch from what she learned."

"When my twin sister and I each got married, our mother actually made recipes from her dishes for us," Rose recalls. "She really worked hard because she never ever used a recipe in her entire life — wow!"

"My twin and I have taken her recipes and done some changes

through the years, but the original feeling is still there."

Rose said her most favorite meal was a picnic meal her mother prepared nearly every Sunday in the summer.

"No one we knew ever had a picnic like this one. She made breaded veal cutlets — not chops — veal cutlets, bought from a kosher butcher — not that we kept kosher, but she liked the tenderness and flavor of those particular cutlets."

She fried the cutlets in Crisco or Spry, not oil, because when she was a child her stepmother would send her to the grocery store to buy oil and give her a jar for it. The grocer would pour the oil into the jar, Rose said.

"On the way home the oil would

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FAMILY FOOD

Don't obsess about child's weight — just eat healthy

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How do you avoid obsessing about your child's weight while teaching them to eat healthy at the same time?

A study by Dr. Leann Birch, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, confirmed that pre-schoolers have an innate ability to regulate their eating according to what their bodies' need for growth.

This holds true even when the child's eating seems to be horrendous. Researchers found that at a given meal, calorie intake was highly variable but it balanced out over time.

Yet, many parents assume that their young children cannot regulate food intake on their own. Often, parents implement coercive strategies in attempt to ensure that their child consumes a nutritionally balanced diet. However, research by Birch indicates

such control strategies are counter productive.

"Parents' attempts to control their child's eating were reported more often by obese adults than by adults of normal weight," Birch said in the study. Similarly, Duke University psychologist Philip Costanzo found that excess weight in school-age children was highly associated with the degree to which parents tried to restrain their children's eating.

Develop intuitive eating

Costanzo found that even well-meaning parents interfere with a child's intuitive eating, and when a parent tries to overrule a child's natural eating cues, the problem gets worse, not better.

Evelyn Tribole, author of Intuitive Eating, notes that a parent who feeds a child "whenever a hunger signal is heard and who stops feeding when the child shows that he's had enough, can play a powerful role in the initial development of intuitive eating."

Tribole also suggest that you attempt

to help your kids eat only about 10 percent "fun" or "play" foods while the other 90 percent contributes to their good health.

You can try to explain this concept to them as they approach adolescents and can grasp this information.

Therapist and dietitian, Ellyn Satter points out that when the parents of overweight kids back off, and let them eat without pressure, the kids will eventually eat less. This way, the child begins to hear and understand her own inner signals of hunger and satiety.

"Children deprived of food in an attempt to be thin become preoccupied with food, afraid they won't get enough to eat, and are prone to overeat when they get the chance," Satter said.

Children's menus

Let's look at a sample of young children's eating habits.

Abbey Frink, of Walled Lake, is 4 years old and attends pre-school Beth Abraham in West Bloomfield. Her favorite foods are grapes, bananas and peanut butter and jelly. "They are

healthy, very tasty and good for you," Abbey said.

Five-year-old Elana Price, of Huntington Woods attends Kindergarten at Burton Elementary School. Her favorite foods are pizza because she likes the cheese. She likes soy meat and enjoys it in homemade tacos.

One of her favorite dishes is peanut butter pasta, and she also likes fruit. "I love strawberries because they remind me that I have little freckles on my nose."

Erica Mendelson, 6, of Farmington Hills attends Meadowbrook Elementary School in Walled Lake. She enjoys rice at Middle Eastern restaurants, along with salad and french fries.

"The inside of french fries are mashed potatoes," Erica said. "I also like oranges, 'cause you can drink them."

Erica even makes her own lunch, with assistance from her mom who sets certain boundaries such as no excess junk.

Gail Hennes of Oak Park tries to

Please see SENSIBLE, D3

Sauté chicken with balsamic-prune sauce without a lot of fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seasoning gives a rich taste to Chicken Sauté With Balsamic-Prune Sauce without adding a lot of fat. A serving contains only about 9 grams of fat.

This is a one-dish main course that can be prepared start to finish in about 35 minutes.

The chicken pieces are cooked first, then the sauce in the same pan. While it simmers, there is time to cook accompa-

niments — perhaps rice or couscous and a simple vegetable.

CHICKEN SAUTÉ WITH BALSAMIC-PRUNE SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup finely chopped shallots

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup (3 ounces) coarsely chopped pitted prunes
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot.

Season chicken with salt and pepper, to

taste. Place chicken in skillet; cook 10 minutes or until browned and centers are no longer pink, turning once. Transfer to serving platter and keep warm.

Add shallots and garlic to same skillet, cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until softened.

Stir in broth, prunes, vinegar, thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat

slightly, cook until sauce is reduced by half, about 1 cup.

