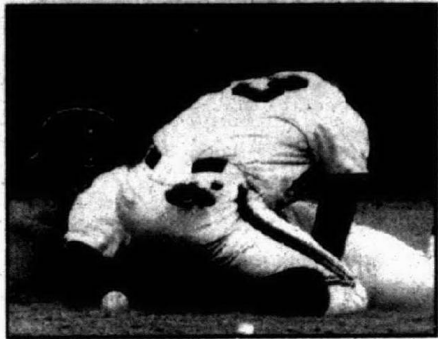


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In there: Salem's Chris Sherfey, running for pitcher Steve Gordon, steals second base as Livonia Stevenson's Pete Pinto drops the ball while attempting the tag as Salem opened the 2000 prep baseball season with an 8-7 loss to the Spartans. /C1

COMMUNITY LIFE

Reason to celebrate: Congregation Bet Chaverim in Canton will celebrate the history of Passover with a Seder potluck. /B1

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Music: The Suicide Machines, whose members include singer Jason Navarro, a native of Livonia, and bassist Royce Nunley of Redford, bring their tour to the State Theatre. /E1

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Hall of Fame honors local trio

BY SUE BUCK
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Two real estate developers and an active Plymouth City Commission watcher, who will be inducted into the Plymouth Hall of Fame 2000 on April 18, are examples of community service.

And that kind of dedicated service is what earned this year's honorees - Jim Jabara, Jim McKeon and Jack Wilcox - entry into the Hall.

This year's inductions mark the second straight year the Hall has welcomed new entries. From 1980 through 1986, familiar names were among the 30 people who were inducted into the Plymouth Hall of Fame. City of Plymouth motorists and pedestrians traverse streets named after three Starkweathers - William, Keziah and George - as well as E.J. Penniman. Visitors roomed at Ralph Lorenz's Mayflower Hotel, which has since been demolished.

Last year, after more than a decade, the Plymouth Kiwanis, who initiated the awards, together with the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, helped to jumpstart the awards last year with more involvement with the community and outside advisors.

"We expanded the depth," said Bill Miller, chairman of the awards committee.

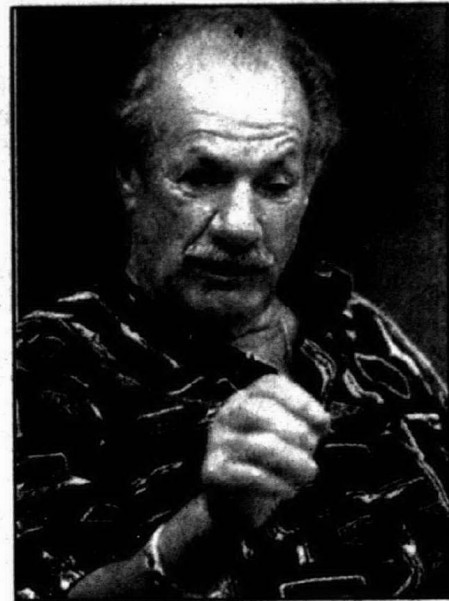
Miller called this year's nominees "excellent." Their engraved plaques



Jim McKeon



Jack Wilcox



Jim Jabara

will be added to the others that hang at the entrance to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer, he said.

The banquet celebration begins at 6:15 p.m. with a dinner at 6:45 p.m. April 18 at the Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Plymouth. The location was changed Tuesday because the original banquet site, City Limits Grille on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township, closed suddenly. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner. The banquet is open to

the public.

Here's a look at this year's inductees:

James Jabara

James Jabara, a Plymouth Township resident, is considered an outstanding leader in the Plymouth community. He is a former mayor of Plymouth and former Plymouth city commissioner.

"It goes without saying that it's an honor, quite a surprise, and unexpected," Jabara said. "I have been in Ply-

mouth for 41 years." After 36 years as a Plymouth resident, Jabara moved to Plymouth Township four years ago.

"I've grown up with the town," Jabara said. He's responsible for remodeling the old Daisy Air Rifle building, which now houses Dunleavy's Grill, on Main Street. He developed Forest Place and Westchester Square in Plymouth. Recently he and two partners renovated and found a tenant for

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Along for the ride



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Fun time: Fifteen-year-old Krista Shuler of Plymouth was among the many who took advantage of the amenities Tuesday, riding the tiger carousel during opening day ceremonies at Comerica Park.

Township sets limit on Sheldon spending

BY SUE BUCK
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After months of discussion and delay, the Plymouth Township board passed a resolution Tuesday night approving \$1,021,750 as their portion of the cost for the Sheldon/CSX grade separation project.

The township is sharing the cost with the city of Plymouth, which is expected to pay a third of the local share. The board further agreed that if the cost estimate from engineering drawings, right-of-way acquisition and negotiations with CSX is a share greater than the estimated \$1,021,750, and the township decides not to proceed with construction, then the township will pay the county 67 percent of the design costs incurred by the county, currently estimated at \$175,875.

Both Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill and Trustee Ron Griffith voted no, disagreeing with the funding split. "I don't think that it is fair to put that extra burden on our residents," Massengill said.

The city and township originally both agreed to split the cost evenly. But, at a subsequent joint meeting of the Plymouth City Commission and township board in June 1999, the two agreed on a 67-33 percent split in exchange for changes in the fire con-

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Fireworks come early in school board race

Hopeful rips board on accountability

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

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 Boher, 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 official."

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.

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Field is set for June 12 election

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

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

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. Bat-

tishill 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 1978-1982, before 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.

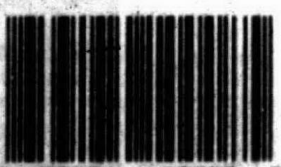
Payne, 53, is also an educator. A professor at Michigan State University,

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Salem gets new Byzantine church

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER sbuck@oe.homecomm.net

More than 100 families, many of Ukrainian descent, will build Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church, a new Byzantine Catholic Church, in Salem Township. A property sign will soon proclaim the spiritual project.

"There's a story behind the name that means life's journey is an ascension back to the father," said Tim Phillips, a Plymouth resident who has driven the concept of the church to reality.

Since August this small group of Byzantine Catholics has met informally in Plymouth to consider building a new parish on 38 acres at the intersection of Napier and M-14.

The bishop of the St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago arrived with check in hand in early March to purchase the property. An Eparchy is similar to an Archdiocese as described by Roman Catholics. Byzantine Catholics find their roots in ancient Constantinople rather than Rome. The church is open to everyone and every heritage.

The new congregation has been renting space from and having Mission Masses at 5:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Melkite Church, located at 585 Mill Road in Plymouth. They also plan an Easter midnight Mass.

"We're trying to spread the word to all Eastern (Byzantine) Catholics in the area about this new worship opportunity," said Sandy Desjarlais, a Plymouth resident and Phillips' sister.

The goal is to attract young families who might already be living in the western suburbs and who may be commuting long distances, more than 20 minutes

away, to churches in the Detroit area. The group wants to maintain the rich heritage of the Ukrainian Catholic faith and culture.

Father Michael Ruchgy of St. Michael's Ukrainian Church in Dearborn will initially divide his time between his current church and the new church, Phillips said. "This guy is a miracle worker," Phillips said. "He's a fascinating individual."

Ruchgy is equally complimentary. "These are courageous young people," Ruchgy said. "It's not easy to start a new church these days. It's daunting."

The organization effort was their own effort, he said.

The new church will not use the entire 38-acre parcel, Desjarlais said. The real estate committee is considering the possibility of parceling out about half the land to build homes and condominiums, she added.

"We want to work with the Salem community on what's best, but we want to get the best value, too," Phillips said.

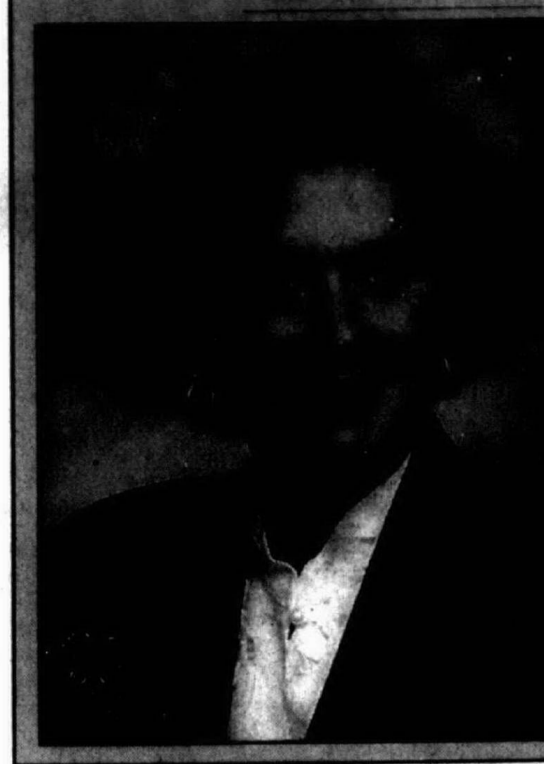
By tradition, Ukrainian churches were built in every village. The new church members hope to become a part of the Plymouth-Salem community, he said.

Plans are for a membership of 500 families, Phillips said. "And further down the road, perhaps a parish school and a hall for things like weddings," he said.

Address questions or comments to St. Nicholas Mission Church, P.O. Box 700736, Plymouth, MI 48170. Log onto Web site www.holyascension.intranets.com. Registration code: family.

Contact Desjarlais at (734) 459-9866 or Father Ruchgy at (313) 582-1424.

Hail to the chief



Madame President: Michele Ruppel has been sworn in as the new president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Ruppel, a Plymouth Township resident, is employed by Engineering Animation Inc.

COP CALLS

An Oak Street resident told Plymouth Township police that he wrestled with a man in his early 20s about 4:25 a.m. April 5 who was trying to get into his van parked in his garage. The man ran away.

Stolen vehicle

Township police recovered a car April 5 in the area of Brookline and Judson that Taylor police reported stolen in their city. Police also found a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle.

Damaged car

A motorist traveling east on Joy Road near Haggerty April 1 reported that an object thrown from a white Navigator damaged his hood and windshield.

Taco Bell damage

An unidentified suspect kicked

and broke a window April 1 at Taco Bell on Ann Arbor Road. Two customers witnessed the incident. On April 3 someone broke the large plastic memo board at the drive-thru, police said.

Stolen items

Three Heritage Street residents reported that work tools were stolen from their vehicles April 5.

Three Northern Street residents reported incidents April 5-6. Several packs of cigarettes were taken from one vehicle. Other items were taken from another resident's unlocked vehicle.

One Northern Street resident said that somebody rifled through papers in his unlocked garage but didn't take anything.

- Sue Buck

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the long-vacant Stahl Building, a former factory, on Junction. Victory Packaging, which handles corrugated cartons, is the new tenant.

"We put the building back on the tax roll," Jabara said.

He added that his most positive experience has been serving on the Plymouth City Commission and on the library board. Jabara spoke proudly of the new 42,000-square-foot Plymouth District Library that serves city and township residents. "That's about 1,000 square feet for each of 35,000 residents," he said.

Jabara's most satisfying experience has been serving as a Salvation Army advisory board member and participating in the holiday kettle campaign. "It's a diversified group," said Jabara, who is also a Kiwanis member. The Kiwanians annually challenge the Rotary. "We beat them four years out of five," Jabara said.

Jabara is the 35th District Court Building chairman, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Board member, Plymouth Fall Festival Board member, Advisory Board chairman, Salvation Army Board of Directors, Plymouth Library Board member, a charter member of the Colonial Kiwanis Club and their first president. He is a graduate of Michigan Technological University.

James B. McKeon

James B. McKeon is considered a cornerstone of commitment of leadership in the Plymouth community. He's been both the mayor of Plymouth and a Plymouth city commissioner, president and Volunteer of the Year of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, Board of Directors of Growth Works and New Morning School, served on the Schoolcraft College Development Authority Board and is a Plymouth Community Arts Council benefactor.

A real estate developer who owns property on Main Street, McKeon has devoted his time to both the Community Fund that assists Plymouth groups and was the financial chairman for Junior Achievement for two years.

As a community fund-raiser, McKeon developed a familiarity with the community.

"It may not be the best way, but they remember you," McKeon said. "There's a lot of other people in the community who could have received this award."

McKeon, who believes in giving back to the community, said he owes his ability to do that to his understanding and supportive wife, who devoted her time to their six children and the American Association of University Women.

"It changes the lifestyle of your

family," he said. "She had to curtail her activity."

Jack Wilcox

Jack Wilcox, a lifelong Plymouth resident, is a former Plymouth city commissioner and a commission watcher who is well-known to both commission members and the public. He is a charter member of the Plymouth Theater Guild, semi-professional actor, past president and life-member of the Plymouth Historical Society.

He has served on a variety of civic boards and was an organizer and board member of the Plymouth Council on Aging. He has also been vice-chairman and organizer of the Plymouth Economic Development Corporation. Other positions held include Riverside Cemetery trustee, member of the Municipal Tree Board and member of the Block Grant Citizen's Advisory Commission. He has hosted "Profiles in Plymouth" on local cable television.

A retired U.S. Navy Captain, he is a graduate of Plymouth High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Wilcox said he is "honored" and "looks forward to meeting his friends at the banquet." He wants to reserve his sentiments about the award for his acceptance speech.

Humbled by his nomination, Wilcox said that, at first, his

reaction was "mixed" because he is on the selection committee and immediately excused himself from the selection process.

For more information, contact Fran Toney of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main Street, in downtown Plymouth, at (734)453-1540.

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Under new management: Sam Yousif and his wife, Valentina, have assumed ownership of the Mayflower Party Shoppe on Main Street just north of Ann Arbor Road.

New neighbors

Husband-wife team takes over party store

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

If you have grown accustomed to getting your soda pop or bag of chips at the Mayflower Party Shoppe, don't expect any big changes now that the place is under new ownership.

Unless, of course, you count the lower prices and bigger sales.

As of last week the store, located at 824 Main Street in downtown Plymouth, has been under the ownership of Sam and Valentina Yousif.

The couple say the only changes they will make to the store will be meant to benefit customers, like adding extra items and having more specials.

"It's not good to change too much," Sam said. "I am going to have reasonable prices and people will find their items when they come in here."

The Yousifs owned a similar store in Traverse City since the mid-1970s, and really enjoyed the small-town atmosphere of northern Michigan.

However, they sold the store and moved to West Bloomfield last June because of the burden of living too far away from relatives who reside in the surrounding area.

"We moved because we missed our family and friends. Anytime something happened, we had to drive four or five hours and that became too much," Sam said.

After the move they had been searching for a store to purchase, and were excited when they learned the Mayflower was for sale.

