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Director search narrowed to 2



A list of 80 applicants for Leisure Services director has been narrowed to two finalists by township officials. The new department head will be in charge of recreation programs and two municipal golf courses.

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Canton's search for a Leisure Services director is down to two finalists. The township will choose from a pair of metropolitan Detroit parks and recreation directors by tomorrow, according to Supervisor Tom Yack. It

will end a process that began last December.

"When you're hiring a financial services or leisure services director," said Yack, "I think taking the extra time and extra steps pays off. You know who you're getting. It's tough for someone to go through this process and not let their personality come out."

Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin is one finalist.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," she commented. "I feel I'd be an excellent leader for the position. I'm a very enthusiastic person."

Wayne Parks and Recreation Director Kim Fallow was unavailable for comment.

Either applicant will face numerous challenges as Canton's Leisure Services director.

While parks and recreation will be included, the township is determined to

expand traditional programming to include more arts and cultural activities. The new department will also oversee both township golf courses, Summit on the Park and the Canton Softball Center.

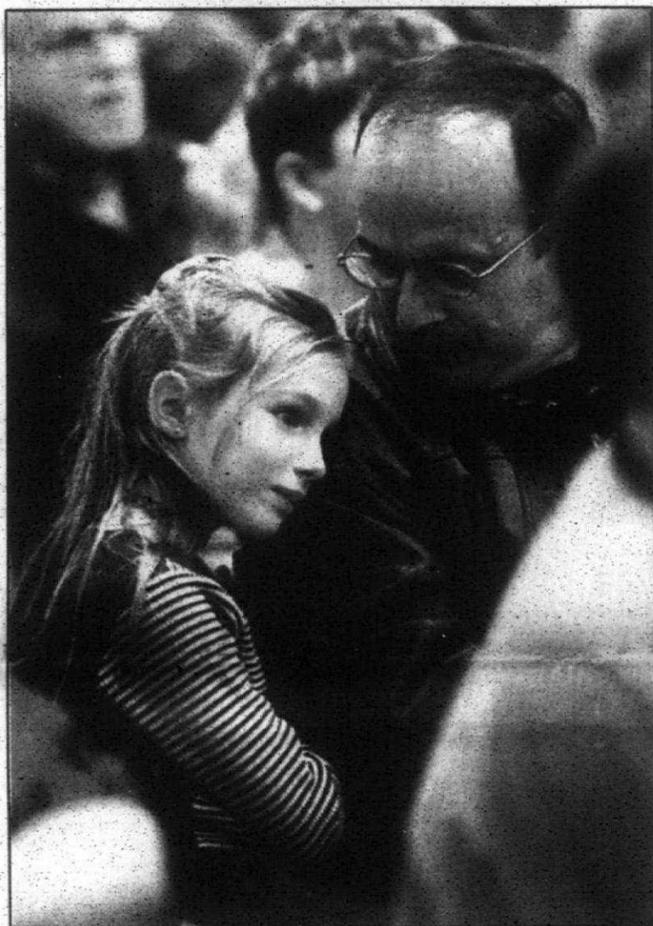
The new director will also lose a wealth of experience and knowledge when Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Gouin retires next month.

"It will be tough with Mike leaving," said Yack. "This new individual will have to fill his job (immediately)."

He believes either Conklin or Fallow

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Thinking spring at Bentley



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Waiting for the finale: An hour-long show may have been just a little bit much for some of the younger members of the audience like Lex'e MacDiarmid, 8, who leans on dad John's shoulder during the Bentley School production of "A New Day: A Celebration of Today." Fourth-graders sang, narrated, played instruments and danced during the school's annual spring musical. For more photos, please turn to Page A3 in today's Observer.

Candidate rips school officials

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Canton Township resident and school board candidate Jim Donahue blasted the performance of current board members at Tuesday's school board meeting.

Donahue, a candidate for one of the two open board seats in the June 12 election, came to the meeting armed with plenty of questions about the way business is conducted in the district.

During the time allotted for citizen comment, Donahue asked board members about \$6.1 million spent toward bills during the month of March. He wanted to know which of the board

members had gone through the checks before they had been disbursed, and who was actually approving the expenditures.

"You are the people we elect. You handle our money," Donahue said. "I want to know who among you is making sure that it is being spent where it is supposed to be."

Several times Kathleen Booher, the district's superintendent, tried to respond to Donahue, but he frequently cut her off.

"I am not speaking to you," Donahue tersely told her. "I'm addressing my elected officials. You are a hired offi-

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Five vie for 2 seats in Plymouth-Canton

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Two more candidates have thrown their names into the hat in this summer's school board race.

Wayne-Westland race, A2

With Kathy Payne of Plymouth Township and Carl Battishill of Plymouth joining Jim Donahue and current board members Elizabeth Givens and Judy Mardigan in the race for two seats, the field is set for the June 12 election.

All five candidates successfully filed their petitions for candidacy with the board's elections office before the 4

p.m. Monday deadline. Battishill is a former board member, serving one term between 1990-1994. He did not seek re-election because his wife had a baby. That son is now a first-grader at Bird Elementary. Battishill also has a daughter who will begin kindergarten next fall.

"I believe the fundamental reason we have schools is for the time a child is able to spend with a teacher," Battishill said. "We should provide the necessary tools and space to help foster that relationship."

Now a teacher in West Bloomfield, Battishill previously taught six years in Plymouth-Canton. He was at Canton High School from 1978-82, before

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Tight squeeze

Firefighters work on rescue by extrication

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More than 100 times a year, Canton firefighters are called upon to remove accident victims from their cars. That's not always easy or safe because of the growing complexity of automobile safety and other systems. Township firefighters got a chance to work on extrication techniques earlier this week.

"It's not often that we get to keep up our skills," said Fireman Mike Caruso. "That's why a course like this is so good. It's a good refresher."

Pinckney-based Start Rescue conducted the course over three days at Canton's Fire Station No. 1. Instructor Carl Hein, an Ann Arbor firefighter, demonstrated proper techniques in stabilizing and elevating cars as well as extrication.

"He always has something new to show us," said Caruso. "He knows his stuff really well and makes us think about how we're doing something."

Every Canton firefighter got a chance to participate.

"We try to do this every year," said Capt. Jim Davison. "It's good practice."

Firefighters spent a little more than



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Rescue training: Ann Arbor Firefighter Carl Hein, representing his company "Start Rescue" of Pinckney, explains extrication techniques to Canton firefighters Monday.

an hour propping, prying and cutting a pair of cars Monday. The course also included time in the classroom.

The department extracts about 150 people yearly, he said. Extrication ranges from simply prying a door off

of its hinges to cutting open a roof. "Safety is first when we're ripping apart a car," said Davison. "You've got to stop and analyze before you do it."

Firefighters go through a series of steps before starting extrication procedures.

The first thing is to disconnect the car's battery. Hein said the vehicle must then be stabilized.

Typically, that's achieved through "cribbing." Wooden blocks are placed at four points underneath the car to keep it from rolling, said Hein.

At that point, firefighters can raise the vehicle if a victim is trapped underneath or do further assessments. Locating fuel lines and engine compartments are key, Hein told Canton firefighters.

Safety bags are becoming a bigger issue, Caruso said.

"There's a lot to be aware of," he said. "If they haven't already gone off, they can deploy when we cut into the car."

Air bags, he said, are becoming more common in doors and pillar posts.

"Some cars have them in the top of

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Going 'round and 'round at Comerica Park



Opening Day ride: Krista Shuler, 15, of Plymouth rides the tiger carousel Tuesday during opening day at Comerica Park.

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Pedestrian seriously injured

A 55-year-old Canton man was listed in critical condition Sunday after being struck by a truck while crossing Haggerty Road north of Palmer.

Township police reports said the man was crossing near the Canton Commons Apartments at about 9:30 p.m. when a 1999 Ford Ranger hit him. Reports didn't indicate the type of injuries the man suffered.

He was taken to Ann Arbor Hospital then airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Reports listed him in critical condition late Friday.

COP CALLS

Canton's police department is investigating the accident. The driver of the Ranger truck wasn't identified by reports other than being a Canton man.

Fraud
 Workers at Canton's Summit on the Park discovered a counterfeit \$10 bill recently.

The bill, according to reports, was passed at the recreation facility's front desk on April 5. It was discovered by a clerk counting cash at the end of the day, reports said.

Deer destroyed
 Canton police were forced to destroy a deer after an accident on April 6.

A 41-year-old Plymouth man was traveling eastbound on Cherry Hill Road near Denton when a deer ran in front of his car. Reports said the animal's hip was broken and it was bleeding from the mouth.

Oven stolen
 A Michigan Avenue motel was robbed of a microwave oven early Saturday.

Reports said an 18-year-old Canton man rented a room at the motel at about 2:30 a.m. and then checked out about an hour later. A microwave oven valued at \$130 was later discovered missing, according to reports. Canton police are investigating the incident.

Incumbent, 3 others seek school seats

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Wayne-Westland voters will have some options after all when they go to the polls June 12 to elect school board trustees.

With two board seats at stake, four candidates beat Monday's filing deadline for a race that has started off incredibly quiet.

Hopefuls include:
 ■ LeeAnna Deniston, a political newcomer entering her first board race.
 ■ Richard Eisinger, school board appointee.
 ■ Cynthia Schofield, who served on a citizens bond committee for building improve-

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ments.
 ■ Marshall Wright, a longtime district activist and past board candidate.

Voters will elect two school board members to four-year terms.
 The terms start July 1 and pay \$1,830 a year.

The winners will join board holdovers Mathew McCusker, Lorne "Skip" Monit, Martha Pitzenberger, Teresa Robbins and Ed Turner.

Board President Robin Moore has decided to step down when her term ends June 30, keeping

a promise she made to spend more time with her children and grandchildren.

Turner cited several issues he believes the board will need to address during the next year in the 14,500-student district.

Continuing to implement a \$108.3 million bond issue that voters approved in February 1998 for building improvements and new classroom technology.

"The bond issue is going to be the most important thing we address," Turner said. "I think that's the best thing that ever happened to this district."

Guarding district finances. "Right now we're holding our own," Turner said.

Improving curriculum and student scores on state Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests.

"We have to look for improvement in every category of our curriculum," Turner said. "It's a constant improvement."

Board candidates who beat Monday's filing deadline still may choose to drop out of the race until Thursday afternoon, district elections official Susan Piereson said.

The Wayne-Westland district has 71,000 registered voters, Piereson said.

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After several awkward moments of silence, board president Susan Davis told Donahue she would like to set up an appointment with him, and that the meeting was not the proper place for board members to discuss the matter.

"We don't normally respond to people during citizen comment time," Davis said. "It is an opportunity for people to give us information, and we typically will get back to folks with the information that they request."

Davis said the reason for this policy is twofold. Sometimes research has to be conducted to provide answers. The other reason is that too much time of the meeting can be consumed discussing issues that are not on the agenda.

"I believe I behaved appropriately based on past meetings," Davis said. "Some of the questions he asked, I simply did not have an immediate answer for. Most of us are not experts, and we need to address questions to people who are."

Booher thinks Donahue has misunderstandings about the way school districts are managed.
 "As in every other school district in the state, administration here does the actual work of monetary expenditures," she said. "At the end of every month, we provide detailed printouts of these expenditures to board members so they can review

them. At that time they can have as much participation as they like. We provide the necessary information for any questions that they may raise."

Booher also commended the board for the job they do.
 "This board is highly responsible to the community. They definitely make sure we are doing what we are supposed to and that we are fiscally responsible," she said.

Still, Donahue, a former Canton Township treasurer, feels the district staff has too much authority over fiscal decisions, calling it a "major, major issue" in the upcoming election.

"We have allowed our hired help to decide how to spend \$6.1 million, and our elected officials,

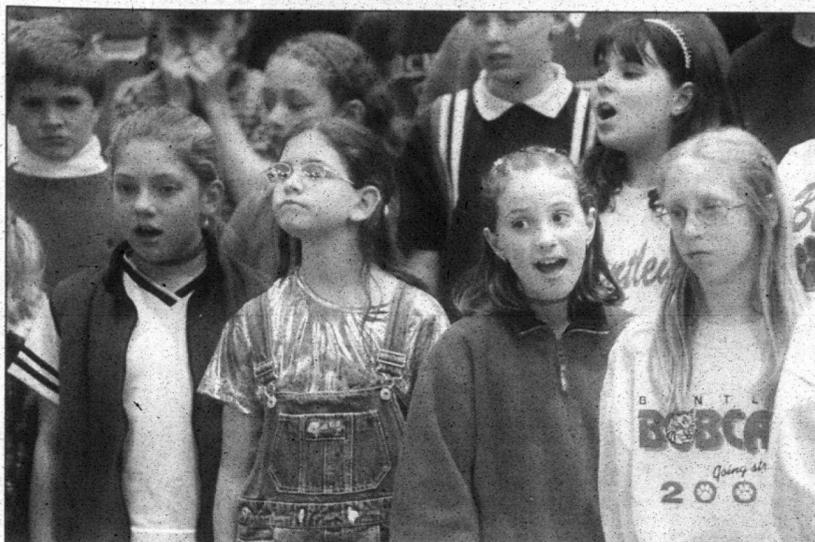
who have the statutory responsibility to guard this money, have absolutely abdicated their responsibility," he said. "The board doesn't have a clue what is going on with cash. Something is terribly wrong here. These eight board members are asleep at the switch."

Some administrators were upset by Donahue's attacks.
 "It is very unfortunate how Mr. Donahue brought up these issues," said Judy Evola, a spokesperson for the district.

"Everyone knows that he is running for the board. He definitely has his own agenda."

Trustees Tuesday extended a purchase agreement between the township and High Velocity. The firm now has until June 23 to finalize the purchase of 11 acres at the softball center from Canton.

Music rings true in spring concert



Young voices: Megan Meek (front row from left), Elizabeth Wheland, Laura Courtney and Becki Houdek, all 10, sing in one of the numbers.

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Bell ringers: Hand Chime percussionists Alexandra Rabe (from left) Sarah Kosteva, Jenna Beauchamp, all 11, and Zach Fairchild, 10, await their cues. In the photo at left, Wesley Askeu, 5 months, had a front row seat on her mom Freida's lap to watch his older sister Whitney sing, play violin and perform with the rest of her classmates.

Soccer-golf dome still in works

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The facilities at Canton's Softball Center could soon be expanding.

Truly-based High Velocity Sports is planning an indoor soccer arena and a golf dome at the Michigan Avenue center. Groundbreaking could come later this spring or early summer, Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said.

"They want to have the dome done by this fall," he added, "and complete the soccer complex later on."

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 Canton community planner

While an exact timetable doesn't exist, Goulet said High Velocity will be up for special land use and site plan approvals from the planning commission on May 1.

"It will then move on to the board for final approval," he added.

Representatives of High Velocity Sports failed to return phone calls from the Observer by press time Wednesday.

Trustees voted last year to approve the sale of eight acres for the arena and dome. Goulet said. Three acres were added, he said, to accommodate larger structures.

High Velocity was to be included in a sports complex at Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road. While plans for that project fell through, the company continued to pursue a soccer arena in Canton.

Bryan Finnerty, a partner in the project and a professional soccer player, earlier told the Observer that Canton offers a strong market for an indoor facility.

"But it isn't that you build and they come," Finnerty said. "You've got to build it right and they'll come."

The soccer arena, which will cover about 120,000 square feet, will feature three fields. One will

be strictly for soccer while the other two will be convertible for other uses such as in-line hockey, lacrosse and basketball.

Office and retail space will be included in the building, too. A pro shop and offices are also planned.

A separate 88,000-square-foot golf dome will be part of the development.

It will have a variety of year-round uses. Besides a golf driving range, baseball and softball will be played during the winter months, while team clinics and training sessions will be held during the summer. The dome will stay up year-round.

The township will make more than \$1 million from the sale of eight acres on the site. The township will also have the right to buy the arena if High Velocity's venture fails.

Workshop geared towards homeowners

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Canton homeowners are invited to attend a free workshop intended to educate them about important issues such as home security, tree planting and home improvements.

The township-sponsored workshop, called "Neighborhoods... Connecting the Community" is planned for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29, at the Summit. Those attending need to pre-register by calling (734) 397-5471 by Wednesday, April 19. A continental breakfast will be served.

Workshop topics include sidewalk and sump pump programs, home improvements, road construction, trees, keeping the Rouge River clean, covenants

and restrictions, home security and fire prevention. Workshop facilitators will be township employees from several different departments.

At the "Planning Home Improvements - the devil's in the details" session, homeowners can find out about construction permits, why permits are so important and what to do if a problem arises.

The "TL for your tree" session will show homeowners how to care for street trees and explain proper planting techniques. Attendees can also learn about the Forest Preservation Ordinance, find out what tree surveys are for and how trees and under story vegetation help to maintain and improve water quality.

The "How to keep your lawn green while keeping the river blue" session will teach river-friendly habits as well as explain why every new subdivision in Canton has a detention pond, what the pond should look like and how associations should maintain ponds.

Other topics discussed in the sessions will include covenants and restrictions, home security and fire prevention.

Kris Sanders, who was appointed Canton's neighborhood coordinator Feb. 28, said the workshop will be her first official township event. Her duties include working with Canton's neighborhood associations, preparing and implementing programs for neighborhoods, analyzing and assisting in the

resolution of neighborhood issues and attending homeowners association meetings.

"I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of the homeowners," Sanders said. "I think the workshops are important to let the homeowners get connected to what's happening in the township."

Nancy Spencer, president of the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council, said she was unsure whether she would attend the workshop sessions but said they were a good idea.

"They're offering some good information in their seminar and in the breakout sessions that will probably be useful for homeowners," Spencer said.

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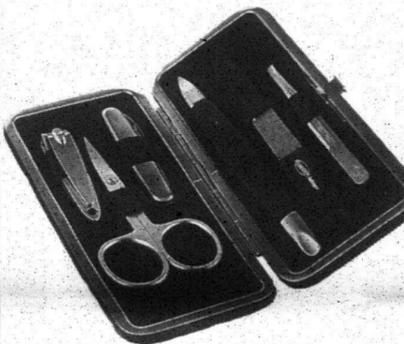
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will be up for the challenge, however. Yack bases that belief in the strength of the selection process both have gone through.

The township screened more than 80 applicants down to five through interviews and testing. Career Directions, an Ann Arbor human resources firm, took the ball from there.

The top five were tested again and rated in five areas deemed critical by the township. Impact and influence provides an example, said Yack.

Each person comes out with a moderate, significant or outstanding rating in each area, he explained. Career Directions generates a "box score" of sorts for each applicant, Yack said.

"Their scores are relative to others in the pool," he added.

Conklin and Fallow were left when Career Directions finished. A township committee composed of Yack, Clerk Terry Bennett, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter and Public Safety Director John Santomauro, among others, was scheduled to interview both yesterday.

"I'm assuming we'll pick someone by the end of the week," said Yack.

It's likely a Leisure Services director will be in place by June 1, he added.

"It's a long process," Yack said. "But I'm a big proponent of these extra steps."

As for Conklin, she has overseen the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department for the past 12 years. She worked in the same

Exchange students seeking U.S. hosts

Mongolia, South Korean and Turkey have joined with American Intercultural Student Exchange, Inc. to send foreign exchange students to the U.S. for the 2000-2001 school year.

The nonprofit student exchange foundation now accepts students from some 70 countries for a year of study in America.

The foundation is now interviewing families interested in hosting an exchange student for the upcoming school year or fall semester.

Students arrive in August to live with an American family and attend high school. They have their own spending money, medical insurance and desire to share their culture with Americans. Host families provide food and housing for the exchange students during their stay in the U.S.

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moving to Lowell Middle School for two years.

"I think I will bring common sense and an educational perspective to the school district. That is my strength," he said.

Payne, 53, is also an educator. A professor at Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law, she has been teaching at various levels for 30 years.

With her daughter, Allison Goldsmith, a student at the district's East Middle School, Payne has a direct stake in the immediate future of the district.

"Being a longtime educator and a middle school mother, I believe I have significant insight into the issues the board will be dealing with over the course of the next four years," Payne said.

Her concern about what she

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feels as inadequacies with the plans for the district's new high school, to be built this summer, drew her into the election. Payne is particularly upset there won't be a pool or an auditorium at the new school.

"My problem is that this is not a full-facility high school," Payne said. "It is supposed to be a Class A school, but it just doesn't meet those standards. This is a Class A community and it deserves a Class A school."

If elected, Payne said her first course of business will be to propose a bond issue that will add the facilities to the new school.

"While expensive, a pool and an auditorium are beneficial to both the student body and the community at large," said Payne, who believes local acting troupes and swim clubs will also need the facilities.

"In terms of community these things really make a difference," she said.

In addition, Payne said she has heard plenty of complaints from parents about the district stretching its athletic facilities too thin, which will really be a problem once the new school opens.

"You have to provide appropriate athletic facilities. While secondary to academics, athletics shouldn't be discounted because they help shape students," Payne said.

Donahue, 52, of Canton Township, announced he was running for the board two weeks ago. He has vowed to shift board power in Canton's favor and to make the board more fiscally responsible. His public service includes a stint as Canton Township treasurer from 1978-1980.

Given, 51, is currently serving her first four-year term.

Mardigan, 46, who is filling a two-year term, is seeking her first four-year term.

The two winners will serve four-year terms that will expire June 30, 2004.

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Car opener: Ann Arbor Firefighter Carl Hein (left) works with Canton Firefighter Wendy Murphy as she uses the tool known as the "Jaws of Life."

the roof line," Caruso said. "It's pretty dangerous."

In most instances, firefighters use the "Jaws of Life" to get people out. It's used mainly for prying, said Caruso. Hydraulic cutters and rams are also used.

Davison said firefighters are almost always able to get people out.

"It may take awhile," he added, "but eventually we can remove enough pieces of the car to cut them out."

The amount of time need for each extrication is different, said Caruso. It can take as little as five minutes to remove a door.

"But I've been on scenes where it has been 20 to 30 minutes to get them out," said Caruso.

Beyond safety, the goal at an accident scene is to begin treating the victims, he said.

"If at all possible," Caruso said, "we try to get a firefighter/paramedic into the vehicle to evaluate the patient."

Communication is another key in the extrication process.

"We tell them what's happening every step of the way," Caruso said. "We want them to know exactly what's going on."

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Plymouth Township cracks down on sidewalks

more than one inch between any two sections of sidewalk at the connection point.

If more than two cracks of one-quarter inch in width or more in any two lineal feet of sidewalk section.

If any section of sidewalk is tilted more than one inch per foot from inside to outside edge. The outside edge is the edge of the sidewalk nearest the street line.

If more than 25 percent of the sidewalk's surface scaled off more than one-quarter inch in any five-foot lineal section of sidewalk.

If the concrete has deeped to allow water to pond to a depth of three-quarters of an inch or more.

Replacing the typical slab will cost about \$65, estimated Mike Bailey, the township engineer.

The township resolution requires replacement or repair for public health, safety or welfare.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards asked whether if interest will be charged whenever the township has replaced a section until that section is paid for. The resolution now indicates that the money owed is payable over a five-year period. Edwards said there will be a lot of paperwork.

"No one will ever pay if there is no interest," said Trustee Chuck Curmi. "This is not a special assessment, it is an expense. The intention here is that it not go on the taxes. That is the last resort if we don't collect."

"I would like to see the five-year period struck," said Trustee Kay Arnold.

"Just say one year," Curmi suggested.

Cronin advised the board to

pass the second reading of the sidewalk ordinance Tuesday and then revisit the issue of payment and interest later if there are problems. "The financial considerations, they are down the road," Cronin said. "We have plenty of time."

The action was delayed when the second reading of the sidewalk ordinance was postponed at the May 25, 1999, meeting pending state legislation.

The ordinance was passed as written, said Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill.

