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Thomas: City on way up



In his 11th year in office, Mayor Robert Thomas says Westland has made strides toward becoming a better city, and he is promising a renewed focus on providing top-notch services at a cost taxpayers can afford.

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Mayor Robert Thomas, in his 11th State of the City address Wednesday, touted a myriad of achievements he said his administration has achieved since he proclaimed his "Vision 2000" in 1995.

Thomas, Westland's longest-serving

mayor, hailed the city library, upscale residential development, paramedic services and a neighborhood-focused police program as five-year accomplishments.

"I think our report card is quite good," Thomas told a crowd of 350 to 400 people inside the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road.

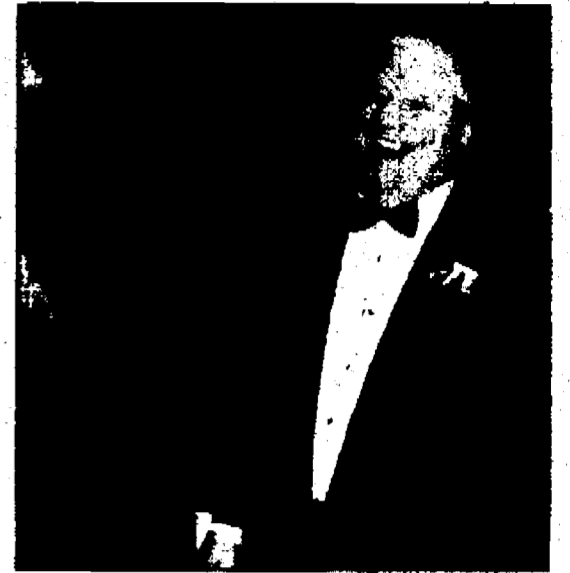
Thomas conceded disappointment

that a new City Hall hasn't been built and that Westland Shopping Center, while luring Sears, hasn't embarked on a second floor of retail stores.

Still, he described Westland as an improving city that still can fulfill his slogan of becoming "the place to be."

"It's going to take faith in ourselves and faith in our neighbors," he said, "but we can do anything we want to do."

Thomas outlined his new plan for cutting taxes, reducing water-sewer rates and continuing to provide services that he said are among Wayne



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLIN/EX

Good to see you: Mayor Robert Thomas shares a laugh with guests Wednesday night.

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Easter's on its way



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Hi! Above, Alex Regish, 4, of Westland hugs the Easter Bunny (Danny Gongora of Lincoln Park) at Westland Center recently. Gongora, who has been "Danny Bunny" for the last two years, has enjoyed it. Hours to see the bunny are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. At right, Connor Bogater, 10, months, of Garden City, squeezes the Easter Bunny's nose at Westland Center. Connor was with his mother, Karin Bogater, who wasn't sure if Connor would go near the bunny, but he did and was having a great time.



Griffin's presence on radio show sparks debate

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A Detroit religious radio program was flooded by telephone calls Monday after it featured a segment about prayer at Westland City Council meetings.

"I didn't ask for any calls on the air, but got a ton, both pro and con, off the air," said Mark Gilman, host of WMUZ-

FM 103.5's "On The Mark" program.

Listeners started calling after the program featured council President Charles "Trav" Griffin discussing prayer at city meetings.

"The pro (calls), of course, were from those who believe that prayer is a great component to the city council meetings; the con was Mr. Griffin in general, and (callers) were mad we even had him on the air," Gilman said. "Apparently, he

has some detractors in Westland."

Gilman's statement by e-mail came in response to questions about the program, which also prompted nine calls to the Westland city clerk's office.

A three-member council committee plans to study whether to start every meeting with prayer, rotating among clergy members.

The issue arose when the Rev. Jack Wallace of Detroit World Outreach was

allowed to start a March 20 council meeting with prayer, after discussing the idea with Councilman David James.

James had been calling for calm amid a public backlash that followed the Jan. 18 firing of former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons.

Wallace was followed April 3 by Cecilia Elbanowski, a St. Richard's

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Council members supportive of mayor's budget

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Mayor Robert Thomas' plan to cut taxes, slash water-sewer rates, fix roads and ditch plans for a new recreation center has won support from a Westland City Council majority.

Thomas' new budget proposal passed a major political test Monday as most council members indicated they will support a new budget plan that would save a typical homeowner with a \$120,000 house about \$85 during the fiscal year that starts July 1.

"Let them spend it the way they want to in their own budget," council President Charles "Trav" Griffin

said during a study session.

Thomas' plan hinges on phasing out a special tax district, or Tax Increment Finance Authority, that paid for Westland's library, Central City Parkway and other improvements north of Ford Road.

The city will use TIFA dollars to pay for waste disposal costs, local street repairs, fire station renovations and other citywide projects, but Thomas has scrapped plans for a new recreation center and City Hall.

Troubled by the change of vision, Councilman David James on Monday raised strong objections to shelving plans for new city buildings, but a majority of his colleagues had resigned themselves to the changes.

"What about the youth? What about the kids and things?" James asked, adding that youngsters now have an outdoor basketball court, an outdoor pool and "a couple of ratty racquetball courts" inside the Buley Recreation Center.

James indicated he'd like to see the TIFA taxing district remain in place to help pay for a recreation center, but his colleagues and the mayor said residents appear more receptive to tax cuts.

"There wasn't a big public clamoring to see the thing built," Thomas said of the recreation center.

Councilwoman Sandra Carroll said the mayor's budget plan gives residents a tax break they want.

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OBITUARIES

WILLARD V. MILLER
 Services for Willard Miller, 83, of Canton were held April 10 in St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland. Officiating were the Rev. Gary Headapohl and Rev. Kurt Lambert.

Mr. Miller was born July 3, 1916, in Ogilvie, Minn., and died April 6 in Superior Township. He was a salesman. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; sons, Kenneth Koski of Westland and Scott (Robbi) Miller of Redford; daughters, Sandra (Danny) Janusis of Southfield, Melissa (Molly) Miller-Davidson of Los Angeles, Calif., 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 St. Matthew Lutheran Church Choir Fund, 5885 Venoy, Westland, MI 48185.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth Township.

CALVIN C. NEWMAN
 Services for Calvin Newman, 73,

of Westland were held April 10 in Merriman Road Baptist Church with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. Ken Thatcher.

Mr. Newman was born June 26, 1926, and died April 6 in Wayne. He was a tool and die maker.

Surviving are his wife, Myrtle; sons, James and John; daughters, Cheryl (Anthony) Elkins, Denise Newman and Lisa Newman; brother, Clarence (Ann) Newman of Columbus, Ohio; sisters, Pauline (Charles) Masters and Lois Choulat; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

WENDY S. SPAULDING
 Services for Wendy Spaulding, 40, of Westland took place April 12 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Spaulding was born June 8, 1959, and died April 8 in Garden City. She was a bag handler for the airline industry.

Surviving are her son, Brandon; daughter, Cortney; parents, Wendell and Margaret Zimmerman; brother, Dean Zimmerman; sisters, Joann Surma and Amy Lucas; grandparents, Paul and Lucy Cook; and companion, Mike Buehler.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Spaulding Children's Fund.

CHARLES SEESHOLTZ
 Mr. Seesholtz, 67, of Westland died April 8. He was born Sept. 28, 1932, in Detroit.

Mr. Seesholtz was in communications for AT&T Utility Co. He served in the Navy during the Korean conflict.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Jane; sons, Ray Seesholtz and Jack (Judy) Stewart; mother, Alice Seesholtz; brothers, Robert (Barbara) and Don (Shirley); and two grandchildren.

Mr. Seesholtz was preceded in death by his daughter, Loriann Kellison, and father, Ernest Seesholtz.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

LARRY D. ECKARDT SR.
 A memorial service for former

Westland resident Larry Eckardt, 58, of Grayling was held April 1 at the Eagles in Grayling.

Mr. Eckardt was born July 1, 1941, in Pontiac and died March 26 in Grayling.

He worked at Detroit Diesel for 25 years in Romulus. After retiring from General Motors, he moved to Grayling, where he was employed by Weyerhaeuser as a supply clerk. He was a member of the Eagles and the Grayling County Club. Mr. Eckardt enjoyed hunting, racing, playing darts and golfing.

Surviving are his wife, Carole; son, Larry Eckardt Jr. of Dayton, Ohio; daughters, Cristin (Maurice) Aquilina of Fowlerville and Autumn (Jim) Romain of Saginaw; and one sister, Joyce Hook of Romulus.

Mr. Eckardt was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Janice and JoAnne, and brother, Barry.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Eckardt family. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, in Grayling.

Kids' good deeds don't go unrewarded

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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With sleight of hand and heavy paw, Livonia PTA Council applauded children whose good deeds have filled many hearts.

Some 3,555 students took part in the PTA council's "Making a Difference Program," which encourages kids and classes to take part in charitable works.

At Franklin High last week, those children and parents were entertained by Magician Jason Hudy and Hudinis and Detroit Tiger mascot Paws, who wagged tail and bat with equal aplomb while recreating the classic tale of "Casey at Bat."

During the past school year, high school to elementary students visited nursing homes, collected money, coats and canned food for needy families and donated to a number of causes. The PTA has sponsored the program since 1991.

"I think it opens their eyes to people who are less fortunate or who are hurting in some way," said Heidi Nance, "Youth Making a Difference" chairwoman. "They see,

For instance, Johnson Elementary students collected canned goods and items for Livonia Goodfellows and Operation Toy Box.

even at their young ages, they can make a difference."

Visitors could see the depth and scope of student charitable works in the Franklin cafeteria. Cardboard displays featured photo collages and tallies of money raised.

For instance, Johnson Elementary students collected canned goods and items for Livonia Goodfellows and Operation Toy Box. Riley Middle School conducted a bake sale and raised \$592 for a family in need.

Through the Livonia Moose Helping Hands program, Adams Elementary students raised \$200 by raffling off a talking Pikachu from the popular Pokemon series. Money generated helped a family of seven children whose father had been laid off from

work. A group of Tyler Elementary fourth-graders collected 11,200 pennies, which bought blankets for people who are homeless. Coalition of Temporary Shelter distributed the covers.

Class and school efforts only told part of the story. Several individual students stepped up to help in creative ways.

Coolidge Elementary fourth-grader Lauren Gribeck cut her long brown hair and donated it to "Locks of Love," an organization that makes wigs for children battling leukemia and who lose their natural hair through chemotherapy.

A Kennedy Elementary fifth-grader, Lauren Young, raised \$75 with a Kool-Aid stand. The money benefited the National Kidney Foundation.

"Kids are showing more growth and caring about others," said Superintendent Ken Watson, who attended the April 4 event. "They're really doing some nice things."

"Maybe it (the future) is going to be OK after all."

ACHIEVERS

Several Wayne-Westland students were recently honored. From Kettering Elementary:

Kaylei Motz has been selected to attend Space Camp at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. She was the district's nominee for the 2000 Locitite-Alan Shepard Space Camp Scholarship, and was selected as one of 51 students in fourth through seventh grade from Wayne, Oak-

land and Macomb counties. Students will spend the week of May 7 at camp.

Brittany Ping received Honorable Mention in the 1999-2000 Yak's Corner Favorite Book Character Contest. She will receive a gift certificate to Borders Books and Music, a stuffed Yak mascot and a certificate of excellence.

Ann Veloz won a \$200 award

from the Wayne County Regional Educational Agency. She will buy a Franklin Speller and computer software with her winnings.

Megan Hawk set three international records for her age group at the Wheelchair Games in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

From Schweitzer Elementary: Christina Merritt-Hasse received Honorable Mention in the Yak's Corner Favorite Book Character Contest.

Three Schweitzer teachers have been honored with recognition by Who's Who Among American Teachers. They are: Sandra

Laws, learning consultant; Joan Payzant, second-grade teacher; and Pat Roberts, fifth-grade teacher.

Kimberly Malloy, a Northwood University sophomore from Westland, was granted the Marjorie Cook-Taylor Endowed Scholarship for 1999-2000. She is the daughter of Fred Malloy of Dearborn and Judy Malloy of Westland.

The scholarship, established in 1994, assists women students who seek further training as economic/business management professionals.

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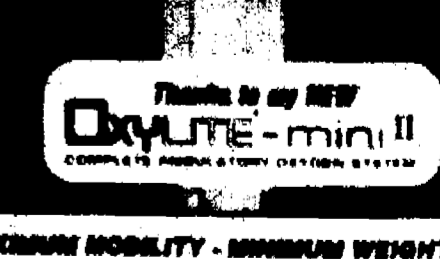
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Moreover, he declared that Wayne Road and many subdivision streets this year will be resurfaced at a price tag of \$5.4 million.

"This year will probably go down as the year of roads," he said.

He also cited still-pending projects such as a new southeast-end fire station, a district court expansion and a police department addition that will house the city's Youth Assistance Program, which provides mentors and services for troubled youngsters.

Thomas, who received a standing ovation, portrayed himself as a city leader who has shelved dreams of glitzy new city buildings in favor of providing tax relief for citizens.

"That's what I would have done in 1990," he said, recalling his first year in office. "That's what I want to do today."

Resident Reasther Everett said Thomas' new vision holds promise.

"Based on what he said tonight, I think we're going in the right direction," she said. "All of these things sound positive, and I'm looking forward to it."

Westland City Councilman Glenn Anderson, often at odds with Thomas, said he will be supportive of many of the mayor's goals.

"I'm glad that he's finally pay-



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGER

School chief: Greg Baracy received a Special Achievement Award Wednesday.

ing some attention to the streets and the subdivisions. I'm pleased that he's finally recognizing some of the things I've been saying for years and years," Anderson said.

"Generally, I think the tone is good. Generally, the direction I'd say I agree with," he said. "I'll probably be supportive of a lot of the things, especially when it comes to doing more for our neighborhoods and streets. I guess it remains to be seen how

sincere the mayor is about this new revelation that he's had, or this new conversion."

City business aside, Thomas and Deputy Mayor George Gillies also presented the following awards:

■ Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy, Special Achievement Award. "Greg Baracy is one of the most dedicated individuals you will find in any school system," Gillies said.

■ Corey Collins, Westland High School Senior of the Year.

■ Chuck Gordon, Teacher of the Year.

■ Nancy Deschaine, Mother of the Year.

■ Norman Richards, Father of the Year.

A special tribute also was paid to former city cable station Director Diane Abbott, who died in December.

Condo owners seek sewer fee relief

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Westland condominium owners, hoping to slash their expenses by thousands of dollars, are lobbying elected city officials to abolish sewer fees for water they use to sprinkle lawns and landscaping.

Private condo owners say they face unfair sewer fees for watering lawns and grassy public areas, and they are seeking a separate meter system for those purposes.

Condo owners claim they face more financial penalties because, unlike other property owners, they also have to maintain their own storm sewer systems.

"We're not asking for a free ride," Hunters Pointe Condominium Association President Margaret Lewandowski said.

Rather, she said owners of more than 3,500 Westland condos simply want fair billing for water-sewer rates.

All Westland property owners now pay water-sewer rates of \$4.46 per 1,000 gallons. That breaks down to \$1.84 for water fees and \$2.62 for sewer.

City officials and an attorney question

whether the city can legally abandon or reduce lawn-watering sewer fees for condo owners, a move Mayor Robert Thomas said could force higher bills onto other residents.

"There's no way to do it without somebody else paying the bill," Thomas said during a Monday evening study session.

Council President Charles "Trav" Griffin indicated he believes the city would lose a court challenge if it tried to ease the sewer-rate burden on condo owners alone.

Still, elected officials conceded that condo owners pay the same taxes as other residents even though they are responsible for services such as plowing snow from their own streets and trimming their own trees.

"You kind of get ripped off," Thomas told a large group of condo owners Monday.

Condo owners say some communities outside Wayne County have separate lawn-watering meter systems, but Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar said the practice hasn't taken root here.

Condo owner Ray Miller hinted that public land, maintained by condo associations along main roads, could deteriorate in appearance if owners decide they have to trim their

expenses by using less water.

"What will that do to help beautify our city?" he asked.

Assistant City Attorney Joanna Bennett indicated that easing the sewer-rate burden for condo owners alone could cause city officials to come under fire for unequal treatment of residents.

"Other homeowners would probably want the same treatment," she said.

James Godbout, Millwood Village Condominium Association president, said two local businesses - Westland Shopping Center and National Block Co. - already receive sewer-rate exemptions, and he questioned why condo owners can't receive similar consideration.

In the end, Griffin on Monday announced that he will appoint a committee to study the issue. He said the panel will include not only condo owners and elected officials, but also residents who don't live in condominiums.

Most council members appeared to support a study of the issue.

"I think we need a lot more information," Councilwoman Sandra Cirelli said.

Four to vie for Wayne-Westland seats

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

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

Hopfuls include:

■ LeeAnna Deniston, a political newcomer entering her first board race.

■ Richard Eisiminger, school board appointee.

■ Cynthia Schofield, who served on a citizens bond committee for building improvements.

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

Voters will elect two school board members

to four-year terms.

The terms start July 1 and pay \$1,830 a year.

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

Board President Robin Moore has decided to step down when her term ends June 30, keeping a promise she made to spend more time with her children and grandchildren.

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

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

"The bond issue is going to be the most important thing we address," Turner said. "I

think that's the best thing that ever happened to this district."

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

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

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

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

The Wayne-Westland district has 71,500 registered voters, Pierson said.

Others seeking to register to vote in the June 12 election should go to their city clerk's offices before the May 15 registration deadline passes.

Four challengers seeking Livonia posts

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Before answering the question of who is in the running for Livonia school board, there is still the matter of who's out.

This week, Trustee Dianne Nay announced in a letter to the district she is not going to seek re-election June 12. She joins colleague Trustee Kenneth Timmons, who has also indicated he is not going to run.

That leaves a field of four challengers to compete for two open seats. Candidates had until 4 p.m. Monday to file.

Board members serve four-year terms and receive \$50 a meeting.

Those running are:

■ Alicia Douglas, 31, a Livonia homemaker and owner of a home-based promotional business.

■ Larry Naser, 40, a Westland resident and butcher with Pioneer

Mortgage.

■ Clifford Thompson, 57, a Livonia resident and retired Southfield Public Schools elementary teacher.

■ Kevin Whitehead, 39, a Livonia resident and marketing analyst for Plymouth-based Plastipak Packaging.

Naser is looking to capitalize on a strong run in last year's school election. He finished with 1,735 votes in his first-ever campaign, which was 80 votes behind incumbent Frank Koke nakes.

Naser, who is an advocate of special needs children, was named to the Livonia Human Relations Commission's Honor Roll for his work in special education.

He helped establish a county-wide program for students with autism at Perrinville School.

"I ran because I had administrators, principals, teachers, parents and kids encouraging me to

run," said Naser, whose wife Carmen, and he have two children. "Most of my votes last year came from kids going home and telling their parents. That's the man who's always helping out in our classroom."

Whitehead is also back for another run after an unsuccessful bid last year. He is co-chairman of the Say "Yes" to Schools Committee, which worked to pass the district's three bond and tax proposals Monday.

Whitehead organized a "Tag Day" event, which involved high school athletes passing out literature in neighborhoods prior to Monday's election. He's also a member of the Livonia PEA Council.

His foray into elective politics was a learning experience.

"I was pretty new last year. My heart was in the right place, but my campaign skills weren't honed yet," said Whitehead, who is married to Laurie. They have

two daughters, attending Garfield Elementary.

Thompson is not new to board campaigns, either. He ran in 1993, finishing with 400 votes. He spent \$400, which translates to a buck a vote, he said.

His campaign will focus on what he believes is the "blending down" of education and erosion of basic skills in curriculum. He taught 18 years in the Southfield Public Schools. He is a former principal at St. Joseph's High.

Of the four, Douglas is the only one who has not previously run. She's active in both McKinley Elementary and Jackson Preschool PEAs.

She and husband Jim have three daughters. Her focus is on preparing children to compete in the global marketplace.

"The thing I can't stress enough is lifelong learning and how important it is," Douglas said.

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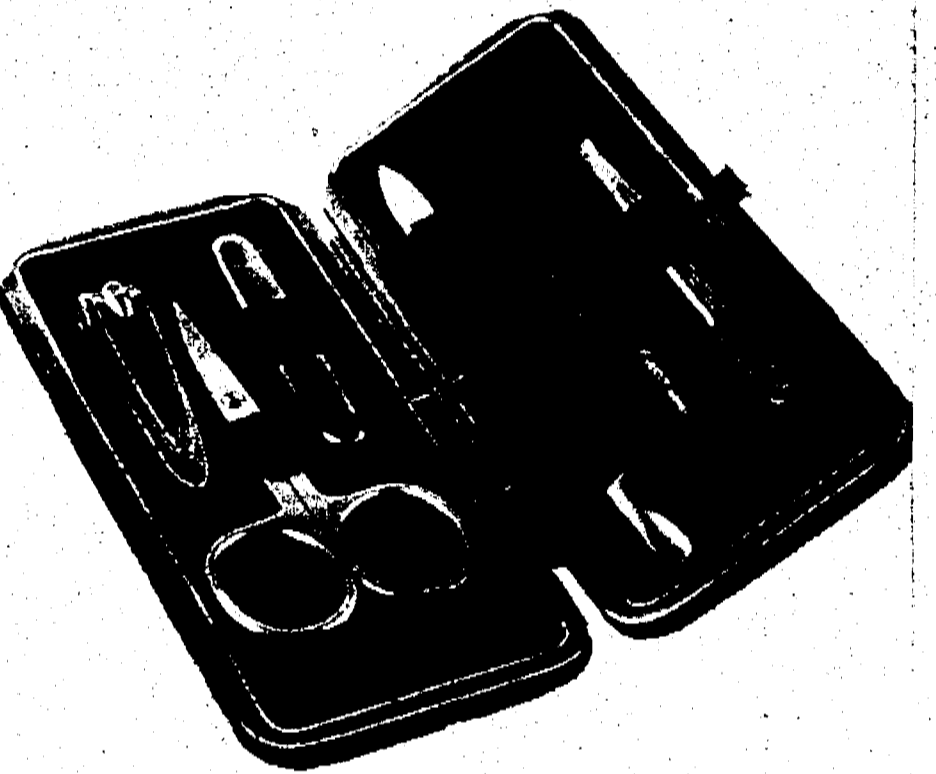
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"so I'm in favor of it."

The budget plan calls for a 1-mill tax cut that will drop the city tax rate from 14.7 mills to 13.7 mills per \$1,000 of state taxable value.

That would return \$60 to the owner of a \$120,000 house.

Water-sewer rates are slated to drop from \$4.46 to \$4.26 per 1,000 gallons, saving a typical consumer of 33,000 gallons quarterly about \$25 a year.

Thomas also has proposed eliminating a 1-mill waste-dis-

posal tax on June 30, 2001, returning another \$60 to the owner of a \$120,000 house.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc indicated support for the mayor's overall budget plan, but he said elected officials shouldn't rule out a waste-disposal tax at some point.

"I'm not ready to close the door completely," he said.

Thomas said his new budget will leave the city in good financial health.

His \$48 million general fund

budget plan maintains a \$2 million surplus. The city's water-sewer fund would retain a \$3 million balance.

Now that council members have indicated support for Thomas' plan, they will begin a series of budget meetings with various department heads to fine-tune the spending plan.

The council is expected to approve the budget in early June. The city's new fiscal year begins July 1.

Recall organizers planning Saturday drive in the park

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A Westland citizens group seeking a recall election in hopes of ousting Councilwoman Sharon Scott will take its campaign to city parks on Saturday, April 29. Recall supporters plan to set up makeshift stations in 15 parks to collect signatures on petitions aimed at booting Scott from office.

The group, known as Recall Now, wants to oust Scott for voting Jan. 18 to fire former City Clerk Patricia Gibbons — a decision that unleashed an angry public backlash.

Recall leader Brenda Gracin said the group has collected 2,400 of the 5,401 signatures it needs to call for an election in which voters would decide whether to oust Scott.

The group is trying to organize four-member teams for each of 15 parks, in hopes that neighborhood residents will come out to sign the petitions.

"The main reason we're doing this is that we want to cover every section of Westland," Gracin said. "There are a lot of neighborhoods in Westland."

Recall supporters plan to circulate their petitions from 9 a.m. until dusk in city parks and in the Westland portion of county-run Hines Park.

"I think that's totally inappropriate," Scott said of the parks initiative. "They should be knocking on doors and going to registered voters."

Scott is in her ninth year on the council and has said she won't seek re-election next year. However, recall organizers want

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Brenda Gracin
—recall organizer

to oust her as soon as possible.

Recall supporters will set up tables, signs and balloons to mark their park posts on April 29, and they will distribute newsletters about their activities, Gracin said.

The group officially started its campaign after its petition language received approval March 23 from the Wayne County Elections Commission.

The group also plans to try to recall council President Charles "Trav" Griffin, President Pro Tem David Cox and Councilman David James for their votes to fire Gibbons, but the three started new terms Jan. 1 and legally cannot be ousted for six months.

Gracin said a recall campaign against the trio will start Monday, July 3.

Early this week, Westland Police Chief Emery Price said recall supporters will be allowed to campaign in city parks "as long as everything is orderly."

Price said recall supporters can't block traffic — whether pedestrian or vehicular — and can't harass park-goers.

In other activities, the group on April 29 also plans to circulate petitions trying to make

Westland's city clerk an elected position rather than council-appointed.

The group has to collect 2,714 signatures of registered voters to seek an election to make the clerk's position an elected one. The change requires a ballot proposal to amend the city charter.

On Monday, Gracin said the drive for an elected clerk already has garnered 2,247 signatures.

However, she conceded that supporters will try to collect far more than 2,714 signatures, realizing that some people will sign petitions even though they aren't registered voters.

In another development, United Auto Workers Region 1-A Director Gerald Banton has sent a letter urging the council to support the elected clerk proposal.

Banton wrote that council members should "do whatever is in your power to bring about the change in your charter that would call for the Westland city clerk to be elected by the citizens of Westland."

"Our organization is based upon democracy, and we feel this change would help bring democracy to the clerk's office," Banton wrote.

A city charter change would allow voters to start electing their own clerk in the next round of city elections in November 2001. Newly appointed clerk Joann Seaberg already has said she would not move to Westland from her Canton home to campaign for the post.