"The people here are very nice," Sam said. "The city has been cooperative and the clientele is just like it was in Traverse City. They have welcomed us and wished us luck. I

'The first thing I want a customer to see when they walk through the door is a smiling face.'

*Valentina Yousif
—Mayflower owner*

don't think we will have any problems fitting in here."

One of the big concerns for the Yousifs when they were looking for an area to buy was how safe it was, particularly because the two work different shifts and are alone for long hours of the day.

"This is a safe place, which is the main thing," Valentina said. "I don't have to be afraid when I come in to open the store in the morning."

The couple's relationship is really a story in itself.

Both Sam and Valentina are from Baghdad, Iraq. While they had met a couple of times in their native land, they were merely acquaintances. As fate would have it, both their families moved to the Detroit area a little over 20 years ago, and their romance bloomed when they ran into each other half a world away from where they first met.

They now have two sons, Monty, 16, and Brando, 13, who they spend their hours with when they are not at the store.

Patrons can expect the typical party store fare from the Mayflower.

The coolers are stocked with beer, milk and soda, while the shelves are filled with the groceries that can get a desperate customer through the night. The store also has an array of wine and liquor, and is a good

place to get a lottery ticket.

For the past week the couple have been busy giving the place their own personal touch, like adding a credit card machine for customers who prefer to use that form of currency.

"The first thing I want a customer to see when they walk through the door is a smiling face," said Valentina. "I always want them to feel welcome."

Tina Fourné of Farmington has been an employee at the store for six years under former owner Vic Comerinsky. She's been helping the Yousifs get acclimated to their new setting before leaving next week to pursue other career options.

"I have been introducing them to the regular customers and helping them get set up," said Fourné, adding she will miss the people of Plymouth when she is gone.

"I love this community. I think it will be a good fit with the Yousifs. The only difference I see between them and the old owner is that they are a lot more aggressive to get sales," she said.

If the first week is any indication, the Yousifs believe they have made the right decision by choosing Plymouth.

"The clientele has really been great so far," Sam said. "To be honest, it has been better than expected. Much better."

Valentina agreed.

"So far I really like the people. Everyone has been very nice and polite," she said.

Despite the 50 to 60 hours he puts in each week, Sam said he loves his job because of the relationship he has with his customers.

"I don't do this because I have to," he said. "I love this business. It is not boring because I like to deal with people. The time just flies when I'm here."

Township approves sidewalk plan

BY SUE BUCK
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Plymouth Township will start a sidewalk inspection and repair program using a one-inch defect guideline between sidewalk sections, the township board decided Tuesday. The ordinance takes effect April 16.

The ordinance makes the home or lot owner responsible for keeping the sidewalks next to his lot in good repair.

The one-inch guideline is tougher than the state's two-inch repair guidelines and is expected to provide the township more protection from sidewalk slip-and-fall lawsuits.

"It was suggested at a study session that two inches was too much," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Township officials have suggested the older Lakepointe subdivision in the Haggerty/ Five Mile/ Schoolcraft Road area will be among the first to be inspected. Residents in that area have expressed concern about the conditions of their sidewalks.

Township crews mark slabs needing repair and then notify the homeowner. The homeowner can get marked sections repaired

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on his own or use one of the contractors used by the township. The township will ask contractors to bid on a per-slab price rate after inspection of the first section.

Some savings on insurance premiums are also expected. The stricter guidelines are designed to further indicate that the township has been reasonably diligent by putting a repair program in place, said township attorney Tim Cronin.

"Court-made law" makes the township responsible for sidewalks in the right of way, Keen McCarthy said, even though townships don't own the roads or the right of way. Counties own the road.

Here are conditions requiring replacement:

- If there is a rise or drop of more than one inch between any two sections of sidewalk at the connection joint.

- 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 dipped 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.



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tract and approval of the joint dispatch.

At the urging of Plymouth Township Trustee Chuck Curmi, the township board held back approval of the 67 percent portion until more alternatives could be studied that might forestall the closing of Sheldon Road at the railroad crossing for 21 months. Curmi said his questions have been answered.

Though REDICO, which owns Sheldon Road property, wouldn't immediately agree to construct a temporary bypass road when work on the Sheldon Road underpass begins next year, discussion will continue April 19 with the company and officials from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

REDICO's Sheldon Road property holds the only answer to hopes of sustaining traffic in the area, but company officials had

been steadfast in their belief that a bypass road not be built because it would cost them most of their parking lot.

REDICO officials recently indicated they might consider the option if there was a way to construct two access points. A proposed plan would be for separate entry/exits for cars and trucks, said Jim Anulewicz.

Wayne County Department of Public Services officials and Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc., a Farmington Hills-based consulting engineering firm, discussed last week whether this option might be feasible.

"Wayne County has indicated it might be possible to have two ingress/egress roads," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy at Tuesday's regular board meeting.

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ty 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 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 she says 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.

Givens, 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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"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 responsi-

■ 'Some of the questions he asked, I simply did not have an immediate answer for.'

Sue Davis
—School board president

"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."

Swim club sets registration

The Plymouth/Canton Cruisers Swim Club is holding Registration for the Spring session Tuesday, April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Salem High School.

All children interested in swimming with one of the top swim teams in the area should sign up.

The club has swimmers ages 6 and up, from beginners to advanced, in both Club and USS teams.

For more information, contact Janice Derian, registration coordinator, at (734) 455-3103 or Coach Leslie Greeneisen, (734) 207-7708.

The masters program will also be registering the night of the 18th. All swim sessions begin on May 1.

For information on the masters program, call Coach Sarah Ubanks, (734) 207-0883.

Plymouth firm hires former Canton director

Envision Inc., a Plymouth-based multimedia company, has named Ryan Ambrozaitis of Livonia as its marketing director.

Ambrozaitis comes to the company after having served as the executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce since 1998.

"Ryan's outstanding success working with

businesses of all types while at the chamber of commerce is a perfect fit for us," said William Dunning, Envision CEO. "He's joining us at an exciting time during the rapid growth of our company and we're certain he will be a valuable contributor to our continued success."

Ambrozaitis will be responsible for all marketing activities for Envision Inc., including development and implementation

of marketing plans, customer communications and advertising activities.

Established in 1990, Envision Inc. specializes in Internet-based applications and broadband multimedia development. The company offers full-service Web development as well as Internet hosting services. It can be found on the Web at: www.envision-inc.com.

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More countries join student exchange program

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.

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

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Broadcasters name WSDP Station of 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 honored 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.

Plymouth business expands

Ricardo, Inc. is pleased to announce a further expansion to facilities in Plymouth.

Due to the robust growth and success of Ricardo, Inc. a new facility has been acquired to house a number of engineering functions. Ricardo, Inc. has been a part of the Plymouth community since April 1999 and this represents a further expansion of core business.

In February, the Design, Thermo Fluids and Vehicle Engineering teams moved to the new facility at 14744 Jib Street. The facility comprises approximately 16,000 square feet, houses over 40 employees, test rigs, acoustic data processing and vehicle engineering capabilities.

This expansion of operations will assist Ricardo in better serving customer demand and will allow for further expansion of technical staff and facilities.

Ricardo, Inc., offers a wide range of Powertrain and Vehicle services including design, analysis, simulation, prototype procurement and assembly, test and development for performance, refinement and exhaust emissions as well as staffing, automotive engineering software and program management.

Ricardo, Inc. was established in 1989 and has operations in Burr Ridge, IL, Belleville and Plymouth, MI. The company employs over 300 people.

Company honors Plymouth resident

AmeriSpec home inspection service, announced that Rick Bowling of Plymouth was awarded the Sapphire Circle Award at their 2000 International Convention held in Long Beach, Calif.

The Sapphire Circle Award recognizes a select group of AmeriSpec Business Owners across the United States and Canada who have achieved significant growth in 1999. Bowling's office was in the top 50 percent of AmeriSpec offices nationwide.

AmeriSpec's International Convention in Long Beach was a great success, company officials said. The business owners received training on the latest trends with information on E-commerce, marketing and technical issues.

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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 Englewood, 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

loved traveling and square dancing.

Survivors include children Kathleen (Richard) Schettler of Plymouth and William (Janet) Simmen of Vanderbilt, 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. Tonya 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 Petoskey. 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, Fyles 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 Headapohl 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.

Survivors include his 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.

Mrs. Mitchell was born June 17, 1919, in Wayne County, Ohio, and died April 4, 2000, in Superior Township, Mich. She was a retired secretary for the state of Texas, and a member of New Life Lutheran Church. She was president of the VFW Auxiliary in Texas, and loved to cook and read. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her sons, Edward (Jacqueline) Chance of Plymouth and Roger (Mary) Chance of McLeansville, S.C.; a brother, Donald (Virginia) Huffman of Wooster, Ohio; grandchildren Keith Chance, Cynthia Wieckert, Derek Chance and Nadine Payne; and great-grandchildren Edward Chance, Gregory Wieckert, Jack Wieckert, Bradley Payne, Chelsea Payne, Birkley Chance and Zachary Chance.

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 husband, Mark; a son, Terry (Sue); daughters Diane Carroll, Lori (William) Pylkas and Robin (Glen) Kummer; and grandchildren Kevin, Brian and Patrick Carroll and Nicholas and Brandon Kummer.

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 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.

Mrs. Burden was survived by two daughters, Allison Foster of Garden City and Ariline 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

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 a member of the OLGC choir. She was one of the original members of the OLGC 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.

ANTHONY C. LICATA

Services for Anthony C. Licata, 81, were held March 28 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, with burial in Acaala Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, Mich. Arrangements were made under the direction of Simon Javizian 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. His election gave 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 Javizian Funeral Directors, 4167 Wendell Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

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Senate reaches compromise on motor carrier legislation

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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.

What truckers, drivers and owners got in the compromise were limitations on the enforcement of motor carrier codes, Bullard said. The legislation would limit the number of tickets that can be written by local police for minor truck code violations. Truckers had complained they were sometimes given several tickets on the same day in different jurisdictions for minor violations, like a cracked mud flap or a cracked windshield. The compromise legislation said only one such ticket can be issued within a 24-hour period.

Additionally, if the violations are repaired within 14 days, the tickets will be dismissed under the new bills. For serious safety violations, Bullard said, the truck may still be impounded immediately.

Additionally, new weighmasters in local police departments, which conduct inspections of trucks for municipalities, will have to undergo special training

■ 'It's bad policy to have enforcement benefit from the tickets they write.'

Marianne Hartzell
Michigan Library Association

to bring them up to state police standards, although current weighmasters will be grandfathered in, Bullard said. The portable scales used by weighmasters to gauge the weight of trucks they inspect on the roadside require special training, he explained.

What police won in the compromise were provisions that allow them to continue to write tickets for standard traffic violations, like speeding or running a red light. Only inspections of trucks will be reserved for municipal weighmasters.

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."

Still, Hartzell said the compromise reached in the Senate last

week, targeting 30 percent to libraries, was the best they could hope for. She said she hopes the House will approve the Senate's compromise.

What municipalities got was that they retained 70 percent of the revenue generated by truck enforcement on their local roads. Currently, municipalities get 100 percent, but under the version passed by the House of Representatives, they'd have received none of it. Rather, it would have been divided between libraries, local courts and road improvements.

That had led city governments, like Livonia and Westland, to protest the bills, saying they would have closed down their truck enforcement.

Sen. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, explained that the state has left enforcement of trucking to the local units, and that is why they initially were given the entire amount of the revenue, and why they'll retain 70 percent now. When the state hands responsibilities to the local units, it has to provide the means for paying for it.

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

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

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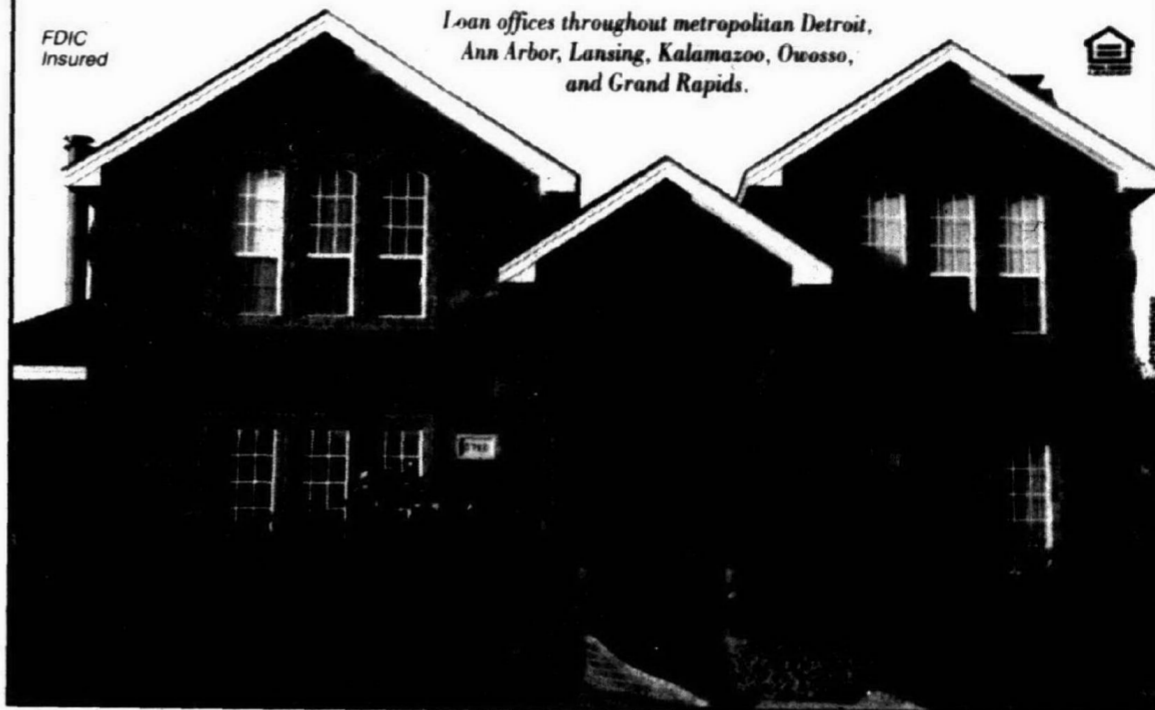


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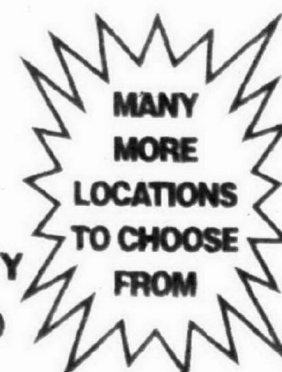
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How to: Ann Arbor Firefighter Carl Hein, representing his company "Start Rescue" of Pinckney, explains extraction techniques to Canton firefighters.