The township will determine where it is necessary to provide safe and convenient routes for pedestrian traffic. The township clerk will give notice to property owners by mail. Owners must construct the sidewalks according to the specifications of the township engineer.

The Department of Public Works will oversee the provisions of the ordinance. A low-income assistance program based upon the ability of the property owner to pay the assessment is expected to be established.

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Canton man honored by Livonia commission

A Canton Township man was among four people were recognized by the Livonia Human Relations Commission earlier this year for their work in promoting diversity.

Terry Jobbit was honored for his work with the Special Olympics. Jobbit, of Canton Township, has been the director of Special Olympics' Area 23 for more than 10 years. The Area 23 Special Olympics are held annually at Franklin High School.

Other honorees were:

Dr. Dongkai Shangquan of Livonia was honored as the co-founder of the Michigan Chinese Foundation, which contributes to area relief agencies and promotes understanding of Chinese people and their culture.

Larry Naser of Westland was cited for his volunteer work, particularly in helping the disabled. Naser helped develop a Livonia Public Schools program for autistic preschoolers and has also helped with individual educational programs for Livonia students. He is currently running for the district's board of education.

Joyce Barton of Livonia was named to the honor roll for her efforts to feed the hungry, both locally and around the world. Barton is the treasurer of the annual CROP Walk in Livonia, in which members of a number of local churches walk 10 kilometers to raise money for programs to fight hunger. The St. Vincent DePaul food center in Wayne and a Meals on Wheels program in Detroit's Cass Corridor are among the local programs that benefit.

The commission's Honor Roll 2000 was announced during a ceremony led by Livonia City Council President Maureen Miller Brosnan. It was the sixth annual presentation of the awards.

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OBITUARIES

BONNIE JEAN DINGLEDEY

Services for Bonnie Jean Dingledey, 59 of Canton, were held Tuesday, April 11, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Mr. Hugh McMartin officiating. Burial was at Sheldon Cemetery in Canton Township.

Mrs. Dingledey was born Dec. 7, 1940, in Northville and died April 6 in Northville, Fla. She was a homemaker and worked part time in the Plymouth Salem cafeteria. She had lived in Canton for 38 years.

Survivors include husband George L.; children Michelle (Ken Wassenaar) of Grand Rapids, Deborah (John Kaske) of South Lyon and Scott (Nichole) Dingledey of Novi; brother Larry (Sue) Shade of Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren and two nieces.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Hospital in Detroit.

MARY CATHERINE SIMMEN

Services for Mary Catherine Simmen, 79, of Pittsburgh are planned for Saturday, April 15, at St. Maurice Catholic Church in Forest Hills, Pa., with burial at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery in Munhall, Pa.

Mrs. Simmen was born Jan. 9, 1921, in Pittsburgh and died April 9 in Garden City. She was a homemaker and a life-long Pittsburgh resident. She was a member of the Braddock Hills Seniors in Pennsylvania and

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loved traveling and square dancing. Survivors include children Kathleen (Richard) Schettler of Plymouth and William (Janet) Simmen of Vanderbit, Pa., and four grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, William H. Simmen.

Memorials may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Association, U.C.F. Detroit, 23077 Greenfield Road, Suite 205, Southfield, MI 48075.

RUTH J. WALLACE

Services for Ruth J. Wallace, 86 of Chelsea were held Monday, April 10, at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William M. Arnesen officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope cemetery in Lapeer.

Mrs. Wallace was born March 2, 1914, in Lapeer and died April 6 in Chelsea. She was a school teacher and a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include sons James (Judy) T. Wallace of Ann Arbor and Gerald (Jacky) J. Wallace of Las Vegas, Nev.; sister Ester Larsen of Shaker Heights, Ohio; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorials may be sent to Chelsea Retirement Community Alzheimers Unit, 801 W. Middle St., Chelsea MI 48118.

BERNICE E. CRAIG

Service for Bernice E. Craig, 80, of Plymouth Township, were held Tuesday, April 11, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer Cemetery in Augusta.

Mrs. Craig was born Aug. 25, 1919, in Ottawa, Ontario, and died April 6 in Canton. She was a nurse at Grace Hospital in Ottawa, Ontario. She came to the Plymouth community in

1999 from Petokey. She was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rogers City and of the Northern Michigan Hospital Auxiliary, the Grace Hospital Nurses Alumni Association of Ottawa, the Royal Canadian Armed Forces Women's Division Association, the D.A.V. Auxiliary, the Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary and the Women's Guild of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She loved knitting, cooking, and camping.

Survivors include children Melbourn Craig Jr. of Kingston, Ontario, and Ellen (David) Even of Canton; brothers Bernard (Muriel) LaPointe of Kingston, Ontario; Frank (Luella) LaPointe of Westport, Ontario; Raymond (Suzanne) LaPointe of Elliott Lake, Ontario; Guy (Joanne) LaPointe of Windsor, Ontario; sisters-in-law Anne Hudson of Sydney, British Columbia, and Lorraine Clark of Central Lake, brothers-in-law William Smith of Ottawa, Pyles Craig of Black Lake, Vibert (Marie) Craig of Warren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were sisters Eileen Hudson and Beatrice Davies-Smith and niece Laura LaPointe.

Memorials may be made to Washtenaw Regional Dialysis Center or the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WILLARD V. MILLER

Services for Willard V. Miller, 83, of Canton were held Monday, April 10, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland with the Revs. Gary Headpohl and Kurt Lambert officiating.

Mr. Miller was born July 3, 1916, in Ogilvie, Minn., and died April 6 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He had been a salesman during his working career and was a veteran of World War II.

ELLEN CARROLL

Services for Ellen Carroll, 75, of Plymouth Township were held Monday, April 10, from St. Damian Church. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland Chapel. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 20, 1924, in Detroit and died April 6, 2000, at her home. She was an assistant manager for a bank.

Survivors include her wife, Dorothy; children Sandra (Danny) Janusis of Southfield, Kenneth Koski of Westland, Melissa (Molly) Miller-Davidson of Los Angeles, Calif., Scott (Robbi) Miller of Redford and Kerry Moore of London, England; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Project Compassion, 3445 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226 or to the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Choir Fund, 5885 Venoy, Westland, MI 48185.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BY THE VERMEULEN FUNERAL HOME IN PLYMOUTH.

JUNE Z. MITCHELL

Services for June Z. Mitchell, 80, of Plymouth were held Saturday, April 8, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Buchholz officiating. Burial was in Wooster, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Ueb Ostrum. She is survived by her sons, James (Judy) Wallace of Ann Arbor and Gerald (Jacky) Wallace of Las Vegas; a sister, Ester Larsen of Shaker Heights, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jayna, Jenny, Susan and Alex; and a great-granddaughter, Cassidy.

Memorials may be made to the Chelsea Retirement Community Alzheimers Unit, 801 W. Middle St., Chelsea, MI 48118.

ADELINE H. BURDEN

Services for Adeline H. Burden, 86, of Plymouth were held Monday, April 10, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Roland DeRenzo officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burden was born Oct. 10, 1913, in Freeland, Mich., and died April 6, 2000, in Plymouth. She was a homemaker, an avid gardener and was eager to help others. She came to the Plymouth community in 1946 from Calumet, Mich. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church for 54 years. She was committed to her church activities and loved organizing special events at the church. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Mr. Licata was survived by two daughters, Allison Foster of Garden City and Arviline-Earley of Jenison, Mich.; a brother-in-law, Harold Reese of Kitchener, Ontario; grandchildren Michael Foster of Garden City, Melissa, Tribor Bethanna and Kaitlyn Earley of Jenison; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth.

RITA MARIE MALY

Services for Rita Marie (Kennedy) Maly, 68, of Plymouth (Salem Township) are scheduled for today (April 13) at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Maly was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Chicago and died April 8, 2000, in Ann Arbor. She had been

RUTH J. WALLACE

Services for Ruth J. Wallace, 86, of Chelsea, Mich., were held Monday, April 10, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tonya Arnesen officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lapeer, Mich. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wallace was born March 2, 1914, in Lapeer and died April 6, 2000. She was married June 27, 1935, in Lapeer and was married for 60 years. The former Plymouth resident lived here from 1950 through 1995. She was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She taught in Flint and was a substitute teacher in Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Ueb Ostrum. She is survived by her sons, James (Judy) Wallace of Ann Arbor and Gerald (Jacky) Wallace of Las Vegas; a sister, Ester Larsen of Shaker Heights, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jayna, Jenny, Susan and Alex; and a great-granddaughter, Cassidy.

Memorials may be given to the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Music Ministry Pipe Organ Fund.

ANTHONY C. LICATA

Services for Anthony C. Licata, 81, were held March 28 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Mich. Arrangements were made under the direction of Simon Javizan Funeral Home, West Bloomfield.

Mr. Licata was a 1937 Cass Technical High School graduate. After graduation, he went on to build careers in the newspaper, advertising and political fields. He started in the Detroit News copy room, worked on the line at Chrysler, was a foreman at Willow Run Airport where B-14 bombers were built and served in the Navy during World War II. After the war, he was the editor of the Wayne (Mich.) Dispatch.

Mr. Licata then began his career in advertising at DeSoto Motor as advertising department production manager. He later moved on to other area advertising agencies. In 1967, he won election to the state House of Representatives from northwest Detroit in his election year. Republicans control of the House, a feat not repeated again until 1994. He also served as one of the two Republican members of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers in the late 1950s and again for most of the 1990s.

He believed strongly in "grass-roots" politics as the lifeblood of the political system, and spent many years active at the local level in Detroit (Northwest Civic Federation) as well as Plymouth (Board of Canvassers) and Canton Township.

Mr. Licata is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Marion Bush Licata; daughter Susan (Edward) Licata Haroutunian; brother Roy Licata; brother-in-law Richard (Nancy) Bush; granddaughter Krista Licata Haroutunian and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to either Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute or St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MICU Dept., c/o Simon Javizan Funeral Directors, 4167 Wendell Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

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I love meeting people to run with each week, it keeps me motivated - Rebecca H. (Age 26) Livonia

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PET by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M. FELINE CANCER

There are several common cancers in cats, including mammary gland cancer. Lightly pigmented or white cats often contract skin cancer from excessive exposure to the sun. Lymphoma is caused by the feline leukemia virus (FeLV), while mast-cell tumors affect the cells that contribute to allergic responses. Postvaccination fibrosarcomas sometimes occur at an injection site, or they can occur naturally. The treatments used to treat feline cancer are similar to those used on humans. Surgery, the most effective option, removes any solid, well-defined, accessible tumors. Chemotherapy uses drugs to tackle those tumors that have spread. Radiation therapy is aimed at inhibiting the cancer cells' ability to replicate. Cryosurgery and hyperthermia use cold and heat, respectively, to damage specifically targeted cancerous tissue.

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an interior decorator for 10 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1958 from Chicago. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, where she was one of the original members of the OLCG Christian Family Movement Group. She was a member of the Plymouth Historical Museum and was very active in the Plymouth community. In Chicago, she worked as a lab technician. She was also an artist.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond J. Maly of Plymouth; daughters Margaret (Joe) Landis of Canton, Celeste (Bruce) Miedema of Plymouth and Mary (Don) Nagy of Sterling Heights; sons Tim (Sue) Maly of Colorado, Phil (Tina) Maly of Manchester, Mich., and Peter Maly of White Lake, Mich.; a brother, Bob Kennedy of Arizona; and 16 grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Music Ministry Pipe Organ Fund.

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The compromised was reached last Thursday in negotiations between Bullard, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Senate Majority Leader Dan DeGroot, R-St. Clair.

All local senators voted for the compromise on all six bills, House Bills 4927-32.

Senate reaches compromise on motor carrier legislation

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

A three-way dispute over the way truck regulations are enforced - pitting motor carrier companies and drivers against libraries against local law enforcement and municipalities - ended in a compromise last week in the Michigan Senate.

No one was entirely happy with the final agreement, explained state Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, who was involved in crafting the settlement. But the three sides concluded they would not oppose the final version.

And the six-bill package that instituted it was approved in 36-0 votes on the Senate floor April 6.

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Marianne Hartzell Michigan Library Association

What libraries got out of the compromise was a 30 percent share of ticket revenue. Currently, they get none, but libraries have maintained they should, according to the Michigan Library Association's Marianne Hartzell.

The state Constitution says all criminal fines levied in the state should go to libraries. But in 1994, trucking regulations were decriminalized and made civil fines, and the revenue from such tickets was sent back to municipalities to pay for the cost of truck enforcement. Libraries have seen that as a loss of revenue, Hartzell explained.

"It's bad policy to have enforcement benefit from the tickets they write," she said. "That's Boss Hogg stuff. It's open to abuse."

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Roaches are the stars in area science class

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
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They are creepy, they are crawly and they are regular participants in Bill Muse's classroom at Thurston High School.

"They are Madagascan giant hissing roaches," said Muse, a first-year teacher. "They are definitely an interest."

Muse takes out these transient teaching tools during biology class for two reasons.

"Students are intrigued by insects, whether it is disgust or interest," he said. "But this particular species also makes a good demonstrator of how insects breathe." Evidently, the bugs breathe through spiracles, or tiny air holes on their sides.

Muse's three male cockroaches, named Crick, Franklin and Mendel after famous geneticists, have many qualities students find interesting. The first point of interest is the sound they make.

"They hiss as a defense mechanism," said Muse, "although the more they are handled, the less they hiss."

In the wild, the roaches are prime prey for small rodents, tarantulas and hawks. Although once a hawk has started his descent, Muse said there is little the cockroach can do. The hawk will not be deterred by hissing.

Another interesting point

They also have a knack for staying put.

"They have a superb ability to hold onto things. They can even hang upside down from glass," said the 34-year-old. As a result, Muse is careful to always keep his door closed in case there is an escape. He also put a sort of warning stripping along the bottom of his door to eliminate the inch-high gap.

This may seem like overkill for some people, but evidently there was a bug break-out about 10 years ago at Thurston. School officials are still authorizing chemical sprays for those cockroaches.

"Mine have never gotten loose," Muse stressed. If they do escape, however, there is no fear of reproduction because the male bugs are all sterile. Muse added that they have never shown any tendency toward escape. "They know where their food comes from," he reasoned.

Madagascan giant hissing cockroaches are native to Madagascar, an island country off the eastern coast of Africa. The insects can grow up to four inches long.

Muse's roaches are only between one and two inches long. They feed off fish food, cornmeal, Ho-Ho's and Doritos.

"They don't seem to like the

chocolate much," joked the Canton Township resident.

Muse was first introduced to these insects during college. "We actually had to dissect them," he said, "so I knew of their existence."

Upon accepting a teaching position, leaving behind a job at Parke-Davis, Muse went in search of the cockroaches. He called around to various pet stores and finally found them at Pets 'n Things in Saline. They cost \$3 a piece.

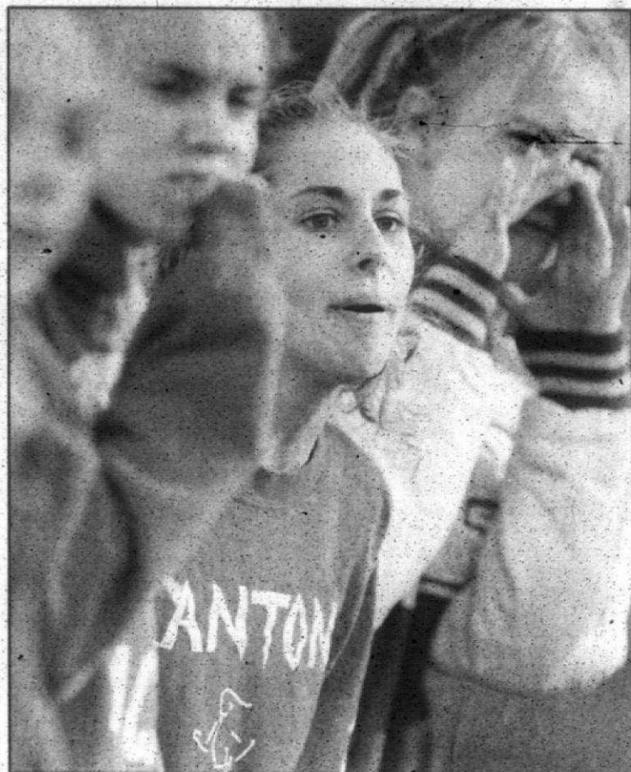
The bugs make great science class pets because they are docile, wingless, slow moving and do not bite.

"Normally, holding a cockroach would give me the willies," said the science teacher, "but these were raised under very clean conditions."

He has no qualms about placing these insects on his nose, or letting them crawl on his shoulders or his head. Not everyone is as willing to accept the bugs, however.

"(Secretary) Gwen McIntosh has banned them from the front office," Muse joked. Evidently he startled her one day. He was talking with her in the front office with a cockroach on his shoulder and she was less than happy when she realized the bug was there, too. "That's disgusting," she responded.

Rallying the Chiefs



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Cheering section: Shiri Leventhal of Canton is joined by her teammates as they cheer the Plymouth-Canton runners to the finish in a relay last week during a meet against rivals Plymouth Salem.

WSDP named 'Station of the Year'

WSDP, 88.1-FM, was named Station of the Year by the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters on Wednesday, April 5. The award was presented at the MAEB Share-a-thon at Michigan State University.

WSDP was recognized for "outstanding community service and its promotion of educational radio." WSDP has received the award six times in the past 11 years.

"We are honored to receive this award," said Bill Keith, WSDP Station Manager. "We received it because of the hard work of our students."

WSDP student broadcasters also received individual honors:

■ **Production** — Gold medals for Jacob Bugeja, Lauren Walterscheid and Gena Koski; bronze medals to John Fournier, Samantha Hensley and Alexa Smith.

■ **Sportscast** — John Fournier, silver medal.

■ **Sports play-by-play** — John Fournier and Robert T. Miller, gold medals; David Merrick, silver medal.

■ **Disc jockey** — Jacob Bugeja, gold medal; John Fournier, bronze medal.

WSDP students were also hon-

ored by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters at the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference in February.

Kara Dupuy earned first-place honors in production, while Niraj Patel was first in news. David Merrick (disc jockey) and Jacob Bugeja (television news) both earned second place honors.

The MAEB was founded in 1977 to promote and develop low-power educational broadcasting in the State of Michigan. WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The station has been on-air since Feb. 14, 1972.

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Having a ball: Jamie Carter, 15, and her mom Brenda check out some of the items for auction, including this multi-colored basketball.



What's for dinner? Kristen Larsen, 6, savors her slice during the pizza dinner at the West Middle School Silent Auction April 5. Hundreds of items, from a live hamster to Red Wings jerseys and autographed pucks, were up for bid. There was also the pizza and ice cream, a cake walk and bingo for the whole family.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Bidding bonanza

West auction benefits students

If early prognostications are any indication, the Aug. 5 West Middle School silent auction was a huge success.

Though final totals weren't yet available, the auction appears to have pulled in thousands of dollars, which will be used to purchase materials to benefit the entire school.

"It went very well," seventh-grade teacher Lori Parks said.

The auction got more than 220 donations from businesses and people around the area. Also among the evening's activities were a cake walk and face painting, both sponsored by the student

council, free bingo, and a pizza dinner, all arranged to give auction participants a special "West Middle School night," Parks pointed out.

At press time, some items still needed to be picked up, so an accurate total couldn't yet be reached. But Parks estimated that, as of Friday afternoon, the auction proceeds stood around \$8,000.

"That money will be used to purchase technology and other materials for the students," she said. "We will use it to benefit the largest majority of kids in the school."



Making her bid: Katie Wallace, 9, places a bid on the Osito Pillow Pal and Beanie Bears, while sister Molly, 8, and mom Linda look on at left.

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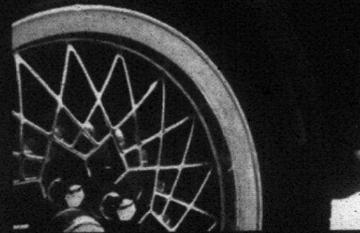
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Peer pressure: KIP students fight smoking with project

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Miles and Chris Millar want their parents to know that smoking stinks. And they told as many people who would listen Wednesday during a "Kick Butts" assembly at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

Their father recently quit and their mother, Nina, who is in the process of giving up the habit, helped them put together a poster board presentation that included her nicotine inhaler and patch.

"I want my dad and mom to stop smoking," Chris said. "It's very bad for your health and I think people shouldn't do it. It's a bad influence on kids."

"Kick Butts" also featured a skit, "Tar Wars, Teach It Straight," that was written and produced by Knowledge Is Power students for other students, their parents, volunteers and Salvation Army staff in the audience.

The program is part of a complete drug awareness platform offered to students in the KIP tutoring program sponsored by the Salvation Army. The 9-year-old Millar twins get free tutoring help in spelling, reading, writing and math.

Miles said the extra help in his studies has improved his grades in math and, "I think in reading." If he could only remember to turn in his assignments, he's sure he would be even better.

Tutoring help is available in all subjects and there is no charge to children in the out-County area, according to

Students from other Wayne County communities are also welcome, Douglas said. Registration begins the last week of September annually. However, students ages 7 to 17 enter the program at different times throughout the year.

Leau'Rette Douglas, Wayne-Westland Salvation Army community program director.

Students meet with tutors from 4-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, September through June, with breaks that correspond with the school calendar year.

KIP began five years ago and has grown each year. Currently, there are 34 students from Garden City, Westland, Wayne, Romulus and Inkster enrolled.

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"Most of the kids who enter the program have a problem with reading or math," Douglas said. "They're not quite making the grade or failing. They need the extra help. Some of the kids have learning disorders."

Report cards are one measure of KIP's success.

"The whole point is that we work with them and make an improvement educationally, as well as with their character," Douglas explained.

Volunteer tutors include people from the community, parents

and educators, like Marge Harris, a paraprofessional for special education in the Wayne-Westland school district, who has been involved with KIP for more than two years.

"I've worked with special ed kids for about 18 years now and I saw such a need for this," Harris said. "I'd like to do it more, but I live a long way from here, in Dexter."

Sometimes, it's hard for parents to schedule all their children's academic needs, Harris said.

"The kids need a little more help than they're able to give them," she added. "This is a real nice place for the kids to come."

In other cases, Douglas said, parents won't accept that their children need academic help. Those are the parents who never call to enroll their children in KIP or who wait until the end of the school year hoping for last-ditch efforts.

"Once a problem is identified, get some help immediately," Douglas stressed. "So many kids fail because parents aren't taking initiative to get their kids in programs."

For more information about KIP, call the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army at (734) 722-3660.

Organization seeks hosts for exchange students

Mongolia, South Korean and Turkey have joined with American Intercultural Student Exchange, Inc. to send foreign exchange students to the U.S. for the 2000-2001 school year.

The nonprofit student exchange foundation now accepts students from some two dozen countries for a year of study in America.

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hosting an exchange student for the upcoming school year or fall semester.

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Schoolcraft board approves 2.8% tuition increase

BY RICHARD PEARL
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Tuition at Schoolcraft College will inch up again, if a proposed \$45.5-million budget for the 2000-01 school year is approved by the board of trustees.

A public hearing on the budget, which is 2.8 percent higher than this year's, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the trustees' conference room, first floor of the Grote Administration Center, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty Road in

Livonia. It will precede the trustees' regular board meeting.

College officials attributed the larger budget to salary, health insurance and utility cost increases. "Our costs go up like everyone else's," said A.H. "Butch" Raby III, Schoolcraft vice president for business services.

The \$1-to-\$3 per-credit-hour increase - the same as last year's - will help offset an anticipated decrease in revenue stemming in part from the state Legislature's approval last year of

accelerated depreciation of personal property and also from a small Headlee Amendment rollback, Raby said.