Spoon over chicken.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 330 cal., 9 g fat, 100 mg chol., 890 mg sodium, 20 g carbo., 2 g fiber, 41 g pro.

Recipe from California Prune Board

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safe container and cook on high until tender. Set aside.

In a large skillet, add 1/2 cup olive oil and onion rings. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until onions are soft and transparent. Remove and set aside.

Add remaining oil and cod pieces. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring gently and frequently until fish flakes easily. Return onions and add potatoes to skillet.

In hot, scramble eggs. Stir in olives. Add mixture to skillet. Cover skillet and cook over medium heat approximately 10 to 12 minutes or until eggs are set. Cut into wedges. Serves 6 to 8.

Recipe courtesy of Joana Lima.

MOTHER'S DAY GRIDDLE CAKES

- 3/4 cup white flour
- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 3/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons sugar or honey
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 1/4 cups milk

(Note: Batter is best if made the night before.)

Combine dry ingredients in large bowl. In another bowl, beat eggs slightly. Add remaining ingredients and beat to combine. Add wet ingredients to dry mix-

ture. Mix until barely moistened. (Mixture will have lumps.) Cover and set in a cool place as long as possible.

Lightly grease griddle or frying pan. Heat to medium-high. Pour 1/4 cup batter for each cake. Cook until bubbles appear on surface. Turn and brown other side. Makes 8-12 cakes.

Recipe submitted by Wagner family.

BROCCOLI QUICHE

- 1 10-inch pie crust
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen, chopped broccoli, thawed and drained
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper

In 325° F oven, bake pie crust for 5 minutes. Remove.

In blender, chop broccoli into fine pieces. Add remaining ingredients and blend until mixed. Pour into crust. Cover crust edges with foil and bake in 375° F oven for 35-45 minutes or until set. Serves 6-8.

Recipe submitted by the Wagner family.

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always drip out of the jar, making a sticky mess. So she always hated using oil."

Her mother made macaroni salad and the family's best friend always made lemonade — with lots of oranges as well as lemons, Rose said.

"My mom and dad were very young parents, so their friends were very young as well," Rose writes. "The guys played softball at the picnics and the 'girls' and we kids cheered them on. Too much fun!"

Best meals

Greg Zotos of Livonia wrote: "My mother makes the best meals. They are so tasty because she puts her love in her cooking. I always say her meals are gourmet meals because they taste so good."

Catherine Zotos' Greek 'n' Easy Pasta Salad is one of our featured recipes.

Euni Rose appreciates the opportunity to share her childhood memories.

She writes: "Thanks for allowing me to wallow in these memories. My dad died in 1992 and my mom will be 85 in June. My parents came here in 1991 from Cleveland when my dad was so ill they couldn't be away from my husband and myself."

Here are some of our reader's favorite recipes shared in honor of their mothers:

FLORENCE MARGOLIS' CUTLETS (FROM HER DAUGHTER EUNI ROSE)

Dip veal cutlets into a wash of beaten eggs with some salt and pepper, then dip them into bread crumbs.

Fry them in the hot Crisco until browned on all sides. Then put the cutlets into a roaster, covered, at 350° F for one hour until tender.

(Euni Rose has cooked this recipe using olive oil. But of course the flavor is different — "delicious, but not the same memory comes to mind," she writes.)

CATHERINE ZOTOS' GREEK 'N' EASY PASTA SALAD (FROM SON GREG ZOTOS)

- 8 ounces rotini pasta
- 8 ounces cooked diced chicken
- 1/3 cup chopped red onion
- Dried basil
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper to taste
- Fresh basil, shredded
- 1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes, packed in oil, cut in strips
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, cut in halves
- 1/2 cup crumbled Feta cheese with tomato and basil
- Caesar salad dressing, regular or low fat
- 1/2 cup chopped imported black olives

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine chicken, sun-dried tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, Feta cheese, red onion, 2 tablespoons dried and 2 tablespoons fresh basil, salt and pepper to taste, and olives.

Blend in 1/3 cup salad dressing. Mix in warm pasta. Enjoy warm or chilled. Serve with crusty bread, pita chips and fresh fruit. Serves 4.

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■ 1998 A. Rodet Monthele Cave Privee, \$29, interesting black cherry aromas, full, rich flavors

■ 1998 Domaine des Perdrix Nuits Saint Georges, Premier Cru Aux Perdrix, \$54, lovely, delicious and very balanced

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or synthetic fertilizers. Try Bonterra Vineyards Chardonnay, Viognier, Merlot, Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah (absolutely fabulous with duck), ranging \$11.50 to \$23.50.

