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THE WEEK AHEAD

WEDNESDAY

Chamber awards: The Canton Chamber of Commerce hands out the Business Person of the Year and Athena awards at its May luncheon, noon at Summit on the Park. Admission is \$15. For reservations call the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

Newcomers: The Canton Newcomers will hold Membership Appreciation Night beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse; 45800 Hanford Road. An evening of fun and surprises is planned. For information call (734) 451-5426.

THURSDAY

School safety: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will host an evening discussion on "Keeping our Students Safe" 7 p.m. in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road. The event is free and open to the public. Guest speakers will include area professionals who deal with at-risk students and also the use of the Internet.

FRIDAY

On stage: The Plymouth Theatre Guild stages "Wait Until Dark," at 8 p.m. Friday, in the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile. Tickets are \$9 at the door, \$8 in advance all ages, \$6 for students 18 and younger. The play runs weekends through May 16. Call (248) 349-7110.

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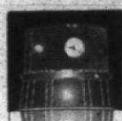
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Report: 911 error was accident



The Canton Police Department's internal investigation has concluded that the erasure of recorded calls to the emergency line last March was due to poor training and human error, not deliberate actions by a dispatcher.

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Inadequate training and human error led to an accidental erasure of days worth of 911 calls by Canton Police.

That's the finding of an internal investigation completed Thursday. Changes in department policies and additional dispatcher training will be implemented to correct the problem, according to Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro.

"We don't think there was any intent on the part of the dispatcher to intentionally erase the tape," he said. "We think it was an inadequate training issue."

A recording of calls on and around March 24, including one call that drew a resident complaint, was lost. The department was attempting to make a copy of the recording at the time it was erased.

The Observer had requested to hear the recording under the state Freedom

of Information Act after a complaint from Kim Mandry, a Canton resident.

Mandry called police March 24 requesting a check of her mother's well-being. Her mother, Lenore Stonerock, works alone as a custodian at Walker-Winter Elementary School on Michigan Avenue.

Because of an incident where Stonerock was confronted by a man in the school, Mandry calls on her mother each night to check her well-being. On

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Land in place for road project

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Improvements to the intersection of Ford and Lilley roads will begin soon. Canton's Downtown Development Authority acquired the final right-of-way deed Friday in a special meeting. It came at a price, however.

The DDA agreed to pay \$29,000 to the owner of a strip mall on the east side of Lilley just south of Ford. That's \$5,000 more than the right-of-way was appraised.

"It makes sense to me to pay it," said DDA Director Dave Khoury. Greg Greene agreed.

"It's the last piece of the puzzle," the DDA director added. "It's a no-brainer." The intersection, one of Canton's busiest, will be widened.

Lilley Road will go from three to four lanes in both directions. Left-hand turn lights will be added as well.

Most arm signals will replace existing overhead lights. Canton Supervisor and DDA Director Tom Yack said the new signals have numerous benefits.

"The mast arm gives you the flexibility where people can more easily see important information," he said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Welcome: Stephanie LaCasse, 8, her mom Linda and sister Danielle, 11, hold signs welcoming their French foreign exchange student, Jonathon Parker, 11½, at Miller Elementary School late last month.

'Merci, merci'

Miller families hosting French kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Parlez-vous francais? For most of the 28 Plymouth-Canton school district families who are hosting sixth-grade boys from France, the answer to that question is "no."

"Merci, merci," said Sheila Byrne of Canton to Romain, who had just given his host mother a gift from

France in the gym at Miller Elementary in Canton.

"It's going to be a long few weeks trying to figure out what to say," added Byrne, who said her family received a tape with commonly used phrases and a French-English dictionary to help them communicate. "We don't speak French at all, and the family we matched up with doesn't speak English."

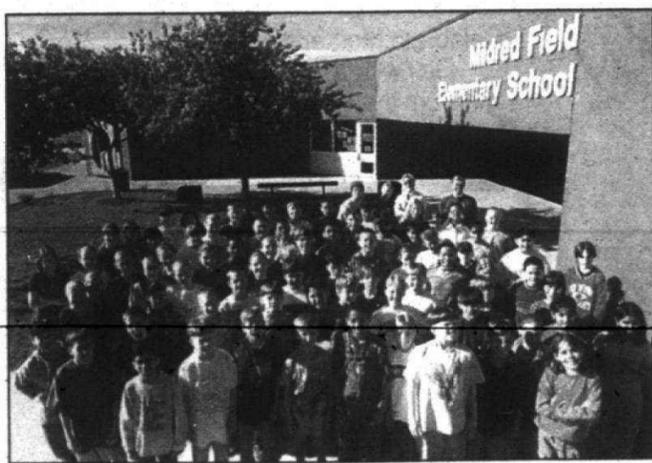
Apparently, the language barrier

isn't enough deterrence to keep from making lifelong friends thousands of miles away.

"Our daughter, Kristen, went through this program eight years ago and we still correspond with her host family," said Pat VanDusen of Plymouth. "In fact, they sent their child back to stay with us the following summer for three weeks and then Kristen, (her sister) Lauren and I

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Blasting off from Field School



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Ready for launch: Fifth-graders from Field Elementary School in Canton gather for the Observer before heading to Space Camp Sunday. For a story and photos of other Plymouth-Canton schools making the trip this week, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

Crowd expected for May 8 fund-raiser

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Financial and competitive support already has exceeded expectations.

Now organizers of the first-ever Plymouth/Canton Relay For Life are hoping volunteer support will be forthcoming, too, for the 24-hour fund-raiser benefiting the American Cancer Society.

"The response (to the event itself) has been absolutely wonderful," said Gloria Peterson, community development director for ACS's Great Lakes Division.

"The dollar goal is set for \$30,000 the first year, which is pretty ambitious, but I think we'll surpass that," she said.

The May 8-9 24-hour run/walk marathon, featuring teams of relay runners, will be held at Heritage Park, beginning at 10 a.m. that Saturday.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Peterson said the number of teams has decreased because teams have combined to form larger teams, thereby increasing participation while also cutting the time participants must stay out on the course. "But there's about the same number of participants, about 300-400," Peterson said.

Now the effort is to recruit volunteers for the event, which also will be kicking off the Great Lakes Division's most ambitious effort. Twenty events this summer in metro Detroit, "where normally we have only four or five a year," Peterson said.

Needed is "anybody that can help out with the set-up and registration," provide entertainment, be judges for the food, costume and midnight pajama

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Canton, nation mark Day of Prayer on Thursday

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



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

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

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

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

Sponsored by the L.J. Griffin Funer-

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

Tickets cost \$10 each while \$80 reserves a table. Call (734) 495-9253 for reservations.

At mid-day, the American Family Association on National Day of Prayer will sponsor the annual "Meet at City Hall" 12:20-12:40 p.m. at the flagpole at the Canton Township Administration-Building, 1150 Canton Center Road. Call (734) 981-3442 for more

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

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

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

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went to visit them.

"Then, Erin went to France three years ago as part of the program and ended up spending a whole day with Kristen's host family," said VanDusen. "This year, we're hosting Timothy and Steven and they are going to stay with my family. Timothy's parents have already invited us to France."

The Plymouth-Canton families were paired with their French counterparts last fall, and many have been corresponding by e-mail since then.

"It helps in getting to know the child," said VanDusen. "I got a list of things he wants to eat, like McDonald's Happy Meals, chicken nuggets and pizza."

Mike Hause of Plymouth was so happy with the program three years ago that his family is participating again.

"That boy's family spent two weeks with us last summer before they went out west," said Hause. "This year, Carrie's host family lives about 15 minutes

home June 26.

"We're a little nervous, but our son is anxious to go," said Linda Wallace of Plymouth. "The communications gap makes it a bit difficult."

However, 11-year-old Nathaniel is ready to make his trek across the Atlantic Ocean.

"They told us we would get to go on tons of field trips," said Nathaniel, a fifth-grader at Birch Elementary. "And, we'll get to see the Eiffel Tower. I take French after school, but I don't know what I'm going to do or say."

Plymouth-Canton students have participated in the program since 1985, with fourth- through sixth-graders eligible to take part in the family exchange.

"This is a program that's enriching for the whole family," added VanDusen. "It gives you and the child a perspective that there are other cultures and things going on outside Plymouth and Canton."

Then the situation will be reversed, as Plymouth-Canton students fly to France June 5 to stay with the families of the students they hosted. They'll return



Here they come: The students from France get a typical Michigan spring greeting as they arrive at Miller Elementary School on April 23.

Drug-Free grant proposals due May 18

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

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

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

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

what process the information was gathered.

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

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

They must be completed and

returned to the office of the assistant superintendent of instruction no later than May 18.

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

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

Any project which will be approved using Safe and Drug-Free funding must be researched. For specific information regarding authorized activities, contact Linda Kelly at (734) 416-3001.

Shuttle trip Space Campers to spend week in Florida, California

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

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

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

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

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

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

Field fifth grade teacher Stu Raben was one of four teachers in Plymouth-Canton who applied for NASA's Teacher-in-Space

program.

Raben is thrilled to be going and not at all disappointed he will be in a simulator, and not the real space shuttle.

"They, it's the shuttle," he said with a smile.

"This is a great opportunity," added Aaron Bailey of Plymouth, who is in California's Space Camp. "I can't wait to get on the multi-axis trainer and all the other simulators."

Fiegel students are in Florida with T-shirts designed by student Jared Perez of Plymouth which read "Fiegel School Soars to New Heights at Space Camp."

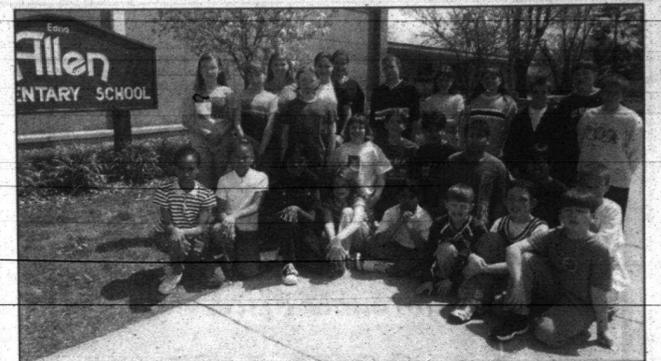
Allen School students Angela Schommer and Juliana Sartor also won a T-shirt design contest. Students are sporting shirts with a dragon in a space suit on the moon, carrying an American flag, entitled "Allen School Space Camp."

