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Alexander Letkemann of Westland, a former Livonia Churchill student, describes the murder of Daniel Sorensen during testimony in Wayne County Circuit Court Wednesday.

Forensic scientist: Blood evidence ties Plymouth teen to beheading

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A day after the most gripping, explicit testimony in the beheading trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz — a graphic description of the murder Wednesday by former co-defendant Alexander Letkemann that had observers weeping and forced Judge Annette Berry to break to give jurors a breather - prosecutors on Thursday went about presenting forensic details they say connect

Orlewicz to the homicide.

A string of witnesses on the trial's fourth day presented evidence of blood and tire and shoe print matches prosecutors say link the Plymouth Township teen with the brutal killing.

Orlewicz is charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a body. He faces life in prison without parole, if convicted. Letkemann had faced the same charges, but pleaded

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Linda Stansell is ready to practice before the competition begins. She's with Team Holiday in Express, one of the sponsors of the event, and lives in Canton.

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Women bowlers kick off national championships with flair

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

She was off-key but too excited to care. While dancing in the middle of the aisle at Super Bowl on Ford Road, a participant in the women's championships of the United States Bowling Congress changed the words of the Sister Sledge classic, "We Are Family," to "We are women bowlers.

The championships, an 88-day tournament, began Thursday night with dozens of women and USBC officials packing the bowling alley for the event's opening ceremonies.

Super Bowl, which doled out \$300,000 on facility improvements, has been transformed into a women's championships hub with various shops set up featuring jewelry and souve-

At the official USBC store, mini bowling pin sets are for sale along with kids T-shirts that read: "What happens at Grandma's, stays at Grandma's."

With teams from all over the country, including Florida, California, New Mexico, Minnesota, Kansas and Ohio, many of them had group names that included the words "divas" and "ladies." Others had more playful

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Judge refuses to drop charges in torture case



Steele

As his ex-girlfriend testified about the day he allegedly assaulted her with a baseball bat and fired a gun near her head, Gary Allen Steele sat with his arms crossed and shook his head.

"Pow. Pow. Pow," Kimberly Ann Golematis said from the witness stand

Friday morning at 35th District Court when describing the moment Steele pulled out his revolver and fired the

Looking directly at Steele, a suspended Detroit police officer, Golematis held her right hand like a gun and testified that he told her, "I will (expletive) kill

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THE CHARGES AGAINST GARY STEELE

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- felony punishable up to life in prison Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, a 10year felony
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- gerous weapon, four-year felonies ■ Weapon/firearm discharge in or at
- a building, a four-year felony
- Weapons-felony firearm, punishable up to two years

School district facing \$4.1 million deficit

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education will be looking for ways to eliminate a projected \$4.1 million budget deficit for the 2008-09 fiscal year when it holds its first 2008-09 budget workshop Tuesday night at 6

Interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs said he's asked elementary, middle school and high school administrators to dig deep and suggest cuts of \$1 million at each level.

"Our administrators have done a good job," said Jacobs, who declined to list the possible cuts until they are finalized in time for Tuesday's meeting. "Some things were recommended that perhaps weren't possible or legal to do, but I'm encouraged we'll be at or close to that.

Jacobs acknowledged the district, according to its contract with the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, will give layoff notices to teachers by the end of this

"I can't give you a number, but it's not going to be any-

thing drastic," Jacobs said.
While the West Bloomfield and Southfield school districts plan to privatize services such as busing and food service, Jacobs said there are no plans to take that route in Plymouth-Canton to ease budget woes.

'We look at it every year, but that's not where we want to go," said Jacobs. "We're a pretty big district, and I hold the personal belief that the larger you are the more difficult that is to accomplish. I think we have pretty good support groups and they're working with us to keep costs

Public hearing set on Oakwood hospital plan

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Despite a few calls and a couple visits to the administration building to check out Oakwood's plans, the latest reaction to the health care provider's efforts to build in Canton has been mostly quiet.

A public hearing has been scheduled for April 21 to consider Oakwood's preliminary planned development district (PDD) request for a parcel of land on the west , side of Beck Road just north of Michigan

The Dearborn-based health care system faced strong opposition from hundreds of homeowners in 2006 and 2007 when it proposed building a facility on the northwest corner of Beck and Geddes.

