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### TUESDAY

**Local government:** The Canton Township Board of Trustees holds a regular meeting 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

### SATURDAY

**Dog Jog:** Plymouth Dog Jog 2000, presented by the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, is set for noon in downtown Plymouth. Registration fees are \$25, payable at the event. Call (734) 459-7000 for more information.

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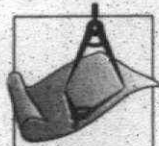
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# Summit expansion gets upgrade



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Canton's plans for expanding the Summit are growing.

An additional entrance, parking spaces and upgraded architecture for a new fitness center highlight the changes. The project, which will likely start late this summer, will cost approximately \$2.7 million, up

**Additions to the planned expansion of Summit on the Park have pushed the price tag to \$2.7 million. Changes are planned to fitness facilities and the community center will get a new entrance and more parking.**

\$900,000 from initial projections.

Summit Manager Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz told Canton trustees renovations are necessary to remain competitive.

"If we don't provide a good facility our guests will go somewhere else," she said at a Tuesday study session.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz is particularly concerned about the fitness center, Lifetime Fitness, an all-in-one exercise

firm likely coming to Canton in the near future, she said.

"We have to offer good equipment that's well maintained and that guests can get on in a reasonable time," said Bilbrey-Honsowetz. "We have to make ourselves competitive."

Talk of expanding the Summit has been ongoing for more than year. Last year, Canton received \$750,000 as part of the "Clean Michigan" initiative passed by voters in 1998. The act put \$50 million aside for recreation grants.

Finance Director Tony Minghine is looking at a number of options in terms of how the township will pay its share of the expansion bill. A portion could

come from cash reserves or it all could be financed through a bond issue.

A new fitness room heads the list of improvements slated for the Summit. It will grow from 2,800 to 6,000 square feet. Weight training and aerobic equipment will be featured.

The room will also feature a nice view with much of the north wall composed of glass. While it will add significant cost, Bilbrey-Honsowetz feels it will be worth the expense.

"It's important to us that this addition look like it was supposed to be there and not an afterthought," she

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## First-time honors for firefighters

### PUBLIC SAFETY

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More than a dozen awards and citations will be presented Thursday at the Canton Fire Department's first annual awards ceremony.

Both firefighters and civilians will be honored for their outstanding service to the township. The program will be held at Summit on the Park starting at 7:30 p.m.

"The challenge in getting the program started," Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said, "was that many firefighters have the opinion they don't need awards. This is what they get paid to do. But I think it's important for people to get recognized from time to time."

While the ceremony is new, firefighters have received awards from the community before. Several organizations, like the Kiwanis Club, sponsor a Firefighter of the Year award, Rorabacher said.

"The time was right to have our own program," he added. "We've been kicking around the idea the past few years."

The department created a formal policy to help administer the program. A four-person committee, three with votes, picked winners.

A medal of valor will be Canton's top honor. It will be given to the firefighter who "courageously risked their life to save another," according to the department policy. The recipient will receive

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## New home for prayer breakfast

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The location has changed but the mission remains the same.

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

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

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

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

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### Joust not enough



**Renaissance Festival:** Lauren Terhowski of Canton, 16, pushes Liz Lulek of Canton, 16, in the jousting competition during the Plymouth Christian Academy's Renaissance Festival Thursday. Lauren's over-sized skirt slid down, preventing them from finishing the competition. For more from the event, please turn to Page A6 in today's Observer.

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## Petition snafu clouds race

### 35TH DISTRICT COURT

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

Two attorneys, Peter Bec from Plymouth Township and William Selinsky of Northville Township, have both filed petitions to run in the August primary against incumbent judge Ron Lowe. However, because of misinformation fed to them by the state Board of Elections concerning the number of petition signatures needed to qualify for the primary, the pair will have to go to court in order to have their day in court.

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

"Then I got a call on May 2, only hours before the deadline for petitions, and I was told there was a mistake and that I really needed 600 signatures," said Selinsky. "I'm preparing a lawsuit against the Secretary of State and the Board of Canvassers, hoping the court will issue a writ to compel the Board of Elections to accept my nominating petitions."

Bec said he was told by the Board of

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## Winners give back to Canton

### Canton Chamber business and Athena recipients make their mark

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
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John Pardington has a simple philosophy about being a business person in Canton: give back to the community.

Perhaps that's why the Holiday Market owner contributes to local programs like DARE and organizations such as the Salvation Army, Goodfellows and Lions Club on a regular basis. According to Supervisor Tom Yack, the township is lucky to have Pardington.

"If you look up the definition of service in the dictionary," he told a large gathering at the Chamber of Commerce's Business Person of the Year and Athena awards luncheon Wednesday, "you'll see John's picture. He has been a blessing to this community."

Pardington said he doesn't know any other way.

"It's how I was brought up," he commented. "You get involved. I think you get back in life what you give."

Debbie Zevalkink, Yack's personal



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

**All smiles:** Athena Award recipient Debbie Zevalkink gets a hug from 1999 recipient Ginny Hauck.

assistant, took home the Athena award.

"I was beginning to feel like Susan Lucci," she joked, referring to the soap opera actress who finally won an Emmy in 1999 after years of trying. "Thanks to my friends for continuing to nominate me."

The luncheon was held at the Sum-

mit. WDIV-TV news anchorwoman Carmen Harlan served as the keynote speaker following awards presentations.

Pardington was selected from four nominees for the Business Person of the Year Award, which is sponsored by

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## Thief gets home electronics gear

More than \$5,000 worth of electronic equipment was stolen from a Canton couple's home between Monday and Wednesday, according to township police reports.

Someone broke into the couple's home, in the 8000 block of Honeytree, and took a television, VCR, CD player and camcorder, among other items. In all, a dozen items were stolen, reports said.

Canton officers found small pry marks on the outside front door jamb. Police have no suspects.

### Disorderly person

A 28-year-old Canton woman was the victim of verbal abuse by a neighbor in the 6000 block of Foxthorn Tuesday.

The incident, reports said, began when the woman pulled into a parking space near her apartment. As she was unloading items from her car, a 43-year-old man began swearing at her because she was blocking his parking spot.

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Canton police later spoke with the man. He may face possible disorderly person charges, according to reports.

### Domestic violence

A 27-year-old Canton woman was the victim of domestic violence Monday.

Reports said she and a friend drove up to her home in the 41000 block of Old Michigan Avenue at approximately 10:15 p.m. Her husband came out of their home with a kitchen knife, reports said, and told her friend to get out of the car and fight him.

Moments later, her 22-year-old husband threw the knife at the friend's car. Reports said the woman later went inside the home with her husband.

An argument ensued. Report said she pulled her out of a chair and then tried to push her out of the home. The woman left and called Canton police.

## Toppled semi creates freeway havoc

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

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

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

Troye declined to release names pending completion of the final police report by MSP, which is expected Monday. Troopers weren't certain if the Canton woman who drove the black car would be ticketed. They were waiting to learn the severity of the truck driver's condition first. He appeared to be suffering only from a broken leg Thursday, Troye said.

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

"He (the trucker) said that a black car was cutting in and out of traffic," Jarvis said. "She was changing lanes. He didn't want to drive over the top of her car. The only alternative was for him to drive to the right. I was trying to keep him stable. He looked clammy and I was worried he would go into shock. I put my hand on him and told him to relax."

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

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

"The driver was pinned in the cab," Groth said. "The cab was crushed and his legs were pinned. It took us an hour and a half with multiple rescue tools."

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



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Airlift: Emergency personnel load the truck driver into the U-M survival flight helicopter Wednesday afternoon. The truck went up the hill along southbound I-275 at Plymouth Road. Police closed the freeway and traffic backed up for miles.**

## Rising Discovery

### Canton's first middle school takes shape on Hanford Road

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The terrazzo flooring needs to be laid, painting has yet to begin, heating and air conditioning ducts still need to be installed, landscaping is still nonexistent, and there's plenty of cleanup to be done.

But, despite what looks like a lot of work yet to be completed, the construction managers for Discovery Middle School say the building will be completed in time for classes to start in August.

"I see you opening on time," project manager Bill McCarthy of McS/EV told school board members Tuesday night. "It will be exciting ... there's a lot of work to be done ... we'll need a big push."

During a tour of the site at Hanford and Canton Center in Canton, Brian MacAskill, assistant project manager, said there were some tense moments in making sure the project would be completed, but it's all downhill now.

"We're on track. We've always said it would be an exciting schedule," said MacAskill. "Back in December we lost some time and fell behind, but we

took the measures to get back in line. We had guys working 10-hour days, on Saturdays and even some on Sundays. If we have to do it again, we will."

Voters approved the \$15.3

million project in October 1998 when it was learned Livonia wanted to take back Lowell Middle School, which the district has rented for 19 years.

The 127,000-square-foot discovery will be nearly 40,000 square feet larger than Lowell and is the first middle school to be constructed in Canton.

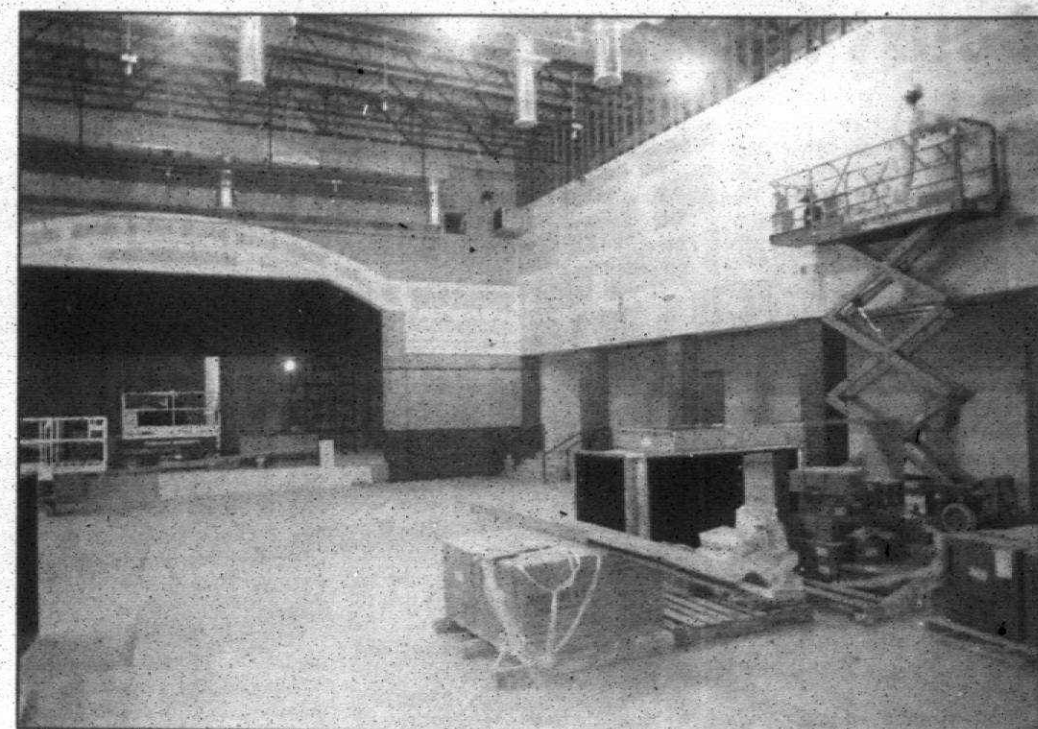
"It looks like there's a lot of work yet to be done, but they tell me it will be completed on time. I just wish it were done now," said Lowell Principal Roche LaVictor, who has been

throughout the entire building will be great.