Almost every fifth-grader in the district will travel to either Florida, California or the space camp in Huntsville, Ala., before the end of the school year. The exceptions will be the students at Miller Elementary in Canton, who will travel in mid-August to the space center in California.



Space Camp Schedule

| CAMP DATE | SCHOOL |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Titusville, Florida | |
| May 2-7 | Allen, Fiegel |
| May 9-14 | Hoben, Hulising |
| May 23-28 | Bird, Farrand |
| May 30-June 4 | Eriksson |
| Farrand | |
| June 6-11 | |
| Bently | |
| Gallimore | |
| Huntsville, Alabama | |
| May 30-June 4 | Allen, Hoben |
| Mountain View, California | |
| May 2-8 | Field, Smith |
| May 16-22 | Allen |
| | Gillmore |
| | Smith |
| August 15-21 | Miller |



Final countdown: Students from Allen (top) and Fiegel schools get together while preparing for their week at Space Camp. Allen is sending two other student groups this spring.

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contests and help with the all-night games.

"Also, we will need some fresh people to help us tear down and clean up on Sunday morning," Peterson added.

'Get an idea'

By participating either as relayers or volunteers, people "can get an idea of what it's all about and hopefully they'll join in other relays," Peterson said.

The event promises to be quite an attraction, she said.

There will be food vendors such as Chubs Concessions from the Michigan State Fair and Maria's Bakery and Deli in Canton, which will sell pizza and give half the proceeds to the Cancer Society.

There also will be entertainment during much of Saturday, Peterson said, as well as a demonstration by the Canton Police Department K-9 Corps.

A children's activity area will feature face-painters and Arts & Scraps, which shows youngsters how to use scrap material to make crafts items.

And the Plymouth Community Arts Council will bring out its Children's Theatrical Troupe to perform "The Fabulous Fable Factory" musical at 3 p.m. that day.

The event will open with the Survivors Victory Lap at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The emotional Luminary Ceremony will be around 8 p.m. The special candles honoring both living survivors of cancer and its victims will be available all day for purchase.

Since it's a 24-hour relay, some squads will have on-site fund raising. Peterson said.

"Some teams will be holding (cash) drawings or bake sales. There'll be one team with four massage therapists at their tent" who will provide their skills for donations, Peterson said.

Another team will have a Mary Kay Cosmetics representative doing facials.

"There's just a lot going on," the spokeswoman said.

The teams competing choose a theme and then follow through by decorating their campsites in it.

Three squads

Teams entered so far include three squads from the St. Joseph Mercy Health Center, with over 20 staffers on each; the Tropical Trekkers, Jennifer's Hearts and Babe's.

The Summit Seniors and a team being organized by Debbie Zevalnik, assistant to township Supervisor Tom Yack, will both represent the township.

The St. John Neumann Church Youth Group of Canton has entered, as have the Executive Forum and the German Club from Plymouth-Canton's two high schools.

A team of West Middle School eighth-graders also is competing. The Carlson Wagonlit Travel team from Plymouth has entered. Calling itself the Carlson Crusaders, it is made up of the agency's staffers plus employees of other businesses, including Lou LaRiche Chevrolet.

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

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

1993 and 1994 National Prayer Breakfasts and the Inaugural Breakfasts for Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

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

Donor gives \$10,000 for Foundation grants

The Canton Community Foundation has two additional scholarships available to high school seniors this spring thanks to a \$10,000 gift from an anonymous donor.

The donor is offering two \$5,000 scholarships to Canton residents, said Joan Noricks, foundation executive director. The grants are available to students with a minimum 3.0 grade point average who will attend an accredited Michigan college or university. They are

open to students in all majors.

The anonymous donation nearly doubles the total amount for scholarships available this spring. Some \$22,000 in grants that began at the \$500 level are available to Canton and Plymouth residents.

Applicants must fill out a Canton Community Education Grant form available at the public library and high school counseling offices.

The deadline has been extended to May 10.

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March 24, the 37-year-old was unable to reach her mother.

Mandy placed her first call to Canton police at about 9:30 p.m. She made a second call 30 minutes later to check the status, but a squad car hadn't been by the school.

Mandy then made a third call to 911. She claims a Canton dispatcher treated her unprofessionally in taking the call.

Police officers arrived at the school shortly after 10 p.m. and found that Stonerock was OK. Mandy, upset over her treatment and the response time, made a verbal complaint with Canton police the following day, March 25.

The department subsequently investigated the complaint. In a letter to Mandy dated April 14, Santomauro apologized.

On April 16, the director instructed Canton Capt. Alex Wilson to conduct a second investigation into how the 911 recording was erased. He specifically told him to determine whether the error was caused by employee error, training deficiencies or equipment failure.

Wilson's report concluded that the dispatcher attempting to

As a result, each of the department's 16 dispatchers will receive retraining on the recording equipment.

make a copy of the recording "clearly" made a mistake.

"But there was nothing to support an intent to erase this tape," he wrote. "Department personnel had not received training on, nor had they knowledge of the system safeguards which would have prevented this incident from occurring. Inadequate training was provided."

As a result, each of the department's 16 dispatchers will receive retraining on the recording equipment. System safeguards will receive emphasis, said Santomauro.

Wilson found that the recording system, which was built and is serviced by Grand Rapids-based Van Belkum Voice and Data Services, is adequate and meets department needs.

As for department policy, Wilson's report said that it doesn't "provide for security levels or

adequate safeguards." Santomauro said several changes are being made off of that finding.

Copies of 911 tapes will only be done by "designated and qualified personnel." Since requests for copies are made infrequently, two to three times per month, Santomauro said limiting the number of people making them should maintain a higher level of proficiency.

Wilson also will be made under the direct supervision of a supervisor. A pre-form checklist will also be utilized in making copies of 911 tapes.

Santomauro said no disciplinary action will be taken against the dispatcher who accidentally erased the March 24 tape.

"There's nothing that indicates any wrongdoing by the employee," he added. "I think it was an honest mistake."

Santomauro feels the department has taken proper steps to solve the problem. He said mistakes are unavoidable, but the key is how they're addressed.

"If there's a system breakdown it's better to identify it," Santomauro added.

Road project from page A1

The improvement project will cost about \$800,000. An exact start date is unclear, but should begin within a few weeks, according to Sue Polson, a township engineer.

Right-of-way deeds were only needed for the east side of Lilley. The DDA had to acquire deeds from owners of the Donut Scene, Speedway Gas Station and the strip mall before work could begin.

Negotiations with the Lilley Road strip mall owner had been

ongoing for months. The appraised price of \$24,000 had originally been agreed upon by the owner.

But Yack said that the owner asked for more money after learning two other properties appraised at a higher value.

"His appraised value is less than the others because he's not on a corner," he added.

Several recent negotiation sessions with township attorney Ronald Whitthoff produced the agreement to sell the right-of-

way for \$29,000. DDA Chairman Ralph Shufeldt voted to pay the higher price. But he also had reservations about the deal.

"Do we set a precedent by doing this," he asked Yack.

The township rarely purchases right-of-way deeds, said Yack. He wasn't sure what effect the deal could have.

"This is the way business is done I guess," Yack added.

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Madonna ceremony to honor grads, special friends of school

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kreage Foundation.

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

International composer, organist and choral director, Noel Goemanne was born in West Flanders, Belgium, in 1926, emigrating to the United States in 1952 and becoming a citizen in 1959.

Goemanne is a graduate of the Lemmens Institute of Sacred Music of Belgium with postgraduate studies from the Conservatoire Royal De Liege and private study with composer Flor Peeters. Madonna University will bestow upon Goemanne a doctor of sacred music.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Noel Goemanne



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OBITUARIES

ALMA GRACE ZEEB
Funeral services for Alma Grace Zeeb, 89, of Livonia were held April 28 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

to Laguna Beach, Calif., where she was known as "Pinkie" by her friends. She volunteered 30 years with the Pageant of the Masters.

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

George Boltrick of Plymouth; son Fred Boltrick of Livonia; and two grandchildren.
THADDEUS G. MATLEY
Funeral services for Thaddeus "Ted" C. Matley, 80, of Livonia were May 1 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating.

made to Our Lady of Good Counsel Music Ministry, 1160 Penniman, Plymouth 48170.
RAYMOND A. BOURLIER
Funeral services for Raymond A. Bourlier, 81, of Plymouth, were April 17 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a request for proposal for Legal Services in the Area of Workers Compensation. RFPs are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCS Purchasing Department at (734) 415-2746.

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Survivors include wife Eleanor L.; son Duane (Margaret Rose) D. Bourlier of Stevensville, Mich.; sister Lucille Calkins of Westland; and stepson John McClellan.
Preceding him in death were parents Raymond Paul and Eleanor Fredericks.
Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley, Memorial Park may be sent to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 334 Plymouth 48170; the American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley 48072; or to St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 S. Sheldon, Canton 48187.

Fighting high-tech crime
Granholt announces new investigative unit

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

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

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

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

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

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

item pricing law probably will be challenged in the Legislature," Granholm said;
■ Fitness clubs that set up a "gym" with a few exercise machines, sign up members and collect money, then leave town;
■ Home repair scams, where a homeowner may be approached to pay a few thousand dollars for a "new roof" and the "roofer" then uses two buckets of tar and spray to "seal" the roof.

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

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and Dean Sister Lauriana invited him to assist in developing the fire protection major. He then was hired director of the program, a position he held for five years.
Lenaghan has supported Madonna University by contributing to the annual fund every year since his graduation. All graduates and their families are invited to attend the baccalaureate Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, in the Presentation Chapel located at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse. A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sister Mary Franciene will be held in the Residence Hall dining room following Mass.

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International wines have Michigan touch

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

This year marks Colleen McKettrick's 20th year in the wine business.

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

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

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

Natural career choice

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please see WINES, B2

Wine Picks

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

■ Pair these chardonnays with pan-seared scallops for a deliciously simple dinner: 1998 Rosemount Chardonnay \$10; 1997 Canoe Ridge Vineyard Chardonnay \$15; and 1997 Ferrari-Carano Chardonnay \$22.

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

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

■ Best buys at \$10 and under: 1998 Hermitage Road Chardonnay and Shiraz, both \$9.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

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Desserts

for spring

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beginning with suggestions for stocking "The



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See recipes inside.

