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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

ENTERTAINMENT

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

Youth theater: Jennifer Schmidt of Redford has the leading role in the musical "A Little Princess," presented by Tinderbox Productions. The cast also includes Becky Roberts of Livonia./E1

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Hall of Fame honors local trio

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 com-

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



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-



Jim Jabara

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

Township sets limit on Sheldon spending

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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 expen-

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

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

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

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 mat-

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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 Mardigian 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. erving one term between 1990-1994. He did not seek re-election because his wife had a baby. That son is now a first-grader at Bird Elementary. Battishill also has a daughter who will

begin kindergarten next fall. I believe the fundamental reason we have schools is for the time a child is able to spend with a teacher," Bat-

tishill 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,"

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

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Salem gets new Byzantine church

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 pro-

"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

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 www.holyascension. site intranets.com. Registration code: family.

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

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

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

Stolen items

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

dents 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.

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

"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 Sa vation 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

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

A real estate developer who McKeon has devoted his time to both the Community Fund that assists Plymouth groups and was the financial chairman for Junior Achievement for two

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 wellknown to both commission members and the public. He is a charter member of the Plymouth Theater Guild, semi-professional actor, past president and lifemember 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, (734)453-1540.

A candidate must be at least 30 years old, a resident for at least 10 years, have made a recognizable contribution to the community in terms of time and effort in the building and rebuilding of the well-being of the community.

Past inductees were: Joanne Winkleman Hulce, Ralph J. Kenyon and Jane K. Moehle in 1999; Dunbar Davis and Frank E. Henderson in 1986; Mary B. Childs, Harold E. Fischer and Russell L. Isbister in 1983; Esther Hulsing, Cass S. Hough, Herald F. Hamill and Fred D. Schrader in 1982; Lewis Cass Hough, Michael Conner, Floyd A. Kehrl and Norma Cassady in 1981, and William and Keziah Starkweather, George A. Starkweather, E.J. Penniman, William F. Markham, Clarence J. Hamilton, Charles H. Bennett, Edward C. Hough, Kate Penniman Allen, Phoebe Patterson, Sidney D. Strong, Ruth Huston Whipple, Ernest J. Allison, Margaret I. Dunning, Clarence E. Moore, Ralph G. Lorenz and Harold E. Guenther.



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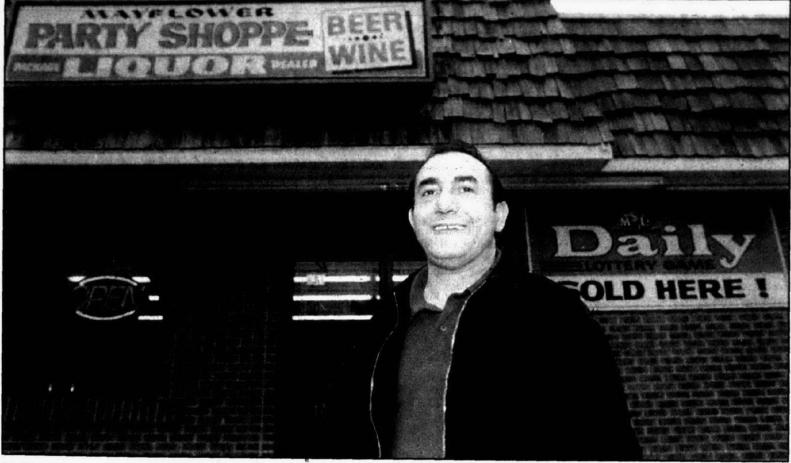


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Under new management: Sam Yousif and his wife, Valentina, have assumed ownership of the Mayflower Party Shoppe on Main Street just north of Ann Arbor Road.

New neighbors

Husband-wife team takes over party store

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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

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 north-

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

"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

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 cusan array of wine and liquor, and is a good when I'm here.

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

"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 Fourne 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 Fourne, 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,"

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 customer

"I don't do this because I have to," he said. "I love this business. It is not boring because tomer through the night. The store also has I like to deal with people. The time just flies

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Township approves sidewalk plan

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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 slipand-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

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

■ 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

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 wel-

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 fiveyear period struck," said Trustee

"Just say one year." Curmi suggested.

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

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

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

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

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

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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 meet-

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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 Mo

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ing her first four-year term. Mardigian, 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

ble to the community. They definitely make sure we are doing what we are supposed to and that we are fiscally responsible," she said.

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

"We have allowed our hired help to decide how to spend \$6.1 million, and our elected officials. who have the statutory responsibility to guard this money, have absolutely abdicated their responsibility," he said. "The board doesn't have a clue what is going on with cash.

"Something is terribly wrong here. These eight board members are asleep at the switch.'

Some administrators were upset by Donahue's attacks.

"It is very unfortunate how Mr. Donahue brought up these issues," said Judy Evola, a spokesperson for the district. Everyone knows that he is grandstanding because 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, 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

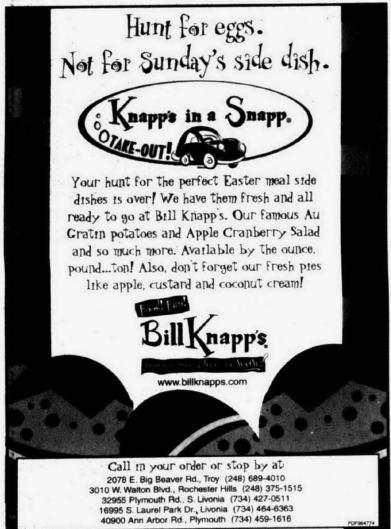
Ambrozaitis comes to the company after having served as the executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce since

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 contin-

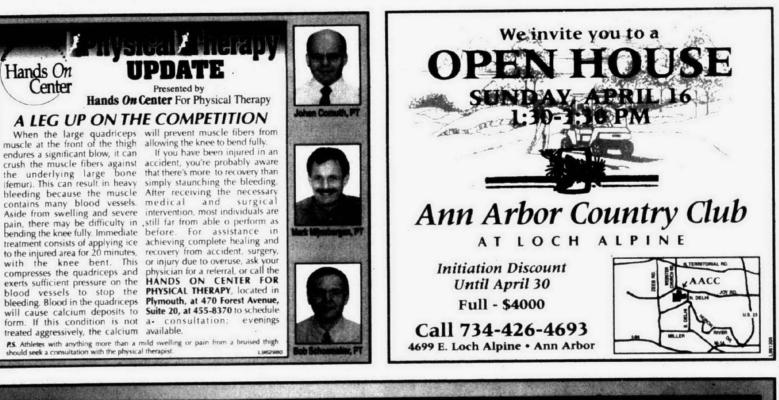
Ambrozaitis will be responsible for all marketing activities for Envision Inc., "Ryan's outstanding success working with including development and implementation

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-









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

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

Call AISE's toll free number at 1-800-SIBLING or visit the AISE Web site at www.aise.com to learn more about the benefits of hosting an exchange student in your home.

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,

The award was presented at the MAEB Share-a-thon at Michigan State Universi-

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 Walterscheld and Gena Koski; bronze medals to John Fournier,

Samantha Hensley and Alexa Smith. ■ Sportscast - John Fournier, silver

■ 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

David Merrick (disc jockey) and Jacob Bugeja (television news) both earned sec-

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 Ply-mouth-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.

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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 nation-

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 Ecommerce, marketing and technical issues

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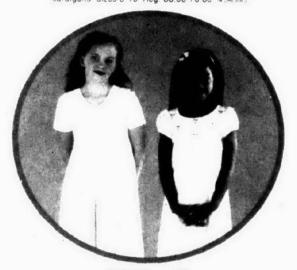
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BONNIE JEAN DINGLEDEY

Services for Bonnie Jean Din-gledey, 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

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

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

MARY CATHERINE SIMMEN

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

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



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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. Sim-

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

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

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 Lambart 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 veter-

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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-

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, Bradly 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.

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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 Ucb 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 grand-

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

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church in Ply-

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

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 Acacla 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

He believed strongly in "grassroots" 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

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Senate reaches compromise on motor carrier legislation

'It's bad policy to have enforcement benefit

BY MIKE MALOTT HOMETOWN NEWS SERVICE mmalott@homecomm.net

A three-way dispute over the way truck regulations are enforced - pitting motor carrier companies and drivers against libraries against local law enforcement and municipalities 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 settle. ment. But the three sides concluded they would not oppose the

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

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

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

- ended in a compromise last to bring them up to state police standards, although current

from the tickets they write.'

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

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

Still, Hartzell said the compromise reached in the Senate last House Bills 4927-32.

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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.

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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,

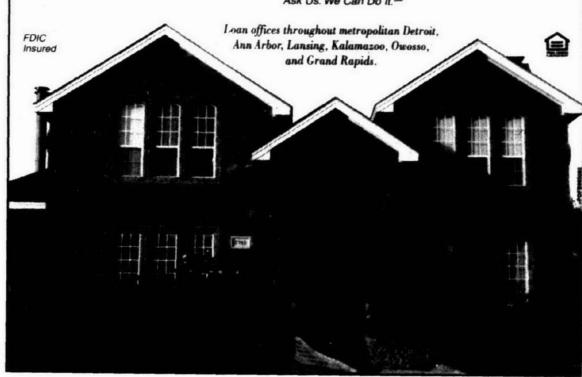
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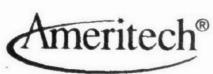
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How to: Ann Arbor Firefighter Carl Hein, representing his company "Start Rescue" of Pinckney, explains extraction techniques to Canton firefighters.

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

"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 class-

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 an 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." CANTON

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 com-

partments are key, Hein told Canton firefighters. Safety bags are becoming a bigger issue, Caruso

"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

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



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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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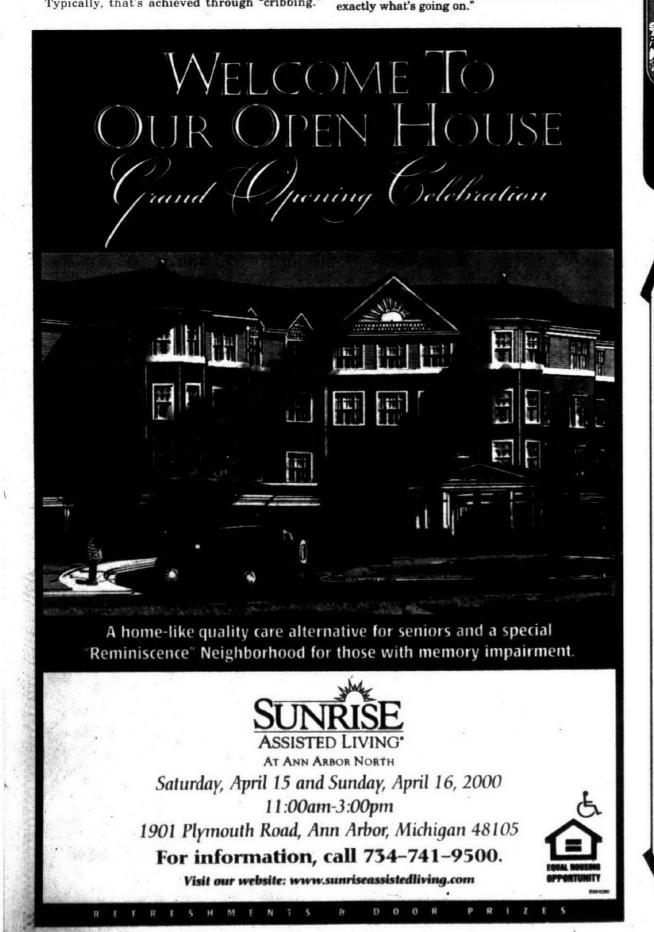
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Cleaning up:

Eric Krupic (left) and Ron

armed with

back yard

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new business,

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pets, already

has signed up

about a dozen

which takes

care of the

clients.