LaVictor is pleased the entire staff at Lowell will be moving as family to the new school.

"Some teachers who have been at Lowell for the entire 19 years wondered what would happen to their jobs if Livonia ever decided not to extend the contract," he said. "We all feel grateful that we're going as a group to Discovery."

LaVictor said he's putting together a schedule for teachers to preview the building before it



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

**Under construction: The "auditorium" at the new Discovery Middle School. Pictured below is the building's exterior, which faces Hanford Road at Canton Center.**

opens, and will have students visit the building by grades so they know the layout of the building before the first day of school.

"Can you imagine what chaos we would have with everyone trying to find their way around the first day of school?" said LaVictor with a chuckle. "Students and teachers would be equally lost."

MacAskill said when it's done, Plymouth-Canton school district residents will have a very useful building.

"I think this school is something you'll be happy with in the long run," he said. "I wouldn't call it a show stopper, but it's much more than functional. This building should be around for 75-100 years."



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commented.

The addition will be mushroom-shaped. Minghine described early designs as too "boxy."

The current fitness center will be changed into an aerobics room. A new lockerroom with showers will separate the two rooms.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said the change makes sense financially. The current aerobics room holds just 35 people. A converted fitness center will accommodate 50.

A pair of parking lots will be added adjacent to the Summit's existing lots.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said parking is at capacity during peak times now. Between 100 and 150 additional spaces are planned.

One of the facility's two current racquetball courts will be converted into a family lockerroom.

"We've had some complaints about losing the racquetball court," Bilbrey-Honsowetz told trustees. "But we can service a lot more guests with the family lockerroom."

A new entrance to the Summit will be added at the north end of the building. The idea is to keep fitness patrons away from banquet facilities as much as possible.

"It should make for much fewer interruptions to our banquet operation," said Bilbrey-Honsowetz.

Chairs, carpeting and wall coverings will be replaced in banquet areas. Bilbrey-Honsowetz said each is showing signs of wear after five years.

"We're gaining banquet business now," she said. "I think we can justify some expenditures now."

The Summit manager also talked of a "phase II" renovation. It would involve adding a dedicated senior center at the building's southern end.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz said it would be more convenient for seniors and would free up space for banquet operations at the Summit's north end. Such a move likely wouldn't be made for several years, she said.

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**Return engagement: The gospel-style group, The Resurrection, is back for its second appearance at the Plymouth-Canton Community Prayer Breakfast.**

## Breakfast

Wayne and Washtenaw communities participating.

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

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

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

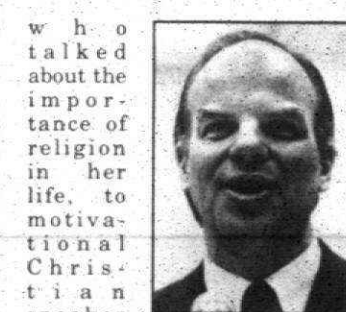
Bryant was suggested as a speaker by several of the church leaders involved in planning this year's breakfast, Redfern said.

Bryant hosts "National Concert of Prayer," a daily radio program heard nationally on some 300 stations. He is the founder of Concerts of Prayer International, a traveling ministry that has conducted evangelical Christian prayer rallies in cities across the country.

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

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

Bryant joins a list of previous prayer breakfast speakers that has ranged from Detroit television journalist Cheryl Chodun,



David Bryant

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

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

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

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

Tickets to the Plymouth-Canton Community Prayer Breakfast are still available for \$10 each. The event runs 7:15-9 a.m. at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call Sandy Bergeon, (734) 495-1062 by Monday for reservations.

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## Court race

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

"They told me they didn't know what to do," Bec added. "If I can't trust the Elections Board... if push comes to shove I may file a suit. Maybe we could do it jointly."

The Board of Elections admits to making the mistake, but says its hands are tied.

"We were notified by the sitting judge (Lowe) on May 2, the deadline day for petitions, that our figures were wrong," said Chris Thomas, director of elections. "The Michigan Manual, which lists jurisdictions served by each court, only listed the cities of Plymouth and Northville for the 35th District Court."

"Since we changed to a population-based requirement for petition signatures last March, and when you add the townships of Canton, Plymouth and

Northville, the requirement goes up from 40 to 600 signatures. We can't fix the problem because it's a statutory mandate."

Selinsky said the Board of Elections admits to making a mistake, but only a judge can change the rules.

"I was told that if I filed suit, they would admit to making a mistake," he said. "I expect to win this. No one would have qualified to run because of their mistake."

"We would admit to making a mistake, and would live with the results of a judge," said Thomas.

Lowe, who is completing his first six-year term as 35th District Court judge, filed his intention to run in February. As an incumbent, Lowe didn't have to file nominating petitions in announcing his re-election bid for the \$118,000 a year job.

"I'm proud of the progress we've made in our teen court and juvenile programs. And I'd like to see if we can enter into other areas of public education pertaining to the law," said Lowe.

"I would like to educate people on how to resolve disputes in small claims court so they could settle many issues themselves."

"We need to decide how best to provide essential services of the court... get your day in court as soon as possible and as painless as possible," added Lowe.

Bec, 57, and an attorney for 30 years, said he was asked to run by some who aren't pleased with the direction of 35th District Court.

"I've heard some rumblings from individuals about the way certain cases are handled," said Bec. "Some people were upset and asked me to consider the job. I think I could make a difference."

Selinsky, 50, has been practicing law for 16 years.

"I would like to make the court more accessible to the public, more user friendly," he said. "I would like more youth programs to help young people understand how to become better adults."



Market man: Canton Business Person of the Year recipient John Pardington (right) shakes hands with last year's winner, Tom Cassidy.

## Awards

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## P-CEP writing centers win accolades

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Writing Tutorial Centers have been selected to

receive the Michigan Association of School Boards Educational Excellence Award. A description

of this program will be published in Michigan's Best, highlighting the best teaching practices in the state.

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

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

the Canton Observer. Other nominees were Dr. Mark Alsager of Alsager Animal Care Center, Dennis Dowling of American Waste Technologies and Nicki Wilson of Decorating Den Interiors were also nominated.

The award, which began in 1983, is given to a business person involved in community service, participates in activities which promotes economic development in Canton and has a history of staying power in the community.

Pardington opened Holiday Market in October of 1998. He left a solid career at IBM behind to get into the grocery business. Pardington said he has no regrets.

"Less than zero," he commented. "It has been seven days a week for the past year-and-a-half, but there's nothing like having your own business and doing something you love."

Pardington's store boasts more than 40,000 items. He describes it as a store for people with "a passion for food."

"The store is doing fantastic," said Pardington. "Our business



Guest speaker: Carmen Harlan, news anchor at WDIV-TV, takes questions from the audience at Wednesday's luncheon.

grows every week. Our focus is always on quality."

That's something he has in common with Zevalink.

She's worked for the township for 15 years. Zevalink logs

numerous hours beyond 5 p.m., but refuses to take overtime pay or compensation time.

"I feel I owe the community for what it has done for me," she said.

The Athena award, which began in 1991, is given to the person who displays excellence in their profession, provides a valuable service to the community and shows creativity which enhances their profession.

Zevalink meets and exceeds those criteria by working as the chair for Leadership Canton's adult program. She also founded the youth Leadership Canton program.

Zevalink's face is familiar to anyone who has gone to community events like Liberty Fest, the Christmas Tree lighting or the archery tournament. Yack said his assistant is a bundle of energy.

"She's hard-working, tireless and relentless," he added.

### Try again

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

Anyone who sent us e-mail that day is invited to send it again, since some of our e-mail from Thursday was lost. The address for Canton community editor Tedd Schneider is: tschneider@oe.homecomm.net



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# Ameritech plan for new area codes put on hold

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jack Kirksey  
—Livonia mayor

### Many scratchpads

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

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

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

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

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

### In same house

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pat Murphy of the Eccentric Newspapers contributed to this article.

## Seniors get help in writing memoirs

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

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

out where I met grandpa," Royster said.

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

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

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

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

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# Lawmakers want tougher grading on report cards

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

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

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

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

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

*Charles LaSata*  
—state representative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

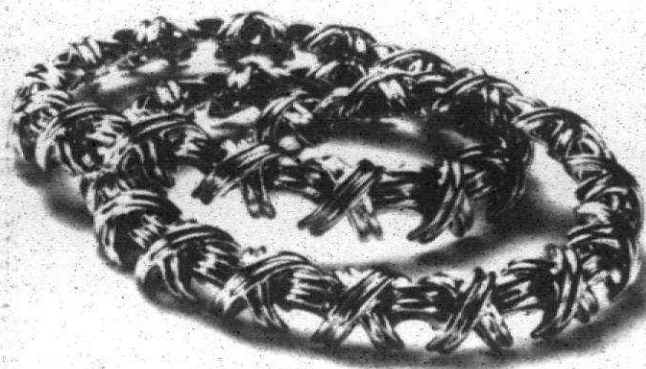
Representatives rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, that would have required even more information be included in the

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

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

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

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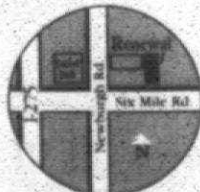
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# Sports & Recreation

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Pom-pom tryouts

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

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

### Middle school champs

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

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

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

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

### YMCA Annual Run

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

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

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

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

### Baseball tournament

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

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

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

### Baseball qualifier

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

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

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

### Chiefs' boosters meet

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

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

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

## Victory at last

### Salem snaps Canton's victory streak

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

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

The win elevated Salem's WLAA dual record to 2-1; the Chiefs are 1-3.