Firefighters work on 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.

Firefighters spent a little more than 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 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. 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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Hot spot: Ann Arbor Firefighter Carl Hein, representing his company "Start Rescue" of Pinckney (left), works with Canton Firefighter Wendy Murphy as she works with a battery powered tool commonly referred to as the "Jaws of Life" to remove a door from a training vehicle. The Canton firefighters were training on different extraction and rescue techniques.

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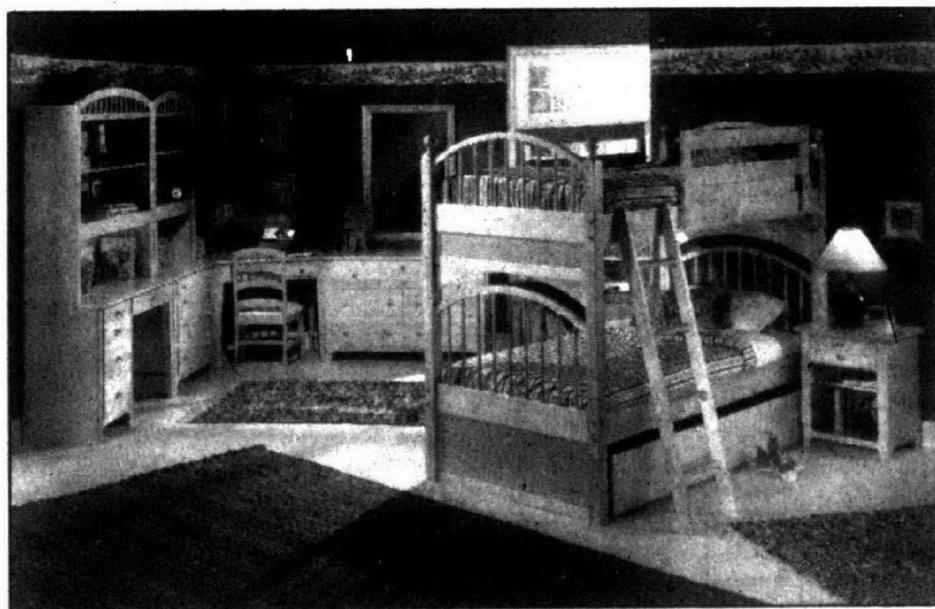
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New business gives owners straight 'scoop'

Cleaning up pet poop no problem for fledgling owners

BY SCOTT DANIEL
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Ah, Fido. You love that he's there to greet you after a hard day at work. You love taking him for walks. You love everything about him — except one thing.

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For a modest fee, representatives of the new Canton business will handle the job. Convenience, professionalism and customer service will be Straight Scoop's hallmarks, according to co-owner Eric Krupic.

"We make it a point to know each dog or cat's name," he commented. "We bring a digital camera out and take a picture of the customer and their pet. We don't want them to be just another number."

The company, which is currently based out of co-owner Ron Fernandez' home, began a few months ago.

"We have about a dozen clients so far," said Fernandez. "It's going very well."

Krupic and Fernandez have worked together at Detroit Diesel as trainers for years. The duo have long thought about going into business together.

"We have a lot of similar ideas and values," Fernandez said. "It seemed like a natural thing to go into business together."

They came up with the idea for Straight Scoop shortly after last Christmas. Fernandez said a neighbor was complaining about having to clean up after his dog when the idea hit him.

"I thought this service would be out there by itself," he added. "It's not an original idea, but the way we're doing it is original."

Krupic, an Orchard Lake resident, said he and Fernandez will handle all assignments until a client base is built. The plan, he said, is to have one full-time employee per 125 customers, and a part-time worker after Straight Scoop garners its 50th customer.

The firm has begun building its client base by advertising with local veterinarians. A Web site and more extensive advertising plan are in the works, said Fernandez. He thinks Straight Scoop has a solid message.

"We can help people in the community," said Fernandez. "It's a good service and good, honest work."

"Service is our main goal," added Krupic.

Straight Scoop handles most types of pets.

It's \$9 to clean a back yard of dog waste per visit. The size of the dog or amount of waste doesn't matter.

Fernandez said they'll notify pet owners if they spot any problems such as loose, runny stools or stools laced with blood.

In terms of cats, Straight Scoop charges \$5 for changing a litter box. Fernandez said he supplies new litter and cleans the box as well. Other pets such as birds, snakes and rabbits are also \$5 per visit.

Both Fernandez and Krupic hope to grow Straight Scoop into their full-time jobs. They're confident the business will succeed.

"We don't know the words fail or quit," said Fernandez. "We're going to be here in 10 years. Sky is the limit."

For more information about Straight Scoop, call (734) 844-OOPS or e-mail at strightscoop@mediaone.net.

'We make it a point to know each dog or cat's name.'

Eric Krupic
—Co-owner



Cleaning up: Eric Krupic (left) and Ron Fernandez, co-owners of the Straight Scoop pet clean-up service, stand armed with their scoopers in Fernandez' back yard recently. The new business, which takes care of the clean-up after pets, already has signed up about a dozen clients.

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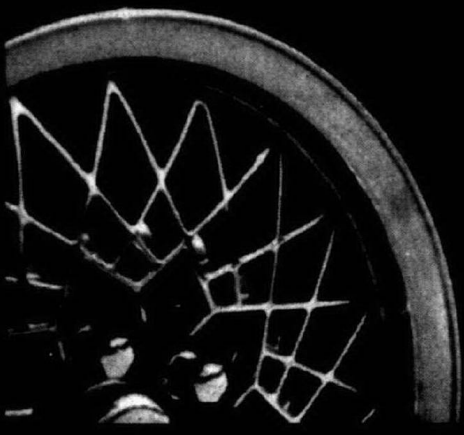
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Glad to be here: Barry Mathison stands in front of the family hardware store he has run for the past 30 years on Canton Center Road. His only neighbors when he began were cows.

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Store owner saw potential in move to Canton location

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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When Barry Mathison opened Mathison Hardware on 6130 N. Canton Center 30 years ago, his friends and colleagues said he was crazy.

"Everybody asked why we came out here - all there was was corn fields out here," Mathison said of the store's opening March 31, 1970. Now his business ranks as one of the oldest in Canton, he added, and draws customers across Michigan and Ohio.

Canton's 1970 population, according to the U.S. Census, was 11,026 and has jumped to an estimated 75,239, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments most recent data from March.

Mathison said he had an ulterior motive for wanting to open the business in Canton - that had nothing to do with his prophetic belief that the area's population would one day boom.

"I knew just about everybody from the Plymouth area," said Mathison, a 1966 Plymouth

High School graduate.

Mathison Hardware Kitchen Bath & Plumbing Supply is celebrating its 30th anniversary in Canton. Mathison Hardware founder, the late Berger "Bud" Mathison, opened the first store at 31535 Ford Road in Garden City in 1953. There is also a Mathison location at 28243/47 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Bud's sons Robert, James and Frank continue operating the other stores.

The name will be officially changed to Mathison's Kitchen Bath & Plumbing Supplies by next year, when the store stops selling hardware.

Increased competition from other hardware stores is the driving force behind the inventory change, Mathison said.

"Hardware sales have dropped way off," he said, adding that the kitchen and bathroom supply end of the business has always been profitable.

"People come from all over the state to buy plumbing supplies from us," Mathison said, referring to Traverse City, Lansing and Grayling.

The big draws for customers,

he said, are the staff's combined 60 years experience and one-stop shopping.

"Usually when dealing with these kinds of products, you have to go to four different stores." Customers wanting supplies not carried in stock can special order them and get them within a month.

Mathison's reputation was even noted in "Detroit" magazine, where a writer mused about where fictitious secret agent James Bond might buy his faucets. The answer? Mathison's in Canton, of course, Mathison said.

Mathison's signs will be changed during the summer to reflect the new name and the hardware space will become additional space for kitchen and bath supplies.

Mathison said he predicts his business will continue to be a vital one as long as Canton continues to grow.

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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 \$80 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 31 percent, 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.

\$12.2 million

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, of about \$916,000.

With accelerated property depreciation, Raby said, the state equalized valuation (SEV) on which taxes are based "will not grow as it 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 \$59.67 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) \$65.33, 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

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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 mil-

lion. 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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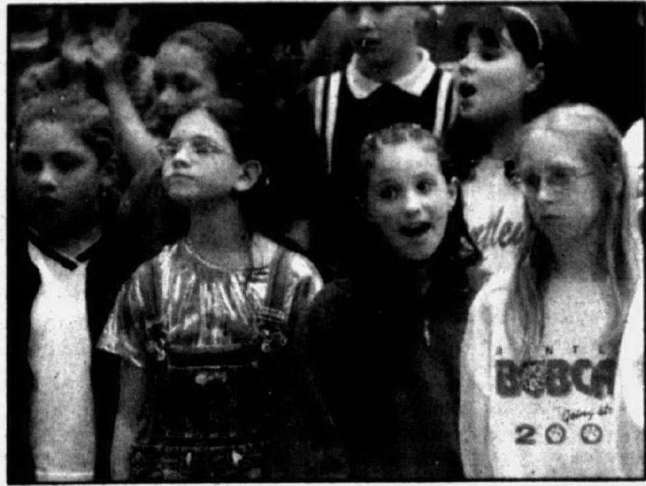
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Sing out: An hour-long spring musical may have been just a little long for some of the younger members of the audience like Lexie MacDiarmid, 8, who leans on dad John's shoulder (left) during the Bentley musical production of "A New Day: A Celebration of Today," Tuesday, April 4. Fourth graders sang, narrated, played instruments and danced during the celebration of spring at the Canton elementary school. Above, Megan Meek (front row from left) Elizabeth Wheeland, Laura Courtney and Becki Houdek, all 10, sing in one of the numbers.

Kindergartner wins contest

Plymouth kindergartner Rachel Head has been named a first prize winner in the kindergarten category of the Michigan Dental Association and Crest statewide coloring contest. The contest was held in honor of National Children's Dental Health Month in February. Over 2,500 entries were received. Rachel will receive a backpack filled with art supplies, games, dental health posters, stickers, toothbrushes and coloring books. The MDA and Crest again sponsored the seventh annual statewide coloring contest.

Federation hosts early Earth Day celebration

The National Wildlife Federation hosts an early celebration of the 30th anniversary of Earth Day with their sixth-annual All Species Parade at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Plymouth Park (Plymouth Road). Children dressed as their favorite plant or animal can join Ranger Rick, the furry raccoon star of NWF's award-winning nature magazine, celebrating nature and wildlife. Registration will begin at noon. Refreshments will be served. The parade will depart from Plymouth Park at 1:15 p.m. and make a grand entrance at the city-wide Earth Day Festival at the Leslie Science Center on Traver Road. In addition to the parade, NWF and the Leslie Science Center will co-host the Festival's wildlife area. NWF will provide activities and free materials and posters highlighting NWF's National Wildlife Week (April 16-22) theme, Water for Life: Keep the Wild Alive. For more information on this, visit the federation website at www.nwf.org/wildlifeweek. To register for the parade, contact Becky Lentz at the National Wildlife Federation at (734) 769-3351. The first 75 children (ages 12 and under) to register by phone or at the Plymouth Park will receive a free endangered species bean bag animal.

East student chosen to attend Space Camp

Nicole Siegal, a seventh-grade student from East Middle School, has been selected as one of 18 students from Wayne County to attend Space Camp at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. She will leave for Space Camp May 7 and return May 12. Nicole and her parents are invited to attend an orientation meeting on Thursday, March 30, in the Annex Auditorium at Wayne RESA Education Center where they will meet with other students who will also be departing in May for Florida.

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. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI or by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information please contact either Jim Casteel, Director of Integrated Technology Systems at (734) 416-2708 or Dan Phillips. Sealed bids are due on or before 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 1, 2000. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district. Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JUDY L. MARDIGIAN, Secretary Bid Opening: Monday, May 1, 2000 @ 9:00 a.m. Board Review: Tuesday, May 9, 2000 Publish: April 13 & 20, 2000



CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan, will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2000 for employee group insurance program providing the following coverage: SECTION 125 CAFETERIA BENEFITS PLAN TO INCLUDE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT MEDICAL/HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE DENTAL INSURANCE Specifications and proposal forms are available at the Office of the Administrative Services Director during regular office hours. The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities. Address bids to: Linda Langmesser City Clerk 201 S. Main Plymouth, MI 48170 in a sealed envelope clearly marked "BID FOR HEALTH INSURANCE" CAROL A. STONE Admin. Services Director Publish: April 13, 2000

ADVERTISEMENT 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

Canton Township is soliciting proposals for engineering design services and construction administration/inspection services for parking lot and sidewalk improvements at Canton Township's Fellows Creek Golf Club on Lotz Road north of Michigan Avenue. The "Request for Proposals" describes the project and the format for the Scope of Services. A "Request for Proposal" can be obtained from Canton Township's Purchasing office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Monday thru Friday, 8:30-5:00 p.m. If you have any questions call Parks and Recreation Services at (734) 397-5354. If your firm is interested in providing these services, please submit your proposal to the office of Parks & Recreation Services at the address below by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2000. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. All proposals must be sealed with the wording "Proposal Enclosed for Fellows Creek Parking Lot and Sidewalk Improvements" on the envelope. Address all proposals to: Parks & Recreation Services Attention: Mike Gouin Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway Canton, MI 48188 Publish: April 13, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., April 27, 2000 for the following: 42 OPTICAL-SCAN VOTING SYSTEMS WITH SUPPORTING TABULATION SOFTWARE Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Department. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Publish: April 13, 2000

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON GRIFFIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Charter Township of Canton will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton MI 48188 for the GRIFFIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS until May 11, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. General Outline of Work consists of Site Development including: Soil Erosion Control, Clearing and Grubbing Earthwork and Topsoiling Underdrainage System Asphalt Paving Tennis Court and Fencing Installation Site Amenities Basketball Court Installation Landscape Planting and Seeding Proposals must be on forms furnished by Landscape Architect and be accompanied by Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five (5%) percent of proposal submitted. Bid must be enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words (GRIFFIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS), name, address and phone no, date and time of bid opening. Drawing(s) and Specifications may be obtained at Grissim/Metz Associates, Inc. 37801 Twelve Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 on or after April 20, 2000. Please call (248) 553-2500 before picking up plans and specifications. A check in the amount of \$50.00 must be submitted as a deposit for each set of Drawing(s) and specifications (Bid Package), same to be refunded upon return of Bid Package, in good condition, within ten days of bid opening. Make check payable to Grissim/Metz Associates, Inc. All proposals submitted to remain firm for a period of 60 days after official opening of bids. The Township of Canton reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any informalities therein. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Publish: April 13, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2000 CDBG ACTION PLAN FY 2000-2004 CONSOLIDATED PLAN 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