Gracin said anyone seeking recall information may call her at (734) 729-2805 or send an e-mail to CitizenPower@aol.com.

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Parish eucharistic minister who started a council meeting with a prayer of hope for the city of Westland.

Griffin gave permission to Wallace and Elbanowski to lead council meetings with prayer.

Some critics have voiced fears that allowing prayer could invite demands for equal time by Satanists and other fringe groups. Even City Attorney Angelo Plakas has conceded he isn't sure how he'd defend a decision to welcome one group and reject another.

A pro-Gibbons recall group that wants to oust Griffin, James and council members Sharon

Scott and David Cox has accused elected officials of using prayer to divert attention from a recall campaign that mushroomed after Gibbons was fired.

The group hopes by summer to recall all four council members who voted against Gibbons' reappointment in January.

Recall leader Brenda Gracin criticized Griffin for taking the prayer issue to radio.

"This is not fair what that man is doing," she said. "The recall people aren't against prayer. We just think it's hypocritical that it came up now."

Gracin received a phone call at home Tuesday and was given an

opportunity by Gilman to air her views on the radio.

Griffin said he simply accepted an invitation to appear on "On The Mark."

Gilman said he aired the 15-minute segment after a friend faxed him a newspaper story about the prayer controversy.

"I personally don't understand what the fuss is about — sounds like a pretty sound way to start a meeting, and with all the contentious history in Westland politics, why not try prayer for a change?" Gilman asked. "What could be the worst thing to happen, civil discourse?"



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love children and be willing to teach caring, respect, honesty and responsibility.

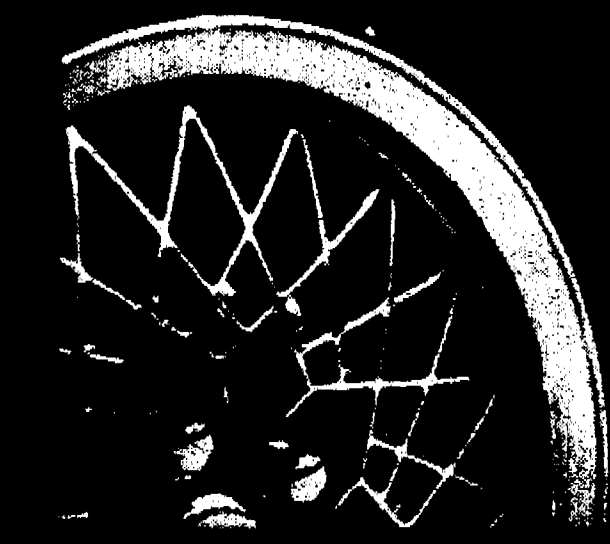
Camp runs June 19 through Aug. 25, with training to begin

June 2-3. Teachers are encouraged to apply.

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They underscored the need, noting all three high schools were built well before Title IX and the proliferation of girls' athletics.

They also appealed to the pocketbooks by stressing the 0.4 mill - 40 cents on every \$1,000 of taxable value - was the difference between the 1.15 operating mills voters approved five years ago and 0.75 mills up-for-renewal this time.

Another part of the sales message included a simple plea to keep up with the Joneses. Novi, South Lyon and Brighton all have new facilities, bond backers noted.

In order not to lose population to those growing areas, school officials said state-of-the-art gyms would be needed to sustain property values here.

"It was a matter of educating people about the value of Proposal C," said Jay Young, Community Services director. "And the fact the millage rate wasn't any greater than the number they approved five years ago helped."

School elections typically have sparse turnouts, but the voter numbers surprised some precinct workers.

By 7:30 p. m., 139 voted at Precinct 31B at Washington Elementary. The precinct has 1,400 registered voters.

At Precinct 40 in Westland, 35 of 667 registered voters cast ballots at Divine Savior Lutheran Church.

"For us, that's good," said Charlotte Bowser, precinct worker.

The result was also good one for Churchill student Thom Vandebossche and other student-athletes. He passed out literature in front of Washington Elementary Monday afternoon along with Liz Orozco.

Vandebossche is on the school's wrestling team, which shares practice space with gymnastic teams and batting cage. New fieldhouses built as part of the bond will include separate wrestling rooms.

"We go to another school and they have a real nice padded wrestling room," Vandebossche said. "You say, 'Gee, I wish we had one of those.'"

Host families are needed

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

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

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

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

Call AISE's toll free number at (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.

Golf benefit on tap June 23

The fifth annual St. Mary Hospital Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 23, at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield to benefit breast cancer prevention.

New this year are two starting times: 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for the 18-hole scramble. Both golfing groups will enjoy breakfast, driving range, buffet or sit-down dinner, locker room facilities and great prizes, such as a week at a Florida golf resort. LPGA teaching professionals will be on hand for putting and driving clinics.

Proceeds for the \$200 per person event are designated for breast cancer treatment, diagnosis and prevention programs at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Corporate sponsorships are available.

For more information or to register, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation, (734) 655-2900.



Jennifer Granholm

Granholm to be on local cable program

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm has agreed to appear on the city of Westland's "People Worth Watching" program, Deputy Mayor George Gillies has announced.

Granholm's one-hour program will address topics such as child protection, "high-tech" crime prevention, consumer issues, environmental protection, senior citizen safety and the attorney general's role in government.

The program will be taped April 26 and first shown at 8

p.m. Tuesday, May 9, on WLND, Westland's municipal cable station.

Granholm's appearance continues an ongoing series of "People Worth Watching" programs orchestrated by Gillies and Westland City Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli.

"I believe they have been very educational and informational in content, and a positive program for all our residents," Gillies said in an announcement of Granholm's program.

Adams lauded for improvement work

Adams Middle School has been honored with Gov. John Engler's Golden Apple Award as part of Wayne County RESA's Celebration of Excellence.

The award is given for schools showing marked improvements in student scores on Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. Adams received the Most

Improved School award for having a 60-point or higher MEAP score gain in math, reading, science and writing over a two-year period (1997-99).

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Adams was honored April 6 at Wayne County RESA's Annex Auditorium in Wayne.

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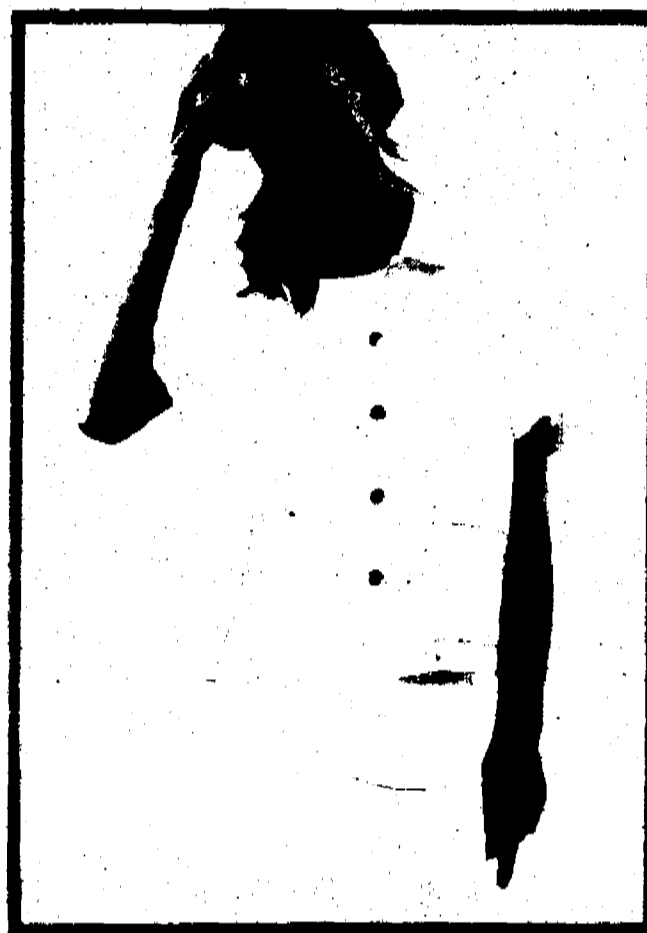
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Cancer fight goal

The Huron Valley Regional Council No. 34 of Parents Without Partners Inc. will hold its second annual Celebration of Life Benefit Ball Friday, May 5, to raise money for cancer research.

The benefit will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill Road, east of Venoy. There will be a public dance, silent auction and raffle. Proceeds will go to the University of Michigan Cancer Research Center.

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and are available by calling Diane Griffin at (734) 464-1969.

Mary Anne Britton at (810) 231-9447 or the HVRC hotline at (734) 480-3941. Tickets also will be available at the door for \$12 each.

Last year's benefit raised \$5,400 for cancer research. The inspiration came from Griffin, a past president of the council, who is a cancer survivor.

"I've been a cancer survivor - seven years this past November," said Griffin. "It's a common bond with other cancer survivors. What better way to say thank you to our doctors than to raise money for cancer research?"

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 7-4/3/2000

Presiding: Council President Griffin
Present: Anderson, Cox, James, LeBlanc
Absent: Cicirelli, Scott

97: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 3/20/2000

Approved request from St. James Catholic Church to hold pilgrimage walk 8/19/00 at 5 pm

Approved request from Momentum IMC Company to host "Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs Event" on 6/24/00 & 6/25/00 at the Kmart Store, 165 Wayne Rd. with contingencies

Approved request from John Glenn Instrumental Music Booster Organization to hold "Tag Day" on 5/06/00 & 5/13/00 for the purpose of collecting donations to supplement the Instrumental Music Program

Approved request from Westland Fire Department Public Awareness Committee to conduct carnival, 35000 Warren, Westland Center from 5/17/00-5/21/00

Introduced Budget Amendment 2000-16: Purchase of voting equipment, amt \$83,925.00

Approved bid for AS400 System for City Hall to ASK-Applications Specialists, amt \$84,921.50

Approved bid for Lawn Fertilization, Weed & Crabgrass Control for various City buildings to TruGreen-Chemlawn, amt \$5,834.00

Approved Change #1 & 2 - Henry Ruff Resurfacing Project, amt \$33,889.44 to Ajax Paving with total cost to City \$16,969.90

Approved Change Order #1 - Warren-Cavell Sewer Lining Project, amt \$2,820.00 to Insituform Technologies

Adopted Ordinance 248-A-16, rezoning from Two Family Residential to Shopping Center Commercial, SW corner of Venoy & Palmer

Adopted Ordinance 248-A-17, rezoning from General Commercial Business to Vehicle Service, 35050 Ford

Adopted resolution designating J Seaberg being authorized to make application to Michigan Department of Transportation for necessary permits to work within state trunkline right-of-way on behalf of City

Approved request from Administration to go into closed study session immediately following meeting to discuss pending litigation

98: Approved vacating & abandoning existing sidewalks in Norway Sub #2, 3, 4, 6 & 7, N or Glenwood, S of Palmer

99: Approved vacating & abandoning 6 ft of road right-of-way in Alaska & Alamo Cts, W of Venoy, N of Glenwood

101: Confirmed appointment of M Lewandowski to the Westland Cable Commission for 4 yr term ending 4/4/04

102: Approved Check List-\$207,958.40 & Prepaid-\$1,509,759.27

Mtg adjourned at 9:50 pm

Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

CHARLES T "TRAV" GRIFFIN
Council President

JOANN M SEABERG
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-16

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTIONS, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-2 district classification where R-6 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: **LOTS 9, 10, AND 11 REX SUBDIVISION, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 80 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS.**



Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

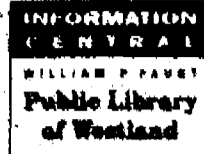
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JOANN M SEABERG
Westland City Clerk

Adopted: April 3, 2000
Effective: April 13, 2000
Published April 13, 2000

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Now that spring has arrived, one of the most common questions about the library is, "Just what are those trees you have out front?" Flowering pear is the answer. The flowering pear trees line the front drive and were planted in front and in back of the library in a formal, double row arrangement. The flowering pear was developed from the common pear (prunus communis) and is the same in every way but one: it does not bear fruit. Like the common pear, the flowering pear bears ornamental white flowers and is easy to grow. They are quite tolerant of pollution, drought and high winds. They like full sunlight and are most often used as a shade or ornamental tree. Washington, D.C., may have its famous blossoming cherry trees, but Westland has its own trees. So on your next visit, take a few moments to enjoy the beauty of the flowering pear trees



WEB SITES OF THE WEEK
Below are more of the great Web sites taken from "50 Great Web Sites for Kids and Parents" from the American Library Association. They are recommended for preschool-elementary age children and their parents by librarians who work with children and the Web every day.
www.pbs.org/readingrainbow/levygroeting.html
Based on the award-winning PBS children's television program. Hear an audio greeting from host LeVar Burton. View the program schedule, or enter the Young Writers and Illustrators Contest.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
Internet 101: An Introduction - 10:15-11:15 a.m. Saturday, April 15, Community Meeting Room B. Learn what the Internet is and the basics of how to navigate the Internet and find the information you want. Designed for the individual with little or no computer background. Internet computers will be reserved for student practice for one hour following each class. No fee. No registration required, but class size is limited.
Open Mike Poetry Reading - 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 17, Community Meeting Room B. The library hosts an evening of family-friendly poetry reading by members of the community. Bring your own original poem or an old favorite to share with the group. All ages are welcome to attend. No fee. No registration.
Chess Night - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Faust Reading Room. Amateurs and experts alike are invited to join in for the monthly Chess Night where you can strategize and conquer. Participants are encouraged to mentor beginning

players. Pick up a chess set at the Reference Desk or bring your own. No fee. No registration required.

Adult Reading Club
7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Community Meeting Room C. "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. All are invited to participate. No fee. No registration.

Children's Activities
National Library Week continues through Saturday, April 15. "Little Red Riding Hood," performance by Michigan Opera Theatre. 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Meeting Room A/B. Join in as the library celebrates National Library Week with a special treat. The Michigan Opera Theatre presents a magnificent performance of the classic "Little Red Riding Hood." No fee. A limited number of free tickets are available. Stop at the Children's Service Desk.

Bike Safety
1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Meeting Room A/B. Join Officer Tom from the Westland Police Department DARE program as he talks about bike safety. Whether you are starting out with training wheels or are an official "two-wheeler," you won't want to miss this! Officer Tom will tell you about the rules of the road, helmets and clothing, and how to keep your bike safe. Children who participate will receive stuff to take home! No fee. No registration.

Sleepytime Story time
7 p.m. Monday, April 17, Community Meeting Room A. This half-hour family story time is held every Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blanket! No fee. No registration required.

Junior Master Gardener Program
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Sessions are 7-8 p.m. Mondays, April 17, May 1, 8, 15 and 22. Earn a junior master gardener certificate. Children in grades two-five can register for this program and learn about gardening and nature. In addition to class sessions, students will participate in a practical, "hands-on" session in the library garden, to be arranged for a future date. No fee. Registration required.

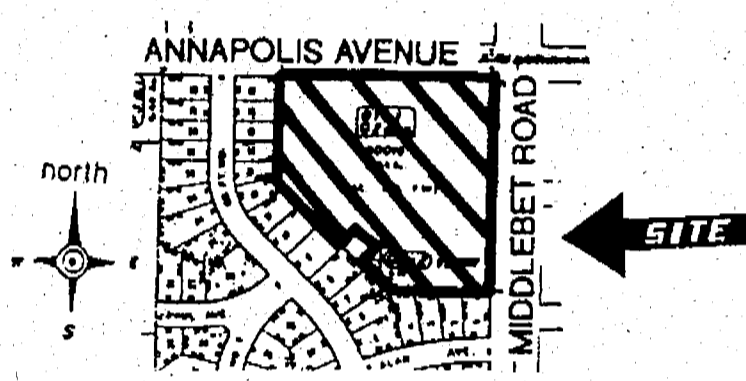
Toddler Tales & Preschool Story time
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Children's Activity Room. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, Meeting Room A. Toddler Tales (18-36 months) and Preschool Story time (ages 3-5) are held 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Story times last about 30 minutes. No fee. No registration required, although class size is limited.

After School Special
3-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program held each Wednesday is for all school-age children. It provides an opportunity to make crafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee. No registration required.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2031, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from R-5 Single Family Residential to (PUD) Planned Unit Development or Proposed Senior Housing Facility, Parcel #082-99-0018-000, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 29425 Annapolis, SW Corner of Middlebelt Road and Annapolis Avenue, SE-35, Carolyn Kimbrough



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2000.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1579E, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Woodworth Estates Condominiums, Lot #29 Folker's Venoy Road Wood Subdivision No. 2, West Side of Venoy Road, South of Warren, NW-10, Young K. Park

Case #1841D, Site Plan Approval for Proposed CVS Pharmacy with Drive-Thru, Parcels #034-99-0030-005 and -0030-003, Northwest Corner of Wayne Road and Hunter Avenue, NW-9, Arthur Sills

Case #2030, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Multi-Tenant Commercial Building, Lots #612-815 of Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 16, North Side of Van Born, East of Middlebelt, SW-36, William Pritula

Case #2032, Proposed Lot Split, Lots #177 through 180 of Wayne Road Subdivision, South of Palmer, West of Wayne Road, Located at the Northwest Corner of Booth Avenue and Crown Avenue, NE-29, Bethany Biglow (David James)

Case #2034A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Addition to St. Damian's Church and School, 29625 Joy Road, Parcel #005-99-0028-000, South Side of Joy Road, West of Middlebelt, NE-2, Bonnie Scott (Reverend Lawrence Zurawski)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2000.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

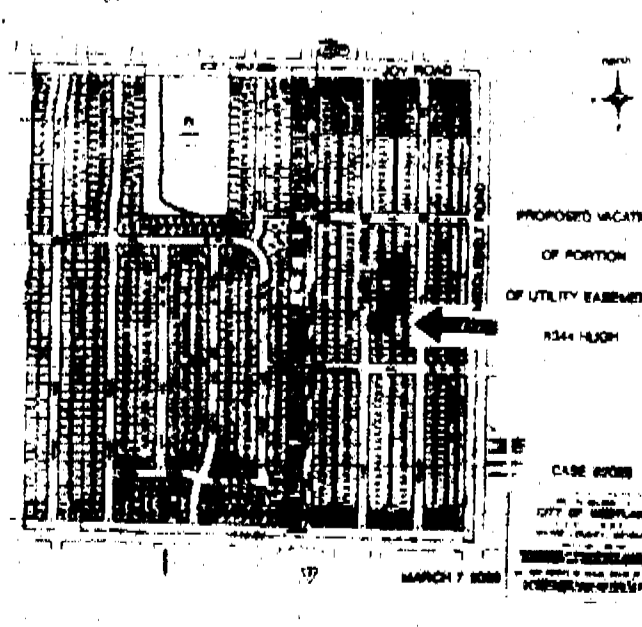
Robert C. Bowers, Chairman
WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Published April 13, 2000

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon and vacate the following:

Vacate 1' x 40' portion of utility easement at rear of 8344 Hugh (Parcel #005-02-0225-000), east side of Hugh, west of Middlebelt, south of Joy, NE-2



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on **MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. D.S.T.**, in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that true copies of this notice be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

JOANN M SEABERG
Westland City Clerk

Published April 13 & 20, 2000

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, April 18, 2000, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1979	SAAB	900/2 DR	BLUE	90791032575
1989	CHRYSLER	LEBARON/2 DR	RED	1C3XJ41K8G147720

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6475 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1985	OLDSMOBILE	CALAIS/2 DR	BLACK	1G3NT27U9FM227013
1988	CHRYSLER	NEW YORKER/4 DR	WHITE	1C3BF66P5JW130177
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1991	MITSUBISHI	MIRAGE/4 DR	SILVER	JY3CU26A1MU042185
1986	PONTIAC	6000/4 DR	BLUE	1G2AF19RXT327215

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after May 13, 2000 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

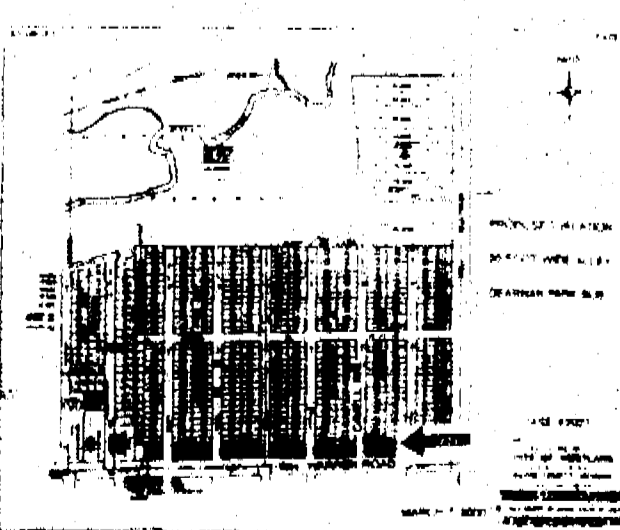
YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
1987	HONDA	CYCLE/CH150-H	WHITE	JH2KF0109HK201134 (ELITE)

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.2, Chapter XVI of the Charter of the City of Westland, a petition has been filed with this Body to absolutely abandon and vacate the following:

Vacate 20' wide alley adjacent to Lots 147-153 & 154 of Re Subdivision of Deaman Park, east of Cavell, north of Warren, SE-1.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on **MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. D.S.T.** in the Council Chambers of the Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, to hear any objections thereto.

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Senate reaches compromise on motor carrier legislation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marianne Hartzell
Michigan Library Association

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

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

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

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

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

Still, Hartzell said the compromise reached in the Senate last

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

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

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

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

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

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

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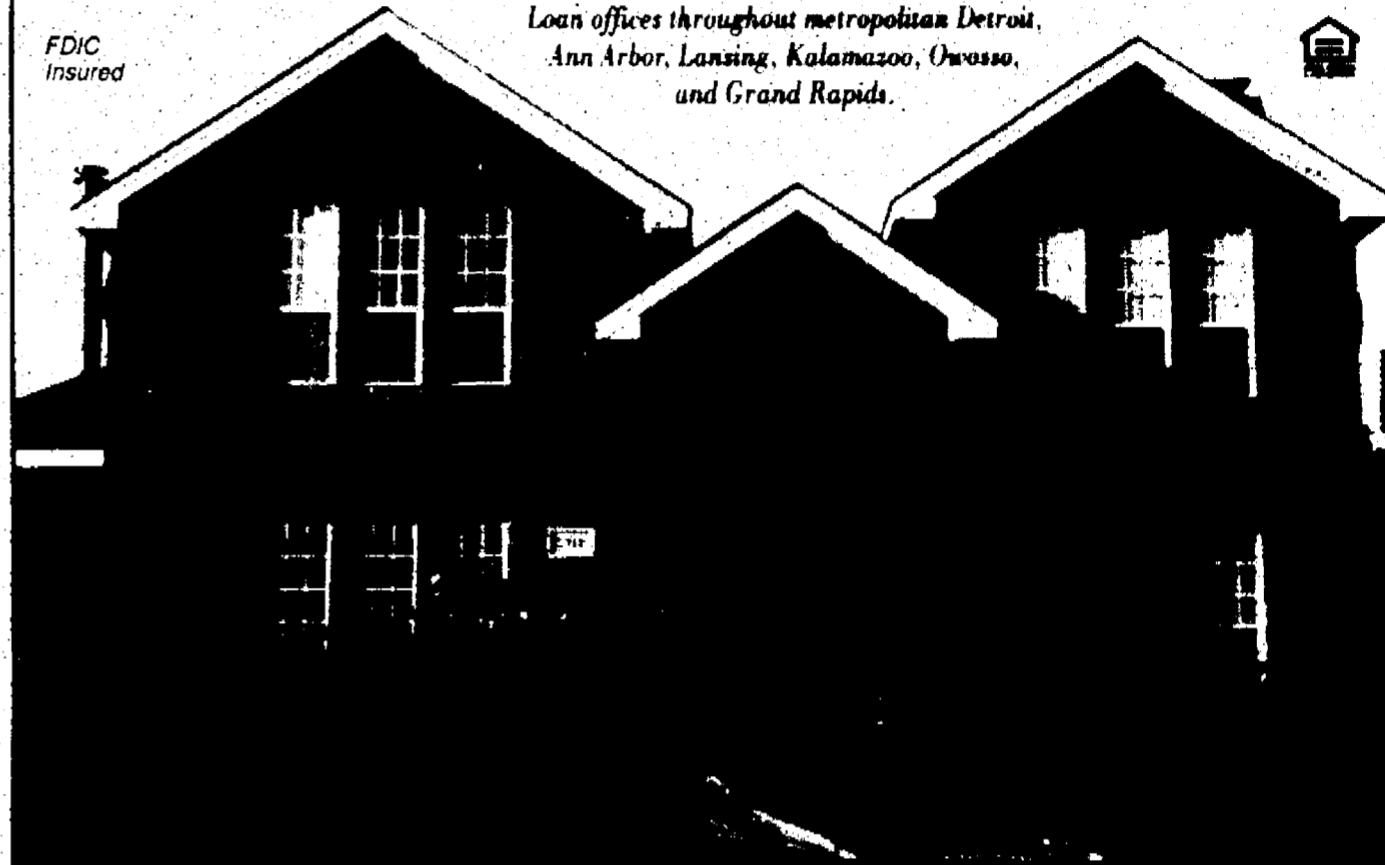


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Tutors boon to students

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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When kids started having trouble with math, a Livonia district elementary school reverted to a basic formula.

In this case, though, one plus one equals a more successful student.

Through a national mentoring program, Cooper Elementary is seeing immediate returns with its version of HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed).

The two-year tutoring program received national recognition, which is being cited for improving scores by 15 percent for at-risk third-graders and 16 per-

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cent for those in fourth grade on the Math Placement Inventory.

School officials also credit the HOSTS program for improving attendance and children's attitudes towards math and learning.

Community volunteers make the program work. Their ranks include retirees, office workers and high school students, who develop an instant rapport with the children.

"They see their mentors walk into the building and they're down here before the mentors can get their coats off," said Leigh Holland, who coordinates Cooper Elementary's program.

Debra Winkler has a keen insight into how Patrick Hill, 8, learns.

Patrick loves puzzles, Winkler said. He also has a "fast, fast memory," she added.

During their half-hour session, the boy leaves the table two or three times but quickly returns.

"He has his own way of learning," Winkler said. "Patrick's fun."

Together, they work on number sequences. He's become more focused, Winkler said.