The tuition increase would mean a \$1 per-credit-hour hike for students who are district residents, \$2 for non-residents and \$3 for out-of-state students.

Six districts

Schoolcraft's base covers six public school districts: Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

Under the proposal, district residents will pay \$54 per-credit-hour, non-residents \$50 and out-of-staters \$119.

Including laboratory and other fees, a district student taking 15 credit hours of classes in English, math, science and sociology, for example, will pay \$895 per semester - a 1.7 percent increase over the \$880 this year, Raby noted.

Raby said tuition increases "have been averaging about \$1 per-credit-hour the last several years."

The 2.1-percent tuition increase will provide about \$11 million, or \$13.9 million, of the proposed budget, based on an expected half-percent rise in enrollment and increased credit hours taken, particularly in continuing education.

Property taxes will account for the lion's share - almost 41 percent, or \$18.5 million - of revenue.

That's an increase of about 3.2 percent over last year, based on district taxable values of \$10.2 billion, although, "We hope it will grow more than that," said Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell.

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State appropriations will add

27 percent (\$12.2 million) of the revenue, based on Engler's requested 3.5-percent increase. Income from other sources, such as interest rates and the campus bookstore, will provide the remaining 2 percent, or about \$916,000.

With accelerated property depreciation, Raby said, the state equalized valuation (SEV) on which taxes are based "will not grow as fast as we would have."

Also, the Headlee rollback will reduce the authorized 2.27 millage rate to 1.844, the same as this school year's.

That means a property owner whose home has a taxable value of \$80,000, for example, will pay \$147 in taxes - \$3 less than this year.

Current tuition rates competitive with others

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Schoolcraft College's average of tuition and fees ranks it third lowest among seven metro-area community colleges, up a notch from 1998-99.

According to Schoolcraft figures, the college's \$69.67 per-credit-hour combined tuition and

fees for in-district students this school year (1999-2000) places it behind only Oakland Community College's \$51.99 and Washtenaw CC's \$58.71.

But Schoolcraft officials point out that OCC's tuition rate is under a freeze promised Oakland County voters in exchange for their approval of a higher millage rate in 1997-98.

In any event, Schoolcraft took over third place from Wayne County CC this year when the latter's combined figure rose to \$64.77. The remaining colleges are Macomb Community, \$64.80, Delta CC, (Saginaw) \$65.83, and Henry Ford CC, \$69.29.

By keeping its planned tuition increase for next fall to under \$1 per-credit-hour, Schoolcraft will

enable the families of students to claim a tax credit for up to 5 percent of their tuition, if the credit is still available for the tax year 2000.

Gov. John Engler is trying to eliminate the credit while proposing to increase higher education funding through tuition-restraint credit grants.

Senate OKs tax credits for brownfield projects

BY MIKE MALOTT
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The state hopes to encourage developers to reclaim old blighted industrial facilities through a set of new tax credits, approved in a series of bills last week by the state Senate.

The four-bill package, Senate Bill 269 and House Bills 4400, 5443 and 5444, were approved in 37-1 votes. Lawmakers hope the legislation will entice developers to redevelop blighted area by

allowing the developers to receive special tax credits.

The package would revise the Michigan Economic Growth Authority program to allow the state to approve up to 15 tax credits per year for brownfield redevelopment in a list of 80 communities. Three could be for between \$10 million and \$30 million. The larger credits would be for up to 10 percent of the redevelopment investment.

Thirteen of the new MEGA tax credits would be limited to between \$1 million and \$10 million. Thirty credits would be allowed per year for brownfield projects below \$1 million.

Those projects would have to obtain the approval of the State Treasurer. The package would also allow up to 50 MEGA grants for businesses deemed to be high technology.

The bills were amended to allow for redevelopment of sports stadiums as well through amendments offered by Sens. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Hills, and Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake

Orion.

The purpose of the amendment was to allow for tax credits to encourage the redevelopment of the property on which the Silverdome sits, when the Detroit Lions vacate it in 2002.

All local senators voted for the package. The bills were initially called for by Gov. John Engler in his State of the State address, to redirect development of industrial facilities away from greenfield areas and back toward central cities.

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Honoring volunteers at Oakwood



Helping hands: Monica Wright (front row, right) has been volunteering her services in the Oakwood Healthcare Canton emergency room. Wright is a nursing student at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor. Taking time out with Wright to promote National Volunteer Week April 15-21 are (from left): Marion Mousseau, Esther Fehrman, Richard Vargo, Jahmih Algahmi and Carline Leedy.

Official: Catholic Central plans to stay put - for now

By LAURIE HUMPHREY STAFF WRITER lhumphrey@oe.homecomm.net
Catholic Central administrators are not vacating their Redford site, at least not yet. Ed Turek, director of marketing and public relations for the high school, said "nothing has been decided," but admits relocating is a possibility. The decision to relocate or renovate the current building at 14200 Breakfast Drive will be made within one year based on the results of a study, now in progress. It is the first study of its kind for CC in 20 years.

Today, the majority of CC students travel from Livonia, but a number of other communities are also represented. "We have students from Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Westland, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Farmington and more. Our kids come from all over," Turek said. Just over 1,046 young men between grades nine and 12 are educated at the private college preparatory school, established in 1928 by the Basilian Fathers. The staff consists of eight Basilian Fathers and 59 lay faculty. Admission is competitive, based on testing (High School Placement Test), a personal interview, prior academic record and references. Tuition for one child during the 2000-01 academic year is \$5,300. The cost for two children is \$9,275. According to Turek, whether CC administrators decide to renovate or relocate, their goal remains constant. "We need to provide our students with the best educational opportunities possible," he said. The only question is where those educational opportunities will occur.

Concern over fathers' rights snags baby dropoff bills

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

Legislation intended to keep teenage moms from abandoning newborns in dumpsters, by giving them immunity from prosecution if they at least leave the child in the hands of medical personnel at hospitals, has been delayed over conflicts with state adoption law.

The problem revolves around fathers' rights, Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, explained. Under current adoption law, fathers' rights could not be terminated as a result of the young mother leaving the child at a hospital. Absent termination of the fathers' rights, the child could not be put up for adoption. "If there is no termination of the fathers' rights, there could be no adoption. We don't want these kids trapped in a system they can't get out of," Rogers said. And yet when teen mothers abandon children, the fathers might not be aware of the child. Sens. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, have introduced bills aimed at ending the rash of newborns being abandoned in dumpsters or on church steps. Several recent cases in Michigan have brought the issue to the forefront, but lawmakers believe more than 50 children are abandoned everyday across the U.S.

The law applies only to mothers who turn over children to medical personnel, police or fire personnel within 72 hours after birth. If the mother changed her mind within 90 days, she could be reunited with the child, although that would trigger a state investigation to determine the mother's fitness to be a parent. The bills currently await action before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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College promotes Canton man

W. Howard Burken, Ph.D. of Canton, was named vice president for academic affairs at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. Previously, Burken was Dean of Faculty. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Aberdeen Scotland. In 1998, he was named to hold the first of commander.



PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS. The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for District-Wide Multifunction Digital Copy Machines. Specifications and bid forms are available at the front desk of the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harty, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746.

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ADVERTISMENT FOR PROPOSALS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to provide ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the design of Parking Lot and Sidewalk Improvements at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan.

Conference focuses on global trade

Practical advice for the nuts and bolts of global business practice will be the focus of I-Trade 2000 International Trade Summit Thursday, April 20, presented by the International Institute Foundation in partnership with Crain's Detroit Business and America Bank at the Athenum Hotel in Greektown, Detroit.

Participants include Cassandra Wood, deputy Michigan director for Sen. Carl Levin, who will focus on doing business with countries in Africa; Francisco J. Colayo, who owns a number of international trade corporations with interests in the Philippines, will discuss his expertise about Asia and the Pacific Rim; Dr. Dieter Engel, vice president-technology for Dupont Performance Coatings, will discuss

business with the European Union; and Agustin Arbulu, president and CEO of TAG Manufacturing Co., will discuss his experience in Mexico and Latin America. Mary Kramer, associate publisher and editor of Crain's Detroit Business, will moderate. To register for I-Trade, call (313)871-8600, Ext. 225.

Rivers hosts forum on war on drugs

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers is hosting a forum on "The War on Drugs: Should We Change Our Strategy?" It will be 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 17, at the Wayne County RESA Center Auditorium Building, 33500 Van Born, Wayne.

Rivers has invited a variety of experts who will discuss the topic. After the initial presentations, panelists will be available to take questions from the audience.

For information, call Deborah Johnson in the district office, (734) 485-8741.

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Get involved

Chances spring up in Canton

Spring is when things happen in Canton. And we don't mean golf, although we are pleased to note Fellows Creek and Pheasant Run have seen crowds of early birds any time the temperature hits the 50s and the sun peeks from behind the clouds.

April, May and June are months of civic renewal in the township. Symbolically, at least, it goes back to Canton's roots as a farming community. The modern equivalent of sewing new crops and brushing away winter's last vestiges can be seen as events crowd one another off the calendar. The opportunities to get involved in the community include:

■ **Neighborhoods ...** Connecting the Community, a township-sponsored workshop planned for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 29, at the Summit. The first-time event will feature workshops on various township programs designed to maintain the environment and improve Canton as a place to work and live. Topics will include sidewalks and sump pump programs, home improvements, road construction, trees, keeping the Rouge River clean, covenants and restrictions, home security and fire prevention.

Those attending need to pre-register by calling (734) 397-5471 by Wednesday, April 19. A continental breakfast will be served.

■ **The annual community prayer breakfast**, on May 11 at Laurel Manor. This year's event features David Bryant of Concerts of Prayer International and a return appearance by the

■ **April, May and June are months of civic renewal in the township. Symbolically, at least, it goes back to Canton's roots as a farming community.**

gospel group The Resurrection. ■ **The Business Person of the Year and Athena Awards** to be given out by the Canton Chamber of Commerce on May 3. Carmen Harlan, news anchor for WDIV-TV, will be the keynote luncheon speaker. Nominations for both awards are being accepted through April 18. For more information, call the chamber (734) 453-4040.

■ **The second annual Canton Wine Tasting at Holiday Market.** Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Proceeds from this event will be donated to Character Counts!, the Canton Goodfellows, Community Literacy Council, Canton Place Helping Hand Fund and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. Call Nancy Williams at (734) 207-0212.

■ **Liberty Fest**, which runs June 22-25 in Heritage Park offers plenty of opportunities to volunteer and plenty of activities for the family. For more information, call the township parks and recreation department at (734) 397-5110.

Libraries on the front lines

It's called the digital divide, the gap between the information haves and have nots, between those with computers and those without.

The front line effort to narrow the gap is being waged at your public library. This week is National Library Week and the theme is "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

The public library has always been on the cutting edge in providing information to everyone.

Until relatively recent times, libraries were the personal preserve of the rich. The vast majority of people were illiterate and many of those in power would just as soon keep them that way.

But others saw the need to educate everyone, to make them more productive workers, yes, but also to make them better citizens. In the 19th century self-made multi-millionaire Andrew Carnegie gave away a large portion of his fortune to create public libraries all across the country. His example and his condition that communities raise taxes to continue the work of the library helped make libraries an essential institution in any forward looking community.

Now, another rich patron is giving a large share of his wealth to libraries. Bill Gates obviously has a business interest in providing grants for computers, but he is also contributing to the dissemination of information to everyone. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is supplying billions of dollars worth of computers and computer training to libraries, especially those in less prosperous areas. Our area libraries will receive some of this largesse.

Computers and the Internet have created an information explosion in recent years that makes access to a computer an essential part of participation in the political, economic and social life of the community. Children who don't learn how to use computers soon find

themselves far behind their peers.

The library has always been a source for people to improve themselves through knowledge. Public libraries have given us all access to thousands of books from self-help drivel to classics of world literature. Now the library is the place to go to learn about and use the Internet.

"We are in the business of quality education and lifelong learning," said Ann Long, president of the American Library Association in a release on Library Week. "There has been an explosion of information, not all good or reliable. Librarians are information experts who can guide people to quality resources whether that's a book or a Web site."

In recent months, public libraries have been under assault by self-appointed censors who see the Internet as access to a cesspool of pornography that is corrupting the youth of America. These same censors have long attacked the book selection policies of public libraries as well.

Libraries and library associations have generally stood firm against censorship while working with genuinely concerned parents and educators to make the Internet a positive rather than negative source of information. It is through their efforts that the most rural and most poverty stricken sections of the country are achieving ever wider access to the Web. It is through their efforts that pre-school children and seniors are all learning to become experts at navigating the information highway.

Good libraries are also providing the kind of training and guidance that makes the Internet more than a jumble of useless public relations announcements. Good libraries provide a roadmap with clear destinations.

The theme of this year's library week says it all. Go visit your library and "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

Geof Brooks



LETTERS

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, that's why we offer this space for your opinions. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity we ask that you provide a contact telephone number and if mailing or faxing a letter, please sign it. Letters can be mailed to: Tedd Schneider, Canton Editor, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, faxed to Tedd at (734) 459-4224 or emailed to tschneider@oe.homecomm.net

Commissioner lauded

I recently read an editorial in the March 30 edition of the Canton Observer that was about all of the road projects that are taking place in Canton Township. This article pointed out that Wayne County will spend \$16.25 million on more than a dozen road maintenance and construction projects scheduled to start in the township this year. This is nearly 30 percent of the county's entire road budget for 2000. It also pointed out how incredible this is considering the recent road construction climate in this township and the adversarial relationship the township has had with the county in the recent past.

This article failed to point out that a big reason for the change in atmosphere between Canton Township and Wayne County and the increased attention Canton is receiving from the county is due to the hard work of our Wayne County commissioner, John Sullivan. Commissioner Sullivan has worked hard to mend the bad feelings between many county and township officials and to ensure that Canton Township is at the top of the county list when it comes to road projects.

Commissioner Sullivan's efforts ensured that approximately one third of the entire Wayne County road budget was spent in his district in 1999. He has worked hard to top that figure this year. Commissioner Sullivan works tirelessly and meets continuously with Wayne County officials to ensure that Canton Township roads have become a priority to county officials.

I think it would be a shame to point out the fact that Canton Township is now receiving a great deal of attention from the county without giving credit to the man who has made it happen. I, for one, would like to say thank you Commissioner Sullivan.

Laura Willey
Canton

Name games

This appeal is addressed to every Plymouth Township and city of Plymouth taxpayer, past alumni of Plymouth Salem, chamber of commerce, business owners, corporations, and present and future students.

Why does the school board deem it necessary to expunge the name of Plymouth from

Plymouth Salem High? We're building a new high school. Why can't they follow past Plymouth-Canton school policy of naming it after a municipality? Why create problems where they don't exist? Do you not teach and expect our students to follow your school policies? What does building/naming the new school have to do with erasing the name of an existing institution rich with history and pride called Plymouth Salem High.

In 1997 we voted and passed a bond to build two new schools, update, remodel existing structures and purchase badly needed buses. Nowhere does it state we would be voting for the elimination of the name Plymouth for the Park and Plymouth Salem High School.

We live in Plymouth and pay taxes. We support Plymouth/Canton festivities and shop in both communities. We have supported with our own money all the fund-raisers we're bombarded with from each school, sport, band or cause. I'm also sure that businesses have also spent their time and money on all these things.

We want the name Plymouth Salem to remain as it is. The name defines the community and school in which we live, attend and have supported for 20 years.

If each individual school wants to stand individually, so be it. School names and letter jackets can accommodate this - C for Canton, P for Plymouth Salem and S for Superior (if that becomes its name).

We ask for a scientific poll of taxpayers, students, alumni and businesses in the community before abolishing the name Plymouth and erasing our history and memories. Also, it would be nice to have all financial costs known and publicized as to how much it will cost to replace the basketball floor, removal of signs, replacement costs of these and letter jackets. As previously stated, there may very well be real estate ramifications if this is passed by the board.

In closing, we ask each citizen, student and business owner to reflect on this insensitive, mind boggling and costly proposal, before it is a done deal. We will think long and hard before voting for any future bond proposals if this nonsense passes. Let your school board know your opinion before it is too late.

Mr. and Mrs. Samborsky
Plymouth

Internet privacy campaign sure to end up politicized

There's privacy and then there's privacy.

The last two books I bought from Amazon.com were David Halberstam's "The Children," about the nascent days of the Civil Rights movement, and the "ESPN Sports Century" anthology. The last CD I purchased was "The Very Best of the Spinners," which probably means that somebody's database somewhere has me (incorrectly) pegged as a middle-aged, middle class African-American stuck in the '70s.

And I really don't care. If the trade-off for the convenience of on-line shopping is that a bunch of marketers can buy and sell my purchasing habits to other marketers, so be it. I've never seen a piece of junk mail - or junk e-mail for that matter - that I couldn't trash in record time.

But for most folks, myself included, I suspect there is a privacy line in the sand. If a prospective employer were to judge my capabilities based on my medical history or presidential voting pattern, for example, I'd cry foul; or if I was denied a loan based on anything other than my ability to repay it.

So you'd think I would have been pounding the table with my fist and shouting "Yes!" last week as Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm outlined plans to protect my privacy rights with legislation and lawsuits. In fact, Granholm told a roomful of local business people and civic officials attending the Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon that such efforts are already under way.

Well, that might be a bit of an overstatement. The attorney general has muscled in on Double Click, a company that creates and sells much of the banner advertising you see on Web sites. Double Click, it seems, was tracking

POINTS OF VIEW



TEDD SCHNEIDER

and collecting information about where computer users go on the Internet without notifying the users themselves. Fair enough. Granholm also wants to make sure Internet-based liquor retailers confine their sales to adults and Web gambling sites don't fleece people who should be clicking on Gambler's Anonymous instead.

How noble. I wonder if this same concern extends to the hundreds of state lottery agents in metro Detroit. Have party store clerks been briefed by the AG's staff on how to spot problem players? Do they look for people who know all their relatives' birthdates by heart or those with silver-colored fingernails from excessive instant ticket scratching?

Neither is the government stepping into the privacy breach the most comforting thought. The bureaucracy lingers far too much for any real concerns about Big Brother. But these are the same people who gave us the IRS and the census long form.

On the state level, I seem to remember getting phone calls from political fund-raisers within days after registering as a Republican (which was then required) while voting in the 1992 presidential primary.

Coincidence? Hardly. And just last year, Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller had to acknowledge that some registration records had been sold to private marketers and the practice would be stopped.

So when Granholm says state lawmakers should develop "a privacy standard" I cringe because these are the same legislators who can't agree on an education standard, a truck weight standard or much else without partisan politics getting in the way.

If not the government, then who? I'm not sure. But I do know this: the best course for protecting one's privacy rights at this juncture probably lies in an updated version of the old Latin phrase - let the consumer beware.

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Municipal rivalry is still a good conversation starter

If you happen to stumble upon people from Canton in your daily travels, go up and give them a great big hug.

Apparently, they need it. Once again, we have a Canton person urging his compatriots and fellow residents to push someone from Plymouth out of the way. Jim Donahue, who recently announced he's a candidate for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, said he's running because he thinks Canton people deserve more representation on that august body.

Never mind the board is already tilted in a 4-3 direction toward the south. Never mind this particular board is supposed to have what's best for the students in mind, not just what's best for the students from Canton.

True, the best figures we can come up with show twice as many Canton students as Plymouth. But the board can't be thinking in those terms. To its seven members, the 15,000 or so

students attending school in the Plymouth-Canton district are their own little community, to be cared for regardless of social stature or geographical residence.

Still, one has to lend some credence to the idea of striking Plymouth from the names of the current high schools and naming the third school Plymouth High?

People object to that because, after all, it's been tradition to name the schools after municipalities they serve. But the last time we checked, Plymouth is a municipality. So is Canton. So is Salem. Meaning the three high schools - if this dastardly plan goes through - would be named, Plymouth, Canton and Salem. Damn the tradition, full speed ahead.

And now, if you can believe this, Cantonians are wagging their tongues because someone was going to dare re-open the new 35th District Courthouse under the old name, the Dun-



BRAD KADRICH

bar Davis Hall of Justice. Too "Plymouth," protesters roar. Not "us" enough, Cantonians rage.

So instead of bearing the name of a respected jurist (regardless of from whence he hailed), not to mention a little pizzazz, take a guess what they're going to call it. The Plymouth-Canton Hall of Justice, you say? Nope. The Freedom Foundation? Not a chance.

They're calling it ... get ready ... the

35th District Courthouse. Strike a blow for imagination!

So with all of the concern caused by this imminent Plymouth takeover of Canton, we decided to try to ease the fears by launching an investigation of our own. We're reporters. We know how to do that.

After a (not-so) exhaustive search, we did happen onto a transcript of this conversation, taped somewhere in the vicinity of either Plymouth or Canton (we're not really sure, but if they get their way, it'll be one place anyway, right?). Names have been changed to protect the collaborators.

Plymouth Poobah: "OK, have you planted the ideas of naming the new high school and the new courthouse for us?"

Plymouth Sub-Poobah: "Yes, master."

Plymouth Poobah: "Good. Before you know it, we'll all be calling Canton 'South Plymouth.'"

Naturally, a plan with such scope couldn't be kept secret, and for some

least the last several hours leaders in Canton have huddled secretly mapping out their strategic counterattack (OK, not so secretly, because we got in.)

Canton Curmudgeon #1: "We'll put the fix on them."

Canton Curmudgeon #2: "How we gonna do that?"

Curmudgeon #1: "We'll stick Canton in the name of everything."

Curmudgeon #2: "Uh ... Chief? ... Canton is already in the middle of everything."

Curmudgeon #1: "Oh, Well ... that'll show 'em."

See? Nothing for Cantonians to worry about.

Brad Kadrich has been editor of the Plymouth Observer since November 1999. He probably shouldn't be allowed south of Joy Road. Hate mail should be e-mailed to him at bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net

Solution to low MEAP participation rates? Require the test for graduation

Gov. Engler wants students who pass the high school Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test to get a \$2,500 college scholarship from the state.

On the surface, it sounds like a pretty reasonable idea. After all, high school students have been blowing off the MEAP in droves over the past few years.

In some upper-income school districts such as Birmingham, less than 20 percent of students wound up taking the MEAP last year. How come? Because most of these kids are already taking lengthy and demanding ACT and SAT aptitude tests for college, and gearing up for yet another big test - one that colleges don't require for admission and employers don't request at job interviews - seems pointless.

And guess what? With the new \$2,500 incentive to take the MEAP in place, test-taking skyrocketed this year. Some districts reported that as many as 90 percent of their students took the MEAP.

There are plenty of critics, however. Some call the program welfare for the well-off. Others complain that spending public money on college scholarships that will go disproportionately to kids from relatively affluent families merely widens the gap between the haves and have-nots. Still others complain that teachers are ignoring educating their students by spending disproportionate time teaching to the test.

The current dispute merely highlights problems that have plagued the MEAP from the start.

Originally designed as an instrument to evaluate high school curricula and teaching methods, the MEAP got overtaken by the national passion for school reform. Quite rightly, reformers argued that the way to get school improvement was to design a test that would assess what students actually learned, publish the results school by school and depend on public pressure to improve teaching methods and course materials.

Michigan didn't have such a test in place. So rather than import one from outside (perish the thought!), school authorities decided to use the MEAP, even though everybody realized the test was being used for purposes for which it was not designed. Most experts quickly recognized the flaw, and the MEAP test went through a series of improving (and, often, confusing) redesigns.

The news media (including, notably, this newspaper) jumped on the idea, regularly run-



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ning detailed reports of MEAP test results, school district by district, school building by building. For a while, MEAP test results became the main driver for school reform, with teachers and administrators trembling with anxiety before the scores came out.

But lurking in the background was another flaw in the program. Although the State Board of Education tried to make the MEAP compulsory for all high school students, the Legislature, scared of grumbling students and cross parents, never went along.