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Fernandez, coowners of the Straight Scoop pet clean-up service, stand

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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

"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

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

'We make it a point

Eric Krupic

-Co-owner

to know each dog or

cat's name.'

"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

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

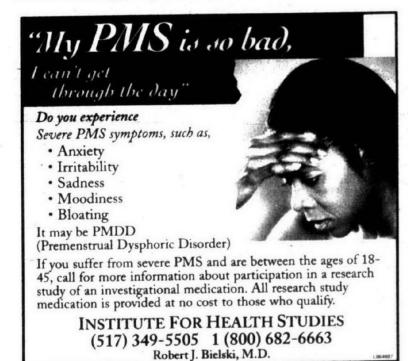
going to be here in 10 years. Sky is the limit.'

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Store owner saw potential in move to Canton location

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM

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

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

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

Glad to be

here: Barry Mathison stands in

front of the

family hard

ware store

he has run for the past

30 years on

Canton Cen

ter Road.

His only

neighbors when he began were

"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 "Detroiter" 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

Mathisons' 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

"You usually have a hardware, drug store and bank (in a community). We're probably one of the basic businesses needed in a growing community.'



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Schoolcraft board approves 2.8% tuition increase

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

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

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 ser-

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

Livonia. It will precede the 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 school districts: public Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

Under the proposal, district residents will pay \$54 per-credithour, non-residents \$80 and outof-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 weveral

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 rev-

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 year.

The 2.1-percent tuition 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 mils lage 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

Current tuition rates competitive with others

BY RICHARD PEARL STAFF WRITER rpearl@oe.homecomm.net

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 percredit-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.

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 But Schoolcraft officials point 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

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

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-

allowing the developers to lion. Thirty credits would be Orion. 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

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



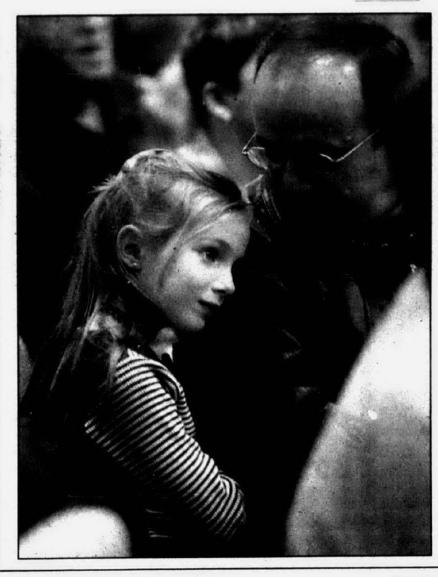




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Sing out: An hour-long spring musical may have been just a little long for some of the younger members of the audience like Lex'e MacDiarmid, 8, who leans on dad John's shoulder (left) during the Bentley musical production of "A New Day: A Celebration 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 Wheland, Laura Courtney and Becki Houdek, all 10, sing in one of the numbers.

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:

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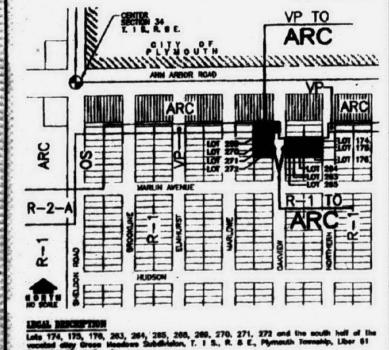
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PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

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

Application #1614



ORDINANCE NO. 83

AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 117

EFFECTIVE DATE

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JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BIDS

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Make check payable to Grissim/Metz Associates, Inc. All proposals submitted to remain firm for a period of 60 days after official opening of

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2000 CDBG ACTION PLAN FY 2000-20004 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 ssion, 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

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

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, My 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.

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 PLANTO INCLUDE:

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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

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.

Wayne County, Michigan

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

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

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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

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.

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 "If there is no termination of 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.

ers 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, ry Committee.

The law applies only to moth- although that would trigger a state investigation to determine the mother's fitness to be a par-

> The bills currently await action before the Senate Judicia-

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 host- um Building, 33500 Van Born, to take questions from the audiing 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 topic. After the initial presenta-

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Getting together

Time for Joint Services to meet

n 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 curtailing 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

Libraries are valuable assets

t'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

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

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 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."

GOVERNOR, I PROPOSE REPEALING THE OLD LAW THAT MAKES IT ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE BUT TEAM MEMBERS TO WEAR TEAM COLORS AND CLOTHES. GOOD IDEA, McCOTTER! GOOD IDEA!

GEOF BROOKS

LETTERS

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

Planting wrong seed

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

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

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

Pravo 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."

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Stanley Czarnik
Cantor



"They're going to take it all. There's no doubt in my mind."



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



"I think they'll do pretty good. I think they're a good team."

Kyle Dallan Canton

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- Philip Pow

Give Cantonians a hug to help make takeover feelings disappear

f 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?

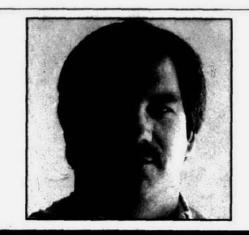
People object to that because, after all, it's been tradition to name the high schools after municipalities they serve. But the last time we checked, Plymouth is a municipality. So is Canton. So is Salem. Meaning the three high schools — if this dastardly plan goes through — would be named, Plymouth,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



BRAD KADRICH

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

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

ov. 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 havenots. 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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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MORE LETTERS

Inexcusable conduct

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 pounding 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

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 ol' 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 ol' 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 school 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



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Preparing for a worryfree Prom

erched atop my bedroom win-dowsill, 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 'Plan road. By going ahead with with a friend, there was no friends you pressure to make trust, friends it the most memwhose names orable night of my high school you'll rememcareer. ber years By hanging out later when with a group of

closest you look friends it turned back nostalinto a night we'd gically...' 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

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.

ongregation 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

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 it's 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.

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

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

"In order to encourage the Pharaoh Ramses II to

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

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.

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

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

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

An Ann Arbor resident, Rabbi Gluck divides his The holiday's name - Pesach, meaning "passing time between his position at the University of Michi-

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

Torah prior to the generous loan from Temple Emanu-el. "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 writte", 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

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 Roadbetween 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)

Easter holiday observed with special ceremonies, events by all faiths

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

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

This event is now commemo-

sted each year on palm Sunday, he first day of Holy Week. As Jesus met with his disciples

on Thursday of that week to celbrate the Passover meal with them, he gave them a "new comnand:" to love each other as he had loved them. In fact, the name "Maundy Thursday" comes from this particular statement recorded in John 13:34

Maundy is derived from the Latin word mandatum, which means command and is revealed in its English synonym as man-

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

Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar. or the Eucharist. The biblical evangelist, St. Matthew, records Jesus' words spoken as he distributed bread to his disciples:

"Take and eat; this is my body" Matthew 26:26 NIV).

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

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

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

One form of worship on Good

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

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

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington

Road) in Livonia will hold Palm Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. April 20, a Maundy Thursday worship will be at 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion and special music from the Christ Our Savior Choir, Woodwind Choir, and Jubellation Handbell Choir. Good Friday service of the cross will be at 12:30 p.m. with special music. The 7:30 p.m. candlelight Tenebrae service of darkness is titled, "Christ's Trial." Easter Sunday will be celebrated with festival communion services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Easter breakfast will be served by the church youth from 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children 4-10 years of age and free for children three and under. For information call (734) 522-6830.

FOR THIS CAUSE

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

DOCUMENTARY

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

welcome. Call (734) 427-9125.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING

Old St. Mary's Church (646 Monroe Ave. in Greektown) will host a service of music and readings (requiem - Maurice Durufle') at 8 p.m. April 21. Soloists: Melinda Enns and Davis Gloff; Frederick Mooney, organ. Old St. Mary's Choir and Orchestra is directed by Robert Barnhart. Call (313). 961-8711 for directions.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP Holy Week worship schedule at St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford is as follows: Palm/Passion Sunday worship begins at 10:30 a.m. April 16; Maundy Thursday at7:30 p.m. April 20. Service will include ritual footwashing, Holy Communion and stripping of altar; Good Friday, 7:30 p.m. April 21 (Tenebrae service); Easter vigil, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22; and Easter Sunday, breakfast at 9 a.m. worship with Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m. St. John's is located at 12542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road, south of the I-96 service drive. Call (313) 538-2660.

LENTEN SERVICES

Garden City Presbyterian Church will hold Maundy Thursday service (holy communion) at 7:30 p.m. potluck at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Committee is supplying the meat. Good Friday service at noon at Merriman Road Baptist Church (GCPC church office closed). Easter Sunrise service is at 7 p.m.; Easter service, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; and Church school at 11 a.m. Breakfast between services will be at 10:156 a.m. Church is located at 1841 Middlebelt Road in Garden City.

LENTEN SERIES

Pastor Gregory Gibbons will present a series of Lenten services based on the theme "What Wondrous Love," at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church in Redford (14750 Kinloch, south of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly). Services are each Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The series will culminate in Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will begin at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday services will begin at 1 p.m. and a Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. The celebration of Easter will feature services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Please see HOLIDAY, B3

Video documents Jesus' plan for mankind

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON TAFF WRITER

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

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

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the holiday.

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

Special opportunity

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

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

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

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

Royal Oak

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Prayer walk takes mission to the streets

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

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

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

South Baptist Association form just one link in this effort.

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

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

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

He said they are spreading the

word of God. "We're doing what Christ is asking us to do. Jesus told us to pray for one another."

