

Mother's Day is special for this working mom and her daughter

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Mrs. Donald (Gini) Scavone of Oak Hill in Dallas is one mom for whom Mothers' Day is a reminder of her good fortune to have a wonderful child and a fulfilling career.

Gini said her three-year-old daughter Alysa, also is looking forward to Mother's Day this Sunday.

"We are going to spend the day with Don's (her husband) family at their home in Mooretown. Alysa loves to go to their home and spend the day with her grandparents, their other children and grandchildren. She enjoys having people around her," said Gini.

Gini, like many parents today, is a working mother. She has been employed by Barre Engraving for 15 years as a secretary, working Monday through Friday.

"I have no regrets or problems with working," said Gini. "When Don and I were married, I decided to return to work if I had children, so when Alysa was born my boss was very cooperative and gave me time off for her first year. When I was ready to go back to work, I felt that day care would be the answer and enrolled Alysa in one. After the

first week I knew that wouldn't work so I decided to look for a baby sitter.

"I began looking through the papers and I came across an ad that read a former day care director would take care of several children in her home.

Gini said that working has done both Alysa and her good.

"Alysa is more outgoing than most only children, and she is less dependent on me or her dad, and my working is good for me. I get out of the house and see other people and when I get home my daughter and I spend a lot of time together and we do a lot of things together.

"In addition to working full time, I do all of the work in our home, and prepare all of our meals."

Alysa said in order to enjoy her family and her home it is necessary to have a routine. Her husband works away much of the time and many days she said she is up at 5 a.m. doing some of the laundry and other work.

"When I come home from work, Alysa and I spend a lot of time together doing chores such as setting the table, clearing the table,



loading the dishwasher, or emptying it. We sometimes put a load of clothes in the washer and when it is nice outside Alysa helps me with planting flowers such as tulip bulbs.

"In the early evening I read to her, play games, or go to dance class on Tuesday evenings," Gini explained.

Gini gives a lot of credit to her daughter's baby sitter, who has taught her discipline as well as other things such as courtesy and respect.

"My day's work in the office is over at 4 p.m. so that gives me more time to spend together with Alysa. When her dad is home on weekends, he spends a lot of time with Alysa, or the three of us spend a lot of time together. We don't go places unless they are places that Alysa can go, too.

"Many of my friends say Alysa and I do more things and spend more time together than many mothers who don't work. I guess it's because we make good use of the time we spend together. We seldom watch television because we have so many other interesting things we do together."

Gini said they also enjoy com-

pany and have a lot of visitors, especially on weekends when her father comes to visit from Camp Hill and friends and other relatives come for dinner or for the evening.

"I always prepare everything for our guests and I enjoy doing it," Gini said. "My mother died when my younger sister and I were the only two at home with my dad. I felt that I was the one who should take over doing things in the home for my sister and my dad. I believe I inherited that from my mother because she always seemed to do everything so easily and so naturally."

Gini Scavone's love for her daughter is apparent as she looks at Alysa while she is talking, in the way she touches the ribbon in Alysa's hair. Alysa's love for her mom is evident in the way she smiles at her, the way she makes herself comfortable on Gini's lap and how she talks about the day she spent with the sitter.

"Working has done us both good," Gini repeated. "We become closer with one another with each passing day, as we do more and more things together. Mother's Day is every day in our home. Alysa makes it that," said Gini.



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Gate Of Heaven plans flea market June 1

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Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society will hold a Flea Market, Saturday, June 1, at the church auditorium between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The society will sell refreshments and sponsor a white elephant table.