Baking tips

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

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

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

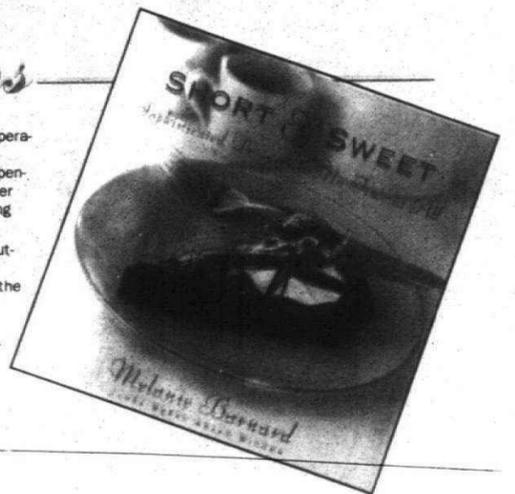
■ Warped cookware conducts heat unevenly so cheap pots, cake pans, muffin tins or cookie sheets are not a bargain.

■ When using glass cookware for

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

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

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



Wheat, yeast, mold, milk make some people sick

SENSIBLE LIVING



BEVERLY PRICE

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

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

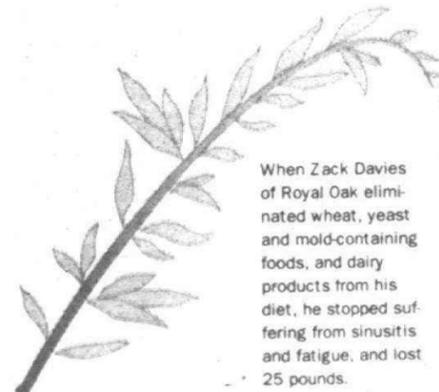
Some people are born with food allergies and eventually outgrow them, while others develop food allergies over time. A weak immune system can be the cause of many food allergies or intolerances.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have food allergies, try these recipes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mix the seasonings, egg substitute, soy milk and barley flour together. Spread 1/3 of the cheese mixture over the bottom of the pre-baked pie crust.

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

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

Chocolate Cake from Jane Zuki's Dairy-Free Cookbook
 1 and 2/3 cup sugar
 2/3 cup milk-free margarine

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

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

Pour into two greased and cocoa powdered 9-inch round baking pans. Bake for 30 - 35 minutes. Let cakes cool in pans for ten minutes. Invert onto wire racks to cool completely. Frost, glaze or dust with confectioners sugar. Serves 16.

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

Join Beverly Price for "Natural Treatment Options for Menopause." — Lecture and Cooking, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at her office in Farmington Hills.

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

Preheat oven to 425°F. In a large nonstick skillet, brown ground beef and garlic over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking beef up into 3/4-inch crumbles. Pour off drippings.

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

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

Makes 4 servings.

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

Nutritional facts per serving: 420 cal., 29 pro., 35 carbo., 18 g fat, 596 mg sodium, 27 mg chol.

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

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

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

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

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

Spring desserts are simply delicious

See related spring dessert story on Taste front.

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

Powdered sugar for garnish (optional)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recipe from Kreschner Wheat Germ

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB COBBLER
 Filling
 1 quart strawberries, halved or quartered if large
 3 cups sliced rhubarb
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/4 cup water

1 tablespoon cornstarch
 2 tablespoons raspberry liqueur or orange juice

Top Crust
 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1/4 cup whole-wheat flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 4 teaspoons sugar
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Recipe from "Prevention's Health Guaranteed Cookbook," by the food editors of Prevention Health Books & University Hospitals Synovate Culinary School (Rodale Press, Inc., 1998, \$29.95)

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

Gallo family visits
 On Wednesday, April 28 winemaker Gina Gallo and winogrower Matt Gallo visited metro-Detroit and conducted a tasting at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn.

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

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

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Breast cancer

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

Thyroid support

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

Blood drive

Girl Scout Troop 3321 of Livonia is holding a blood drive 8-2-8 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Hull Elementary, 34715 Lyndon in Livonia. For more information, call Nancy Debuffere at (734) 464-8937 or Linda Hoff at (734) 464-4062.

Menopause support

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

Long-term care

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

CPR review

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

Survivor picnic

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

Early detection is your best defense against breast cancer

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In 1998, Michigan had the eighth highest recorded number of new breast cancer cases in the United States and tied with New Jersey for the eighth highest breast cancer mortality rate, according to the American Cancer Society. One way women can take a proactive role against the disease is to perform monthly breast self-exams that don't cost anything and can be done in the privacy of your own home. Another way is to have a yearly mammogram. Unfortunately there is a large population of women who cannot afford to have the exam and thus face a nine percent lower chance of survival than women in higher income brackets. An initiative, in its ninth year of operation, the Mother's Day Mammograms program founded in Pennsylvania by the Rite Aid Women's Health Foundation and sponsored by Rite Aid Corp., serves to "connect uninsured and low-income women with free mammogram services," according to Lisa L. Kirchner a Rite Aid spokeswoman. The criteria to qualify is based on age (at least 40 years old), income level and insurance status. Women are encouraged to call (888) 748-3669 (RITENOW) to determine if they qualify for a free mammogram.

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

Redford resident Judy Timberlake knows all too well the benefits of having a regular physical exam. In 1989 a lump was detected in her breast during a routine check up. In her mid-forties, Timberlake says she was somewhat mindful of the importance of visiting her doctor regularly as she was treated in her twenties for a fibroid tumor in the same breast. "When you're young you are aware but your not, of the importance of going to your doctor annually. Unfortunately you don't have that fear or awareness that comes with age," said Timberlake. Her mother was also diagnosed in her mid-40s



with breast cancer and lived to be 78. Timberlake said the likelihood of her daughter developing breast cancer has never been a significant issue but the 22-year-old has made a practice of visiting her doctor on a regular basis. Timberlake says she's scheduled for her annual mammogram in two weeks at the Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Hospital where she was treated a decade ago. After the lump was detected through a mammogram, the Redford 55-year-old says a needle biopsy was performed to confirm the diagnosis and she underwent a mastectomy to remove the cancerous breast. "I went through six months of chemotherapy because there was some lymph node involvement," said Timberlake. 1999 marked the 10th year for her as a breast cancer survivor.

Turning the tables

The American Cancer Society reports that women have a 95 percent chance of surviving when breast cancer is confined to the breast and early detection is one of the best defenses against such a devastating disease. "Women should faithfully see their doctor every year and perform breast self-exams," encouraged Timberlake. Ford Motor Co. recently launched a new Web site in conjunction with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure® in Detroit (www.fordvehicles.com/forforce)

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

Two of the five options on the site include "Healthy Living" — a link to information on breast cancer prevention, detection and management in a question-and-answer format, articles on topics like "Foods that fight cancer" and "Making things easy for my kids when I'm in the hospital" are posted every two weeks. A second feature "Interact with Friends" allows you to send a friend an electronic postcard that serves as a reminder to conduct monthly self-exams and the other card encourages the recipient to register for a Race in their local community. Additional features coming soon include a tribute wall which allows you to honor someone you know who has been affected by breast cancer. There will be space to leave a personal message, post your own photos from local Races, participate in a virtual Race and visit the virtual Ford Race tent.

Raising awareness, celebrating life The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is coming to Livonia beginning at noon Friday, June 18 and will conclude the following day at noon at Stevenson High School. Teams of 15 to 20 people from local businesses, churches, service groups and families will take turns walking, running or jogging around the track at the high school. The event includes a "Victory Lap" where cancer survivors are celebrated, a lunary ceremony in the evening to honor victims and survivors, and there is camping, food, and entertainment throughout the 24-hour program.

The Livonia Wal-Mart is participating in the event by sponsoring a team of participants. To become a member, contact team captain Karen at (734) 524-0577. For information about breast cancer research, fund-raising and volunteer opportunities or support visit these Web sites: Susan G. Komen Foundation Web site at www.komen.org; the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute at www.karmanos.org or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org

Now, mammogram results may be reported directly to patient

What do the results of your mammogram really mean? It can be agonizing waiting for the results of your mammogram, and once you get them they can be confusing. A new requirement regarding direct reporting to the patient may help to ease the process. As of April 28, 1999, the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA), includes "a summary of written [mammography] report

shall be sent to the patient by the interpreting physician in terms easily understood by a lay person." The amendment to the MQSA applies to every patient who receives a mammogram. "We are very excited to offer this service to our patients," said Sandy Zinaja, product line manager, Oakwood Breast Care Center. "It will certainly help them to understand and feel more comfortable with their results."

Physicians are also pleased with the new direct reporting requirement. "We've shared samples of the letters with our referring physicians," said Zinaja. "They see it as a great way to improve communication with their patients and since the letter is in language that is easy to understand, the physicians feel it will help to put the patient more at ease." Any summary that is sent with abnormal results will also include clear direction about the appropriate next steps to be taken. Results that are abnormal may be conveyed by a phone call, which will be followed by the summary letter. The referring physicians will receive an official interpretation of the results prior to the letter being sent to the patient.

Long QT is little-known heart abnormality

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

In an effort to raise awareness of the genetic cardiac disorder — an abnormality of the heart electrical system due to defects in the heart muscle cell structures — the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation is promoting the week of May 3-8 as Long QT Syndrome Awareness Week. The symptoms of LQTS include fainting, dizziness, palpitations and or seizures. Unfortunately some of the more mild symptoms are often blamed on low iron levels, fatigue or stress and further investigation isn't done or pursued by the victim or the medical profession according to Denise Falzon whose 19-year-old son died from LQTS in 1993. Brian collapsed and died with no warning during classes at Michigan State University on October 1, 1993. He was a gorgeous, healthy, vibrant 19-year-old and there was no explanation for his sudden and tragic death. His death certificate stated cause as sudden arrhythmia, "said Falzon. "A year before his death he had a fainting spell, but doctors dismissed it because it happened during weight lifting."

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

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

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

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

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

Pet allergies nothing to sneeze about

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

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

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

If your spouse can't part with the favorite kitty, or your children desperately want the family pet to be a cat — despite your allergies — here are a few things that pet owners should know. ■ If you have a male cat, make sure he is

neutered. ■ Allergy shots may be helpful for some people allergic to cats. Keep your bedroom a cat-free sanctuary. Wash your hands after petting a cat. ■ Have someone else change the litter box. ■ Cat allergen, called Fel d 1, is a protein secreted by cats' sebaceous glands and found in their saliva. In the study, researchers bathed cats in tap water for three minutes, followed by a three-minute rinse in tap water. Then they measured allergen levels by placing each cat in an enclosed chamber and sampling the air. "You'd have to wash your cat at least once a day to make a difference, and in reality, that's just not going to happen," said Park.