Terroir conscious wines. Terroir, a French word, is now broadly used by the U.S. wine industry to mean wine characteristics inherited from the particular place where wine grapes

are grown. Between 1980 and 1994, Napa Valley's Cakebread Cellars' top cabernet sauvignon was its Rutherford Reserve. During those years, winemaker Bruce Cakebread noticed distinct parcels with unique, stand-alone "inherited" characteristics.

In 1995, Three Sisters from fairly rocky soils and Benchland Select from loamy soils were introduced. No knee jerk on our part to enthusiastically recommend - not that they weren't good, but we're interested in consistency. It's there in the 1996 Cakebread Three Sisters Cabernet Sauvignon and 1996 Cakebread Benchland Select Cabernet Sauvignon, both \$90. A barrel sample tasting of both wines from the 1998 vintage has us enthused. For full impact of the meaning of terroir, try to taste these wines side by side. Quite amazing!

Picking the best spring produce

It's hard to go wrong in the supermarket produce department at this time of year.

Peak spring vegetables are making their way to market, and the color, flavor and nutritional content of these seasonal delights couldn't be better. This makes spring a perfect time to try new vegetables that you may not be accustomed to eating to help add variety to your diet.

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables is a key component of the American Institute for Cancer Research's diet and health guidelines for cancer prevention, and promotes better overall health.

Be sure not to pass up the spring asparagus. Choose spears with tight, compact tips and medium green color with purple highlights.

Pick spears of similar diameter so they all will cook in the same amount of time. Try them simply marinated in olive oil, fresh rosemary and ground black pepper, then drained and roasted in a 500-degree oven for about 10 minutes.

The height of radish season is right about now as well, so look for red globes sold in batches with their greens still attached. Fresh looking greens are a good sign of quality, and they're edible as well! Fix a radish and broccoli slaw by grating broccoli stems, radishes and carrots. Marinate the grated vegetables in a mixture of soy sauce, sesame oil, de-fatted chicken stock, rice wine vinegar, grated ginger root, a smashed garlic clove and toasted sesame seeds. Remove the garlic before serving.

Rhubarb is best in spring, and choice rhubarb is firm and has good color. Be sure to remove the leaves before cooking, as they are quite toxic. This

vegetable is sensational paired with spring strawberries in a sweet/tart crisp.

Good spring spinach is the greenest of the green, fresh and crisp with no signs of wilting or yellowing. Use it in the beautiful and easy salad recipe below.

SPRING SPINACH SALAD

- 10 ounces fresh spinach washed thoroughly, torn in pieces and steamed
- 2 cups strawberries halved or sliced
- 2 kiwifruit peeled and sliced
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 5 tablespoons part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1 tablespoon plain lowfat or nonfat yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried herb of your choice (basil, tarragon) or use 2 tsp. fresh herbs
- Dash pepper

Prepare the spinach, strawberries and kiwifruit in a large salad bowl or individual salad bowls. Combine the remaining ingredients in a blender or food processor, puree until smooth without a trace of graininess, and serve with the salad.

Each of the 4 servings contains 90 calories and 2 grams of fat.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114) Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, this free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian your questions regarding diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>.

Knock out the fat with these recipes

Here's some lowfat recipes from Beverly Price. 360mg. See related column on Taste front

SOFT SOY TACOS

- 1 (12 ounce) package Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles
- 1 packet fat free taco seasoning mix
- 8 (10-inch) whole wheat flour tortillas
- 8 ounces Soy sour cream
- 2 cups chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups chopped lettuce
- 2 cups soy cheese, shredded
- 1 cup salsa

In a non-stick skillet, mix Recipe Crumbles with taco seasoning and saute. Warm the tortillas in microwave or in a frying pan. Place some soy mix in each tortilla and top with sour cream, tomato, lettuce, cheese and salsa. Fold to eat. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving. Calories 243, fat 9g, pro. 14g, carb. 46g, chol. 1mg, fiber 1g, sodium

PEANUT BUTTER SPIRALS

- 12 ounces uncooked whole wheat spiral pasta
- 2/3 cup natural peanut butter
- 3/4 cup water
- 3 to 4 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons mild vinegar
- 1 scallion, coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon honey or rice syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 1/2 cups frozen green peas, thawed

In a large soup pot bring 4-6 cups of water to a boil. Once water is boiling add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. While pasta is cooking, combine all remaining ingredients except peas in a food processor or blender and process until smooth.

When pasta is done, drain well and transfer to a large serving bowl. Add peas and sauce; stir to combine thoroughly. Serve warm. Serves 8.

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expose her children, Rina, 8, Asher, 7, and Gila, 5, to a variety of foods. She leaves a relish tray loaded with vegetables for the kids to graze on after school. Hennes recalls a parenting magazine concept: "It takes a child 20 exposures to a new food

before a child will try it." Hennes also believes what parents "model" for children directly affects their relationship with food.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better

Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations.