So the MEAP, the primary instrument for school reform in Michigan, wound up as a confusing, long, arduous and ill-designed test that kids and parents could ignore without penalty. High school kids and parents caught on quickly, and participation rates tumbled.

The seemingly practical solution proposed by the Engler administration amounts to a \$2,500 college scholarship bribe for kids to take the MEAP in enough numbers so it can remain a valid instrument for assessing school performance. No wonder lots of people are unhappy.

The truly practical solution is to require all kids as a condition of receiving their high school diploma to take the MEAP test or some other better alternative. It's logical. It's cheap. It's common sense.

And, of course, our legislative masters are certain not to buy it.

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"I hope they win. I like to watch the playoffs."
Stanley Czumik
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"They're going to take it all. There's no doubt in my mind."
Greg Wolf
Canton

"I think they're going to go all the way. They've played very well at the end of the season."
Ed Quillen
Canton

"I think they'll do pretty good. I think they're a good team."
Kyle Dallas
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We asked this question at Canton's Public Library Monday.

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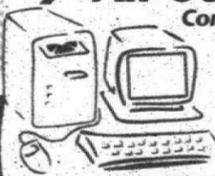
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Preparing for a worry-free Prom

Perched atop my bedroom windowsill, I keep an arrangement of pillar candles. One in particular has been with me since my prom night, May 1994. I'm not sure why I've kept the memento, or why I've never lit the candle. I haven't kept any other reminders of my high school life lying around. Somehow the rite of passage known as prom night seemed important enough to stick with me.

For those students getting ready to celebrate their own proms, the pressure is already on. I remember how hectic it all seemed at the time: Limo or no limo? Is he going to ask me? What will I wear? I trust these are still valid concerns in 2000; and I'd be willing to bet there are even more extravagant evenings planned these days.

The key to a promising prom night, though, is taking it easy. Plan ahead with friends you trust, friends whose names you'll remember years later when you look back nostalgically at the photographs. And yes "Prom Night" is a sort of fashion show for some, but it's also a chance to celebrate in your own style before heading off to college, trade school, work or places unknown.

It's the culmination of all you've learned, in and outside your classrooms, for the past 12 years. But it comes down to just the basics:

■ Share and share alike - It doesn't really matter if someone else wears the same dress or tie. Play up your personality.

■ Play fair and be honest - When it comes to getting a date, ask someone you want to spend that time with. Don't back out at the last moment or change your mind after you've made a commitment. It's a date, not a popularity contest and not a chance to hurt your friends.

■ Wash your hands before dinner - Manners still apply.

■ Take care of each other - Celebrate in a responsible manner, so you're able to reminisce about it years from now.

■ Hold hands and look around you - Don't miss a minute of it.

Nonchalant as I was, I considered skipping my own prom. I wasn't dating anyone at the time and it seemed like just another high school ritual that wouldn't matter to me down the road. By going with a friend, there was no pressure to make it the most memorable night of my high school career.

By hanging out with a group of my closest friends it turned into a night we'd all look back on and laugh about. (I still remember when my friend's date's dress - which was identical to mine in a different color - ripped wide open! She was forced to wear his jacket the rest of the night, but took it in stride.)

No, it wasn't a defining night in my life, but it is one of many memories that makes up who I was at 17 and how I became the person I am today. I would hate to overhear someone reflecting on their own prom and not be able to come up with a story about it.

Prom night is a slice of life we all share. In a way, the candle I walked away with that night is always lit in my memory.

I wish you all the laughs and souvenirs you can handle. Good luck.

Send your prom memories, in 200 words or less, to Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150 or e-mail them to scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

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PASSOVER CELEBRATION

Torah, Seder are symbolic blessings

■ Congregation Bet Chaverim recently received a Torah from an Oak Park temple to use during religious ceremonies and special holidays like Passover.



BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton will celebrate the upcoming Passover holiday with the Fourth Annual Passover Potluck Seder they plan for Thursday, April 20.

The largest Reform congregation in the Wayne County area, Bet Chaverim incorporated in 1995 after approximately one dozen families started gathering in each others' homes beginning in 1993 for Shabbat services and dinner on Friday evenings.

According to Jay Miller, Bet Chaverim president, the handful of families were grateful to meet closer to their homes in western Wayne County rather than having to drive an hour or more to other temples and synagogues in Oakland County.

"We met in the homes of friends for two years before we incorporated," said Miller, who credited core members Glen Greenfield, Amy Rose and Jerry Kaplan with originating the congregation.

The Bet Chaverim president said the congregation approached Rabbi Peter Gluck in 1997 about leading their services after receiving numerous recommendations from other congregations.

Since 1995 the congregation has doubled its membership to approximately 26 families. Bet Chaverim provides the gamut of services to congregants, including Shabbat services the third Friday of every month at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton, a religious school they maintain at Northville Montessori, youth groups, adult education classes and a play group for toddlers.

"We are a very interactive congregation made up of both interfaith and Jewish families together," added Miller.

Place to call home

Formerly Commerce Township residents, Miller and his wife Sue moved to Novi three years ago after hearing about Bet Chaverim from friends. He said it was "very hard to feel welcome" by their previous congregation and adding to that the long drive - "that really contributed to our decision to move our family to Novi and become members of Bet Chaverim," said Miller.

After incorporating, finding a rabbi to lead their religious services and a home for their congregants, Bet Chaverim recently acquired a full-size Torah thanks to a generous donation from Temple Emanuel of Oak Park.

While the scroll itself is not new, the Canton congregation embraces the gift for use during special ceremonies such as weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs.

New Torahs, handwritten by expert scribes, can take approximately 1 to 1 1/2 years to complete and can cost between \$10,000 and \$50,000 based on aesthetics and the level of halachic perfection of the handwriting.

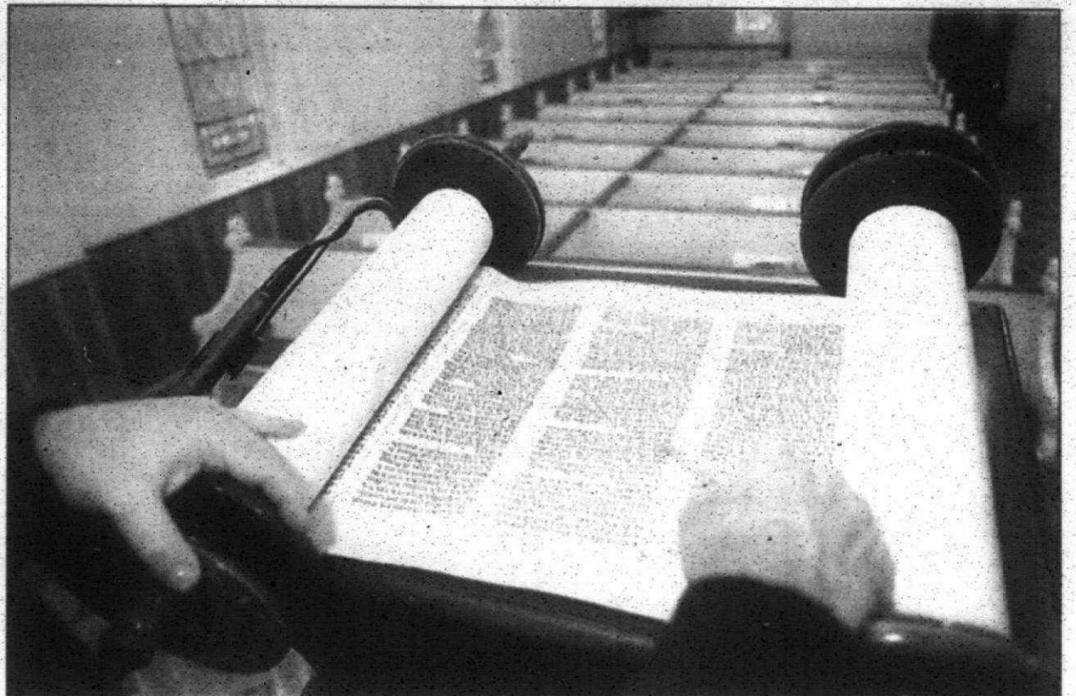
According to Jewish tradition, every letter must be written perfectly. No part of a letter may be omitted or distorted and its integrity can be compromised by contact with another letter which can invalidate the entire scroll. While it has yet to be verified, Miller said they believe the Torah they have been given to use may have originally made its way to the U.S. from Europe by a Holocaust survivor.

Steeped in tradition

"We have a big holiday celebration planned," said Miller of the Passover holiday. Taking place the first two nights of the eight-day holiday period, the Seder is the most important event in the Passover celebration.

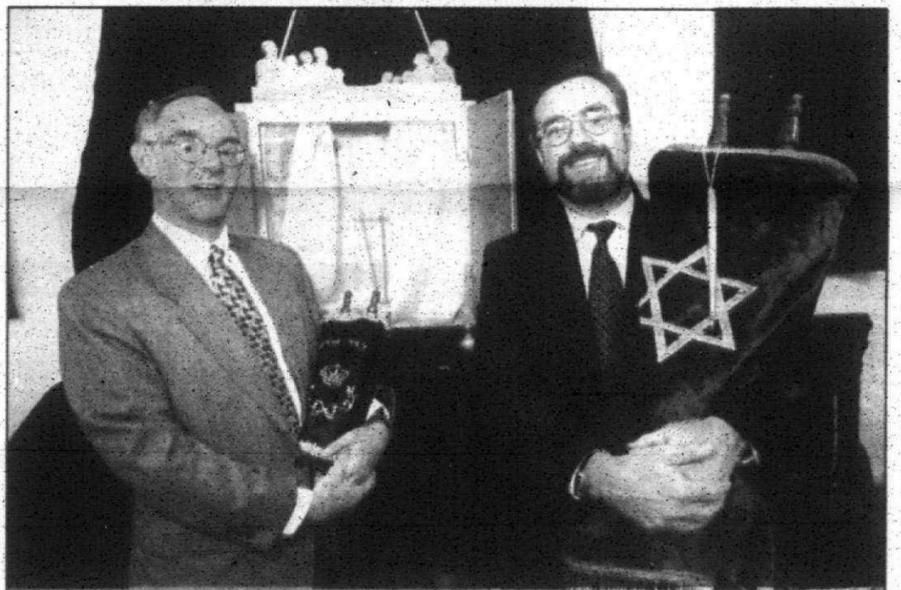
The rules surrounding Passover are strict and numerous, with only special foods, utensils, and dishware allowed. Kitchen utensils and dishware normally used in the home are not used during Passover. Special dishes and utensils for the Passover holiday are taken out of storage, cleaned and used and only foods that are kosher are allowed for Passover.

The holiday's name - Pesach, meaning "passing



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Sacred: Rabbi Peter K. Gluck reads from the Torah during services at Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton. An authentic scroll is painstakingly handwritten and can take more than 18 months to complete. Below, Bet Chaverim member Glen Greenfield (left) and Rabbi Gluck pose with the Torah the congregation was previously using and the new full-size scroll on loan.



Proud: Rabbi Peter K. Gluck (center) stands with Bet Chaverim members Glen Greenfield (left) and President Jay Miller.

over" or "protection" in Hebrew - is derived from the instructions given to Moses by God. Passover celebrates the history of an event that took place more than 3,000 years ago:

"In order to encourage the Pharaoh Ramses II to free the Israelites enslaved by the Egyptians, God intended to kill the first-born of both man and beast. To protect themselves, the Israelites were told to mark their dwellings with lamb's blood so that God could identify and 'pass over' their homes.

"Unconvinced, the Pharaoh refused to free the Jewish slaves. When the Pharaoh finally agreed to freedom, the Israelites left their homes quickly and fled through the desert.

"Though the Jews were now free, their liberation was incomplete. The Pharaoh's army chased them through the desert towards the Red Sea. When the Jews reached the sea they were trapped, since the sea blocked their escape.

"It was then that a miracle occurred. The waves of the Red Sea parted and the Israelites were able to cross to the other side. As soon as they all reached the other side the sea closed, trapping the Pharaoh's army as the waves closed upon them, sweeping away the army."

An Ann Arbor resident, Rabbi Gluck divides his time between his position at the University of Michi-

gan as a graduate student instructor in the anthropology department of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies - and the range of services he provides for Bet Chaverim.

Gluck said the congregation was using a smaller Torah prior to the generous loan from Temple Emanuel. "It's symbolic to the community and to the congregation that we are connected to history," said Gluck.

Already the sacred scroll was used at a bar mitzvah in January and was recently dedicated at a special ceremony in March.

"The entire document is written on parchment with a quill pen. It's a tradition that dates back 2,300 years," said Gluck. "Not only is the Torah written but we live to teach one another in the contemporary world the interpretation or message that fits into the present."

With the upcoming Passover Seder, Gluck said individuals and families are encouraged to visit Bet Chaverim's celebration and participate actively. "You don't have to be a member but we ask that you call our hotline and leave your name so we know how many to expect," said Gluck. "Everyone is welcome."

Congregation Bet Chaverim will hold its fourth annual Passover Potluck Seder at the Hanford Clubhouse. The clubhouse is located on Hanford Road between Ford and Warren roads. The Seder will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, and will be conducted by Rabbi Peter Gluck. Call (734) 480-8880 to describe what dish you would like to bring. The next Bet Chaverim's monthly Shabbat service will be held at 7:15 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church in Canton.

Leave a Legacy offers opportunity for area charities

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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John Landis may not work as a teacher, but he's teaching people the importance of giving.

As co-chair of the Leave A Legacy campaign in southeast Michigan, the Livonia resident believes strongly in

the act of giving, no matter who benefits. "This is one of the only campaigns that isn't asking for a specific donation for a specific cause."

Leave A Legacy Southeast Michigan is a seven-county-wide educational effort benefiting all charities in southeast Michigan which encourages individuals to name a charity in their will.

"There is no restriction on the charity you'd like to give to," said Landis. "This is free choice."

Some, he said, don't realize they can make a difference. But those who do give may leave all of their estate or a certain dollar amount. Leave A Legacy is not restricted to the affluent sectors of society.

"A gift always costs money, but leaving money in your will costs far less than the value of the gift."

The campaign is meant to boost funding for nonprofit organizations that are forced to rely more and more on public support.

For more information about Leave A Legacy call (888) 826-7900 or (248) 569-9702.

Easter holiday observed with special ceremonies, events by all faiths

Christians in the Detroit Metropolitan area and around the world will celebrate "Maundy Thursday," April 20, Jesus and his disciples ate their last meal together on a Thursday — the evening before his crucifixion nearly 2000 years ago.

Four days earlier, people of Jerusalem had exulted and shouted "Hosanna!" as they welcomed Jesus Christ to their city. He came riding on a donkey, and the crowd laid palm branches and articles of clothing on the road before him.

This event is now commemorated each year on palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week.

As Jesus met with his disciples on Thursday that week to celebrate the Passover meal with them, he gave them a "new command," to love each other as he had loved them. In fact, the name "Maundy Thursday" comes from this particular statement recorded in John 13:34.

Maundy is derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means command and is revealed in its English synonym as mantle.

During this Passover celebration, Jesus also instituted a new sacramental meal, known as the

Lord's Supper. Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar, or the Eucharist. The biblical evangelist, St. Matthew, records Jesus' words spoken as he distributed bread to his disciples: "Take and eat; this is my body" (Matthew 26:26 NIV).

In breaking the bread, Jesus foreshadowed the breaking of his body that would take place the following day. And as he distributed a cup of wine, Jesus said, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28 NIV).

These words reveal Jesus' purpose for the shedding of his blood on the cross, namely, to forgive sins. Christian worship services on Maundy Thursday have a two-fold focus on the command to love each other and Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper.

Later on this Thursday of Holy Week, contrary opinions prevailed, and Jesus was arrested. By the next afternoon, Jesus had already been tried, sentenced and put to death on a cross between two thieves. The Friday of his crucifixion is remembered as "Good Friday," or "Black Friday."

One form of worship on Good

Friday is the evening Tenebrae service, in which the solemnity of the occasion is dramatized by the gradual extinguishing of candles and lights.

The events of Holy Week conclude on Easter morning, when Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Celebrations and hymns of resurrection and new, external life are heard throughout Christian churches. Easter stands the pinnacle of Holy Week and the entire church year.

The following are a schedule of local Holy Week services throughout our readership area:

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road) in Livonia will hold Palm Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. April 20, a Maundy Thursday worship will be at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion and special music from the Christ Our Savior Choir, Woodwind Choir, and Jubilation Handbell Choir. Good Friday service of the cross will be at 12:30 p.m. with special music. The 7:30 p.m. candlelight Tenebrae service of darkness is titled, "Christ's Trial." Easter Sunday will be celebrated with festival communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Easter break-

fast will be served by the church youth from 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children 4-10 years of age and free for children three and under. For information call (734) 522-6830.

FOR THIS CAUSE
The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit will present, free of charge, the film documentary "For This Cause: Talk a Walk with the Nazarene," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at Garden City High School (6500 Middlebelt Road). Take a trip back to biblical times and walk with the man from Galilee. "For This Cause" connects the bible with archeology and modern Israel. Trace bible prophecies down to our very day, marking the soon establishment of the kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray. Program runs 60 minutes then there is a Q & A session and book sales. For information call (734) 762-8350.

DOCUMENTARY
"In His Footsteps," documents the passion of Jesus, his life, death and resurrection. It will be performed at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 by John Trujillo in the social hall of St. Theodore Catholic Church (8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland). Everyone is

Rodenbeck-Sleek

Juliann Marie Rodenbeck wed Bryan William Sleek of Canton, formerly of Westland, November 13, 1999 at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia.

The bride, daughter of Doyle and Naomi Rodenbeck of Onsted, Mich., is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as a catering sales manager at the Hilton in Novi.

The groom, son of Michael and Kathleen Sleek of Canton, is a graduate of Livonia public schools and Eastern Michigan University. He works as a software engineer at SDRG in Allen Park.

The rev. William C. Lindholm presided at the ceremony. The bride's attendants were matron of honor, Kylene Hunt, bridesmaids Jamison Spring, Johanna Wisniewski, Sherri Whitcomb, Lisa Sleek, flower girl Jessica Velez and ring bearer Brett Judson.

The couple will make their home in Westland.



The couple received guests at Laurel Manor Banquet Center in Livonia. They took a wedding cruise to Cozumel, Cancun and Roatan.

Hicks-Masters

Teresa Hicks of York, S.C. announces the marriage of her daughter, Tylar Paige, to Joseph Henry Masters Jr. of Goldsboro, N.C.

The couple wed Feb. 19, 2000 at Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Clover High School in South Carolina and works as a graphic artist with 4th Services Squadron Marketing.

Her husband, son of Joseph and Cindy Masters of Howell, Mich., is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School and works for the United States Air Force as an F-15 technician.

Pastor Donald Gregory presided at the ceremony. The bride was attended by maid of honor Nicole Stanzale, bridesmaids Erin Bushaw, Christin Masters and flower girl Amanda Masters.

The groom was attended by best man Dirk Masters, groom-



The couple received guests at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garden City and took a wedding trip to Windsor, Ontario, Canada. They plan to live in the metro Detroit area.

Hooton-McDonnell

Laurie Ann Hooton and Timothy Patrick McDonnell wed on March 25 at Church of God in Wayne.

The bride, daughter of Bob and Geraldine Hooton of Garden City, is a graduate of Garden City West High School and has worked 11 years in the medical field.

Her husband, son of Mike and Sue McDonnell of Farmington, is a graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and works as a mechanic in Farmington Hills.

Pastor York Ash presided at the ceremony. The bride was attended by Sue Hooton, Erin Garrity, flower girl Sara Hooton and ring bearer Ryan Saile.

The groom was attended by James Hooton, Mike McDonnell, Don Williams and Matt Bartz.

The couple received guests at



Burton Manor and took a wedding trip to Traverse City and surrounding areas in northern Michigan. They will make their home in Garden City.

Bernert-Lucksted

Joseph Bernert of Grosse Pointe and John and Tanya MacLean of Bloomfield Village announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera Christina Bernert, to Christopher Dennis Lucksted of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a Troy High School and Madonna University graduate who works for Women.com Networks.

Her fiancé, son of Orli and Kay Lucksted of Grayling and Lawrence and Susan Sharp of Las Vegas, New Mexico. He is a Birmingham Groves High School graduate and attended the University of Michigan. He works for Sandler & Travis Trade Advisory Services in Farmington.

A May wedding is planned at



Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi.

Video documents Jesus' plan for mankind

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The Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit will show a unique 60-minute documentary titled "For This Cause: Take a Walk with the Nazarene," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

According to ABSMD member Bill Dutka, the group chose the Easter season to debut the film because "people are more religiously inclined to go see something like this" around

the holiday.

"For This Cause," was produced by the Chicago assembly of The Associated Bible Students and depicts "the plan of God from creation to the 1000 year reign of Christ," said Dutka.

Special opportunity
The video presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Garden City High School and will conclude with a question and answer session and book sale.

On loan from the Chicago bible students, Dutka contends it's "60 minutes that could change your life."

"It shows what God's plan for man is. It weaves everything together on what the plan is from the creation of Adam to the restoration of all mankind," said Dutka.

The presentation is open to the public and free of charge. Garden City High School is located at 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For directions call (734) 762-8350.

Prayer walk takes mission to the streets

Carl Hengstbeck wants to reach people in his community. As a member of Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City, he's one of about 30 church members taking prayer to the streets.

Every Saturday in April, the church hosts a prayer walk through the streets of Garden City. "It's the first year we're trying to do this," said Hengstbeck, a Garden City native and resident of Livonia.

The goal of a national organization called Kingdom Combine is to pray, door-to-door, for everyone in the United States. Merriman Road Baptist and the

South Baptist Association form just one link in this effort.

About 15 groups are divided into no less than two people who pray aloud as they make their way along the route. If they have the names of families, prayers are more specific. If not, participants will pray for the household.

"We have had people call," he added, "to ask for salvation or pray for the sick. We're on the scene without making a scene."

Pastor Wayne Parker organized the prayer walks, but was out of town and unavailable for comment at press time.

He said they are spreading the

LaGrow-Vachow

Denny and Marie LaGrow of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda Marie, to Jeff Vachow of Whitmore Lake.

The bride-to-be is a Plymouth-Salem High School graduate, a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, son of Jon and Jacqueline Vachow of Plymouth, is a graduate of Devine Child and Eastern Michigan University. He and Melinda own their own business, All In One Communications.

A May wedding is planned in Whitmore Lake.



The couple will make their home in Westland.

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LENTEN SERVICES
Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28600 Cherry Hill, Garden City) each Wednesday before Holy Week at 7 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 6 p.m. Other worship services include 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m. Friday, April 21; vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. during Lent. Services will be in the chapel. Thursday services will be preceded by light supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m. Dates are April 13. All services will include the sacrament of Holy Communion. St. John's Lutheran is at 13542 Mercedes.

one block east of Inkster Road. Call (313) 538-2660.

LENTEN SERVICES
The Stations of the Cross will be observed every Friday night at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church (23310 Joy, Redford), five blocks east of Telegraph. Call (313) 534-2121. A video tape of one of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's retreats will be shown in the church hall after the Stations of the Cross each week of Lent. Anyone may attend.

LENTEN DINNERS
St. Agatha Church of Redford (19750 Beech Dale, Livonia) will offer Lenten dinners every Friday during Lent. 3-8 p.m. Dine in and carry out. Senior discount from 3-5 p.m. Children's menu available. Call (313) 531-0371.

LENTEN SERVICES
St. James Presbyterian (25350 W. Six Mile, Redford Township) will hold Maundy Thursday ser-

monies, including communion, are at 7:30 p.m. April 20. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

EASTER CANTATA
"Embrace the Cross" by Claire Cloninger and Greg Nelson will be presented as the Easter Cantata at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Gathering (Clareville) United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia. Choral work is presented by the Chancel Choir of Clareville United Methodist Church. Call (248) 474-3444.