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

PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

If there was hope that people were finally going to embrace electronic banking via the Internet, those hopes have sure dimmed this past week. That's because a big part of online banking failed big time for most of the week when hundreds of thousands of people using the two most popular financial programs were effectively shut out from accessing their accounts to pay bills electronically.

As many as a half-million people who had been going online to pay bills and electronically write checks were frustrated in using their online accounts. Either they would have difficulty logging on or, shortly after making a connection, would be booted off. The massive disruption affected those who use the popular software packages Quicken from Intuit, and Money from Microsoft to pay their bills through the Internet.

Those two applications use the service of an online payment clearinghouse called CheckFree Holdings Corp. and it was a glitch in the CheckFree computer system that caused the problems. The system failure stemmed from CheckFree's changeover to a new transaction-processing system, according to Terrie O'Hanlon, senior vice president of corporate communications. "We're working as diligently as possible to isolate the root cause of the problem," O'Hanlon said. "This is disappointing, obviously, but we're confident we'll identify the root cause and solve it."

That statement, however, brought little consolation for the estimated 500,000 customers who lost service. About 20 banks were also affected, though CheckFree would not identify them. It couldn't have happened at a worse time, occurring right at the end of the month, when many consumers pay their bills. CheckFree says it does not know when its service might return to normal. The CheckFree spokesperson said she did not know how many consumers' transactions had failed, or what percentage of transactions were being blocked by the glitch. But a Quicken customer support representative told MSNBC, "As far as I know, it's affecting about every Quicken customer trying to do some kind of online banking."

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

Late payments

500,000 shut out from paying bills online

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

By Friday, the problems were still reported to be intermittent, with bill working working some times, not working others. CheckFree, however, said it would be fixed by the start of the new week. "We now believe we have developed what we believe will be the solution," the company's chief operating officer Pete Sinigalli said in a statement. "But the glitch will only increase our concerns about the reliability of the Internet for processing confidential financial transactions. While the U.S. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency estimates that there are more than 840 banks that now have Web sites, it has been tough for many to convince consumers to log on and handle their own financial transactions over the Internet. Surveys show the main reason for the reluctance is a lack of confidence in online security and reliable service."

On a related matter, the reliability of Internet auctions took a major spanking this week, too. And so, presumably did a 13-year-old New Jersey boy who went on a \$1 million electronic shopping spree on the Internet auction site e-Bay (www.ebay.com).

"I'm really not supposed to talk about it," the boy told his local newspaper, "I'm off the Internet now." During his eBay shopping spree, the Haddonfield, N.J. boy placed bids of \$15,000 for a 1955 Ford convertible, \$125,000 for a Superman comic, \$900,000 for the bedroom set of Canada's first prime minister and miscellaneous bids for a physician's office clinic in Florida, two mobile kitchens for movie shoots and a Van Gogh painting.

Officials grew suspicious of the exorbitant prices bid by the boy and ended up calling his mother. "I said he bought (the \$600,000) bedroom suite and she said, 'I'm hyperventilating,'" said Internet Auction House owner Aubrey Garrett, whose company was selling the 1860s era bedroom suite owned by former Canadian Prime Minister Sir John Macdonald. The boy's father wasn't pleased, either. "We're not looking at this as a funny story," he said, asking that reporters stop calling his home. Meanwhile, how the bidding got so far is being investigated by e-Bay because, by policy, minors are not allowed to place bids. But spokeswoman Jennifer Chou admitted the company operates on an honor system, and anyone with a computer online can sign on. The Internet Auction House is considering legal action against e-Bay for failing to head off the prank. e-Bay officials said they had suspended the boy's account.

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

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

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

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

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

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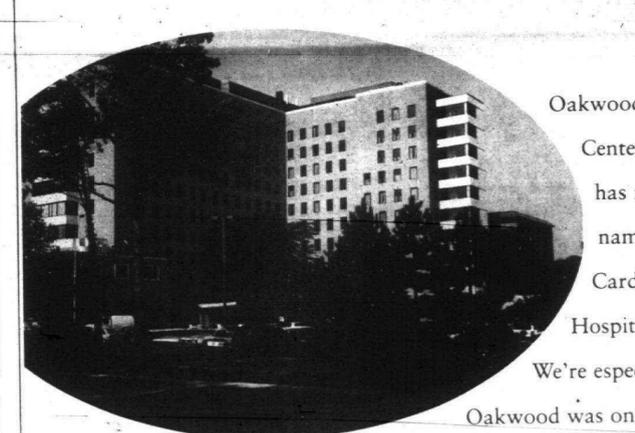
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THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.
(b) "Adjusted Net Revenues" means for any operating year the excess of revenues over expenses for the System determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles...
(c) "Bonds" means the Series 1999B Bonds, together with the Outstanding Bonds and any additional bonds of equal standing hereafter issued.
(d) "Issuer" means City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, Michigan.
(e) "Outstanding Bonds" means the outstanding 1991 Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) authorized by the Resolution in the original principal amount of \$400,000...
(f) "Project" means the extensions and improvements to the System as set forth in the plans on file with the City Engineer.
(g) "Resolution" means the Resolution adopted by the City Commission on February 6, 1991, and "Ordinance No. 99-3" means Ordinance 99-3 adopted by the City Commission of the Issuer on April 12, 1999 authorizing the issuance of the Outstanding Bonds.
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(k) "System" means the City of Plymouth Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System, together with the Project and all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter acquired.

Section 2. Necessity. Approval of Plans and Specifications. It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the Issuer to acquire and construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the City Engineer which plans and specifications are hereby approved.

Section 3. Costs. Useful Life. The cost of the Project is estimated to be not less than Eight Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$865,000), including the payment of incidental expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than forty (40) years.

Section 4. Payment of Cost; Bonds Authorized. To pay part of the cost of acquiring the Project, including payment of legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Series 1999B Bonds, the Issuer shall borrow the sum of Eight Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$865,000) and issue the Series 1999B Bonds therefor pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. Said Series 1999B Bonds shall be of equal standing and priority and shall be equally secured with the Outstanding Bonds as to the Net Revenues. The remaining cost of the Project, if any, shall be defrayed from Issuer funds on hand and legally available for such use.

Except as changed by this Ordinance, all the provisions of Ordinance No. 99-3 shall apply to the Series 1999B Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the same as though each of said provisions were repeated in this Ordinance in detail; the purpose of the Ordinance being to authorize the issuance of additional revenue bonds to finance the cost of acquiring additions, extensions and improvements to the System, additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Bonds for such purpose being authorized by the provisions of Section 20 of Ordinance No. 99-3, upon the conditions therein stated, which conditions have been fully met.

Section 5. Bond Details. Issuance in Series, Registration and Execution. The additional Bonds hereby authorized shall be designated WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1999B, shall be payable out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully in Section 7 hereof, shall consist of fully-registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 each, or integral multiples thereof not exceeding in any one year the amount maturing in that year, dated as of June 1, 1999 numbered in order of registration and shall mature on June in the years and amounts as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Amount and Maturity Date. Rows include \$45,000 2000; 30,000 2001, 2002 and 2003; 35,000 2004 through 2007, inclusive; 40,000 2008, 2009 and 2010; 45,000 2011, 2012 and 2013; 50,000 2014 and 2015; 55,000 2016 and 2017; 60,000 2018; 65,000 2019.

The Series 1999B Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates to be determined on public sale thereof, but in any event not exceeding 8% per annum or payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999 by check or draft mailed by the transfer agent selected by the Issuer to the person or entity which is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner at the registered address as shown on the registration books maintained by the transfer agent. The date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Issuer to conform to market practice in the future. The Series 1999B Bonds shall be sold at not less than 98% of their par value. The principal of the Series 1999B Bonds shall be payable at the bank or trust company designated by the Issuer as registrar and transfer agent for this issue.

The Series 1999B Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2010, may be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the times and prices and in the manner and with notice as set forth in the form of Bonds in Section 13 of this Ordinance.

In case less than the full amount of an outstanding Bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent upon presentation of the Bond called in part for redemption shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bonds not called for redemption. Notice of redemption shall be given in the manner specified in the form of the Series 1999B Bonds contained in Section 13 of this Ordinance.

The Series Bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the City Clerk and shall have the corporate seal of the Issuer impressed or imprinted thereon. The Series 1999B Bonds shall be delivered to the transfer agent for authentication and be delivered by the transfer agent to the purchaser thereof in accordance with instructions from the City Treasurer or any deputy upon payment of the purchase price for the Bonds in accordance with the bid therefor when accepted. Executed blank bonds for registration and issuance to transferees shall simultaneously, and from time to time thereafter as necessary, be delivered to the transfer agent for safekeeping.

The Series 1999B Bonds may be issued as book-entry-only bonds through The Depository Trust Company of New York, New York.

Section 6. Registration and Transfer. Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the

transfer agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The transfer agent shall require payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Issuer shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption as described in the form of Series Bonds contained in Section 13 of this Ordinance and ending at the close of business on the day of that giving of notice, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of Bonds being redeemed in part. The Issuer shall give the transfer agent notice of call for redemption at least 20 days prior to the date of redemption is to be given.

The transfer agent shall keep or cause to be kept, at its principal office, sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer; and, upon presentation for such purpose, the transfer agent shall, under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, transfer or cause to be transferred, on said books, Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the transfer agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the transfer agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the transfer agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended, ("Act 354") being sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been met, the Issuer, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond the transfer agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

Section 7. Payment of Bonds. Principal of and interest on the Series 1999B Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds shall be payable from the Net Revenues. There is hereby recognized the statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues created by Ordinance No. 99-3 which shall be a first lien to continue until payment in full of the principal of an interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of all Bonds of a series then outstanding, principal and interest on such Bonds to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to that series of Bonds, the holders of that series shall have no further rights under Ordinance No. 99-3, or this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Bonds of that series shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under Ordinance No. 99-3 or this Ordinance.

Section 8. Management. The operation, repair and management of the system and the acquiring of the Project shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the City Commission.

Section 9. Rates and Charges. The rates and charges for service furnished by the System and the methods of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than cost, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm, or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

Section 10. Bond Reserve Account. On or before the delivery of the Series 1999B Bonds to the purchaser thereof, the Bond Reserve Account in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund, as established by Section 13, subsection B of Ordinance No. 99-3 shall be further increased by that amount necessary to fully fund the "Reserve Amount" as set forth in the above Section 13B is reached.

All of the provisions relative to the use of said Bond Reserve Account, its maintenance and other details relative thereto, shall remain as specifically set forth in Ordinance No. 99-3.