When asked if the new proposal has gar-

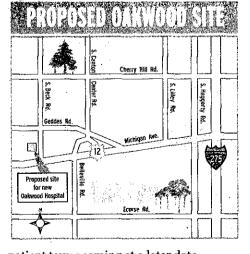
nered the same reaction from homeowners, Township Planner Angela Wolosiewicz said "not so far." After the public hearing, the commission,

which denied Oakwood's previous request in April 2007, can table the matter or take action to deny or approve the plans. Less than a mile south of the Beck and

Geddes intersection, the proposed site is zoned industrial and was intended for warehouses. Two warehouses sit south of where the facility could be built. While the structures may not be identi-

cal, Wolosiewicz said the medical campus proposed for the Beck Road land is "pretty much the same" as what Oakwood intended for Beck and Geddes.

"They are going with the same concept," she said, adding that the project would be constructed in phases with a six-story



patient tower coming at a later date. Canton Supervisor Tom Yack has said he will be an "unabashed supporter" of the plan because Oakwood apparently listened to suggestions that it build its facility on or near Michigan Avenue.

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Coming Thursday



Redford Theatre celebrates 80 years!

Army graduate

Army Private Brandon S. Hubbard has graduated. from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, Hubbard studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

The 2004 Salem High graduate is the son of Sherry Patterson of Buckingham Street, Canton.

Homeowners advisory council

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet on Monday April 14 at 7 p.m. in the lower level of Canton Administrative Building. Guest speakers will attorney Joe Barone along with 35th District Court Judge Mike Gerou and Tim Faas, director of Canton Municipal Services. Barone was asked to speak on home foreclosures for home and condo owners. Time will be set aside for questions. Faas will address the present information on the new water contract, including anticipated rates, the new policy on irrigation meters and times for irrigating.

Investor education program

The Canton Public Library is teaming up with the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services and the **Investor Protection Trust to** bring you a free investor education seminar on Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

The investor education program offers an overview of the financial markets and the major exchanges, the fundamentals of stocks, bonds and mutual funds, key investment terms and three components for building your wealth. You'll also learn how to protect yourself from investment fraud and select a financial services provider.

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To register for this free program call the library at 734-397-0999. Optional one-on-one non-commercial counseling sessions will also be offered to participants. Non-Canton residents are welcome to attend.

Passover celebration

Area seniors are encouraged to attend the Canton Senior Center's Celebrate Passover Presentation on Wednesday, April 16, from 1-3 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's Maple Room, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Learn about the heritage and culture of this Jewish holiday that has been observed for more than 3,000 years. Special prayers and customs will be discussed, in addition to the history of lavish meals called Seders.

There is no fee required to attend this event, but interested participants are asked to register by calling the Senior Front Desk at (734) 394-5485.

Raising funds for Africa

A group of 7th grade students at North Middle School in Belleville are going to sponsor the building of a well for a village in the Sub-Saharan region. The students are trying to raise \$3,500, enough money to build the well and educate the recipients on its use.

The initiative was started by two 7th grade teachers, Ron Hoepfner and Steve Hudock, as part of a cross-curricular unit on Africa. "This program is a great opportunity for students to take on a leadership role within their community while raising money for a worthwhile cause," said Hudock.

Students and teachers are partnering with The African Well Fund (AWF), a non-profit organization dedicated to building and maintaining wells in water-sparse regions in Africa. Once the students raise enough funds, AWF will drill, install and help to maintain the well.

Students are participating in a variety of fund-raising activities including a spaghetti dinner to be held on April 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. at North Middle



Junior Miss awards

Several local girls enjoyed success at the 50th annual Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program held recently at Washtenaw Community College. Receiving awards were Adrienne Linskey of Prudenville (front row, from left), Kiana Sledge of Inkster, Erin Wheeler of Plymouth, Whitney Askèw of Canton, Raven Rickard of Westland (back row, from left), Chelsey Knapper of Clarkston and Katie Baltman of Ann Arbor. Wheeler earned the title of 2008 Michigan Junior Miss and \$3,500 in college scholarship money. She will compete for America's Junior Miss in Mobile, Ala., in June. Rickard of Westland won \$2,500 for her first-runner-up finish, and Canton's Askew won \$500 as the Talent Award winner.

School. There is a suggested donation of \$3 to attend the

Donations can also be sent to North Middle School c/o Steve Hudock, 47097 McBride St, Belleville, MI 48111 by May 9. For more information, contact Steve Hudock at (734)-697-9171 ext. 219 or at shudock@ vanburenschools.net.