"I'll tell you how excited they were," said Salem coach Rick Wilson.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

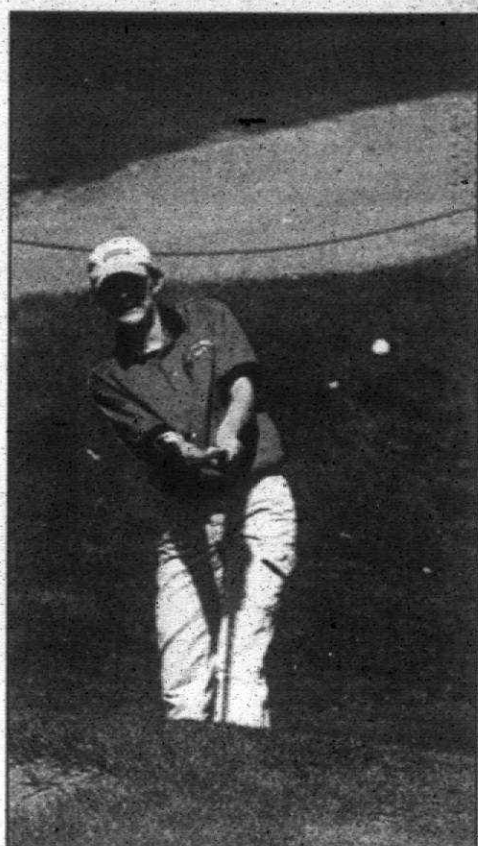
Grosse Ile, the defending state runner-up in Division III and state champ in Class B-C-D the three previous years, won the title with a 336 total, led by medalist Sarah Martin's 80.

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

Canton carded a 457. Dziekan's 102



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



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

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

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

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

## Fitzgerald lifts Whalers in OT



Defense? Did somebody say something about defense?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

of the second period. Kris Vernarsky and Fitzgerald assisted.

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

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

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

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## Spartans can't challenge Rocks

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

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

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

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

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

### GIRLS TRACK

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

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

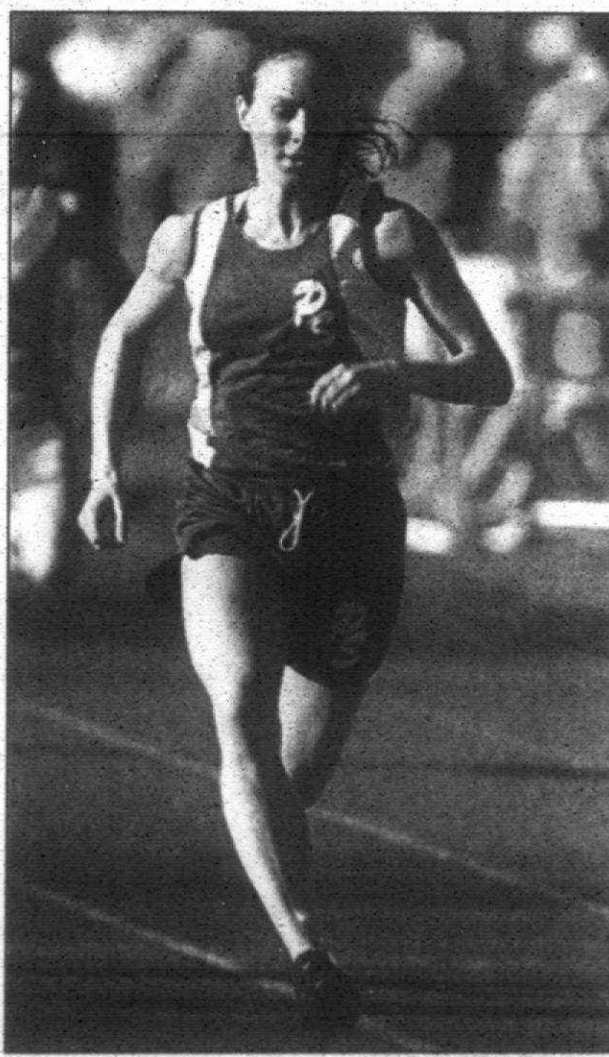
Gregor was impressed by the commitment shown by the vast majority of his athletes. Of the 71 on the team, 57 showed up for workouts during the off-week.

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

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

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

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



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURCHMANN

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

### BASEBALL

## Salem clubs John Glenn; Canton rolls

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Canton still atop division; Rocks struggle

Break? What break?

Plymouth Canton's boys track team showed no ill effects from the 15-day spring-break layoff in disposing of Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival Livonia Churchill, 89-48, Thursday at Canton.

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

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

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

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

Canton also got individual wins from Ugo Okumabua in the long jump (20-10), Jack Tucci in the 400 (52.1) and Jerry Gaines in the 800 (2:07.2).

The Chiefs also swept the

## BOYS TRACK

relays. Bonner, Nate Howe, Gary Lee and Mike Parker won the 4x100 (45.1); K.J. Singh, Howe, Bonner and Parker were first in the 4x200 (1:34.7); Doug Kurth, Brian Page, Tucci and Aaron LaBeau captured the 4x400 (3:39.8); and Page, Aaron Schmidt, Tony Mize and Gaines were winners in the 4x800 (8:43.1).

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

### Stevenson sinks Salem

This should have been a tighter meet, but Livonia Stevenson's sweep of the four relays lifted the Spartans past Plymouth Salem 78 2/3-56 1/3 Thursday at Stevenson.

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

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

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

were alone.

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

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

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

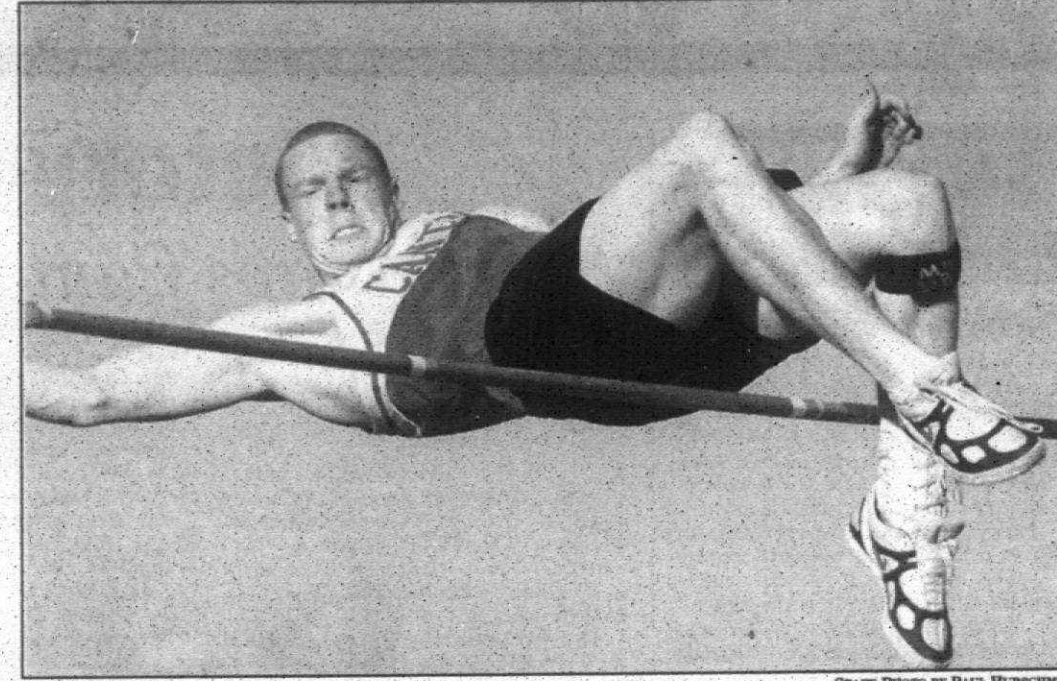
Salem runs at Walled Lake Central Thursday and at Ann Arbor Huron's River Rat Relays Saturday.

### Pirate Relays

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

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

Ken Page and Wilson com-



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMAN

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

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

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

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

in the 1,600 relay (3:45.8). Sean Conlen, Dave Lenz, Brian Frawley and Marty Smith finished fourth in the thrower's relay (55.3).

Canton placed sixth out of

# Stewart ignites Chiefs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SOFTBALL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amy Dorogi and Briana Roy Wolcott divided time in goal.

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## GIRLS SOCCER

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

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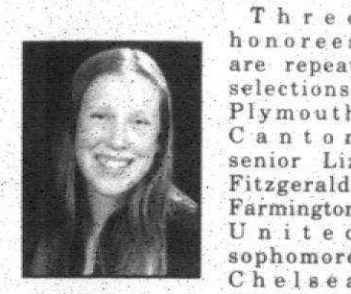
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# Observer gymnasts: Rising stars

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



Liz Fitzgerald  
Nicole Simonian

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

## ALL-AREA FIRST TEAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Kristin Ulewicz, Farmington United

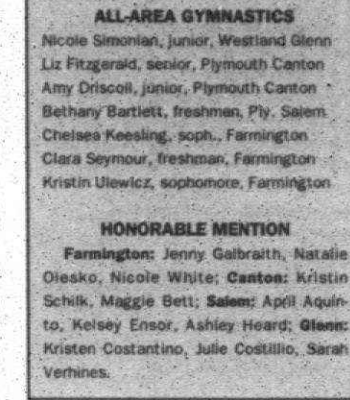
Ulewicz tied for fifth place on the balance beam in the Division 2 state meet with a 9.2 score. She also qualified in floor exercise.

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

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

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

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



Kristin Ulewicz

**ALL-AREA GYMNASTICS**  
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Kristin Ulewicz, sophomore, Farmington

## HONORABLE MENTION

Farmington: Jerry Gubraith, Natalie Olecko, Nicole White; Canton: Kristin Schik, Maggie Bett; Salem: April Aquino, Kelsey Ennor, Ashley Howard; Glenn: Kristen Costantino, Julie Costello, Sarah Verhines.

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

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

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

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

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

"One of the nicest things about

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

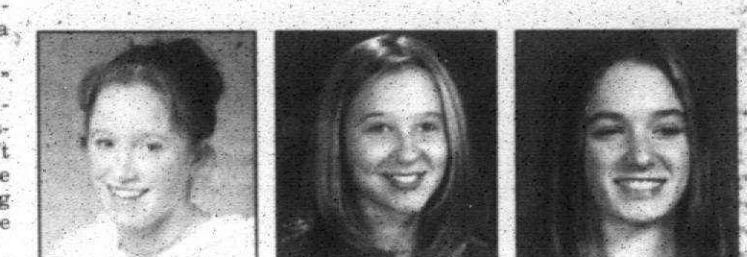
**Bethany Bartlett, Plymouth United:** Bartlett makes the future look bright for Salem gymnastics.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"She's doing a little club work right now. She's going to do magnificent things."

How magnificent? "Keep her healthy and we're looking at a possible state champion," answered Cunningham.

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## Churchill stops Canton

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

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

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

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

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

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## GOLF NEWS

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## A 2nd flurry CC's splurge buries Stevenson

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greenleaf, Rob Wilson and Paul Mercier each went 2-for-4. Bescoe, who pitched 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief of Mercier, the starter, struck out three and did not walk a batter. He allowed one hit. He also drove in two runs.