"I'll ask, 'How did you get that answer?' and he's eager to explain to you how he got his answers," Winkler said. "He's more willing to tell you about himself."

The volunteer works in a townhouse office nearby. Winkler's only qualifications are that she raised three children, "which is like being a teacher," she said.

Mentors also include employees from Valassis Corp. and United Technology. American Association of University Women members volunteer.

Livonia Schools Trustee



Tutor: Kent Gage, former assistant superintendent in Livonia, helps sixth grader Briana Turkowski with her math.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Helping hand: Joshua Cagle, third grader at Cooper Elementary, checks his progress. Behind is tutor Debbie McCallum of Livonia.

Kirstan Galka tutors along with former Assistant Superintendent Kent Gage. In the afternoon, Franklin High students drop in to help.

Though the twice-a-week session can be intensive, Winkler never goes home exhausted. "I leave exhilarated," she said.

Since October when she started, she's also learned something about herself.

"I can use my wild imagination," Winkler said. "I think everyone has something to offer. Kids are very accepting."

Theresa O'Brien works in the Curriculum Department. The former Garfield Elementary classroom teacher relishes her tutoring visits.

Her regular student was absent, so O'Brien and Mike

Davis played a game that uses geometry, problem solving and other math skills.

"I should not have helped you with that," O'Brien says to Davis who dutifully advances his game piece. "Now you're going to cream me."

The one-on-one sessions give O'Brien a different perspective as a teacher.

"They can talk to you about things they feel strongly about ... whereas a classroom teacher has 30 kids," said O'Brien, who works as a math facilitator.

"You're someone they can talk to. You get an understanding of the whole child."

Another district administrator credits HOSTS coordinator Holland and assistant Andrea Anderson for working with class-

room teachers and diagnosing the child's shortcomings, which mentors can work on.

Children are placed in the HOSTS program based on their Math Placement Inventory scores.

"We know the best instruction is one-on-one," said Gage, who retired as assistant superintendent of elementary instruction. "One-on-one instruction is wasted if it's not targeted."

The former school administrator has come full circle. He started as a classroom teacher and finds himself in familiar haunts.

"It's really a neat opportunity to give back," Gage said. "The second-graders give unconditional hugs, which is very rewarding."

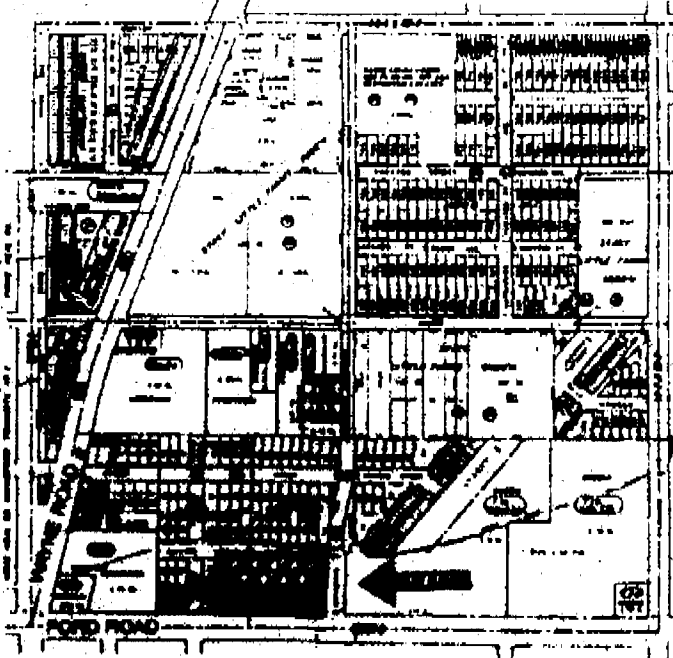
CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-17

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND RESTRICT THE USE OF LAND AND STRUCTURES BY DIVIDING THE CITY OF WESTLAND INTO DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES THEREOF BY ADOPTION OF AN OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP; TO SPECIFY THE DISTRICTS WITHIN WHICH LANDS MAY BE USED FOR BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, RESIDENCE AND OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS REGULATIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS GOVERNING THE LOCATION, ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND USE OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND LAND WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS; TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT AND BREADTH OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE THE INTENSITY OF USE OF LOT AREAS AND TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF YARDS AND OTHER OPEN SPACES; TO ESTABLISH SITE DESIGN REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE SITE DESIGN REVIEW PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SPECIAL LAND USE AND SPECIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT; TO LIMIT CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS BY PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRICTION AND GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING USES OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; TO REGULATE SIGNS BY ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE SIZE, HEIGHT, LOCATION AND NUMBER OF PERMISSIBLE SIGNS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN SIGNS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL THE PRIOR ZONING ORDINANCE.

THE CITY OF WESTLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the zoning map of Ordinance No. 248 of the City of Westland be and the same is hereby amended to show CB-4 district classification where CB-3 district classification is now shown in the area situated in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

Lots 2 to 15 Including Also The West 18.60 Feet of Lot 16 Also S 1/2 Adjacent Vacant Alley Also The West 38.60 Feet of Lot 26 Also Lots 27 to 32 Including Also N 1/2 of Adjacent Vacant Alley Also South 1/2 of Adjacent Street Hawthorn Woods Subdivision T2S R9E L58 P6 Wayne County Records.



Section 2. The other classifications in effect in all other areas of the zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication thereof.

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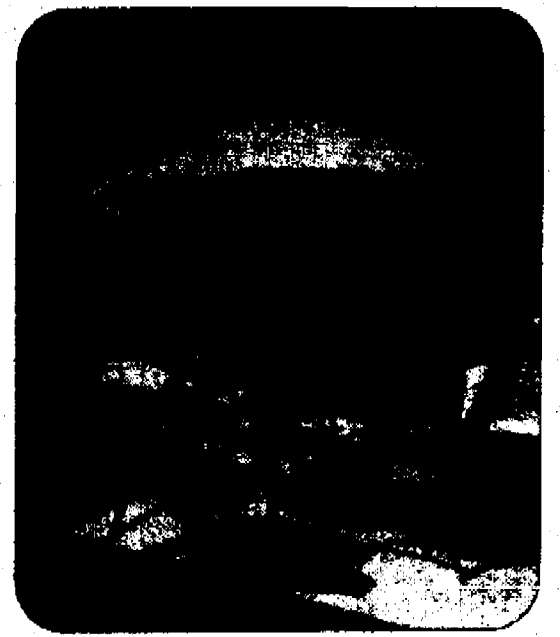
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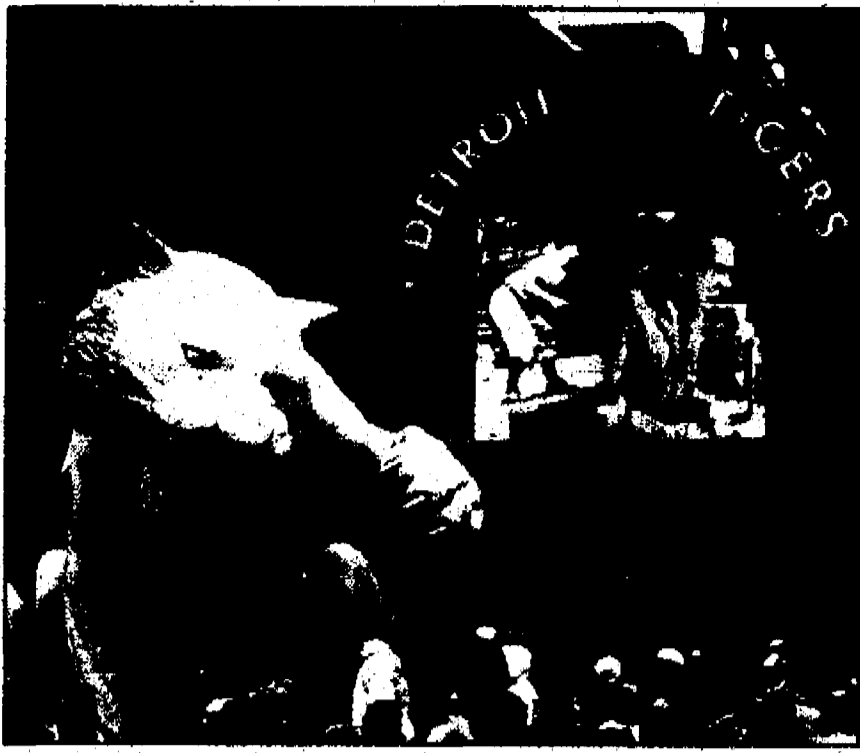
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Signs of spring



Hardy: Clyde Smith & Sons will hold a spring open house 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16, celebrating 166 years in business. The nursery business is located on Newburgh south of Joy in Westland. There will be free seminars, door prizes and refreshments. Above, David Smith Sr. and son David look through the greenhouse. Planting spring flowers is a rite this time of year for many.

Winterguard tops in state competition

This year was truly a "new beginning" for the Franklin Winterguard performers.

The seven-girl high school team captured first-place honors in the Regional B State Competition hosted by the Michigan Competitive Band Association on April 1 at Eastern Michigan University.

Performing to a jazzy piano tune called "New Beginnings" by David Benoit, the girls twirled two different sets of colorful flags and a set of sabers (made of rub-

ber) while moving around in synchronized movements to win the judges' votes and take home a first-place trophy and banner.

"We were very proud of the girls," said coach Kristi Jasin, who is also Franklin's band director. "They worked very hard through the season."

Team members are Christina Amat, Lauren Cabbie, Amberly Dicks, Sandra Kunkele, Michelle MacPhail, Stephanie Roos and Katie Williams.

The team started practices in

December, working two or three times a week to learn the drill and the music. Their effort, Jasin said, was apparent in how they interpreted the song and moved in harmony.

The show began with the girls lying still and then following the music to act out waking up in the morning.

It was truly a team effort, Jasin said. Parents helped make costumes and sew flags. The girls wore yellow shirts and black pants; while some of their

competitors donned colorful, sequined outfits and made elaborate costume changes.

"It was very simple, very effective," Jasin said of the Chargers' show. "It was very clean, very synchronized and effective. I am very proud of them."

The team was coached by Winnie Sawyer and Renae Sisk, along with Jasin. Winterguard, which is an indoor, winter version of the color guard program, began at Franklin in 1995.



Franklin Winterguard

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STILL SEARCHING
 Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad# 4444

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION
 This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN
 Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DW mom, 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad# 7764

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 An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY
 She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56. Ad# 5614

IS IT FATE?
 This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad# 2345

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 Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad# 4528

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BORN-AGAIN
 This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad# 5144

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
 Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad# 6684

VIVACIOUS
 Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBPM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad# 1103

TO THE POINT
 SWCF, 36, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad# 2220

LOVES THE LORD
 Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad# 1966

LIFE GOES ON
 This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests.

DEDICATED
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 Outgoing, honest DW dad, 42, 6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9559

WORTH A TRY
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Schoolcraft board approves 2.8% tuition increase

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

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

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

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

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

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

Six districts

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

Under the proposal, district residents will pay \$54 per-credit-hour, non-residents \$80 and out-of-staters \$119.

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

Raby said tuition increases "have been averaging about 1.1 percent per-credit-hour the last several years."

The 2.1-percent tuition increase will provide about 31 percent, or \$13.9 million, of the proposed budget, based on an expected half-percent rise in enrollment and increased credit hours taken, particularly in continuing education.

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

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

\$12.2 million

State appropriations will add

27 percent (\$12.2 million) of the revenue, based on Engler's requested 3.5-percent increase.

Income from other sources, such as interest rates and the campus bookstore, will provide the remaining 2 percent, or about \$916,000.

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

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

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

Current tuition rates competitive with others

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

According to Schoolcraft figures, the college's \$59.67 per-credit-hour combined tuition and

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

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

In any event, Schoolcraft took over third place from Wayne County CC this year when the latter's combined figure rose to \$64.77. The remaining colleges are Macomb Community, \$64.80, Delta CC, (Saginaw) \$65.33, and Henry Ford CC, \$69.29.

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

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

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

Senate OKs tax credits for brownfield projects

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

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

allowing the developers to receive special tax credits.

The package would revise the Michigan Economic Growth Authority program to allow the state to approve up to 15 tax credits per year for brownfield redevelopment in a list of 80 communities. Three could be for between \$10 million and \$30 million. The larger credits would be for up to 10 percent of the redevelopment investment. Thirteen of the new MEGA tax credits would be limited to between \$1 million and \$10 mil-

lion. Thirty credits would be allowed per year for brownfield projects below \$1 million.

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

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

Orion.

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

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

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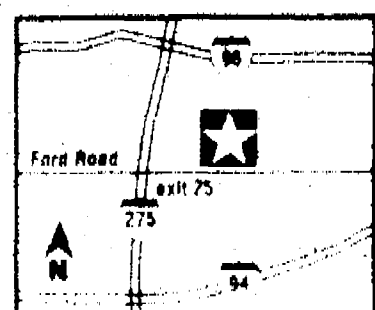
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Concern over fathers' rights snags baby dropoff bills

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

adoption law. The problem revolves around fathers' rights, Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Howell, explained. Under current adoption law, fathers' rights could not be terminated as a result of the young mother leaving the child at a hospital. Absent termination of the fathers' rights, the child could not be put up for adoption. "If there is no termination of

the fathers' rights, there could be no adoption. We don't want these kids trapped in a system they can't get out of," Rogers said. And yet when teen mothers abandon children, the fathers might not be aware of the child. Sens. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, have introduced bills aimed at ending the rash of newborns being

abandoned in dumpsters or on church steps. Several recent cases in Michigan have brought the issue to the forefront, but lawmakers believe more than 50 children are abandoned everyday across the U.S.

The law applies only to mothers who turn over children to medical personnel, police or fire personnel within 72 hours after birth. If the mother changed her mind within 90 days, she could be reunited with the child,

although that would trigger a state investigation to determine the mother's fitness to be a parent. The bills currently await action before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Conference focuses on global trade

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

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

business with the European Union; and Agustin Arbulu, president and CEO of TAG Manufacturing Co., will discuss his experience in Mexico and Latin America. Mary Kramer, associate publisher and editor of Crain's Detroit Business, will moderate.

To register for I-Trade, call (313)871-8600, Ext. 225.

Rivers hosts forum on war on drugs

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

um Building, 33500 Van Born, Wayne. Rivers has invited a variety of experts who will discuss the topic. After the initial presentations, panelists will be available

to take questions from the audience. For information, call Deborah Johnson in the district office, (734) 485-3741.

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Fair play

Employers deserve no less

The dollar amount is a stunner, even if the charge is not.

A Westland Sam's Club cashier stands charged with allowing friends to pass through her checkout line without paying for merchandise - a total of \$9,648.

The woman, an 18-year-old Romulus resident, could face five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted of embezzling.

Police Lt. Marc Stobbe said the incident is one of many retail store embezzling cases. He attributed the increase in embezzling to a healthy economy with a corresponding boom in jobs - and opportunities to steal from employers.

Certainly, no one wants to return to the days of indentured servitude, or to the pre-union days when too many workers had no real say in such issues as workplace safety, compensation and others.

That said, an employer is still entitled to an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Stealing from an employer is simply wrong, no matter what the circumstances. It's easy to

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understand going home with a cheap company pen in your pocket or purse - and considerably harder to understand allowing friends to steal a store blind.

The Romulus woman has been arraigned and a not-guilty plea entered for her. She's entitled to her day in court, and to a vigorous defense by her attorney.

Let's remember, however, that all of us as workers, including those in management, owe our employers an honest day's effort. Let's remember, too, that as consumers we all pay the price when merchandise is stolen. Higher prices are the result, and we all feel that pinch.

Libraries sharing knowledge

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

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

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

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

But others saw the need to educate everyone, to make them more productive workers, yes, but also to make them better citizens.

In the 19th century, self-made multimillionaire Andrew Carnegie gave away a large portion of his fortune to create public libraries all across the country. His example and his condition that communities raise taxes to continue the work of the library helped make libraries an essential institution in any forward looking community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Westland library

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LETTERS

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Irked with Cox

I am totally disgusted with the way Councilman Cox responds to questions posed to him by Westland citizens at council meetings. At one council meeting, he was asked whether or not he was a resident of Westland when he was placed on the council. He said he would respond later - HE DID NOT!!! Was a simple "yes" or "no" too difficult or did it need more thought???

I can understand when a council person is asked a question and does not have all the data necessary for a complete or correct answer immediately and asks to get back with the citizen; however, when a question requires a simple "yes" or "no" and the council person will not answer immediately, that sound like HEDGING to me.

In a recent article in the Observer, it stated that Mr. Cox denied living outside of Westland during his 1999 council campaign. That is not completely true. Mr. Cox answered the question by saying he lives on Woodside. He did not say this was his resident during campaign???. Also, is Woodside a Westland street???. I certainly don't know.

Shirley Tenney

Moniker's mine

I've written many articles since January and I would like to set the record straight that I am the one who first named "The Fab Four." I never dreamed the phrase would catch on, as it was only a name of sarcasm that just popped into my head, a term borrowed from The Beatles. Only THESE four are not so fabulous or "fab."

I also named "The Fab Fritz Lady, Mary Poppins (Sharon Scott), Mad Madden, The Griff, The Griffin," the creature of mythology which someone told me ate souls, and all the rest ... here on Gilligan's isle.

So, whenever you hear about "The Fab

Four" remember where it all started. Give me some credit. That's all I want.

Other comments: Good luck on all future endeavors, council member Glenn Anderson! Happy 20th wedding anniversary to council member Richard LeBlanc and wife Cheryl! And to council member Sandra Cicirelli, I'd like to say that there are a LOT of us who wish that you were still council president. There is a lot of love for you. Your fairness and ability to communicate with the people make you a winner and "The People's Choice!"

That's it. Power to the people!

The Fab Four Lady,
Angela Frances Todd
Westland

Help for school project

I am an eighth-grade student at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro, Calif. We are working on a project, planning a vacation in another state, and I have chosen Michigan.

I was wondering if your readers could send postcards, pictures, brochures or any other information about places to visit and things to do in your area. They can send them to me, c/o Washington Manor Middle School, 1170 Fargo Ave., San Leandro, CA 94579.

Thank you for your help!

Neema Kalyan

Gibbons questions

Pat Gibbons for state representative - what a joke. She couldn't even find her way to Lansing. Her husband would have to drive her back and forth.

It was interesting to read the letter from Mr. Arbour - a neighbor of Pat's. If I recall, I believe his wife was subject to a school recall. One I didn't agree with, either. Remember how it felt to be the subject of a recall. I'm sure the Arbour family wasn't too happy about it at the time, but now, I guess it's OK.

Does the Arbour family know for a fact the work performance of Mrs. Gibbons? I doubt it. They only hear "hearsay" comments. You certainly can't vouch for her honesty, integrity, etc., etc., as a former city employee, now can you?

Jerry Oldenburg

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QUESTION:

Do you file your income taxes electronically, or would you consider doing so?



"No ... Every time I do anything electronically, it is goofed."

Dorothy Ayers



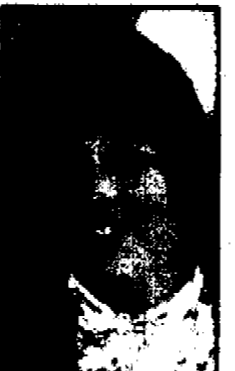
"I don't want to do them electronically ... I don't want to send them electronically."

Lorraine Boyer



"I would consider it ... I just haven't done it yet."

Jeremy Richmond



"I know my husband would, but he usually doesn't do the taxes."

Helen Bowler

We asked this question at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Internet privacy campaign certain to end up politicized

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

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

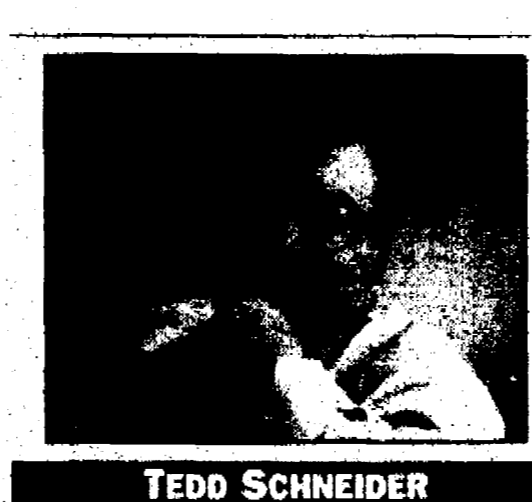
But for most folks, myself included, I suspect there is a privacy line in the

sand. If a prospective employer were to judge my capabilities based on my medical history or presidential voting pattern, for example, I'd cry foul; or if I was denied a loan based on anything other than my ability to repay it.

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

Well, that might be a bit of an overstatement.

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



TEDD SCHNEIDER

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

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

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

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

ing in the 1992 presidential primary. Coincidence? Hardly. And just last year, Michigan Secretary of State Candice Miller had to acknowledge that some registration records had been sold to private marketers and the practice would be stopped.

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

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

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LETTERS

Pay attention

I am happy to see the citizens of Westland paying more attention to the things that have gone on, and continue to go on, in our community. Years ago, I used to attend city council meetings and look at the vouchers. It angered me way back then, but I wasn't brave enough to approach the podium and verbalize my concerns to council members, the mayor, and all those department heads sitting behind their nameplates. They all appeared so united and friendly among themselves that I was afraid I would look stupid. Today, I no longer fear questioning any of them about how our tax dollars are spent. I no longer worry about someone thinking I'm stupid for asking questions.

Today, unlike years ago, I am mad enough to get up from my seat and open my mouth. I resent the fact that we, the taxpayers, are paying for bottled Absopure water for city employees in addition to paying for the water and sewer bills for city buildings. I

resent the fact that we, the taxpayers, are providing lease cars for highly paid city workers who can afford to purchase their own vehicles. Not only are we, the taxpayers, paying the lease payments, but we also pay for all insurance, maintenance AND car washes!! In fact, according to city vouchers for February, March and the April 3 voucher we have paid \$7,763.50 for lease car payments.

In addition to providing Police Chief Price with a brand new "unmarked" 2000 Yukon which cost us, the taxpayers, \$32,500 as an outright purchase. That amounts to \$40,263.50 of our tax dollars paying for department head perks so far this year and this is only April. And, according to the mayor's special report televised on WLND, department heads "only get an \$1,800 car allowance."

This taxpayer wonders how many "car allowances" he is speaking of on top of what we're already paying according to the city vouchers. I am but one of many residents working on

the recall of Sharon Scott. When I knock on doors and speak to citizens, it amazes me how many of those who rent feel they do not pay taxes, and therefore, do not pay attention to how taxes effect their rent payments. Some of these residents have gotten sick from drinking the water that comes from their kitchen sinks. Others have automobiles many years old and have to financially struggle to keep them in running order and insured in order to have transportation to their jobs. After hearing how tax dollars are spent, they too, are mad as hell. Some of these people felt that their vote didn't count. Others said they have not registered and therefore could not sign the petitions. I have encouraged those unregistered voters to get registered and take the time to cast their vote on election day. If transportation is a problem to get registered, the recall supporters will provide transportation free of charge. There are many problems in our community that could be addressed if our city government/officials took to heart

the financial hardships that their spending places on the backs of us, the taxpayers. PLEASE, WESTLAND RESIDENTS, GET REGISTERED AND GO VOTE!! Thank you very much.

Deborah Hessler-Davis

Against recall

As a resident and voter of the city of Westland, I believe a recall election for any elected official is completely wrong. The time to voice your opinion is during the regular city elections. A recall for the purpose of not reappointing an AT WILL city clerk is not just cause by any means. This is not only foolish, but a waste of taxpayers' money. Whether one agrees with the appointment or nonappointment of an official is their opinion. There probably are several reasons why the former clerk was not reappointed. I can certainly understand why our council is not speaking out fully on the reasons in order to protect

the individual involved and perhaps the individual should be thankful for that.

Just because you don't agree with an elected official is not just cause to campaign for a recall election. If you don't agree with your husband, does that give you just cause to file for divorce? If you don't agree with your children, does that give you just cause to disown them? If you don't agree with your employer, are you going to quit your job?

There isn't a single soul on this earth who agrees with anyone 100 percent of the time. Wake up, Westlanders. This recall may cost you money.

F. St. Clair

Just because you don't agree with an elected official is not just cause to campaign for a recall election.

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

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

On the surface, it sounds like a pretty reasonable idea.

After all, high school students have been blowing off the MEAP in droves over the past few years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PHIL POWER

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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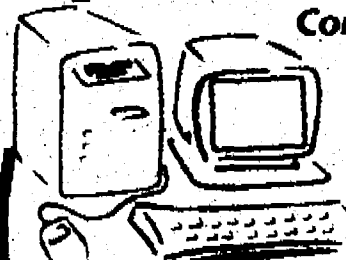
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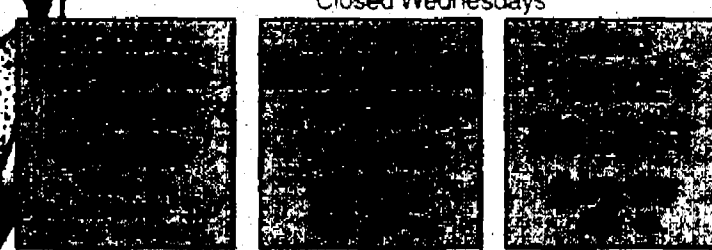
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Knights national champs

The Livonia Knights won six straight games, including three overtime games, to capture the Pee Wee Tier II National Championship held April 4-9 in Oswego, N.Y.

The Knights blitzed the Atlanta (Ga.) Fire in the finals, 9-0, as Dave McGroty and Jeff Paison each scored twice, while goaltender Justin Bolla notched his second shutout of the tournament.

Chris Fairbanks, Kevin Horal, Jim Nawrocki, Chris Barczuk and Garrett also tallied goals for the winners.

The Knights, using three full lines, needed five overtimes to beat the Pikes Peak (Colo.) Tigers, as Paison scored the game-winner against goalie Alex Okrzesik.

Radford and Horal had the other goals, while McGroty, Nawrocki, Zac MacVoy and Tony Swartout drew assists.

The Knights started the 12-team tournament with 6-5 sudden death OT period over Charlestown, Mass. as McGroty won it on a 50-foot slapshot that hit the top crossbar and went in for the first of six victories.