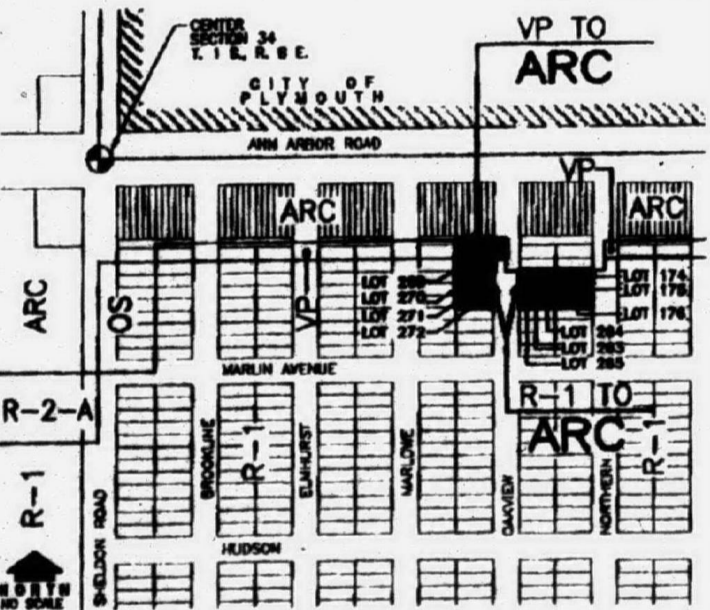
Beginning April 13, 2000, 1999 and for 30 days thereafter, public comment will be accepted on the FY 2000 Canton Charter Township Action Plan. The Action Plan is part of the Consolidated Plan (mandated in 24 CFR Parts 91, 92, 570, 574, 578 and 968 (August 5, 1994/Proposed Rules), which replaces the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). This document plus the Action Plan will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Resource Development Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. The FY 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan replaces the 1994-1995 CHAS and its annual updates through 1999. Comments received during the review period will be answered in writing and appended to the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan and the Action Plan must be submitted to the Department of HUD no later than May 15, 2000. The FY 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2000 Action Plan stipulate that the expansion of the Human Services Center is the primary Plan priority. The Plan is otherwise consistent with previous community consolidated plans which state that the housing rehabilitation program is the only direct intervention housing program for Canton Township. Canton Township, when appropriate and after diligent review, will support applications by outside agencies to the Department of HUD for non public housing funds to alleviate the housing/support needs of low and moderate income residents and others who meet relevant federal criteria for housing need. There are no homeless in Canton Township supported by census data and the problem will not develop during the Plan period. Canton Township certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and that it is in compliance with a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan as required and provided under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. On May 9, 2000, the Board of Trustees, at its regularly scheduled public session, will be asked to approve the FY 2000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programming recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council, adopted at the Council public hearing of April 5, 2000; to wit: Program Administration, \$87,600; First Step, \$30,000; HelpSource Adult Day Care, \$3,000; Growth Works, \$10,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$7,000; Mediation Services, \$2,000; RideSource, \$7,000; Housing rehabilitation, \$40,000; Human Services Building expansion (multi-year), \$200,000 (second year); Construction Contingency, \$44,900. Total: \$438,000. Questions or comments may be directed to the Resource Development Division at the above address or (734) 397-5392. TERRY BENNETT, Clerk Publish: April 13 and 16, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 10:00 a.m., May 4, 2000 for the following: PROVIDE LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR INTERIOR WORK FOR THE TRAVIS HOUSE - 500 NORTH RIDGE ROAD, CANTON MICHIGAN Specifications are available in the Finance and Budget Dept. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the bid name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. All bidders will be required to attend a pre-bid meeting at the Travis House, 500 N Ridge Rd, Canton, MI on April 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in order to conduct a project walk through, take measurements and determine labor and material costs. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk Publish: April 13, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO REZONE FROM: R-1 Single Family Residential and VP, Vehicular Parking TO REZONE TO: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor. Lots 174, 175, 176, 253, 254, 255, 258, 259, 270, 271, 272 and the South half of the vacated alley, Green Meadows Subdivision. DATE OF HEARING: April 19, 2000 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 p.m. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described properties from R-1- "Single Family Residential" and VP, Vehicular Parking Districts, to ARC, "Ann Arbor Road Corridor", Containing 1.5 acres, more or less. Application #1614



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 174, 175, 176, 253, 254, 255, 258, 259, 270, 271, 272 and the south half of the vacated alley Green Meadows Subdivision, T. 1 S., R. 8 E., Plymouth Township, Liber 81 Page 84, Wayne County.

ORDINANCE NO. 83 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 117 PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____ EFFECTIVE DATE _____ NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting. The address for application review and written comment is 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone No. (734) 453-4372. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall. The address for Township Hall is 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83. PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number: (734) 354-3201, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service) JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary Planning Commission Publish: March 26, and April 13, 2000

Concern over fathers' rights snags baby dropoff bills

BY MIKE MALOTT
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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.

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 Comerica Bank at the Atheneum Hotel in Greektown, Detroit.

Eugene Miller, chairman and CEO of Comerica Bank, will give the keynote address at 9 a.m.

Participants include Cassandra Wood, deputy Michigan director for Sen. Carl Levin, who will focus on doing business with countries in Africa; Francisco J. Colayco, 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 Auditori-

um 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) 485-3741.

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Getting together

Time for Joint Services to meet

On what we're sure was a bright, sunny day last June, Plymouth City Manager Dave Rich was heard to say: "I'm really pleased with this level of intergovernmental cooperation. I think this bodes well for future cooperation and efficiencies in working together."

So much for boding. The occasion for Rich's high spirits was the initial success of the Joint Services Committee: funding the Sheldon Road underpass project; the hiring of three new firefighters; and the merging of township and city dispatch operations.

Only the dispatch merger has gone unscathed since then. City and township officials have frequently carped since the agreements were reached about the fire department budget and the way costs will be split on the Sheldon Road project, if and when it ever gets done.

That level of cooperation was impressive and, in our experience, unusual among cities and villages so closely aligned. We agreed with Rich: It indeed portended good things.

Of course, such good fortune depended on at least a curbing of the political animosity between the City Commission and the Plymouth Township Board, something that hasn't really happened. The two bodies were at it again as recently as two weeks ago, sniping at each other about the split of money in the Sheldon Road project.

But signs the municipal royalty might be willing to peacefully co-exist are beginning to emerge. On a couple of recent occasions, township Trustee Chuck Curmi has called for the Joint Services Committee to meet.

And at the last city commission meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur made the same

point: The committee needs to meet. Of course, she asked for the meeting during the course of accusing the township of trying to hijack the underpass project, but we don't care.

We still agree with her. There is much to discuss. Everyone seems to agree the joint dispatch service is working like a charm. If that can be successful, why couldn't other projects?

Why couldn't the township and city, for instance, agree to run a joint recreation program? We're well aware of Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy's assertion that township residents aren't interested in paying for recreation; We simply disagree.

Of course, when you start talking about combining services, the word "annexation" rears its ugly head. Everyone starts quoting Mel Brooks from Blazing Saddles: "We must protect our phony-baloney jobs, gentlemen!"

Obviously, we aren't advocating a merger. But there are things the city and township could do together. The Joint Services Committee hasn't met in nearly a year.

With five new city commissioners and plenty to talk about, we think it's time once again.

Department of Whatever Happened: So exactly how are the talks about a charter review going?

Several months ago, the City Commission agreed to appoint a committee to study the city charter and decide what, if any, portions of it need to be revised.

The original timeline had the committee appointed by early March. But it's April now, and the subject has already been tabled twice.

If it takes this long to get a committee appointed, how long is the actual review going to take?

Libraries are valuable assets

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.

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 largess.

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.

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 the Library Week. "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.

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

GEORGE BROOKS



LETTERS

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Planting wrong seed

I read your recent article about how, in essence, a board of education candidate whines that a voting advantage of 7-to-1 is not enough and calls anyone not living on his street elitist.

Truth: Canton, Salem, and the Plymouths are a community. The word community embodies togetherness.

Citizens seeking public office must build on the community and not tear it down. They must not attempt to eradicate the sentiments of the majority of neighbors by dividing and conquering them.

Communists and despots attempt to manipulate people through propaganda and class envy. This is called "spin" in Washington.

Dare: In the first and only statements I have ever read about this alleged candidate, it is clear that Jim Donahue is not for me or my children.

He dares to use class envy, pity, affirmative action and spin, rich versus poor propaganda and self-fabricated aggrandizement to carve out a potential voter base for himself.

Most people who know me can argue that I have a different view of the direction of the schools.

At least people running for office in the last two board of education elections ran on their own ideas.

It never even occurred to me to consider where a candidate lives in the district as a qualification to be on the school board.

Even after attending a couple dozen school board meetings, I cannot tell you who lives where in the community.

I hate the fact that he has placed this seed in my head and from now on I will probably throw a glance at where a board member lives. Shame on you.

I also hate that I have to qualify my position for him by stating that I have lived in Canton 24 years and enjoy visiting my dad in Canton.

Glenn A. Kremer
 Plymouth

Excellent production

Bravo to the P-CEP Park Players for an excellent performance of the musical, "Fiddler On the Roof!"

As an alumnus of Interlochen, I happen to think the Park Players level of performance was at least equal to that of the Interlochen National Arts Academy.

Also, many people said, "Gloria Logan does this year in and year out." After 30 years, Gloria Logan is retiring and leaving a legacy of excellence in the theater arts.

It is fitting that the Salem High School Auditorium has recently been renamed, "The Gloria Logan Performing Arts Auditorium."

My wife and I can't thank everyone enough who was involved in the performance of "Fiddler" and we want to let everyone know about the superior artistic performance that was given by the high school students of the Park Players!

John and Beth Stewart
 Plymouth

Stay true to issues

On Thursday, Feb. 24, you ran an article announcing the candidacy of Mr. John Stewart of Plymouth for the 20th District House seat.

He is one of my opponents for the state House of Representatives, and I would like to set the record straight regarding my education platform.

My opponent claims that he is the only candidate that is not supporting school vouchers. Since the beginning of my campaign in June of last year, I have touted the importance of public education.

At no time have I ever endorsed, eluded to, or implied support of the proposed school voucher ballot referendum, Kids First! Yes! Furthermore, at a candidate forum back in December, the other candidates also said that they did not support the voucher program.

I come from a strong family of public educators and administrators, and I am a product of Northville Public Schools. I am proud of my education here, and I will continue to fight as long as I am able to ensure that other children have the same wonderful opportunities I had.

I would like to ask that between now and the Aug. 8 primary, we keep this campaign honest and forthright. Let us remain true to the issues, and stop the politics of personal destruction. This area deserves a campaign based on the issues and fresh ideas, not slander and half-truths.

Matt Cowles
 20th District Candidate

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

What do you think the Red Wings' chances are in the Stanley Cup playoffs?

We asked this question at Canton's Public Library Monday.



"I hope they win, I like to watch the playoffs."
 Stanley Czarnik
 Canton



"They're going to take it all. There's no doubt in my mind."
 Greg Wulf
 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 Dalian
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— Philip Power

Give Cantonians a hug to help make takeover feelings disappear

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 Plymouth-ites are trying to take over. How else to explain the idea of striking Plymouth from the names of the current high schools and naming the third school Plymouth High?

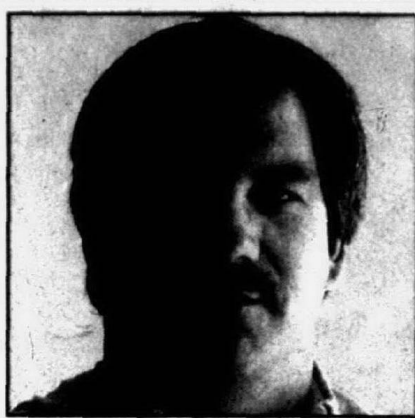
People object to that because, after all, it's been tradition to name the high schools after municipalities they serve. But the last time we checked, Plymouth is a municipality. So is Canton. So is Salem. Meaning the three high schools — if this dastardly plan goes through — would be named, Plymouth,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



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

Plymouth Sub-Poohbah: "Yes, master."

Plymouth Poohbah: "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 at 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 Kadrach 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 bkadrach@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.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net

MORE LETTERS

Inexcusable conduct

I am writing this letter so that the voters and citizens of Plymouth Township are more aware of the tyrant who happens to be the Plymouth Township treasurer, Ron Edwards. His utter lack of professionalism makes Khrushchev pound his shoe at the UN look like a saint.

About two years ago, my mother found an article in the local newspaper (about) a rebate towards the residential water bills of Plymouth Township. My mother, who is very amiable, called the Plymouth Township treasurer on the order of five times in about a month and could not reach him. She left a message each time requesting (Edwards) please call back to help her understand the status of this matter. Like the check, it never came to pass.

After waiting some time, I then called Edwards for my mother. She is elderly and I handle affairs for her. I was able to make contact and at that time he became very irate and said he had called and talked with her about five times. He further proceeded to verbally insult her about her ability to understand and that she was old. I was very upset by this dreadful encounter.

Later that day, I called back to talk with the Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy relating to this situation. She was most apologetic and wanting to help us understand what was amiss. She had a very polite and concerned man return the call. I made him aware of my mother's residential situation and was informed that she did qualify for the refund, which would be forwarded to her new address in the form of a check, possibly by June 1999.

No check ever arrived, so I called the township and talked with a lady (last) week. She pleasantly agreed she would research this. I spoke with her again and she (had) talked with Ron Edwards. She related that the refund had gone to the new owners of my mother's prior residence. I inquired as to how that could be when our earlier information said my mother was entitled. She indicated I would have to talk with Ron Edwards and that he "would probably upset you again."

Ron Edwards then came to the telephone and immediately started hollering and screaming at me. He said that the board had decided to do it that way, and he was sick and tired of dealing with me and my family. I tried a number of times to explain he has never called any of us. He only screamed louder and interrupted such that I couldn't get through to him.

He continued to carry on in this fashion and said he would not discuss this with me nor would he talk with me any further. Finally,

after the utter humiliation and embarrassment, I said good-bye and hung up.

I guess he is the new breed of "One Minute Manager" in how to reduce one's workload, to thoroughly destroy the person so they won't dare come back for more of that.