"It just happened to coincide with Holy Week," said Hengstebeck. "We were hoping to get good weather. It's possible because it's Easter week, it's something people will take a little more seriously. It's really what we believe God's asked us

Join the walk 9 a.m. April 15, 22 and 29, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, one block south of Ford Road in Garden City. For more information, call (734)

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Rodenbeck-Sleek

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

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

The groom, son of Michael and Kathleen Sleek of Canton, is a graduate of Livonia public schools and Eastern Michigan University. He works as a software engineer at 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 Wisnewski, Sherri Whitcomb, Lisa Sleek, flower girl Jessica Velez and ring bearer Brett Jud-

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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 Jacquline Vachow of Plymouth, is a graduate of Devine Child and Eastern Michigan University. He and Melinda own their own business, All In One Communications.

A May wedding is planned in Whitmore Lake.



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

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

The couple will make their home in Westland.

Johnson-Wonderly

Steve and Laurie Johnson of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Denice, 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

A June wedding is planned at Solid Bible Church.



men Todd Masters, Dave Masters and ringbearer Marky Mas-

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

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

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

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

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

The couple received guests at

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



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



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 services, 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 Tennebrae 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-youcan-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 Jami-

PASSOVER SEDER

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

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

LENTEN BREAKFAST

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

LENTEN WORSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to midweek classes and confirmation instruction will be 6 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 (7340 459-3333.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

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WEEKEND

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

453-5219. Make checks

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

EASTER CONCERT

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

ROTARY CLUB

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

GARAGE SALE

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

SENIOR PARTY

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

AROUND TOWN TAKE ME OUT TO THE

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

APPRAISAL CLINIC

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

GOLF LEAGUE

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

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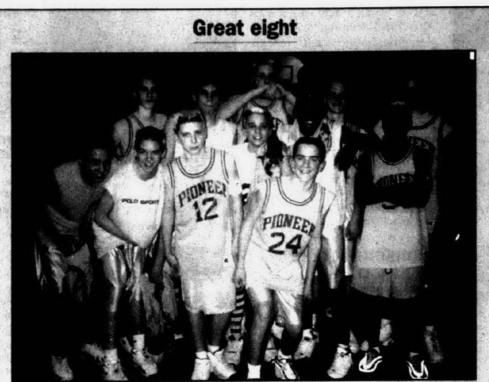
■ Summit on the Park in Canton offers pasta and fish buffet dinners every Friday between now and April 21. The dinners, served 4:30-7 p.m., include cole slaw, two pastas, baked cod loin, potato, vegetable roll and dessert along with a choice of beverage. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Call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

SPRING BREAK FUN

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

BOOK SALE

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



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

ADOPTION

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

HELPSOURCE

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

ADULT SOFTBALL

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

SCHOOL OPENINGS

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

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a.m. and last approximately 90 minutes on Tuesday, April 18. Prospective students are welcome. For more information and for reservations, call (734) 420-

■ Creative Day Nursery

School is accepting registration for its preschool program for the fall 2000 sessions. Creative Day's program is a developmental approach with small classes and low student/adult ratio. Sessions consist of Freeplay, Storytime, Sharing, and Art and Music activities. Creative Day is located in Canton Township. Children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 5 are eligible. For more information, call

(734) 981-3990. Registration for Spring Kindermusik classes is now in session. Spring classes are held from May 1 through June 5 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). Sign up early and receive a free Kindermusik beach ball. For more information,

call (734) 354-9109. VILLAGE MUSIC

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

T-BALL REGISTRATION

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

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T-Ball League. Children must have been born July-December 1993, January-December 1994, January-July 1995. Registration will take place at the recreation office at the Cultural Center, during office hours from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Birth certificate is required. The season runs seven weekends, running June 24-Aug. 12. No games July 1. For more informa-

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■ GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Evening testing will take place from 5-10 p.m. Monday, April 17, and Wednesday, April 19. The test will also be offered during the day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 20. It is a two-day test. The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$75. Please register early. If registration is too low, one or both tests could be canceled. For more information or to register, call (734) 416-4901.

55 ALIVE

■ The 55 Alive group sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post No. 6695 is sponsoring a mature driving class from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 20, at the VFW Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per person. Classes are given by the AARP. For more information or for reservations call (313) 538-1859.

AARP TAX HELP

■ AARP will sponsor free federal and Michigan income tax preparation for elderly people at the loca-tions listed below. Work is performed by counselors qualified by the IRS. An appointment is required. Assistance is available 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Canton Recreation Center, 4600 Summit Parkway, Canton, by appointment at (734) 397-5444; from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays at Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady. Northville, by appointment at (248) 349-4140; and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 233 S. Main St., Plymouth, by appointment at (734) 453-SERVICE CENTER

■ The Michigan Works Service Center provides the Employer/Employee Connection for Washtenaw County. Job-seeking assistance is provided daily 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Face-to-face job fairs with instant interviews are held 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursday mornings. Free services include distribution of job position information, candidate referrals, resume preparation, interviewing assistance along with Internet access, computer use and free faxing. For more information, call (734) 481-2517.

MOPS MEETING

■ Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers Of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Mothers with their children, kindergarten-age and younger, may attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-

5534. M.O.M. MEETING

■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Kim at (734) 459-7035 or Shannon at (734) 354-0191.

M.I.T.I.

■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. If you are interested or have any questions, call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896. KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

■ The Plymouth-Canton

Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

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■ The Plymouth Kiwanis Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the new City Limits Bar & Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Call Charlene Miller at (734) 455-4782.

VOLUNTEERS

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■ Become a volunteer and help other people while putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault in your community. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old; willing and able to travel to Downriver communities; and complete a 55-hour training program starting in April 2000. For information call (734) 416-1111, ext. 223.

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■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 fee; they also sponsor an Adoption Book Discussion Group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. This group is free. Meetings are held at 2300 Washtenaw, Ste. 103B in Ann Arbor. For further information call (734) 913-0831.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

■ Arthritis Foundation classes are being held now through May 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Plymouth. Fibromyalgia Self-Help Course is a seven-week course which meets once a week. The course teaches the following keys to successful self-management: basic fibromyalgia information, strategies for decreasing pain, how to relax and deal with stress, proper use of exercise, dealing with depression, good nutritional habits, problem-solving techniques and how to research unproven remedies. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$35 for non-members and \$10 for a non-member's spouse or friend. For further information call (734) 254-0500.

STARTING OVER

■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-

GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT

■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offers a monthly Grief Aftercare Support Group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. For (734) 459-2250.

ARBOR HOSPICE

■ Arbor Hospice will offer New Pathways, a 6-8 week support group for adults who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one. The Ann Arbor group will meet: Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., through May 24 at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive in Ann Arbor. The Northville group will meet Thursdays 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., through May 25 at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road in Northville. For adults grieving the death of a parent, a support group will meet in Ann Arbor, Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., through May 25 at the Arbor Hospice Residence. Arbor Hospice also offers various age- and need-specific support groups, including groups which address the special needs of grieving children. Arbor Hospice also offers a support group for loss of an adult child. A seven-week support group will meet from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., through May 18 in Ann Arbor. To register or for more information call (734) 662-5999 or (313) 383-8800. **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS**

■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts ongoing grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main Street). For information call (734) 522-

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FUND-RAISERS & BENEFITS

Listings for the Funds & Benefits should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe. homecomm.net

UNIQUE GIFT

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

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

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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

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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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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 Leverne). 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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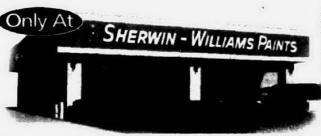
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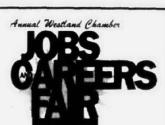


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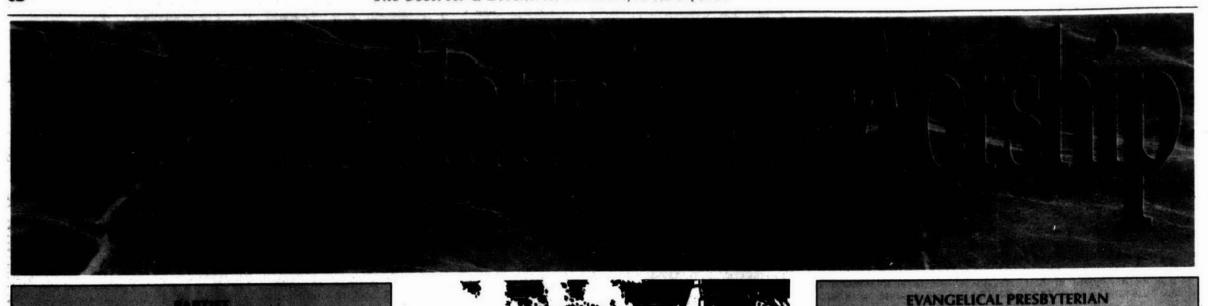
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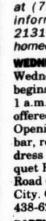
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SINGLES WELCOME

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- 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.

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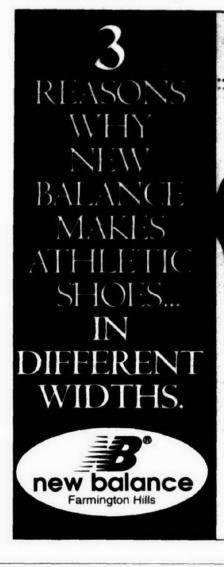
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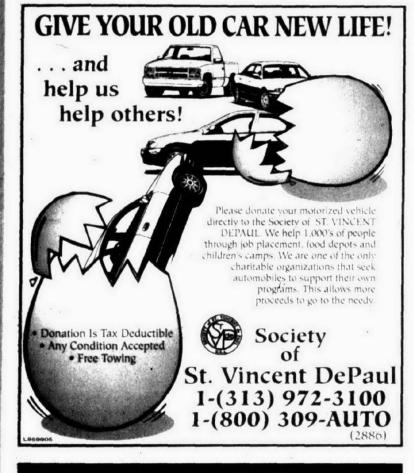
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RELIGION CALENDAR

UUCF EARTH DAY SERVICE

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington Sunday Services for April 16: "Earth Day". Members of the social Action Committee with interested church members have prepared a service explaining "Why nature is important to me" and you, too! Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. (25301 Halsted Road north of Grand River). For information call (248) 478-7272 or www.wwnet.net/~uucf/

FLOWER SALE

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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 ekmortson@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 selfaddressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 580, Chelsea, MI

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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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.

HOMECOMING & 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 yearround 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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

(734) 422-6038.