Fallen and wounded soldiers benefit

The Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund (FWSF), a Michigan-based non-profit organization, will be holding its third annual auction benefit dinner to support U.S. veterans on Saturday, April 26, from 6-10 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The keynote speaker is Colonel Oliver North (Ret.). Congressman John Dingell is the honorary chairman, and WDIV's Chuck Gaidica will MC the affair. The program features both silent and live auctions as well as a pre-event

private reception. Among the host committee members are U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Congressman Joe Knollenberg,

Congressman Pete Hoekstra, Congresswoman Candice Miller, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, and State Sen. Michael Bishop. Tickets are \$100 per seat, 10 seats per table.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are available for levels ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000-plus. All proceeds from the event will be used to help veterans and their families. Last year's benefit dinner helped raise more than \$150,000 in donations. To secure a sponsorship, contact Chris Cornelius at (248) 417-6984 or FWSF1@aol.com

Co-founded by Christopher Cornelius, Tino DelSignore and John Gingell, the Fallen & Wounded Soldiers Fund is a non-profit, non-partisan, volunteer organization dedi-

cated to supporting U.S. soldiers and their families.

Earth Day volunteers sought

All area residents are welcome to join us in Canton's Earth Day Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 19. In recognition of Earth Day, volunteers will be picking up litter and trash along the I-275 trail system from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

All volunteers will meet at Fellows Creek Golf Club, located at 2936 S. Lotz Road, and be shuttled to the worksite. Volunteers can also drop in at Fellows Creek to help anytime during the program and will be shuttled to the project area. Helpers will not be required to work the entire time. Shuttles will be available throughout the morning.

This volunteer opportunity is recommended for ages 8 and older. Adult supervision is required for minors. Please dress according to the weather, since this event will take place rain or shine. Preregistration is not required.

If you are interested in volunteering for this free event, please contact Pat VanDusen by April 16 at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail at pvandusen@ canton-mi.org to register. For more information visit www. canton-mi.org.

Charity poker tournament

The Knights of Columbus will host a charity Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to benefit various charities Saturday April 19 at The Shark Club, 42070 Ford Road, Canton. Tournament registration begins at 11:30 a.m., dealing at 12:30 p.m.

Buy in of \$40 includes \$5 bounty chip. One \$20 addon prior to start of tourney. Cash games will be running before and during the tournament. There will be a full menu and bar available.

For more information and to reserve a tournament seat, visit www.kofc8284. eventbrite.com, or call Tom at (734) 502-7016 or Fred at (734) 765-8739.

Cancer prevention study

On May 17, people will be able to enroll in the Cancer Prevention Study III at Heritage Park during the Relay for Life. Enrollment will take place from noon -4 p.m.. It is open to individuals between 30-65 years of age, who have never been diagnosed with cancer, and are willing to make a long term commitment to the study by completing a survey every two vears.

The goal of the survey is to further efforts in eliminating cancer as a major health concern for future generations. This event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

For more information, contact Marion Rozum at (734) 981-3433, Jamie Chapman at (248) 663-3419, or visit www. cancer.org/cps3. You can also send an e-mail to cps3@can-



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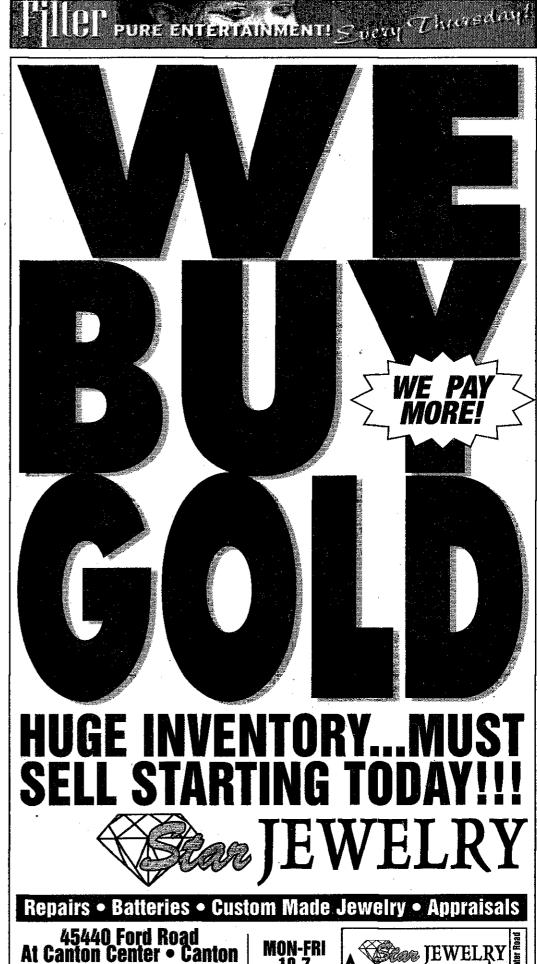
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Charter academy expansion may include a second Canton school

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

National Heritage Academies has increased its efforts to expand in Canton.