Greenleaf and Mercier also had RBIs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Rocks had a 4-3 lead going

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

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

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

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

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

Hough also went 2-for-4 with two singles and an RBI while Paul Anleiner was 3-for-4 with two singles plus a double and four RBIs and three stolen bases. Agape is now 1-2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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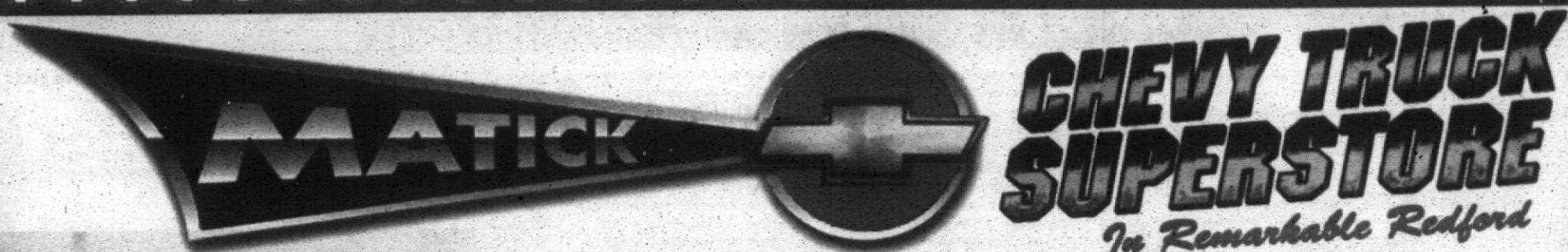
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Concert recalls days in Ukraine

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

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

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

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

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

**What:** The Livonia Symphony Orchestra spotlights Ukrainian pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky in the world premiere of a concerto by Myroslav Skoryk.  
**When:** 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13  
**Where:** Churchill High School Auditorium, 8900 Newburgh, north of Joy Road, Livonia.  
**Tickets:** \$15; \$10 students/children. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 464-2741.

## Premiere

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

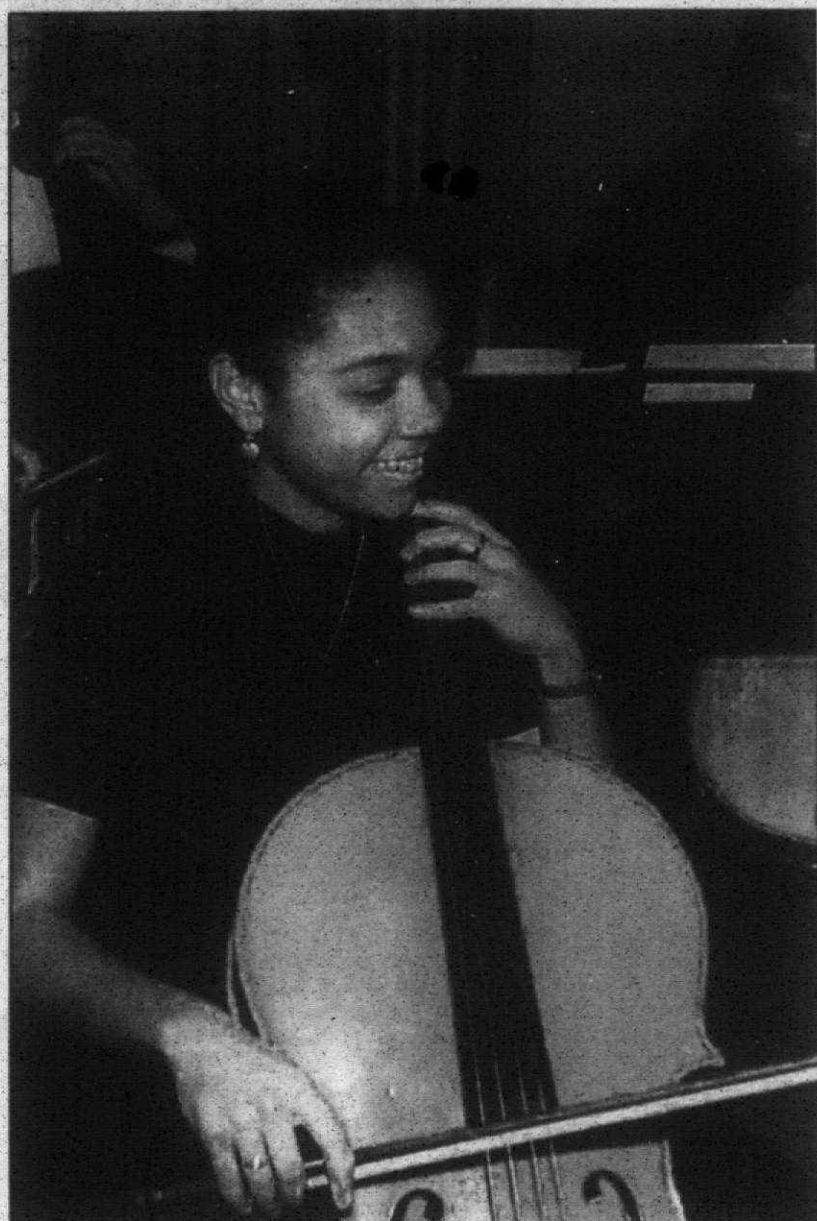
"Skoryk wrote it on the border of two centuries," said Schesiuk. "It's a very modern piece with modern form and language. It's a philosophy of what's happening in life and art. Skoryk spent part of his childhood in Siberia. It is very cold and isolated. There's nothing there."

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**When:** 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13

**Where:** Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

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## Reflections

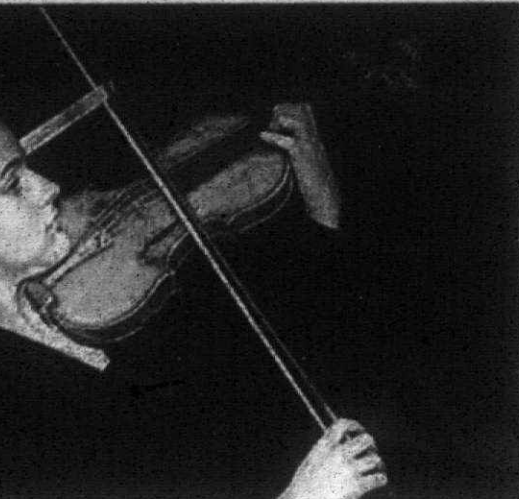
"I'm reflecting back on the first year, how great it is, how great it's going to be," said Burke, a Canton resident. "We're springboarding to musical education excellence. We've set the stage to increase the size of the group next year and initiate a mentorship for college students. We're trying to make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

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

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

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

"It's not something they hear very



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

## Variations ON A THEME

## Civic Orchestra celebrates past, looks to the future

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

## Something to be missed

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

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

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

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

## First year

This is Candice Wagner's first year with the

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## EXHIBIT

## Artist reflects on the process of creating

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

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

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

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

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

## Window laundry

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

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

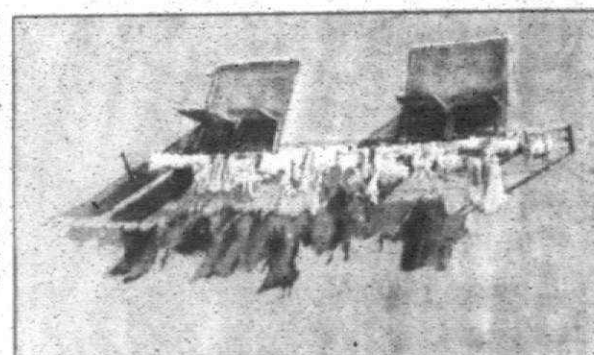
"When I was in Italy 10 years ago, I noticed that there are still people who put their laundry up," said Hardy. "They're people living a simpler life. In rural Provence, it's just the way of life. When the soft mistral begins to blow, they're hanging their laundry and tending their fields."

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

## Content

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Hero

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

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

"It is fresh," said Vynnytsky.

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

### Background

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

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

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

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

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

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CLASSES

#### ART THERAPY WORKSHOP

A hands-on workshop on Art Therapy and the Native American Medicine Wheel is 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 7 and Saturday, May 13 in 115 O Dowd Hall, Oakland University, (248) 370-3032.

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

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

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#### MARKET OPENS

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

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#### STUDENT EXHIBIT

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

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

#### VAAL CLASSES

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

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

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

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

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

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

#### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD

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

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

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

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

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

### ART SHOWS

#### ART SCAPES

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

#### BIRMINGHAM FINE ART FESTIVAL

The festival takes place May 13-14 in Shari Park.

#### DOLL SHOW AND SALE

The Michigan Dollmakers Guild hosts this sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at the Holiday Inn, Laurel Park, Livonia (6 Mile at I-275), (248) 357-2090.

#### JUDAICA ART FAIR

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

#### SPRING ART SCOPES

The South Oakland Art Association announces its annual juried show opening reception from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7 with regular exhibit hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8-19 at the American Center Building, 27777 Franklin, Southfield, (248) 546-7850.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

#### PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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

### CONCERTS

#### BRUNCH WITH BACH

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

#### CONCERT AT THE CENTRE

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

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#### DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

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

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC SINFONIA

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

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND

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

#### STOMP

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

#### TEMPLE BETH EL CELEBRATION

A musical revue marking 150 years of Beth El will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 14 at Wayne State Bonstelle on Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Tickets (248) 865-0616, press 2.

#### TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### CLASSES

#### ART THERAPY WORKSHOP

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and art demonstrations.

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

#### STUDENT EXHIBIT

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

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

#### VAAL CLASSES

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

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

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

#### FARMINGTON PLAYERS

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

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

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

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

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TRAVEL

# Couple treasures memories of cruise to Tahiti

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

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

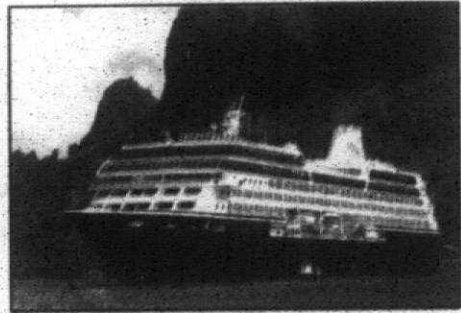
"Gerry had always wanted to go on a cruise," said Loleta. She and her husband said yes, and made plans to cruise to Tahiti and the Society Islands of French Polynesia with Gerry and his wife Marti who live in Palm Springs.