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

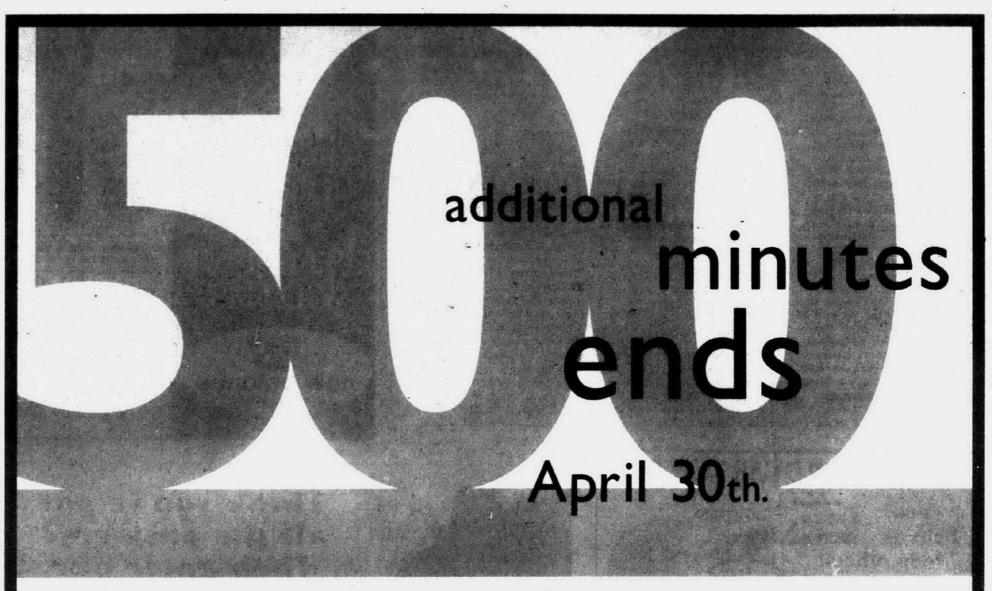
EASTER EGG HUNT

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.



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

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

Burnes honored

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

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

O'Connor, Tenyer honored

Madonna University pitcher James O'Connor (Redford Catholic Central) was named Wolverine-Hoosier Athlet ic 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 Marrissa Bober, Teresa Coppellie, Jansen Falcusen, Ashton Judis, Amanda Lenart, Madison McCoy, Trisha Morrill, Rachel Pasquali, Lauren Price and Terry

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But as Chiefs' coach Don Smith pointed out, "They didn't get a lot of quality shots, though." They did get a couple, however, but failed to put them on net. The pace changed in the last 17 minutes of the

half. Canton started taking control of the play at midfield and counterattacking - which is dangerous with a player of Morrell's ability.

Please see SOCCER, C5



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

Whalers stop Spits



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

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

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

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 deflect ed off a Windsor defender and past goalie Michael Leighton to give the Whalers a 1-0 lead with 13:56 left.

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

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

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

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

"They stayed in it and kept it close,"

Please see WHALERS, C7

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

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 Grav 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

Please see MSU MANAGERS, C6

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

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

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

Please see BASEBALL, C2 as Stevenson's Pete Pinto searches for the ball.



Safe at 2nd: Salem's Chris Sherfey steals second base successfully

Returnees bolster Rocks' high hopes

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

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

Although the Rocks did lose co-captains Maureen Buchanan and Heather Sonntag to graduation, the team does have several important players returning.

"We have a really good team," Southerland said. "We are very experienced. The loss of Buchanan hurts, but the girls work well together. Defensively, we are looking very good."

Junior infielder Katie Kelly may be the top returnee. Last season she had a .382 batting average and led the team in hits with 39 on her way to earning All-District and All-Lakes Division honors, as well as being selected to the second team in Observerland.

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

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

Plymouth Canton coach Jim

Arnold is hoping this year's

senior-powered squad will pick

up where last year's talented

senior-led team left off . .

Canton proved to be one of the

premier teams in the state dur-

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BY ED WRIGHT

well, sort of.

"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

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

"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 Slebodnick 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

the explosive bat of first base-

man Liz Elsner to a 30-3 mark.

Elsner, now a freshman member.

of the University of Michigan

softball team, hit a school-record

However, the Chiefs' post-sea-

son bubble was prematurely

popped in the district final by

Farmington High, a team Can-

six round-trippers last year.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale of Plymouth Canton

Community Crier, Inc. as a going concern

The Plymouth Canton Community Crier, Inc., Debtor-in-Possession in U.S.

Bkrtcy Case No.: 99.56542, has received an offer from Willow Media, L.L.C.

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receivable, inventory, work-in-process, customer lists, copyrights, corporate

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The Debtor is accepting higher and better offers for the purchase as a

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\$10,000 good faith deposit with Debtor's attorney and enter into a

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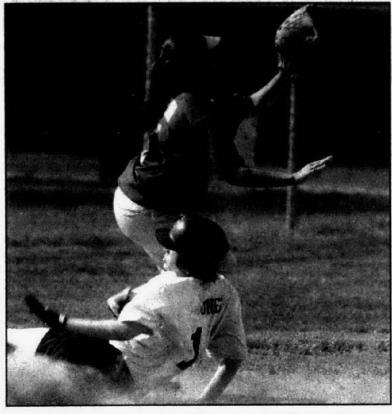
be held at Debtor's counsel's office on Wednesday, April 19, 2000 at 2:00 p.m.

assumption of the Debtor's post-petition trade payables. The exact

Big losses, but Chiefs still tough

the year.

time."



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

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

Other newcomers include sophomore outfielders Amanda

ton defeated handily earlier in

a great season," Arnold said,

looking back on the 31-4 cam-

paign. "This year, our goal is to

win our division. After that, we'll

just take things one game at a

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

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

"Laura was our number-three

to fill Hudson's shoes.

If Canton is to match last

"That was a tough way to end

Marnie Jones, junior catcher 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

"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

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

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

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 dropcurve 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

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performance Monday had midseason 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 twobase error that allowed Shav Potocki and Carrie Carter to

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

Baseball from page C1

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

"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 bat-

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 completegame nine-hitter to lead the gave the Chiefs a 2-1 mark overall and in the WLAA; Churchill dropped to 1-1 overall (0-1 in the

WLAA).

(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.'

"We made too many errors

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'schoice groundout by Cesarz.

Brian Kay had two hits, including a triple, and one run batted in for the Chiefs; Smigielski 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 Pardonnet of the Falcons (5-0, 1-0) kept host Westland John Glenn (0-2. 0-1) off balance with 10 strikeouts Monday in the WLAA-Lakes Division opener.

Pardonnet walked just two and allowed only two hits (to losing pitcher Jeff Mitchell and senior outfielder Chad Sansom).

"We knew from last year that Glenn could hit the ball and Ian did a nice job of keeping the ball Chiefs to a 6-2 victory. The win 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

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I'm confident in her ability." When Stewart isn't toeing the rubber, junior right-hander Katy lot about her ability. 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

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 baserunners 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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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

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Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-2 Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-2 Chris Kalis (Canton) 8-0

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 losh Fee (Garden City) 5-6

LONG JUMP Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-11 1/2 Eric Scott (Churchill) 20-9 1/4 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

Justin Cook (N. Farmington) 18-6 POLE VAULT

Jordan Chapman (Canton) 12-8 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

Kevin Palmer (Canton) 18-9

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

110-METER HURDLES

Chris Kalls (Canton) 15.5 Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.8 Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 16.0 Brant Hauck (Churchill) 16.2 Erik Oswald (Harrison) 16.3 Ben Lukas (Farmington) 16.3 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 16.4 Kyle Meteyer (N. Farmington) 16.5 Jim O'Brien (Canton) 16.5 **300-METER HURDLES**

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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 Ricky Singh (Canton) 43.8 Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 44.1 Brant Hauck (Churchill) 44.5

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 (Saiem) 11.5 Mike Sparks (Garden City) 11.6 Corey Waiser (Canton) 11.6

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400-METER DASH

200-METER DASH

Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.9 Gabe Cobie (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**

Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 2:08.0 Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:08.5 Ryan Gall (Churchill) 2:08.7

Aaron Schmidt (Canton) 2:09.3 Donnie Warner (Salern) 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

Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:44.0 Scott Gillen (Canton) 4:48.6 Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:49.0 Charlie Stamboulian (N. Farmington) 4:52.8 Manyir Gill (Salem) 4:53.0 Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 4:57 () Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:57.0 Chris Tobe (Farmington) 4:59.0 Andrew Hathaway (N. Farmington) 5:00.5

3,200-METER RUN

Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0 Manvir Gill (Salem) 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

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Farmington Harrison 44.1 Plymouth Canton 45.1 North Farmington 46.2 Livonia Churchill 46.3

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North Farmington 3:44.5 Plymouth Salem 3:50.0 Livonia Churchill 3:50.3

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North Farmington 8:51.2 Plymouth Canton 8:57.8 Plymouth Salem 8:59.7 Livonia Churchill 9:04.7

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Tiffany Grubaugh (Salem) 37-7 Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 34-0 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

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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 Friedli (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 (Salem) 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 Elena Spatoulas (Farmington) 4-6

Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16-4 3/4 Brynne DeNeen (Salem) 16-2 3/4 Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15-3 Jessica Johnson (Canton) 149 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

POLE VAULT

LONG JUMP

Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-2 Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-0 Kristen Schilk(Canton) 7-6

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 Ehlendt (Stevenson) 17.1 Dayna Clemons (N. Farmington) 17.2 Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17.2 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 17.2 Valarie Brown (Salem) 17.2 Latova Burrell (Harrison) 17.6 Rachel Brown (Salem) 18.1 Jennifer Jary (N. Farmington) 18.9

300-METER HURDLES

Cassie Ehlendt (Stevenson) 50.1 Valarie Brown (Salem) 52.3 Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 54.0 Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 54.5 Cristin Kukahn (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 Kuczycki (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 Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:05.0 Jessica Levely (Canton) 1:06.1 Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:07.0 Anne Lieberman (N. Farmington) 1:08.0

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 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 Metry (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 Lynn Andrzejewski (Harrison) 6:05 0 Miranda White (Salem) 6.09 1 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 Czaplicki (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

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

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Golf outing

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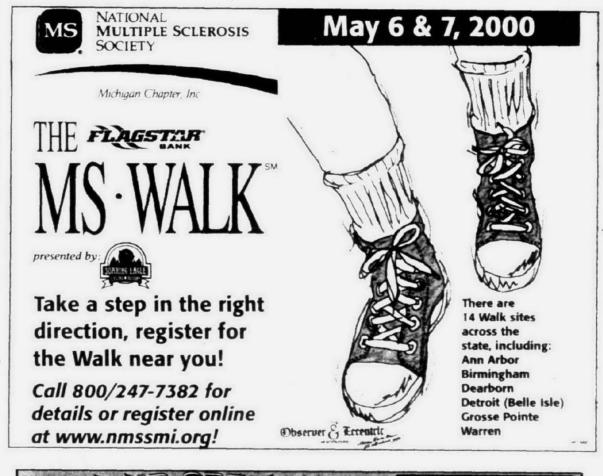
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Canton wins dual opener

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

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

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

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

back in the third. "My No. 2, given another

chance, would finish it off a little quicker.

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

The Chiefs took three singles and two doubles matches.