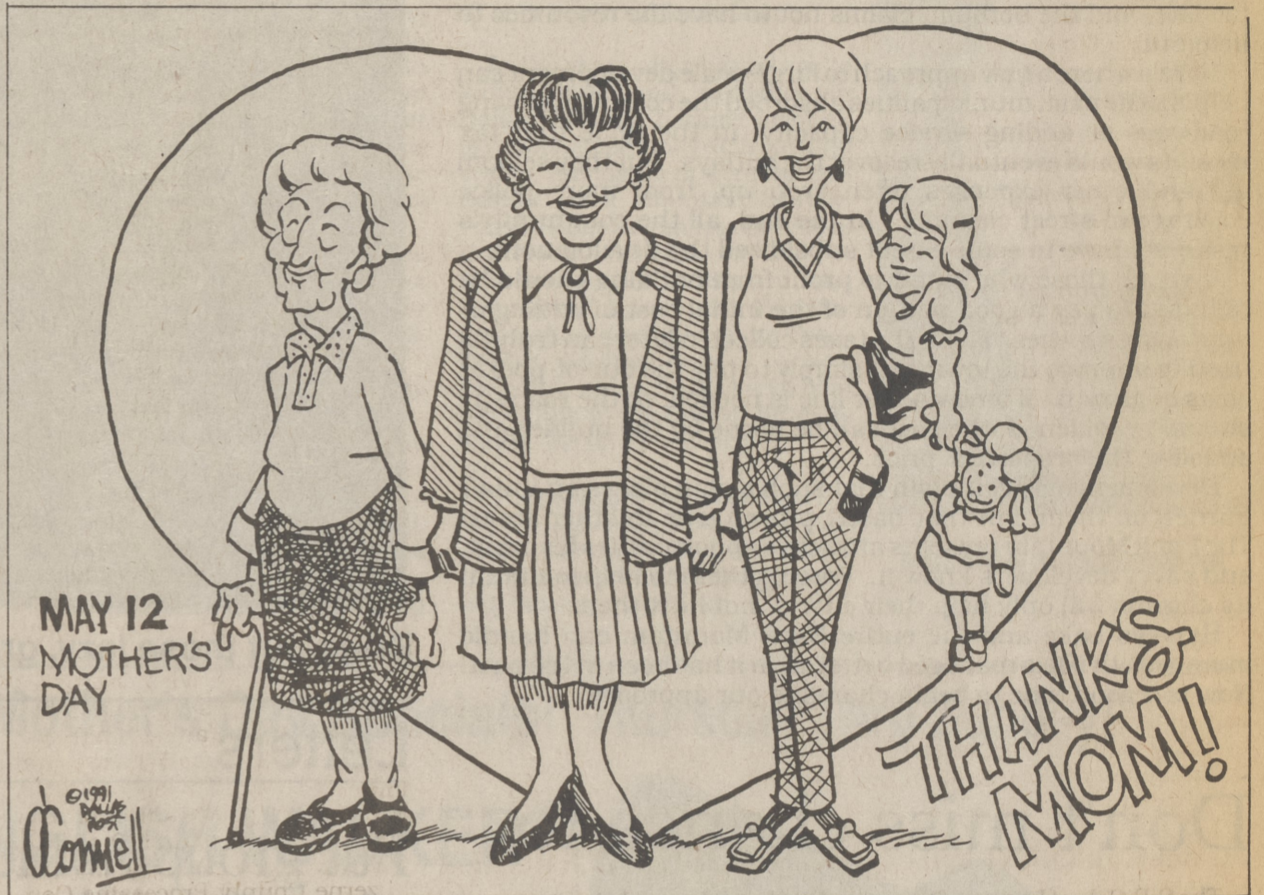
Anyone who desires to make donations of new and nearly new items for the table may drop them off at the church office Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. No clothing will be accepted.

The public may obtain a table by a donation of \$12. For reservations and other information call Nancy Parsons 675-4486; Barbara Strazdus 675-1579; or Helen

Ranalli, 675-2534 by May 15.

The society will hold its annual quilt raffle with the Flea Market. This year the raffle items include the quilt and shams, afghan, baby afghan, calico goose, country key rack and bill holder, basket with scented pine cones and a cross stitched apron.

The public is invited to attend the flea market.



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