In addition to pushing for an expansion of its site at Ford and Ridge roads, academy officials are also pursuing another charter for the township.

With a bulging waiting list of 1,200 students for next year, Canton Charter Academy Principal Claudia Williamson said it doesn't matter which option proves successful.

"Traditionally, only the parents with extra income had a choice in where to send their children to school," she said. "Most of our families don't have that but their children still deserve a good education."

In plans submitted to the township in January, the charter school proposed doubling the size of its 50,000-squarefoot facility. With the submission, came the township's concerns about traffic and the lack of a signal at Ford and Ridge.

Ted Lang, a CCA board member, has told Canton officials they could work through the situation, but in a move to widen its options, the school has started exploring the possibility of getting another charter and building elsewhere in the township.

"The shortest route to the cheese would be building the school in an area that is properly zoned," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "If they did that, they wouldn't have to deal with us."

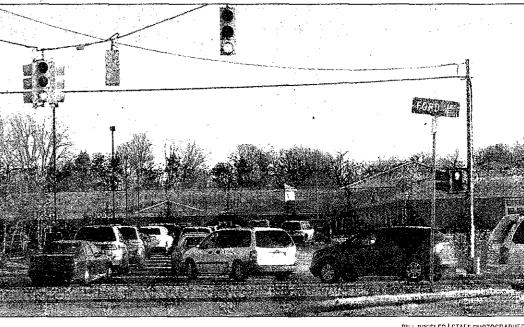
The land at Ford and Ridge is owned by a developer and is governed under a consent agreement. In order for the

expansion to move forward, the township must agree to the project. If the land was zoned residential, the township would have little room for objection, Yack said.

The school opened in 2000 and has students from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Ypsilanti, Belleville, Van Buren, Plymouth and Canton.

While dozens of the school's supporters have gone before the township board urging them to approve the proposal, Melanie Bosman of Canton said any expansion plans should be dissolved.

"If you live in a school district you know where the boundaries are," she said. "People who bought homes in the Van Buren school district knew where the school district lines were drawn. Their homes are at least \$50,000 to



Traffic is heavy in front of the Canton Charter Academy and spills out onto Ford Road shortly after 8 a.m.

\$100,000 less on a \$300,000 and up valued home and we, the Canton residents, will pay our higher taxes to supplement another school district? Where lays the logic? The more students that are enrolled to the Charter Schools means less money to our school districts."

Bosman, a mother of three, said she moved from Van Buren to Canton for its school district. Williamson said she disagrees with Bosman's philosophy.

"Many parents can't afford to live in certain communities," she said. "Do their children not have a right to a good school? Also, the money does not belong to (public) schools. It belongs to the taxpayers and most taxpayers like to have choices."

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Steele, 42, has been bound over on seven charges stemming from the March 4 incident.

In addition to rejecting the defense's claim that the charges of torture, assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm were inappropriate, Judge Ronald W. Lowe denied the request to lower Steele's \$5 million bond.

"Until this shakes out, (Golematis) is entitled to walk the Earth in no fear of him," he said, adding that he fears for the Canton woman's safety because she's the main thing standing between Steele and his freedom.

Lowe said Steele's occupation provided an additional element to his refusal to lower

"Lawyers, judges and cops (should be) held to a higher standard," he said. "She has testified that he crossed the line."

Golematis testified that she and Steele had ended their six-month relationship when he stopped by her Glengarry subdivision home March 4 to retrieve the last of his items.

"I was not an angel by any means," she said. "I wasn't gift wrapping his stuff."

With their interaction already tense, Golematis said Steele became violent when he was preparing to leave and she mentioned his Santa Claus statue that was in her garage.

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"I said don't forget Santa," she said, adding that he then told her to keep it.

Upon saying that she didn't want it, Golematis kicked the item and said Steele responded by "freaking out."

He supposedly hit her left leg with a baseball bat and then began choking her. When she fell to the ground, Golematis said she landed on the steps in the garage that led to her kitchen.

"Gary Steele got on top of me and straddled me with his weight," she said, adding that he began choking her again and made several references to his former police partner, Brian Vieau, who committed suicide after killing his estranged wife, Tracy Vieau, in February 2007. "He said 'Now I know why Brian did what he

Golematis said Steele fired three shots into the garage steps near the left side of her head. After placing the gun inside her mouth and to her head, Golematis said Steele appeared to "snap" back to reality when she told him that he was hurting her.