No further payments need be made into the Redemption Fund after enough of the Bonds have been retired so that the amount then held in the Redemption Fund in cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, is equal to the entire amount of principal and interest which will be payable at the time of maturity of all the Bonds then remaining outstanding and the moneys so held shall be used solely to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds including redemption premiums, if any, as the Bonds become due either by maturity or by redemption prior to maturity.

Section 11. Investments. Moneys in the Funds and Accounts established in Ordinance No. 99-3 and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Series 1999B Bonds, may be invested by the Issuer in United States of America obligations or in obligations the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America or any other investments permitted by law, and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds may also be invested in certificates of deposit of any bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Investment of moneys in the Redemption Fund being accumulated for payment of the next maturing principal or interest payment of the Bonds shall be limited to obligations bearing maturity dates prior to the date of the next maturing principal or interest payment on the Bonds. Investment of moneys in the Reserve Account shall be limited to obligations bearing maturity dates or subject to redemption at the option of the holder thereof, not later than five years from the date of investment. In the event investments are made, any securities representing the same shall be kept on deposit with the bank or trust company having on deposit the fund or funds or account from which the purchase was made. Profit realized or interest income earned on investment of funds in the Receiving Fund, including the Operation and Maintenance Account, the Replacement Fund and the Improvement shall be deposited in or credited to the Receiving Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Profit realized on interest income earned on investment of moneys in the Redemption Fund including income derived from the Bond Reserve Account shall be credited as received to the Redemption Fund.

Section 12. Bond Proceeds. Upon delivery of the Series 1999B Bonds there shall be first immediately deposited from the proceeds of the Series 1999B Bonds (i) in a separate account in the Redemption Fund, an amount equal to the accrued interest and premium, if any, received on delivery of the Series 1999B Bonds and (ii) in the Bond Reserve Account on amount equal to the Reserve Amount. The balance of the proceeds of the sale of the Series 1999B Bonds shall be deposited in a bank or banks, designated by the City Finance Director qualified to act as depository of the proceeds of sale under the provisions of Section 15 of Act 94, in an account designated Series 1999B Construction Fund. Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be applied solely in payment of the cost of the Project and any engineering, legal and other expenses incident thereto and to the financing thereof, and shall be fully expended on Project costs within three years after the date of delivery of the Series 1999B Bonds. Payments for construction, either on account or otherwise, shall not be made unless the registered engineer in charge of such work shall file with the City Commission a signed statement to the effect that the work has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor; that it was done pursuant to and in accordance with the contract therefor (including properly authorized change orders); that such work is satisfactory and that such work has not been previously paid for.

Any unexpended balance of the proceeds of sale of the Series 1999B Bonds remaining after completion of the Project in the Construction Fund shall in the discretion of the City Commission, be used either for further improvements, enlargements and extension to the System, if, at the time of such expenditures, such use is approved by the Michigan Department of Treasury, if such permission is then required by law, or for the purpose of purchasing Bonds on the open market at not more than the fair market value thereof, but not more than the price at which Bonds may next be called for redemption, or used for the purpose of paying principal of the Bonds upon maturity or calling Bonds for redemption.

Section 13. Bond Form. The Series 1999B Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM
REVENUE BOND
SERIES 1999B

Interest Rate Maturity Date Date of Original Issue CUSIP
REGISTERED OWNER
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT DOLLARS

City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), for value received, hereby promises to pay the Principal Amount shown above in lawful money of the United States of America to the Registered Owner shown above, or registered assigns, on the Maturity Date shown above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue shown above, or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum shown above, payable on August 1, 1999 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable upon surrender of this bond at the Corporate Trust Office of _____ in _____, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than 60 days prior to the date of any change in transfer agent. Interest on this bond is payable by check or draft mailed to the person or entity which is, as of the 15th day of the month preceding the interest payment date, the registered owner of record, at the registered address as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the transfer agent. For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the Issuer has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the

Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the Issuer (the "System"), including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto, after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration, (the "Net Revenues") and a statutory first lien thereon is hereby recognized and created.

The bonds of this issue of equal standing and priority of lien as to the Net Revenues with the Issuer's \$400,000 Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) and its \$990,000 Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 1999A dated May 1, 1999.

This bond is one of a series of bonds of even date of original issue, aggregating the principal sum of \$865,000 issued pursuant to Ordinance No. _____ a resolution of the City Commission and Ordinance No. 99-3 adopted by the City Commission of the Issuer, and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing water supply sewage disposal system improvements.

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the above-described Ordinances.

Bonds maturing in the years 2000 to 2009, inclusive, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5000 maturing in the year 2010 and thereafter, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer, in such order of maturity as the Issuer shall determine and within a single maturity by lot, on any interest payment date on or after February 1, 2009, at par and accrued interest.

Notice of redemption of any bond or portion thereof shall be given by the Transfer Agent at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the registered owner at the registered address shown on the registration books kept by the Transfer Agent. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and any bond of a denomination of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the bond by \$5,000 and such bond may be redeemed in part. Notice of redemption for a bond redeemed in part shall state that upon surrender of the bond to be redeemed a new bond or bonds in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the bonds surrendered shall be issued to the registered owner thereof. No further interest on a bond or portion thereof called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Transfer Agent to redeem the bond or portion thereof.

[Insert term bond language, if applicable]

This bond is a self-liquidating bond and is not a general obligation of the Issuer and does not constitute an indebtedness of the Issuer within any constitutional, charter or statutory limitation of the Issuer, but is payable, both as to principal and interest solely from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the Statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned.

The Issuer has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest upon and the principal of all outstanding bonds, the bonds of this issue and any additional bonds of equal standing as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption fund (including a bond reserve account) therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by said Ordinances.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the Issuer kept for that purpose at the office of the transfer agent by the registered owner in person or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent, duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance authorizing the bonds, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the transfer agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the transfer agent.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by its City Commission, has caused this bond to be executed with the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and its City Clerk and the corporate seal of the Issuer to be printed on this bond, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

By _____ Mayor

(Seal)
Countersigned:

City Clerk
Date of Registration:

Certificate of Authentication
This bond is one of the bonds described in the within mentioned Ordinances.

Transfer Agent
By _____ Authorized Signatory

Section 14. Bondholders' Rights. Receiver. The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty per cent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest upon the Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Bonds and the security therefor.

Section 15. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest on the Bonds from general federal income taxation (as opposed to any alternative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds and to prevent the Bank from being or becoming "private activity bonds" as that term is used in Section 141 of the Code.

Section 16. Defeasance. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier options redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this Ordinance shall be defeased and the owners of the bonds shall have no further rights under this Ordinance except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

Section 17. Repeal, Savings Clause. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or part thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 18. Severability, Paragraph Headings, and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 19. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 21. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption. Adopted and signed this 26 day of April, 1999.

Signed _____ Mayor
DONALD DISMUKE

Signed _____ City Clerk
LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC/A&E

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Chorus creates new twist on love story

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

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

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

Imagination inspires ideas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New and improved

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

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

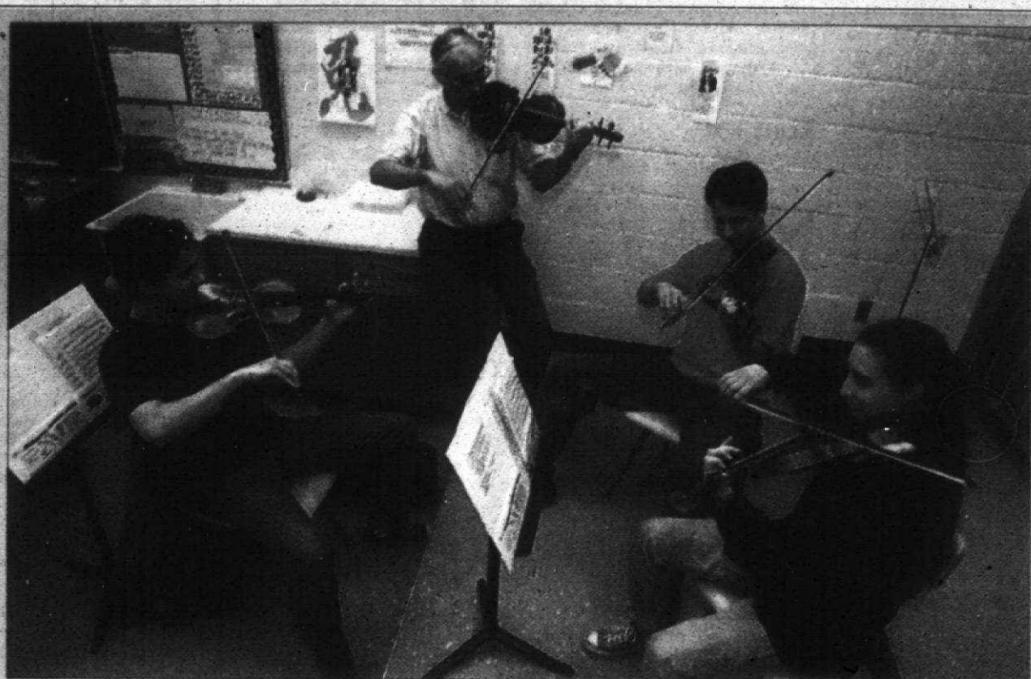
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Roundtable to discuss arts education

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

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

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



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

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Generations of Harmony

MUSIC CEMENTS FAMILIAL BONDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Suzanne was seven when she heard her father and mother Marianne talking about signing up younger brothers Andrew and George for violin lessons. Suzanne was playing piano at the time. Now a 26-year-old engineer at Ford Motor Co., Suzanne has played with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra for the past 10 years.

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

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

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

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

All in the family

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

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

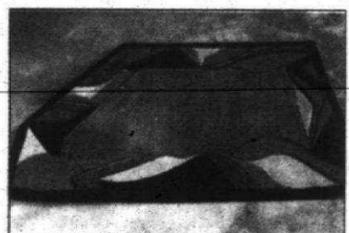
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Susan Cobb isn't ashamed of being a stay-at-home mom. In fact, after a divorce eight years ago, the West Bloomfield artist was determined to find a job that would allow her to stay home with two small children.

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

Mom's job

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



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

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

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

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

An area rug, Cobb believes, should be

Birmingham Fine Art Festival

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

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BOOKS

Premature birth inspires book of 'Miracles'

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

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

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

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

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



Tim Smith

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exhibiting

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

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

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

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

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

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

Community event

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

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

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

high schools.

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

"One of our goals is trying to increase awareness in the community about who the BBAC is," said Muir. "We're the ones who as her father knew it." Common Ground produces the fall art fair in Birmingham.