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Hearty chicken soup can be a family-oriented project

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Her mother, Lyons tells readers, taught her how to sew and crochet and do needlepoint, how to make decoupage, to paint flea-market furniture and do whatever else she could think of with her only daughter.

"These lessons were given in the spirit of fun and sharing."

Now, Lyons says, that experience "is

the centerpiece of the home I share with my husband and three daughters."

Text and color photos in her book feature projects ranging from painted note cards to button necklace, from patchwork throw to doll armoire, from recipe scrapbook to recipes such as the following chicken soup, *Sopa de Lima*.

"This particular soup is especially enjoyable because it has a variety of textures that please children.

"Crushing tortilla chips, squeezing lime wedges, and sprinkling with grated cheese are the final flourishes to a very

hearty dish popular in Mexico."

SOPA DE LIMA

- One whole chicken, about 3 to 4 pounds
- Water to cover, about 12 to 14 cups
- 1 large Spanish onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Fresh pepper to taste
- 28-ounce can whole tomatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Tortilla chips
- Cheddar or Jack cheese

Lime wedges

Wash and dry the chicken. Place it in a 6-quart kettle and add water to cover the chicken. Add the chopped onion, salt and pepper. Simmer for two hours or so, until the chicken begins to come off the bones. Remove from heat and lift chicken with a slotted spoon, placing it into a bowl to cool.

Cool broth and remove fat accumulation from surface.

Add the canned tomatoes, crushing by hand as you add them. Simmer broth gen-

tly. Remove skin and bones from chicken and return shredded chicken pieces to the simmering broth.

Add chopped cilantro and cook for 30 minutes.

To serve: Ladle into large soup bowls and serve with a basket of crisp tortilla chips, grated Cheddar or Jack cheese, and wedges of fresh lime.

Garnish with some of each.

Makes 8 servings.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net*

Battling Hunger - Taste of the Nation Detroit will help raise money for nonprofit organizations to battle hunger and poverty. The event is scheduled from 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Somerset Collection in Troy. It features the area's 50 best restaurants, caterers and purveyors. Tickets are \$75. About 70 percent of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Community Food Bank, The Food Bank of Oakland County, Forgotten Harvest and Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. For information or to purchase tickets call Gleaners Community Food Bank at (313) 923-3535.

Vegetarian Cooking - Lenore Yalissove Baum, author of "Lenore's Natural Cuisine: Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking," conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899

Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled sessions 6-9 p.m. on marvelous quick meals, Monday, May 8, and a model spring dinner, Monday, May 22. Learn the principles of macrobiotics, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 30. Baum also teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays in May and another on Mondays in June. Call (248) 478-4455.

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Wine-Tasting benefit - Wine aficionados can taste wine and help benefit scholarship and other groups at A Toast to Canton Wine-Tasting 7-9 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at the Summit on the Park. The event will help the Leadership Canton Alumni scholarship fund, the Canton Goodfellows, the Canton Place Helping Hands Fund, Character Counts and the Community Literacy Council. Enjoy a splendid array of wines, hors d'oeuvres, gourmet cheeses, sushi, breadhouse breads and live entertainment. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. They can be bought at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center, or at Holiday Market. For information, call the

chamber at 453-4040 or call (734) 844-2200.

Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Center: Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252.

Rich Brioche Desserts - Dolly Matoian will teach the techniques of creating light French brioche including pecan sticky buns, a brioche chocolate bread pudding and an almond brown sugar coffee cake. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Novi Town Center; Wednesday, May 10, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Call (800) 641-1252.

Cooking with Herbs - Linda Kay Drysdale will offer a lesson on selecting the proper herb and preparing herb stuffed honey lime chicken, Greek pasta salad, icy gazpacho and mint lemonade. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Novi Town Center; Wednesday, May 17, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River. Call (800) 641-1252.

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- 1 1/2 cups peeled, chopped mangoes or peaches
- 1 medium red sweet pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons olive oil or cooking oil
- 1/2 teaspoon finely shredded lime peel
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pound halibut steaks, 1 inch thick
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- Lime wedges and/or lime peel strips (optional)

For the salsa: In a bowl combine fruit, sweet pepper, green onions, jalapeno pepper, oil, lime peel, lime juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to use.

For the fish: Preheat oven to 450 F.

Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towels. Cut into 4-ounce size pieces, if necessary. Brush with a mixture of lime juice and 1 tablespoon water. In a bowl combine paprika, salt, ginger, allspice and pepper and rub onto fish.