Mark Hanscom and Ryan Vraibel combined for all five Charlestown goals, while MacVoy, Nawrocki, Paison, Barczuk and Fairbanks tallied goals for the Knights.

In the second round, the Knights downed arch-rival Toledo (Ohio) Junior Storm, 5-1, in a physical game. McGroty, Horal, Nawrocki, Radford and MacVoy scored goals for the winners.

Goaltender Steve Mnich turned away 22 of 23 shots, while getting strong support from defenseman Craig Dulman, Steve Slivski, Horal and Swarthout. The Knights weathered the Storm without injured defenseman Matt Fortier.

Following a 10-0 victory over host Oswego, the Knights, playing without speedy center Sean Sachau (serving a game misconduct) defeated the Thousand Islands (N.Y.) in the quarterfinals, 3-2, on McGroty's 20-foot slapshot in overtime.

Mnich preserved the tie in OT when he came out of his net and poked the puck away on a Thousand Islands breakaway.

Horal and MacVoy tallied goals in regulation, while Joshua Smith countered for New York.

Other members of the Knights include Adam Stoner and Justin Bolla. The Knights are coached by Pat Fairbanks, Doug Blanzky, John Swarthout and Kevin Fairbanks. The team manager is Jim Radford.

Taormina makes top 10

Livonian Sheila Taormina finished ninth, second among U.S. competitors, in the International Triathlon Union women's race April 1 in Big Island, Hawaii.

Taormina covered the 1,500-meter swim, 24.8-mile bike and 10-kilometer run in 2 hours, 4 minutes and 17 seconds on the Olympic distance course in Kona.

Michelle Jones of Australia finished first in 2:02:04 followed by Angja Dittmer of Germany (2:02:42) and American Joanna Zeiger (2:02:52).

Taormina will compete this weekend in the first leg of the U.S. Olympic Trials in Sydney, Australia. The University of Georgia and Stevenson High product won a gold medal for the U.S. in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga. (women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay).

Rutherford goes 5

Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) pitched five innings in his final spring training outing for the Class AA Reading (Pa.) Phillies against the Class AAA Scranton (Pa.) in Clearwater, Fla.

The opposing pitcher Philadelphia hurler Curt Schilling (on rehab assignment).

Rutherford, an Eastern Michigan University product, lead 3-2 after the fifth, allowing five hits, while striking out three.

Orioles hoop champs

The Orioles Unit of the Livonia Junior Athletic League, consisting of members of the Warriors and Timberwolves, recently won the varsity girls select all-star championship.

Members of the team include: Kristina Avedisian, Robyn Johnson, Katie Turner, Megan Kain, Jennifer Perkins, Kali Lester, Jessica Wurmlinger, Beth Mosier, Jen Mosier, Jill Wittkopp and Amanda Slater.

The coaching staff includes Bob Avedisian, Bob Turner, Bryan Lester and Bruce Mosier.

Soccer powers battle to 1-1 draw

Stevenson savors Gusick's late goal

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Like a changing tide, creeping further and further up the beach, Livonia Stevenson kept pushing and pushing against Plymouth Canton in a girls soccer match Monday between two of the state's top-ranked teams.

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

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

The goal, with 1:48 left, earned the second-ranked Spartans a 1-1 tie against the visiting Chiefs, who came in ranked sixth in the state.

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

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

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



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Close encounters: Stevenson's Dana White (left) tries to dribble the ball away from Canton pursuer Amanda Lentz.

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.

The Chiefs' defense seemed sturdier,

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

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

to score, giving the Chiefs a 1-0 lead.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stevenson was in command throughout that stretch, and Gusick finally got the Spartans what they needed — the game-tying goal.

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

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

Mariner GM Gillick rates area trio

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BASEBALL

Where do three area pitchers stand right now in the Seattle Mariners' baseball organization?

Mariners General Manager and Executive Vice-President Pat Gillick interviewed Tuesday in the media center at Detroit's new Comerica Park, shed some light on the status of Plymouth Salem High product Tom Davey, Westland's Ryan Anderson (Dearborn Divine Child) and Aaron Scheffer (John Glenn).

All three are currently pitching for Class AAA Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League.

Unlike Davey and Scheffer, both whom pitched last year in Seattle, the 20-year-old Anderson could be the first of the local triumvirate to be called up this season, according to Gillick.

Anderson, a 6-foot-10 left-hander

with a wicked fastball, is showing rapid signs of maturity after just two years in the minors. The former first-round selection, who was bypassed for the Detroit Tigers in the 1997 amateur draft, may get the call-up sooner than later.

"Ryan has made a lot of progress and he has a chance to be on the fast track," Gillick said. "Mentally he's more mature and he's handling things very well."

"He's basically throwing the same stuff with a few more changeups. He's the most advanced right now of the three."

Anderson turned in three strong spring training outings in four appearances. He also impressed during a four-inning stint in an exhibition game at Safeco Field against

Philadelphia Phillies, striking out six, while allowing just one hit and no runs.

He was also overpowering in his first outing with Tacoma, striking out 10 in five innings while allowing just two hits and one walk en route to the Rainiers' first win of the year.

"I'd say Anderson is projected to come up sometime this year," said Tacoma News Tribune sportswriter Larry LaRue, who covers the Mariners. "At Safeco (Field) in that final exhibition game they had him clocked at 98 MPH. He also throws what they call a 'slurve.' His change-up is 88 MPH, which is better than some fastballs."

"If there's room, he'll get called up. Triple-A is a good test because he's never been there before."

LaRue has also noticed a change in Anderson's demeanor.

"He's grown up a lot in two years, on and off the field," LaRue said.

Scheffer, who was signed as a free agent the summer following his senior year at John Glenn by local scout Ken Madeja, pitched in four games last year for the Mariners, going 0-0 with a 1.93 ERA before being sent back to Tacoma.

Not invited as part of the 40-man 2000 roster, the right-hander appeared in just two spring training outings during his stay in Peoria, Ariz.

But the closer and set-up man has pitched four scoreless innings thus far with a 0.00 earned run average for Tacoma, picking up right where he left off last season.

"He's a player who has to have everything going right," Gillick said. "He's one of those guys who had to prove himself everywhere, at every level."

"He has an outside chance."

Please see SEATTLE TRIO, C3

Buckler retires after 18 seasons

Shoemaker takes reins

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BOYS SWIMMING

The torch has been passed in the Livonia Stevenson boys swimming program.

Doug Buckler, who led Stevenson to four Western Lakes Activities Association titles, 12 runner-up WLAAs finishes and a fourth-place finish one year in the state Class A meet, is retiring after 18 seasons as the Spartans' head coach.

Stevenson athletic director Roger Frayer has named six-year assistant Jeff Shoemaker as Buckler's replacement.

"Doug has been around a lot of years and has done a lot of good things," Shoemaker said. "I've learned a lot from him. He's a great motivator and he's big on consistency."

"His reputation is statewide. He's done a lot of classy things. He teaches kids to respect everything, from thanking the bus driver, to cleaning up after a meet, to respecting your opponent. When you swim for Doug, you had to behave yourself."

Buckler juggled two jobs during his tenure at Stevenson.

He is currently director and financial secretary for the Millwrights Union Local 1102.

Buckler was honored at the team's recent banquet held at the Laurel Manor. He also received a city proclamation from Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey.

"I've been blessed with great, great kids and parents who have supported, but have also known when not to interfere," Buckler said. "I've always believed in the team concept. We never had any kids who put themselves first in front of the team. We made sure they helped each other in the class room and gave their heart for each other inside and outside pool."

Buckler, who also coached two seasons at his alma mater Redford Union and one year at Livonia Bentley, finished with a dual meet record of 168-56.

Please see BUCKLER, C8



Pointing the way: Livonia Stevenson's Doug Buckler is retiring after 18 years with the boys swim program. His teams captured four WLAAs titles and was runner up 12 times.

2000 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF PREVIEWS

Stevenson showing early promise

Livonia Stevenson golf coach John Wagner believes this year's squad has all the tools to compete not only for a Western Lakes Activities Association title, but also at the state level.

"I have one of the strongest teams I've ever had," said Wagner, who has coached the Spartans since 1991.

That is a bold statement considering just last year the Spartans were undefeated in dual meets, won the WLAA, took second at the Division I Regional in Brighton, and finished eighth at the state tournament.

The program did suffer the loss of first-team All-Observer pick Mara Mazzoni to graduation. The team's undisputed leader last season, Mazzoni was a medalist in five dual matches, finished second at the regional and qualified for the state finals.

Wagner said her loss will hurt, but he the Spartans have enough experience coming back to make up for it, and some.

First among the prominent returnees will be senior Carli Heppner, a second-team All-Observer selection last season. Heppner shot a 44 at Friday's City Tournament, and was a medalist.

Junior Katie Carlson, a third-team All-Observer pick, is also back. Carlson was also a medalist at the City Tournament, shooting a 43.

While these two will be invaluable, the biggest lift may come from freshman newcomer Kristen Polanski. She is the sister of Steve Polanski, the State Class A champion in 1998 and a current member of the golf team at Texas Christian University.

If the City Tournament is any indication, Kristen isn't far behind her older sibling, as she shot a tournament-low 42.

"The numbers she has had so far are outstanding," Wagner said. "She comes from a golfing family. She will help this team out tremendously."

Wagner is also high on his other returning seniors, including Andrea Greco, Laura Hadcock, Teresa Layman, Jessica Makowski and Leah Winiesdorfer.

"Collectively they are very

experienced," Wagner said of the group. "They will make up the nucleus of a great team. They are capable of playing very well."

Stevenson's returning juniors include Courtney Gilkey, Sara Marcicki, Megan McLeod and Lauren Guyout.

Sophomores Stephanie Baringhaus, Jill Fawkis and Sarah Zientarski are also returning.

While Polanski, Heppner and Carlson are locks for the first three spots, Wagner said the other spots are up for grabs.

"I have nine players who can be at the four, five and six spots, and I plan on trying all of them," he said. "What I am looking for is consistency."

Wagner believes his biggest WLAA competition will come from Farmington and Livonia Churchill, which Stevenson has already beaten by 20 strokes in the City Tournament.

"We match up pretty well with Churchill," Wagner said. "We will be bumping heads quite a few times this year. We have a good competitive spirit with each other, and both teams really want to beat the other."

Wagner said the team won't take anyone lightly, but it won't fear anyone either.

"If everything falls into place I think we can do some fun and exciting things this year," he said.

Livonia Churchill

Livonia Churchill coach Sharon Laskowski does not believe it is a stretch to consider her team one of the best in the state this year.

The Chargers are coming off one of their better seasons under Laskowski, placing second in the WLAA and taking sixth at the Division I Regional at Brighton.

Overall the team finished 11-2 in dual meets, while going 7-2 in the WLAA and 4-0 in the Western Division.

With the core of that team coming back, Laskowski is expecting big things from this year's squad.

"The girls have their heads on straight right now," said Laskowski, in her seventh year as Churchill coach. "We should be very good."

As they did last season, the team's fortunes will revolve around Heidi Aittama. As a freshman phenom a year ago, Aittama stood out among area golfers. In addition to being a first team All-Observer selection, Aittama was a medalist at the Livonia City Tournament, finished second in the WLAA, and placed ninth at the state tournament with a 169 score.

Aittama's performance last year at the City Tournament propelled the team to a victory over rival Livonia Stevenson, which had won the title the previous two years.

Unfortunately this year may be the last that Laskowski's is able to tap Aittama's talent, as the sophomore is considering moving to Florida next year so she can attend the prestigious David Ledbetter Academy.

"Heidi has probably reached her peak as far as people being able to help her around here," Laskowski said. "She is just so promising."

Senior Ashley Johnson is also returning. The second-team All-Observer selection is a four-year player and three-year captain, who had a 46 average last season.

"Ashley will definitely be among our best players," Laskowski said. "She is very consistent and a hard worker. More than that though she is a leader. You would want her as a daughter. I will definitely miss her when she leaves."

Along with Johnson, seniors Julia McLaughlin (third-team All-Observer) and Jennie Lusa will also be co-captains this season. McLaughlin averaged 49 last year, while Lusa shot a season-low of 47.

Sophomore Kelley Parzuchowski is another big returnee. Last season she was an All-Division medalist, but Laskowski said she will turn some people's heads this year.

"Kelley will be a darkhorse," she said. "She is coming on real strong, and may end up being my number two player. She has an excellent future ahead of her. People will really be surprised by how good she is."

Junior Gina Polce, and sophomores Kari Herron and Katy Reck will also be big contributors this year for the Chargers.

"We're biting at the bits to get going," Laskowski said. "I would be very disappointed if we didn't get to the state finals. If we play well at the regionals, you never know what might happen."

Livonia Franklin

Last year the Patriots finished seventh in the WLAA, securing two wins. Franklin won three

matches overall. They might have won five having lost close matches to Plymouth Canton and Walled Lake Western.

"We're not starting from scratch anymore," Franklin coach Larry Jackson said. "The kids are going on their own now to the Dome over the winter and playing. They have their own clubs. We're starting to turn the corner."

Third-year varsity players including senior Amanda Szabelski and junior Erin Gayle.

Senior Kristin Kmet, who shot a 47 to lead Franklin in Friday's City Tournament at Idyl Wyld, leads a host of second-year players who also include seniors Colleen Yorick and Megan Houghton, along with junior Nikie Niles, and sophomore Colleen Frizzell.

Help should also come from junior Stephanie Polkowski, a transfer from Dearborn Divine Child, and Anastasia Grish, one of seven freshmen on Franklin's 16-member squad.

Yorick averaged 57 a year ago, while Kmet was next best with a 61. Houghton and Gayle are also expected to improve on their averages of 63 and 69, respectively, of a year ago.

Livonia Ladywood

The encouraging news for coach Randy Ferguson is that five seniors are returning from last year's team that finished 10th in the 1999 Division II State Tournament.

The disheartening news is that four key contributors from that team have graduated.

"We lost a lot of talented golfers, but we're still pretty deep," Ferguson said. "We've started out a little slowly, but I'm confident we'll warm up when the weather does."

Ferguson has high expectations for a pair of seniors: Mary Griffin and Betsy Rais. Griffin, who will serve as the team's captain, carried a 54.5 nine-hole stroke average last year and excelled at the two-day state tournament. Rais brings a 54.2 average into her farewell season.

Three other seniors — Amy Eischen (56.5), Lani Koczara (60.0) and Andrea Harris (65.0) — are also expected to contribute this year.

Rachel Andersen, the lone junior on the team, had an impressive 55.7 stroke average as a sophomore and brings a load of potential into this season.

Sophomores Amanda Graves and Ashley Loyer, along with freshman Leah Andersen (Rachel's sister) will also be counted on heavily to provide depth.

"Our goal is to qualify for the

regional tournament like we did last year," Ferguson said. "But to do that, we're going to have to keep working hard and improving."

Wayne Memorial

Wayne Memorial enters the year with a new head coach, as Carol Newton replaces the outgoing Dennis Chall.

The first-year coach, who is being helped by assistant coach and husband Joe, is looking to a group of five important returnees to help the Zebras compete in the Mega Conference's Red Division.

Top among them are senior captain Erin Scott, who was an All-Observer honorable mention pick last year, and junior Allison Murphy who may be Wayne's top all-around player.

Other returnees include senior Kristina Tsvetkoff, as well as Kayla Slezak and Annie Phillips, who are both juniors.

"This group is very dedicated and they have shown a lot of improvement this spring," Newton said.

Newton will also be helped by important newcomers Amber Henn and Nicole Nolan, both sophomores. Each has shown early season promise.

"I think Amber is going to be our star this year," said Newton. "She has a lot of potential."

Nolan was co-medalist, along with Murphy, at Wayne's first meet against Westland John Glenn.

Other newcomers to watch include junior Juliet Crispin, sophomores Hollie Guenther and Nicole Bolin, and freshman Becky Knight.

Because it is her first year, Newton is still trying to gauge exactly where the team stands.

"It is hard to say exactly what I expect because I haven't been around very long," she said. "I have seen a lot of improvement already. Our biggest asset is that we are enthusiastic and receptive to learning. When the girls are out on the course, they know there is a job to do."

While the coach doesn't feel the team will challenge for a league title, she does see a good deal of potential.

"We should win a few this year," Newton said.

Westland John Glenn

Second-year Westland John Glenn coach Tom Nakamoto believes his team will be much better than last year's winless squad (0-12).

"We had a tough season last year," Nakamoto said. "We didn't have a whole lot of experience and it really showed. We are much more experienced this



Heidi Aittama-Sophomore
Livonia Churchill standout

year." Nakamoto is pinning his hopes on a solid, but young core of returning players, particularly sophomore Nicole Ziegler, who was the team's leading scorer last year. Her average of 62 earned her an honorable mention in Observerland.

"Nicole has had a tough spring so far, but I expect some big things from her this year," Nakamoto said. "She hits big off the tee, and if she gets her putting in order, she should be pretty good. I am looking forward to bigger and better things from her."

Junior Katie Provot, the number two scorer last season, is also back.

"Katie is hitting very well off the tee right now, and she provides valuable leadership for us," Nakamoto said.

Nakamoto is also looking to sophomore Jennifer McDermott to be a big factor in the team's success.

"Jennifer has great potential," he said. "She just has to work on her game. She should be someone I can count on this year."

Junior Michelle Powers is also returning.

Top Zebra newcomers should be juniors Cheryl Mackay, Dawn Dishong and Angie Kimling.

"These ladies have tremendous potential and will score well for us," Nakamoto said. "All three should help us considerably."

Other newcomers include junior Jodie Laguire, sophomore Samantha Bennett and Kristy Boguslaw, and freshmen Brook Albery and Amber Rodler.

Nakamoto is not looking to win any titles or many dual meets.

His biggest concern is for the team to get better, which could pay-off big dividends next year with the majority of his players being underclassmen.

"Playing in the WLAA is very challenging, so we will just have to see what we can do," he said. "We are beginning where we left off last year, so if we can improve like we did last season, we should be in good shape for the future."

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6
LIVONIA STEVENSON 2
April 10 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Brady Crosby (LS) def. Jerry Murray, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Ben Luong (LC) def. Brendan Cornelissen, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Rob Simkow (LC) def. Matt Demgen, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Jon Boboige (LC) def. Bryan Budd, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Bobby Koivunen-Tom Wallis (LC) def. Nick Reale-Andrew Byberg, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Zac Tibbles

Chris Singleton (LC) def. Andy Million-Robert Ficara, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Ross Puchaisky-Adam Kogut (LC) def. Justin Bookmeier-Cory Shedd, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Mike Horback-Brian Curd (LS) def. Jeremy Lim-Tom Webster, 7-6, 6-3.

NORTHVILLE 5
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
April 10 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Dean Conway (N) def. Matt Clearman, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Mark Thomson (N) def. Jeff Beydoun;

6-0, 6-3; No. 3: Dan Drake (N) def. Vimlesh Shukla, 6-1, 6-1; No. 4: Kyle Denne (N) def. Corey Clearman, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Scott Eller-Brendon Green (N) def. Scott Gomez-Adam Koppin, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Nathan Gudritz-Kyle Wargo (N) def. Rob Shaffer-Mike Dumouchelle, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Brian Arndt-Brian Wilson (N) def. Chris Don-Chris Harris, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Phil Gutowski-Garrett Brun (N) def. Jason Hudy-Matt Nelson, 6-4, 6-4.

REDFORD THURSTON 5
WAYNE MEMORIAL 3
April 10 at Capitol Park

No. 1 singles: Sos Rowland (WM) def. Adam Harper, 6-3, 1-6, 6-0; No. 2: Jim Lewis (WM) def. Kevin Rowe (RT), 6-2, 6-4; No. 3: Jason Lada (RT) def. John Lewis, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2; No. 4: Allen Fry (WM) def. Mike Maddox, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Ryan Pleche-Bryon Tanana (RT) def. Phil Marancci-Matt Miltz, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Kyle Heise-Chris

Bedford (RT) def. Gary Johnson-Josh Seguin, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Scott O'Neill-Chad Lloyd (RT) def. Jim Jay-Ben Doyle, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Greg Mischel-Matt O'Neill (RT) def. Mike Shaw-Greg Baracy, 6-4, 6-2.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 7
REDFORD UNION 1
April 3 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Matt Clearman (LF) def. Russ Sieg, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Jeff Beydoun (LF) def. Matt Gabbert, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Vimlesh Shukla (LF) def. Jason Thomas, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Corey Clearman (LF) def. Marc Hanson 6-3, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Scott Gomez-Adam Koppin (LF) def. Stan Anway-Nick Ostrowski, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Chris Don-Chris Harris (LF) def. Nick Ostrowski-Matt Forbes, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Jon Dymtro-Dennis Sowder (RU) def. Jason Hudy-Matt Nelson, 6-3, 0-6, 6-4; No. 4: Rob Shaffer-Mike Dumouchelle-Jeff Luptowski-Wesley Burk, 6-1, 6-0.

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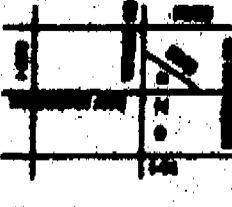
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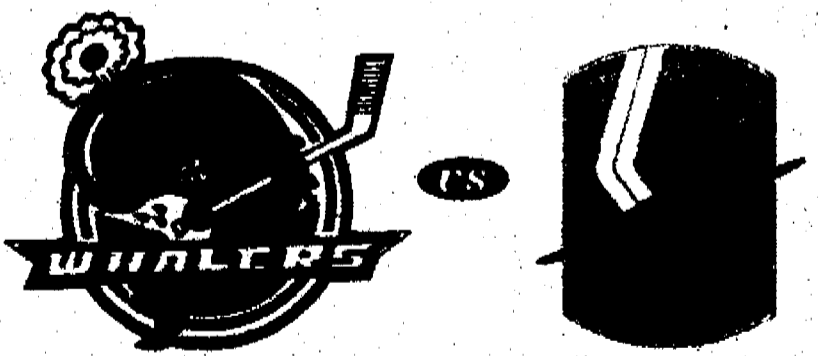
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Ruggiero leads Pats to 6-3 win Warriors fall

Livonia Franklin pitcher Joe Ruggiero deserves the title "Mr. Everything" following Monday's effort against Western Lakes Activities Association foe Walled Lake Western.

Ruggiero did everything but sell popcorn between innings during the Patriots' 6-3 baseball victory over the Warriors.

He tossed a complete game seven-hitter on the mound while contributing three hits and two RBI at the plate.

"Joe had a very solid game," Franklin coach Jim Karoub said. "He never got tired pitching and was sharp the entire game. Western's hitters started to get aggressive late in the game with his fastball when they scored three runs, but he started to throw his curve more after that and he shut them down."

"Our defense played very well behind him, too."

The win improved the Patriots' record to 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the WLAA. Western fell to 3-1 overall and 0-1 in the league.

Franklin broke a scoreless tie in the top of the third when Chris Hall singled and scored on Ruggiero's double.

Hall was a catalyst throughout the game, slapping out two hits and scoring three runs.

The Patriots padded their 1-0 lead in the fifth when John Nagle singled, stole second and scored when Hall reached on an error. Hall crossed the plate moments later when Ruggiero doubled.

The Warriors tied the game, 3-3, when they scored one run in the fifth and two in the sixth.

However, Franklin put together a game-deciding, three-run rally in the seventh against Western reliever Rob Pisha.

Ruggiero shut the Warriors down in the bottom of the seventh to preserve the win.

•STEVENSON 8, SALEM 7: Livonia Stevenson overcame five errors and a five-run Plymouth Salem fifth inning Monday to edge the Rocks in an extra-inning game played at Salem.

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

The game was the season opener for the Rocks. "Defensively, we were kicking the ball around, but we managed to overcome the errors and win," said Stevenson coach Harvey Weingarden.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURK BRANN

He's safe: Stevenson's Gary Zielke (right) slides underneath the tag of Salem's Ryan Cook on a steal play.

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 shut out the Rocks over the final four-and-a-half innings.

Zielke, who went 4-for-5 at the plate, struck out three and walked just one.

"Gary came in and threw low strikes, which was the key," Weingarden said.

Pinto finished with two hits and two RBI while Dan Wilson went 1-for-3 with three runs batted in.

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

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

•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).

Farmington junior Kyle Burcar had two doubles and two RBI. Senior Jim Clabahan 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.

•CANTON 6, CHURCHILL 2: The absence of clutch hitting and the presence of Jon Johnson from Plymouth Canton (2-1, 1-0) combined to spell doom Monday for host Livonia Churchill (1-1, 0-1).

Johnson pitched a complete-game nine-hitter to lead the Chiefs to a victory in their season opener.

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

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

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

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

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.

•SHRINE 8, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 2: 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 Basetey only allowed four hits and two earned runs.

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

Crusaders manage 2 splits

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, 2-2.

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

Mitch Jabczenki tossed a five-inning one-hitter in the opener; he did not walk a batter and struck out four. Roy Rabe (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 three walks, to earn the win. Eric Williamson took the loss for Madonna; he pitched six innings, giving up three earned runs on eight hits and no walks, striking out three.

•MADONNA 6-6, INDIANA TECH 5-2: MU overcame a poor start to overtake Indiana Tech and post a 6-5 victory in a WHAC game Sunday at Livonia's Madonna Park.

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The Fighting Crusaders didn't have an exact schedule in the second game of the double-header, being 25B. Each was 12-30 overall, 6-2 each in first round in the WHAC through Sunday.

The schedule for Madonna's win in the opener was called pitcher James O'Connor (Ohio Southern Central), who went to the mound with two out in the second inning after starter Ryan Anderson was tagged for five hits and two runs (four earned).

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

The Crusaders got two runs back in the second inning, then narrowed the gap to 5-4 with a ground ball in the bottom of the sixth. Todd Miller stepped a bunt 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 Felekkowal had a hit and an RBI.

Brian Lacey (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 3-3 tie.

Eric Williamson started and was hit hard, giving up seven runs (three earned) on seven hits and a walk in 1 1/2 innings. He was followed to the mound by Jeremy Stevens (five innings, three runs on five hits, four strikeouts) and Wolfe (1/2 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.

Seattle trio from page C1

LaRue said Scheffer "struggled with his control" during the spring.