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

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

## Planning your trip

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



**Length:** Ten days, departure from Los Angeles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

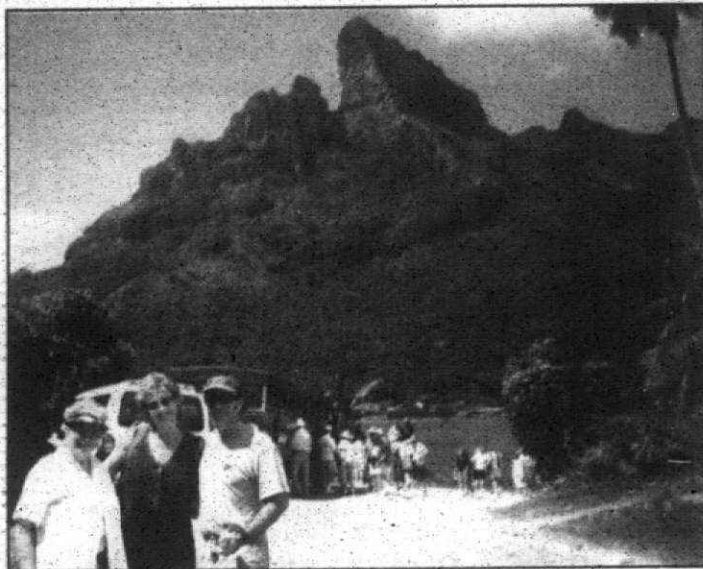
"On shore a lot of people spoke French," said Loleta. "A lot of times you couldn't carry on a conversation. They didn't understand you."

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

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



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



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

lifetime, Loleta and Evert smile.

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

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

## Loveliest islands on Earth

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

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

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

Source: Renaissance Cruise Journal, April 2000

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## FOCUS ON WINE



RAY & ELEANOR HEALD

### Rodet — a Burgundy star on the rise

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

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

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

#### Wine picks

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

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

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

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

■ Sangiovese: 1996 Trentadue, \$18; 1997 La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi, \$22; 1997 Atlas Peak, \$16; and 1997 Shafer Firebreak (big and bold), \$30.

■ Zinfandel: 1997 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve, \$30 (fabulous!); 1997 Gallo Sonoma Barrelli Creek, \$19 (none better under \$20); 1997 Fetzer Home Ranch, \$9 (nice every day wine).

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

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

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

White Burgundies — 100 percent chardonnay:

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

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

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

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

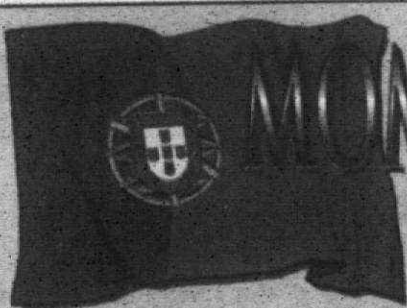
Red Burgundies — 100 percent pinot noir:

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## LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Dishes for seniors
- Main Dish Miracle



BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSKY  
SPECIAL WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## MOM GETS HUGS FROM PORTUGAL

### EXCHANGE STUDENT CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY WITH AMERICAN FAMILY



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

her more that day."

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

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

### Family, student share recipes

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

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

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

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

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### Readers share mom's recipes

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

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

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

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

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

Rose said her most favorite meal was a picnic meal her mother prepared nearly every Sunday in the summer.

"No one we knew ever had a picnic like this one. She made breaded veal cutlets — not chops — veal cutlets, bought from a kosher butcher — not that we kept kosher, but she liked the tenderness and flavor of those particular cutlets."

She fried the cutlets in Crisco or Spry, not oil, because when she was a child her stepmother would send her to the grocery store to buy oil and give her a jar for it. The grocer would pour the oil into the jar, Rose said.

"On the way home the oil would

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## FAMILY FOOD

### Don't obsess about child's weight — just eat healthy

#### SENSIBLE LIVING



BEVERLY PRICE

How do you avoid obsessing about your child's weight while teaching them to eat healthy at the same time?

A study by Dr. Leann Birch, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, confirmed that pre-schoolers have an innate ability to regulate their eating according to what

their bodies' need for growth. This holds true even when the child's eating seems to be horrendous. Researchers found that at a given meal, calorie intake was highly variable but it balanced out over time.

Yet, many parents assume that their young children cannot regulate food intake on their own. Often, parents implement coercive strategies in attempt to ensure that their child consumes a nutritionally balanced diet.

However, research by Birch indicates

such control strategies are counter productive.

"Parents' attempts to control their child's eating were reported more often by obese adults than by adults of normal weight," Birch said in the study. Similarly, Duke University psychologist Philip Costanzo found that excess weight in school-age children was highly associated with the degree to which parents tried to restrain their children's eating.

#### Develop intuitive eating

Costanzo found that even well meaning parents interfere with a child's intuitive eating, and when a parent tries to overrule a child's natural eating cues, the problem gets worse, not better.

Evelyn Tribole, author of Intuitive Eating, notes that a parent who feeds a child "whenever a hunger signal is heard and who stops feeding when the child shows that he's had enough, can play a powerful role in the initial development of intuitive eating."

Tribole also suggest that you attempt

to help your kids eat only about 10 percent "fun" or "play" foods while the other 90 percent contributes to their good health.

You can try to explain this concept to them as they approach adolescents and can grasp this information.

Therapist and dietitian, Ellyn Satter points out that when the parents of overweight kids back off, and let them eat without pressure, the kids will eventually eat less. This way, the child begins to hear and understand her own inner signals of hunger and satiety.

"Children deprived of food in an attempt to be thin become preoccupied with food, afraid they won't get enough to eat, and are prone to overeat when they get the chance," Satter said.

#### Children's menus

Let's look at a sample of young children's eating habits:

Abbey Frink, of Walled Lake, is 4 years old and attends pre-school Beth Abraham in West Bloomfield. Her favorite foods are grapes, bananas and peanut butter and jelly. "They are

healthy, very tasty and good for you," Abbey said.

Five-year-old Elana Price, of Huntington Woods attends Kindergarten at Burton Elementary School. Her favorite foods are pizza because she likes the cheese. She likes soy meat and enjoys it in homemade tacos.

One of her favorite dishes is peanut butter pasta, and she also likes fruit. "I love strawberries because they remind me that I have little freckles on my nose."

Erica Mendelson, 6, of Farmington Hills attends Meadowbrook Elementary School in Walled Lake. She enjoys rice at Middle Eastern restaurants, along with salad and french fries.

"The inside of french fries are mashed potatoes," Erica said. "I also like oranges 'cause you can drink them."

Erica even makes her own lunch, with assistance from her mom who sets certain boundaries such as no excessive junk.

Gail Hennes of Oak Park tries to

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Sauté chicken with balsamic-prune sauce without a lot of fat

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Seasoning gives a rich taste to Chicken-Sauté With Balsamic-Prune Sauce without adding a lot of fat. A serving contains only about 9 grams of fat.  
This is a one-dish main course that can be prepared start to finish in about 35 minutes.  
The chicken pieces are cooked first, then the sauce in the same pan. While it simmers, there is time to cook accompaniments — perhaps rice or couscous and a simple vegetable.

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safe container and cook on high until tender. Set aside.  
In a large skillet, add 1/2 cup olive oil and onion rings. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently until onions are soft and transparent. Remove and set aside.  
Add remaining oil and cod pieces. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring gently and frequently until fish flakes easily. Return onions and add potatoes to skillet.  
In bowl, scramble eggs. Stir in olives. Add mixture to skillet. Cover skillet and cook over medium heat approximately 10 to 12 minutes or until eggs are set. Cut into wedges. Serves 6 to 8.  
Recipe courtesy of Joana Lima.

MOTHER'S DAY GRIDDLE CAKES

2 1/4 cup white flour  
2 1/4 cup whole wheat flour  
3/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons sugar or honey  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 1/4 cups milk  
(Note: Batter is best if made the night before.)  
Combine dry ingredients in large bowl. In another bowl, beat eggs slightly. Add remaining ingredients and beat to combine. Add wet ingredients to dry mix-

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always drip out of the jar, making a sticky mess. So she always hated using oil."  
Her mother made macaroni salad and the family's best friend always made lemonade — with lots of oranges as well as lemons, Rose said.  
"My mom and dad were very young parents, so their friends were very young as well," Rose writes. "The guys played softball at the picnic and the girls' and we kids cheered them on. Too much fun!"

Best meals

Greg Zotos of Livonia wrote: "My mother makes the best meals. They are so tasty because she puts her love in her cooking. I always say her meals are gourmet meals because they taste so good."  
Catherine Zotos' Greek 'n' Easy Pasta Salad is one of our featured recipes.  
Euni Rose appreciates the opportunity to share her childhood memories.  
She writes: "Thanks for allowing me to wallow in these memories. My dad died in 1992 and my mom will be 85 in June. My parents came here in 1991 from Cleveland when my dad was so ill they couldn't be away from my husband and myself."  
Here are some of our reader's favorite recipes shared in honor of their mothers:

FLORENCE MARGOLIS' CUTLETS (FROM HER DAUGHTER EUNI ROSE)

Dip veal cutlets into a wash of beaten eggs with some salt and pepper, then dip them into bread crumbs.

taste. Place chicken in skillet; cook 10 minutes or until browned and centers are no longer pink, turning once. Transfer to serving platter and keep warm.  
Add shallots and garlic to same skillet; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until softened.  
Stir in broth, prunes, vinegar, thyme, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper; bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat slightly; cook until sauce is reduced by half, about 1 cup.  
Spoon over chicken.  
Makes 4 servings.  
Nutritional information per serving: 330 cal., 9 g fat, 100 mg chol., 890 mg sodium, 20 g carbs, 2 g fiber, 41 g pro.  
Recipe from California Prune Board.

Knock out the fat with these recipes

Here's some lowfat recipes from Beverly Price. See related column on Taste front.

SOFT SOY TACOS

1 (12 ounce) package Morningstar Farms Harvest Burger Recipe Crumbles  
1 packet fat free taco seasoning mix  
8 (10-inch) whole wheat flour tortillas  
8 ounces Soy sour cream  
2 cups chopped tomatoes  
2 cups chopped lettuce  
2 cups soy cheese, shredded  
1 cup salsa  
In a non-stick skillet, mix Recipe Crumbles with taco seasoning and saute. Warm the tortillas in microwave or in a frying pan. Place some soy mix in each tortilla and top with sour cream, tomato, lettuce, cheese and salsa. Fold to eat. Makes 8 servings.  
Nutritional information per serving: Calories 243, fat 0g, pro. 14g, carb. 46g, chol. 1mg, fiber 1g, sodium

PEANUT BUTTER SPIRALS

12 ounces uncooked whole wheat spiral pasta  
2/3 cup natural peanut butter  
3/4 cup water  
3 to 4 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce  
2 tablespoons mild vinegar  
1 scallion, coarsely chopped  
1 tablespoon honey or rice syrup  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
1 1/2 cups frozen green peas, thawed  
In a large soup pot bring 4-6 cups of water to a boil. Once water is boiling add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. While pasta is cooking, combine all remaining ingredients except peas in a food processor or blender and process until smooth. When pasta is done, drain well and transfer to a large serving bowl. Add peas and sauce; stir to combine thoroughly. Serve warm. Serves 8.