Arrange fish in a shallow baking pan and bake, uncovered for 8 to 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove from oven, brush fish with pan juices. If desired, garnish with lime wedges and/or lime peel strips. Serve with salsa. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from: "Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook" (Meriden, Ct., \$26.95) www.bhg.com

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Rx for women

There's no better present for Mother's Day than the gift of health from St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Bone-density testing is available any time at the Marian Women's Center, which also offers mammography, ultrasound testing and health education. Call (734) 655-1100.

A "Skin Cancer Awareness and Screening Program" will take place Saturday, May 13, in the hospital's West Addition A and B. A discussion on skin cancer 9-10 a.m. will be followed by cancer screenings 10 a.m. to noon.

"Women's Health Issues" will be presented at the hospital noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 in West Addition A. Nurse Mary Lou Anolick will discuss heart disease, osteoporosis, and menopause. Call (734) 655-8940 to register for the skin cancer screens and health issues discussion.

Cancer support group

Have you received a diagnosis of cancer within the last six months and don't know where to turn?

The Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support Group at Oakwood Hospital meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Adray Conference Center at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 8101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. You do not have to be an Oakwood patient to attend. Call (313) 593-7765.

Who are you?

The subconscious mind is a curious thing. It stores and remembers events, words, places and people you do not even realize you heard, saw or felt. Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network, as part of its Mind-Body Connection workshops program, is offering "The Cube: The Secret Language of Your Mind Revealed" 7 p.m. Monday, May 15.

"This cube program is an ancient visualization technique," says Donna May, class instructor. "It is based on a popular book that asks a series of questions. The way you answer those questions has a lot of symbolic meaning into what type of things your subconscious mind remembers."

The workshop will be at the Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Cost is \$20. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

Free car seat check

Motor vehicle crashes are the nation's leading cause of death and serious injury to children younger than 14. More than 70 percent of these tragedies can be prevented if car seats and safety belts are used correctly.

Oakwood's 'Keep Kids Safe' team and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will offer a free car seat safety check 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 18, in the West Outpatient Lobby driveway at Oakwood Annapolis, 33155 Annapolis Ave. (off Michigan Avenue and Venoy) Wayne. For more information, call Oakwood at (313) 791-1494 or (313) 791-1488.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Implant helps palsy patients

Oakwood's Program for Exceptional Children treats the whole child

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Kimberly White, 12, of Garden City is an articulate honor roll student who loves to write short stories and eat macaroni and cheese. When she grows up, she may become a famous author - or a police dispatcher. Then she could ride to work with her father, David White, a sergeant with the Garden City Police Department.

She recently finished a story about a girl who made a time machine and traveled with two friends to the Eiffel Tower in the year 5000. "I like to write fictional stories because then you can make anything happen," she says.

Kimberly, who has cerebral palsy, can easily say "intrathecal baclofen therapy," whereas her mother, Kim White, trusts herself with just using the initials, ITB therapy.

Intrathecal baclofen therapy, which uses a surgically implanted pump to deliver anti-spasticity medicine directly into the spinal fluid, has made a big difference in Kimberly's life. She had the pump implanted in January at Oakwood Hospital.

"I like it because for me I can do a lot more things," she said. "Now when I walk my heels touch the floor, my feet are more in line and my back is a lot straighter. I can sit Indian style without any help. Before I needed help, but now my legs move by themselves."

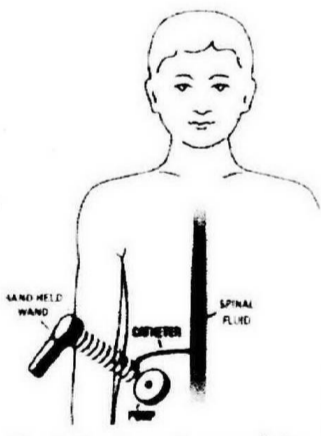
Relatively new treatment

ITB therapy is a relatively new treatment for severe spasticity in children and adults with cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury. A neurosurgeon implants a SynchroMed pump, about the size of a hockey puck, just under the skin of the abdomen. A tiny catheter is threaded around the abdomen and into the spinal fluid. The catheter carries "baclofen injection," a medication that substitutes for the brain's naturally produced relaxing chemical, called GABA.

Because baclofen injection is delivered directly into the spinal fluid, minute doses can be used. Baclofen taken by mouth is not effective. The pump is programmed by a computer to release the correct amount of the drug. It can be reprogrammed externally.

Kimberly sees both Dr. Yasser Awaad, the pediatric neurosurgeon who implanted her pump, and Dr. Susan Youngs, a pediatric physiatrist, at Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families. Youngs, the program's director, manages Kimberly's overall medical care and her rehabilitation program.