"He pitched in a couple of exhibition games," the beat writer recalled. "He throws hard, but he didn't have his command."

The 6-foot-7, 230-pound Davey, a right-hander, came over to Seattle midway through last season in a trade with Toronto.

He finished out the season with the Mariners, going 1-0 with a 4.71 ERA in 16 appearances and 21 innings.

But Davey fell on hard times during spring training. The middle reliever did not make the 25-man Mariner roster after his ERA ballooned over 13.00 in five appearances.

"Davey throws hard and I think they really still like him," LaRue said. "He didn't have his control (in spring training). Right now they're starting him (at Tacoma) to give him more innings."

Two other Seattle pitchers who pitched last year in the Majors, Brett Tomko (via the off-season Ken Griffey with Cincinnati), and Ken Cloude, were also sent packing to Tacoma.

"Tom just wasn't consistent," Gillick said. "He's got to be more consistent. He's got the stuff, but he was all over the plate."

"Even though he's starting right now, he'll end up as a reliever."

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- SHOT PUT
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 50.5'
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 49.9'
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47.2
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 45.2'
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 39-10
Asa Hensley (Canton) 39-3
Jeremy Senters (Thurston) 39-0
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 38-8
Carl Lalonde (Thurston) 38-7
Andrew McCully (Canton) 38-5
DISCUS
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 140.4
Nate Hensman (Franklin) 131-2
Rory Crittenden (Farmington) 131-1
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 129-9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 128-11
Brad Person (Harrison) 125-0
Asa Hensley (Canton) 124-10
Jeff Swinger (N. Farmington) 124-7
Willi Hundley (Canton) 118-5
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 116-0
HIGH JUMP
Layne Bodily (Farmington) 6-2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-2
Chris Kais (Canton) 6-0
Ryan Silva (Salem) 6-0
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 5-10
Brad Person (Harrison) 5-10
Paul Karolak (Churchill) 5-8
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 5-8
Joe Damon (Redford Union) 5-8
Dave Painter (Franklin) 5-6
Josh Fee (Garden City) 5-6
Matt Dukes (Canton) 5-6
LONG JUMP
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-11'
Eric Scott (Churchill) 20-9'
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 20-3
Matt Dukes (Canton) 19-6
James Cook (Harrison) 19-1'
Ken Page (Canton) 18-11'
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 18-11'
Ricky Yee (Redford Union) 18-9'
Jarnell Johnson (Harrison) 18-9
Kevin Palmer (Canton) 18-9
Justin Cook (N. Farmington) 18-6
POLE VAULT
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 12-8
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 12-0
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 11-6
Brian Page (Canton) 11-6
Jim Brzuch (Salem) 10-6
Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 10-6
Trevor Moore (Farmington) 10-0
Joe Reilly (John Glenn) 9-6

- Bryan Dery (Stevenson) 9-0
John Boquet (Redford Union) 9-0
Matt Bartell (Redford Union) 9-0
110-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 14.8
Chris Kais (Canton) 15.5
Ryan Silva (Salem) 15.7
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 15.8
Mike Leach (N. Farmington) 16.0
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 16.2
Erik Oswald (Harrison) 16.3
Ben Lukas (Farmington) 16.3
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 16.4
Ugo Okwumabua (N. Farmington) 16.5
Jim O'Brien (Canton) 16.5
300-METER HURDLES
Nick Hall (Harrison) 41.7
Dave Brown (Redford Union) 42.4
Rob Showalter (Salem) 42.9
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 43.3
Ryan Silva (Salem) 43.3
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 43.8
Ricky Singh (Canton) 43.8
Ugo Okwumabua (Canton) 44.1
Brent Hauck (Churchill) 44.5
James Cook (Harrison) 45.2
100-METER DASH
Marcus Woods (Harrison) 11.2
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 11.2
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 11.3
X.J. Singh (Canton) 11.3
Jamie Bonjer (Canton) 11.4
Chris Roberson (Harrison) 11.5
Eric Scott (Churchill) 11.5
Pat Johnson (Salem) 11.5
Mike Sparks (Garden City) 11.6
Corey Walsler (Canton) 11.6
200-METER DASH
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 22.5
Blair Weiss (N. Farmington) 23.1
Gabe Coble (Salem) 23.4
Jamie Bonjer (Canton) 23.5
Jack Tucci (Canton) 23.6
Todd Anderson (Farmington) 23.8
Mike Lenardon (Stevenson) 23.8
Mike Sparks (Garden City) 23.9
Mark Ostach (Farmington) 24.0
Mike Parker (Canton) 24.2
400-METER DASH
Jerry Gaines (Canton) 50.9
Gabe Coble (Salem) 51.5
Kevin Schneider (Franklin) 51.9
Anthony Beal (N. Farmington) 52.3
Terrill Mayberry (Harrison) 54.4
Dustin Gress (Farmington) 54.4
Jack Tucci (Canton) 54.6
Mike Bowman (N. Farmington) 56.0
Bennie Oliphant (John Glenn) 56.9
Brian Page (Canton) 57.2

- 800-METER RUN
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 2:08.0
Brad Carroll (Stevenson) 2:08.5
Ryan Gill (Churchill) 2:08.7
Aaron Schmidt (Canton) 2:09.3
Chris Kais (Canton) 2:09.8
Brian Jones (Stevenson) 2:10.0
Manvir Gill (Salem) 2:10.3
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 2:13.8
John DiGiovanni (Redford CC) 2:14.4
Brian Coates (Harrison) 2:17.0
1,600-METER RUN
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 4:43.0
Brian Klotz (Franklin) 4:44.0
Scott Gulen (Canton) 4:48.6
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:49.0
Charlie Stambouljan (N. Farmington) 4:52.8
Manvir Gill (Salem) 4:53.0
Jason Scarbrough (Harrison) 4:57.0
Matt Daly (Redford CC) 4:57.0
Chris Tobe (Farmington) 4:59.0
Andrew Hathaway (N. Farmington) 5:00.5
3,200-METER RUN
Jason Richmond (Churchill) 10:19.4
Matt Isner (Stevenson) 10:21.0
Manvir Gill (Salem) 10:50.0
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:51.0
North Farmington 10:53.0
Dan Krawiec (Redford CC) 10:54.0
Pat Lockhart (Farmington) 10:54.0
Scott Gillen (Canton) 10:58.0
John Keller (Harrison) 11:01.0
Andrew Hathaway (N. Farmington) 11:11.0
400-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 44.1
Plymouth Canton 45.1
Plymouth Salem 45.8
North Farmington 46.2
Livonia Churchill 46.3
800-METER RELAY
Farmington Harrison 1:33.8
Livonia Stevenson 1:35.0
Plymouth Canton 1:35.4
Redford Thurston 1:43.0
Livonia Churchill 1:43.6
1,600-METER RELAY
Plymouth Canton 3:37.5
Livonia Stevenson 3:39.0
North Farmington 3:44.5
Plymouth Salem 3:50.0
Livonia Churchill 3:50.3
3,200-METER RELAY
North Farmington 8:51.2
Plymouth Canton 8:57.8
Plymouth Salem 8:57.7
Livonia Churchill 9:04.7
Redford Catholic Central 9:29.0

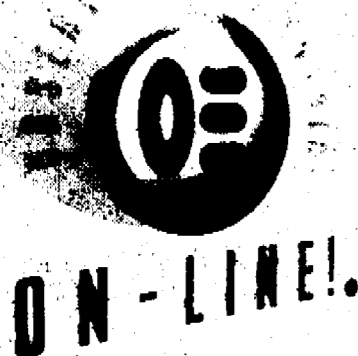
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD LISTINGS

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

- SHOT PUT
Tiffany Grubough (Salem) 37.7
Tasha O'Neal (N. Farmington) 34-0
Lisa Balke (Franklin) 33-6'
Marti Josely (Churchill) 31-11'
Michelle Baker (Salem) 31-6'
Becky Loftus (Thurston) 30-3'
Janie Irvin (Garden City) 29-7'
Gaybriell Newton (Harrison) 29-7
Dobby Chen (N. Farmington) 28-7
Rochelle Mickens (Thurston) 28-3'
DISCUS
Tiffany Grubough (Salem) 143.6
Jerry Heffer (Churchill) 102-9'
Julie Yambasky (Stevenson) 91-5
Miranda White (Salem) 91-4
Daniella Gapp (Franklin) 90-10
Dobby Chen (N. Farmington) 90-7
Heather Friedl (Farmington) 85-2
Tina Frank (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 Hill (Redford Union) 4-8
Erin Szura (Garden City) 4-8
Angela Adams (John Glenn) 4-8
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 4-8
Shelby Grubeck (Farmington) 4-6
Elena Spasoulas (Farmington) 4-6
Maggie Condani (Harrison) 4-6
LONG JUMP
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 16-4'
Brynn DeLeon (Salem) 16-2'
Kate Bouschet (Farmington) 15-3
Jessica Johnson (Canton) 14-9'
Layna Kasperek (Stevenson) 14-8'
Stephanie Dean (Churchill) 14-6'
Lindsay Mergener (Farmington) 14-3
Courtney Whitfield (Harrison) 14-1
Karyn Washington (Thurston) 13-10
Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 13-7
POLE VAULT
Andrea McMillan (Franklin) 9-2
Kari Cezar (Churchill) 9-0
Lauren Turner (N. Farmington) 8-0
Kristen Schilk (Canton) 7-6
Juliete Ianna (Harrison) 6-6
Ashley Heard (Salem) 6-6
Jenny Jedlick (Salem) 6-0
Tina Frank (N. Farmington) 5-6

- Laura Urdiga (Harrison) 5-0
100-METER HURDLES
LaTasha Chandler (John Glenn) 16.4
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 17.0
Cassie Ethend (Stevenson) 17.1
Diyaa Clements (N. Farmington) 17.2
Angela Fodor (Harrison) 17.2
Kristel Stricker (Farmington) 17.2
Valerie Brown (Salem) 17.2
Latoya Burrell (Harrison) 17.6
Rachel Brown (Salem) 18.1
Jennifer Jay (N. Farmington) 18.9
300-METER HURDLES
Cassie Ethend (Stevenson) 50.1
Valerie Brown (Salem) 52.3
Aisha Chappell (Salem) 52.7
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 Mikhelsen (Stevenson) 13.6
Victoria Christmon (Harrison) 13.9
Christy Stockton (N. Farmington) 14.3
200-METER DASH
Rachel Jones (Salem) 27.5
Dayna Clements (N. Farmington) 28.1
Amy Driscoll (Canton) 28.3
Celena Davis (Salem) 28.6
Shenelle Brown (John Glenn) 28.7
Kristin Kuczynski (Stevenson) 29.2
Sharla Felton (Redford Union) 29.2
Melanie Banks (Harrison) 29.7
Kristin Ulewicz (N. Farmington) 29.7
Kristina Hill (Harrison) 29.9
400-METER DASH
Meredith Fox (Canton) 1:02.6
Autumn Hicks (Salem) 1:03.7
Erin Mazzoni (Stevenson) 1:04.3
Rita Malec (Franklin) 1:05.0
Jessica Levey (Canton) 1:06.1
Kristen Fischer (John Glenn) 1:06.5
Laura Glynn (Harrison) 1:07.0
Anne Lieberman (N. Farmington) 1:08.0
Lindsay Mergener (Farmington) 1:10.2
Samantha Allen (Thurston) 1:12.0
Cathy Rybka (Thurston) 1:12.0

- 800-METER RUN
Tessa Tansie (Stevenson) 2:28.9
Heidi Frank (N. Farmington) 2:37.8
Susan Duncan (Churchill) 2:38.0
Kristen Balle (Farmington) 2:41.0
Erica Simpson (Franklin) 2:41.6
Holly Stockton (N. Farmington) 2:41.4
Kelly Spang (Salem) 2:41.7
Miranda White (Salem) 2:42.8
Danielle Guerni (Salem) 2:43.6
Christina 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) 5:58.0
Kristen Balle (Farmington) 6:03.0
Lynn Andrzejewski (Harrison) 6:05.0
Miranda White (Salem) 6:09.1
Kelly Kuo (N. Farmington) 6:10.2
Lauren Liebowitz (Harrison) 6:11.0
Erin Jensen (Salem) 6:14.7
3,200-METER RUN
Heather Vandette (Stevenson) 12:20.6
Lisa Jasnowski (Salem) 12:59.3
Diana Leparska (Churchill) 13:03.0
Megan Annarino (Farmington) 13:20.0
Kim Wood (Salem) 13:28.1
Claire Casplicki (Farmington) 13:29.0
Lauren Liebowitz (Harrison) 13:30.0
Cayna Carnes (Salem) 13:39.9
Amy Mitter (N. Farmington) 13:58.7
400-METER RELAY
Plymouth Salem 53.4
Westland John Glenn 53.6
Westland Farmington 54.6
Livonia Stevenson 55.3
Farmington Harrison 55.9
800-METER RELAY
Plymouth Canton 1:52.6
Livonia Stevenson 1:53.0
Westland John Glenn 1:53.7
North Farmington 1:55.9
Farmington Harrison 2:00.0
1,600-METER RELAY
Plymouth Canton 4:23.4
Plymouth Salem 4:27.1
North Farmington 4:31.0
Livonia Stevenson 4:35.8
Livonia Churchill 4:39.4
3,200-METER RELAY
Livonia Stevenson 10:26.4
North Farmington 10:48.7
Livonia Churchill 11:04.0
Plymouth Salem 11:12.0
Farmington Harrison 11:14.0



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Livonia Churchill earns pair of shutouts to start season

Livonia Churchill is off to a 2-0-1 start in girls soccer.

Behind three goals by sophomore Sarah Phillips, the Chargers opened Western Division play in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 4-0 win Monday at Farmington Hills Harrison.

Senior Karen Kramer also added a goal for Churchill, which erupted for four second-half tallies. Sarah Leary, Michelle Esparza and Deanna DeRoo also added assists.

"Harrison played physical defense in the first half and we let our kids go a little more one-

on-one," Churchill coach Chad Campau.

Goalkeeper Rene Kashawlic, a senior, notched her second shutout of the season.

On Friday, Churchill and visiting Ann Arbor Pioneer battled to a 1-1 draw.

Melissa Sultana scored for Churchill with just under two minutes left in the first half. Katie Burns tied it for Pioneer (2-1-1) eight minutes into the second half.

Churchill opened its season Wednesday at home with a 1-0 win over North Farmington as Kashawlic notched the shutout.

GIRLS SOCCER

DeRoo scored the game-winner in the opening half from Kristin Leszczynski.

•WAYNE 8, ROMULUS 0: The Zebras zoomed to a 6.0 halftime lead and cruised from there to keep their conference record unblem-

ished. Wayne Memorial (4-2) is 3-0 in the Michigan Mega Conference's Blue Division.

Romulus, in its first season of varsity soccer, is 0-2 in the Mega Blue.

Scoring goals for the Zebras were Ronda Blockman, Christine Raupp, Kristal Swope, Katie Brothers, Megan Tuippo, Liz Becker, Rachel

Fyle and Alana Green. Kristina McCahill, Erin Bierkamp and Toni Watson had the only assists.

•FARMINGTON 1, FRANKLIN 0: On Monday, Kelly Lewis tallied the game-winner for the visiting Falcons (3-1) midway through the first half to beat Livonia Franklin (1-3-1).

Farmington goalkeeper Dana Wantin posted the shutout.

Patriot standouts included defenders Amy DeShano and Alexis Bowman, along with goalkeeper Tiffany Bajis.

•SALEM 3, JOHN GLENN 0: Kellee Mullin, Christen Shull and Jamie Coyle scored goals Monday for Plymouth Salem (4-0, 1-0) in a WLAA-Lakes Division triumph against visiting Westland John Glenn (2-2, 0-2).

LIVONIA-WESTLAND SPORTS CARD

PREP BASEBALL

Thursday, April 13

Churchill at W. Bloomfield, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Redford CC at G.P. South, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 3:30 p.m.
Northville at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Huron Tournament, 9 a.m.
(all double-headers)

Stevenson at Redford Union, 11 a.m.
John Glenn at Belleville, 11 a.m.
Redford CC at Salem, noon.
Churchill at Crestwood, noon.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 13

John Glenn at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Churchill at Northville, 4 p.m.
Harrison at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.
Huron Tournament, TBA.

(all double-headers)

Country Day at Church, 11 a.m.
Stevenson at Redford Union, 11 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

Thursday, April 13

Churchill at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Wyandotte at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Novi Relays, 10 a.m.
Belleville Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Dearborn Elks Relays, 11 a.m.
Jefferson Invitational, TBA.

TBA — time to be announced.

GIRLS TRACK

Thursday, April 13

Franklin at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Trenton at Wayne, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

Belleville Relays, 9:30 a.m.
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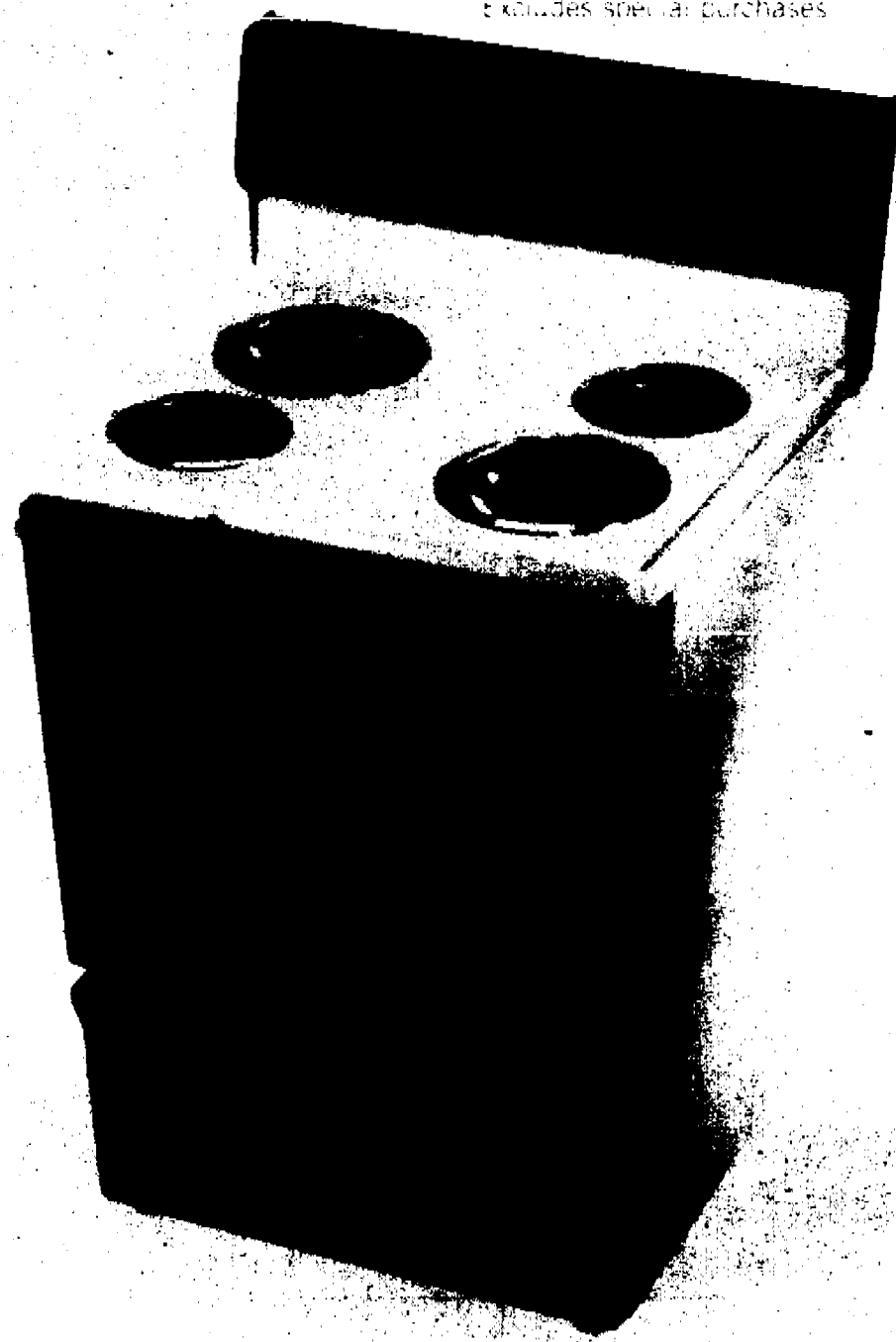
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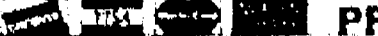
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Buckler from page C1

at Stevenson.
 "We did not always have the most talent, but we worked and we were disciplined," Buckler said. "Our main thing is that we stressed sportsmanship because of who we represented — the team, the school and the administration."

"I'm proud to say I was never embarrassed by any of my swimmers."

Buckler produced several standouts over the years, but he got his greatest satisfaction from watching his swimmers grow and mature.

"Whether is dropping a time or setting a league record, I'll miss the smiles on their faces," said Buckler, who was also fortunate to coach his two sons, Jeff and Brad. "I'll miss the opportunity to help and reinforce what the parents have already laid as a foundation for these kids."

"It really did mean something

when they'd come back after leaving here and say, 'Coach, you were right.'"

Buckler is confident that Shoemaker, a math instructor at Stevenson, will carry on the school's strong tradition in boys swimming.

Shoemaker is a native of Grandville who swim four seasons at Eastern Michigan University. He earned All-America honors and qualified for the NCAAs his senior year at EMU after going 55.12 in the 100-yard breaststroke, which still stands as a school record.

This is Shoemaker's second varsity coaching position. He spent one season as head coach at Redford Catholic Central.

"Jeff is really like my little brother, we hit it off right away," Buckler said. "In a lot of ways he's like one of my own sons."

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Hockey champions: The Livonia Bantam Rangers capped a successful season by capturing the Port Huron Shamrock Tournament over St. Patrick's Day weekend with a 3-2 overtime victory over Great Lakes Gators as tournament MVP Brad Darnell notched the game-winner with his second goal of the game. Dru Girard added the other goal for the Rangers. Kevin Russom was in goal for the Rangers, who also defeated the Flint Sabres (5-1) and Gators (3-2), while tying the Milo Wings (2-2). Other members of the Rangers include Daniel Rabe, Tony Grassel, Jason Vella, Shaun Janik, Jeff Ellena, Jeremy Wynohradnyk, Jared Rice, Brad Meakins, Justin Zagata, Jim Wood, Mike Skoczylas, Paul Hetu and Paul Cote. Mike Grassel is the head coach. His assistants are Bob McDonnell and Ron Rice. The team is sponsored by B&G Auto, Professional Movers and Employment and Training Designs.

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87-year-old Orlick rules when it comes to The Masters

By Michael Patrick Shiels
Special Writer

Birmingham resident Warren Orlick, 87, once again served as a Rules Official for last weekend's Masters Tournament. Orlick. He has been an invitee for 46 years now, and was the first Golf Professional ever to be included on the Masters Rules Committee when he went to the Augusta National Golf Club in 1954.

"The Masters is the best organized tournament in the world," says Orlick. "Even the sandwich wrappers at the Masters are green. If your should happen to drop it on the ground, someone appears behind you to pick it up immediately."

Orlick donates his time as a rules official at the exclusive event, but is careful to note that he is not a volunteer.

"There are no 'volunteers' because there is no one to volunteer to," he said. "You are either invited or you are not. Each year I begin looking forward to going to Augusta when I get my invitation at Christmas time! I make no plans until I find out whether I am invited or not."

Though he will not speak specifically of rulings he has made (Augusta National officials are sensitive about that) Orlick speaks glowingly about the golf course.

"The Augusta National Golf Club is the most beautiful place I

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have ever seen," he said. "The timing of the Masters Tournament is perfect because the flowers and trees in that part of Georgia are in full bloom."

Orlick says he developed a relationship with Clifford Roberts, the man who invented the Masters and sternly managed the club for Bobby Jones.

"As a member of the rules committee, one year I tried to convince Mr. Roberts that the golf course water hazards should be properly marked with colored stakes and red lines," Orlick said. "Roberts was hesitant to allow it though because he was concerned that red and yellow stakes would disturb the beauty of the golf course for patrons and television viewers."

"He finally saw the importance of having the hazards marked and allowed me to do so, but he insisted the stakes only rise two or three inches above the ground!"

On any other golf course, hazard stakes are knee-high, but Roberts fiercely guarded the pristine appearance of the Augusta National.

Roberts is said to have run the Augusta National Golf Club "with an iron fist in an iron glove," and nothing escaped his

purveyance.

"I was in the Bahamas on vacation when a waiter brought a telephone to my table," Orlick recounts. "It was Roberts on the other end of the line, commanding that I have lunch with him."

"Mr. Roberts, how did you know I was here?" Orlick asked him.

"It's my business to know where everybody is," Roberts replied in his deliberate and slow drawl.

It turned out that Roberts owned a condominium in the islands and happened to be on the property.

Roberts' resistance to colored hazard stakes was indicative of his resistance to change, but change did occur at Augusta National.

It was fitting and proper that Orlick personally witness one of the tournament's most significant changes — 25 years ago when Lee Elder became the first black player to qualify to compete in a Masters Tournament.

As a PGA Official, Orlick co-authored the removal of the word "Caucasian" from the Constitution as a requirement of membership in the PGA of America.

Orlick, former Head Golf Professional at Tam O'Shanter Golf Club in West Bloomfield, has been a Masters invitee since the days of Gene Sarazen, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Byron

Nelson.

This year, his rulings were made upon the likes of Tiger

Woods, David Duval, Jose Maria Olazabal, and Greg Norman, and he is as much a fixture at the Masters Tournament as pimento sandwiches and green jackets.

More sports, see page C8.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

MADONNA'S O'CONNOR HONORED

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

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

Teammate Derrick Wolfe was a nominee for player-of-the-week, while Jenny Tenyer was the WHAC softball pitcher of the week and Angela Litwin (Plymouth Canton) was nominated for softball player of the week.

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YOUTH HOCKEY RUNNERS-UP

The Livonia Squirt Flames won their first three games before falling to the Holland Freeze, 4-3, in the championship game March 24 at the Holland Tournament.

The Flames defeated the Joliet (Ill.) Jaguars (8-3), Naperville (Ill.) Stars (5-4) and the Niles Rangers (7-4).