At No. 1 singles, Canton's ern's David Pham and Mike Matt Nagy defeated Bryan Jones. Norville, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3 Kyle At No. 2 singles, Canton's

Andrews won a 7-6 (8-6), 7-5 Chris Foss lost to Walled Lake squeaker from Brettan Fletcher Western's Chris Chou, 6-3, 5-7, and No. 4 Eric Durance took a three-set struggle from Yuta In doubles, the Chiefs' team of

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

Madonna divides 2 twinbills

Canton's top doubles team of

Matt Schmidt and Brian Balfour

rallied from a 2-6 first set to

sweep the next two from Ryan

Stewart and Mark Lister, 6-4, 6-

4. The No. 2 doubles team of

Kevin Nuttal and Adam Landy

took twin 6-4 sets from West-

Shokinsi, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3.

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

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

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

2-5 in the WHAC. Mitch Jabczenski tossed a five-inning onehitter in the opener; he did not walk a batter and struck out four. Roy Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson) and Derrick Wolfe each slugged home runs as Madonna struck for 11 runs in the fifth inning. Rabe drove in three runs; Wolfe's homer was a solo.

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

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

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

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

Crusaders, Tech split

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brian Laney (3-3) took the loss for Tech. In the second game, Madonna's pitching and defense again proved inadequate as Tech scored six times in the opening inning, then overcame a Madonna rally by pushing

across three runs in the seventh to break a Eric Williamson started and was hit hard, giving up seven runs (three earned) on seven

hits and a walk in 1 1/3 innings. He was followed to the mound by Jeremy Stevens (five innings, three runs on five hits, four strikeouts) and Wolfe (2/3 of an inning, two runs on three hits and a walk); Stevens took the loss (4-1). Madonna scored four times in the first and

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

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

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Cheerleading

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

Tryouts for the Canton HS cheerleading team will be 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 4 at the Canton HS gym. All those interested are welcome; please bring completed paperwork and a current report card.

Softball clinic

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

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

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

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

Women's golf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cruisers sign-up

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

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

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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 outmanuevered 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 celled due to inclement weather. immediately red-carded, forcing the Chiefs to play short a player for the final 12:20.

Stevenson was in command throughout that stretch, and yet been rescheduled.

Gusick finally got the Spartans what they needed - the gametying 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 min-

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 fourthstraight 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

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 defensé 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 can-

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

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

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, jer-

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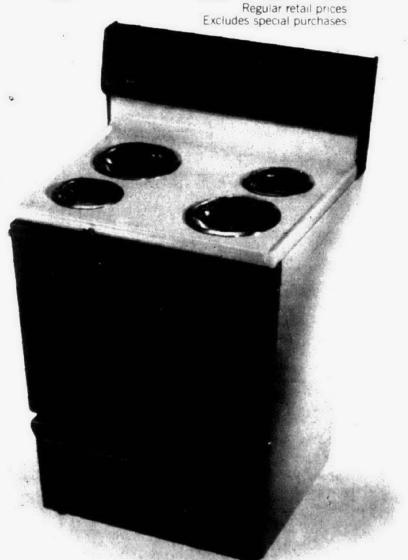
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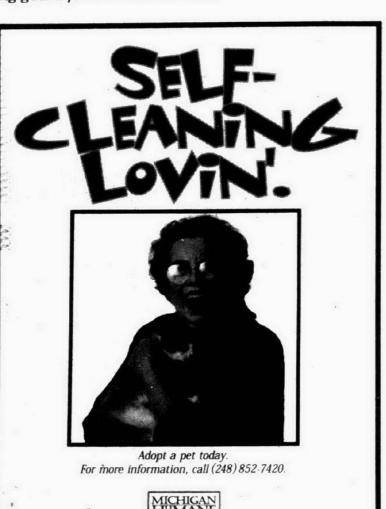
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Former sharpshooter: Adam Wilson was a strong shooting guard for Salem last season.



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know it and the coaches know it."

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

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

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

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

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

"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 ing at 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 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."

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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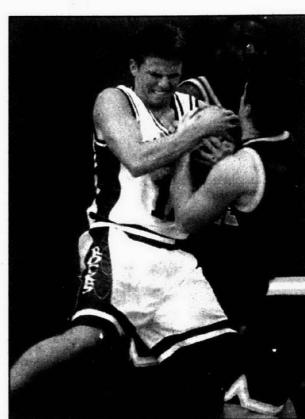
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And further proof that not all of the learning at the university takes place in the class-room.



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

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Thursday, April 13

Redford CC at G.P. South, 4 p.m.

Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m

N. Farmington at Salem, 4 p.m.

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 3:30 p.m.

Northville at 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.

Thursday, April 13

John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.

Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

said DeBoer of Windsor's effort.

"That's what they wanted to do."

And the Spits are still in it,

Windsor 2, Plymouth 1: The

Whalers five-game playoff winning streak

came to an end Monday, thanks to a hot

Mike Leighton turned away 26 of 27

shots in leading the Spitfires to a home-ice

victory Monday that evened the best-of-

All the scoring came in the second peri-

dd. 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

The Whalers pulled to within a goal

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seven series at one-game apiece.

of the period, respectively.

with Game Four slated for 7:30

p.m. Friday in Windsor.

Whalers from page C1

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

Huron Tournament, TBA

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

Saturday, April 15

Salem, Canton at Elks Relays, 11 a.m.

PCA at Clinton, TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

when Kris Vernarsky got a short-handed

marker with 4:11 left in the period. Howev-

er, Plymouth couldn't solve Leighton again.

Rob Zepp was in goal for the Whalers,

Whalers 6, Spitfires 0: This time,

The Whalers turned their slow start in

in Game Three against Guelph and haven't period.

Guelph in the first round - into a wake-up

call. They scored eight unanswered goals

Plymouth's fifth-straight playoff win

came in Saturday's OHL Western Confer-

Spitfires. Six different Whalers scored

goals and Rob Zepp earned his second

shutout of these playoffs in the 6-0 tri-

ence semifinal opener against the Windsor

the playoffs — two-straight losses to goals, a power-play marker 5:12 into the

stopping 16 of 18 shots.

everyone was getting into the act.

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em, Canton at Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.

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rrison at Canton, 3:30 p.m. alem 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'sid, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 15 Canton at Troy Athens, 1 p.m. Saline at Salem, 12:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASERALL

N.D. Prep at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.

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

Not that it mattered. Shaun Fisher

scored the first of four first-period Whaler

game. Tomas Kurka, Damian Surma and

Stephen Morris followed with goals in that

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

earn the victory, his fourth in a row.

Zepp stopped 25 shots in the game to

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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 payoffs 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.

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

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 Livenia. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information

FISHING BUDDIES

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

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 informa-

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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and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

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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 informa-

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.

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OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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PERMITS

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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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SATURDAY



Youtheatre at Music Hall, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. presents "The Red Balloon," featuring Visible Fictions, an awardwinning company from Scotland, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door, call (313) 963-2366.

SUNDAY



Michigan State University alumnus Henry Butler will join other boogie woogie blues artists including Ray Bryant and Bob Seeley for Mr. B's Third Annual Blues and Boogie Piano Orgy, 7:30 p.m. at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$25, call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-



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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

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 selftitled 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, Pilfers and Bump-n-Uglies
- What: Return for a hometown
- 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 jammas of rock and roll." All mamma jammas aside, The Suicide

Machines are garnering national attention

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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 defi-

nitely 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: Apocolypse Hoboken (ska-punk)

Ryan Vandeberghe: (hip hop)

'Cabaret' more slap than tickle

BY ALICE RHEIN STAFF WRITER arhein@oe.ho

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 for-

"It's still slap and tickle, but with a lot more slap," said London actor Jon Peterson, who plays the diabotically 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.

I 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. 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, com-

plete with cabaret-style seating. Though the Fisher doesn't allow

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- What: "Cabaret," the musical revival · Where: Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building,
- When: Tuesday, April 18 to Sunday, May
- 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)

YOUTH THEATER

Tinderbox delights audiences with musical version of Shirley Temple movie

What: Tinderbox Productions pre sents "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-

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

Jennifer Schmidt isn't really nervous about following in Shirley Temple's footsteps. The Redford teen has been acting and singing for five years with the Michigan Opera Theatre and Tinderbox Productions. This weekend she takes the stage in the lead role of "A Little Princess," the musical version of "The Little Princess" movie which starred Shirley Temple.

Elizabeth Bezerko of Farmington Hills is Becky, the servant girl. Set in Victorian England, the play evolves around the students at Miss Minchin's Select Seminary for Young Ladies in London.

"Sara's really nice," said Schmidt, an honors student at Pierce Middle School in Redford. "Her daddy's in India. When he dies they keep her on as a charity case but

there's a happy ending. She reclaims her fortune and takes in Becky.

"The most difficult part is the English

accent. It's difficult to perfect because the American comes out.

Sara Crew (the little princess) is a stark contrast to Schmidt's last role in the Tinderbox production of "Annie" in March.

"Pepper's the mean orphan in 'Annie," said Schmidt. "It's hard because they're so different. Sara's dad gave her the nickname the little princess because she's so sweet. Lavinia (Becky Roberts of Livonia) is mean and doesn't like Sara. She's just as I was as Pepper in 'Annie.'

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

Please see TINDERBOX, E2



Little princess: Jennifer Schmidt plays Sara Crew in the Tinderbox production at Masonic Temple.

Cabaret from page E1



Life is a ...: Jon Peterson stars as the Emcee in a scene from Kander and Ebb's Cabaret, opening Tuesday at Detroit's Fisher Theatre.

for the intimacy of these venues, far as the staging, we've spread Peterson claims it plays just as it out. Some people have said

well in large concert halls. "As 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

In "Cabaret," Sally Bowles meets American writer Clifford Bradshaw at the boarding house of Fraulein 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 vic-

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 discour-

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





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 Hills. 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.

Vandeberghe, 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

"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 Vandeberghe will miss just hanging out with his friends from his hometown, Rochester

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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 Vandeberghe. "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 Vandeberghe, 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

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.

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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 it's 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 ifhe'll make it to the State Theatre-

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 Vandeberghe 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

At least sometimes, the machines probably don't mindplaying music instead.

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 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.