LENTEN SCHEDULE
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile, Livonia) will offer Palm Sunday service April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m., a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18, April 19, healing services at 7:30 p.m., April 19 in Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at

7:30 p.m. April 21; Easter vigil and baptism service at 7:30 p.m. April 22 and Easter Sunday services at 6 a.m. (sunrise communion); 8 a.m. communion service with choir; 9:45 a.m. instrumentalists and a joyful Eucharist; and 11:30 a.m.

LENTEN MEAL
St. Genevieve Parish of Livonia will offer a Lenten meal April 14 from 5-7 p.m. Menu includes baked fish, potato and all-you-can-eat soup and salad. Macaroni and cheese offered as a children's meal. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 6-12 and 5 and younger eat free. St. Genevieve is at 29015 Jamison.

PASSOVER SEDER
Congregation Bet Chavrim will hold its fourth annual Passover potluck seder at the Hanford Clubhouse. The clubhouse is on Hanford between Ford and Warren roads. The seder will begin

at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The seder will be conducted by Rabbi Peter Gluck. Families are welcome. Call (734) 480-8880 to describe what dish you would like to bring.

LENTEN BREAKFAST
The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman, Garden City) will serve their annual Lenten breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 15, in the church Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Melaine Carey, associate pastor of Livonia Newburg United Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker. Call (734) 421-8628.

LENTEN WORSHIP
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to mid-week classes and confirmation instruction will be 6-7:20 p.m. during Lent. The church is at 14175 Farmington Road next to Ford Field, just north of I-96.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP
The Great Three Days - Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.; and Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. The Day of Resurrection: Easter breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and Easter festival workshop at 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford.

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST
25th Annual Men's Good Friday breakfast will feature keynote speaker Jim Horsley - Navy Blue Angel Pilot. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. April 21 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton (7000 Sheldon Road). Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call (734) 459-3333.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Special Holy Week services at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (9601 Hubbard Drive in Livonia) include Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Good Friday Tenebrae at 8 p.m.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH AND CANTON

WEEKEND

CARD PARTY
 The Women's Club of Plymouth presents a benefit card party and desserts from noon until 3 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. There will be door prizes and tabling prizes. Tickets are \$10. For reservations or to have tickets left at the door, call Nancy Thomas at (734) 453-5219. Make checks payable to PWC.

MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES
 The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring "Music Through the Ages," by pianist/performer Dimas DeJesus Caraballo. Performances will take place at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. His concert will include works by Bach, Beethoven and Liszt. He will finish the program with an exciting rendition of Latin music by composers such as Granados and Ginastera. For more information or for tickets, call (734) 416-4278.

EASTER CONCERT
 Plymouth Baptist Church will present an Easter concert entitled "Alpha and Omega" at 7 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 16; Good Friday, April 21; and Saturday, April 22. The 70-minute concert features traditional and contemporary Christian music. There is no admission charge. Children under age 5 will not be admitted to the auditorium; however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (1/2 mile west of Haggerty). For more information, call (734) 453-5534 or e-mail at "PlymouthBC@aol.com."

ROTARY CLUB
 The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North will be selling a variety of potted spring flowers from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Holiday Inn North. Campus parking area. Club members will be selling Easter lilies, tulips and hyacinths for \$10. Money raised will go to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North Foundation, which in return will continue to help those in need both in our community and abroad.

GARAGE SALE
 The Plymouth Canton Civitans Annual Garage Sale will take place from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at the Gathering, next to the Penn Theatre. They are in need of clean used items. The Plymouth-Canton Civitans pick the items up. For more information, call Barbara at (734) 464-1129.

SENIOR PARTY
 P-CEP will have its all-night senior party beginning at 9 p.m., Sunday, June 11, at Plymouth-Salem High School. This party is open to all P-CEP graduating seniors. Tickets are \$35 and are available at the schools.

AROUND TOWN

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
 The Plymouth Historical Museum is sponsoring "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Hot dogs, peanuts, cracker jacks and pop will be served. Guest speaker David Martin will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Baseball History and Tiger Stadium. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$2 for children or a family pass for \$13. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 The Canton Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Cherry Hill School, located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridgeroads. Mrs. Lois Dickerson, D.A.R. Registrar for the Canton, Plymouth, Northville district, will speak on "Beginning Genealogy." She will talk about how to begin researching your family tree. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

APPRAISAL CLINIC
 Plymouth Historical Museum will sponsor an Antique Appraisal Clinic at the museum from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, featuring Antique Roadshow appraiser Ernest DuMouchelle. Find out what your collectibles are worth. We will be happy to schedule an appraisal for you. Oral appraisals are \$10 per item, written appraisals are \$15 per item. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (734) 455-8940.

GOLF LEAGUE
 The All Area Senior Golf League at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club is recruiting additional members. We are especially looking for women to balance our schedule. Open registration has already begun. League play, which runs for 15 weeks, begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 26. A registration fee of \$25, which will be used for prizes and an end of the year banquet, is required. If you are interested, please attend the organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Fox Hills (bring your clubs) or call Stan Sulewski at (734) 453-8343 or Len Bloch at (734) 459-5508. Senior rates at Fox Hills are only \$9 for 9 holes. Those wishing to play 18 holes pay \$2 more. Both men and women have an opportunity to win a sleeve of golf balls each week for hitting closest to the pin on the shortest par-3 hole. Beginning golfers are welcome.

DINNERS FOR LENT
 Summit on the Park in Canton offers pasta and fish buffet dinners every Friday between now and April 21. The dinners, served 4:30-7 p.m., include cold slaw, two pastas, baked cod loin, potato, vegetable, roll and dessert along with a choice of beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Call the Summit at (734) 397-5110 for information.

SPRING BREAK FUN
 Bring the kids in for a free morning of music, games, crafts and snacks from 10:30 a.m. until noon Wednesday, April 26, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton. Preview our summer music programs. For more information, call (734) 455-4677.

BOOK SALE
 The League of Women Voters serving Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Westland and Livonia is working to make this year's April Book Sale another successful fund-raising event. New batches of used books always are needed. The public is encouraged to donate used books by calling Esther Friedrichs at (734) 427-0222 or (734) 421-4420 and leaving a message with the League of Women Voters. Hardcover and paperback books in different categories of nonfiction and fiction for all ages are accepted, as are recent magazines.

Great eight



A perfect season: The Pioneer Middle Schools boys' basketball "A" team completed its 1999-2000 season undefeated with an 8-0 record. The Panthers defeated East, West Central and Howell Middle Schools. Pictured are team members (first row) Chris Harr, Mike French, Joe Hess, John Moylan, Andrew Cortellini, Dominique Davis and Jerome Wilson; (second row) Brad Clark, Eric Mitchell, Chris Santeiu, Coach Mark Santeiu, Tom Huls and John Palmer. Not pictured is assistant coach Doug Heriman.

ADOPTION
 Oakland Family Services is looking for foster and adoptive families in this area. Foster parents provide a temporary family. Adoptive parents provide a permanent family for children who do not have families of their own. Oakland Family Services is in Pontiac. There are many school-age children who are in need of families. If you have an interest in helping to provide for children in our community, call Vicki Landsman Peterson at Oakland Family Services at (248) 858-7215, ext. 236.

HELP SOURCE
 Plymouth Family Services Help Source is offering a 12-week program for compulsive overeaters. The program will be led by a certified eating disorder therapist and registered dietitian. For more information, call Cathie, Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. at (734) 453-0890.

ADULT SOFTBALL
 The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be running the following Adult Softball Leagues this spring/summer: Men's Slow Pitch, Women's Slow Pitch, Co-ed Pitch and Men's Modified. Season starts the week of May 1. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Division at (734) 455-6620 or check the web at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

SCHOOL OPENINGS
 New Morning School in Plymouth has vacancies in the Primary/Kindergarten and Middle School for the 2000-01 school year. NMS is a parent cooperative that fosters individualized/independent learning, self-esteem, and positive interpersonal skills. Open houses for primary/kindergarten will begin at 9:15

a.m. and last approximately 90 minutes on Tuesday, April 18. Prospective students are welcome. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-3331.
Creative Day Nursery
 School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay, Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is located in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call (734) 981-3990.
Registration for Spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes are held from May 1 through June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). Sign up early and receive a free Kindermusik beach ball. For more information, call (734) 354-9109.

VILLAGE MUSIC
 Village Music, a unique music education center located in the Old Village of Plymouth, announces registration for summer and fall Kindermusik classes. Summer classes will begin in mid-June and fall classes will begin the week of Sept. 11. Early registration is recommended. Call now for registration materials. Village music is located at 130 E. Liberty St., Plymouth. For more information, or for registration, call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

T-BALL REGISTRATION
 The city of Plymouth Recreation Division will be registering through April 21 for the 5- and 6-year-old

T-Ball League. Children must have been born July-December 1993, January-December 1994, January-July 1995. Registration will take place at the recreation office at the Cultural Center, during office hours from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weekends, running June 24-Aug. 12. No games on July 1. For more information, call the city Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or connect with the Web site at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

GED TESTING

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SS ALIVE

The SS Alive group sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post No. 6695 is sponsoring a mature-driving class from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 20, at the VFW Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per person. Classes are given by the AARP. For more information or for reservations, call (313) 538-1859.

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UNIQUE GIFT
 Starfish Family Services is asking community members to donate \$100 in honor of their mother or another special "mother figure" in their life. The mother or other woman honored will receive notification of the tribute gift and a limited-edition ceramic art tile. People wishing to participate in this distinctive giving opportunity should call Starfish Family Services, (734) 727-3108.

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 The Women's Club of St. Gemma Church will have a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 14 and 9 a.m. to noon, April 15 at St. Christine and St. Gemma School (13550 Virgil, east of Telegraph and south of I-96).

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Three generations sought for Mother's Day makeover

Attention mothers — Salone Nadwa and Day Spa of Novi is holding a Mother's Day Millennium Makeover contest. Families with three or more generations of mothers should explain in writing why they are worthy of receiving a makeover. The winning mothers will receive a day of beauty at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa. This will include a rejuvenating facial, a Gehwol European foot care treatment, a complete make-over using the latest in spring make-up colors and a new hairstyle so they'll be looking and feeling their best in time for Mother's Day. A picture of the three or more generations should be sent to Salone Nadwa, Novi Town Center, 43236 Eleven Mile, Novi, MI 48375. Entry deadline is May 1.

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CALENDAR FORM

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Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

WEDNESDAY

BAPTIST

BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE
29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia
734-525-3664

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Family Hour 7:15 p.m.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST
YOUTH AWANA CLUBS
DR. RICHARD FREEMAN
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5403 S. Wayne Rd. • Wayne, MI
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(734) 728-2180

Virgil Humes, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Church 7:00-8:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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Bishop P.A. Brooks, Pastor & Founder
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326-0330
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(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1101 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191

Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional
Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday Supper (6:00 p.m.)
& Programs for All Ages
Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

EPISCOPAL

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16380 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451

Mon-Fri 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
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Rev. Luther A. Werth, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Robert Bayer, Assit. Pastor

LIVONIA 14175 Farmington Rd. (N. of I-96)
Sunday Worship 9:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am (734) 522-8830

CANTON 46001 Warren Road (West of Canton Center)
Sunday School 10:45 am (734) 414-7422

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Rev. Lawrence Wilho • Rev. Steve Eggers
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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
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20805 Middlebelt (Corner of Main & Middlebelt)
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Sunday Morning 9:30 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1300

Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services - 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
School Grade K thru 8
WLOV 1500 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

CHRISTADELPHIANS

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Christ Memorial Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Bible Class - Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
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425-7610

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WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Worship 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Classes for all ages
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Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0223

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5 Miles W. of Shadon Rd.
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734-459-9550

Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor
8:00 Prayer & Praise Service
9:30
Lifeline Contemporary Service
11:00 Traditional Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL (NURSERY PROVIDED)
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
Sunday School for All Ages

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

ST. TIMOTHY CHURCH, USA
16700 Newburgh Road
Livonia • 734-464-8844
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Risen Christ Lutheran
46250 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth • 453-5252
Worship Service 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School
1815 N. of Ford Rd., Westland
425-0200

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Gary D. Headright, Administrative Pastor
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Jeff Bunke, Principal/D.C.E.

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Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
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METRO SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.). The ball-rooms are non-smoking. Dance will be held Friday, April 14 at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia (6 Mile east of I-275 at Laurel Park Mall); Friday, April 21, May 26, June 2 and June 23 at Doubletree Guest Suites in Novi (Novi Road at I-96); Friday, April 28 and June 16 at Excalibur Convention Center in Southfield

SINGLES OVER SIXTY
SOS presents Detroit's "Top Cop" Dr. Isiah (Ike) McKinnon as motivational speaker on the topic of self importance and a positive attitude, 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Livonia Civic Park Center.

SINGLES DANCE
April 15 dance at St. Kenneth's Church Hall, on Haggerty Rd. south of Five Mile. 8 p.m. Proper attire: \$8.
Singles Dance May 6 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall, located on the corner of W. Chicago and Injster Rd.
Dueling piano's April 22 at Goodfells, Call (981-4653).
Every Sunday, the singles organization offers breakfast at 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn followed by mass at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Catholic Church.

Celebrate Secretary's Day at Schoolcraft

Join Schoolcraft College as they present its annual Secretary's Day, Wednesday, April 26 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

Presenter Joanne Estes, founder and president of Vision Quest, will share techniques for analyzing, adjusting and maintaining your attitude, the difference your choices can make, and strategies for helping others improve their attitudes at work and at home.

Lunch and a vendor showcase highlighting the newest in office supplies begin the afternoon session. A.J. D. Jemison, general manager of Fairlane Town Center, will describe fashion in the workplace. Wrap up with relaxation as herbalist, aromatherapist and author Colleen K. Dolt. Fee for the session/lunch is \$89. Call (734) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

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EVENING CLASSES
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland (37775 Palmer) has several fun classes planned through the month of May on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. They include gardening, April 17; cake decorating, May 1,

8, and 15; and Saturday, May 20, candy making at 10 a.m.

HOME COMING & REVIVAL
 The Community Free Will Baptist Church of Westland will hold a "revival" series of services will begin at 7 p.m. April 26-28 with Rev. Paul Ange of North Carolina as the evangelist. The church is at 33031 Cherry Hill just west of Venoy in Westland.

NEW BEGINNINGS
 St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia offers a year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker

series, beginning with the Rev. Phil Seymour on "Dreams, Visions and Images" May 4; and Warren Gilbert's "Managing Memories" June 1. The series is free and open to the public. Call (734) 422-6038.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
 Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. The weekend experience is May 5-7 at the St. John's Family Life

Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wmme. "The Marriage Journey" is broadcast 8:30-9 a.m. Sundays on WCAR 1090 AM.

EASTER EGG HUNT
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (26212 W. Six Mile) in Redford will host an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. (arrive 15 minutes early) Saturday, April 22.

Karaoke singing, Easter basket raffle and flower sale.

HERALD AWARDS DINNER
 The Herald Awards dinner will be Wednesday, April 26, at the Costick Center (29800 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt - behind Mercy High School). All winners will be notified in advance so they can invite family and friends. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Creative Catering of Flint. Reservations can be made through the council office at (313) 962-0340.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

HANDCRAFTERS SHOW
 Handcrafters will be sponsoring its 18th annual Spring Arts and Craft Show on April 14-16 in Northville at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. Over 70 juried artists will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, baskets, wood items and clothing. Show hours are Friday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, April 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$2. No baby strollers. Local artisans work includes Jennifer Phillips children's clothing; Kay Kehoe, school memorabilia; Kathy Chemotti, birdhouses; Lori Markiewicz, stenciled baskets; Sandy Vartoogian, doll clothes; and Tom LeGault, original acrylic paintings. For information call (734) 459-0050.

GARDEN GALA CRAFT SHOW
 Crafters are needed who specialize in yard and garden related crafts for the first "Garden Gala," May 20, at Memorial Elementary School in Garden City. If you are interested in participating call Rhonda, (734) 762-0183.

CHELSEA SUMMER FEST
 Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI 48118.

FALL ARTS/CRAFTS
 St. Damian Parish is looking for crafters for their Fall Arts and Crafts Show that will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the school. St. Damian is located at 30055 Joy Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads, in Westland. Call (734) 421-6130.

FALL CRAFT SHOW
 Crafters sought to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodcarving. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$55; a 10' by 10' space costs \$40; an 8' by 9' space is \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. Applications must be received by May 5. To obtain an application, contact (734) 462-4417.

CORRECTION

The April 6 article about Detroit Women Writers should have read: "This April, the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame, at its annual induction ceremony, is honoring Detroit Women Writers by conferring special recognition upon DWW for its centennial anniversary."

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Ambassadors advance

It didn't come easily, but the Compuware Ambassadors survived the first test in their quest to repeat as champions of the North American Hockey League by beating the USA NAHL Team two games to one in their best-of-three series last weekend at Compuware Arena.

The Ambassadors advance to play the Danville Wings in a best-of-three NAHL semifinal Friday through Sunday at Compuware.

All three games against the USA squad were decided by a single goal, with two of them going to overtime. Compuware trailed 2-0 in the series opener last Thursday, but rallied to tie it at 2-2 with goals from Andy Burnes and Mark Cannon. Michael Smith's goal 7:31 into overtime won it for the Ambassadors.

In the second game it was the USA Team's turn. Joe Pomaranski got the game-winner late in the second period, and goalie Steve Belanger made it stand up in outdueling Compuware's Craig Kowalski. Ryan Lessneau scored a power-play goal for the Ambassadors.

The deciding third game also went into OT, and Luke Wright completed his hattrick by getting the game-winner at 17:26 of overtime. Ryan Connelly also scored for the Ambassadors, which scored three times in the final period with Wright's second goal of the game giving them a 3-2 lead with 48 seconds left before USA tied it with 30 seconds left.

Wright's performance earned him NAHL player of the week honors. In 38 regular-season games this season, he had six goals and six assists (12 points) and led the league with 357 penalty minutes.

Burnes honored

Andy Burnes, a defenseman for the Compuware Ambassadors, was the only player from the team honored in the NAHL all-league selection. Burnes was named to the first team; he scored seven goals and had 22 assists in 55 regular-season games.

The Ambassadors finished first in the NAHL's Eastern Division.

O'Connor, Tenyer honored

Madonna University pitcher James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pitcher-of-the-week on Monday.

O'Connor earned the honor by going 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in 5.1 innings and blanked Indiana Tech on three hits in a 6-5 win.

Teammate Derrick Wolfe was a nominee for player-of-the-week.

Jenny Tenyer was the WHAC softball pitcher of the week. Tenyer was 2-0 for the week, allowing one earned run in 14 innings, giving up six hits and no walks while striking out four. Angela Litwin, a Plymouth Canton grad, was nominated for softball player of the week.

Crusader volleyball 1st

The Madonna University Crusaders 12-and-under girls volleyball team finished first at the AAU Tournament Saturday in Livonia, hosted by the Motor City Volleyball Club. The Crusaders, unbeaten in 10 previous games (five matches), were taken to the limit in the finals but defeated Marysville in two of three games.

Coached by Kim Price, Crusader team members are Marrisna Bober, Teresa Coppellie, Jansen Falcusen, Ashton Judis, Amanda Lenart, Madison McCoy, Trisha Morrill, Rachel Pasqualli, Lauren Price and Terry Rhodes.

Sailing instruction

The American Sailing Institute, a non-profit corporation dedicated to teaching sailing and seamanship in the Detroit area for the past seven years, will begin classes the beginning of May for sailors of all levels, from beginner to advanced.

Sessions include classroom instruction, with different formats, dates and locations, and on-water instruction, taught mostly at Kensington MetroPark. ASI classes are available through Schoolcraft College. Depending on the type of class chosen, costs range from \$170 to \$295.

ASI is entirely a volunteer organization. For class schedule or other information, call Diane, the ASI secretary, at (248) 624-4030, or try the ASI website at www.sailasi.org.

Spartans tie up Chiefs



BY C.J. RISAK
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Like a changing tide, creeping further and further up the beach, Livonia Stevenson kept pushing and pushing against Plymouth Canton in a girls soccer match

Monday between two of the state's top-ranked teams.

But unlike the rising tide, this was anything but certain. For while the Spartans had pressured relentlessly, they had nothing to show for it — until the last two minutes, with the short-handed Chiefs still clinging to a 1-0 advantage.

A quick throw-in and break down the right wing changed all that. Stevenson's Megan Urbats sliced a centering pass through the retreating Canton defense to Lindsay Gusick, and Gusick did something both she and her teammates had been unable to do all night: She finished it.

The goal, with 1:48 left, earned the second-ranked

Spartans a 1-1 tie against the visiting Chiefs, who came in ranked sixth in the state.

"I was real happy with the way we played," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, his team now 3-0-1. "I thought we dominated the game. Thus far this year we've been concentrating on our play in the field, and we haven't spent a lot of time on finishing."

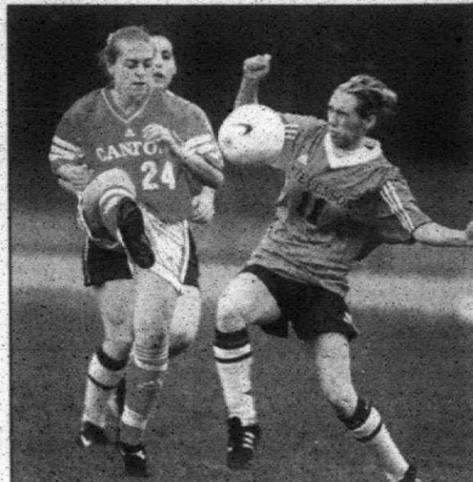
"We sure would have liked to have finished some more, but to get that many chances against a team like Canton is pretty impressive."

In the first 22 minutes of the match, the Spartans did indeed dominate play. The Chiefs were forced to play in their defensive zone, which negated the effectiveness of Canton's all-state forward, Anne Morrell.

But as Chiefs' coach Don Smith pointed out, "They didn't get a lot of quality shots, though." They did get a couple, however, but failed to put them on net.

The pace changed in the last 17 minutes of the half. Canton started taking control of the play at midfield and counterattacking — which is dangerous with a player of Morrell's ability.

Please see **SOCCER**, C5



Battle all the way: Canton's Stephanie Johnson (24) and Stevenson's Cheryl Fox (11) pursue a loose ball in Monday's match.

Whalers stop Spits



One-up: The Whalers gather to congratulate defenseman Nate Kiser (5) after his slapshot from the point was deflected in front and got through for a goal in the first period. It proved to be a lead the Whalers would not relinquish.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Win puts Plymouth ahead 2-1 in best-of-7 series

BY C.J. RISAK
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Yep, back on track — but it was no fast-paced ride for the Plymouth Whalers in Wednesday's Ontario Hockey League playoff game against the Windsor Spitfires.

Once again, the Spits slowed the pace as much as possible in an attempt to keep the high-scoring Whaler offense from asserting itself. And the tactic worked, limiting Plymouth to just two goals.

But unlike Monday's game (a 2-1 home-ice win for Windsor), the Spitfires' offense was unable to crack the Whaler defense. The result was a 2-1 triumph for the Whalers, giving them a 2-1 edge in this best-of-seven OHL Western Conference semifinal.

"It was ugly, but we'll take it," said Whaler coach Pete DeBoer. "They were running interference and it slowed things down. It was playoff hockey."

The Whalers never trailed and, despite the tight score, they were in control of the play — when they were full strength. From the game's beginning, it was apparent the Spits were

going to try to push and intimidate the Whalers.

That, too, seemed to work. Plymouth came into the game with the three top point-producers in the OHL playoffs: Shaun Fisher and Stephen Weiss totaled 15 points and Justin Williams had 14, with a league-best eight goals.