Ben Hoyt led the Flames with nine goals and four assists, raising his 34-game season total to 71 goals and 26 assists.

Steve Price added six goals and one assist, while Paul Yandric contributed five goals and one assist.

Other members of the Flames include: Ryan Burkow, Matthew Chantres, Michael Cole, Corey Hewitt, Dan Martinelli, Greg Michael, Mattison Murphy, David Niemi, Kevin Noelke, David Pierzynski, Brandon Pump, Nolan Stempin and Alex Vial. The Flames are coached by Gary Stempin, Scott Price and Chuck Cole. The team is sponsored by Commercial Lawmower and Grand Rental Station.

The Livonia Pee Wee Oilers finished runner-up to the Illinois Sabres in the Sports Weekend Extravaganza St. Patrick's Day weekend in Chicago, Ill.

The Oilers defeated Dayton, Ohio (5-1), Illinois Sabres (3-2) and Cincinnati, Ohio (3-1) before losing to the Sabres in the finals, 3-2.

Sam Hoyt led the Oilers with eight goals, including a pair of hat tricks and one assist. Goal-tender Jon Peitz gave up only six goals in four games.

Rounding out the Oilers squad: Kyle Bricker, Jon Kraemer, Michael Baaso, Don Schemanske, Danny Stone, Andrew Edgar, Luke Beauchemin, Nick Dirasin, Nick Karebian, Frank Ray, Steve Roeli, Alex Kadajjan, Matt Dunatchik and Mike Smith.

The Oilers were coached by Greg Roeli, Todd Stone, John Karebian and Frank Ray. The team is sponsored by B&B Masonary, Nordstorm Samson and K&K Remodeling.

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The entry fee for the tourney is \$225. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of five games. There will be awards presented in each age bracket. The entry deadline is Friday, May 26.

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Farmington pitcher on target in 9-1 Lakes victory vs. Glenn

Westland John Glenn managed just three hits off Farmington High pitcher Melissa Mytty in a 9-1 Lakes Division girls softball defeat Monday in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Mytty had at least two strikeouts in every inning and struck out the side in the second, third and seventh for the host Falcons.

Glenn pitcher Stephanie Fedulchak gave up 14 hits and five walks over seven innings.

Julie Rotenheber was 3-for-4 with two RBI for the Falcons. Meghan O'Rear, Mytty, Danielle Lewis, Becky DePotter and Amy Paquette had two hits apiece.

Lewis had two doubles and two RBI; Mytty hit a triple, scored three runs and had two RBI. Rotenheber also had two RBI and Paquette one; Randi Brown scored twice while pinch-running for O'Rear.

Two of Glenn's hits went for extra bases. Abby Massey tripled and scored her team's lone run, and Amanda Ross hit a double.

Farmington is 1-1 overall, while Glenn, a 7-3 loser April 5 at home to Belleville in its season opener, is 0-2.

SALEM 4, STEVENSON 0: The schedule said season opener. But Plymouth Salem senior pitcher Liz Dekarske's performance Monday had mid-season form written all over it.

Dekarske threw a gem at Livonia Stevenson, limiting the Spartans to four hits in Salem's 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 Sutherland. "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.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

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

The Rocks, who knocked out eight hits, were paced offensively by the Allen's, Dawn and Jen, who collected two hits apiece.

CANTON 3, CHURCHILL 1: Two unearned runs in the fifth inning Monday enabled the Chiefs to knock off the Chargers, who were held to just one hit.

Christine Fones' sixth-inning single was the lone hit by Livonia Churchill (0-2, 0-1). The Chargers got their run in the fourth.

Losing pitcher Meghan Misiak struck out four and didn't walk a batter in her six innings of work. She allowed just four hits.

The host Chiefs scored a run in the first on a one out walk plus a two-run throwing error by the pitcher. Two infield errors in the sixth led to the tie-breaking runs.

Laura Stewart fanned 12 for Canton in seven innings. She walked one.

Misiak struck out 10 batters in Churchill's first game of the season, a 4-3 loss to Dearborn on April 5.

W.L. WESTERN 5, FRANKLIN 3: A two-run double in the top of the ninth inning Monday gave the Warriors their victory.

Walled Lake Western, which is 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division, and Livonia Franklin (2-1, 0-1), both pounded out 10 hits in the game.

Tara Muchow worked all nine innings for the Patriots, striking out 11 and allowing three earned runs. Franklin made four errors in the game.

Rachel Bramlett had a three-run triple in the fifth for the Patriots' only runs.

Nikki Zabkiewicz, Jamie Linden and Kendra Andrews each had two hits for Franklin.

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STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA

Preparing for a worry-free prom

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Wash your hands before dinner - Manners still apply.

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

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

Nonchalant as I was, I considered skipping my own prom. I wasn't dating anyone at the time and it seemed like just another high school ritual that wouldn't matter to me down the road.

By going with a friend, there was no pressure to make it the most memorable night of my high school career.

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

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

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

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

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

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Scientist: Stevenson Middle School teacher Charles Kline uses magic as one means of teaching students about science.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Picture this: Harry Houdini meets Simon & Garfunkel in a 7th grade science lab. It sounds like the preface to a quirky joke, but it's a fair description of the talents three Wayne-Westland science teachers bring to a group they established called "Science Explosion."

Formed in 1995, Charles Kline joined David Bydlowski and Fred Ribits to create a fun and educational songbook as a means of helping students support the scientific terms and concepts they were learning in the classroom through music.

"This has really evolved from what we first set out to do," said Bydlowski, math/science consultant at Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency in Wayne.

The most recent byproduct of their original collaboration, a 55-page song and activity book, has been the release of a two-CD disc set titled "Sing the Science Standards with Science Explosion."

"The CD was a tremendous amount of work on all our parts," said Ribits, a seventh grade science teacher at Stevenson Middle School in Westland. "But the end result is a valuable resource for teachers and a great complement for students to what they learn, hear and see in the classroom."

The CD features 51 songs about topics such as cells, forms of energy, fossils, simple machines, humidity, the solar system and white light. An instrumental version of each song follows the lyrical selection so that students have the opportunity to write their own song.

"We wanted to find a way to explain a wide range of science concepts, set to music they could recognize, that would ultimately reinforce what we teach in the classroom," said Ribits.

Having taught science at Stevenson Middle School for the past 30 years, Kline and Ribits say this project has helped them preserve their enthusiasm for the subject matter and pass that excitement onto their students.

"Music and magic is just another vehicle to get kids interested in science and in finding ways to solve problems on their own," said Bydlowski. "That's why all of the songs words, phrases and processes are geared toward the MEAP test. It gives credibility to what we're doing while simultaneously preparing students for the test."

MAD ABOUT SCIENCE

Teachers use magic, music to motivate

Ribits, who writes all of the lyrics to the songs, incorporates the Michigan Essential Goals & Objectives for Science Education into the tunes.

"Fred knows the state objectives inside and out," said Kline.

Balancing act

Finding time to write, rewrite and edit songs, create hands-on activity lessons, coordinate magic tricks, schedule performances at conferences, teacher training venues and community events, as well as respond to feedback, perform all the functions of a full-time teacher and maintain a family life, definitely takes planning on the part of the three members of Science Explosion.

"We do all of the Science Explosion work on our own time and that often involves evening and weekend appearances both in and out of the state," said Bydlowski who began teaching at Stevenson with Kline and Ribits in 1994. The trio has performed at various venues from Second City in Detroit to educational forums at the University of Toledo, Purdue University and Bowling Green University.

Mixing music, magic, dancing, and humor delivered by three high-energy science teachers results in interactive, hands-on participation from the audience whether they're veteran science teachers or seventh graders and their parents at a family activity night.

"We have fun with it," said Kline, "and I think that comes through in our performances. The retention rate is higher, we've found, when kids can sing the concepts. Everything teachers get from our performances are usable in the classroom and that's a big plus too."

Not only does the group do all their own public relations and online marketing they also spend hours in a Canton recording studio laying the tracks for the cassette and CD.

Ribits and Bydlowski are the primary singers in the group and attribute the editing and mixing done by Rick Young of Talent Live Studios in Canton to the quality of the final product.

"Sometimes we're rewriting as we go along changing a word or a verse," said Bydlowski. "Fred is a professional and a great entertainer. You can't discount the amount of time Rick devotes to the CD after we finish in the studio. In the end, we have something we're all very proud of."

The group's attention to detail and its adherence to the state of Michigan Science Standards makes for an invaluable learning tool. Educators who purchase the CD or karaoke style "Welcome to Science" cassette tape also receive a workbook chock-full of activities such as magic tricks, anticipatory set activities (help focus student attention at the beginning of a lesson), hands-on/ minds-on lessons, rhythmic poems, songs and accompanying lyrics.

Doing their homework

Following each song there are two questions teachers can pose to students, or use as an example to write their own questions, in hopes of eliciting higher levels of thought. They also provide space for students to "picture what they learned" by drawing a mind-map.

"By creating all these ways to extend science concepts we strengthen the chance for students to succeed and to apply what they have learned not only in the classroom but beyond," said Bydlowski.

If you are interested in Science Explosion products or scheduling a performance write Science Explosion, 17523 Starnwich, Suite P, Livonia, MI 48152 or on the Web at scienceexplosion.iuma.com or www.msu.edu/~bydlowski/sciexpl.htm you can also e-mail the trio at sciexpl@aol.com



Fred Ribits



Dave Bydlowski



Charles Kline

Easter holiday observed with special ceremonies, events by all faiths

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

One form of worship on Good

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

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

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

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

FOR THIS CAUSE

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

DOCUMENTARY

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

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 at 7:30 p.m. April 20. Service will include ritual foot-washing, 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 10:15 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.

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Video documents Jesus' plan for mankind

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

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

the holiday.

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

Special opportunity

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

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

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

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

Prayer walk takes mission to the streets

Carl 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 streets.

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

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) 421-0472.



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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 Wisniewski, Sherri Whitcomb, Lisa Sleek, flower girl Jessica Velez and ring bearer Brett Judson.



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

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

The couple will make their home in Westland.

Hicks-Masters

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

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

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

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

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

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



men Todd Masters, Dave Masters and ringbearer Marky Masters.

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

Hooton-McDonnell

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

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

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

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

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

The couple received guests at



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

LaGrow-Vachow

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

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

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

A May wedding is planned in Whitmore Lake.



Johnson-Wonderly

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

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

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

A June wedding is planned at Solid Bible Church.



Bernert-Lucksted

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

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

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

A May wedding is planned at



Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi.

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LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten services will be held at Good Hope Lutheran Church (28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City) each Wednesday before Holy Week at 7 p.m. preceded by a soup supper at 6 p.m. Other worship services include 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m. Friday, April 21; vigil of Easter worship at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and Easter Sunday worship at 8:20 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 23.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

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

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

LENTEN SERVICES

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

LENTEN DINNERS

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

LENTEN SERVICES

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

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

EASTER CANTATA

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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (39020 Five Mile, Livonia) will offer Palm Sunday service April 16 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.; a prayer vigil service will be held during Holy Week at 7:30 p.m. April 18; April 19, healing service at 7:30 p.m.; April 20 is Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday-Inter-faith service at noon April 21; Good Friday Tenebrae at

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

LENTEN MEAL

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

PASSOVER SEDER

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) 480-8850 to describe what dish you would like to bring.

LENTEN BREAKFAST

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

LENTEN WORSHIP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to mid-week classes and confirmation instruction will be 6:30-7:30 p.m. during Lent. The church is at 14175 Farmington Road next to Ford Field, just north of I-96.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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

GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

25th Annual Men's Good Friday breakfast will feature keynote speaker Jim Horsley - Navy Blue Angel Pilot. Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. April 21 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, 7090 Sheldon Road. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call (734) 459-3353.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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

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CALENDAR

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UPCOMING EVENTS

'OLDIES BUT GOODIES'

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club will hold its "Oldies But Goodies" dinner-dance Saturday, April 15, at UAW Local 735 Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave., west of Belleville Road in Canton. Cocktails will be served 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., followed by dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For tickets/reservations, call Cliff or Marie, (734) 729-8681, or Al's Friendly Market, (734) 721-4710. Price is \$20, \$35 per couple, or \$15 for seniors/retirees.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Westland Jaycees will present an Easter Egg Hunt 1:30 p.m. (ages newborn-6) and 2:30 p.m. (ages 7-12) Sunday, April 16, at Jaycee Park, Hunter and Wildwood in Westland. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Participants should meet at the baseball fields. Parking will be available at the ice arena or park. For information, call (734) 480-4984.

BUNNY FUN

The Grand Court of Westland, a senior living community, will hold a Breakfast With the Easter Bunny, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the facility, 37501 Joy, west of Newburgh. This is for children up to age 8. Pictures will be available. Reservations are required and should be made by calling (734) 451-1155 (Char, activities director).

VFW BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross blood drive will be held 2-8 p.m. Monday, April 24, at the Bova VFW Post No. 9885, 6440 Hix, between Ford and Warren roads in Westland. No appointment is necessary. For additional information, call (734) 728-3231.

GOLF OUTING

The Westland Rotary Charities Golf Outing will be held Thursday, May 18, at Golden Fox, west of Plymouth. Participants will play 18 holes of golf, with registration 8:30-10:30 a.m. and an 11 a.m. shotgun start. There will be a continental breakfast, lunch and beverages at the turn, and a filet mignon dinner/banquet. Registration forms are being mailed. For information, call Kim Shunkwiler, (734) 728-5533, Tom North, (734) 421-1300, John Toye, (734) 729-TOYE, Ken Belanger, (734) 721-1810, or Dick Isham, (734) 729-5401.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William F. Faust Public Library organization meets at 7 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS
Westland Walkers meets the second Wednesday of each month except during the summer. Westland Center, located at Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m., at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is held the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. Call (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

Figure skaters interested in USFSA synchronized (precision) skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint-venture teams. Prior team experience is not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive in Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

ANGEL CARE

Angel Care is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet or knit blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

CROCHET ANGELS

Crochet Angels is looking for people to make preemie booties, hats and afghans for area hospitals. Items can be crocheted or knitted. For more information, call Lisa at (734) 326-7759.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527. Food and clothing distribution is available. The center is two blocks south of Annapolis, on the west side of Wayne Road. Those who need help filing for a service-connected disability may see Winnie Busby, a national service officer with the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1-3:30 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 882-6424. Those who have filed for Social Security and/or a VA pension because of a disability and need additional documentation may see Elaine Tripi; call (810) 227-1215 to set up an appointment. Combat/combat-era veterans from Wayne County who need ongoing counseling may contact one of the centers operated by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Lincoln Park at (313) 381-1370 (Chet McLeod) or Detroit at (313) 831-6509 (Paul Esser).

CAMELOT HALL

Camelot Hall Convalescent Center seeks volunteers to spend time with residents, providing an activity or a one-on-one pursuit such as reading to blind people or just talking. The facility is located at 35100 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. For information, call Esther or Diana in the Activity Department, (734) 522-1444, Ext. 27.

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet animal visitation program provides pet therapy with the help of volunteers. Pets should be friendly, well-behaved, and must have current vaccinations. There is a \$5 membership fee. Volunteer opportunities are available at Hope Nursing Care Center, 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (Margaret Martin, (734) 721-2821) and Marquette House,

Play's the thing



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On stage: Wayne Memorial High School will present "Schoolhouse Rock Live" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, at the school's Stockmeyer Auditorium. There will be a 7 p.m. reception both nights. Above, senior Kelly Leverenz (foreground), Liz Vineyard (left to right, second row), Jamie Merchant, Angela Talo, Amanda Lickliter and (back row) Viniicia Farmer and Kyle Zrenchik sing a song from the play. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, children and seniors.

10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month (Lorna Johnson, (734) 425-1681). There are also openings at Garden City Hospital, 3 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month (Stacy Suida, (734) 458-4392).

SCHOOLS

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes take place at Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 207-7889.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Included are an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a pre-primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration takes place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for children ages 3-4, is located at 9601 W. Chicago. Parents learn with their chil-

dren. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Mary at (734) 522-2967.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through age 4. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. To register, call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The school emphasizes basic education with business

and entrepreneurial skills and offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is enrolling in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is holding registration. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-9077.

GARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years of age. It is located at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is offering classes for both 3- and 4-year-olds. A Pre-Kindergarten Readiness class for 5-year-olds and a Parent/Child Toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information.

MT. HOPE

Mt. Hope Co-op Preschool, 30330 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, is taking applications for the 2000-01

year. Classes meet 9:15-11:15 a.m. Monday and Wednesday for age 4; Tuesday and Thursday for age 3. For information, call Michelle at (734) 762-5255.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High School PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and the community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy, Livonia, MI 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4:50-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY

An adult literacy program is being offered free Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4:50-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For adult literacy enrollment or additional information, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children ages newborn to 6 years old and their mothers may attend a Mom's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. The program is an optional co-op, with parents working once a month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORIC

PIONEER TREK

The Nankin Township Pioneer Trek has been designed to introduce travelers to the rich history of the area. Travelers will visit sites that had an impact on the development of Westland as a community. Those who complete the trek will receive an embroidered patch. To start the trek, first visit the Westland Historical Museum and pick up a packet. The museum is located at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, except before a holiday. The trek is sponsored by the Westland Historical Commission and the Friends of the Westland Museum. For information, call (734) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136.

FOR SENIORS

TIGER GAMES

The Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center) will sponsor several trips to Detroit Tigers baseball games this season. Dates are June 9 against the St. Louis Cardinals, July 14 against the Houston Astros, Aug. 18 against the Oakland A's and Sept. 1 against the Texas

Rangers. All are Friday night games and will be played at Comerica Park. Those interested should sign up at the center's front desk, on Newburgh at Marquette in Westland. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free, 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

SENIOR CHOIR

The Friendship Senior Choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low-to-moderate workout. The exercise improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose-fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 1 p.m. two Fridays a month in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebrations of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is an \$8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne-Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. Call (734) 728-5010.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center offers activities Monday through Thursday at the center, located on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. The instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

DYER TRIP

The Wayne-Westland Dyer Senior Adult Center is hosting a 15-day Hawaiian guided tour of four islands, departing Oct. 17. Roundtrip airfare, accommodations, sightseeing, entrance fees, transfers, ground transportation and other expenses are included in the \$1,649 per person price (double occupancy). Reservations are confirmed only with a \$100 per person deposit on a first-come, first-served basis. Fliers and information are available by calling the center at (734) 595-2161 or Sandy Porter at (877) 845-7329.

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 734-951-7278. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

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 I-96).

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

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

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Clareneville 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!

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

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

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford will host a spring rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 (9600 Levene). 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.

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II
Gilda's Club Metro Detroit invites you to Gilda's Big Night Out II featuring comedian Jeffrey Ross with host Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3. A silent auction extraordinaire and strolling supper will be featured by Catering By Excellence Too as well as a cash bar. Even will be held Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El (7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile) in Bloomfield Hills. For information call (248) 577-0898.

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Day. A picture of the three or more generations should be sent to: Salone Nadwa, Novi Town Center, 43236 Eleven Mile, Novi, MI 48375. Entry deadline is May 1.

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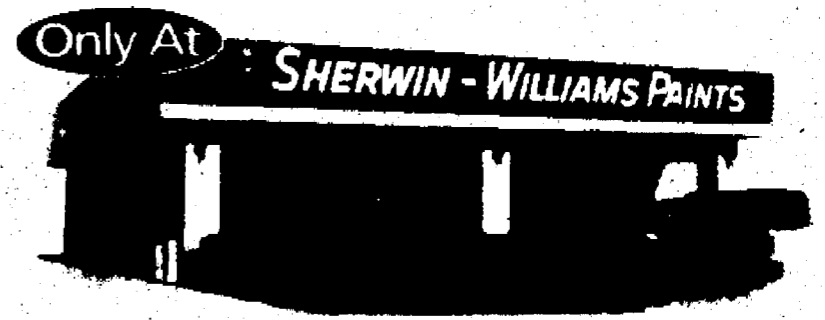


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- October 15, 7am-4pm (Sun.)
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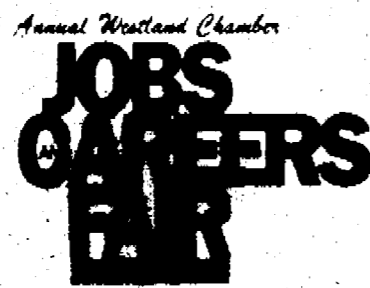
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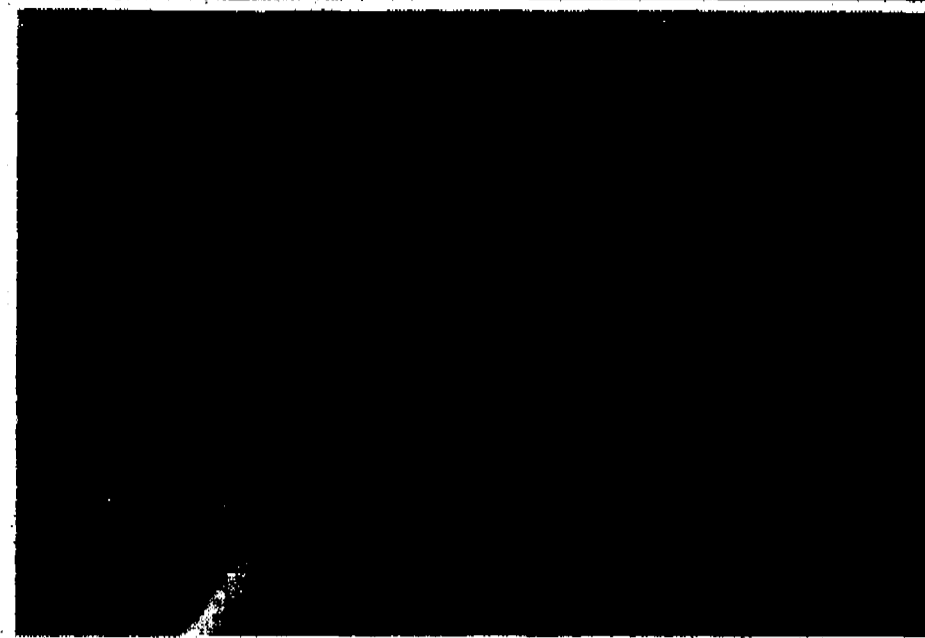
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Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
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Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:30 A.M.
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Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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453-1676

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Sunday School
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"The Surprising Parade"
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April 16
Scripture/John 14:1-44
"I am the Way, Truth & Life"
Rev. Bob Goudie, preaching



SINGLES MINGLE

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

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

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Singles Dance at the Grotto 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor.

70's-90's. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. "Come to Camelot" renaissance attire encouraged. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., \$7.00 non-member, \$5.00 members. www.aapwp.org or (734) 973-1933.

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

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

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

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

FARMINGTON SINGLES
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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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Join Schoolcraft College as they presents its annual Secretary's Day, Wednesday, April 26 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.
Presenter Joanne Estes, founder and president of Vision Quest, will share techniques for analyzing, adjusting and main-

taining your attitude, the difference your choices can make, and strategies for helping others improve their attitudes at work and at home.
Lunch and a vendor showcase highlighting the newest in office supplies begin the afternoon session. Aj D. Jemison, general

manager of Fairlane Town Center, will describe fashion in the workplace. Wrap up with relaxation as herbalist, aromatherapist and author Colleen K. Dodd.
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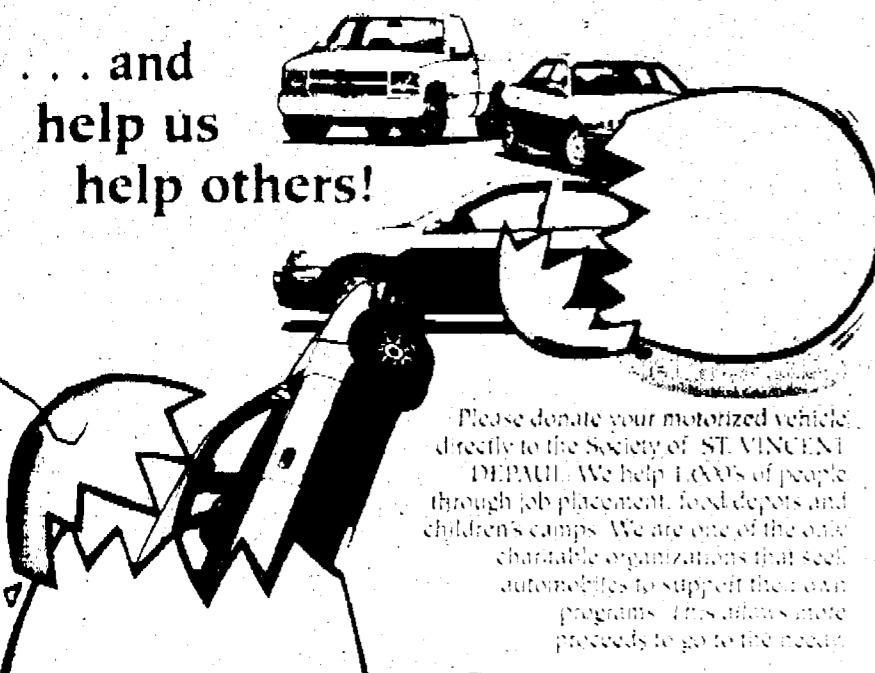
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FLOWER SALE
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choice of colors. Call Sharon (734) 261-8877 or fax (734) 421-7922 for an order form or more information. These are great flowers from quality growers. St. Maurice Parish is located at 32765 Lyndon in Livonia (east of Farmington Road).