He touts openly and loudly that he is an elected official and answers to no one, except those citizens who elected him. When complaints relating to his behavior have been discussed with him, he indicates that he is not going to change. It is well known that in the township offices it is difficult to get the business of the day done with him. In addition, it is known that his behavior affects the staff work environment.

Mary Ann Mountain
Plymouth

Name games absurd

I am dismayed at the thought that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board may decide to drop the name "Plymouth" from the two existing high schools and name the new high school Plymouth High School.


As a graduate of the original Plymouth High, I feel the time to name a replacement for the old Plymouth High building would have been way back when Plymouth Salem was being named, not 28 years later.

How could you possibly consider changing the names of the two existing schools just to come up with a name for the third school? What about the alumni (both students and staff) of Plymouth-Salem and Plymouth-Canton? Would their school no longer exist? What about the alumni of old Plymouth High? (Though I guess we could call them Old Plymouth and New Plymouth.) What about the students and staff who have their allegiance to and the name "Plymouth" on their varsity jackets, shirts, coats, letterhead, business cards, etc? And while we're on the subject, since when has it been "following procedure" to change the names of two existing schools in order to come up with the name for a third?

It is true that most refer to the schools as "Salem" or "Canton," much like teammates may refer to each other by their last names. This, however, is simply an easy identifier. Persons don't drop their first name as if it never existed.

Plymouth is the first name of these two schools, Salem and Canton are the last names. Let's keep it this way.

Cindy Bastion
Canton



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STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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 Reformed 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 time between his position at the University of Michi-



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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.

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.

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Rodenbeck-Sleek

Juliann Marie Rodenbeck wed Bryap 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 SDRC in Allen Park.

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



The grooms attendant's included best man Michael Sleek, and Amy Guntzwiller, Mitchell Spring, Christopher Hunt and James Wisniewski, Jr.

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

The couple will make their home in Westland.

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.

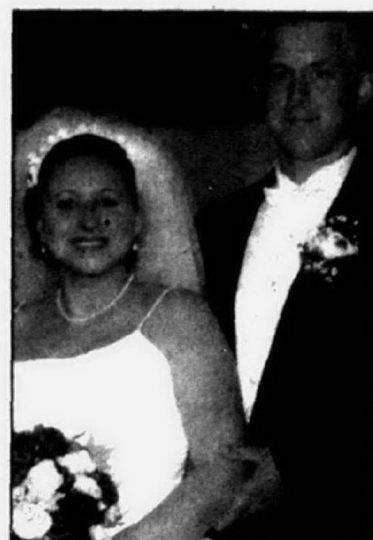
The couple wed Feb. 19, 2000 at Faith Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights.

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 Stanziale, bridesmaids Erin Bushaw, Christin Masters and flower girl Amanda Masters.

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



men Todd Masters, Dave Masters and ringbearer Marky Masters.

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 Garity, 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.

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.



Johnson-Wonderly

Steve and Laurie Johnson of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Denise, to Kevin Todd Wonderly of North Carolina.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and attends Madonna University in Livonia. She works at Yazaki North America in Canton.

Her fiancé, son of Derek and Muriel Wonderly of Georgia, is a graduate of Eau Gallie High School and serves as a combat medic in the United States Army.

A June wedding is planned at Solid Bible Church.



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 Orlin and Kay Lucksted of Grayling and Lawrence and Susan Tharp 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.

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LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 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 Daly) 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-

vices, 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 (Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia). Choral work is presented by the Chancel Choir of Clarenceville 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 service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is 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

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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. Melanie 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

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RUMMAGE SALE
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).

SPRING BAKE SALE
The Detroit Laestadian Lutheran Church (290 Fairground) of Plymouth will host a Spring bakesale at 10 a.m. April 15. Finnish baked goods, Cardemum sweet bread (Pulla), Easter flowers and more. Accepting orders at this time for pasty sale May 6. Call Andrea at (517) 545-2106.

FLOWER SALE
Approximately 500 potted plants will be available at the Friends of the Wilson Barn Annual Spring Flower Sale, including lilies, chrysanthemums, tulips, daffodils and small orchid corsages. Weather permitting there will be pony rides for children. Sale is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 20; noon to 7 p.m. April 21; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 22; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 23. The weekend of Mother's Day sale hours include: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 11-13 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 14.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Clarenceville United Methodist Church (20300 Middlebelt - Livonia) will host a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 28. Great prices!

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Mom to Mom Sale at Newburg United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29. Hot dogs, drink, bake sale and clown with free face painting. Rent 8 foot tables (racks also available). Free childcare for table rents and free lunch ticket for table renters. Call 422-0149 or Vicki at (734) 513-0167.

RUMMAGE SALE
The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church (6443 Merriman Road in Garden City) will hold their annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 in the church Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call (734) 421-8628.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (9600 Leverage). Bag sale is from 1-2 p.m. including a snack bar.

LONGEST DAY OF GOLF
The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Michigan Chapter, Inc.) will host the MS Longest Day of Golf event May 1-31 to raise awareness and funds to benefit the MCNMS. Golf courses waive green fees for participating golfers on the day of their choice in May. Call (800) 243-5767 to register.

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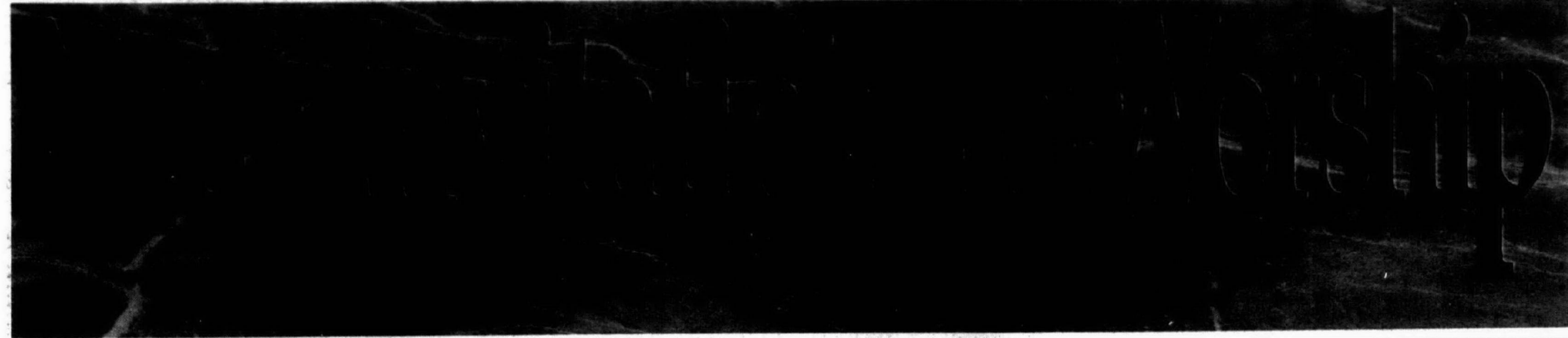
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WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES
Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. and concludes at 1 a.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. Grand Opening April 12. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 869-1900/(313) 438-6258.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues \$30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the webpage at www.aapwp.org. "Learn Ways to Resolve Relationship Issues," May 7 6-8 p.m. Visit www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933. Cost \$2/person. A talk by Jay J. Radin, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, in private practice in Ann Arbor for over 20 years helping individuals resolve relationship issues. Sponsored by Ann Arbor Parents without Partners, Inc. Meet at the Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor.

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SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES
Talk 1: Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month in Knox Hall in Ward Church. Ministries Showcase 7:30 p.m. Single Parenting Ministry meets 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the parlor, room C317 and C319, at the church. A free meal is served before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. All events provided by Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

SINGLES OVER SIXTY
SOS presents Detroit's "Top Cop" Dr. Isaiah (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.

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 ballrooms 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 Excaliber Convention Center in Southfield

(Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile Road); Friday, May 3 at Farmington Hills Manor (Orchard Lake Road south of 10 Mile Road) for \$15 advance, \$20 at the door; Friday, May 12 at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield (Walnut Lake Road between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road) for \$10. Call (248) 851-9909.

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The train ride is back. Join us for a train ride Saturday, April 22 between Dearborn and Ann Arbor with a stop over for dinner in one of Ann Arbor's most famous restaurants - the Gandy Dancer. Call for details (248) 851-9909.

SINGLES WELCOME
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance to divorced or separated Christians. Call (734) 981-4553 about the divorce recovery workshop that begins soon. Monthly meetings are held the third Saturday of every month at 8 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church, Haggerty Road (south of 5 Mile Road).
■ April 15 dance at St. Kenneth's Church Hall, on Haggerty Rd. south of Five Mile. 8 p.m. Proper attire. \$8.
■ Singles Dances May 6 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Hall, located on the corner of W. Chicago and Inkster Rd.
■ Dueling piano's April 22 at Goodfellows. Call (981-4553).
■ 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 presents 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 main-

taining 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. Aj 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. Dodt.
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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/wwme. "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
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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-all 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 hat trick 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 Marrisona Bober, Teresa Coppellie, Jansen Falcusen, Ashton Judis, Amanda Lenart, Madison McCoy, Trisha Morrill, Rachel Pasquali, 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.

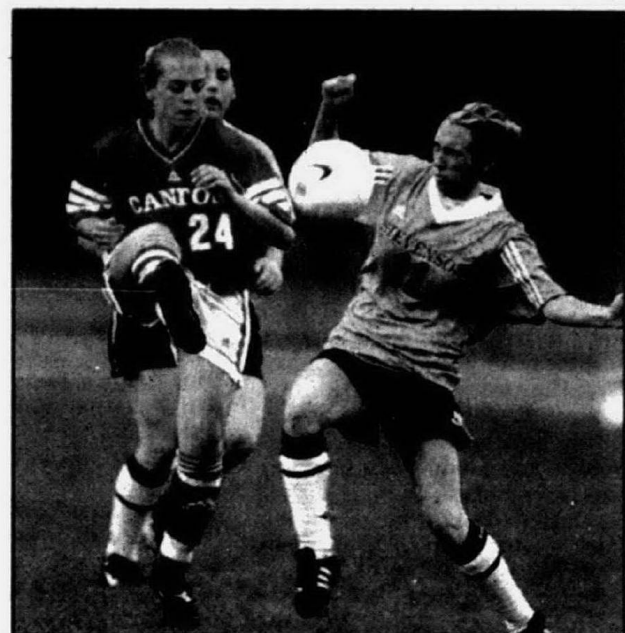
"I was real happy with the way we played," said Stevenson coach Jim Kimble, his team now 3-0-1. "I thought we dominated the game. Thus far this year we've been concentrating on our play in the field, and we haven't spent a lot of time on finishing.

"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.



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

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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 HURSCHEMANN

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 Goody 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."

Please see **WHALERS**, C7

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 HURSCHEMANN

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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PREP SOFTBALL PREVIEWS

Returnees bolster Rocks' high hopes

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER
Expectations are running high for Plymouth Salem's softball team...

"Dawn is hitting the ball real well in practice," said Southerland. "She will be hitting cleanup for us. She is very strong."

Southerland, in her seventh season, is also expecting strong performances from senior co-captains Shae Potocki, an outfielder, and third baseman Jessica Chapman.

"Shae is a real heads-up ballplayer," Southerland said. "Her fielding and her experience will help us, especially in the clutch."

Southerland said Chapman, a two-year starter, will provide plenty of leadership.

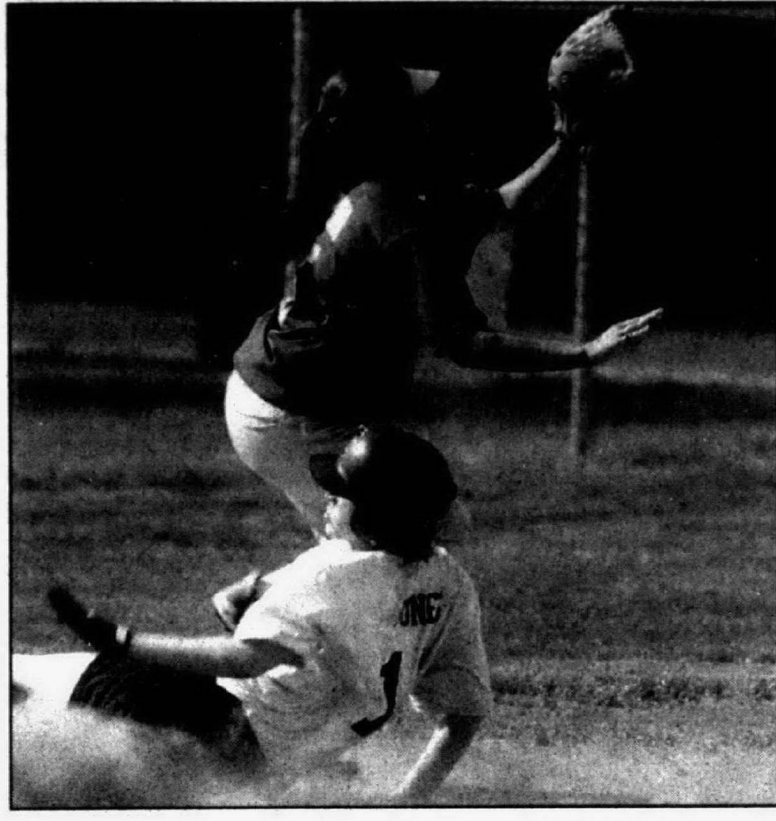
The Rocks' pitching staff will be led by senior Liz Dekarske, who was a backup starter last season.

"Liz worked real hard over the winter," Southerland said. "She is coming into the season with three or four different pitches. She also has a good bat, and will help us at the plate."

Jacqui Sledbodnick should also be a player to watch. Southerland expects to play the sophomore in the infield, outfield, and on the mound as the team's second pitcher.

"Jacqui is one of the most versatile players on the team," she said. "She will definitely be in the lineup somewhere."

Other returnees include senior outfielder Carrie Carter, senior



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

Marnie Jones, junior catcher Jennifer Warnick and junior Jennifer Allen. Jones and Allen are expecting 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.

"Amy is a real scrappy player with a strong arm," Southerland said.

Other newcomers include sophomore outfielders Amanda

Bilkie and Kelly Jaskot, as well as juniors Erin Sonntag, a first baseman, and Kristen Miller, a pitcher.

If the team jells like she thinks it will, Southerland believes the Rocks have a shot at winning their division — and maybe more.

"The Lakes Division will be tough this year, but we should be in contention," Southerland said. "I think we should improve our record over last season. If we don't, I will be disappointed."

Canton, Salem open seasons with wins

SOFTBALL

Laura Stewart surrendered just one hit and one walk in handcuffing 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 run 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."

Rocks wreck Spartans

The schedule said season opener. But Plymouth Salem senior pitcher Liz Dekarske's

performance Monday had mid-season form written all over it.