But Williams was hounded throughout the first two periods and ended up taking three minors in the opening 20 minutes.

Still, it was the Whaler speed that kept Windsor from mounting an offense: Six minutes into the first period, Nate Kiser fired a rebound from the point back in front of the net. It deflected off a Windsor defender and past goalie Michael Leighton to give the Whalers a 1-0 lead with 13:56 left.

Eric Gooldy and Weiss assisted. Plymouth's dominance showed during two Windsor power-play opportunities in the period: The Spits did not record a shot on goal in either, while the Whalers had three good scoring chances.

"We kept them to the outside," said DeBoer. "We have some big, strong defensemen, and they did what they had to do."

Plymouth's dominance continued through the opening 10 minutes of the second period, and the result was a second goal. This one came from Damian Surma, whose shot from the right wing slipped through Leighton and into the net with 17:46 left in the second. Williams got the assist.

With less than 10 minutes left in the period, Plymouth owned a 24-8 shot advantage, but penalties would start to haunt the Whalers. With 26 seconds left in the second, Kris Vernarsky was given a five minute minor and a game misconduct for an illegal check from behind.

The Whalers killed off three minutes of the minor penalty, but with 17:07 remaining in the third Robin Boucher fired a shot from the slot in front of Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp and got it past him, making it 2-1.

With the man advantage, Windsor had a chance; without it, the Spits couldn't keep pace. In the last 10 minutes they registered one shot on goal. Zepp had 22 saves; Windsor's Leighton had 37.

They stayed in it and kept it close.

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Salem grads take part in MSU's glory

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Tom Izzo, Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson et al weren't the only Michigan State University basketballers living the dream when the Spartans won the NCAA tournament.

Freshmen Adam Wilson and Jake Gray, formerly starting guards on the Plymouth Salem basketball team, were right there with them.

"Altogether," Gray said, "it was just a great experience. It taught me a lot about hard work, responsibility and commitment. It showed me how a real college basketball team gets things done. And it was all done in a first-class kind of way."

Gray and Wilson were two of four freshmen student managers for the Michigan State basketball team. They had to survive their own cut — 20 freshmen applied — but the payoff for their grunt work was working the season and getting to go to Indianapolis for the NCAA title game.

They were also issued the same gear and equipment as the Michigan State players.

"On game days we sat behind the bench," Wilson said. "The two senior managers sat on the bench."

Glamour? Sure, like clearing tables at the student cafeteria, shoveling snow off a 50-foot driveway by hand, painting the house in July and fun things like that.

Wilson and Gray did all the menial tasks that pampered athletes don't have to do like shag balls for shooting drills, run the clock during practice, fetch water bottles, drag the chairs out, tape games of upcoming opponents, break down the game tapes into offense or defense, keep stats during games and run errands for the coaches before and afterward.

"We do all the work no one sees," Wilson said. "You don't get much credit. But the players

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Stumble at the start

Salem opens with extra-inning loss to Stevenson

Livonia Stevenson overcame five errors and a five-run Plymouth Salem fifth inning Monday to edge the Rocks, 9-8, in an extra-inning game played at Salem.

The dramatic victory improved the Spartans' record to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The game was the season opener for the Rocks.

"Defensively, we were kicking the ball around, but we managed to overcome the errors and win," said Stevenson coach Harvey Weingarden.

Stevenson jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning before Salem came back with one run in each of the second and third frames to knot the game at 2-2.

After the Spartans scored two in the fifth to take a 5-2 lead, the Rocks pounced on Stevenson starting pitcher Mike Byberg for five runs in the fifth to regain the lead, 7-5.

Stevenson retaliated with single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to send the game into extra frames and set up late-game heroics from the Spartans' Pete Pinto.

With two outs and the bases empty in the top of the ninth, Stevenson's Tim Lawson singled. Lawson advanced to second on a passed ball and scored the game winner when Pinto ripped a single to the outfield.

Pinto's hit made a winner out of Stevenson relief pitcher Gary Zielke, who relieved Byberg in the fifth and

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Safe at 2nd: Salem's Chris Sherfey steals second base successfully as Stevenson's Pete Pinto searches for the ball.

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEWS

Returnees bolster Rocks' high hopes

Expectations are running high for Plymouth Salem's softball team, with coach Bonnie Southerland anticipating an improvement on last season's 16-19 record and fourth-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

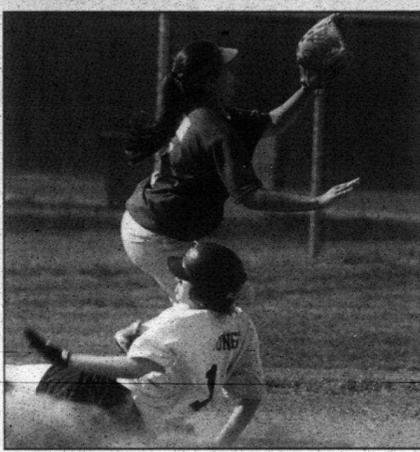
Although the Rocks did lose co-captains Maureen Buchanan and Heather Sonntag to graduation, the team does have several important players returning. "We have a really good team," Southerland said.

"Katie has real quick hands," Southerland said. "She has a lot of energy and really takes control of the infield."

Junior infielder Katie Kelly may be the top returnee. Last season she had a .382 batting average and led the team in hits with 30 on her way to earning All-District and All-Lakes Division honors, as well as being selected to the second team in Observersland.

"Katie has real quick hands," Southerland said. "She has a lot of energy and really takes control of the infield."

Junior first basemen Dawn Allen, who is entering her third year on the varsity squad, is also back. Last season Allen led the team in runs batted in and hit .333. She should provide the power for the Rocks this year.



Senior leadership: Jessica Chapman (with glove) is a two-year starter who returns at third base.

Marnie Jones, junior catcher Jennifer Warren and junior Jennifer Allen, who are expected to split time at second base.

Of the Salem newcomers, Southerland is expecting the most from sophomore Amy Szawara, who has been pegged as the starting catcher.

Other returnees include senior outfielder Carrie Carter, senior

Canton, Salem open seasons with wins

SOFTBALL

Laura Stewart surrendered just one hit and one walk in handuffing Livonia Churchill Monday in Plymouth Canton's season-opening 3-1 softball victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association game played at Canton.

The Chiefs got a run in the first and added two more in the fifth. Churchill's only hit off of Stewart came from Christine Fones, who singled in the sixth inning.

Brianna McNicholas had two hits and an RBI batted in for Canton, and Stewart added a double and an RBI. Megan Coultas added a base hit and an RBI.

Stewart walked just one and struck out 12. Meghan Misiak took the loss for the Chargers; she gave up four hits but no walks, striking out four. The loss dropped Churchill to 0-2 for the season.

"She had a real good command of her pitching," said Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge of Stewart's performance. "Her drop curve was working extremely well and she got a lot of batters out on a rise ball."

The Rocks, who knocked out eight hits, were paced offensively by the Allen's — Dawn and Jen — who both laced two hits a piece.

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shut out the Rocks over the final four-and-a-half-innings. Zielke, who went 4-for-5 at the plate, struck out three and walked just one.

"Gary came in and threw low strikes, which was the key," Weingarden said. Pinto finished with two hits and two RBI while Dan Wilson went 1-for-3 with three runs batted in.

Stevenson's Ronnie Williams proved to be an agitator for the Rocks throughout the game as he reached base all five times he batted and scored three times.

Catcher Ian Winter excelled for the Rocks, going 2-for-5 at the plate while playing a solid game defensively.

Canton outthits Churchill The absence of clutch hitting and the presence of Plymouth Canton pitcher Jon Johnson combined to spell doom for Livonia Churchill Monday afternoon.

Johnson pitched a complete-game nine-inning shutout for the Chiefs to a 6-2 victory. The win gave the Chiefs a 2-1 mark overall and in the WLAA; Churchill dropped to 1-1 overall (0-1 in the WLAA).

"We made two major errors (four) and we didn't have any timely hitting," said Churchill coach Herb Osterland. "If we could have caught the ball early in the game, it would have been much closer."

Johnson scattered nine hits over seven innings. His control was outstanding as he walked just one while striking out eight.

Churchill led early on when Josh Odum knocked in Ricky Strain in the bottom of the first with a fielder's choice. Strain had reached on a single and advanced to third on a Rory Cesarz double.

Canton bounced back with three runs in the top of the second — two scoring on Brad Smigielski's double — one in the third and two in the fourth to build a commanding 6-1 lead. Churchill pushed across its second run in the sixth when Rob Wilson scored on a fielder's choice groundout by Cesarz.

Brian Kay had two hits, including a triple, and one batted in for the Chiefs; Smigielski had two hits and two RBI.

Shrine 8, Lutheran Westland 2: The Warriors struck first, but not often enough. Royal Oak Shrine spotted Lutheran High School Westland a run in the third, then scored two in the bottom of the third and three in the fourth Monday to remain unbeaten in five games.

The Warriors (0-3) made three errors and losing pitcher John Baseley only allowed four hits and two earned runs.

Brett Braun went 2-2 for Lutheran Westland and drove in a run. Brad Nollar had a hit and Ian Mackenzie drove in a run. The Warriors had only three hits.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE BANK INSURANCE FUND

CANTON

Plymouth Canton coach Jim Arnold is hoping this year's senior-powered squad will pick up where last year's talented senior-led team left off.

Canton proved to be one of the premier teams in the state during the 1999 regular season, riding the electric right arm of pitcher Gretchen Hudson and

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Who will supply the power that Elmer provided last year? The best bet is senior Paula McKernan (shortstop), Stacie Griffin (outfield), Brianna McNicholas (first baseman) and Anna Keil (outfield).

"I'm excited about our senior leadership," Arnold said. "I have four senior captains this year who I think will give us strong leadership on the field."

A trio of juniors should play key roles for the Chiefs in 2000.

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Table listing best girls track and field performances with names, schools, and times for events like 100-METER HURDLES, 200-METER DASH, 400-METER DASH, 800-METER RELAY, 1,600-METER RUN, 3,200-METER RUN, 5,000-METER RUN, 800-METER HURDLES, 1,600-METER HURDLES, 3,200-METER HURDLES, 5,000-METER HURDLES, 800-METER RELAY, 1,600-METER RELAY, 3,200-METER RELAY, 5,000-METER RELAY.

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Canton wins dual opener

The weather slowed Plymouth Canton's tennis team, but not enough to keep the Chiefs from winning their first match of the season.

Canton defeated Walled Lake Western, 5-3, Monday in the season and Western Lakes Activities Association opener.

"I was a little worried in the beginning," Coach Barb Hanosh of the Chiefs said. "We had a lot of three-setters.

"We were missing some players. But fortunately, many came

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back in the third.

"My No. 2, given another chance, would finish it off a little quicker.

"We had some bad breaks last week with the temperatures, so we didn't have a great week of practice. The first sets of a lot of matches seemed like a warmup time for them."

The Chiefs took three singles and two doubles matches.

At No. 1 singles, Canton's Matt Nagy defeated Bryan Norville, 6-2, 6-0. No. 3 Kyle Andrews won a 7-6 (8-6), 7-5 squeaker from Brettan Fletcher and No. 4 Eric Durance took a three-set struggle from Yuta Shokini, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Canton's top doubles team of Matt Schmidt and Brian Balfour rallied from a 2-6 first set to sweep the next two from Ryan Stewart and Mark Lister, 6-4, 6-4. The No. 2 doubles team of Kevin Nuttal and Adam Landy took twin 6-4 sets from West-

ern's David Pham and Mike Jones.

At No. 2 singles, Canton's Chris Foss lost to Walled Lake Western's Chris Chou, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

In doubles, the Chiefs' team of Chris Stupek and Mike Han were taken, 6-0, 6-2, by the Warriors' Mike Bloom and Robert Savich while the No. 4 team of Evan Alexander and Sam Harpis lost, 6-2, 6-3, to Walled Lake Western's team of Neil Pithadia and Greg Nagel.

Madonna divides 2 twinbills

The trip to Angola, Ind., Tuesday to play the Tri-State University Thunder resulted in something Madonna Thunders' baseball team is getting quite used to — a split in their double-header.

The Fighting Crusaders won the first game in lopsided fashion, pounding out a 12-0 victory in five innings. The second game was a turnaround with Tri-State edging Madonna, 3-2.

The split left Madonna with a 19-9-1 overall record, 8-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Tri-State is 12-12 overall, 2-5 in the WHAC.

Mitch Jabczynski tossed a five-inning one-hitter in the opener; he did not walk a batter and struck out four. Roy Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson) and Derrick Wolfe each slugged home runs as Madonna struck for 11 runs in the fifth inning. Rabe drove in three runs. Wolfe's homer was a solo.

Todd Miller (Farmington/Birmingham Brother Rice) had two hits (including a double) and four RBI and Dave Kwiatkowski (Plymouth Canton) had two hits.

In the second game, the Crusaders took a 2-1 lead with a run in the top of the sixth inning, but a two-run home run by Dustin Strickler in the bottom half of the inning gave Tri-State the win.

Jason Worrell pitched the first five innings, allowing two runs on six hits and

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three walks, to earn the win. Eric Williamson took the loss for Madonna; he pitched six innings, giving up three earned runs on eight hits and no walks, striking out three.

Crusaders, Tech split

Madonna University overcame a poor start to overtake Indiana Tech and post a 6-5 victory in a WHAC game Sunday at Livonia's Madonna Park.

The Fighting Crusaders didn't have as much success in the second game of the double-header, losing 12-9. Tech was 17-10 overall, 6-2 (and in first place) in the WHAC through Sunday.

The architect for Madonna's win in the opener was relief pitcher James O'Connor (from Redford Catholic Central), who went to the mound with two out in the second inning after starter Ryan Andzrejewski was tagged for five hits and five runs (four earned).

O'Connor (1-2 for the season) tossed 5 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, surrendering just three hits and two walks while striking out two.

The Crusaders got two runs back in the second inning, then narrowed the gap to 5-4

with a two-run fourth. In the bottom of the sixth, Todd Miller slapped a two-run single that proved to be the game-winning hit for Madonna.

Derrick Wolfe had three hits in the game for the Crusaders, including a home run, and drove in two runs—Miller had two hits and two RBI, and Dave Kwiatkowski had a hit and an RBI.

Brian Laney (3-3) took the loss for Tech.

In the second game, Madonna's pitching and defense again proved inadequate as Tech scored six times in the opening inning, then overcame a Madonna rally by pushing across three runs in the seventh to break a 9-9 tie.

Eric Williamson started and was hit hard, giving up seven runs (three earned) on seven hits and a walk in 1 1/3 innings. He was followed by the mound by Jeremy Stevens (five innings, three runs on five hits, four strikeouts) and Wolfe (2/3 of an inning, two runs on three hits and a walk); Stevens took the loss (4-1).

Madonna scored four times in the first and added four more to tie it in the sixth. Roy Rabe (Livonia Stevenson) led the Crusader offense with two hits and three RBI. Jason Brooks had two hits and two RBI.

Madonna committed three errors in the game, which led to four unearned runs.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Cheerleading

A mandatory informational meeting for those interested in joining the 2000-2001 Plymouth Canton HS cheerleading team is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in the Canton HS cafeteria. Parents are asked to attend, too.

Tryouts for the Canton HS cheerleading team will be 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 4 at the Canton HS gym. All those interested are welcome; please bring completed paperwork and a current report card.

Softball clinic

The Plymouth Canton HS softball team is sponsoring a softball clinic from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at the Canton softball diamond.

The clinic, which will be conducted by Canton players and coaches, is for those seven and older. Cost is \$25; with T-shirt, it's \$32.

Throwing techniques, fielding techniques (infield and outfield), hitting and bunting techniques, base-running and sliding and other practice drills will be the focus of the clinic. Those taking part should show up at 11:45 a.m. and should bring glove, and wear workout clothes and athletic shoes or cleats.

Registration is limited; early sign-ups are encouraged. Call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 to register or for more information.

Women's golf

A women's golf league is forming at Hilltop Golf Course, starting May 4. The league will play at 8 a.m. Thursday

mornings.

Those interested should call Liz at (734) 397-1212.

•Beginning golf lessons/clinics for ladies are scheduled for May 9, 16 and 23 at Pleasant Run Golf Club. The lessons/clinics will be conducted by Dave Horstman, a PGA professional, and his staff.

•Sessions available are 10-11:30 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person.

•The three sessions include instruction in chipping, putting, sand shots, iron play, wood play and golf course management.

•The lessons/clinics are being conducted through Canton Parks and Recreation Services; there are no residency requirements. Canton residents may begin registering today, from 6-7:30 p.m.; non-residents may begin registering April 18, from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Register at the Parks and Recreation offices, located at 46000 Sammit in Canton.

•Registration deadline is May 5. For more information, call (734) 397-5110.

Cruisers sign-up

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Club will have registration from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 18 in the main hall outside of the Plymouth Salem pool.

Registration will be for kids six and over, from beginners to advanced. They will also be registering Masters swimmers (18 and over).

For more information, contact Janice Derian at (734) 455-3103, or under-18 coach Leslie Greenlesen at (734) 207-7708, or Masters coach Sarah Eubanks at (734) 207-0883.

Soccer

The Chiefs' defense seemed sturdier, too, with Abi Morrell moving from the midfield back to sweeper in place of Jessica Palis, who was hampered by an injury.

With 9:02 remaining in the opening half, Beth Sandusky started a counter down the left wing for the Chiefs, pushing the ball forward to Erica Ahrens. Ahrens knocked the ball into the middle to Anne Morrell, and she outmaneuvered two Stevenson defenders to score, giving the Chiefs a 1-0 lead.

The momentum continued to sway towards Canton, but that changed in a 34-second span. Abi Morrell was issued a yellow card with 5:09 left in the half, and with 4:35 remaining Anne Morrell also got a yellow. Both went to the sidelines for the mandatory 10 minutes.

Which enabled the Spartans to reassemble control. "When (Canton) got that goal, it took a little wind out of our sails," said Kimble. The two yellows against the Chiefs helped Stevenson find their course.

But try as they will, the Spartans couldn't put a ball past Canton keeper Amy Dorogi. Four times shots went off the football goalpost above the Chiefs' net, and countless others went just wide or high.

The Morrells were both back in the game with 33 minutes to play, and more offensive opportunities were beginning to appear for the Chiefs. But once again, the official's call gave Stevenson a boost.

Play had been rough throughout, and warnings had been issued. Already Gussick had been knocked down and hobbled, and defender Cheryl Fox — who had been marking Anne Morrell — was forced out of the game with an ankle injury.

When Canton midfielder Janine Guastella knocked down another Spartan player, she was immediately red-carded, forcing the Chiefs to play short a player for the final 12:20.

Stevenson was in command throughout that stretch, and

SPORTS EVENTS

Sports auction

The Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine will hold a celebrity sports-auction Friday, April 14 at the Marriott Eagle Crest Conference Resort in Ypsilanti (1275 S. Huron St.). The three-hour event begins at 7:00 p.m.

Radio personality Dick Purtan and former NBA and University of Michigan standout Tim McCormick will be the host auctioneers. They will be auctioning off various sports memorabilia signed by the likes of Arnold Palmer, Gordie Howe, Walter Payton, Grant Hill, Brett Favre, Mia Hamm, Wayne Gretzky and John Elway, as well as a host of Red Wings and Tigers.

The wide variety of signed items include photographs, jerseys, hockey sticks and pucks, balls, helmets and NASCAR car pieces.

In addition a Mickey Mantle autographed jersey, as well as a Las Vegas trip and jewelry will be raffled off.

Admission to the event is \$10. Proceeds benefit a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health care containment.

For more information call (734) 424-1706.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Ross, 30251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7278.

Salem blanks John Glenn

A tough defense and a relentless offense propelled Plymouth Salem to a 3-0 triumph over Westland John Glenn in a WLA girls soccer match Monday at Salem.

The win was the fourth-straight for the Rocks, who have allowed just one goal this far this season. The victory was also their first in WLA's Lakes Division play.

The Rockets fell to 2-2 overall, 0-2 in the Lakes.

Salem led by a 1-0 margin at the half, getting a goal from Kellee Mullin. Christen Shull, who filled positions all over the field, made it 2-0 in the second half.

Jami Coyle closed out the scoring for the Rocks.

Jill Dombrowski started in goal for Salem.

Shull, who has committed to attend Madonna University in the fall, has played defense throughout her varsity career at Salem, but Rocks' first-year coach Joe Nora used her at sweeper, center midfield and forward against the Rockets.

"Her knowledge of the game is awesome," said Nora, acknowledging it was an experiment that may be repeated in the season ahead.

Editor's note: Canton's game against Troy and Salem's game against Troy Athens, both scheduled for last Saturday, were cancelled due to inclement weather.

The Salem-at-Troy Athens match has been rescheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 20. The Troy-at-Canton match has not yet been rescheduled.



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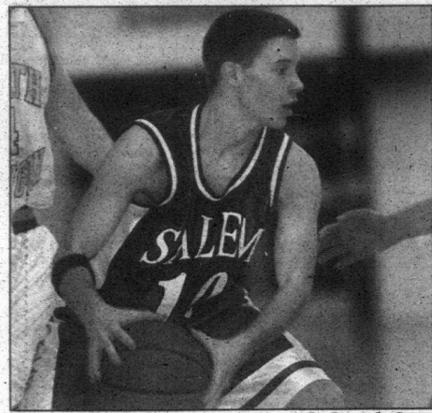
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Former sharpshooter: Adam Wilson was a strong shooting guard for Salem last season.

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know it and the coaches know it." "The first couple of days," Gray said, "just being around them, hearing them talk, going into the locker room with them, was just kind of surreal."

"All of a sudden you're talking to them about classes, getting rides home with them, things like that. They understood how much we put into it. They appreciated it. There were some great moments."

Both were logging as much as 30 hours a week, in addition to classes, studying, eating and sleeping. Really put a crimp in their studies, too. Wilson pulled a 4.0 in computer engineering and Gray made the honor roll in his advance to becoming a teacher and coach.

"We told him," said his father, Rick, "You can only do this if you can keep this up. He has."

Once selected from the field of 20, Wilson went right to the basketball office last August and Izzo put him to work addressing letters to recruits and stuffing envelopes. Jake's father, Bill, has an extensive AAU coaching background and helped his son. An older brother, Nate, also went to Michigan State.

"There were lots of connections," Bill Gray said. "Nate and Lorenzo (Guess, from Wayne Memorial) played on the same AAU team."

Tom Williams, a former coach and teacher of Gray's, also has a daughter who's a secretary at Michigan State and Gray tapped that connection when he wrote a letter to Izzo last summer asking if he could be a student manager. Izzo replied immediately; after surviving the cut, Gray got right to work.

"One of our main jobs," Wilson said, "was breaking down films of our opponents. There were eight managers and we each were assigned three teams. I had Wisconsin, Connecticut and Michigan State; yes, Michigan State. I had to break our tapes down just like I would an opponent."

Pretty tedious stuff, because the manager would run the game tape, then dub either offense or defense (or both) on a different tape (or two).

"Each manager also had his own little job," Wilson said. "One had to do a team or individual goal board. Then you print out statistics of the players' last five games — shooting, rebounding, steals."

"That's a lot of late nights and early mornings," Gray said. "I recorded the game of the other Big Ten teams in the (Big Ten) tournament. To have the scouting reports ready."

The closeness of the people involved in the Michigan State basketball program was not lost on Rick Wilson. Adam's father and Salem golf coach and assistant basketball coach to Bob Brodie.

"My wife and I were invited up to the banquet after (the Big Ten tournament in) Chicago," Rick Wilson said. "Izzo treats

everybody in that program like family." "We took him back to the dorm after the banquet around 11 p.m. He said, 'Would you mind dropping me off at Breslin?' They were already working on that first round NCAA game. He ran tape until 4 a.m. — and he had an 8 o'clock class in the morning."