Prepare quick meals, vegetables in classes

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■ 1998 A. Rodet Montelie Cave Privée, \$29, interesting black cherry aromas, full, rich flavors.  
■ 1998 Domaine des Perdrix Nuits Saint Georges, Premier Cru Aux Perdrix, \$54; lovely, delicious and very balanced.  
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Terroir conscious wines. Terroir, a French word, is now broadly used by the U.S. wine industry to mean wine characteristics inherited from the particular place where wine grapes

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are grown.  
Between 1980 and 1994, Napa Valley's Cakebread Cellars' top cabernet sauvignon was its Rutherford Reserve. During those years, winemaker Bruce Cakebread noticed distinct parcels with unique, stand-alone "inherited" characteristics.  
In 1995, Three Sisters from fairly rocky soils and Benchland Select from loamy soils were introduced. No knee jerk on our part to enthusiastically recommend — not that they weren't good, but we're interested in consistency. It's there in the 1996 Cakebread Three Sisters Cabernet Sauvignon and 1996 Cakebread Benchland Select Cabernet Sauvignon, both \$90. A barrel sample tasting of both wines from the 1998 vintage has us enthused. For full impact of the meaning of terroir, try to taste these wines side by side. Quite amazing!

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expose her children, Rina, 8, Asher, 7, and Gila, 5, to a variety of foods. She leaves a relish tray loaded with vegetables for the kids to graze on after school.  
Hennes recalls a parenting magazine concept: "It takes a child 20 exposures to a new food before a child will try it."  
Hennes also believes what parents "model" for children directly affects their relationship with food.  
Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better

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Picking the best spring produce

It's hard to go wrong in the supermarket produce department at this time of year.  
Peak spring vegetables are making their way to market, and the color, flavor and nutritional content of these seasonal delights couldn't be better. This makes spring a perfect time to try new vegetables that you may not be accustomed to eating to help add variety to your diet.  
Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables is a key component of the American Institute for Cancer Research's diet and health guidelines for cancer prevention, and promotes better overall health.  
Be sure not to pass up the spring asparagus. Choose spears with tight, compact tips and medium green color with purple highlights.  
Pick spears of similar diameter so they all will cook in the same amount of time. Try them simply marinated in olive oil, fresh rosemary and ground black pepper, then drained and roasted in a 500-degree oven for about 10 minutes.  
The height of radish season is right about now as well, so look for red globes sold in batches with their greens still attached. Fresh looking greens are a good sign of quality, and they're edible as well! Fix a radish and broccoli slaw by grating broccoli stems, radishes and carrots. Marinate the grated vegetables in a mixture of soy sauce, sesame oil, de-fatted chicken stock, rice wine vinegar, grated ginger root, a smashed garlic clove and toasted sesame seeds. Remove the garlic before serving.  
Rhubarb is best in spring, and choice rhubarb is firm and has good color. Be sure to remove the leaves before cooking, as they are quite toxic. This

vegetable is sensational paired with spring strawberries in a sweet/tart crisp.  
Good spring spinach is the greenest of the green, fresh and crisp with no signs of wilting or yellowing. Use it in the beautiful and easy salad recipe below:

SPRING SPINACH SALAD

10 ounces fresh spinach washed thoroughly, torn in pieces and steamed  
2 cups strawberries halved or sliced  
2 kiwifruit peeled and sliced  
2 tablespoons white vinegar  
5 tablespoons part-skim ricotta cheese  
1 tablespoon plain lowfat or nonfat yogurt  
1/2 teaspoon dried herb of your choice (basil, tarragon, or use 2 tsp. fresh herbs)  
Dash pepper  
Prepare the spinach, strawberries and kiwifruit in a large salad bowl or individual salad bowls. Combine the remaining ingredients in a blender or food processor; puree until smooth without a trace of graininess, and serve with the salad.  
Each of the 4 servings contains 90 calories and 2 grams of fat.  
Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research. AICR offers the AICR Nutrition Hotline (1-800-843-8114). Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. This free service allows you to ask a registered dietitian your questions regarding diet, nutrition and cancer. AICR's Internet Web address is <http://www.aicr.org>.

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# Hearty chicken soup can be a family-oriented project

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"Mothers and Daughters at Home" (Simon & Schuster, \$24) by Charlotte Lyons is subtitled "35 projects to make together."

Her mother, Lyons tells readers, taught her how to sew and crochet and do needlepoint, how to make decoupage, to paint flea-market furniture and do whatever else she could think of with her only daughter.

"These lessons were given in the spirit of fun and sharing."

Now, Lyons says, that experience "is

the centerpiece of the home I share with my husband and three daughters."

Text and color photos in her book feature projects ranging from painted note cards to button necklace, from patchwork throw to doll armoire, from recipe scrapbook to recipes such as the following chicken soup, *Sopa de Lima*.

"This particular soup is especially enjoyable because it has a variety of textures that please children."

"Crushing tortilla chips, squeezing lime wedges, and sprinkling with grated cheese are the final flourishes to a very

hearty dish popular in Mexico."

## SOPA DE LIMA

One whole chicken, about 3 to 4 pounds  
Water to cover, about 12 to 14 cups  
1 large Spanish onion, chopped  
1 teaspoon salt  
Fresh pepper to taste  
28-ounce can whole tomatoes  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
Tortilla chips  
Cheddar or Jack cheese

## Lime wedges

Wash and dry the chicken. Place it in a 6-quart kettle and add water to cover the chicken. Add the chopped onion, salt and pepper. Simmer for two hours or so, until the chicken begins to come off the bones. Remove from heat and lift chicken with a slotted spoon, placing it into a bowl to cool.

Cool broth and remove fat accumulation from surface.

Add the canned tomatoes, crushing by hand as you add them. Simmer broth gen-

tly. Remove skin and bones from chicken and return shredded chicken pieces to the simmering broth.

Add chopped cilantro and cook for 30 minutes.

To serve: Ladle into large soup bowls and serve with a basket of crisp tortilla chips, grated Cheddar or Jack cheese, and wedges of fresh lime.

Garnish with some of each.

Makes 8 servings.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in *What's Cooking to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homedom.net*

**Battling Hunger** - Taste of the Nation Detroit will help raise money for nonprofit organizations to battle hunger and poverty. The event is scheduled from 8-9:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Somerset Collection in Troy. It features the area's 50 best restaurants, caterers and purveyors. Tickets are \$75. About 70 percent of the proceeds will go to Gleaners Community Food Bank, The Food Bank of Oakland County, Forgotten Harvest and Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute. For information or to purchase tickets call Gleaners Community Food Bank at (313) 923-3535.

**Vegetarian Cooking** - Lenore Yalovsky Baum, author of "Lenore's Natural Cuisine, Your Essential Guide to Wholesome Vegetarian Cooking," conducts vegetarian cooking classes at Lenore's Natural Cuisine, 22899

Inkster, Farmington Hills. Baum has scheduled sessions 6-9 p.m. on marvelous quick meals, Monday, May 8, and a model spring dinner, Monday, May 22. Learn the principles of macrobiotics, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 30. Baum also teaches a beginning cooking series of four classes from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesdays in May and another on Mondays in June. Call (248) 478-4455.

**Quick, Easy Meals** - Schoolcraft College offers this course through its Continuing Education Services program from 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, for the busy person to create elegant meals using techniques with products from local supermarkets. Chef Jeff Gabriel will demonstrate many dishes including soups, salads, entrees and simple desserts. For information, call (734) 462-4445.

**Exploring Spring Vegetables** - Learn about lesser-known spring vegetables and new ideas for old favorites at Schoolcraft College in a two-day course offered Tuesday,

May 16, and Thursday, May 18. You will learn how to identify, purchase and the proper care for fresh vegetables along with recipes and techniques from instructors Traci Bahman and Laura Wood-Romito. The course is offered through Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services program. For information, call (734) 462-4445.

**Wine-Tasting benefit** - Wine aficionados can taste wine and help benefit scholarship and other groups at A Toast to Canton Wine-Tasting 7-9 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at the Summit on the Park. The event will help the Leadership Canton Alumni scholarship fund, the Canton Goodfellow, the Canton Place Helping Hands Fund, Character Counts and the Community Literacy Council. Enjoy a splendid array of wines, hors d'oeuvres, gourmet cheeses, sushi, breadhouse breads and live entertainment. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. They can be bought at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center, or at Holiday Market. For information, call the

chamber at 453-4040 or call (734) 844-2200.

**Henry Ford Community College**, Dearborn Heights Center: Cool Stuff for Sizzling Days, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 20. For more information about these HFCC continuing learning courses, call (877) 855-5252.

**Rich Brioche Desserts** - Dolly Matocian will teach the techniques of creating light French brioche, including secan sticky buns, a brioche chocolate bread pudding and an almond-brown sugar coffee cake. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at the Novi Town Center; Wednesday, May 10, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River, Call (800) 641-1252.

**Cooking with Herbs** - Linda Kay Drysdale will offer a lesson on selecting the proper herb and preparing herb-stuffed honey lime chicken, Greek pasta salad, icy gazpacho and mint lemonade. Sessions at Kitchen Glamor stores are 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Novi Town Center; Wednesday, May 17, at the Redford store, 26770 Grand River, Call (800) 641-1252.

## Spice up fish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### SPICY HALIBUT AND MANGO SALSA

1 1/2 cups peeled, chopped mangoes or peaches  
1 medium red sweet pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
3 tablespoons olive oil or cooking oil  
1/2 teaspoon finely shredded lime peel

2 tablespoons lime juice  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1 pound halibut steaks, 1 inch thick

1 tablespoon lime juice  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
Lime wedges and/or lime peel strips (optional)

**For the salsa:** In a bowl combine fruit, sweet pepper, green onions, jalapeno pepper, oil, lime peel, lime juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. Refrigerate, covered, until ready to use.

**For the fish:** Preheat oven to 450 F. Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towels. Cut into 4 serving-size pieces, if necessary. Brush with a mixture of lime juice and 1 tablespoon water. In a bowl combine paprika, salt, ginger, allspice and pepper and rub onto fish.

Arrange fish in a shallow baking pan and bake, uncovered for 8 to 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Remove from oven, brush fish with pan juices. If desired, garnish with lime wedges and/or lime peel strips. Serve with salsa. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from: "Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook" (Meredith, \$26.95) www.bhg.com

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

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There's no better present for Mother's Day than the gift of health from St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Bone-density testing is available any time at the Marian Women's Center, which also offers mammography, ultrasound testing and health education. Call (734) 655-1100.