Dekarske threw a gem at Livonia Stevenson, limiting the Spartans to four hits in Salem's 4-0 season-opening victory. The right-handed hurler struck out 10 and walked just two batters in the pitcher-dominated contest.

The loss was the first of the young season for Stevenson, which dropped to 2-1.

"Liz pitched a great game," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "We played good defense behind her, too. It was a nice way to open the season."

It didn't take long for Salem to score its first run of the new millennium. In the bottom of the first, Katie Kelly singled and stole second. She then scored on Dawn Allen's single.

Salem finished off the Spartans with a three-run third, which was highlighted by Jen Allen's lead-off triple and a two-base error that allowed Shay Potocki and Carrie Carter to score.

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-third 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 outhits 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-hitter to lead the Chiefs to a 6-2 victory. The win gave the Chiefs a 2-1 mark overall and in the WLA; Churchill dropped to 1-1 overall (0-1 in the WLA).

"We made too many 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 Odom 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 run batted in for the Chiefs, Smigiel-

ski had two hits and two RBI; Jason Evans had two hits and two RBI; Jay Sofen contributed two hits (one a double) and scored two runs; Johnson had two hits; and Jimmy Reddy added a hit and an RBI.

Paul Mercier took the loss for the Chargers after he yielded six runs and 11 hits in five innings. Brad Bescoe shut out the Chiefs over the final two innings.

Strain and Mercier both had two hits a piece for the Chargers.

Farmington 6, John Glenn 0: Junior right-hander Ian Pardonne of the Falcons (5-0, 1-0) kept host Westland John Glenn (0-2, 0-1) off balance with 10 strikeouts Monday in the WLA-Lakes Division opener.

Pardonne walked just two and allowed only two hits to losing pitcher Jeff Mitchell and senior outfielder Chad Sansoni.

"We knew from last year that Glenn could hit the ball and Ian did a nice job of keeping the ball low and mixing it up with all three pitches," Farmington coach Pete Finn said. "He's a smart pitcher."

"We also did a job good of shutting down the running game. We threw out two runners."

Farmington junior Kyle Burcar had two doubles and two RBI. Senior Jim Clarahan went two-for-two with triple and RBI bunt single. He also scored three runs. Brad Barenie had two hits, two stolen bases and two runs scored.

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.

Big losses, but Chiefs still tough

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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 well, sort of.

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

CANTON

the explosive bat of first baseman Liz Elsner to a 30-3 mark. Elsner, now a freshman member of the University of Michigan softball team, hit a school-record six round-trippers last year.

However, the Chiefs' post-season bubble was prematurely popped in the district final by Farmington High, a team Can-

ton defeated handily earlier in the year.

"That was a tough way to end a great season," Arnold said, looking back on the 31-4 campaign. "This year, our goal is to win our division. After that, we'll just take things one game at a time."

If Canton is to match last year's impressive record and exceed the disappointing post-season results, the Chiefs will need solid production from its six seniors, most notably pitcher Laura Stewart, who will attempt to fill Hudson's shoes.

"Laura was our number-three starter last year behind Gretchen and Jenny Fisher," Arnold said. "She finished with a 6-3 record and pitched very well. Out of our 30 (regular-season) games we play this year, she will probably pitch half of them, so I'm confident in her ability."

When Stewart isn't toting the rubber, junior right-hander Katy Conlon probably will be, according to Arnold.

Who will supply the power that Elsner provided last year? The best bets are seniors 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.

Letter-winners Christina Kiessel (outfield), Angie Neu (infield) and Jenna Perino (outfield) have earned starting berths for Canton. They will be key components in one of the most dependable defensive units Arnold has coached.

"Our defense and depth should be extremely good this year," Arnold confirmed. "Of the 17 players on our roster, anyone could start. This is the most depth we've had since I've coached at Canton."

Sophomores Danielle Weber (utility player) and Megan Coultas (second baseman) will serve primarily as back-ups this year. However, freshman Janelle Brown earned the right to start behind the plate for the Chiefs.

"In 11 years as a coach at Canton, I've only had four freshmen who have started for me," Arnold revealed. "The fact that Janelle is starting at catcher — a key position — as a freshman says a lot about her ability."

If there is one thing his team needs to improve upon, it's advancing base-runners via the short game, Arnold said.

"We need to work on our bunting," Arnold admitted. "We need to be able to move base-runners along more effectively than we've done it in the past."

Arnold said he expects both Walled Lake-based teams — Central and Western — to provide the stiffest competition this year in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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SHOT PUT
 Mike Morris (Redford CC) 50.5 3/4
 Mike Gaura (Churchill) 49.9 1/2
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 47.2
 Nate Hensman (Franklin) 45.2 1/2
 Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 39.10
 Asa Hensley (Canton) 39.3
 Jeremy Senters (Thurston) 39.0
 Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 38.8
 Carl LaLonde (Thurston) 38.7
 Andrew McCully (Canton) 38.5

DISCUS
 Mike Morris (Redford CC) 140.4
 Nate Hensman (Franklin) 131.2
 Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 131.3/4
 Mike Gaura (Churchill) 129.9
 Mark Snyder (Salem) 128.11
 Brad Person (Harrison) 125.0
 Asa Hensley (Canton) 124.10
 Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 124.7
 Will Hundley (Canton) 118.5
 Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 116.0

HIGH JUMP
 Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-2
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-2
 Chris Kalis (Canton) 6-0

Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
 Brad Tucker (Harrison) 5-10
 Brad Person (Harrison) 5-10
 Paul Karolak (Churchill) 5-8
 Dave Brown (Redford Union) 5-8
 Joe Damon (Redford Union) 5-8
 Dave Painter (Franklin) 5-6
 Josh Fee (Garden City) 5-6
 Matt Dukes (Canton) 5-6

LONG JUMP
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-11 1/2
 Eric Scott (Churchill) 20-9 1/4
 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 20-3
 Matt Dukes (Canton) 19-6
 James Cook (Harrison) 19-1 3/4
 Ken Page (Canton) 18-11 1/2
 Dustin Gress (Farmington) 18-11
 Ricky Yee (Redford Union) 18-9 1/2
 Jarnell Johnson (Harrison) 18-9
 Kevin Palmer (Canton) 18-9
 Justin Cook (N. Farmington) 18-6
POLE VAULT
 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 12-8
 Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 12-0
 Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 11-6
 Brian Page (Canton) 11-6
 Jim Brzuch (Salem) 10-6
 Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 10-6
 Trevor Moore (Farmington) 10-0

Joe Reilly (John Glenn) 9-6
 Bryan Dery (Stevenson) 9-0
 John Bosquet (Redford Union) 9-0
 Matt Bartell (Redford Union) 9-0

110-METER HURDLES
 Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.8
 Chris Kalis (Canton) 15.5
 Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.7
 Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.8
 Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 16.0
 Brant Hauck (Churchill) 16.2
 Erik Oswald (Harrison) 16.3
 Ben Lukas (Salem) 16.3
 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 16.4
 Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 16.5
 Jim O'Brien (Canton) 16.5

300-METER HURDLES
 Nick Hall (Harrison) 41.7
 Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
 Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.9
 Brian Jones (Stevenson) 43.3
 Ryan Silva (Salem) 43.3
 Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 43.8
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 Brant Hauck (Churchill) 44.5
 James Cook (Harrison) 45.2

100-METER DASH
 Marcus Woods (Harrison) 11.2

Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.2
 Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.3
 K.J. Singh (Canton) 11.3
 Jamie Bonner (Canton) 11.4
 Chris Roberson (Harrison) 11.5
 Eric Scott (Churchill) 11.5
 Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.5
 Mike Sparks (Garden City) 11.6
 Corey Waiser (Canton) 11.6

200-METER DASH
 Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
 Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 23.1
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 23.4
 Jamie Bonner (Canton) 23.5
 Jack Tucci (Canton) 23.6
 Todd Anthony (Farmington) 23.8
 Mike Lenardon (Stevenson) 23.8
 Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.9
 Mark Ostach (Farmington) 24.0
 Mike Parker (Canton) 24.2

400-METER DASH
 Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.9
 Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
 Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.9
 Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 52.3
 Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 54.4
 Dustin Gress (Farmington) 54.4
 Jack Tucci (Canton) 54.6
 Mike Bowman (N. Farmington) 56.0

Bennie Oliphant (John Glenn) 56.9
 Brian Page (Canton) 57.2

800-METER RUN
 Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 2:08.0
 Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:08.5
 Ryan Gail (Churchill) 2:08.7
 Aaron Schmidt (Canton) 2:09.3
 Donnie Warner (Salem) 2:09.8
 Brian Horr (N. Farmington) 2:10.0
 Manvir Gill (Salem) 2:10.3
 Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:13.8
 John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 2:14.4
 Brian Coates (Harrison) 2:17.0

1,600-METER RUN
 Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:43.0
 Brian Klutz (Franklin) 4:44.0
 Scott Gillen (Canton) 4:48.6
 Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:49.0
 Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 4:52.8
 Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:53.0
 Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 4:57.0
 Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:57.0
 Chris Tobe (Farmington) 4:59.0
 Andrew Hathaway (N. Farmington) 5:00.5

3,200-METER RUN
 Jason Richmond (Churchill) 10:19.4
 Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
 Jack Tucci (Canton) 10:50.0
 Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:51.0

Chris Tobe (Farmington) 10:53.0
 Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:54.0
 Pat Lockhart (Farmington) 10:54.0
 Scott Gillen (Canton) 10:58.0
 John Keller (Harrison) 11:01.0
 Andrew Hathaway (N. Farmington) 11:11.0

400-METER RELAY
 Farmington Harrison 44.1
 Plymouth Canton 45.1
 Plymouth Salem 45.8
 North Farmington 46.2
 Livonia Churchill 46.3

800-METER RELAY
 Farmington Harrison 1:33.8
 Livonia Stevenson 1:35.0
 Plymouth Canton 1:35.4
 Redford Thurston 1:43.0
 Livonia Churchill 1:43.6

1,600-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Canton 3:37.5
 Livonia Stevenson 3:39.0
 North Farmington 3:44.5
 Plymouth Salem 3:50.0
 Livonia Churchill 3:50.3

3,200-METER RELAY
 North Farmington 8:51.2
 Plymouth Canton 8:57.8
 Plymouth Salem 8:59.7
 Livonia Churchill 9:04.7

BEST GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PERFORMANCES

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

SHOT PUT
 Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 37.7
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 34.0
 Lisa Balko (Franklin) 33.6 1/2
 Marin Jacoby (Churchill) 31.11 1/2
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 31.9 1/2
 Becky Loftus (Thurston) 30.3 1/2
 Jamie Irvin (Garden City) 29.7 1/2
 Gaybriel Newton (Harrison) 28.7
 Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 28.7
 Rochelle Mickens (Thurston) 28.3 1/2

DISCUS
 Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 143.6
 Jenny Hefner (Churchill) 102.9 1/2
 Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 91.5
 Miranda White (Salem) 91.4
 Daniella Gapp (Franklin) 90.10
 Debby Chen (N. Farmington) 90.7
 Heather Friedl (Farmington) 85.2
 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 84.2
 Becky Loftus (Garden City) 82.5
 Courtney Whitfield (Harrison) 81.7

HIGH JUMP
 Aisha Chappell (Canton) 5-1

Autumn Hicks (Salem) 5-1
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 5-0
 Andrea Polasky (Stevenson) 4-10
 Debbie Hitt (Redford Union) 4-8
 Erin Szura (Garden City) 4-8
 Angela Adams (John Glenn) 4-8
 Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 4-8
 Shelby Gribeck (Harrison) 4-6
 Eliena Spatoulos (Farmington) 4-6
 Maggie Condani (Harrison) 4-6

LONG JUMP
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16-4 3/4
 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16-2 3/4
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15-3
 Jessica Johnson (Canton) 14-9 3/4
 Leyna Kasparek (Stevenson) 14-8 1/2
 Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 14-6 1/2
 Lindsey Mergener (Farmington) 14-3
 Courtney Whitfield (Harrison) 14-1
 Kaiya Washington (Thurston) 13-10
 Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 13-7

POLE VAULT
 Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-2
 Kari Cezar (Churchill) 9-0
 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-0
 Kristen Schlick (Canton) 7-6
 Julieta Iarina (Harrison) 6-6

Ashley Heard (Salem) 6-6
 Jenny Jedlick (Salem) 6-0
 Tina Frank (N. Farmington) 5-6
 Laura Uridge (Harrison) 5-0

100-METER HURDLES
 LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 15.4
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 17.0
 Cassie Ehlerndt (Stevenson) 17.1
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 17.2
 Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17.2
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 17.2
 Valarie Brown (Salem) 17.2
 Latoya Burrell (Harrison) 17.6
 Rachel Brown (Salem) 18.1
 Jennifer Jary (N. Farmington) 18.9

300-METER HURDLES
 Cassie Ehlerndt (Stevenson) 50.1
 Valarie Brown (Salem) 52.3
 Aisha Chappell (Salem) 52.7
 Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 54.0
 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 54.5
 Cristin Kukann (Salem) 55.8
 Lakisha Locust (John Glenn) 55.9
 Latoya Burrell (Harrison) 57.7
 Erin Szura (Garden City) 58.2
 Tina Frank (N. Farmington) 58.8

100-METER DASH
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 12.8
 Felicia Barnett (John Glenn) 13.1
 Michelle Bonior (Salem) 13.2
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 13.2
 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 13.3
 Melanie Banks (Harrison) 13.3
 Nicole Taylor (N. Farmington) 13.6
 Angela Mikkelsen (Stevenson) 13.6
 Victoria Christmon (Harrison) 13.9
 Christy Stockton (N. Farmington) 14.3

200-METER DASH
 Rachel Jones (Salem) 27.5
 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 28.1
 Amy Driscoll (Canton) 28.3
 Celena Davis (Salem) 28.6
 Shenelle Brown (John Glenn) 28.7
 Kristin Kuczyci (Stevenson) 29.2
 Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 29.2
 Melanie Banks (Harrison) 29.7
 Kristin Ulewicz (N. Farmington) 29.7
 Kristina Hill (Harrison) 29.9

400-METER DASH
 Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:02.6
 Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:03.7
 Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:04.3
 Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:05.0
 Jessica Levely (Canton) 1:06.1
 Kristen Fischer (John Glenn) 1:06.5
 Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:07.0
 Anne Lieberman (N. Farmington) 1:08.0

Lindsey Mergener (Farmington) 1:10.2
 Samantha Allen (Thurston) 1:12.0
 Cathy Rybka (Thurston) 1:12.0