"I'm just amazed by Izzo. He truly is a family guy. I'm just so impressed with that program. I was watching a practice once and they did a drill. I asked him about it and he spent 10 minutes explaining how they did it and why they did it. He didn't have to do that, but he did."

Neither Wilson nor Gray went to Cleveland for the first round NCAA game. Wilson had an 8 a.m. exam while Gray had a previous commitment. That doesn't mean they weren't involved, however.

"I was ready to go to bed because I had that test," Wilson said, "when my roommate said I had a phone call. It was the senior manager. They needed someone to fax them a copy of the tape inventory."

So there goes Wilson, running over to Breslin in a pouring spring rain, only to find the doors were locked.

"I had to find an employee to unlock the doors for me," he said. "And I didn't even know how to use a fax machine. Got in, learned how to do it and got out real quick. It was a pain, but it needed to be done."

"We knew from the beginning we'd be going to the Big Ten tournament, Auburn Hills and Indianapolis," Gray said. "That was one of the real big perks. You don't get paid, you know."

"We got to eat with the team and every game Izzo would give a speech. He was great at it, real inspiring. He motivates you."

Added Wilson: "He's a really nice guy. He's very down to earth. He talks with the players, managers, everybody on the staff."

"Practice is a different story. He's really intense. But he's not mean. He tells the players how it is and gets them to play really hard."

Being on site when Michigan State defeated Florida in the NCAA championship game "was unreal, they agreed. So was participating in the parade that followed in Lansing and East Lansing."

"That was great," Gray said. "The managers got to ride in their own Hummer, right in front of the team."

"I don't think he regrets not pursuing golf," Rick Wilson said. "I was pleased he was around a quality program, the discipline there, the direction."

"I wasn't quite sure if I would

make the (golf) team or not," said Adam, who initially was going to try to walk on. "I thought I had a better chance of being a manager on the basketball team."

"I had to pick between the two. The way it turned out, I'm happy I did it. "All the players were pretty nice. They talk to us. They're pretty cool. I got to know the younger guys, the freshmen and walk-ons, a lot better than Mateen and Morris."

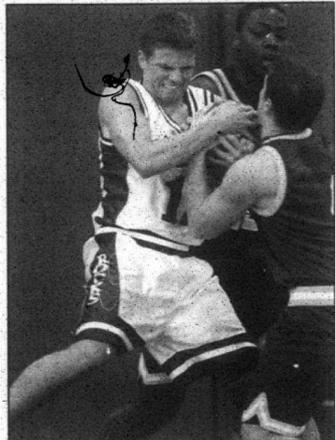
One of Wilson's favorite memories came in Chicago, when one of his compatriots took on Charlie Bell in a computer basketball game — and beat him.

"All the players were hooting on him for it," Wilson said.

Gray and Wilson didn't give up basketball completely. Michigan State has a strong intramural athletic program and the two Salem stars rounded up two of their former teammates, Rob Jones and Aaron Rypkowski, to form the backbone of an IM squad that went undefeated in its league before getting ousted in the second round of the playoffs.

"The way we got treated was just unbelievable," Gray said. "It was just first class."

And further proof that not all of the learning at the university takes place in the classroom.



Hard-nosed mentality: Jake Gray (in white), like many of his teammates, was a determined competitor.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday, April 13
Redford CC at G.P. South, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Agate, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 14
W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Churchil, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
PCA at Franklin Road, 11:30 a.m.
Redford CC at Salem, noon
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 13
John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Agate, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 14
Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Salem at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
Salem, Canton at Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.
Huron Tournament, TBA.
(all double-headers)
PCA at Franklin Road, 11:30 a.m.
BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 13
Canton at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Salem, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 14
Salem at Mansfield Relays, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
Salem, Canton at Elks Relays, 11 a.m.
PCA at Clinton, TBA.
TBA — time to be announced.

(all double-headers)
Friday, April 14
Madonna at Tiffin (Ohio), 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.
Friday, April 14
Madonna at Siena Heights, 4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, April 15-16
St. Francis (Ill.) Tourney, TBA.
TBA — time to be announced.
Sunday, April 16
Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
(all double-headers)
Friday, April 14
Canton at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.
Salem at Salem, 12:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

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said DeBoer of Windsor's effort. "That's what they wanted to do." And the Spits are still in it, with Game Four slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday in Windsor.

Windsor 2, Plymouth 1: The Whalers five-game playoff winning streak came to an end Monday, thanks to a hot goalie.

Mike Leighton turned away 26 of 27 shots in leading the Spittires to a home-ice victory Monday that evened the best-of-seven series at one-game apiece.

All the scoring came in the second period. Windsor opened up a two-goal lead in a span of 1:04, getting scores from Curtis Watson and Vince Grant at 3:49 and 4:53 of the period, respectively.

The Whalers pulled to within a goal

when Kris Venarsky got a short-handed marker with 4:11 left in the period. However, Plymouth couldn't solve Leighton again. Rob Zepf was in goal for the Whalers, stopping 16 of 18 shots.

What was different in this victory was who scored goals. In the series against Guelph, the bulk of the scoring came from Justin Williams and Stephen Weiss. In this game, that tandem accounted for one assist each.

Not that it mattered. Shaun Fisher scored the first of four first-period Whaler goals, a power-play marker 5:12 into the game. Tomas Kurka, Damian Surma and Stephen Morris followed with goals in that period.

George Nistas got a goal in the second period and Cole Jarrett added one in the third to cap the victory. Nistas and Randy Fitzgerald each had two assists in the game.

Zepf stopped 25 shots in the game to earn the victory, his fourth in a row.

Whalers 6, Spittires 0: This time, everyone was getting into the act.

The Whalers turned their slow start in the playoffs — two-straight losses to Guelph in the first round — into a wake-up call. They scored eight unanswered goals in Game Three against Guelph and haven't let up since.

Plymouth's fifth-straight playoff win came in Saturday's OHL Western Conference semifinal opener against the Windsor Spittires. Six different Whalers scored goals and Rob Zepf earned his second shutout of these playoffs in the 6-0 triumph.

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BASS TOURNAMENT

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

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

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HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

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COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

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PERMITS

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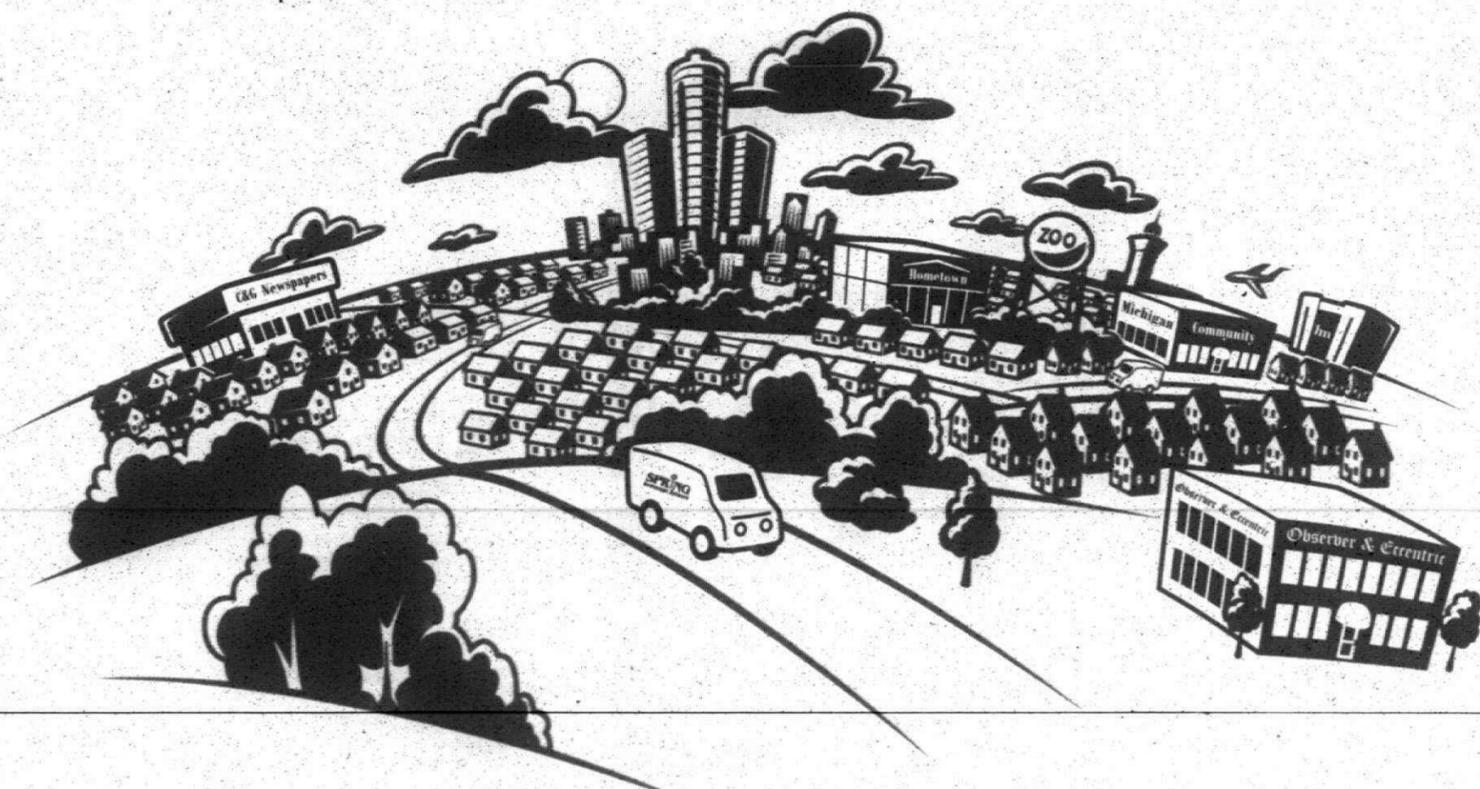
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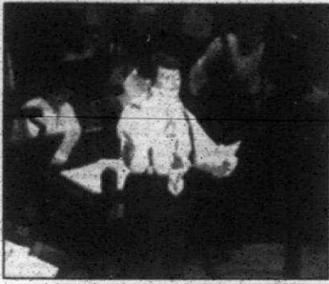
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THE WEEKEND

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SATURDAY



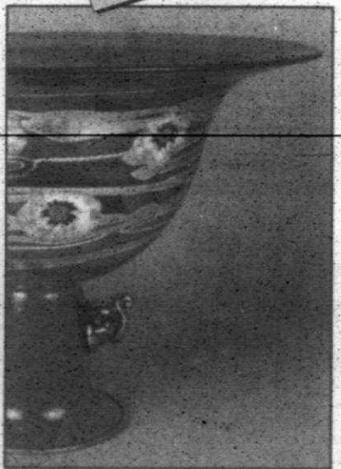
Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, presents "The Red Balloon," featuring Visible Fictions, an award-winning company from Scotland, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.

SUNDAY



Michigan State University alumnus Henry Butler will join other boogie woogie blues artists including Ray Bryant and Bob Seeley for Mr. B's Third Annual Blues and Boogie Piano Orgy, 7:30 p.m. at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$25, call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-8587.

HOT TICKET



Hot Ticket: This bowl created by Pennsylvania glass artisan Herb Thomas is just one example of the works of art 350 fine artists and craft designers will be displaying and selling at the sixth annual Sugarloaf Art Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 14-16 at the Novi Expo Center. Adult admission \$6, children under age 12 and parking are free. For more information, call (800) 210-9900.



BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Nothing about The Suicide Machines is quite as it seems.

Waiting around a Royal Oak coffee shop, three quarters of the ska-punk band that's gone from seedy area clubs to MTV and a national tour with No Doubt could've copped a rock star attitude. But singer Jason Navarro, bassist Royce Nunley and drummer Ryan Vandenberghe didn't.

The band's popular single from the self-titled album on Hollywood Records, "Sometimes I Don't Mind" could've been about a girl — but it wasn't.

Who: The Suicide Machines with guests Antiflag, Piffers and Bump-n-Uglies

What: Return for a hometown show

When: 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22

Where: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets: \$10. All ages welcome. Call (248) 645-6666 or check online at www.ticketmaster.com

We're the big maama jmmas of rock and roll.

All mamma jmmas aside, The Suicide Machines are garnering national attention

Instead it's an ode to Royce Nunley's favorite pooch. His name's Chewy, and he's a bonafide star. Who would've guessed a warm, fuzzy, ultra-catchy tune like "Sometimes" could tilt the scales toward rock stardom? But it has. And Redford native Royce Nunley, who penned the song, isn't shy about it: "I think we're definitely on top of the food chain."

What's in your CD player?

Before heading out on tour *The Suicide Machines* were listening to...

Jason Navarro: Das Efx (hip hop)

Royce Nunley: Apocalypse Hoboken (ska-punk)

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'Cabaret' more slap than tickle

BY ALICE RHEIN
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Put down the knitting, the book and the broom. If you plan on coming to the "Cabaret" at the Fisher Theatre, expect it to be racier, raunchier and — dare we say — sexier than anything the 1972 movie could conjure.

While Liza Minnelli's vehicle to superstardom carried a certain amount of hopeful charm, this "Cabaret" is darker and seedier. The Kit Kat Klub girls are worn, their stockings torn, their lives forlorn.

"It's still slap and tickle, but with a lot more slap," said London actor Jon Peterson, who plays the diabolically seductive Emcee.

One of the main differences between the Tony Award-winning "Cabaret" revival and the Bob Fosse movie is that this production deals head-on with the subjects of Fascism and sexuality. In the movie, these were far more symbolic.

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"In the movie, they never got into the details of the persecuted ones and the misfits. This goes into more detail, you empathize with the characters, which makes it more real," said Peterson, who is finishing up production in New Orleans before the company heads to Detroit for a five-week stint beginning Tuesday, April 18.

Lea Thompson, of "Caroline in the City" and Michael J. Fox's mom in "Back to the Future," plays Sally Bowles, the English party girl whose life is one heart-breaking experiment after another.

If it's hard to imagine the perky Chevrolet pitch-girl as the sassy leather-clad temptress, Peterson says that's where true-acting talent comes in.

"She's shined a new light on areas of the play that many of us had never thought about. She makes it easier to see the subtext of her character," he said. "That's what a real actress does."

Director Sam Mendes ("American Beauty") originated the revival of the 1966 Broadway musical at London's Donmar Warehouse in 1993.

It traveled to New York and quickly played to sold-out houses at Xenon and later, Studio 54, two former discos which were transformed into the Berlin club, complete with cabaret-style seating.

Though the Fisher doesn't allow

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- What:** "Cabaret," the musical revival
- Where:** Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit
- When:** Tuesday, April 18 to Sunday, May 14
- Tickets:** \$35-\$65 for Friday and Saturday evening performances; \$35-\$62 for Saturday and Sunday matinees, and \$33-\$59 for Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday evening performances. A special preview is Tuesday, April 18 with tickets priced from \$23-\$49. Tickets may be purchased at the Fisher Theatre box office and all TicketMaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666. For additional information, call (313) 872-1000.

YOUTH THEATER

Tinderbox delights audiences with musical version of Shirley Temple movie

What: Tinderbox Productions presents "A Little Princess," the musical version of "The Little Princess" movie starring Shirley Temple

When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16

Where: Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit

Tickets: \$7-\$12. Call (313) 535-8962

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Jennifer Schmidt isn't really nervous about following in Shirley Temple's footsteps. The Redford teen has been acting and singing for five years with the Michigan Opera Theatre and Tinderbox Productions. This weekend she takes the stage in the lead role of "A Little Princess," the musical version of "The Little Princess" movie which starred Shirley Temple.

Elizabeth Bezerko of Farmington Hills is Becky, the servant girl. Set in Victorian England, the play evolves around the students at Miss Minchin's Select Seminary for Young Ladies in London.

"Sara's really nice," said Schmidt, an honors student at Pierce Middle School in Redford. "Her daddy's in India. When he dies they keep her on, as a charity case but

there's a happy ending. She reclaims her fortune and takes in Becky.

"The most difficult part is the English accent. It's difficult to perfect because the American comes out."

Sara Crew (the little princess) is a stark contrast to Schmidt's last role in the Tinderbox production of "Annie" in March.

"Pepper's the mean orphan in 'Annie,'" said Schmidt. "It's hard because they're so different. Sara's dad gave her the nickname the little princess because she's so sweet. Lavinia (Becky Roberts of Livonia) is mean and doesn't like Sara. She's just as I was as Pepper in 'Annie.'"

Rehearsals began in February for the 32 cast members in the Tinderbox production directed by Nancy Florkowski of Redford. Nearly every night of the week-Schmidt is



Little princess: Jennifer Schmidt plays Sara Crew in the Tinderbox production at Masonic Temple.

Please see **TINDERBOX**, E2

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Life is a ...: Jon Peterson stars as the Emcee in a scene from Kander and Ebb's Cabaret, opening Tuesday at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

for the intimacy of these venues, far as the staging, we've spread Peterson claims it plays just as well in large concert halls. "As they prefer it this way," he said.



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JOHNNY BUZZARDO

Hey, Punk! The Suicide Machines, Ryan Vandenberg, Royce Nunley, Jason Navarro and Dan Lukacinsky, rock right back into town, Saturday, April 22.

their 1996 debut "Destruction By Definition." New songs like the furiously-paced "Too Many Words" and "Green" have unforgettable hooks, the kind that weave and wind through your head hours after the CD player is shut off.

There are even a few ballads tossed into the mix, the kind that'll make girls in the audience blush and swoon. Guitarist and Farmington Hills resident Dan Lukacinsky penned "Extraordinary," but his band mates said he's the "furstest thing from a romantic." That's debatable when listening to the ballad, with its dreamy lyrics about a boy and girl chasing each other around on a sunny day in the park — not your usual raucous, rebellious punk trivia, but it'll do.

Nunley admitted he was surprised to see the song at first. When he asked Dan where it came from, his bandmate supposedly replied "It's just a fictional girl song."

"Sometimes I Don't Mind" starts out like a "fictional girl song," but it's a true love song about a dog. Navarro said, "I think it's about time an animal had its own song." While Chewy's been immortalized in song, Nunley didn't plan on taking his furry pal on the road with the band. "It's not a good place for an animal," Chewy did make a public appearance at the band's record release party at Royal Oak's Fifth Avenue Billiards Feb. 22, so no one knows if he'll make it to the State Theatre show.

Where would these three Suicide Machines be if they weren't touring in a punk rock band? Royce Nunley said he'd be in college trying to get a degree in music. Ryan Vandenberghe claims he would still be working at the Family Buggy restaurant in Rochester and probably playing in bands. Jason Navarro is sure he'd be manager of Value Village by now.

At least, sometimes, the machines probably don't mind playing music instead.

and guess what? For once it's about punk decadence and rock and roll, rather than hip hop. "I think if anything, we're bringing attention to a different genre," said Jason Navarro. "It is Detroit Rock City after all."

The band mates live all over the metro area. "A lot of people think we're from California and that sucks," said Navarro, a Livonia native and Berkley resident.

Vandenberghe, a Rochester Adams High School graduate, agreed: "They don't think anything good can come from Detroit."

But the image is slowly changing, thanks to bands like The Suicide Machines — who got started in the Livonia area in 1991.

"It's your home, you should be proud of wherever you have lived," said Navarro. "You grow up somewhere and you love it."

While out on tour — both headlining and performing an opening stint for several No Doubt shows — the band will miss some of the staples they take for granted at home. Nunley won't be snowboarding nearly enough, or playing video games for that matter. Navarro said he'll miss some of his

favorite restaurants, like Cafe 317. And Vandenberghe will miss just hanging out with his friends from his hometown, Rochester Hills.

But they all agreed snagging a quick tour with No Doubt is a good change from usual life on the road. While the Machines are used to the ups and downs of traveling — being far from family and friends, leaving that famed pup behind, and doing what three out of four Suicide Machines dread most, flying — it's all worth it to get out and play.

"It's cool being on tour," said Vandenberghe. "It's better than working 8-10 hours a day."

And traveling has its perks. Las Vegas is one stop the boys were looking forward to before they left. "Last time we were there, I wasn't 21," said Vandenberghe, a reminder of how early stardom has struck for this band.

With the release of "The Suicide Machines," the band is poised to explode onto the national spotlight. Though it only took one month to record, the CD is a departure from the raw punk vibe that drove the likes of "Battle Hymns" and

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rehearsing for "A Little Princess or Tosca," or both. The Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Tosca" opens Saturday, May 6.

"I like Tinderbox productions because of the musical theater and it has dancing," said Schmidt. "We have a lot of fun. My favorite songs are 'Every Little Girl can be a Princess,' which Sara sings to the girls at the school, and 'The Best Gift of All' (The Papa Song) because it's Sara's birthday and she misses her father. The best gift of all would be to be with him. I get to put a lot of emotion in it and put my all in it."

Family affair

Schmidt comes from a musical family so it doesn't seem unusual that younger sister Katie is playing one of the school girls in "A Little Princess." Her father, Raymond, is choir director at Pierce Middle School and organist/children's choir director at St. Aidan Church in Livonia. Mother Michele is a former organist at St. John Bosco in Redford. Schmidt studied dance at Miss Harriet's in Livonia and then at Milligan School of Ballet in Dearborn Heights. Among her Michigan Opera Theatre credits

are the productions of "Werther," "Carmina Burana," "Turandot," and "La Boheme."

"I could sing before I could talk," said Schmidt. "In third grade I was introduced to Nancy Florkowski, the founder and director of Redford Youth Theatre/Tinderbox Productions and began taking improvisational classes on Saturdays. She encouraged me to try out for the Michigan Opera Theatre."

Busy schedule

In addition to rehearsing for two productions and singing in the Honors choir at school and the children's choir at St. Aidan, Schmidt is on the track team at Pierce. But she is planning to slow down after the Tinderbox and Michigan Opera Theatre's seasons end. Schmidt, who started playing oboe in fifth grade, attended the University of Michigan Summer Institute for choir and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for oboe last summer. This summer she'll attend only one of the camps. Her mother, for one, is glad she's taking a break.

While Michele enjoyed watching Shirley Temple in the movie version when she was Jennifer's

age, she's certain that her daughter will be every bit as good in the part. Don't get her wrong — Michele isn't a stage mother. She doesn't push Jennifer into every production in the area even though she proudly states that Jennifer was singing Disney songs when she wasn't even two-years-old.

"She had the opportunity to perform in 'Der Rosenkavalier' with Michigan Opera Theatre (April 15-30) but I thought it would be too much for her to be rehearsing three productions even though it's a thrill seeing her up on stage."

The scrap book Michele's been keeping of Jennifer's acting and singing achievements reflects the pride beaming from her face. In 1996, Schmidt was in the children's chorus of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" with Denny O'Connell. There is a photograph of the two together, cheek to cheek, that Michele especially treasures.

"Joseph" was the most fun and I got to dance a lot," said Schmidt. "But I don't want to be on Broadway. I want to be a Pop singer or an actor in the movies."

Talented cast delivers 'Godspell's' uplifting message

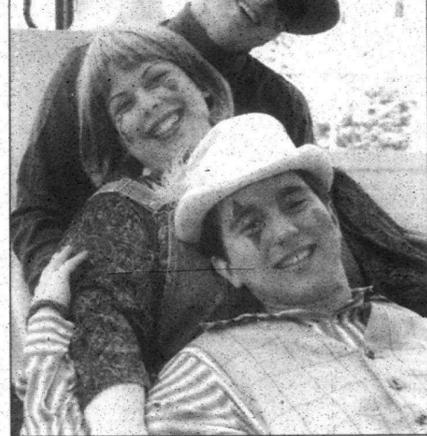
The Honstelle, Wayne State's undergraduate theater company, presents Stephen Schwartz's musical, "Godspell" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16. Tickets \$10 to \$13. The Honstelle Theatre is located at 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHTYA SPECIAL WRITER

Wayne State's undergraduate Honstelle Theatre Company presents the upbeat and uplifting musical "Godspell," which follows the story of Christ and His Apostles as described in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

The imaginative and creative cast, while enthusiastic, seemed to have a collective energy deficit opening night, Friday, April 7. And while they sang well as an ensemble, with a few exceptions they lacked the individual strength demanded by the vocal solos.