"Kimberly is a great example of the kinds of children who come to our program and get more of the comprehensive approach," said Youngs. For Kimberly, ITB therapy was a good choice, she added. "She's really motivated, which also makes her a good candidate."



Baclofen injection is delivered into the spinal fluid by a pump implanted under the skin of the abdomen. A computer turns on the pump and programs it to deliver the baclofen injection. The pump can be reprogrammed through a hand held wand "mouse" placed externally over the implanted pump. Medication is replaced every three weeks to three months by inserting a needle into a reservoir in the center of the pump.

Searching

"When you have a child with special needs, you almost feel you have entered a secret society," said Kim White. "You need to know the right password to get a question answered. If you don't get hold of the right person and ask the right question, you don't move forward."

She and her husband knew "something" was wrong with their daughter by the time she was 1 year old. "She was verbal, but her movement - she would do the low crawl," said Kim White, striving to describe her daughter's movement across the floor.



All smiles: Kimberly White says her newly implanted medicine pump allows her to walk better and sit Indian-style. Her parents, Dave and Kim White, are her biggest cheerleaders.

It took two misdiagnoses before the Whites had an answer. Beautiful, bright-eyed Kimberly, who was born premature and weighed only 2 1/2 pounds, had cerebral palsy.

For several years, the Whites took Kimberly to Shriners Hospital in Chicago for treatment. The drive was long and inconvenient. One day, Kim

'I can sit Indian style without any help. Before I needed help, but now my legs move by themselves.'

—Kimberly White

Age 12

White asked Kimberly's local pediatrician to write a new prescription for braces. He said he couldn't, and referred her to Dr. Awaad.

Kim was wary. She had seen so many neurologists. There was nothing new to be discussed.

"It turned out to be wonderful," she said. "Dr. Awaad was the first one to say, 'Do you know your options?'"

Kimberly was shown videos of different treatments, including botox injections (used to treat local spasticity), to which she said, "no." However, she became very excited after seeing the video of ITB therapy and became even more excited after a test run of the drug yielded positive results. The device was implanted on Jan. 11.

"Results came quickly. 'Oh my, a lot of people noticed her steps were surer. She could put her arm up over her head. Now she can 'high five,'" said Kim White.

Anne Marie Michon, a nurse who works with Dr. Awaad, said all the children who have had the pump implanted experienced positive results, ranging from dressing or being dressed more easily to walking faster or without a walker.

"Every patient has improved to some level."

Comprehensive care

Kim and Dave White found at Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families, which treats patients with a wide range of chronic, complex disorders and disabilities, including cerebral palsy, muscle disorders, spina/bifida, rheumatologic disorders, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries, amputations and sports injuries.

"They treat the whole child. Dr. Awaad looks for what's best physically. Dr. Youngs looks at the emotional component. Even the nurses, they work as a complete team. I was so impressed," said Kim White.

"We all spend an exorbitant amount of time on the phone with families, dealing with life issues," said Youngs.

Youngs understands the frustration her patients and their families have undergone traveling back and forth, sometimes at great distances, between specialists. "That just wears on a family. There wasn't one person or place that was pulling it together," she said.

The Program for Exceptional Families is the equivalent of one-stop shopping, a medical center hybrid. Youngs refers to it as a "medical home."

During a single visit, children and their families are seen by a team of pediatric specialists, including a pediatrician, physical medicine and rehabilitation physician, a physiatrist, neurologist, nurse, dietitian, social worker, parent advocate, psychologist, physical and occupational therapists and orthotist.

Rehabilitation is the hallmark of the program. "This is really the part in which we have carved a niche," said Youngs. "How can we make this person's life better? How can we walk beside them?"

Youngs' holistic approach extends to the patient's broader community. "She knows the dynamics of school systems. 'If I have a question, I can just call the school and say, 'Hi, I'm Dr. Youngs from the Program for Exceptional Families. I have questions about Johnny.' That's what sets this program apart."

Kimberly White is now learning how to use crutches in physical therapy. It's a big challenge, but one Kimberly is not afraid to tackle. After all, this is a girl who made the honor roll even after missing nine days of school while having an ITB therapy pump implanted.

Thanks to Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families and Kimberly's own determination to do her absolute best, Kimberly's life may be like the title of her time machine story. "Anything is possible."

For more information about the Program for Exceptional Families at Oakwood Hospital, call (313) 791-4135.



Tender touch: Dr. Susan Youngs tends to Desiree Raschke of Melvindale, one of her young patients in the Program for Exceptional Families.

Life-saving advice for mothers about strokes

Taking time to learn the warning signs of stroke could be the best Mother's Day present you could ever give anyone. According to the American Stroke Association, stroke kills more than 97,000 women each year.