800-METER RUN
 Tessa Tarole (Stevenson) 2:35.0
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 2:37.5
 Susan Duncan (Churchill) 2:38.0
 Kristen Balla (Farmington) 2:41.0
 Erica Johnson (Franklin) 2:41.0
 Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 2:41.4
 Kelly Solano (Salem) 2:41.7
 Miranda White (Salem) 2:42.8
 Danielle Guerin (Salem) 2:43.6
 Christine Merty (Harrison) 2:47.8

1,600-METER RUN
 Andrea Parker (Stevenson) 5:34.0
 Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 5:52.7
 Susan Duncan (Churchill) 5:54.0
 Cayna Carnes (Salem) 5:58.9
 Kristin Balla (Farmington) 6:03.0
 Lynn Andzjewski (Harrison) 6:05.0
 Miranda White (Salem) 6:09.1
 Kelly Kuo (N. Farmington) 6:10.2
 Lauren Liebowitz (Harrison) 6:11.0
 Erin Jensen (Salem) 6:14.7

3,200-METER RUN
 Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
 Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 12:59.3
 Diana Leparskas (Churchill) 13:03.0
 Megan Annarino (Farmington) 13:20.0

Kim Wood (Salem) 13:28.1
 Claire Czaplacki (Farmington) 13:29.0
 Lauren Liebowitz (Harrison) 13:30.0
 Cayna Carnes (Salem) 13:39.9
 Amy Miller (N. Farmington) 13:58.7

400-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Salem 53.4
 Westland John Glenn 53.6
 North Farmington 54.6
 Livonia Stevenson 55.3
 Farmington Harrison 55.9

800-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Canton 1:52.6
 Livonia Stevenson 1:53.0
 Westland John Glenn 1:53.7
 North Farmington 1:55.9
 Farmington Harrison 2:00.0

1,600-METER RELAY
 Plymouth Canton 4:23.4
 Kristen Balla (Farmington) 4:27.1
 North Farmington 4:31.0
 Livonia Stevenson 4:35.8
 Livonia Churchill 4:39.4

3,200-METER RELAY
 Livonia Stevenson 10:26.4
 North Farmington 10:48.7
 Livonia Churchill 11:04.0
 Plymouth Salem 11:12.0
 Farmington Harrison 11:14.0

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf outing

The WaCo Wolves USA Travel Baseball Club is sponsoring a golf outing fund-raiser at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 7 at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth (located at 44115 Five Mile).

Cost is \$90 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf (shotgun start, four person scramble), prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive, beer and pop on the course, a complete steak dinner and door prizes.

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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 reassume 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 Gusick 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

Gusick finally got the Spartans what they needed — the game-tying goal.

"They were playing tough," said Smith of Stevenson. "If we were going to get anything, we were going to have to work for it. And so were they."

Eventually, the Spartans did, but it took more than 78 minutes.

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 WLAA girls soccer match Monday at Salem.

The win was the fourth-straight for the Rocks, who have allowed just one goal thus far this season. The victory was also their first in WLAA 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.

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.

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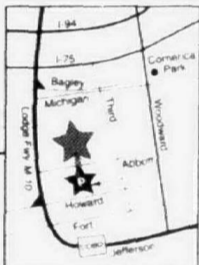


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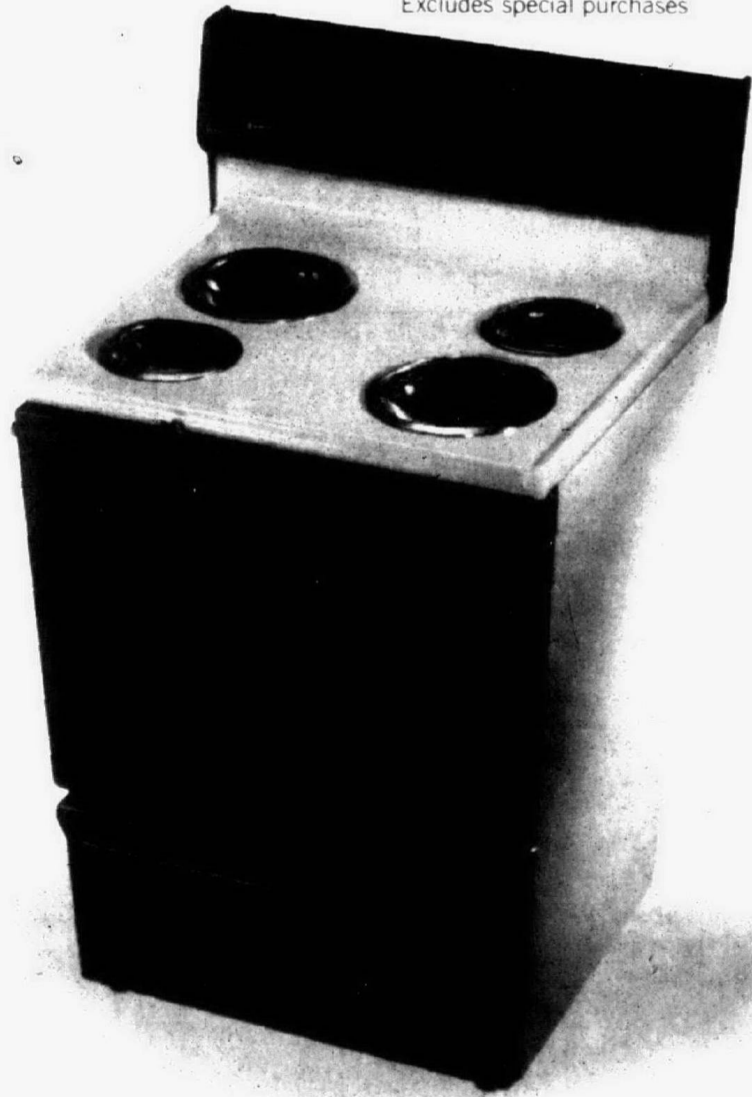
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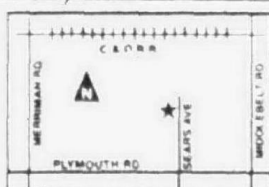
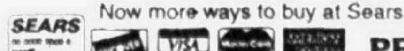


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Former sharpshooter: Adam Wilson was a strong shooting guard for Salem last season.

MSU managers *from page C1*

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'd 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 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."

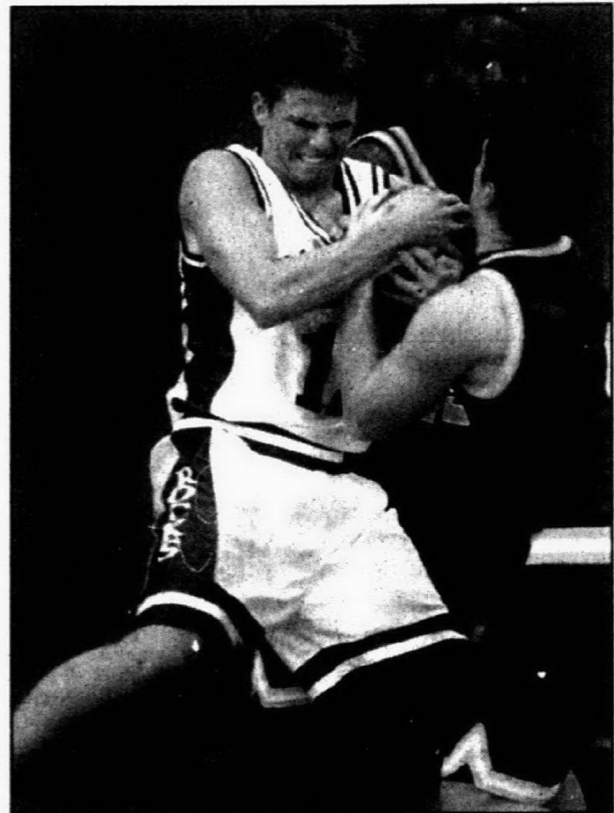
One of Wilson's favorite memories came in Chicago, when one of his compatriots took on Charlie Bell in a computer basketball game — and beat him.

"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."

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Hard-nosed mentality: Jake Gray (in white), like many of his teammates, was a determined competitor.

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Friday, April 14
 W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
 Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
 (all double-headers)
 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 Agape, 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.

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 13
 Harrison at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 Salem at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
 Lady Chief Relays, 9:30 a.m.
 West Bloomfield Relays, TBA.
 PCA at Clinton, TBA.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 13
 Ladywood at Mercy, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 14
 Luth. N'west at Luth. W'sld, 4 p.m.
 N.D. Prep at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
 Canton at Troy Athens, 1 p.m.
 Saline at Salem, 12:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL

(all double-headers)
Friday, April 14
 Madonna at Tiffin (Ohio), 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 15
 Madonna at Concordia, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 16
 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers)

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.

Whalers from page C1

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 Spitfires 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 Vernarsky got a short-handed marker with 4:11 left in the period. However, Plymouth couldn't solve Leighton again. Rob Zepp was in goal for the Whalers, stopping 16 of 18 shots.

Whalers 6, Spitfires 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 Spitfires. Six different Whalers scored goals and Rob Zepp earned his second shutout of these playoffs in the 6-0 tri-

umph. 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. Zepp stopped 25 shots in the game to earn the victory, his fourth in a row.

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DUCK & GOOSE CALLING

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

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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

ACTIVITIES

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS

Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. membership meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X, 6177 Chicago Road, in Warren. The public is welcome. More information can be obtained by calling Ed Wilczek at (810) 757-7365 or club President Ray Banbury at (810) 598-0310.

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 payouts will be awarded with amounts determined by the number of entries. For more information, call (734) 729-1762 or (734) 422-5813.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS

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

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

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

FOUR SEASONS

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

FISHING BUDDIES

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

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

BASS ASSOCIATION

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

SOLAR

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

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Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays

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PONTIAC LAKE

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

ORTONVILLE RECREATION

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

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

2000 PERMITS

The 2000 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are

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Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

PERMITS

The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is \$20 through April 30 and \$25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



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SATURDAY



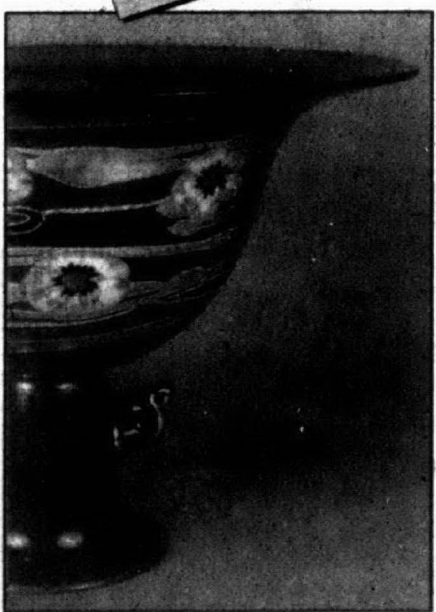
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SUNDAY



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.

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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 Vandeberghe 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)

Ryan Vandeberghe:
Run DMC
(hip hop)

Please see **MACHINES, E2**

'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.

■ 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.

"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

Please see **CABARET, E2**

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.'"

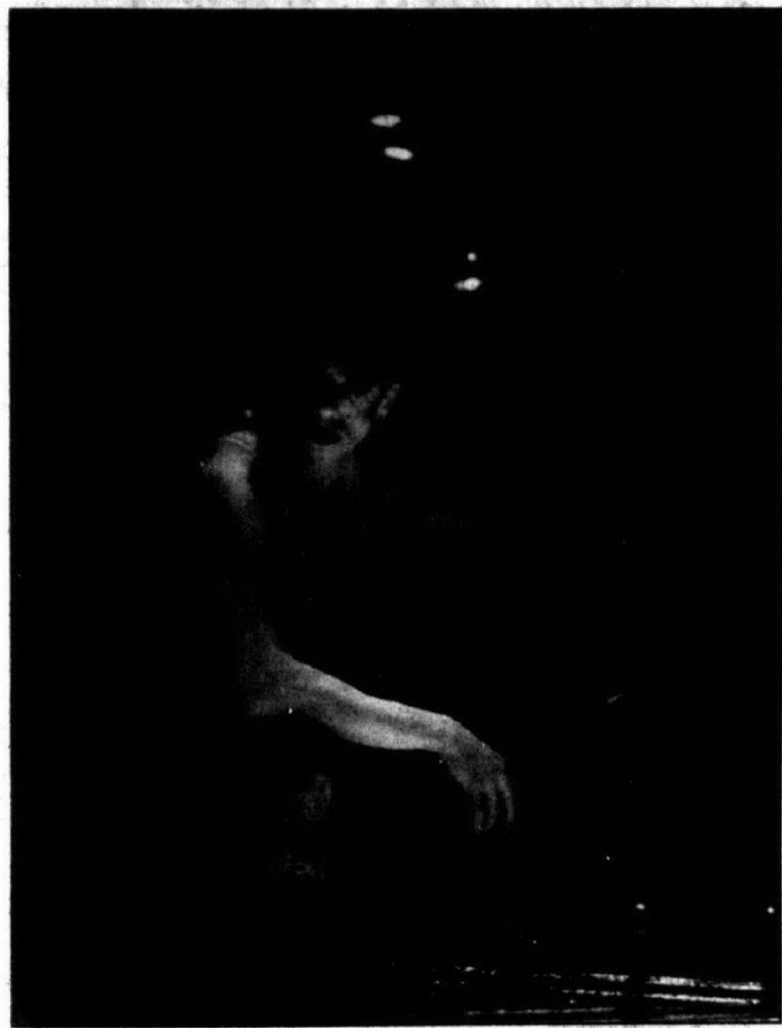
Rehearsals began in February for the 32 cast members in the Tinderbox production directed by Nancy Florowski of Redford. Nearly every night of the week Schmidt is



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, Peterson claims it plays just as well in large concert halls. "As far as the staging, we've spread it out. Some people have said they prefer it this way," he said.

Background

"Cabaret" is based on a 1930s series of Berlin stories by Christopher Isherwood. The story takes place during the Weimar Republic, the period of time between World War I and the rise of Fascism marked by economic hardship and a blossoming of the avant-garde. Cabarets were decadent clubs where nakedness and perversion reigned.

In "Cabaret," Sally Bowles meets American writer Clifford Bradshaw at the boarding house of Fräulein Schneider, and they befriend Max. Several stories weave their way through the trio's trysts, all under the leering eye of Emcee, who is both the symbol of Nazism and its victims.

To prepare for his role, Peterson said he watched documentaries about pre-World War II Germany, but a lot of it he trusted to instinct. "I know it sounds corny, but I feel very lucky. I've wanted to do this role for a long time," he said.

Besides Peterson and Thompson, the cast includes Port Huron actor Drew McVety, who plays Ernst Ludwig. Rochester native Carl Pasbjerg is the show's general manager.