Founded 40 years ago, the nonprofit BBAC offers 125 art classes every semester, two children's summer art camps, and 18 exhibitions in three gallery spaces every year.

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

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

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

Community involvement

Three times a year, about 100 students are involved with putting on productions at Divine Child. The chorus production is one of the many ways Taylor works to involve the students with the community. In addition to acting in the "The Ballad of Frank and Nellie," students help the chorus's Youth Outreach Program. This summer with help from the 35-member group, four students from the

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

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

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

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

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

Book

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

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

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

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

"I felt people might get more from following a particular family all the way through their experiences," Smith said. Smith's view is not Pollyanna. He realizes the immediate and continuing dangers for those born prematurely. He said lung and heart problems often plague premature children for several years. An eye condition called retinopathy of prematurity caused by being in an oxygen tent is also a common problem.

"I'm sorry for those cases that didn't turn out as my daughter's did or others in the book," he said. "Had my daughter taken a turn for the worse, who knows if I wouldn't have written about the downsides of prematurity." He said he hopes the book becomes a fixture in NICUs. Smith said his religious faith was important to him during the down periods and especially the

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

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

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

"If they can pick up a book and see someone else has been through it. That was my goal, to be cathartic, a resource for parents," Smith said. He said he hopes the book becomes a fixture in NICUs. Smith said his religious faith was important to him during the down periods and especially the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(810) 751-2855. Nearly 50 students submitted cassette audio tapes of two Italian classical songs or opera arias of their choice. At the concert, each finalist will be required to sing their two songs from memory. Each of the 10 finalists receive cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. This year's judges are Jeannette Dagger, University of Windsor voice professor; Karen VanderKloot-DiChiera, composer, writer, educator and director of Michigan Opera Theatre's community programs, and George Shirley, University of Michigan School of Music professor.

The 10 finalists are Natalie Conte, Warren; Kathryn Drake, Big Rapids; Peter Fredellino, Okemos; Tamara Grove, Traverse City; Laura Lane, Marysville; April Marzec, Commission Award, Best of Show, and third place in mixed media. Joan Boerger took the Grubhaber Award. First place winners were Ann Nikarika (oil), Margaret Malott (watercolor) and Beverly Johnston (mixed media).

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts a reception to meet artists Michelle Hegyi and Mary Reusch 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 7 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. An exhibit of their recent work continues through May 26. Hegyi, an Israeli-born artist who earned a mathematics degree in the U.S., speaks about her work 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19 during an art exhibition committee luncheon. She will explain the process involved in her Mylar paintings and how the computer can be used to create works of art. Tickets are \$20, includes luncheon.

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

ART AUCTION
The Scarab Club holds its annual art auction noon Sunday, May 2 at 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. Admission is \$5. Proceeds go towards restoring the historic Scarab Club built in 1928. For more information, call (313) 831-1250.

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

STUDENT ART

Clarencville Public Schools shows off its students' art May 1-23 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. An opening reception for the artists takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.

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

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Create colorful and creative art works on fabric during a two-part batik workshop 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 8 and another date as yet unannounced. No experience needed. The cost is \$30 and includes all materials. At least two sessions are needed to finish the work begun in the first class. Students can arrange an ongoing workshop. For more information about the exhibit, luncheon or workshop, call the arts council at (734) 416-4278.

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

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21st anniversary art fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., May 2. Washnaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, BIRMINGHAM FINE ARTS

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

FARMINGTON FEST OF ARTS
Farmington Artists Club's annual Festival of the Arts, May 2, William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Admission free. (248) 473-1515.

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

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

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

AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALS
Auditions for the Charles E. Shontz Strings Scholarship, 10 a.m., May 15. Applicants must be high school graduates, between ages of 18-22, Michigan residents, and perform violin, viola, cello or string bass. June 12 at St. Basil's Church, Willis Street (at Bates Street), Birmingham; (248) 375-9534.

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

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

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

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

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

FRANKLIN ARTS COUNCIL
Applications available for artists interested in exhibiting fine arts or crafts at Franklin's juried "Art on the Green," held Sept. 6. Send application and slides to: Franklin Arts Council, P.O. Box 250683, Franklin, MI 48025. Call (248) 851-4138.

KINAWAS KAVAILERS
Canadian drum & bagle corps seeks performers ages 14-21 for summer tour. Call (416) 241-9568.

MEADOWBROOK THEATRE GUILD
Jurving for 8th annual "Spotlights," an art, craft and gift show, 7-9 p.m., May 6 & May 20. Oakland Center. (248) 656-1213.

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BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Offers a range of art classes. Spring term through June 19. New offerings: beginning drama for youth; oil lacquer painting; stone sculpture; stone sculpture design. "The Artist's Way," "A History of Women in the Visual Arts," and "Go Forth Friday." 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call (248) 653-4130.

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"Whoopie for Winds and Strings," 4:30 p.m., Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 362-9399.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
American pianist Awagard Pratt performs Beethoven's Concerto No. 3, 3 p.m., Sunday, May 2, Royal Oak Community Center, 10999 Lee, Royal Oak. Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 1099 Lee, Royal Oak, Detroit, (313) 576-5111.

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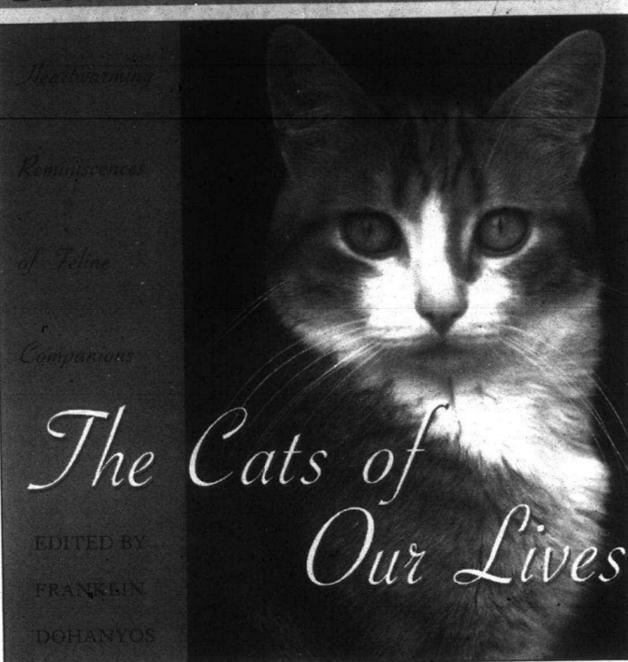
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BOOKS



If you are a cat lover, this may be the book

The Cats of Our Lives: Funny and Heartwarming Reminiscences of Feline Companions

Edited by Franklin Dohanyos (Birch Lane Press, Carol Publishing, \$19.95)

By HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@soe.homecom.net

The saying goes that there are "cat" people and there are "dog" people. Count me as a fence-sitter. Cats and dogs each have their own special personalities. But if dogs are treasured for their loyalty, dedication and affection, cats are appreciated for their "attitude." Dogs beg you to love them; you have to beg a cat to give you the time of day.

This book edited by Royal Oak public relations rep Franklin Dohanyos is a celebration of cats, and though some of these stories are warm and fuzzy, the general consensus is that cats make their own world and we're just intruders.

Dohanyos has created an amusing, touching and eclectic collection of short essays from people all across the country, some of them celebrities though not most and quite a few from metro Detroit. He also features poems, sayings, quizzes and cartoons, including those famous cats, Garfield, Felix and Socks.

One of the best stories is by Dohanyos' wife, Jean, who tells a story of sisterly rivalry and the difference between boy cats and girl cats with an ending that suggests cats aren't totally insensitive to human feelings.

Mitch Rosen of Redford tells an amusing story of his cat Maxwell Smart and his dad, who gets mistaken for a cat killer. Maureen Bond of Southfield writes about her cat Herman's penchant for pens.

Though most cats are thought of as combative, Judge David Breck, former mayor of Birmingham, tells a story about his cat Spooky and his talents for calming angry lawyers. As Breck puts it, "He's a great facilitator and he works for kibbles."

Ernie Harwell contributes the story of Patches, a cat with a nose for mischief who found his way up the chimney a couple times.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard tells a funny story from his boyhood about a chicken snatching cat named Tiger II.

Celebrity contributors include Tippi Hedron, who goes for the big cats; columnist Dave Barry, who takes a newsman's dim view of those conniving cats; Don Knotts, whose cat Tatters gets tangled. Other celebrities include Carol Burnett, Ben Stein, Julie Newmar, Ron Schell and Gordon and Colleen Howe.

Jim Davis, who was made rich by his "Garfield," sums up the general view on cats: "Way down deep, we're all motivated by the same urges. Cats have the courage to live by them."

This is National Be Kind to Animals Week and it's a good time to hope your cat takes it in his heart to be kind to you.

Dohanyos will sign his book 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Borders Bookstore, 13 Mile and Southfield in Birmingham.

High-energy 'Fame' might live forever

"Fame — The Musical" continues through Sunday, May 2. Performances 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$27.50 to \$50, call (248) 645-6666. For more information, call (313) 983-6611.

By JON KATZ SPECIAL WRITER

Miss Sherman, the homeopoeic teacher, glares at the line of fresh-faced freshmen and announces in no uncertain terms, "If you believe you're gonna live forever or envision dancing on tops of cars down the wrong tune!"

It's a cute gimmick that in "Fame: The Musical," the kids have all seen "Fame" the movie and will one day watch "Fame" the TV show. The stage version, then, is "real life" while the other versions are media fiction.

What all three versions have in common is Energy with a capital E. If they could harness what those 20 twenty-somethings put out on the Music Hall stage, we wouldn't be buying generators and stockpiling canned goods over this Y2K hysteria.

"Fame: The Musical" is the

Basically, 'Fame: The Musical' is 'A Chorus Line' meets 'Welcome Back, Kotter.'

latest incarnation from David De Silva, who conceived the 1980 MGM motion picture and was consulting producer on the television series. It's played around the world for several years but is only now on its first North American tour.

With an all-new score (save for the title tune) but a cast of characters largely resembling the original, this new version cooks almost non-stop, with just a handful of moments when the pilot light goes out.

"Fame" is set in New York's High School of Performing Arts, which graduated its last class in 1984. Its students are gifted singers, dancers and musicians representing the city's vast cultural strata. There's the introverted Jewish violinist, the Puerto Rican class clown, the dynamic African-American illiterate, the WASP ballerina, the possibly gay Italian leading man, the fat girl who can smell banana pudding across a locker

room, and on down the line. Each has dreams, most of their bubbles will burst soon enough.