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 year-round grief support group and this new Thursday speaker

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

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

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

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

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

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

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

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

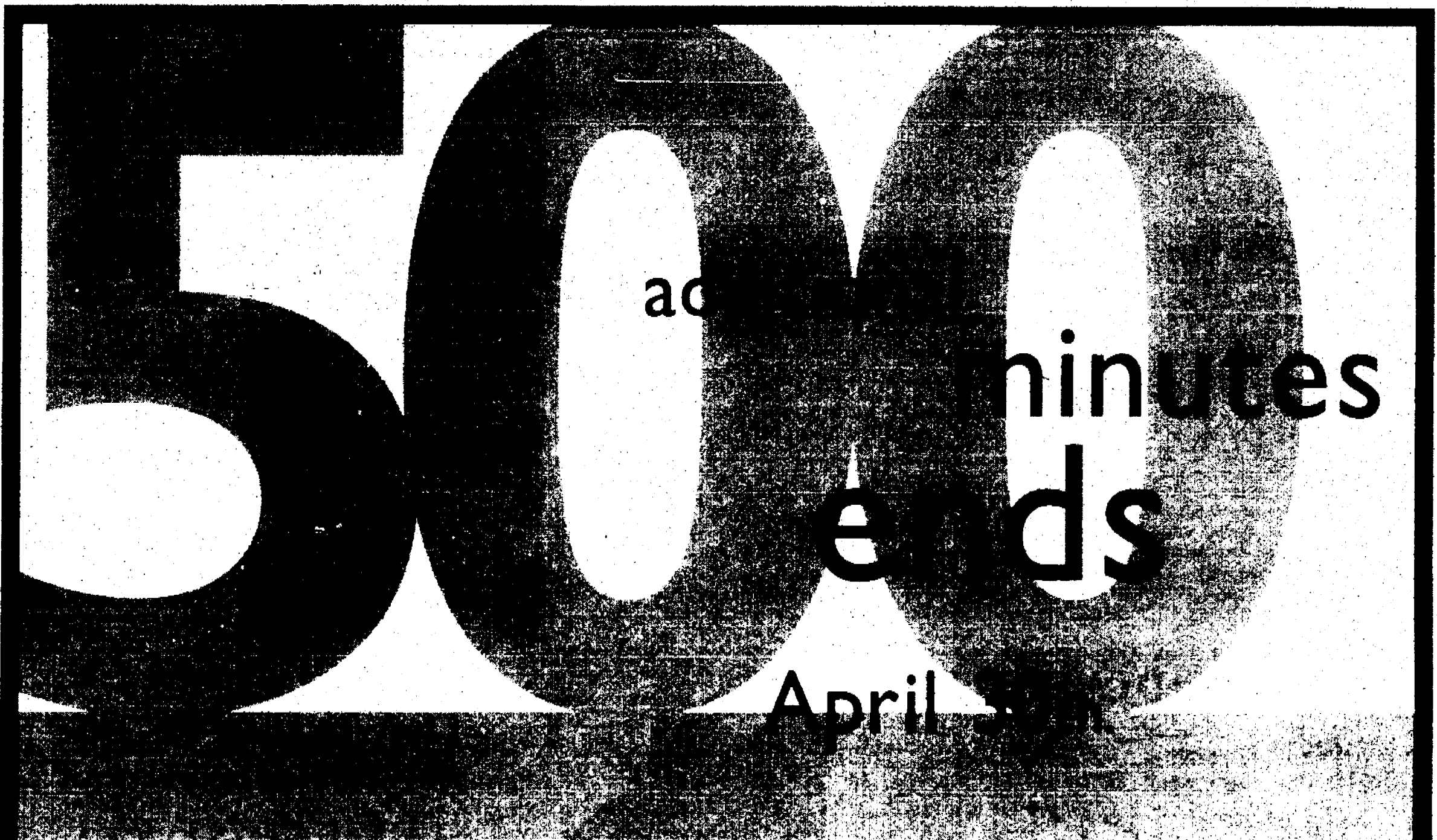
CHELSEA SUMMER FEST
 Applications are currently being sought for arts and crafts vendors at the Chelsea Summer Fest, July 28 and 29. Booth hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining a booth, contact Penny (734) 433-0354 or send a self-addressed,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

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

FALL CRAFT SHOW
 Crafters sought to apply for a spot in the 2000 Fall Craft Show at Schoolcraft College Nov. 11 and 12. With 150 crafters, this show is one of the premier venues in the area and attracts crowds of more than 2,000. The show is juried, and a limited number of exhibitors are accepted in each category to maintain a balanced representation in each craft. Crafters are asked to submit a photograph of their work with their application if they have not been accepted for a previous show. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather and woodworking. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$50; 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 Journalist 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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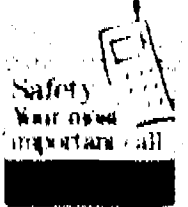
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents "On the Air! - A Musical Journey through the Golden Age of Radio," 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$18-\$47, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY



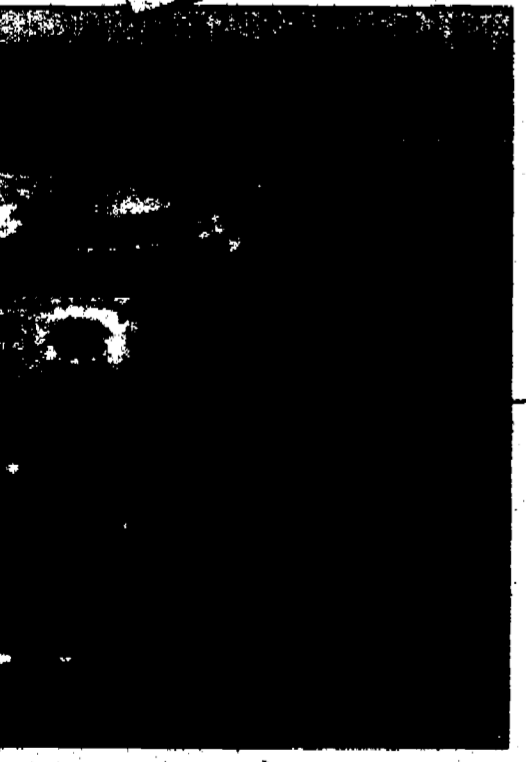
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SUNDAY



Michigan State University alumnus Henry Butler will join other boogie woogie blues artists including Ray Bryant and Bob Seeley for Mr. B's Third Annual Blues and Boogie Piano Orgy, 7:30 p.m. at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets \$25, call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-8587.

HOT



Hot Ticket: This bowl created by Pennsylvania glass artisan Herb Thomas is just one example of the works of art 350 fine artists and craft designers will be displaying and selling at the sixth annual Sugarloaf Art Fair, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 14-16 at the Novi Expo Center. Adult admission \$6, children under age 12 and parking are free. For more information, call (800) 210-9900.



'Cabaret' more slap than tickle

BY ALICE RHEIN
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Put down the knitting, the book and the broom. If you plan on coming to the "Cabaret" at the Fisher Theatre, expect it to be racier, raunchier and — dare we say — sexier than anything the 1972 movie could conjure.

While Liza Minnelli's vehicle to superstardom carried a certain amount of hopeful charm, this "Cabaret" is darker and seedier. The Kit Kat Klub girls are worn, their stockings torn, their lives forlorn.

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

One of the main differences between the Tony Award-winning "Cabaret" revival and the Bob Fosse movie is that this production deals head-on with the subjects of Fascism and sexuality. In the movie, these were far more symbolic.

"In the movie, they never got into the details of the persecuted ones and the misfits. This goes into more detail, you empathize with the characters, which makes it more real," said Peterson, who is finishing up production in New Orleans before the company heads to Detroit for a five-week stint beginning Tuesday, April 18.

Lea Thompson, of "Caroline in the City" and Michael J. Fox's mom in "Back to the Future," plays Sally Bowles, the English party girl whose life is one heart-breaking experiment after another.

If it's hard to imagine the perky Chevrolet pitch-girl as the sassy leather-clad temptress, Peterson says that's where true acting talent comes in.

"She's shined a new light on areas of the play that many of us had never thought about. She makes it easier to see the subtext of her character," he said. "That's what a real actress does."

Director Sam Mendes ("American Beauty") originated the revival of the 1966 Broadway musical at London's Donmar Warehouse in 1993.

It traveled to New York and quickly played to sold-out houses at Xenon and later, Studio 54, two former discos which were transformed into the Berlin club, complete with cabaret-style seating.

Though the Fisher doesn't allow

Please see **CABARET, E2**

What: "Cabaret," the musical revival
Where: Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit
When: Tuesday, April 18 to Sunday, May 14
Tickets: \$35-\$65 for Friday and Saturday evening performances; \$35-\$62 for Saturday and Sunday matinees; and \$33-\$59 for Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday evening performances. A special preview is Tuesday, April 18 with tickets priced from \$23-\$49. Tickets may be purchased at the Fisher Theatre box office and all TicketMaster outlets. To charge by phone, call (248) 645-6666. For additional information, call (313) 872-1000.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Nothing about The Suicide Machines is quite as it seems.

Waiting around a Royal Oak coffee shop, three quarters of the ska-punk band that's gone from seedy area clubs to MTV and a national tour with No Doubt could've copped a rock star attitude. But singer Jason Navarro, bassist Royce Nunley and drummer Ryan Vandenberghe didn't.

The band's popular single from the self-titled album on Hollywood Records, "Sometimes I Don't Mind" could've been about a girl — but it wasn't.

Who: The Suicide Machines with guests Antifag, Piffers and Bump-n-Ugiles
What: Return for a hometown show
When: 4 p.m., Saturday, April 22
Where: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit
Tickets: \$10. All ages welcome. Call (248) 645-6666 or check online at www.ticketmaster.com

Instead it's an ode to Royce Nunley's favorite pooch. His name's Chewy, and he's a bonafide star. Who would've guessed a warm, fuzzy, ultra-catchy tune like "Sometimes" could tilt the scales toward rock stardom? But it has. And Redford native Royce Nunley, who penned the song, isn't shy about it: "I think we're definitely on top of the food chain."

We're the big mamma jammies of rock and roll.

All mamma jammies aside, The Suicide Machines are garnering national attention

What's in your CD player?

Before heading out on tour, The Suicide Machines were listening to...

Jason Navarro: Das Efx (hip-hop)

Royce Nunley: Apocalypse Hoboken (ska-punk)

Ryan Vandenberghe: Run-DMC (hip-hop)

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YOUTH THEATER

Tinderbox delights audiences with musical version of Shirley Temple movie

What: Tinderbox Productions presents "A Little Princess," the musical version of "The Little Princess" movie starring Shirley Temple

When: 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16

Where: Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, 500 Temple, Detroit

Tickets: \$7-\$12. Call (313) 535-8962

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

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

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

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

"The most difficult part is the English accent. It's difficult to perfect because the American comes out."

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

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

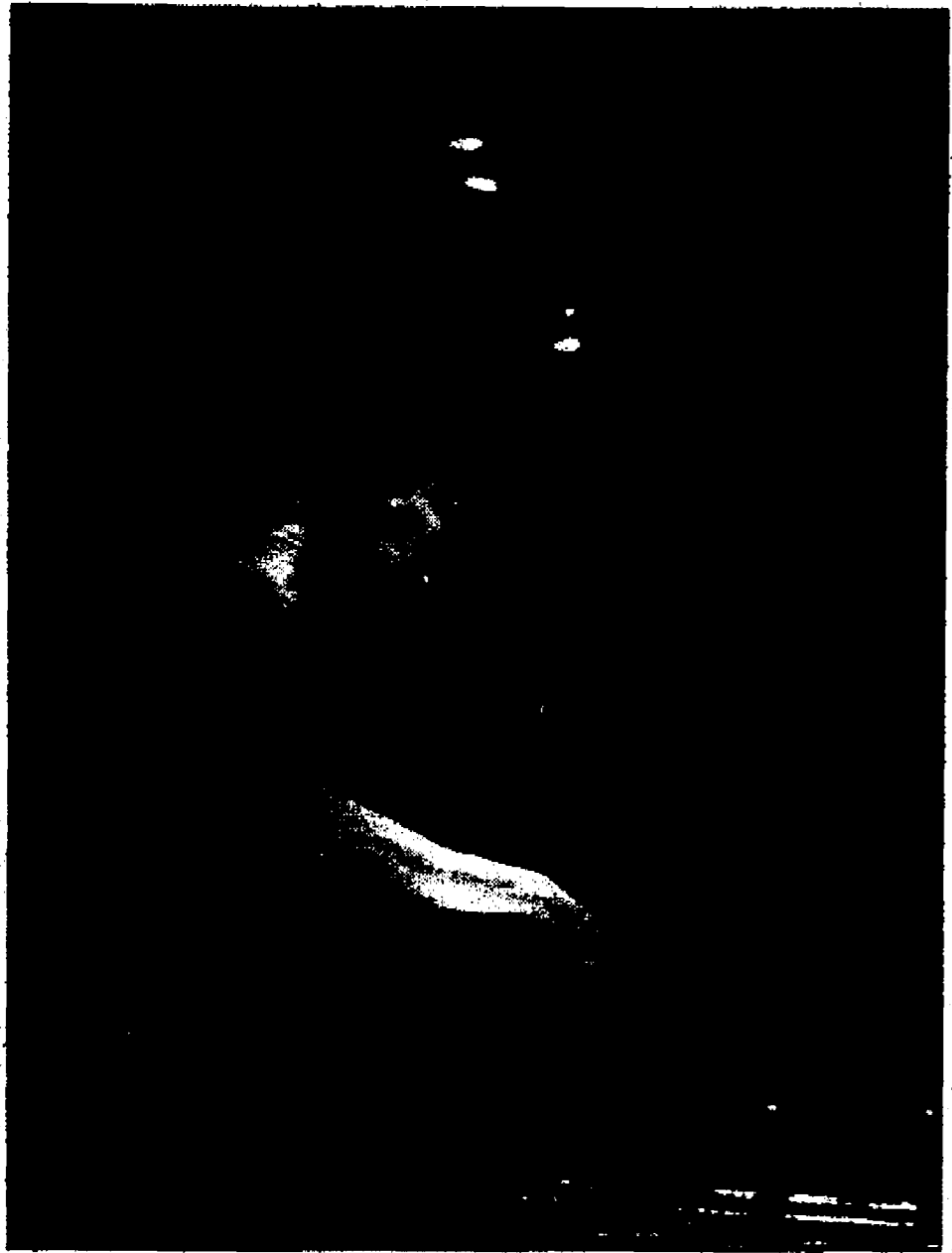
Rehearsals began in February for the 32 cast members in the Tinderbox production, directed by Nancy Florkowski of Redford. Nearly every night of the week Schmidt is



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

Please see **TINDERBOX, E2**

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

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

Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

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JOHNNY BUZZARO

Hey, Punk: The Suicide Machines, Ryan Vandenberghe, Royce Nunley, Jason Navarro and Dan Lukacinsky, rock right back into town, Saturday, April 22.

their 1996 debut "Destruction By Definition." New songs like the furiously-paced "Too Many Words" and "Green" have unforgettable hooks, the kind that weave and wind through your head hours after the CD player is shut off.

There are even a few ballads tossed into the mix, the kind that'll make girls in the audience blush and swoon. Guitarist and Farmington Hills resident Dan Lukacinsky penned "Extraordinary," but his band mates said he's the "furthest thing from a romantic." That's debatable when listening to the ballad, with its dreamy lyrics about a boy and girl chasing around on a sunny day in the park — not your usual raucous, rebellious punk trivia, but it'll do.

Nunley admitted he was surprised to see the song at first. When he asked Dan where it came from, his bandmate supposedly replied "It's just a fictional girl song."

"Sometimes I Don't Mind" starts out like a "fictional girl song," but it's a true love song, about a dog. Navarro said: "I think it's about time an animal had its own song." While Chewy's been immortalized in song, Nunley didn't plan on taking his furry pal on the road with the band. "It's not a good place for an animal." Chewy did make a public appearance at the band's record release party at Royal Oak's Fifth Avenue Billiards Feb. 22, no one knows if he'll make it to the State Theatre show.

Where would these three Suicide Machines be if they weren't touring in a punk rock band? Royce Nunley said he'd be in college trying to get a degree in music. Ryan Vandenberghe claims he would still be working at the Family Buggy restaurant in Rochester and probably playing in bands. Jason Navarro is sure he'd be manager of Value Village by now.

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

and guess what? For once it's about punk decadence and rock and roll, rather than hip hop. "I think if anything, we're bringing attention to a different genre," said Jason Navarro. "It is Detroit Rock City after all."

The band mates live all over the metro area. "A lot of people think we're from California and that sucks," said Navarro, a Livonia native and Berkley resident.

Vandenberghe, a Rochester Adams High School graduate, agreed: "They don't think anything good can come from Detroit."

But the image is slowly changing, thanks to bands like The Suicide Machines — who got started in the Livonia area in 1991.

"It's your home, you should be proud of wherever you have lived," said Navarro. "You grow up somewhere and you love it."

While out on tour — both headlining and performing an opening stint for several No Doubt shows — the band will miss some of the staples they take for granted at home. Nunley won't be snowboarding nearly enough, or playing video games for that matter. Navarro said he'll miss some of his

favorite restaurants, like Cafe 317. And Vandenberghe will miss just hanging out with his friends from his hometown, Rochester Hills.

But they all agreed snagging a quick tour with No Doubt is a good change from usual life on the road. While the Machines are used to the ups and downs of traveling — being far from family and friends, leaving that famed pup behind, and doing what three out of four Suicide Machines dreads most, flying — it's all worth it to get out and play.

"It's cool being on tour," said Vandenberghe. "It's better than working 8-10 hours a day."

And traveling has its perks. Las Vegas is one stop the boys were looking forward to before they left. "Last time we were there, I wasn't 21," said Vandenberghe, a reminder of how early stardom has struck for this band.

With the release of "The Suicide Machines," the band is poised to explode onto the national spotlight. Though it only took one month to record, the CD is a departure from the raw punk vibe that drove the likes of "Battle Hymns" and

Tinderbox from page E1

rehearsing for "A Little Princess or Tosca," or both. The Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Tosca" opens Saturday, May 6.

"I like Tinderbox productions because of the musical theater and it has dancing," said Schmidt. "We have a lot of fun. My favorite songs are 'Every Little Girl can be a Princess,' which Sara sings to the girls at the school, and 'The Best Gift of All' (The Papa Song) because it's Sara's birthday and she misses her father. The best gift of all would be to be with him. I get to put a lot of emotion in it and put my all in it."

Family affair

Schmidt comes from a musical family so it doesn't seem unusual that younger sister Katie is playing one of the school girls in "A Little Princess." Her father, Raymond, is choir director at Pierce Middle School and organist/children's choir director at St. Aidan Church in Livonia. Mother Michele is a former organist at St. John Bosco in Redford. Schmidt studied dance at Miss Harriet's in Livonia and then at Milligan School of Ballet in Dearborn Heights. Among her Michigan Opera Theatre credits

are the productions of "Werther," "Carmina Burana," "Turnadot," and "La Boheme."

"I could sing before I could talk," said Schmidt. "In third grade I was introduced to Nancy Florkowski, the founder and director of Redford Youth Theatre/Tinderbox Productions and began taking improvisational classes on Saturdays. She encouraged me to try out for the Michigan Opera Theatre."

Busy schedule

In addition to rehearsing for two productions and singing in the Honors choir at school and the children's choir at St. Aidan, Schmidt is on the track team at Pierce. But she is planning to slow down after the Tinderbox and Michigan Opera Theatre's seasons end. Schmidt, who started playing oboe in fifth grade, attended the University of Michigan Summer Institute for choir and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for oboe last summer. This summer she'll attend only one of the camps. Her mother, for one, is glad she's taking a break.

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

age, she's certain that her daughter will be every bit as good in the part. Don't get her wrong — Michele isn't a stage mother. She doesn't push Jennifer into every production in the area even though she proudly states that Jennifer was singing Disney songs when she wasn't even two-years-old.

"She had the opportunity to perform in 'Der Rosenkavalier' with Michigan Opera Theatre (April 15-30) but I thought it would be too much for her to be rehearsing three productions even though it's a thrill seeing her up on stage."

The scrap book Michele's been keeping of Jennifer's acting and singing achievements reflects the pride beaming from her face. In 1996, Schmidt was in the children's chorus of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," with Donny Osmond. There is a photograph of the two together, cheek to cheek, that Michele especially treasures.

"Joseph" was the most fun and I got to dance a lot," said Schmidt. "But I don't want to be on Broadway. I want to be a Pop singer or an actor in the movies."



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COLLEGE THEATRE

Talented cast delivers 'Godspell's' uplifting message

The Bonstelle, Wayne State's undergraduate theater company, presents Stephen Schwartz's musical, "Godspell" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16. Tickets \$10 to \$13. The Bonstelle Theatre is located at 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (313) 577-2960.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

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

les as described in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

The imaginative and creative cast, while enthusiastic, seemed to have a collective energy deficit opening night, Friday, April 7. And while they sang well as an ensemble, with a few exceptions they lacked the individual strength demanded by the vocal solos.

The show also had less movement and choreography than one would expect from such a joyful and high-energy score. However, the ensemble captured the spirit of St. Matthew's gospel and spread the Word with contagious enthusiasm well-received by the

house.

Except for the black clad mimes, the cast wore colorful, whimsical street-clothes. Jesus' shirt bore two significant symbols: a three-pronged flame-like design on his shirtfront, reminiscent of the Trinity, with the Christian fish symbol of spiritual love on his back.

Set

The set was an ordinary playground dominated by two large telephone poles with tires placed to symbolize the crosses on Calvary. The cast used every part of the playscape while acting out Christ's parables: the monkey bars became a prison, the ramps separated the sheep from the goats, and the multi-level platforms enhanced the visual drama of the fast-paced scenes.

Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington, who played Christ, assumed a quiet and calm yet strong presence. His appearance was understated and bookish, yet his

strength showed in the conviction and intensity of belief he projected throughout his strong performance.

The opening song, "Prepare Ye," was performed with very little movement: the director lost the opportunity to infuse the production with youthful zest and energy in the first scene. There was a surprising lack of choreography throughout the show, with "Bless The Lord My Soul" and "We Beseech Thee" being the notable exceptions.

The Bonstelle Company used three talented mimes, Jim Flannery, Kathy Harr and Kevin Hentkowski to enhance the parable telling. And although the three voices strengthened the group's ensemble numbers, mime purists would object to the trio bursting into song.

Suzie Gouine was a standout as she delivered a strong rendition of "Learn Your Lessons Well," followed by Kelly Rossi's well-rendered performance of

"Bless The Lord, My Soul." D.J. Oliver lacked the strength to hit a home-run with "All Good Gifts," a song that could have won him the house.

"All For The Best" became a creative duel between Jesus and Judas, played by Jason Smith of Garden City. The mimes added to the song's visual presentation. O'Reilly and Smith effectively captured the edginess of the song often overlooked by other companies, foreshadowing Judas' betrayal of Christ.

The cast's imagination and

creativity was further showcased with their funny mugging during "Light of the World."


Lighting

The lighting crew used vivid background color changes to build the tension during the crucifixion scene, as red washed into deep purple. The sound system ran into some major static problems with a microphone during the vampish number "Turn Back, Oh Man."

All ages will enjoy the uplifting message of "Godspell."



Talented cast: Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington (from top to bottom), Suzie Gouine of Ferndale, and Jason Smith of Garden City sing, dance, romp and play their way through the teachings of the Gospel of Matthew in "Godspell."