A critical step in surviving a stroke - a blockage of blood flow to the brain caused by a clogged or ruptured blood vessel - is speed. Call 911 as soon as the signs are evident.

Fast action is important, especially now that a new emergency treatment for stroke - a clot busting drug called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) - can greatly reduce the risk of death and permanent brain damage. Unfortunately, less than 5 percent of Ameri-

cans get to the hospital in time to receive tPA, which must be administered within three hours of the onset of symptoms to be effective.

The warning signs of stroke are:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

More than half of women who survive a stroke die within a year of the stroke, and 25 percent die within 30 days.

Women who have a stroke are more likely to die than men who have a stroke. The reason for this is not clear, but it may be related to the fact that women are more likely to have other health problems, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease.

For more information about stroke, call 1-888-ESTROKE or visit the American Stroke Association website at www.strokeassociation.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: *Medical Datebook*, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

ONGOING

OVEREATERS
Overeaters Anonymous meets every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. through June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile. Call Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

AA & ALANON
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road. Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
Marquette House, a residential

assisted living facility at 36000 Campus Drive in Westland (across from John Glenn High School), holds blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday. Open to the public 11 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 326-6537.

SUN, MAY 7

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY
Celebrate Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week at The Good Food Company, 42615 Ford between Sheldon and Lilley one-half mile west of I-275 in Canton. Guest speakers will discuss issues of indoor air quality and alternative pest management. Videos, refreshments, and printed information. Contact MCS Friends for times at (248) 349-4972.

MON, MAY 8

THYROID DISORDERS
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet 6:30 in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

TUES, MAY 9

EXERCISE SEMINAR
St. Collette Parish Health Ministry will offer a seminar on "Exercise: Can it save your life?" with Dr. Steven Keteyian, exercise physiologist at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute at 7 p.m. in the church, 17600 Newburgh in Livonia. Call for reservations (734) 464-4436.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES
Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will present "Advance Directives: When and how soon should they be in place," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center of Alterra-Clare Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations.

will present "Exercises and Techniques in Stress Reduction" 7 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi (intersection of Grand River and Beck). No charge. Reservations required. Call (248) 380-3550.

MON, MAY 15

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME
The Restless Leg Syndrome Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland to discuss medications and exercises. The meeting will feature a video by California-based physician Dr. Vuchfuhrer. For more information, call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

TUES, MAY 16

LYME DISEASE
The Lyme Disease Support Group will sponsor a "Lyme Disease education night" at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502 for more information.

WED, MAY 17

DYSLEXIA SUPPORT
The Michigan Dyslexia Institute - Detroit Metro Center will host a meeting on the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 at

related to accommodations for students/adults with dyslexia. Parents, advocates, professionals and students encouraged to attend. Meets at 6:45 p.m. at the MD Institute, 30230 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, Suite 130.

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THUR, MAY 18

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC
Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines a child needs except chicken pox. Adults must take immunization records for any children. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

EXERCISE
Oakland Physical Therapy PC will present "Fit After Fifty" 7 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi (intersection of Grand River and Beck). No charge. Reservations required. Call (248) 380-3550.

TUES, MAY 23

RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME
The Restless Leg Syndrome will meet at 2 p.m. at Henry Ford OptimEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland to discuss medications and exercises. Garden City Hospital nurse Marilyn Armerage will be the featured speaker. For more information, call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

MAY 24-JUNE 14

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Learn to cook whole grains, beans, tofu, tempeh, sugar-free desserts and lots more in a four-week cooking series by Micro Val, 30561 Krauter, Apt. 3C, Garden City. Call (734) 261-2856.

WED, MAY 31

BLOOD DRIVE
The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Blood drive sponsored by the Canton Hindu Temple (44955 Cherry Hill). For information, call (734) 981-8730.

JUNE 3 & 7

STOP SMOKING
Providence Hospital will present smoking-cessation programs 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3, Novi Park; Providence Medical Center-Providence Park 47601 Grand River (Beck entrance), Novi; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Providence Medical Center-Livonia; Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile (at Newburgh), Livonia. For reservations, call 1-877-345-5500.

SAT, JUNE 10

CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT
Prerequisite for initial training: proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card. Retraining: proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card and current ACLS certification. Class is offered Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital/ Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute (734) 712-2948.

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In less than 24 hours, the "I Love You" computer virus spread to millions of computers around the world, worse than any other virus yet experienced, including last year's infamous Melissa virus.

While Melissa was relatively harmless, the so-called Love Bug destroys multimedia graphics and sound files before e-mailing itself as an attachment to every address in the user's e-mail directory.