A "Skin Cancer Awareness and Screening Program" will take place Saturday, May 13, in the hospital's West Addition A and B. A discussion on skin cancer 9-10 a.m. will be followed by cancer screenings 10 a.m. to noon.

"Women's Health Issues" will be presented at the hospital noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 in West Addition A. Nurse Mary Lou Anolik will discuss heart disease, osteoporosis, and menopause. Call (734) 655-8940 to register for the skin cancer screens and health issues discussion.

### Cancer support group

Have you received a diagnosis of cancer within the last six months and don't know where to turn?

The Newly Diagnosed Cancer Support Group at Oakwood Hospital meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Adray Conference Center at Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, 8101 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. You do not have to be an Oakwood patient to attend. Call (313) 593-7765.

### Who are you?

The subconscious mind is a curious thing. It stores and remembers events, words, places and people you do not even realize you heard, saw or felt. Botsford General Hospital's Health Development Network, as part of its Mind-Body Connection workshops program, is offering "The Cube: The Secret Language of Your Mind Revealed" 7 p.m. Monday, May 15.

"This cube program is an ancient visualization technique," says Donna May, class instructor. "It is based on a popular book that asks a series of questions. The way you answer those questions has a lot of symbolic meaning into what type of things your subconscious mind remembers."

The workshop will be at the Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Cost is \$20. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

### Free car seat check

Motor vehicle crashes are the nation's leading cause of death and serious injury to children younger than 14. More than 70 percent of these tragedies can be prevented if car seats and safety belts are used correctly.

Oakwood's *Keep Kids Safe!* team and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will offer a free car seat safety check 3-6 p.m. Thursday, May 18, in the West/Outpatient Lobby driveway at Oakwood Annapolis, 33155 Annapolis Ave. (off Michigan Avenue and Venoy), Wayne. For more information, call Oakwood at (313) 791-1494 or (313) 791-1488.

### We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Deskbook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/press releases in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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# Implant helps palsy patients

Oakwood's Program for Exceptional Children treats the whole child

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Kimberly White, 12, of Garden City is an articulate honor roll student who loves to write short stories and eat macaroni and cheese. When she grows up, she may become a famous author or a police dispatcher. Then she could ride to work with her father, David White, a sergeant with the Garden City Police Department.

She recently finished a story about a girl who made a time machine and traveled with two friends to the Eiffel Tower in the year 5000. "I like to write fictional stories because then you can make anything happen," she says.

Kimberly, who has cerebral palsy, can easily say "intrathecal baclofen therapy," whereas her mother, Kim White, trusts herself with just using the initials, ITB therapy.

Intrathecal baclofen therapy, which uses a surgically implanted pump to deliver anti-spasticity medicine directly into the spinal fluid, has made a big difference in Kimberly's life. She had the pump implanted in January at Oakwood Hospital.

"I like it because for me I can do a lot more things," she said. "Now when I walk my heels touch the floor, my feet are more in line and my back is a lot straighter. I can sit Indian style without any help. Before I needed help, but now my legs move by themselves."

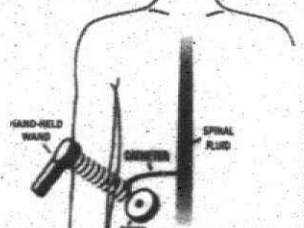
### Relatively new treatment

ITB therapy is a relatively new treatment for severe spasticity in children and adults with cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury. A neurosurgeon implants a SynchroMed pump, about the size of a hockey puck, just under the skin of the abdomen. A tiny catheter is threaded around the abdomen and into the spinal fluid. The catheter carries "baclofen injection," a medication that substitutes for the brain's naturally produced relaxing chemical, called GABA.

"Because baclofen injection is delivered directly into the spinal fluid, minute doses can be used. Baclofen taken by mouth is not effective. The pump is programmed by a computer to release the correct amount of the drug. It can be reprogrammed externally."

Kimberly sees both Dr. Yasser Awaad, the pediatric neurosurgeon who implanted her pump, and Dr. Susan Youngs, a pediatric physiatrist, at Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families. Youngs, the program's director, manages Kimberly's overall medical care and her rehabilitation program.

"Kimberly is a great example of the kinds of children who come to our program and get more of the comprehensive approach," said Youngs. For Kimberly, ITB therapy was a good choice, she added. "She's really motivated, which also makes her a good candidate."

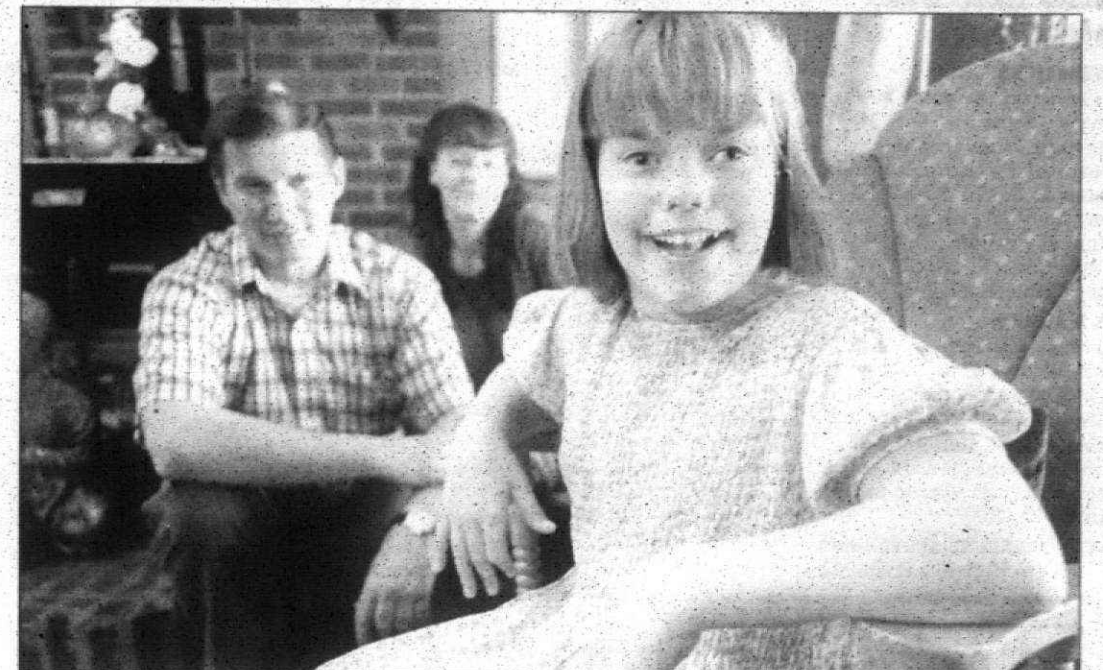


Baclofen injection is delivered into the spinal fluid by a pump implanted under the skin of the abdomen. A computer turns on the pump and programs it to deliver the baclofen injection. The pump can be reprogrammed through a handheld wand "mouse" placed externally over the implanted pump. Medication is replaced every three weeks to three months by inserting a needle into a reservoir in the center of the pump.

### Searching

"When you have a child with special needs, you almost feel you have entered a secret society," said Kim White. "You need to know the right password to get a question answered. If you don't get hold of the right person and ask the right question, you don't move forward."

She and her husband knew "something" was wrong with their daughter by the time she was 1 year old. "She was verbal, but her movement... she would do the low crawl," said Kim White, striving to describe her daughter's movement across the floor.



All smiles: Kimberly White says her newly implanted medicine pump allows her to walk better and sit Indian-style. Her parents, Dave and Kim White, are her biggest cheerleaders.

It took two misdiagnoses before the Whites had an answer. Beautiful, bright-eyed Kimberly, who was born premature and weighed only 2 1/2 pounds, had cerebral palsy.

For several years, the Whites took Kimberly to Shriners Hospital in Chicago for treatment. The drive was long and inconvenient. One day, Kim

**I can sit Indian style without any help. Before I needed help, but now my legs move by themselves.**

—Kimberly White

Age 12

White asked Kimberly's local pediatrician to write a new prescription for braces. He said he couldn't, and referred her to Dr. Awaad.

Kim was wary. She had seen so many neurologists. There was nothing new to be discussed. "It turned out to be wonderful," she said. "Dr. Awaad was the first one to say, 'Do you know your options?'"

Kimberly was shown videos of different treatments, including botox injections (used to treat "local spasticity"), to which she said, "no." However, she became very excited after seeing the video of ITB therapy and became even more excited after a test run of the drug yielded positive results. The device was implanted on Jan. 11.

Results came quickly. "Oh my, a lot of people noticed her steps were surer. She could put her arm up over her head. Now she can 'high five,'" said Kim White.

Anne Marie Michon, a nurse who works with Dr. Awaad, said all the children who have had the pump implanted experienced positive results, ranging from dressing or being dressed more easily to walking faster or without a walker.

"Every patient has improved to some level."

### Comprehensive care

Kim and Dave White found the right people and the right answers at Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families, which treats patients with a wide range of chronic, complex disorders and disabilities, including cerebral palsy, muscle disorders, spina bifida, rheumatologic disorders, traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries, amputations and sports injuries.

"They treat the whole child. Dr. Awaad looks for what's best physically. Dr. Youngs looks at the emotional component. Even the nurses, they work as a complete team. I was so impressed," said Kim White.

"We all spend an exorbitant amount of time on the phone with families dealing with life issues," said Youngs.

Youngs understands the frustration her patients and their families have undergone traveling back and forth, sometimes at great distances, between specialists. "That just wears on a family. There wasn't one person or place that was pulling it together," she said.

The Program for Exceptional Families is the equivalent of one-stop shopping, a medical center hybrid. Youngs refers to it as a "medical home."

During a single visit, children and their families are seen by a team of pediatric specialists, including a pediatrician, physical medicine and rehabilitation physician (a physiatrist), neurologist, nurse, dietitian, social worker, parent advocate, psychologist, physical and occupational therapists and orthotist.

Rehabilitation is the hallmark of the program. "This is really the part in which we have carved a niche," said Youngs. "How can we make this person's life better? How can we walk beside them?"

Youngs' holistic approach extends to the patient's broader community. She knows the dynamics of school systems. "If I have a question, I can just call the school and say, 'Hi, I'm Dr. Youngs from the Program for Exceptional Families. I have questions about Johnny.' That's what sets this program apart."

Kimberly White is now learning how to use crutches in physical therapy. It's a big challenge, but one Kimberly is not afraid to tackle. After all, this is a girl who made the honor roll even after missing nine days of school while having an ITB therapy pump implanted.

Thanks to Oakwood Hospital's Program for Exceptional Families and Kimberly's own determination to do her absolute best, Kimberly's life may be like the title of her time machine story: "Anything is possible."