Basically, "Fame: The Musical" is "A Chorus Line" meets "Welcome Back, Kotter." Where it soars is with its ensemble numbers, choreographed by the show's director, Lars Bethke. The bodies explode across the stage as if one could control shrapnel. Where the production falls is with the obligatory ballads by almost every individual lead. Several songs could have easily been cut.

Standouts, however, include a Jennifer Holiday-type showstopper by Dionne Michelle Collins as Mabel, the overweight dancer, and "These Are My Children," a lovely anthem for teachers sung by Regina Le Vert as Miss Sherman ("These are my children/ My saving grace/ I see my calling/ In every face.")

Dwayne Chattman (reading, challenged Tyronel, with his right moves," was an audience favorite, as was a roof-raising drum solo by Amy ("Lamb chops") Ehrlich.

The High School of Performing Arts is gone, but on-stage, screen, TV and CD, maybe they're right: it just might live forever.



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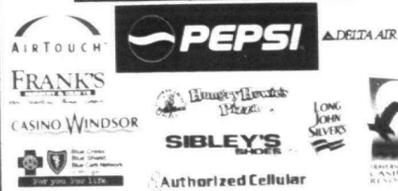
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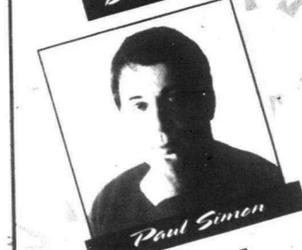


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Nicole Stafford, Editor 248-901-2567 nstafford@ec.homecomm.net on the web: http://observer.eccentric.com Sunday, May 2, 1999

Educate yourself before collecting antique jewelry

THE JEWELRY LADY



Denise Rodgers

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

Devoted Siblings, Good news! Jewelry designers work overtime coming up with ideas for devoted adult children to give their mothers. Mother's rings, those wedding-band style designs with the birthstones of a mother's children (and grandchildren) is a perennial favorite.

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

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

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

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

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

Keep in mind you may have to leave your ring for repair. It also might require prong re-tipping or replacement. But unless you are an experienced bench jeweler in clever disguise, don't do this yourself!

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

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

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

Go to flea markets, antique shows and jewelry stores with estate and antique jewelry departments, and ask questions. Also, hold some pieces in your hands. Turn each over and look at the clasps and the backs of stones. Locate stamped markings and look at those.

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

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

Don't forget to ask for written appraisals verifying age and value when making your purchases. Only you will know when you have the knowledge and experience to make more daring purchases. So, do your homework, be prepared, and, most of all, enjoy the hunt!

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

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

MOTHER'S DAY

Make It Special



BY NICOLE STAFFORD SPECIAL EDITOR

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

Gifts for Mother's Day abound, but when it comes to presents, mothers savor, more than anything else, ingenuity, thoughtfulness and nostalgia. So, while you're doing your shopping for mom this week, keep in mind ways to personalize those stylish and sought-after items on her wish list.

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

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

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

Whatever the purchase may be, keep in mind your mother's taste, interests and style. Most importantly, don't forget to devise a way to impart a few special thoughts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Everyday jewelry Steven Lagos talks about jewelry's new fashion role

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

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

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

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

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

Q: Define your jewelry. What does it represent?

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

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

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

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

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

Q: What should women look for in jewelry today?

Lagos: Jewelry, it's very personal. Women have, really, to do what feels right to them... A lot of it is how you are and how you put jewelry together.

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

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

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

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

Special Editor Nicole Stafford



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

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2568 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

WHAT WE FOUND: Ken's Casuals Inc. will re-up outdoor furniture, 1352 Combermere, Unit L in Troy, (248) 585-6629.

Popweaver popcorn can be found at the Wal-Mart store at 1-96 & Middlebelt Road. Act II Brown brush-on color in brown can be purchased at the F & M store at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

For Mrs. Murphy, we found a soft plastic hair dryer. For Diane, we located an oak table phonograph.

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

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

Lauren called to say she has purchased Kobbie Cuddlers at Kmart stores.

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

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR: Julie is looking for Fox's Whole Meal brand crackers, an English biscuit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joyce is looking for a four-piece set of Corolle dishes in the pattern "Mirage." Emily would like to find new or used parts and accessories for a Honeywell slide projector (model #620).

Al is looking for two, Wilson fairway woods, a #3 and a #5. Sam is looking for two 1957 De LaSalle High School yearbooks.

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

Jeanne is looking for a place where Colombo yogurt is sold. Leo is looking for Miracle Berries and Pop Knaws popcorn, products he saw advertised on television.

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

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

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

Faye is searching for a 1953 Central High School yearbook.

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

Dorothy would like to find Plymouth/Canton High School yearbooks from 1965, 1987 and 1992.

Compiled by Sandi Jarachka

Great Lakes offers incentives to mall walkers

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

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

The first 400 individuals to register for the program will receive a free gift and double points for their Michigan Walking Adventure card.

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

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

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

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SATURDAY, MAY 8 THE HISTORY OF FRAGRANCE Saka Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in Troy, holds a special breakfast event in honor of Mother's Day, including a presentation about the history of fragrance by Guerlain at 9 a.m. Samples fragrances and Mother's Day gift ideas will be available at noon. Cosmetics and Fragrances, first floor. For reservations, call (248) 643-9000 ext. 261.

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TRAVEL

Family finds adventure in rain forest of Costa Rica

BY ROGER WHEELER
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

I went to Costa Rica.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gliding

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

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

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

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

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

A great ride

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

We shortly came to a huge



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BIKE FAIR

Local bike clubs will provide promotional information at the

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TRAVEL INFO

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

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Canton golfers fall

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

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

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

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

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

Senior players wanted

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

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

Adopt a duck

The Great Canton Duck Derby gets underway Monday.

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

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

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

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

Ladies golf lessons

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

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

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

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

Royal Blue Classic

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

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

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

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

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 991-7279.

Breaking on top

Salem edges Stevenson in WLAA showdown

BY C.J. RISAK
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Call it Round One.

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

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

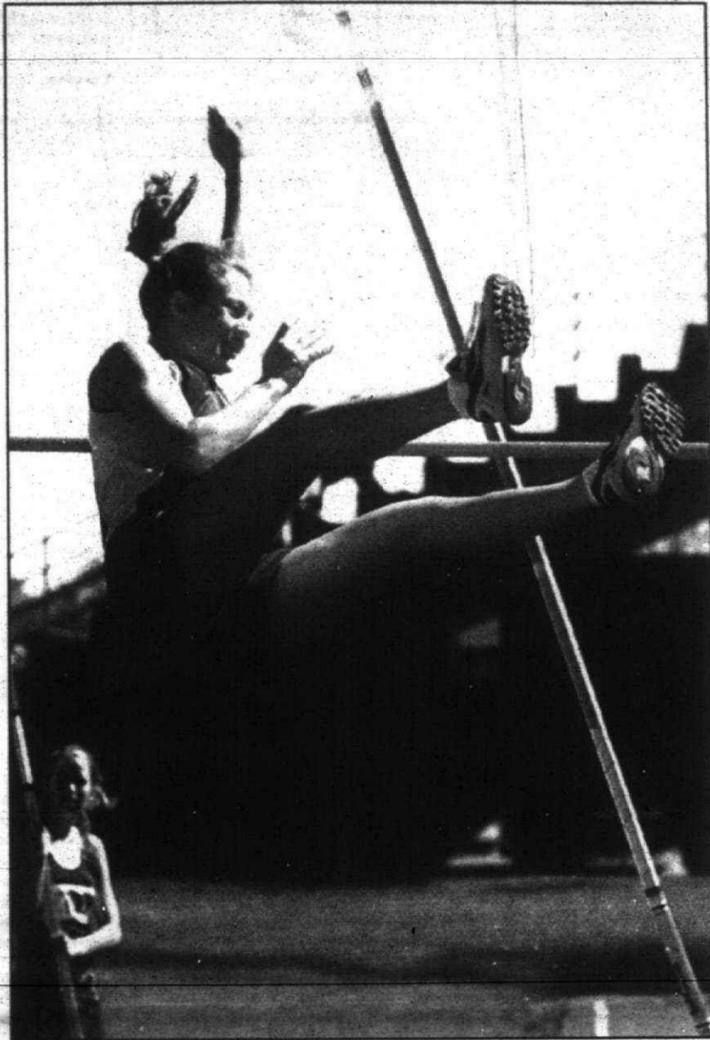
"She was outstanding today," said Salem coach Mark Gregor of Jones. "This was a good, competitive meet by both teams. It's nice to win this because it's a major rivalry. This is for first place in the division — it let's us know where we stand."

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

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY LEZ CARNIGNE

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

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

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

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

On the track, Salem got individual

Please see **GIRLS TRACK, D4**

Rocks remain unbeaten in duals; Chiefs tumble

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

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

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

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

BOYS TRACK

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

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

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

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

Chiefs lose on last relay

Please see **TRACK, D5**

Chiefs pummel Pats

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

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

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

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

Offensively, Hudson had two hits and three RBI, while Lisa Baker contributed a pair of hits. Daylin Starks knocked in the lone Patriot run with a single.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Franklin scored all three of its runs in the sixth.

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

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

Please see **SOFTBALL, D4**



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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

Chiefs club Hawks

The only chance Plymouth Canton's soccer team faced Wednesday against visiting Division rival Farmington Harrison Wednesday was how many players could get their name in the scorebook.

The Chiefs improved to 5-2-1 overall and remained unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division by hammering Harrison 8-0.

Stephanie Johnson each had two goals, and Johnson had an assist. Other goals were scored by Janine Gustafson and Lisa Tomasso.

Nicole Miller and Amanda Lents each got two assists; Sarah Debbien and Elise Thornell added one assist apiece.