Security and IT professionals have been working around the clock to remove the virus from network mail servers. Scores of

major corporations and government systems around the world have had to shut down or become so clogged with the viruses that e-mail was all but unusable. Millions of copies of the virus poured into the electronic mailboxes of individual computer users. At one point Thursday, I was getting a new copy of the bug every minute.

As the weekend arrived, there were reports that the virus has morphed into a new version that is rapidly making its way around the Internet as a round two of the attack. This one has the subject line "FW: JOKE" and contains an attachment called "Very Funny vbs." The name change masquerades the exact same virus, thus allowing the malicious program to worm its way into even more computers and avoid anti-virus software that

screens out viruses by name.

Microsoft's vulnerability

Like most of the destructive viruses we've seen recently, the Love Bug was written in Microsoft's Visual Basic scripting language and exploits security weaknesses in Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser and its popular Outlook and Outlook Express e-mail programs.

Already, a growing number of Microsoft critics are urging people to turn away from the popular programs in favor of alternate browsers such as Netscape (www.netscape.com) or Opera (www.opera.com), and third-party e-mail programs such as Eudora (www.eudora.com), which seem to be much less susceptible to viruses.

For those who want to disable the Microsoft Visual Basic script-

ing function that this particular virus exploits, here's how to turn this option off. Go to the Control Panel, then:

- click on Add/ Remove Programs
- click the Windows Setup tab
- click on Accessories to get the details
- uncheck Windows Scripting Host
- click "OK" to save any changes

This will have minimal effect on most Windows functions and will keep you free from this virus. But it's not a cure-all, and the problem is much bigger than Microsoft. The deranged people who spread viruses can just as easily write viruses for other operating systems and programs.

Protect yourself

That said, just because you

get the virus doesn't mean that you're infected. The only way that will happen is if you open the attached Love Letter file that comes with the e-mail.

Meantime, there are three simple steps everyone can take to protect against all kinds of computer viruses.

■ Back up all your important files. Use something like lomega's popular Zip disks or other large-capacity storage media, or even floppies if that's all you have. Just do so. Now. Before you're infected with whatever is next unleashed. Then, get into the habit of backing up weekly.

■ Never, ever, under any circumstances, open attached files or pictures or graphics that you receive unsolicited by e-mail, even if you know the person supposedly sending the file. This is

the way viruses are spread, and though most of the 1,000 new viruses being unleashed every month are not as nasty as the Love Bug, it's simply too risky to take the chance.

■ Make sure your anti-virus software is updated. All of the big anti-virus firms now have Love Bug

Until next week... 73 everybody.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

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TUE, MAY 9

CAREER WOMEN

The West Suburban chapter of the National Association of Career women will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guest speaker Ron Koller will speak about "Groups that work, and those that don't." The cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members. Call Tracey Huff at (248) 347-3355.

WED, MAY 10

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Laurel Park Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m., Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (810) 323-3800.

FRI, MAY 12

BUSINESS NETWORK INT'L

Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m., Residence Inn by Marriott, Fox Drive and Six Mile between I-275 and Haggerty. Call (810) 323-3800.

FRI, MAY 12

FIESTA HISPANA BALL

The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts its 11th Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The VIP reception begins at 6:30

p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo Anderson, executive in charge of worldwide purchasing for General Motors Corp., is event chairman. The ball provides an opportunity to network with business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCC at (248) 208-9915.

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BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

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World Trade Week 2000

The Detroit Regional Chamber and the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership in association with the International Business Council will present World Trade Week 2000 May 15-18.

Robert A. Mundell, Nobel Prize winner in economic sciences and professor of economics at Columbia University, will be the keynote speaker at the Economic Club of Detroit's kick-off event noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 15.

Fourteen seminars are scheduled throughout the metro Detroit area, including "Exporting Services to Japan," presented at the Novi Hilton Hotel beginning 8 a.m. Thursday, May

18. Space is limited. For general information on World Trade Week, call Jessica Schlick of the Detroit Regional Chamber at (313) 596-0438 or e-mail: jschlick@detroitchamber.com.

First-rate company

Agents rated Amerisure Insurance of Farmington Hills first among 22 writers of workers compensation insurance, according to the property casualty ratings in Crittenden Publishing's Insurance Markets newsletter.

The annual survey was distributed to more than 5,000 agents and brokers at the end of 1999. Amerisure scored the best in the categories of accessibility and timely response to inquiries, flexibility on conditions and exclusions, and efficient and fair on payment of claims.

"We are especially pleased with this rating," said Richard F. Russell, president and CEO of Amerisure Inc.

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Wednesday, May 10, 2000
10:00 am-11:30 am
Melvin Bailey Recreation Center
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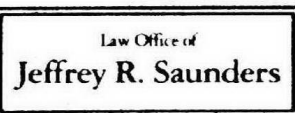
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