Though Peterson said audiences in some of the 15 cities he has toured have reacted to the show's rawness, he isn't discouraged.

"This is the best production of 'Cabaret' if you are looking for the truth," he said.

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JOHNNY BUZZERO

Hey, Punk: The Suicide Machines, Ryan Vandenberghe, 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 "furthest thing from a romantic." That's debatable when listening to the ballad, with its dreamy lyrics about a boy and girl chasing 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, 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 dreads 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

Tinderbox from page E1

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," "Turnadot," 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.

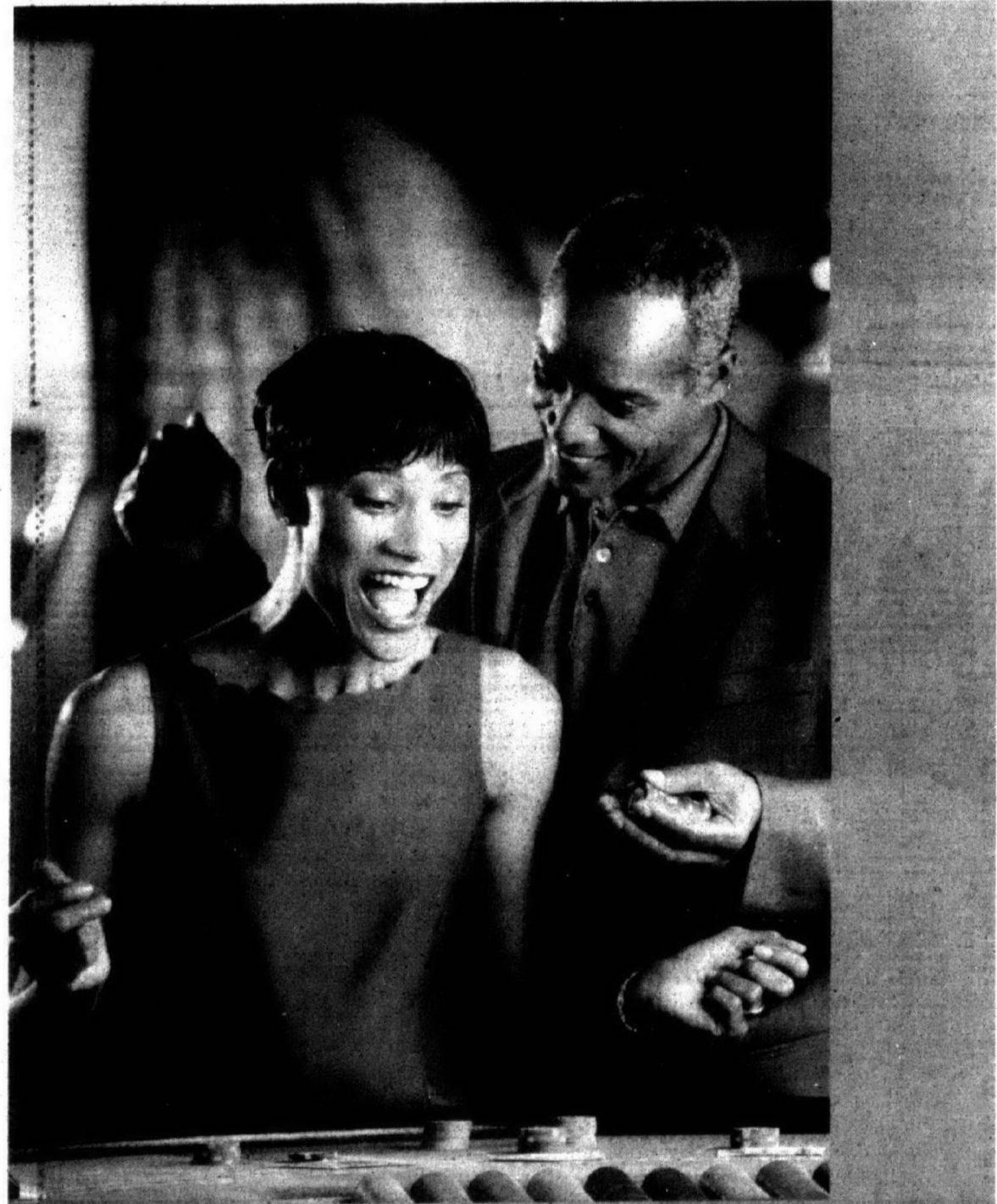
While Michele enjoyed watching Shirley Temple in the movie version when she was Jennifer's

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 Donny Osmond. 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."



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Talented cast delivers 'Godspell's' uplifting message

The Bonstelle, 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 Bonstelle Theatre is located at 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Wayne State's undergraduate Bonstelle Theatre Company presents the upbeat and uplifting musical "Godspell," which follows the story of Christ and His Apos-

les 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

house.

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 Bonstelle 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."

Lighting

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."



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."

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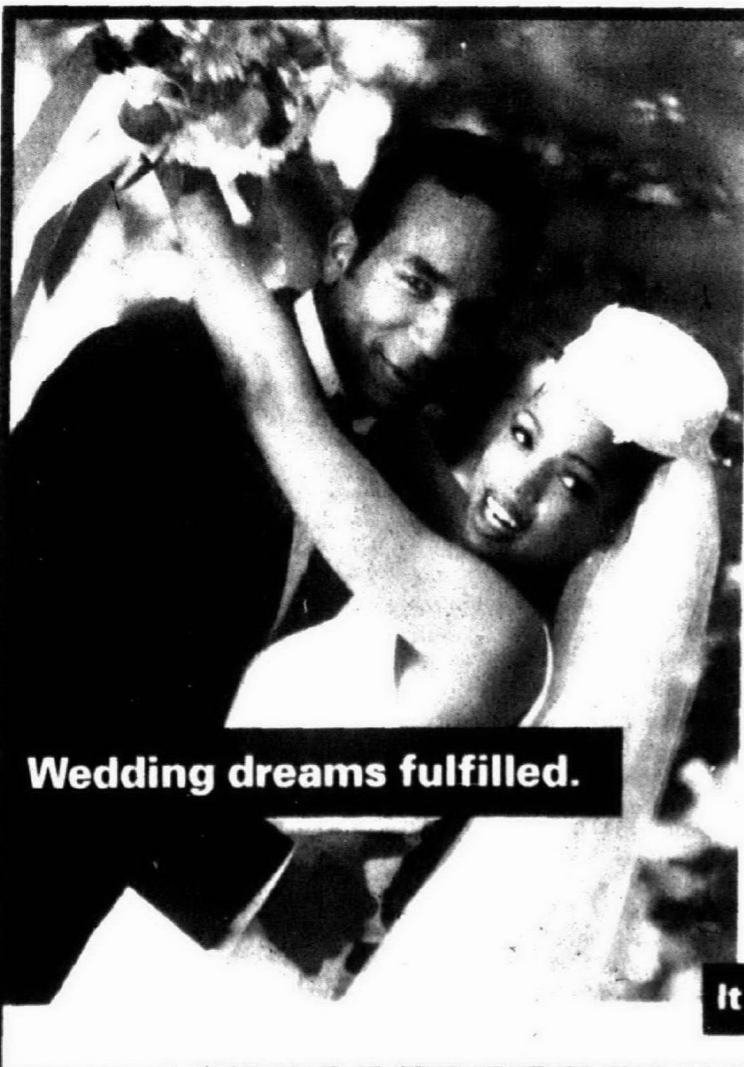
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Unbreakable: Nine Inch Nails returns



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

It's been a while since we've heard from Nine Inch Nails, five long years in fact. So when "The Fragile" was finally released in September 1999, the double-disc set did more than satisfy

ern rock music - "what took so long?" - Clouser said it didn't feel like a very long time. Add two years of touring, one year working with Marilyn Manson and the next two plugging away on "The Fragile" while holed up in an ex-funeral home/studio in New Orleans, and five years seems like a short hiatus. Time marks a transition for Nine Inch Nails' Trent Reznor. The Ohio native started the group more than a decade ago, writing, playing and recording material almost completely on his own. Showing the world how pain, anguish, rock, technology and brilliant musical layering can collide into soundscapes of raw power, Reznor redefined music in the early 1990s. Having slipped out of sight, but never out of mind, NIN have broken through boundaries once again. And more than 100 minutes and 17 tracks later, "The Fragile" weaves and ebbs with moody instrumentals, brittle ballads, and primal sonic experi-

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, Clouser and bassist Danny Lohner took copies of songs to their rooms and worked on overdubs, keyboards and textures, later recording the work on computers. "The next time they happened to be working on the song, Trent and Alan would pick through the bits and pieces," said Clouser. "It was the only way we could collaborate without having Trent step aside." "A lot of songs were very simple musically, but we wanted them to have interesting sound textures." The challenge of the material is truly pulling it off in a live setting. "Some of the songs are so thickly layered, no five guys could get up there and play (them)," he said. Performing allows the band freedom to interpret the material on instruments, without the need to dupli-

cate the album. 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. There will be no candy, or bubblegum-pop for that matter, in the vicinity of a Nine Inch Nails show. Ever. Though the musical climate has migrated toward well-designed pop stars and boy bands, NIN shows no concern. Clouser said it's actually made life easier: "We don't have so much competition anymore. In the early '90s there was Nirvana and Soundgarden and other heavy bands that were really good at what they did, that were innovative and creating something new. Now, no one's doing anything that I haven't heard before." Don't mistake this effort by NIN as a softening; it isn't. "The title came about from Trent's ability to explore a wider spectrum of emotions," said Clouser.



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 rage." To achieve a sense of fragility, NIN incorporated instruments like cello, ukulele and mandolin, which are difficult to play. The end result was a fractured sound that is unmistakably NIN. "(Reznor) needed a challenge, something that was not going to be a sure bet." See Nine Inch Nails and A Perfect Circle, featuring Maynard James Keenan of Tool, 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666. Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net.

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"Good Disguise"
Knee Deep Shag
hi-lo records
Knee Deep Shag has done it again, and it comes as no surprise. With its latest, greatest release "Good Disguise," the band strips away some of their former funk to make way for more good, clean rock and roll.

Despite line-up changes — bassist Troy Stansberry left to spend more time with his family and made way for Mike Fuerst — the band sounds as solid as ever. It's about time they released gems like "3 P.M." and "Faded and Live" for mass consumption. You can't put a live show on repeat. The album finally gives keyboardist Rob Cookman his due, allowing this tight group to shine as one solid structure.

The title track comes off as a throwback to The Beatles with its vintage melodies. Vocalist Matt Gross croons with abandon on "Early Evening Moon" and simmers with sweetness on "By A Thread." That signature sound is ably held together by guitarist Phil Barry and drummer Jeff Moehle, whose parents reside in Troy. Press play and prepare to get lost in the original sounds of this rising rock quintet.

—STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

"NakedSelf"
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Nothing Records
Delving into The The's "Naked Self" is not unlike entering a dark, back alley, where distant sirens expose peril and constant vigilance is demanded from any wary intruder.

The British band's first release in seven years opens with "Boiling Point," a bleak urban tale whose moaning guitars churn and build in strength and intensity. Since "Soul Mining," the band's 1983 American debut, Matt Johnson continues to enlarge his repertoire of visceral lyrics and haunted, twisted tales.

But with "Naked Self" there is a radical departure from the aggressive, mixed instrumentation of "Mind Bomb" and landmark album "Infected." No synthesizers, no pounding organs, just Johnson and Eric Schermerhorn on guitar, Spencer Campbell on bass and Earl Harvin on drums.

Johnson continues to break new ground, this time using guitars to paint evocative horizons. "SoulCatcher" finds Johnson in deep reflection while "GlobalEyes" and "SwineFever" are biting social commentaries — something for which he's a master. See The The 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22-\$25. (248) 645-6666. —ALICE RHEIN

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Holy mackerel, church fish fries provide tasty fare

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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"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



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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 pm. 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**, 31530 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."

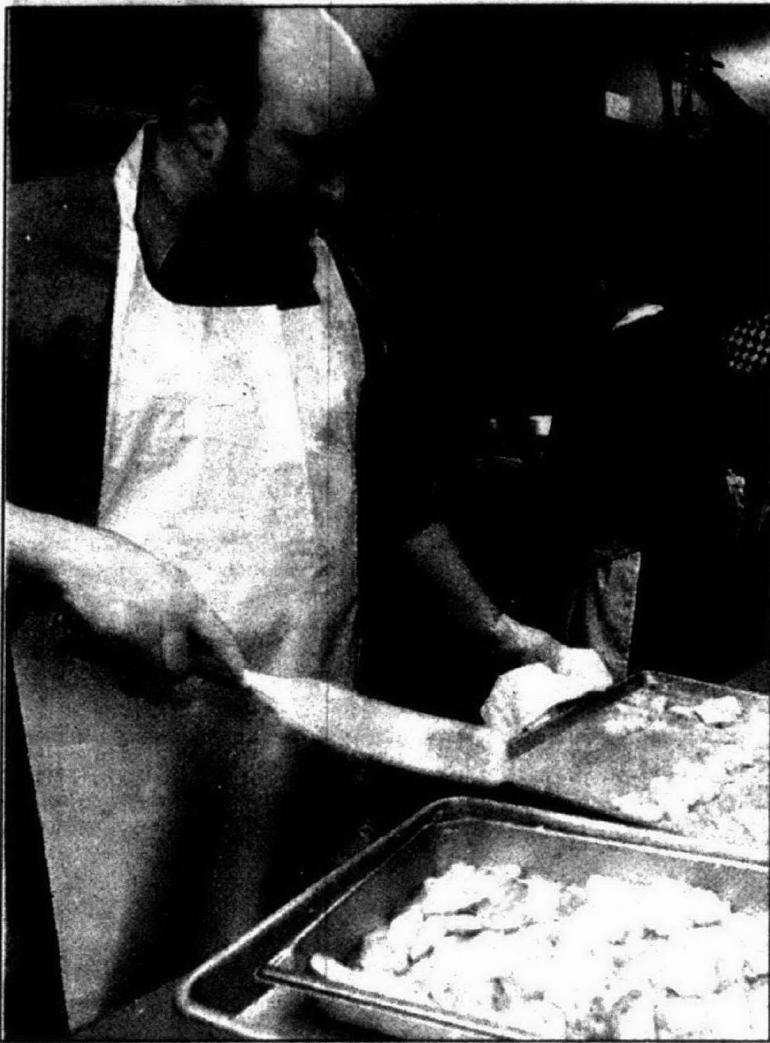
■ **St. Valentine Catholic Church**, 24881 Dow, Redford Township, (313) 532-4394. Time:

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**, 26605 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

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