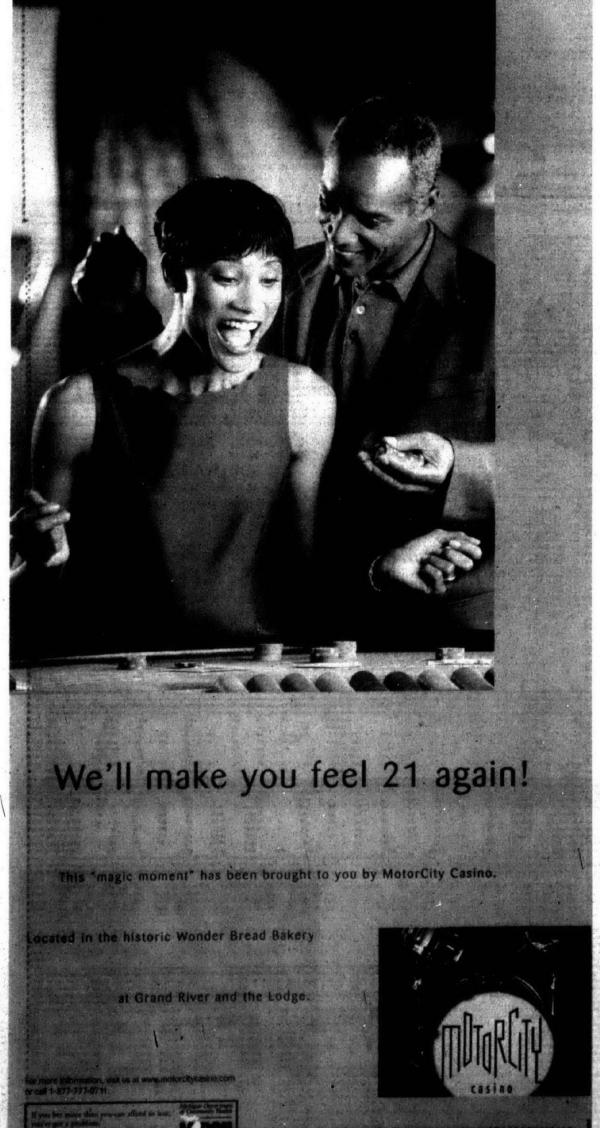
While Michele enjoyed watching Shirley Temple in the movie version when she was Jennifer's

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 thearea even though she proudlystates that Jennifer was singing Disney songs when she wasn'teven 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.





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.

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Wayne State's undergraduate Bonstelle Theatre Company presents the upbeat and uplifting musical "Godspell," which follows the story of Christ and His Apostles as described in the Gospel of house. 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

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

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.

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

projected throughout his strong

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. tion and intensity of belief he Oliver lacked the strength to hit a home run with "All Good Gifts," a song that could have won him

> "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.

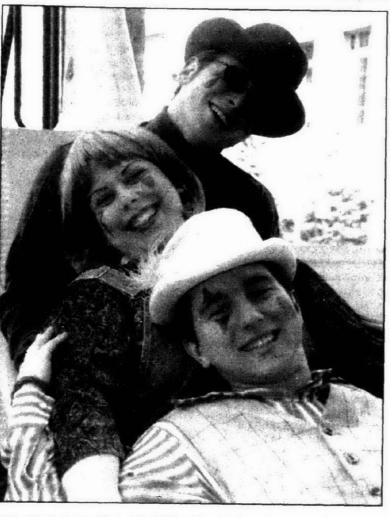
The cast's imagination and

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

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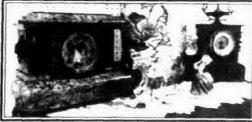
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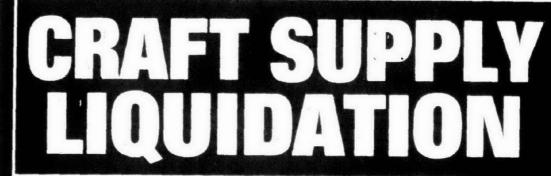
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SUMMER SYMPHONY OF ANN ARBOR: Auditions begin Saturday, April 19 and run for three weekends at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For six performances of three programs scheduled May 18 to Aug. 6. To receive an audition packet, call (734) 741. 9418, general orchestra information, (734) 677-4831.

TONY''N TINA'S WEDDING: Auditions for female keyboardist/pianist who also sings,

to hire as a substitute/understudy for performances at the Baci Theatre, 4-6 shows a week, Thursday-Sunday, also bass player needed for full-time. (248) 253-8843.

VSA ARTS: The Southeast Michigan region committee of VSA Arts (formerly known as Very Special Arts) is looking for children and adult performers with physical and mental challenges to take part in their festival Friday-Saturday, May-5-6 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, special needs school/community groups and solo acts from the metro Detroit area will display their dance, vocal and instrumental music achievements at the festival. Call Connie Lott at Far Conservatory (248) 646-3347. A \$500 scholarship is also available to assist a person (ages 13 and up. including seniors living in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, Monroe, Macomb, Livingston, Lenawee or Jackson County) with a disability who wants to further their creative talent in the visual, performing or literary arts. Deadline for application is Sunday, April 16. The scholarship must be used for independent work and not a student group project. Call (248) 543-9158 for information.

JAZZ

B'JAZZ VESPERS: Kimmie Horn Group, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free.

ROBERT PENN: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, April 14, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150.

THE BROTHERS GROOVE: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 15, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2105.

p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15 at door only. (734) 662-8310

TOMMY FLANAGAN: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$55. (313) 576-5111 GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Garden City. \$5 cover in Jazz Room, waived with dinner order, \$5 drink minimum. (734) 762-7756

WAYNE NEWTON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737 EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999 PAUL TAYLOR: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. (248) 645-6666 SMOOTH VIBRATIONS & SCOTT REITER QUARTET: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881. TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Steak And Ale, Madison Heights. \$4. (248) 588-4450

Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, Tom's

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY
BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's,
Pontiac. (248) 334-5241
WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING
SAXOPHONE SECTION: Perform
music of the Big Band era, 10 a.m.

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music of the Big Band era, 10 a.m.
Thursday, April 13, in Smith
Theater, at Oakland Community
College, Farmington Hills. Free.

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

KITTY DONOHOE: With Dennis
Kingsbury, 8 p.m. Saturday, April
15, at Birmingham Unitarian
Church, \$10, \$8 seniors, students
age 17 and under. (248) 647-2380
SHARON ISBIN/SUSANNE
MENTZER: Perform French and
American folk songs, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 13, at the Lydia
Mendelssohn Theatre, Ann Arbor.
\$25, \$40. (734) 764-2538

ORGAN

KEN DOUBLE: 7 p.m. Saturday,
April 15, at the Senate Theater,
Detroit. \$12. (313) 894-4100

JAMES KIBBIE: Bach Recital, 4
p.m. Sunday, April 16 (informal talk
begins 3:30 p.m.), Blanche
Anderson Moore Hall at U-M School
of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. (734)
764-0583

CHORAL

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
CHORAL UNION: Join with the Ann
Arbor Symphony Orchestra and Ann
Arbor Youth Chorale to perform
"St. Matthew Passion," Bach's
masterwork, 4 p.m. Sunday, April
16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$10\$22. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Der Rosenkavalier, an opera by Richard Strauss; opens 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15; performance times — 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16, 30; 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 22, Detroit Opera House, tickets \$18-\$98. (313) 237-3429 or (248) 645-6666.

DAKLAND SINGERS: Combined concert with John Tyner Chorale, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Varner Hall, Oakland University Campus, Rochester.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS: Performing

Arthur Honegger's epic symphonic poem "King David," 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. \$10, seniors \$8, students \$5. (248) 370-3013, (248) 645-6666.

MICHIGAN CONCERT CHORALE: Spring concert 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois, Detroit, Tickets \$8. (313) 921

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vahini: A classical Indian Ballet, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the lydia Mendelssohn Theater, Ann Arbor. \$5. (313) 763-TKTS
SWING DANCE WORKSHOP:

Dance Gallery Studio, Ann Arbor, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 15. \$35 per couple, (734) 747-8885.

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Nick DiPalo, also Elliot Branch, Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sunday (\$5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT
PAISANO'S: Joey Kola, FridaySaturday, April 14-15, at the club,
Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE:
Jimmy Pardo, also David Bell.
Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at
the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-

SECOND CITY: "Paradigm Lost" returns Wednesday, April 19. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday; additional shows 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday at 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. shows, and 8 p.m. shows Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday. are followed by an improv set at no additional cost. \$10, Wednesday-Thursday, and Sunday; \$17.50 Friday, \$19.50 on Saturday. (313) 965-2222, (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15. at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM:
Take me out to the ball game, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, family evening of hot dogs, peanuts and Cracker Jack, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. \$5 adults, \$2 kids. under age 10, \$13 family. David Martin, owner of Baseball Productions is the speaker. No reservations, pay at the door. (734) 455-8940.

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: WalkWorks, a self-directed exploration of the exhibit galleries that invites families and young visitors to become Super Sleuths; the museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734)

995-5439

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM:

"On the Air! Michigan Radio & Television Broadcasting 1920-2000" exhibit continues through Sunday, April 30, at the museum, Detroit. Museum hours a 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Free admission Wednesdays; \$3. \$1.50 seniors/children ages 12:18 free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313)

833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER: IMAX

movies include "Tropical Rainforest," "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun," "Whales." "Mysteries of Egypt" and "Everest," at the center, Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at the museum on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852

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HENRY FORD
MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE:

at the museum in Dearborn. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50. \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12. members and children under 5 free (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours of the 110-room historic mansion built by Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of auto pioneer John Dodge and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, 1:30 p.m. daily and 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oakland gaays a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

University campus, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors, \$4 children ages 5-12. (248) 370-3140

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: New exhibit, "American Vacations & Leisure," continues, through August, 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

SPIRIT OF FORD: Environmental Celebration continues through April at the interactive automotive science and technology experience with exhibits and theaters for all ages, Electric Ranger test drives on weekends, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, across from Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Dearborn. \$6, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 5-12. (313) 317-7474

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART: Annette Lawrence's installation fills the Apse of the museum with wonder. the paper and string work continues through Sunday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Free, but a \$5 donation is suggested. (734) 764-0395

LIVE MUSIC

ALBERTA ADAMS: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800.

THE ALLIGATORS: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Lowertown Grill, Plymouth. Cover. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213; 9:30 p.m. Chevy Cola, Warren; 3rd Annual Blues Benefit for the Michigan Lupus Foundation, with Mudpuppy featuring Paul Randolph and Alberta Adams And Joe Weaver with RJ Spanglers All Stars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030. LORI AMEY: Saturday, April 15, Espresso Royale, Ann Arbor, All ages. Free. (734) 662-2770 JAMES ARMSTRONG: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011 ARSONISTS: Friday, April 21, St.

CHICO BANKS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fifth Avenue Ballroom. Novi (248) 735-4011

Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-

THE BIHLMAN BROTHERS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-

9922 BOTTOM: With 500 Ft. of Pipe, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, The Shelter,

Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER

SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

BRAILLEHOUSE: With Shipwreck Union, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BRAINMUTE: Saturday, April 15, Paychecks, Hamtramck; Saturday, April 29, Berkley Front, Berkley; Tuesday, May 2, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor.