For more information about the Program for Exceptional Families, or to schedule an appointment, please call (313) 791-4335.



Tender touch: Dr. Susan Youngs tends to Desiree Raschke of Melvindale, one of her younger patients in the Program for Exceptional Families.

# Life-saving advice for mothers about strokes

Taking time to learn the warning signs of stroke could be the best Mother's Day present you could ever give anyone. According to the American Stroke Association, stroke kills more than 97,000 women each year.

A critical step in surviving a stroke - a blockage of blood flow to the brain caused by a clogged or ruptured blood vessel - is speed. Call 911 as soon as the signs are evident.

Fast action is important, especially now that a new emergency treatment for stroke - a clot-busting drug called tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA) - can greatly reduce the risk of death and permanent brain damage. Unfortunately, less than 5 percent of Ameri-

cans get to the hospital in time to receive t-PA, which must be administered within three hours of the onset of symptoms to be effective.

### The warning signs of stroke are:

- Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

More than half of women who survive a stroke die within eight years. However, the chance of suffering a stroke can be reduced by practicing a healthy lifestyle.

Women should control high blood pressure, stop smoking, control blood cholesterol, become physically active, avoid obesity and work with a doctor to prevent or treat atrial fibrillation and carotid artery disease. Atrial fibrillation is the rapid, uncoordinated beating of the heart's upper chambers. Carotid artery disease affects the blood vessel system that supplies the brain.

To learn more about stroke, call 1-888-4-STROKE, or visit the American Stroke Association Web site at [www.StrokeAssociation.org](http://www.StrokeAssociation.org).

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## ONGOING

**OVEREATERS**  
Overeaters Anonymous meets every Sunday 7-8:30 p.m. through June in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion, Conference Room A, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Another group meets every Thursday evening 7:30-9 p.m. in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile. Call Kathleen at (734) 427-8612.

**AA & ALANON**  
Alcoholics Anonymous & Alanon meet Wednesdays and Sundays 8:30-9:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital North Entrance, 5254 Inkster Road, Contact (248) 541-6565 or (734) 776-3415. Everyone's welcome. Alanon meeting Sunday only.  
**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**  
Marquette House, a residential

assisted living facility at 36000 Campus Drive in Westland (across from John Glenn High School), holds blood pressure screenings every fourth Tuesday. Open to the public 11 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 326-6537.

## SUN, MAY 7

**CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY**  
Celebrate Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Week at The Good Food Company, 42615 Ford between Sheldon and Lilley one-half mile west of I-275 in Canton. Guest speakers will discuss issues of indoor air quality and alternative pest management. Videos, refreshments, and printed information. Contact MCS Friends for times at (248) 349-4972.

## MON, MAY 8

**THYROID DISORDERS**  
The Michigan Thyroid Disorder Support Group will meet 6:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main Street. Call Tracy Green at (734) 453-7945. Web site: <http://community.mlive.com/cc/thyroid>

## TUES, MAY 9

**EXERCISE SEMINAR**  
St. Collette Parish Health Ministry will offer a seminar on "Exercise: Can it save your life?" with Dr. Steven Ketyeyan, exercise physiologist at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute at 7 p.m. in the church, 17600 Newburgh in Livonia. Call for reservations (734) 464-4436.

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**  
Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice will present "Advance Directives: When and how soon should they be in place," 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center of Alterra-Care Bridge of Livonia, 32500 Seven Mile. Call Nanette Cooper or Denise Mannion for reservations.

## WED, MAY 10

**HEARING IMPAIRED**  
Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) of Western Wayne County will be meeting 7 p.m. at the Garden City Hospital, Alfred Breakie Medical Office Building downstairs classroom. Contact Robin Leitner at (734) 595-0194 evenings or e-mail [MichRobin@aol.com](mailto:MichRobin@aol.com).

## THURS, MAY 11

**EXERCISE**  
Oakland Physical Therapy PC.

will present "Exercises and Techniques in Stress Reduction" 7 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi intersection of Grand River and Beck. No charge. Reservations required. Call (248) 380-3550.

## MON, MAY 15

**RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME**  
The Restless Leg Syndrome Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at Henry Ford OptiEyes, 35184 Central City Parkway in Westland to discuss medications and exercises. The meeting will feature a video by California-based physician Dr. Vuchfuerer. For more information, call Jan Prentice at (734) 453-4847.

## TUES, MAY 16

**LYME DISEASE**  
The Lyme Disease Support Group will sponsor a "Lyme Disease education night" at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Wayne. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502 for more information.

## WED, MAY 17

**DYSLEXIA SUPPORT**  
The Michigan Dyslexia Institute - Detroit Metro Center will host a meeting on the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 at

related to accommodations for students/adults with dyslexia. Parents, advocates, professionals and students encouraged to attend. Meets at 6:45 p.m. at the MD Institute, 30230 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, Suite 130.

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## THUR, MAY 18

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
Providence Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia will host an immunization event from 4-7 p.m. at 37595 Seven Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$5 per child and includes all vaccines a child needs except chicken pox. Adults must take immunization records for any children. Call (877) 345-5500 for information.

**EXERCISE**  
Oakland Physical Therapy PC will present "Fit After Fifty" 7 p.m. at the Providence Medical Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Suite B124, Novi intersection of Grand River and Beck. No charge. Reservations required. Call (248) 380-3550.

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**CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT**  
Prerequisite for initial training: proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card. Retraining: proof of current Health Care Provider BLS card and current ACLS certification. Class is offered Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital/Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute (734) 712-2948.

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## WED, MAY 31

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. Blood drive sponsored by the Canton Hindu Temple (44955 Cherry Hill). For information, call (734) 981-8730.

## JUNE 3 &amp; 7

**STOP SMOKING**  
Providence Hospital will present smoking-cessation programs 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3, Novi Park: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park 47601 Grand River (Beck entrance), Novi; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, Providence Medical Center-Livonia: Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile (at Newburgh), Livonia. For reservations, call 1-877-345-5500.

# Love stinks

## E-mail letter pledging amour infects global Internet systems



MIKE WENDLAND

Less than 24 hours, the "I Love You" computer virus spread to millions of computers around the world, worse than any other virus yet experienced, including last year's infamous Melissa virus.

While Melissa was relatively harmless, the so-called Love Bug destroys multimedia graphics and sound files before e-mailing itself as an attachment to every address in the user's e-mail directory.

Security and IT professionals have been working around the clock to remove the virus from network mail servers. Scores of

major corporations and government systems around the world have had to shut down or become so clogged with the viruses that e-mail was all but unusable. Millions of copies of the virus poured into the electronic mailboxes of individual computer users. At one point Thursday, I was getting a new copy of the bug every minute.

As the weekend arrived, there were reports that the virus has morphed into a new version that is rapidly making its way around the Internet as a round two of the attack. This one has the subject line "FW: JOKE" and contains an attachment called "Very Funny.vbs." The name change masquerades the exact same virus, thus allowing the malicious program to worm its way into even more computers and avoid anti-virus software that

screens out viruses by name.

## Microsoft's vulnerability

Like most of the destructive viruses we've seen recently, the Love Bug was written in Microsoft's Visual Basic scripting language and exploits security weaknesses in Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser and its popular Outlook and Outlook Express e-mail programs.

Already, a growing number of Microsoft critics are urging people to turn away from the popular programs in favor of alternate browsers such as Netscape ([www.netscape.com](http://www.netscape.com)) or Opera ([www.opera.com](http://www.opera.com)), and third-party e-mail programs such as Eudora ([www.eudora.com](http://www.eudora.com)), which seem to be much less susceptible to viruses.

For those who want to disable the Microsoft Visual Basic script-

ing function that this particular virus exploits, here's how to turn this option off. Go to the Control Panel, then:

- click on Add/Remove Programs
- click the Windows Setup tab
- click on Accessories to get the details
- uncheck Windows Scripting Host
- click "OK" to save any changes

This will have minimal effect on most Windows functions and will keep you free from this virus. But it's not a cure-all, and the problem is much bigger than Microsoft. The damaged people who spread viruses can just as easily write viruses for other operating systems and programs.

## Protect yourself

That said, just because you

get the virus doesn't mean that you're infected. The only way that will happen is if you open the attached Love Letter file that comes with the e-mail.

Meantime, there are three simple steps everyone can take to protect against all kinds of computer viruses.

- Back up all your important files. Use something like Omega's popular Zip disks or other large-capacity storage media, or even floppies if that's all you have. Just do so. Now. Before you're infected with whatever is next unleashed. Then, get into the habit of backing up weekly.
- Never, ever, under any circumstances, open attached files or pictures or graphics that you receive unsolicited by e-mail, even if you know the person supposedly sending the file. This is

the way viruses are spread, and through most of the 1,000 new viruses being unleashed every month are not as nasty as the Love Bug, it's simply too risky to take the chance.

■ Make sure your anti-virus software is updated. All of the big anti-virus firms now have Love Bug

Until next week... 73 every-body.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV NewsChannel stations across the country. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com> and hear him Monday through Friday at 6:26 p.m. on NewsRadio 950, WWJ, and on Saturdays and Sundays from 4-6 p.m. on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT.

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Livonia Chapter meets 7-8:30 a.m., Residence Inn by Marriott, Fox Drive and Six Mile between I-275 and Haggerty. Call (810) 323-3800.

## FRI, MAY 12

**FIESTA HISPANA BALL**  
The Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts its 11th Anniversary Fiesta Hispana Ball at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn. The VIP reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Bo Anderson, executive in charge of worldwide purchasing for General Motors Corp., is event chairman. The ball provides an opportunity to network with business representatives and meet corporate sponsors. For tickets, contact MHCC at (248) 208-9915.

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Robert A. Mundell, Nobel Prize winner in economic sciences and professor of economics at Columbia University, will be the keynote speaker at the Economic Club of Detroit's kick-off event noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 15.

Fourteen seminars are scheduled throughout the metro Detroit area, including "Exporting Services to Japan," presented at the Novi Hilton Hotel beginning 8 a.m. Thursday, May

18. Space is limited. For general information on World Trade Week, call Jessica Schlick of the Detroit Regional Chamber at (313) 596-0438 or e-mail: jschlick@detroitchamber.com.

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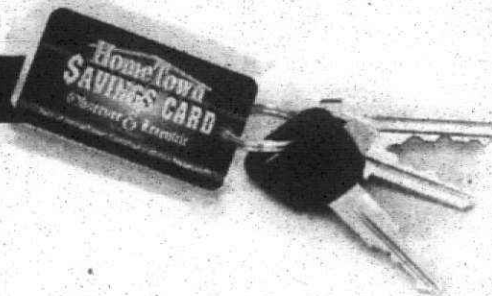
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