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PREP TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH SALEM 7
WESTLAWN JOHN GLENN 1
April 29 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Faraz Siddiqui (PS) def. Dany Kovacs, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 2: Jason Meisinger (PS) def. Dave Kovacs, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 3: Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Rajiv Dashaiya, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Jim Lewis (PS) def. Anthony Lambert, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 5 doubles: Todd Schmalhurst-Brian Ott (PS) def. David Stephens-Evan Waddell, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 2: Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki (PS) def. Robert Dzuban-Jeff Drotar, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 3: Chuck Farley-Pat Sonak (WJ) def. Jon Bernard-Andy Fenton, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.
No. 4: Evan Roller-Scott Peruski (PS) def. Ousman Attra-Harold Deal, 6-1, 6-1.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 5
PLYMOUTH SALEM 3

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, May 3
Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.
Clarencville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. W. at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 5
Salem at Churchill, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Canton, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Harrison, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Redford CC at Brother Rice (2), 4 p.m.
Liggett at Clarencville, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. North at Luth. W. at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6
Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 7
Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m.
Hamtramck at C'ville (2), 4 p.m.
Shrine at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Warren Zee, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 8
(all double-headers unless noted)
Salem at Midland Town, 10 a.m.
Wayne at Southgate, 10 a.m.
Edele Ford at John Glenn, 11 a.m.

April 29 at Churchill
No. 1 singles: Faraz Siddiqui (PS) def. Rob Simkov, 7-5, 6-0.
No. 2: Tom Wallis (LC) def. Jason Weisinger, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.
No. 3: Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Ben Luong, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 4: Tom Fitzstephens (LC) def. Jim Lewis, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
No. 5 doubles: Todd Schmalhurst-Brian Ott (PS) def. Ian Quay-Sobhy Kohonen, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 2: Scott Rianer-Mike Horke (LC) def. Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki, 6-3, 7-5.
No. 3: Adam Rourke-John Bobocic (LC) def. Jon Bernard-Andy Fenton, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 4: Chris Singleton-Kenny Tsang (LC) def. Jason Schambourger-Jon, 6-4, 6-0.
No. 5: Phil Shedd-Brad Kreger (PC) def. Brian Curd-Robert Ficara 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).
Nget Canton dual meet: 4 p.m. Monday at Farmington Harrison.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 7
LIVONIA STEVENSON 1
Thursday at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Matt Nagy (PC) def. Maher Salah 6-0, 6-3.
No. 2: Scott Mincher (PC) def. Todd Lavery 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Ritchie Ikeh (PC) def. Matt Demgen 6-1, 6-4.
No. 4: Chris Foss (PC) def. Brian Adams 7-5, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Jason Darwe-Chris Houdek (PC) def. Sean Mann-Brian Christensen 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: John Schiettinger-Peter Peterson (LS) def. Matt Schmidt-Mike Bruder 6-3, 6-2.
No. 3: Steve Clawson-Niraj Patel (PC) def. John Schee-Derek Kogut 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.
No. 4: Phil Shedd-Brad Kreger (PC) def. Brian Curd-Robert Ficara 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).
Nget Canton dual meet: 4 p.m. Monday at Farmington Harrison.

FARMINGTON 5
PLYMOUTH SALEM 3
Monday at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Faraz Siddiqui (PS) def. Jon Gore 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: Randy Hassan (F) def. Jason Meisinger 6-2, 6-0.
No. 3: Ben Bartlett (PS) def. Max Moore 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
No. 4: Jim Lewis (PS) def. Brandon Mytty 6-2, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Eric Bruce-Ben Broder (F) def. Todd Schmalhurst-Brian Ott 7-6, 6-1.
No. 2: Dan Turkovich-Guine Odendaal (F) def. Yibo Ling-Jon Machnacki 6-3, 6-4.
No. 3: Hemant Srinivas-Shamik Trivedi (F) def. Jon Bernard-Andy Fenton 6-2, 6-0.
No. 4: Loren Klein-Chris Hall (F) def. Scott Peruski-Andy Herrald 7-5, 1-6, 6-1.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SOFTBALL
Monday, May 3
Canton Classic, TBA.
Tuesday, May 4
Redford CC vs. Divine Child at Farm. Hills Mercy, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5
W.L. Central at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Fordson at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 6
Canton at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Fordson at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 7
Salem at Mott Relays, TBA.
Saturday, May 8
Canton at Troy Athens Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Adrian Invitational, 9:45 a.m.
Oxford Invitational, TBA.

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, May 3
Canton at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Churchill at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Kingswood at Luth. W. at 4:30 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4
Ladwood at Marlin, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5
Salem at Farm. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
Southgate at Wayne, 4 p.m.
Harper Wds. at Luth. W. at 4:30 p.m.
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 6
A.A. Huron at Canton, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 7
Crestwood at Luth. W. at 4:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 8
Birm. Groves at Salem, 12:30 p.m.
Churchill at Rochester, 11 a.m.
Regina at Ladwood, 1:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
Tuesday, May 4
Madonna at Northwood (2), 2 p.m.
Wednesday-Saturday, May 6-8
WHAC Tournament at Battle Creek, TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Thursday-Saturday, May 6-8
WHAC Tournament, TBA.

O&E Tournament moving up to a June playing date

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The rest of the format is basically unchanged. It remains a two-day tournament, 36 holes of golf, divided into four flights (championship, first, second and third).

Cost is \$85 for both rounds. One slight alteration: Should rain intervene and cause a washout, the tournament will be re-scheduled for two weeks later, July 10-11, rather than the next weekend (which is a holiday weekend).

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Crusaders lose a pair to Cornerstone

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

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

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

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

Madonna makes it 6 straight

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

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

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

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

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

Voletti went 3-for-3 with a home run, Aaron Shrewsbury went 3-for-5 and Daryl Rocho hit a home run and drove in three runs. Madonna pounded out 20 hits in the second game to improve to 22-18-1.

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

Madonna 2-8, Spring Arbor 3-2: Jeff Warholik did just what he needed to do to get Madonna over the hump. Warholik batted Ted Gebauer of Spring Arbor Tuesday in the first game of a doubleheader and the Crusaders went on to smash the Cougars in the second game.

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

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

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

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

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

Eric Williamson allowed just three hits and two runs in seven innings pitched to improve to 2-1 on the season.

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

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

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

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

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

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CC tops Stevenson in a slugfest

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The players, who are first cousins by the way, each hit a home run in a slugfest won by host CC, the state's No. 1 ranked team in Division I, 19-9.

The non-league game was called after six innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Rogowski hit a solo homer to lead off the sixth inning. He also walked twice and was hit by a pitch, scoring four runs.

Buckler hit a three-run homer in the fifth, a mammoth shot that followed singles by Dan Wilson and Roy Rabe.

CC outhit Stevenson, 13-12, and each team committed five errors.

Stevenson scored a pair of unearned runs off CC starter Mark Cole in the first inning before the Shamrocks responded with five in their half of the first and six in the second for a commanding 11-2 lead.

CC junior Matt Loidas raised his averaged to .555, going 4-for-5 with nine RBI, hitting a three run homer, a bases-loaded triple and RBI single.

"Even the old he made was a bullet that Rabe made a nice play on at third base," CC assistant coach Kevin Walters said. "I'll tell you, he had five quality at-bats."

CC coach John Salter can't ever remember a CC batter collecting nine RBI in one game.

Salter is considering moving the outfielder up from his No. 7 spot in the order. His two-run single in the sixth gave the Shamrocks a 10-run cushion and the win by mercy.

"If he keeps hitting like that we've got to move him up," said Salter, counting Loidas' attributes. "He's seven for eight on stolen bases, has a real accurate arm and great size. Cole last week was the guy getting big hits. It's nice that some of the other guys can pick it up when the other guys don't."

Malek contributed two hits, including a double, and two RBI. Mario D'Herrin had two hits and one RBI.

Rabe led the Spartans with three singles. Wilson and Matt DiPonio had two hits each.

The Shamrocks, 11-0 overall, used Brent Schoenbach, Dave Lusky and Bob Malek on the mound after Cole left following the second inning.

Schoenbach, who pitched the third and fourth innings, was credited with the win for CC. He allowed three runs, two earned, on three hits, one walk and a strikeout.

Jon Ritzler started for Stevenson and was the pitcher of record. Buckler and Steve Anderson also saw duty in relief.

Stevenson 6, W.L. Central 2: Mike Byberg and Roy Rabe combined on a four-hitter Friday to boost host Livonia Stevenson over .500.

The Spartans improved to 5-4 with the victory and are 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Walled Lake Central is 4-7.

A four-run third carried Stevenson to a 6-0 lead and

BASEBALL

Byberg pitched five innings of three-hit shutout ball before turning the game over to Rabe. Byberg struck out three and walked two.

Rabe gave up single runs to the Vikings in each inning he worked but only allowed one hit.

Joe Higgins pitched a four-hit

ter for Walled Lake Central, walking five and striking out four.

Steve Anderson did the damage for the Spartans, going 2-for-2 with a double and driving in two runs.

Harrison 8, Churchill 6: It was Brian Nelson's turn to be the hero for Farmington Harrison.

Nelson's one-out RBI double in

the top of the seventh Friday broke a 6-6 tie and lifted the Hawks (5-3) to their WLAA win over the host Chargers (5-4).

Harrison is unbeaten in three Western Division WLAA games while Churchill is 1-2.

Joe Ghannam improved to 3-0 with the help of the rally. He was touched for 10 hits and walked three in seven innings, but struck out four.

Josh Odom belted a leadoff home run off Ghannam in the sixth to trigger a three-run rally which gave Churchill a 6-5 lead. He also had a double and single and scored two runs.

Justin Draughn worked 623 innings for the Chargers, who made four errors, allowing six hits. Only two runs off Draughn were earned.

Dave Wasil had three singles and drove in two runs for

Churchill while Rick Strain had two hits.

An error permitted Lou Hadley to get on base in the seventh. He stole second and scored the tying run on a single by Blake Boesky. Nelson's double scored Boesky and he scored an insurance run on Blake Ashley's RBI single.

Dave Pesci had an RBI on a squeeze bunt for the Hawks and Kevin McVay had an RBI single.

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Track from D1

The two fastest times recorded in the 1,600-meter relay, through Thursday, came in the same race — and it was decisive.

Churchill's Brant Hauck, John McCallum, Brandon LaPointe and Ryan Kearney outdueled Plymouth Canton's foursome, and it provided the Chargers with the winning margin, 73-64. Churchill was clocked at 3:32.9, one second better than the Chiefs.

Canton did have seven firsts, including the 3,200 (8:35.2) and 800 (1:36.1) relays. Jason Rutter turned in an impressive double, winning both the 1,600 (4:50.2) and 3,200 (10:19.9). Other wins went to K.J. Singh in the 100 (11.1), Jerry Gaines in the 400 (53.6) and Steve Blossom in the 800 (2:06.3).

What hurt the Chiefs was the field events — they did not have a win in any of them.

Churchill moves to the top of the WLAA's Western Division; the Chargers are 3-0 overall. Canton is 1-2 overall, 1-1 in the division. The Chiefs travel to Walled Lake Western at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.



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