THE BREAKDOWNS: With 3D Invisibles, CD release, 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Magic Stick, Detroit.\$7, 18 and over. (313) 833-

BROCA'S AREA: With Remainder, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's. Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

BROTHERS GROOVE: 10 p.m. Mondays, Music Menu, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU; 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, Woodruff's, Royal Oak. (248) 586-1519; 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. April 13, Edison's, Birmingham. (248) 645-2150; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Berkley Front, Berkley. (248) 547-3331

COUPLA FAT GUYS: 10 p.m. Friday. April 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom. Novi. (248) 735 4011

THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday. June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre. Independence Township. \$20 \$45 Eight ticket limit per person. (248)

645-6666 or (248) 377-0100 DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday. April 21. Borders Books and Music Auburn Hills, Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013

D'ANGELO: With Mos Def, 8 p.m. Saturday Sunday, April 22 23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40.47.50. (248) 433-1515

THORNETTA DAVIS: 10 pm. Saturday, April 22, Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi

DEATHGIRL.COM: With Six Clips.

The Katies, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-MELT.

DETROIT MUSIC AWARDS:

Featuring Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, State Theatre, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666 DROOGS: 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434

GLEN EDDY: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Friday, April 21, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609. ELM: With Pure Suspension, 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313)

EUPHORIC: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

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THE FLOW: With Cloud Nine, Jiant, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com GALACTIC: With North Mississippi Allstars, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030

GIRLS AGAINST BOYS: With Enon. 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 645-

GIVE: With Jill Jack, Scott Fab. 8

p.m. Saturday, April 15, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030 GORDON BENNETT: 10 p.m. Sunday, April 19, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Friday, April 7, 21, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

HARRINGTON BROTHERS: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

CLAIRE HOLLEY: 8 p.m. Saturday. May 6, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302 JOHN LEE HOOKER: With John

Hammond and Larry McCray Band. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27 Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$25-\$75. (734) 668-8397

ICH BIN EIN BERLINER: With PT's Revenge, Gutter Punx, 6 p.m. Friday, April 21, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$7. (313) 961-MELT

IMPERIAL SWING ORCHESTRA: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Blind

Pig, Ann Arbor. \$6. (734) 996-8555; 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS: 9 p.m. Friday, April 14, Ford Road Bar and Grill, Westland, Free, 21 and over, (734) 721-8609

THE JAZZ BUTCHER: Featuring Pat Fish, Max Eider, Kevin Haskins and Owne Jones, 9 p.m. Wednesday. April 19, Magic Stick, Detroit. 18 and over. \$12. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 833-9700.

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Mondays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

JGB: Featuring members of Jerry Garcia Band. 9 p.m. Friday, April 21. Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$15. (313) 833-9700

JETTISON RED: With The Ottomans. 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's. Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313)

MIA JOHNSON AND HOAGY: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills, Free, All ages. (248) 335-5013

JO NAB: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542 9922; 10 p.m. Saturday. April 15. Fifth Avenue Ballroom. Novi. (248) 735-4011

JUST FOR FUN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Borders Books and Music. Auburn Hills, Free, All ages, (248) 335-5013

MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April. Le Metro, Southfield (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo)

88 KING: With Bobby Blue Bland. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20 \$35

(248) 645-6666 KING SUNNY ADE & HIS AFRICAN BEATS: 8 p.m Tuesday, April 25 Majestic Theatre, Detroit \$20.

KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday Thursday, May 24 25. The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$75. \$25. (248) 645-6666

DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14. Michigan Theater. Ann Arbor. \$35, \$25, (248) 645,6666.

KUNUNDRUM: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13. Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455 8450.

JEFF LENNON: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, The Rookie Sports Cafe, Wayne. (734) 729-

TONY LEVIN & CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO: With Richard Leo Johnson, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$20. (248) 544-3030.

LOADED DICE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Nankin Mill Tavern, Westland. Free. (734) 427-0622 THE LOVEMASTERS: With Agent 009, Kill Switch, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067

TARA MAC LEAN: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Mill Street Lounge, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT

MARAH: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20. The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT.

DJ MARK E.P. OF PARADIME: 10 p.m. Wednesdays, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434 DJ MARQUIS: 9 p.m. Thursdays. Detroit Science. "The Lab." 18 and older. \$10-\$15 cover. Ladies free. (313) 438-4146 DAVE MATTHEWS BAND: With Ben

Harper and the Innocent Criminals, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, Comerica Park, Detroit. \$46.50. (248) 645-6666

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WEST-SIDERS: 7 p.m. Friday, April 21. Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800. JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN: 7 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fox

or www.alvins.xtcom.com

www.detroitscience.com

833-6873 or www. golddollar.com

www.motordetroit.com

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and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 PAT MCGEE BAND: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$10. (248) 645-6666

MELVINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$12. All ages. (248) 645-6666

METROPOIX: With Aunt Ralph's Recipe, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

MOEN ALONE: 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. April 18, 25, Hamlin Pub North, Lake Orion. (248) 814-8109; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Hennessey's, Wixom. (248) 348-4404; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 22, 29, Lakeview Bar and Grill, Novi. (248) 624-2800

MONK: Featuring Ric Hordinski, 8 p.m. Friday, May 5, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$10, \$8 theater members. (734) 464-6302 ZAK MORGAN: 2 p.m. Saturday,

May 20, Trinity House Theatre. Livonia. \$8 theater members, \$10. (734) 464-6302 (for children of all ages)

MORSEL: With Lovesick and Tribe of Zoe, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, Blind Pig. Ann Arbor. \$5 (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com MR. BUBBLES: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, Deer Lake Inn, Clarkston. Free. 21 and over. (248) 625-7788

MUDPUPPY: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Cavern Club. Ann Arbor: 9:30 p.m. Siskos on the Boulevard,

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21

ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-

BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313)

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m.

CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment.

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313)

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster

Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20

year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or

FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747

FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-

GROOVE ROOM:1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak, Free before 10 p.m. nightly.

GOLD DOLLAR: 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313)

FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611

HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538

JOE LOUIS ARENA: 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit, (313) 983-6606

KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB: Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1

a.m. Friday-Saturday, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. (248) 926-9960

LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506

MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester (248)

LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213

MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700

MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E, Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8397

MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or

MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038

Township. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE

MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU

PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATER: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac

THE SCARAB CLUB: 217 Farnsworth. Detroit (313) 831 1250

7TH HOUSE: 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 335-3540

313) 961-5451 or www.statetheater.com

Wayne. (734) 722-7639

West, Wayne. (734) 729-2360

MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or

PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE: 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence

PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover

ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street. Rochester. (248)

THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth, Wayne. (734) 729-7337

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER: 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961 MELT or

STATE THEATRE: 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit . Cover charge 18 and over

24 KARAT CLUB: 28949 Joy, Westland. 21 and older (734) 513-5030

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Discount for

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'High Fidelity' turns up the volume on laughter

BY BOB THOMAS

Los Angeles (AP) - John Cusack is one of the most talented and versatile actors in films today, brilliant in drama ("Cradle Will Rock") and comedy ("Being John Malkovich"). Judging from his latest film, "High Fidelity," he's also not lacking in chutzpah.

Cusack co-wrote and co-produced the picture, and he appears in almost every frame. Furthermore, he spends a large percentage of the running time looking into the camera and spilling his innermost thoughts.

Along with wall-to-wall Cusack, the movie has wall-towall music, all of it vintage pop. The credits list 61 recorded numbers, which must be a milestone for movie soundtracks, even in this era of oldie-but-goodie overkill.

But at least there's a reason for "High Fidelity's" hit parade: As the title suggests, music is the film's underlying theme. Cusack operates a Chicago store that sells only vinyl records that's how much of a purist he is. He is assisted by two equally devoted collectors, Jack Black as a rotund fellow who is bombastic in his musical prejudices, and Todd Louiso as a timid soul who

is equally firm in his opinions. Since few customers arrive to

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disturb them, the trio spends most of their time discussing esoteric matters of pop-music history. They are hooked on topfive lists, which they compile periodically.

Cusack is working on a topfive list of another kind, too. After his live-in girlfriend (Iben Hjejle) walks out on him, he frets about his history of failed relationships. He makes a list of the top five girlfriends who have

dumped him. And he vows to seek them out and discover how he failed. Meanwhile he has a fling with a well-known singer

(Lisa Bonet).

"High Fidelity" resembles early Woody Allen works in which he agonized over his romances, often relating his failings directly to the audience. Another similarity: the use of oldtime records (though Allen's taste leans more toward middleof-the-road classics).

The screenplay, based on a novel by Nick Hornby, is the doesn't quite pay off.

work of D.V. DeVincentis, Steve Pink and Scott Rosenberg, all of whom are also listed among the movie's eight producers. The film betrays evidence of too many cooks. Continuity suffers as Cusack encounters the five former lovers in real time as well as in flashbacks.

Stephen Frears - director of Dangerous Liaisons," "The Grifters" and "My Beautiful Laundrette" - seems on unsteady ground converting an essentially British story (the novel was set in London) to the American idiom. The characters are thinly drawn, and Black is especially obnoxious, redeeming himself as a talented blues shouter at the end.

Danish actress Hjejle makes an impressive American debut as Cusack's once and future girlfriend, and real-life sister Joan Cusack adds zest as his sternest critic. Tim Robbins appears briefly in a geekish role that

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, April 14

KEEPING THE FAITH

Ed Norton directed and stars in this romantic comedy about two men who fall for the same woman. The twist is that one man is a Catholic priest and the other an Orthodox rabbi. Also stars Ben Stiller, Jenna Elfman and Anne Bancroft.

AMERICAN PSYCHO

Chilling tale, based on a Brad Easton Ellis novel, of a Wall Streeter who goes on a rage-fueled killing spree. Stars Christian Rale Willem DeFoe Jared Leto, Reese Witherspoon and Samantha

Entertaining film about a newlywed businessman who leaves his bride to make an emergency trip to the family home. What he finds leads to an awareness of life's possibilities which include an overprotective call girl and UFO's. Made in Denmark this 1999 film is shown exclu sively Friday-Sunday, April 14-16 at the

SPARTACUS

Epic story of the clash between the Romans and a revolt lead by slaves. Directed by Stanley Kubrick. Stars Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons, Tony Curtis and Peter Ustinov. Exclusively at The Historic Redford The atre Friday-Saturday, April 14-15.

At the Landmark Maple Art Theatre. this take on Shakespeare's "Titus Andronicus" has a surreal, time-bending fusion of costumes and settings from many eras. Written and directed by Julie Taymore, it stars Anthony Hopkins, Jessica Lange, Alan Cumming, and Jonathan Rhys Myers

WHERE THE MONEY IS A master criminal fakes a stroke and is

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Director Stanley Tucci stars with lam Holm in this true story of a "New Yorker" writer and the eccentric bohemian he turns into as a minor celebrity in the

Suspense drama about a group of college students who innocently begin class by planting a rumor that escalates out of control, leading to a web of sexual betrayal and revenge. Stars Norman Reedus, James Marsden, Lena Heady, Kate Hudson, Edward James Olmos, Sharon Lawrence, Eric Bagosian and Joshua Jackson, Directed by Davis Guggenheim

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A comedy about a house full of their father's archaic traditions. Stars Om Puri, Linda Bassett, Jordan Pout ledge and Archie Punjabi.