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FISHER THEATRE: "Cabaret" opens Tuesday, April 18 and continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Detroit. \$35-\$65. (248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE: "Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through June 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: "Crimes of the Heart" opens Wednesday, April 19, continues to Sunday, May 14, at the theater, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL: "Perilous Times" Tuesday-Friday, April 18-21, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at the Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$21.50-\$30. (313) 963-2366

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE: "Wuthering Heights," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 13-15, at Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. \$8 Thursday, \$13 Friday-Saturday, \$11 Sunday. (734) 487-1221

U-D MERCY THEATRE: "The King Korn Trio," continues to April 16, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the McAuley Theatre on campus, Detroit. \$10, \$8 seniors/students. (313) 993-1130

WSU BONSTELLE: "Godspell" continues to Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$13. (313) 577-2960

WSU HILBERRY: "The Marriage of Figaro" opens Friday, April 21 and runs in rotating repertory to Saturday, May 20; "Five by Tenn" continues to May 6, at the theater, Detroit. \$11-\$18. (313) 577-2972

WSU STUDIO: "All in the Timing," David lives six one-act comedies, Thursday-Saturday, April 20-22, at the theater, Detroit. \$6-\$8. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

EMPATHATRE: "Money, Money, Money" 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8 seniors/students. (734) 913-9733

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS: "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 28-29; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 and May 7; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 6; and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 12-13. Uptatige Theater, 21729 Grand River, Old Redford area of Detroit. \$13. (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS: Presents "A Little Princess" 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9 and 16, and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15 at the Masonic Temple Cathedral Theatre, Detroit (park in back of facility, use rear entrance). \$7-\$12. (313) 535-8962

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE: "The Trial of God" continues to Sunday, April 30, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Livonia. \$8-10 Friday-Saturday, \$5 Sunday. (734) 464-6302

DINNER THEATER

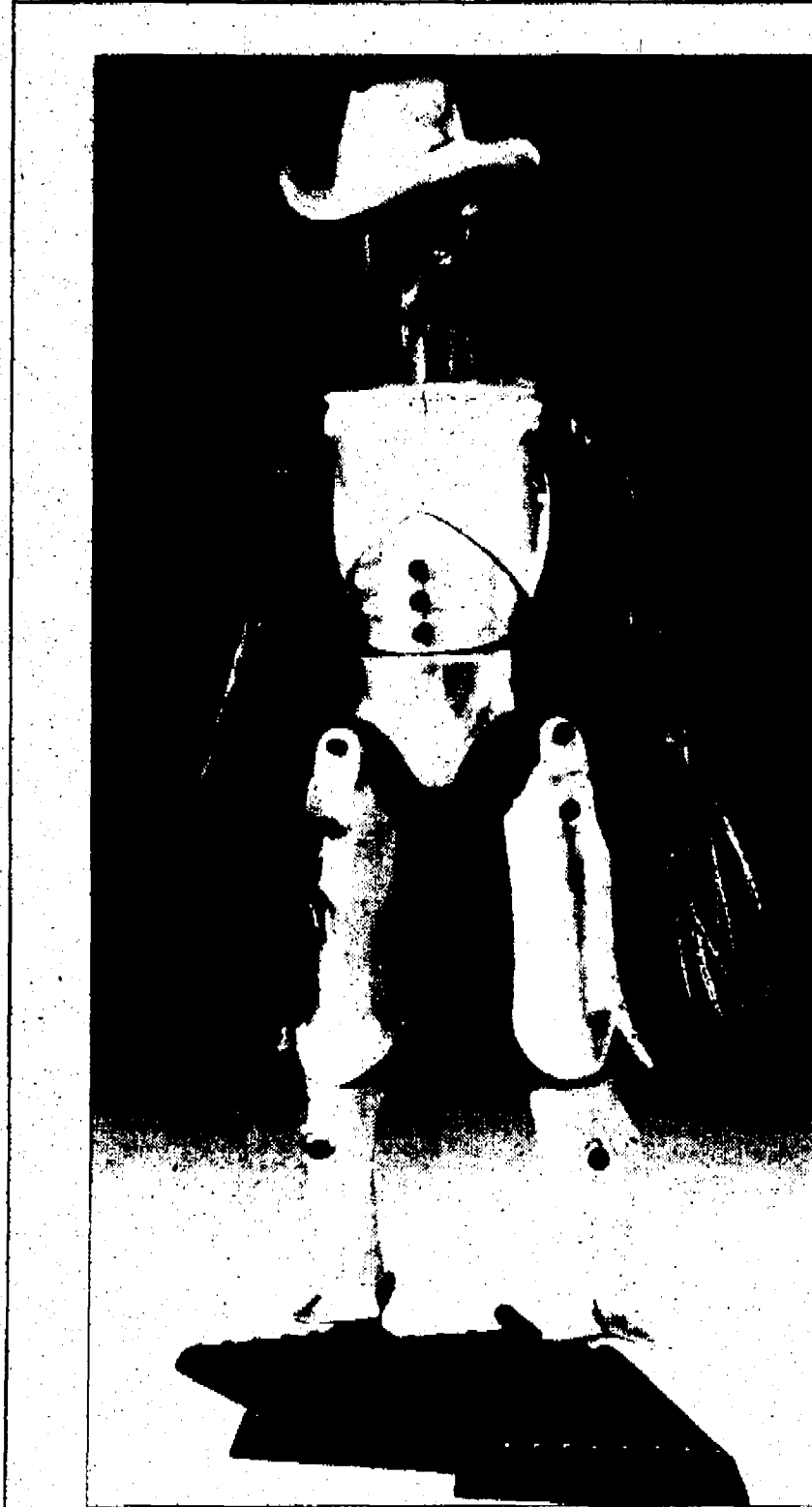
BACI THEATRE: "Flanagan's Wake," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25 Thursday and Sunday, and \$30 Friday-Saturday; and "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666

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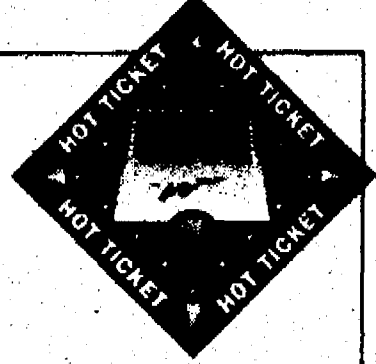
LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Presents a spring concert with guest singers Churchill High School's Chorations, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. Free. (734) 425-1749

MARQUIS THEATRE: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, through April 30, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. (248) 349-8110

YOUTH THEATRE AT MUSIC HALL: "The Red Balloon" presented by Visible Fictions 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Art show: You can always find something unusual at the Sugarloaf Art Fair 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, at the Novi Expo Center. Among the 350 artisans displaying their work will be Michigan artist Scott Nelles, whose cast brass and aluminum Cowboy of the Future is pictured here. Adult admission is \$6; children under age 12 and parking are free. To get to the Novi Expo Center, take I-96 to Exit 162, travel south on Novi Road and turn right at Expo Center Drive. The Novi Expo Center is one block farther on the right. Call (800) 210-9900 for more information, or online at www.sugarloafrcrafts.com.



Saturday, April 15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. Recommended for families with children ages 3 and older. Pre-Show Playshop, a hands-on workshop that explores creative dramatics will be offered prior to the Saturday morning performance. The workshop is priced separately at \$8. Reservations can be made with the Music Hall Box Office when purchasing tickets. (313) 963-2366

NEW YOUTH GENERATION CHOIR: Presents IMAGE, a high-energy musical featuring toe tapping music and humorous dialog, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29877 W. 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Free, although a free-will offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the group's spring break tour in Ohio and Pennsylvania. (248) 476-8860

PIPPETART: Celebrates Puppets Month with guest artists, 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15 and 22, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

TEDD E. BEAR PRODUCTIONS: Nancy Gurwin presents "Broadway Kids 2000," a new musical review, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16 and 30 and May 7 and 14, Aaron DeRaoy Studio Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield. \$10, \$9 seniors, \$8 children. (248) 352-7172/(248) 354-0545

SPECIAL EVENTS

BLUES CLUES LIVE: Join Blue, Steve and friends on a quest for the most spectacular place, 10 performances, times vary, Wednesday, May 3-7, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$14.50-\$25.50, includes notebook and crayon; (248) 433-1515

KING OF KINGS: An Easter musical presented by the Celebration Choir, Hosanna Choir and Drama Ministry, 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 16 and 8 p.m. Good Friday, April 21, at Calvary Baptist Church, Canton. (734) 455-0022

FAMILY EVENTS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: "Wild, Wild West," 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$8-\$31. (313) 576-5111

MR. BUNNY EGG HUNT: Noon Saturday, April 15 at Marshbank Park, West Bloomfield. \$7 non-resident, \$5 West Bloomfield resident, and must be purchased by Thursday, April 13. Don't forget to bring your own basket. (248) 738-2500

BENEFITS

ART FOR A CAUSE: Auction to benefit FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, original Erte print, Fred Bear painting from the Fred Bear Museum in Florida, fine jewelry from Joseph DuMouchelle Fine & Estate Jewelers, Harbor Springs vacation including Boyne golf, and whimsical hand-painted furniture by Birmingham artist Lisa Knoppe-Reed, music by Alexander Zonjic, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$50, reservations necessary. Call (248) 540-4755

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE: "Celebrate the Dance," 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, silent and live auctions, formal dinner, and performance by ensemble members, at The Community House, Birmingham. \$75, \$125, \$200. (248) 362-9329

POP FOR ART: Winefest to benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, Saturday, April 15, in eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott. (734) 994-8004, ext. 106

GILDA'S BIG NIGHT OUT II: Honors two women who helped open the doors of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit - Alyce Faye and Linda Kozlowski, Wednesday, May 3 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Event features a performance by comedian Jeffrey Ross, silent auction and strolling supper. Gene Taylor of Oldies 104.3 WOMC will emcee. (248) 577-0800.

CLASSICAL

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: With pianist Anne-Marie McDermott perform 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$34. (734) 764-2538

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE: Program features winners of the Junior Scholarship, Dorothy K. Roosevelt Piano Scholarship, Charlotte Ruppel Memorial Voice Scholarship, and Jean Hohnmeyer String Scholarship auditions 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Community House, Birmingham. Free. (248) 335-7160

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS & STRINGS: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Christ Church Grasse Pointe. \$18-\$22. (248) 326-9329

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Play music ranging from Brahms to Ravel in honor of Dean Paul Boylan's retirement 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-4726

POPS/SWING

DETROIT SYMPHONY POPS: "A Musical Journey Through the Golden Age of Radio," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 8:30

p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$18-\$47. (313) 576-5111

MIGHTY MEATY SWING KINGS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Token Lounge, Westland. \$10. Over 21. (734) 513-5030

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MACOMB BALLET COMPANY: Open auditions for male and female ballet dancers, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Ann Parsley School of Dance, Clinton Township. \$10. (810) 286-8300

MICHIGAN THEATER AND DANCE TROUPE: Open auditions for dancers age 16 and older. (248) 552-5001

STAGECRAFTERS: Auditions for "Sylvia" 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, April 24-25 (registration at 6:30 p.m.), at Baldwin Theatre, Royal Oak. For performances June 16-25. Call (248) 541-4832 for information.

SUMMER 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.

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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 VESPER: Kimmie Horn Group, 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Free.

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

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

JOEY DEFRANCESCO TRIO: 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15 at door only. (734) 662-8310

TOMMY FLANAGAN: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$55. (313) 576-5111

GEM JAZZ TRIO: Performs 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800

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

WAYNE NEWTON: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$35-\$44. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

EVAN PARKER/NED ROTHENBERG: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25. (734) 769-2999

PAUL TAYLOR: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. (248) 645-6666

SMOOTH VIBRATIONS & SCOTT REITER QUARTET: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, April 14-15, Tom's Oyster Bar, 29106 Franklin Road, Southfield. (248) 356-8881.

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at Steak And Ale, Madison Heights. \$4. (248) 588-4450

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON: With Dan Kolton, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at Giovanni's, Pontiac. (248) 334-5241

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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 DOBLE: 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 Choral to perform "St. Matthew Passion," Bach's masterwork, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$22. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

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.

OAKLAND 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-

DANCE

VAHINI: A classical Indian Ballet, 4 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 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, Friday-Saturday, 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) 542-9900

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

SINBAD: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50, \$35. (248) 433-1515

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 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

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM: 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) 852-4051

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

8 days a week

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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. Andrews Hall, Detroit. (248) 645-6666
CHICO BANKS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
THE BIHLMAN BROTHERS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
BLACKMAN AND ARNOLD: 10 p.m. Sundays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
BOTTOM: With 500 Ft. of Pipe, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, The Shelter, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 20, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030
BRILLEHOUSE: With Shipwreck Union, 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, Jacoby's, Detroit. 18 and over. \$5. (313) 962-7067
BRAINMUTE: Saturday, April 15, Psychoche, Hamtramck; Saturday, April 29, Berkeley Front, Berkeley; 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) 833-9700
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, Berkeley Front, Berkeley. (248) 547-3331
COUPLA FAT GUYS: 10 p.m. Friday, April 28, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
THE CURE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$20-\$45. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666 or (248) 377-0100
DENNIS CYPORYN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013
D'ANGELO: With Mas Def, 8 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, April 22/23, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$75. (248) 433-1515
THORNETTA DAVIS: 10 p.m. Saturday, April 22, Thursday, April 27, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
DEATHGIRL.COM: With Six Club

The Katties, 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) 962-7067
EUPHORIC: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
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) 645-6666
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 Punk, 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) 962-7067
MIA JOHNSON AND HOAGY: 8 p.m. Friday, April 26, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013
JO NAB: 10 p.m. Friday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922; 10 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011
JUST FOR FUN: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Borders Books and Music, Auburn Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 335-5013
MARVIN KAHN AND KEITH VREELAND: 7 p.m. Thursdays in April, Le Metro, Southfield. (248) 353-2757 (jazz duo)
BB KING: With Robby Blue Band, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$35. (248) 645-6666
KING SUNNY ADE & HIS AFRICAN BEATS: 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$20. (313) 833-9700
KISS FAREWELL TOUR: With Ted Nugent and Skid Row, 7 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday, May 24/25, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$15-\$25. (248) 645-6666
DONNA KRALL: 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$35. \$25. (248) 645-6666
KUNDRUM: 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 Rooke Sports Cafe, Wayne. (734) 729-7337
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 PARADISE: 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
STONE MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS: 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

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,

Taylor, 3rd Annual Blues Benefit for the Michigan Lupus Foundation, with The Alligators, Alberta Adams and Joe Weaver with RJ Spanglers All Stars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 30, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.
MXPX: With The Hippos, 7 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$12. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
NEGATIVLAND: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15 advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666
NINE INCH NAILS: With A Perfect Circle, featuring Maynard from Tool, 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666.
NOBODY'S BUSINESS: Hosts Rockabilly Jam Sessions, Thursdays at The New Way Bar, Ferndale. (248) 541-9870
OASIS: With Travis, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, State



Theatre, Detroit. Sold Out.

TARA JANE O'NEIL & WARREN DEFEVER: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666
ORIGINAL HITS: 7 p.m. Monday, April 17, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
ORIGINAL P: Featuring members of Parliament Funkadelic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 20, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$20. (248) 645-6666
MARTY WILSON-PIPER: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and older. \$15. (248) 645-6666
PLATINUM PLAYERS BALL: With Chico DeBarge, Jagged Edge, Joe Dave Hollister, Methrone and Kevon Edmunds, Friday, April 14, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$28.50-\$37.50. (248) 645-6666
PROJECT LOGIC: Featuring DJ Logic, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030
DJ'S QUIG AND DARREN REVELL: 10 p.m. Wednesdays in April, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
RACHEL AND KAPP: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, Fox and Hounds, Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800
REEFERMEN: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Saturday, April 23, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. (248) 735-4011; Tuesdays in April, Saturday, April 22, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
REVEREND RIGHT TIME & THE 1ST COUSINS OF FUNK: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 14, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
STAN RIDGEWAY: With Robert Crayshaw, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$12. (248) 544-3030
THE RIPPINGTONS WITH RUSS FREEMAN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. \$37.50. (248) 645-6666
RUSTY LUNCHBOX: 9:30 p.m. Friday/Saturday, April 14/15, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Wayne Brewery, Wayne. (734) 729-7639
SENSEFIELD: 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, The Shelter, Detroit. \$4. (248) 961-MELT
SMASHING PUMPKINS: 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, H

Plaza Amphitheater, Pontiac. \$23 advance. Anyone holding tickets for Stereolab's postponed 12/9/99 show may return them to Ticketmaster for a refund. (248) 645-6666.
BRITNEY SPEARS: With LFO, Bosson: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, Pine Knob, Independence Township. Sold Out; 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. \$25 lawn/\$40 pavilion. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666.
RICK SPRINGFIELD: 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. \$17.50-\$27.50
STATIC X: With Pitchshifter and Reveille, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. All ages. \$15. (313) 961-MELT
STEREOPHONICS: 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$10-\$13. (248) 645-6666
THE STILL: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Karl's Cabin, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450.
ANGIE STONE: 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 21 and older. \$20-\$23. (248) 645-6666
STRING CHEESE INCIDENT: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Majestic Theatre, Detroit. \$17-\$20. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or (303) 544-5875.
STUNNING AMAZON: 11 p.m. Friday, April 14, Jacoby's, Detroit; After-Party for Detroit Music Awards. (313) 962-7067.
SUICIDE MACHINES: With Antiflag, Piffers, Bump-n-Ugles, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22, State Theatre, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (248) 645-6666
JOHNNIE TAYLOR AND MILLIE JACKSON: With Marvin Sease and Willie Clayton, 8 p.m. Friday, April 21, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$27.50-\$35. (248) 433-1515.
SALLY TAYLOR: 8 p.m. Friday, May 26, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030.
THE TEMPTATIONS: With Ashford and Simpson, 8 p.m. Sunday, April 16, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$40-\$47.50. (248) 645-6666.
THE THE: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, Clutch Cargo, Pontiac. \$22-\$25. All ages. (313) 961-MELT
TESTAMENT: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, State Theatre, Detroit. All ages. \$17.50. (248) 645-6666
MARY TIMONY: Of Hellum, 9 p.m. Friday, May 5, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$6. (248) 645-6666
TRAIN: With Str, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 27, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$15 advance. (248) 645-6666
RANDY TRAVIS: With Darryl Worley, 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, Pine Knob, Independence Township. \$15.50-\$24.50. (248) 645-6666
TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC: 8 p.m. Friday, May 19, Trinity House Theatre, Livonia. \$7-\$5 theater members. (734) 464-6302
TINA TURNER: With Lionel Richie, Jennifer Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, The Palace, Auburn Hills. \$85.25, \$55.25, \$35.25. Eight ticket limit per person. (248) 645-6666
TWISTIN' PARANALYSIS: 10 p.m. Thursday, April 20, Fifth Avenue Billiards, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922
U.S. BOMBS: With Union 11, Tiger Army, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$8. (313) 961-MELT
JOHN "DR. DIRTY" VALBY: 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, State Theatre, Detroit. \$15-\$25. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666
VIOLENT FEMMES: 10 p.m. Friday, April 21, State Theatre, Detroit. \$24.25 advance. (248) 645-6666
ROBERT WALTER'S 20TH CONGRESS: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Motor, Detroit. Ticket price to be announced. 18 and over. (248) 645-6666
MATT WATROBA AND JAN KRIST: Friday, April 14, Greenwood Coffee House, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-8508
WATSON: 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 15, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434
MARTY WILSON-PIPER OF THE CHURCH: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. 18 and over. \$15 in advance. May 11, 248-645-6666
WRIST ROCKET: With Snake, 9:30 p.m. Friday, April 21, the street 18th Fl., Garden City. (734) 425-2434
TRISHA YEARWOOD: With Jessica Andrews, 8 p.m. Thursday, May 25, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Ferndale. \$17.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666

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ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com
THE ARK: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-8587
ANDIAMO ITALIA WEST: 6676 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300
BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900.
BIRD OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310
BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com
BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477
CARBON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 366-9278
CAVERN CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900
CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com
COBO ARENA: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 983-6616
CONOR O'NEILLS: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com
COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941
THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLE: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500
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 www.detroitsscience.com
EDISON'S: 220 Merrill Street, Birmingham. (248) 545-2150
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FIFTH AVENUE BILLIARDS: 215 W. Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 942-9922
FLYING FISH TAVERN: 17600 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. (248) 647-7747
FORD ROAD BAR AND GRILL: 35505 Ford Road, Westland. (734) 721-8609
FOX THEATRE: 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 983-6611
FOX AND HOUNDS: 1560 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800
GOLD DOLLAR: 3199 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or www.golddollar.com
GROOVE ROOM: 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or www.thegrooveroom.com
HILL AUDITORIUM: 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538
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JO'S KEY CLUB: 1 North Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 338-7337
KARL'S CABIN: 9979 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. (734) 455-8450
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LONELY HEARTS CLUB: 211 E. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 913-5506
LOWERTOWN GRILL: 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. (734) 451-1213
MAGIC BAG: 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030.
MAINSTREET BILLIARDS AND THE ALLEY: Main Street, Rochester. (248) 652-8441
MAJESTIC THEATRE, CAFE AND MAGIC STICK: (313) 833-9700
MEMPHIS SMOKE: 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300
MICHIGAN THEATER: 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-5397
MOTOR LOUNGE: 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or www.motorlounge.com
MR. B'S FARM: 24555 Novi Road, Novi. (248) 349-7038
MUSIC MENU: 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-MENU
THE PALACE: 2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills. (248) 377-0100 or www.palacetent.com
PHOENIX PLAZA AMPHITHEATRE: 10 N. Water Street, Pontiac Township. (734) 377-0100 or http://www.palacetent.com
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PURE BAR ROOM: 1500 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 21 and older. Cover charge Friday-Saturday. (313) 471-PURE
ROCHESTER MILLS BEER COMPANY: 400 Water Street, Rochester. (248) 650-5080
THE ROOKIE SPORTS CAFE: 3632 Elizabeth Way, Wayne. (734) 729-7337
ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE: 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 546-7610
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Surround-sound:
John Cusack stars in "High Fidelity," a Touchstone Pictures Release.



'High Fidelity' turns up the volume on laughter

BY BOB THOMAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Los Angeles (AP) — John Cusack is one of the most talented and versatile actors in films today, 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-to-wall 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 Louisa 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 top-five lists, which they compile periodically.

Cusack is working on a top-five 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 middle-of-the-road classics).

The screenplay, based on a novel by Nick Hornby, is the

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 doesn't quite pay off.

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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 over-protective call girl and UFO's. Made in Denmark this 1999 film is shown exclusively Friday-Sunday, April 14-16 at the Detroit Film Theatre.

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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

Unbreakable: Nine Inch Nails returns

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

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

ments. For the first time on an NIN album, there was an opportunity for collaboration. While Reznor and producer/engineer Alan Moulder worked on tracks in the main studio, Clouser and bassist Danny Lohner took copies of songs to their rooms and worked on overdubs, keyboards and textures, later recording the work on computers. "The next time they happened to be working on the song, Trent and Alan would pick through the bits and pieces," said Clouser. "It was the only way we could collaborate without having Trent step aside."

"A lot of songs were very simple musically, but we wanted them to have interesting sound textures." The challenge of the material is truly pulling it off in a live setting. "Some of the songs are so thickly layered, no five guys could get up there and play (them)," he said. Performing allows the band freedom to interpret the material on instruments, without the need to dupli-

cate the album.

The result is a more rugged skeleton of a song. "They're not all dressed up with all the intricate bits of candy," described Clouser.

There will be no candy, or bubblegum-pop for that matter, in the vicinity of a Nine Inch Nails show. Ever.

Though the musical climate has migrated toward well-designed pop stars and boy bands, NIN shows no concern. Clouser said it's actually made life easier: "We don't have so much competition anymore. In the early '90s there was Nirvana and Soundgarden and other heavy bands that were really good at what they did, that were innovative and creating something new. Now, no one's doing anything that I haven't heard before."

Don't mistake this effort by NIN as a softening; it isn't. "The title came about from Trent's ability to explore a wider spectrum of emotions," said Clouser.



Finding fragility: Nine Inch Nails, consists of Robin Finck, Trent Reznor, Charlie Clouser, Danny Lohner and Jerome Dillon.

"It's not so much hate, pain and rage."

To achieve a sense of fragility, NIN incorporated instruments like cello, ukulele and mandolin, which are difficult to play. The end result was a fractured sound that is unmistakably NIN. "(Reznor) needed a challenge, something that was not going to be a sure bet."

See Nine Inch Nails and A Perfect Circle, featuring Maynard James Keenan of Tool, 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$29.50-\$45. (248) 645-6666. Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@e-home.com.net.

LISTEN UP



Listen: Bill Keith (center) with students Jake Bugeja and Jody Gross.

When 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)
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"Good Disguise"
Knee Deep Shag hi-lo records

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

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

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

—STEPHANIE ANGYLYN CASOLA
"Naked Self"

The The

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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 "Boiling Point," a bleak urban tale whose moaning guitars churn and build in strength and intensity.

Since "Soul Mining," the band's 1983 American debut, Matt Johnson continues to enlarge his repertoire of visceral lyrics and haunted, twisted tales.

But with "Naked Self" there is a radical departure from the aggressive, mixed instrumentation of "Mind Bomb" and landmark album "Infected."

No synthesizers, no pounding organs, just Johnson and Eric Schermerhorn on guitar. Spencer Campbell on bass and Earl Harvin on drums.

Johnson continues to break new ground, this time using guitars to paint evocative horizons.

"SoulCatcher" finds Johnson in deep reflection while "Global Eyes" and "SwineFever" are biting social commentaries - something for which he's a master.

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Holy mackerel, church fish fries provide tasty fare

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

Once again, the dinners have been extremely popular, with parishes reporting 600-700 people being served each Friday. There's still time to taste some of the best fried and baked fish in town. With few exceptions, the following Catholic churches plan to feed the fish-loving hungry through Good Friday:

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

"I like the shrimp, but my father, Bill Vandervent, likes the cod," said Mary Jo Frush, parish secretary.

Seniors get a \$1 discount between 3-5 p.m. And if one fish dinner isn't enough to satisfy your hunger, you can purchase a half-order.

■ **St. Aidan Catholic Church**, 17600 Farmington, Livonia, (734) 425-5950. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Adults, \$7; children 6-11, \$3.50. Menu: Baked scrod, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti in garlic and olive oil, potatoes, desserts and beverages. Served buffet-style. "We always get 400-500 people," said parish secretary Ellen Edelen. "The food is good and prices are reasonable. We've had no complaints."

Note: No dinners served on Good Friday, April 21.

■ **St. Edith Catholic Church**, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, (734) 464-1222. Time: 4:30-7 p.m. Carry-outs available. Most dinners \$6. Menu: All-you-can-eat fried fish, salad bar, pierogi, baked fish, and fried shrimp. Macaroni and cheese \$3.

"We've been serving 600 dinners every Friday. They're lined up outside," said parish secretary Mary Lou Sellock. "The baked fish is wonderful, and they have a great salad bar."

■ **St. Genevieve Catholic Church**, 29015 Jamison, Livonia, (734) 427-5220. Time: 5-7 p.m. Adults, \$6; children 5-11, \$3.50; under 5, free. Menu: Fried and baked fish, all-you-can-eat Manhattan clam chowder, baked potato or French fries, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, beverages.

Note: No fish dinners served Good Friday, April 21.

■ **St. Kenneth Catholic Church**, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth, (734) 420-0288. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Menu: Fried fish



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Lenten treat: Verna Leone (right) of Livonia enjoys the fish fries at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia. Serving baked cod (from left) is Katie Olex, Andrea Seiter (behind, left) serves fried cod to Irene Mullins.

with salad bar, \$4.50; lasagna or macaroni and cheese, \$3; shrimp-in-a-basket, \$6.50; fisherman's platter, \$5.50. Children 6-12 \$2, free for 5 and under.

The McClellan family has eaten the fish dinners at St. Kenneth's every Friday in Lent for the past eight years. "When our third child was born, we started coming. It wouldn't be Easter without coming," said Annette McClellan, parish secretary.

At St. Kenneth, the men's group does the cooking. "They're the ones that should," said McClellan. "It's wonderful."

■ **St. Mel Catholic Church**, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-0684. Time: 4-7 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried fish, \$6; shrimp, \$7; fish combo, \$6.75; child's fish, \$4.25; fish sandwich, \$2.75. Dinners include beverage.

■ **Our Lady of Good Counsel**, 1062 Church Street, Ply-

mouth, (734) 453-0326. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried fish, shrimp, baked potato, roll and cole slaw. Adults, \$6; seniors, \$5; children, \$3.50.

■ **St. Raphael Catholic Church**, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City, (734) 427-1533. Time: 4:30-7 p.m. Good Friday: 3-7 p.m. Menu: Hand-battered fried fish, \$6.50; shrimp dinner or fish and shrimp combo, \$6.75; fish sandwich, \$5.50; French fries or mashed potatoes. Hot dogs for children, \$1.50. Beverages included; pop extra.

"We serve 700 dinners a week. It's very good, absolutely worth the money," said Carolyn Taube, parish secretary. "The fish doesn't taste fishy. The batter is very light. They use Icelandic haddock. It's more expensive, but it's better."

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

4:30-7 p.m. Menu: Baked or fried cod, pierogies, macaroni and cheese. All dinners come with salad bar, including cole slaw and fruit. Carry-outs. Adults, \$6.50; seniors, \$5; children 12 and under, \$3.

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

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

"Come on down and bring the family," said the Rev. Joseph Romano, pastor. "I go for the fish and chips, battered ... hold the roll."



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

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