The show also had less movement and choreography than one would expect from such a joyful and high-energy score. However, the ensemble captured the spirit of St. Matthew's gospel and spread the Word with contagious enthusiasm well-received by the



Talented cast: Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington (from top to bottom), Suzie Gouine of Ferndale, and Jason Smith of Garden City sing, dance, romp and play their way through the teachings of the Gospel of Matthew in "Godspell."

Except for the black clad mimes, the cast wore colorful, whimsical street-clothes. Jesus' shirt bore two significant symbols: a three-pronged flame-like design on his shirtfront, reminiscent of the Trinity, with the Christian fish symbol of spiritual love on his back.

Set

The set was an ordinary playground dominated by two large telephone poles with tires placed to symbolize the crosses on Calvary. The cast used every part of the playscape while acting out Christ's parables: the monkey bars became a prison, the ramps separated the sheep from the goats, and the multi-level platforms enhanced the visual drama of the fast-paced scenes.

Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington, who played Christ, assumed a quiet and calm yet strong presence. His appearance was understated and bookish, yet his

strength showed in the conviction and intensity of belief he projected throughout his strong performance.

The opening song, "Prepare Ye," was performed with very little movement; the director lost the opportunity to infuse the production with youthful zest and energy in the first scene. There was a surprising lack of choreography throughout the show, with "Bless The Lord My Soul" and "We Beseech Thee" being the notable exceptions.

The Honstelle Company used three talented mimes, Jim Flannery, Kathy Harr and Kevin Hentkowski to enhance the parable telling. And although the three voices strengthened the group's ensemble numbers, mime purists would object to the trio bursting into song.

Suzie Gouine was a standout as she delivered a strong rendition of "Learn Your Lessons Well," followed by Kelly Rossi's well-rendered performance of

"Bless The Lord, My Soul." D.J. Oliver lacked the strength to hit a home run with "All Good Gifts," a song that could have won him the house.

"All For The Best" became a creative duel between Jesus and Judas, played by Jason Smith of Garden City. The mimes added to the song's visual presentation. O'Reilly and Smith effectively captured the edginess of the song often overlooked by other companies, foreshadowing Judas' betrayal of Christ.

The cast's imagination and

creativity was further showcased with their funny mugging during "Light of the World."

The lighting crew used vivid background color changes to build the tension during the crucifixion scene, as red washed into deep purple. The sound system ran into some major static problems with a microphone during the vampish number "Turn Back, Oh Man."

All ages will enjoy the uplifting message of "Godspell."

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CENTURY THEATRE: "Always...Patsy Cline" continues to Aug. 27, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800/(248) 645-6666

FISHER THEATRE: "Cabaret" opens Tuesday, April 18 and continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Crimes of the Heart" opens Wednesday, April 19, continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "Penious Times" Tuesday-Friday, April 18-21, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$21.50-\$30. (313) 963-2366

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Wuthering Heights," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

UD MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trip," continues to April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10. \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

WSU BONSTELLE: "Goodspell" continues to Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERY: "The Marriage of Figaro" opens Friday, April 21 and runs in rotating repertory to Saturday, May 20. "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO: "All in the Timing," David Ives six one-act comedies, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the theater, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

EMPATHETHEATRE: "Money, Money, Money" 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$12. \$8 seniors/students. (734) 913-9733

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; and 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13. Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Old Redford area of Detroit. \$13. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Presents "A Little Princess" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit (park in back of facility, use rear entrance). \$7-\$12. (313) 538-8962

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" continues to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

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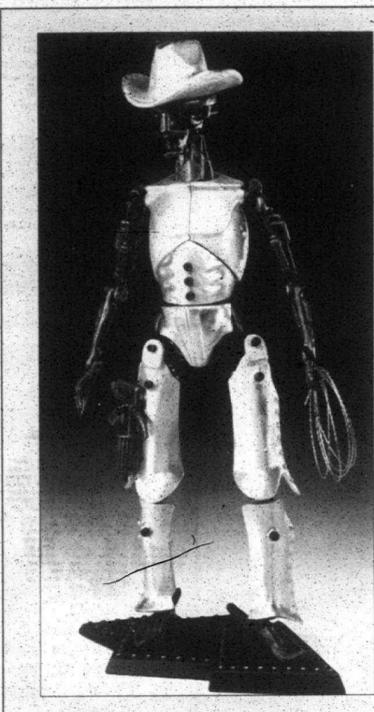
BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday); and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Presents a spring concert with guest singers Churchill Hill School's Chorale, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. Free. (734) 425-7429

MARQUEE THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, 2 and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

YOUTH THEATRE AT MUSIC HALL: "The Red Balloon" presented by Visible Figures 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Art show: You can always find something unusual at the Sugarloaf Art Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, at the Novi Expo Center. Among the 350 artisans displaying and selling their work will be Michigan artist Scott Nelles, whose cast brass and aluminum Cowboy of the Future is pictured here. Adult admission is \$6; children under age 12 and parking are free. To get to the Novi Expo Center, take I-96 to Exit 162, travel south on Novi Road and turn right at Expo Center Drive. The Novi Expo Center is one block farther on the right. Call (800) 210-9900 for more information, or online at www.sugarloafrts.com

Saturday, April 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$8 advance; \$9 at door. Recommended for families with children ages 3 and older. Pre-Show Playshop, a hands-on workshop that explores creative dramatics will be offered prior to the Saturday morning performance. The workshop is priced separately at \$8. Reservations can be made with the Music Hall Box Office when purchasing tickets. (313) 963-2366

BENEFITS

ART FOR A CAUSE: Auction to benefit FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13—original Erte print, Fred Bear painting from the Fred Bear Museum in Florida, fine jewelry from Joseph DuMouchelle Fine & Estate Jewelers, Harbor Springs vacation including Boyne golf, and whimsical hand-painted furniture by Birmingham artist Lisa Knoppe-Reed, music by Alexander Zonic, at the Community House, Birmingham. \$50. Reservations necessary. Call (248) 540-4755

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: "Celebrate the Dance," 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, silent and live auctions, formal dinner, and performance by ensemble members, at the Community House, Birmingham. \$75, \$125, \$200. (248) 362-9329

POP FOR ART: Winefest to benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, Saturday, April 15, in eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott. (734) 994-8004, ext. 106

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II: Honors two women who helped open the doors of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit—Alyce Faye and Linda Kozlowski. Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Event features a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, silent auction and strolling support. Gene Taylor of Odies 104.3 WOMC will emcee. (248) 577-0800.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUES LIVE: John Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3, 7 Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50. Includes notebook and crayon. (248) 433-1515

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 11 a.m. Palm-Sunday, April 16 and 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. (734) 455-0022

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Wild, Wild West," 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$8-\$31. (313) 576-5111

MR. BUNNY EGGS HUNT: Noon Saturday, April 15 at Marzban Park, West Bloomfield, \$7 non-resident. \$5 West Bloomfield resident, and must be purchased by Thursday, April 13. Don't forget to bring your own basket. (248) 738-2500

JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPERS: Kimmie Horn Group, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free.

ROBERT PENN: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 14, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 15, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2105

JOEY DEFRANCESCO TRIO: 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15 at door only. (734) 662-8310

TOMMY FLANAGAN: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$55. (313) 576-5111

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in jazz room, waived with dinner order. \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

WAYNE NEWTON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

PAUL TAYLOR: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. (248) 645-6666

SMOOTH VIBRATIONS & SCOTT REITER QUARTET: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881

TONY PEPPE'S NOIRLEANS SIX: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Steak And Ale, Madison Heights. \$4. (248) 588-4450

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BURSUDA: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

MIGHTY MEATLY SWING KINGS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Owen Lounge, Westland. \$10. Over 21. (734) 513-5030

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: Open auditions for male and female ballet dancers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Ann Parsley School of Dance, Clinton Township. \$10. (810) 286-8300

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "Sylvia" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25 (registration at 6:30 p.m.), at Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances June 16-25. Call (248) 541-4832 for information.

SUMMER SYMPOHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three week-ends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741-9418, general orchestra information. (734) 677-4831

TONY 'N' TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings, to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-5 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 253-8843

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May 5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Loft at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A \$500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up, including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student group project. Call (248) 543-9158 for information.

ORGAN

KEN DOUBLE: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Senate Theatre, Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-4100

JAMES KIBBIE: Bach Recital, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16 (informal talk begins 3:30 p.m.), Blanche Anderson Moore Hall at U-M School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 764-0583

CHORAL

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY CHORAL UNION: Join with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra and Ann Arbor Youth Choral to perform, "St. Matthew Passion," Bach's masterpiece, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$21-\$22. (734) 764-2538/(800) 220-1229

RICHMOND OPERA THEATRE: Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss; opens 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 22 Detroit. (248) 645-2150; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 22 Detroit. (248) 645-2150; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Berkeley Front, Berkeley. (248) 547-3331

COUPLA FAT GUYS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100

DENNIS CYPORINE: 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def. 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-47.50. (248) 433-1515

THORNTON TAVIS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Thursday, April 13, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS: A Musical Journey Through the Golden Age of Radio, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30

DANCE

VAHINI: A classical Indian Ballet, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Lydia Mendelsohn Theater, Ann Arbor. \$5. (313) 763-7375

SWING DANCE WORKSHOP: Dance Gallery Studio, Ann Arbor, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 15. \$35 per couple. (734) 747-8885.

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Nick DiPaolo, also Elliot Branch, Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at the club above Kicker's 13-15, at American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights. 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Joey Koia, Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CAST: Jimmy Paro, also David Bell, Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" returns Wednesday, April 19, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10. Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday, \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, LowerTown Grill, Plymouth, Cover, 21 and over. (734) 451-1213; 9:30 p.m. Chevy Cola, Warren; 3rd Annual Blues Benefit for the Michigan Lupus Foundation, with Mudpuppy Alberta Paul Randolph and Albert Adams and Joe Weaver with RJ Spanglers All Stars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

LORI AMEY: Saturday, April 15, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor. \$7.75 cover. Free. (734) 662-2770

JAMES ARMSTRONG: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

ARONSTON: Friday, April 21, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666

CHICO BANKS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

THE BIHLMAN BROTHERS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BOTTOM: With 500 Ft. of Pipe, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

BRAILHOUSE: With Shipreck Union, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BRAINMUTE: Saturday, April 15, Paychecks, Hamtramck. \$15. (313) 833-9700

JETTISON RED: With The Ottomans, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

MIA JOHNSON AND HOAGY: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013

JO NAB: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011

JUST FOR FUN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 335-2757 (jazz duo)

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Band, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35. (248) 645-6666

KING SUNNY ADE & HIS AFRICAN BEATS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700

KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25: The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$75, \$25. (248) 645-6666

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. \$35. \$25. (248) 645-6666

KUNUMUNDU: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

DANCE

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS: Featuring Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, 6:30 p.m. Friday, August 7, 30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 425-2434

SPRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages. Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 12-13. (313) 317-7474

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART: Annette Lawrence's installation fills the Aps of the museum with wonder, the paper and string work continues through Sunday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. (734) 764-0395

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Taking the ball game, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, family evening of hot dogs, peanuts and Cracker Jack, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. \$5 adults, \$2 kids, under age 10, \$13 family. David Martin, owner of Baseball Productions is the speaker. No reservations, pay at the door. (734) 455-8940

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COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616

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MOVIES

Surround-sound: John Cusack stars in "High Fidelity," a Touchstone Pictures Release.



'High Fidelity' turns up the volume on laughter

By Bob Thomas Associated Press Writer

Los Angeles (AP) - John Cusack is one of the most talented and versatile actors in films today...

Along with wall-to-wall (John) Cusack, the movie has wall-to-wall music, all of it vintage pop. The credits list 61 recorded numbers...

disturb them, the trio spends most of their time discussing esoteric matters of pop-music history.

Cusack is working on a top-five list of another kind, too. After his live-in girlfriend (Iben Hjejle) walks out on him...

work of D.V. DeVincentis, Steve Pink and Scott Rosenberg, all of whom are also listed among the movie's eight producers.

Stephen Frears - director of "Dangerous Liaisons," "The Grifters" and "My Beautiful Laundrette" - seems a natural choice to direct this essentially British story.

But at least there's a reason for "High Fidelity's" hit parade: As the title suggests, music is the film's underlying theme.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table with columns for National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Star Theatres, and other theater listings. Includes showtimes and movie titles like 'High Fidelity', 'The Road to El Dorado', etc.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Table listing upcoming movies and theaters. Includes titles like 'Keeping the Faith', 'El Dorado', 'The Road to El Dorado', 'High Fidelity', etc.

'El Dorado' shines in cleverly-crafted dialogue, action-packed animation

A.P. DreamWorks Pictures poured a lot of big-name talent into the new animated movie 'The Road to El Dorado'...

Duelling fools: Two-bit comen Miguel (Kenneth Branagh) and Tulio (Kevin Kline) stage a duel to escape an angry mob in 'The Road to El Dorado.'

Unbreakable: Nine Inch Nails returns



It's been a while since we've heard from Nine Inch Nails, five long years in fact...

For the first time on an NIN album, there was an opportunity for collaboration. While Reznor and producer/engineer Alan Moulder worked on tracks in the main studio...

The result is a more rugged skeleton of a song. They're not all dressed up with all the intricate bits of candy, described Clouser.

LISTEN UP



Bill Keith's top five local CDs: 1. 'Uncut Detroit 2. Live Blues in the Night' (various artists)...

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Listen: Bill Keith (center) with students Jake Bugeja and Jody Gross.

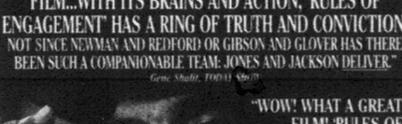
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STREET SCENE



Finding fragility: Nine Inch Nails consists of Robin Finck, Trent Reznor, Charlie Clouser, Danny Lohner and Jerome Dillon.

It's not so much hate, pain and anger. To achieve a sense of fragility, NIN incorporated instruments like cello, ukulele and mandolin...



RELENTLESSLY FUNNY, BONE CRUNCHING COMEDY! 'Ready to Rumble' stars Matt Johnson, Eric Schermerhorn, Earl Harvin, and Rob Cookman.

'BRILLIANT! A MUST-SEE!'

Sandra Bullock in the best performance of her career. 'Lots of Laughs. Sharp enough to see the difference, compassionate enough to care and deft enough to combine humor and heartbreak in just the right doses.'



28 DAYS

STARS FRIDAY, APRIL 14. Sandra Bullock, Vicky Krieps, '28 Days' director, William Hallenbeck, 'The Cinemasters Network'.

DINING

Holy mackerel, church fish fries provide tasty fare

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER
rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net

Holy mackerel! Those wonderful Friday night church fish dinners are coming to an end. Where will we eat so economically when Lent is over?

Once again, the dinners have been extremely popular, with parishes reporting 600-700 people being served each Friday.

There's still time to taste some of the best fried and baked fish in town. With few exceptions, the following Catholic churches plan to feed the fish-loving hungry through Good Friday.

■ **St. Agatha Catholic Church**, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford Township, (313) 531-0371. Time: 3-8 p.m. Menu: Fried fish, \$4.50; shrimp, \$5; baked cod, \$5.50; fisherman's platter, \$6.75; macaroni and cheese, \$3.50; clam chowder, \$1.75. Dinners come with rolls and butter and two sides, including cole slaw, potato salad, tossed salad or French fries.

"I like the shrimp, but my father, Bill Vandervennet, likes the cod," said Mary Jo Frush, parish secretary.

Seniors get a \$1 discount between 3-5 p.m. And if one fish dinner isn't enough to satisfy your hunger, you can purchase a half-order.

■ **St. Aidan Catholic Church**, 17600 Farmington, Livonia, (734) 425-5950. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Adults, \$7; children 6-11, \$3.50. Menu: Baked scrod, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti in garlic and olive oil, potatoes, desserts and beverages. Served buffet-style. "We always get 400-500 people," said parish secretary Ellen Edelen. "The food is good and prices are reasonable. We've had no complaints."

Note: No dinners served on Good Friday, April 21.

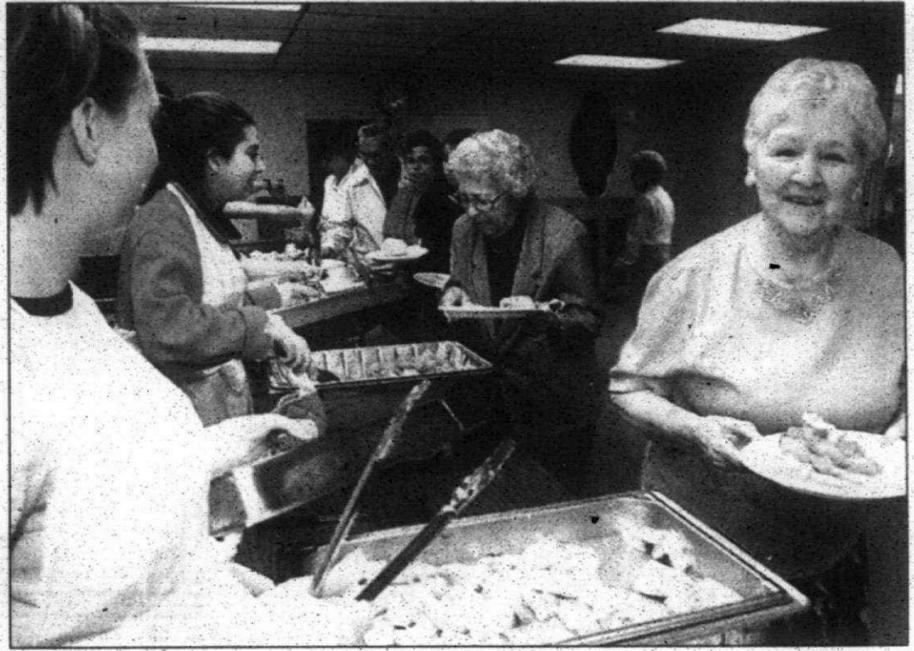
■ **St. Edith Catholic Church**, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, (734) 464-1222. Time: 4:30-7 p.m. Carry-outs available. Most dinners \$6. Menu: All-you-can-eat fried fish, salad bar, pierogi, baked fish, and fried shrimp. Macaroni and cheese \$3.

"We've been serving 600 dinners every Friday. They're lined up outside," said parish secretary Mary Lou Sellock. "The baked fish is wonderful, and they have a great salad bar."

■ **St. Genevieve Catholic Church**, 29015 Jamison, Livonia, (734) 427-5220. Time: 5-7 p.m. Adults, \$6; children 5-11, \$3.50; under 5, free. Menu: Fried and baked fish, all-you-can-eat Manhattan clam chowder, baked potato or French fries, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, beverages.

Note: No fish dinners served Good Friday, April 21.

■ **St. Kenneth Catholic Church**, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-0288. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Menu: Fried fish



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Lenten treat: Verna Leone (right) of Livonia enjoys the fish fries at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. Serving baked cod (from left) is Katie Olex. Andrea Seiter (behind, left) serves fried cod to Irene Mullins.

with salad bar, \$4.50; lasagna or macaroni and cheese, \$3; shrimp-in-a-basket, \$6.50; fisherman's platter, \$5.50. Children 6-12 \$2, free for 5 and under.

The McClellan family has eaten the fish dinners at St. Kenneth's every Friday in Lent for the past eight years. "When our third child was born, we started coming. It wouldn't be Easter without coming," said Annette McClellan, parish secretary.

At St. Kenneth, the men's group does the cooking. "They're the ones that should," said McClellan. "It's wonderful."

■ **St. Mel Catholic Church**, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-0684. Time: 4-7 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried fish, \$6; shrimp, \$7; fish combo, \$6.75; child's fish, \$4.25; fish sandwich, \$2.75. Dinners include beverage.

■ **Our Lady of Good Counsel**, 1062 Church Street, Ply-

mouth, (734) 453-0326. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried fish, shrimp, baked potato, roll and cole slaw. Adults, \$6; seniors, \$5; children, \$3.50.

■ **St. Raphael Catholic Church**, 31730 Beechwood, Garden City, (734) 427-1533. Time: 4:30-7 p.m. Good Friday: 3-7 p.m. Menu: Hand-battered fried fish, \$6.50; shrimp dinner or fish and shrimp combo, \$6.75; fish sandwich, \$5.50; French fries or mashed potatoes. Hot dogs for children, \$1.50. Beverages included; pop extra.

"We serve 700 dinners a week. It's very good, absolutely worth the money," said Carolyn Taube, parish secretary. "The fish doesn't taste fishy. The batter is very light. They use Icelandic haddock. It's more expensive, but it's better."

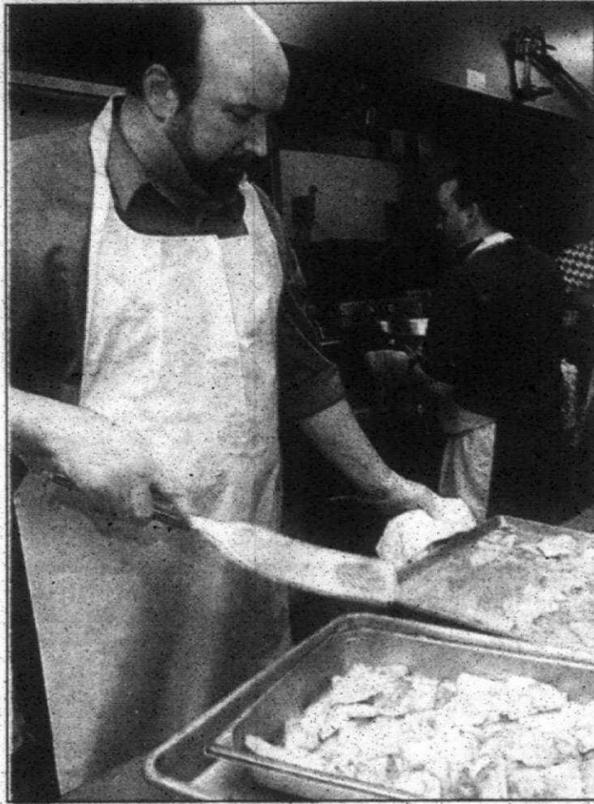
■ **St. Valentine Catholic Church**, 24881 Dow, Redford Township, (313) 532-4394. Time:

4:30-7 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried cod, pierogies, macaroni and cheese. All dinners come with salad bar, including cole slaw and fruit. Carry-outs. Adults, \$6.50; seniors, \$5; children 12 and under, \$3.

"It's wonderful," said parish secretary Sue Daly. "And I'm a picky eater."

■ **St. Sabina Catholic Church**, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 561-1977. Time: 4-7 p.m. Good Friday: 3-7 p.m. Menu: Baked fish, \$6.50; fried fish, \$6.25; shrimp dinners, \$6.25; pierogi plates, \$4.75; macaroni and cheese, \$3. Cole slaw and beverages. Over 62 years old, \$5.50 for fish and chips; children, \$3.

"Come on down and bring the family," said the Rev. Joseph Romano, pastor. "I go for the fish and chips, battered... hold the roll."



In the kitchen: Kevin Breen of Livonia fills a pan with freshly baked cod at the St. Genevieve fish fry.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kuygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

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