WHERE THE HEART IS

Based on the best-seller by Billie Letts, the story of a young woman who finds the strength to overcome adversity and begin a new life for herself and her child. Stars Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd. Stockard Channing and Joan Cusack Directed by Matt Williams.

'El Dorado' shines in cleverly-crafted dialogue, action-packed animation

BY MALCOLM RITTER

A.P.- DreamWorks Pictures poured a lot of big-name talent into the new animated movie "The Road to El Dorado," and the result will delight kids and amuse grown-ups.

Young children will see plenty of action, while older kids and grown-ups can appreciate the sight gags and the banter between the two heroes of this adventure.

It's the story of a pair of smalltime con men, Tulio and Miguel (voiced by Kenneth Branagh and Kevin Kline, respectively) who beat the Spanish explorer Cortes to the fabled gold city of El Dorado in the 16th century. When they're welcomed as gods, they plan to go with that scam, scoop up lots of gold and beat it back to Spain.

In El Dorado they meet the sexy and cunning Chel (voiced by Rosie Perez), who regards them as her ticket to the outside world, an evil high priest (voice of Armand Assante) who sees through their ruse and sets out to destroy them, and the chief (voice of Edward James Olmos), a wise and decent man.

Of course, the con men's plan goes awry. Chel comes between the two longtime buddies, and



Duelling fools: Two-bit conmen Miguel (Kenneth Branagh) and Tulio (Kevin Kline) stage a duel to escape an angry mob in "The Road to El Dorado."

Miguel finds the adulation of the people more alluring than the gleam of gold. But as Cortes and his men threaten the city, Tulio and Miguel save the day, sacrificing their dreams of riches and of life as gods. At least they end up with each other. And that sexy Chel. too.

Rated PG, the film includes a suggestive massage scene with Tulio and Chel, and later some obvious offscreen sex between them. The high priest also pushes his assistant to a watery

Apart from the clever lines that Tulio and Miguel toss at each other - some were ad-libbed

in the recording studio by Kline the movie is fun to watch for the visual treats. At the end, as Tulio, Miguel and Chel recover from their death-defying exit from El Dorado, their horse realizes that only he has wound up with any gold. Quietly, carefully, he slips his shiny golden horseshoes out of sight - a wise move, given the character of his companions. It's all done without a word, and it's hilarious

Elton John wrote the music and Tim Rice the lyrics for the movie's songs, which are fine but not nearly as catchy as the numbers this duo created for "The Lion King."

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heard from Nine Inch Nails, five long years in fact. So when "The Fragile" was finally released September 1999. the double-disc set did more than satisfy

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fickle, hard-to-please rock fans worldwide, it earned the praise of critics everywhere, and begged for the band to get back on the

Fresh off the NIN international tour, keyboardist Charlie Clouser called last week from a hotel in Los Angeles to apprise fans of the coming U.S. tour which happens to begin today.

Proving that performance ability hasn't rusted since the last stint in support of "The Downward Spiral," Clouser said itfeels good to get back on the road. When asked the question on many minds addicted to mod-

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

"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 duplicate 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 welldesigned 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

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

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.

LISTEN UP



Listen: BillKeith (center) with students JakeBugeja and Jody Gross.

Then it comes to keeping an ear out for local sounds, South Lyon resident Bill Keith has his favorites. He works as station manager at Plymouth-Canton's WSDP and music director at Dearborn's WHFR.

Bill Keith's top five local CDs:

- 1. "Uncut Detroit 2: Live Blues in the Night" (various artists)
- 2. "Love Big, Us Small" (Jan Krist) 3. "Hallowed Boulevard" (Harbinger's Mile)
- 4. "Corn Daddy" (Corn Daddy)
- 5. "Two Tracks Left" (Moods for Moderns)
- Bill Keith's top five local bands to experience live:
- 1. Susan Calloway
- 2. The Bird of Paradise Orchestra
- 3. Jan Krist and band 4. Harbinger's Mile
- 5. Madison Greene

Submit your top five local artist's CDs and favorite local bands to catch live to "Listen Up" 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150. Include your name, photograph, city of residence and any music-related tid-bits.

CD REVIEWS

Please submit newly released local CDs for review to Stephanie Angelyn Casola, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Reviews run on the second Thursday of every month, as space permits.

"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 it's vintage melodies. Vocalist Matt Gross croons with abandon on "Barly 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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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 "BoilingPoint," 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.

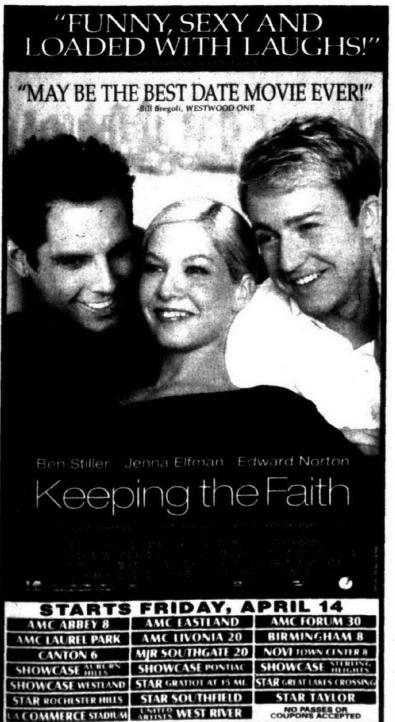
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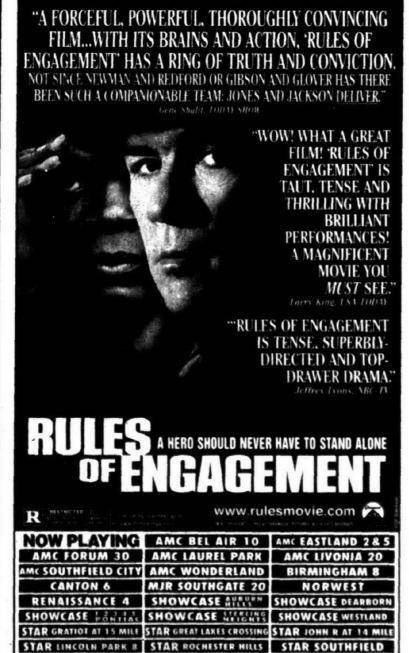
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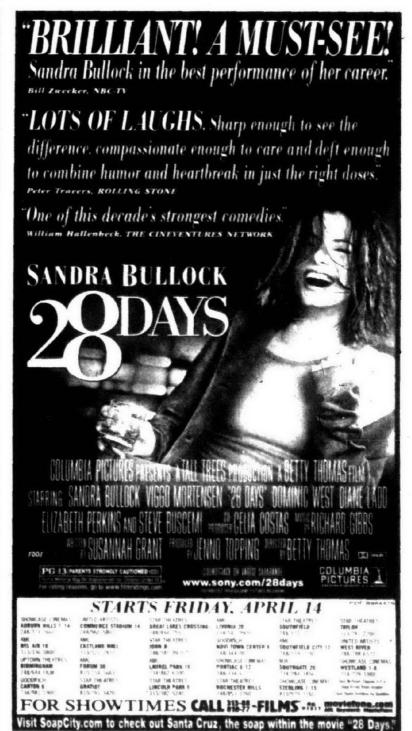
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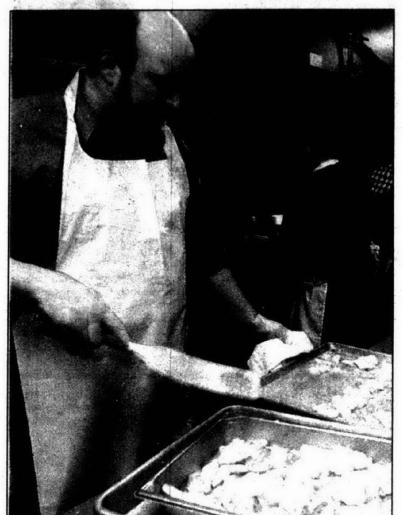
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oly mackerel! Those wonderful Friday night church fish dinners are coming to an end. Where will we eat so economically when Lent is over?

been extremely popular, with parishes reporting 600-700 people being served each Friday.

There's still time to taste some of the best fried and baked fish in town. With few exceptions, the following Catholic churches plan to feed the fish-loving hungry through Good Friday:



In the kitchen: Kevin Breen of Livonia fills a pan with freshly baked cod at the St. Genevieve fish fry.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net.

■ Four Friends Bar/Grill, 44282 Warren Road (at Sheldon Road), Canton - Offers all-youcan-eat Fish & Chips on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. for \$6.95 per person. Call (734) 416-0880 for information.

■ Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley Road (corner of Joy Road), Canton - Offers a fresh cod dinner, three pieces of fish, and all the fixings, for \$5.95. Call (734) 414-0890 for information.

■ Mitch Housey's, 28500 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. - Will ■ St. Agatha Catholic Church, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford Township, (313) 531-0371. Time: 3-8 p.m. Menu: Fried fish, \$.4.50; shrimp, \$5; baked cod, \$5.50; fisherman's platter, \$6.75; macaroni and cheese, \$3.50; clam chowder, \$1.75. Dinners come with rolls and butter and two sides, including cole slaw, potato salad, tossed salad or French

"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

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 secre-tary Ellen Edelen. "The food is good and prices are reasonable. We've had no complaints."

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-caneat fried fish, salad bar, pierogi, baked fish, and fried shrimp. Macaroni and cheese \$3.

Note: No dinners served on

"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



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 McClellen 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 McClellen, parish secre-

At St. Kenneth, the men's group does the cooking. "They're the ones that should," said McClellen. "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, Plymouth, (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

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

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"It's wonderful," said parish secretary Sue Daly. "And I'm a picky eater."

■ St. Sabina Catholic Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 561-1977. Time: 4-7 p.m. Good Friday: 3-7 p.m. Menu: Baked fish, \$6.50; fried fish, \$6.25; shrimp dinners, \$6.25; pierogi plates, \$4.75; macaroni and cheese, \$3. Cole slaw and beverages. Over 62 years old, \$5.50 for fish and chips; children, \$3

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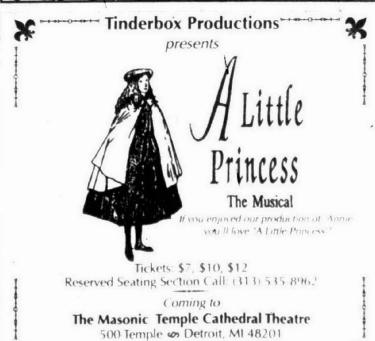




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