"He said 'I love you. I just love you so much. I would do anything for us." Golematis testified, adding that Steele began stroking her hair and saying he should go into the home's basement to see if anything was damaged by the gunshots.

Golematis said she asked Steele to leave and then she called Canton Police.

Upon questioning Golematis, Steele's attorney, David Lee, questioned her

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reluctance to stay in her township home due to the gunshot holes and suggested that a gun had previously been fired in her home. Golematis denied owning a gun and said there were no other gunshot holes at her residence.

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At one point during the cross examination, Lowe scolded Golematis for offering Lee a flippant answer.

Julie Cook, Golematis' friend of 10 years, testified that the alleged attack is "pretty much all that (Golematis) talks about." Cook said Golematis is afraid of retaliation from other police officers and lives in a state of paranoia.

After Cook's testimony, Lee argued that the charges be reduced and that Steele's bond be reduced to \$100,000. He said Steele, who has been in custody for more than 40 days, has no evidence of past abuse and has had sufficient "cooling time" and isn't a danger to anyone.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Scott Ehlfeldt defended all the charges as relevant and balked at the bond suggested by the defense.

In keeping the bond at its current amount, Lowe said he has "no doubt in my mind" that Golematis is afraid of Steele.

"He's a good person who made a really bad choice," Golematis said.

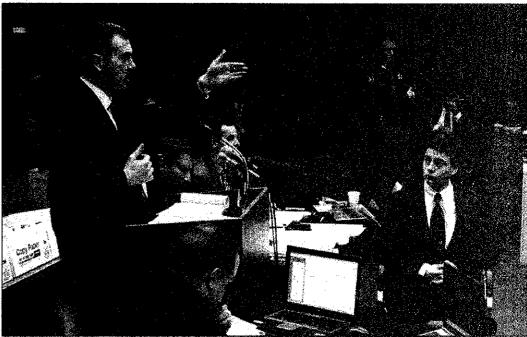
Steele is scheduled to be arraigned in Third Circuit Court on April 25.

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Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Moran questions a witness as defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz looks on during Orlewicz's trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for a sentence of 20-30 years in prison for his testimony.

Jennifer Dohring, a forensic scientist with the Michigan State Police crime lab in Northville, testified Thursday she took at least nine blood samples from stains found in the garage where the murder allegedly took place.

Dohring, who said she'd investigated some 20 murder scenes, said she felt some dirt and debris covering the garage floor may have been put there to disguise the scene.

"There was so much dirt on the floor it looked in my opinion like someone may have swept it in to try and cover up the stainage,' Dohring testified, though she admitted on cross-examination, "I can't say for sure."

Fellow forensic scientist Andrea Halvorson, who works in the MSP DNA unit in Northville, said she tested blood samples found on Orlewicz's Chevy S-10 and in the Canton garage, and compared them to samples taken from Sorensen's head and body. The samples matched, Halvorson testified.

Guy Nutter, a trace evidence examiner in the same MSP lab, said he compared casts made of tire tracks and footprints found at the Northville Township field where Sorensen's body was discovered with imprints he made from shoes found at Orlewicz's Plymouth Township home and the rear tires on Orlewicz's truck. Those, too, Nutter testified, were a match.

More testimony about Orlewicz's state of mind came from teenagers within



Breanna Milowe of Redford, the girlfriend of murder victim Daniel Sorensen, reviews a statement during her testimony.

his own circle of friends. At least three of them heard Orlewicz talking several days before the death of Daniel Sorensen about his desire to get away with murder, according to testimony on the fourth day of the Plymouth Township teen's trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Three friends said from the witness stand Thursday they heard Orlewicz say, "I wish I could kill someone" on Saturday, Nov. 3, just days before police say Orlewicz stabbed and beheaded Sorensen in the Canton garage belonging to Orlewicz's grandfather.

Levi Webb, 18 of Westland said Orlewicz made the statement to him standing in the driveway of another friend's house where several teenagers had gathered to hang out that Saturday.

"I said, 'You know you can get life in prison for that.' and he said, 'I know, I just wish I could get away with it," Webb testified. "I said, 'That's messed up,' and I walked away."

The statement was overheard by at least two other members of the group,

including Sean Gaikowski, at whose Livonia house the gathering was held. Both Gaikowski and 14-year-old Kevin Carrier, a Livonia Churchill freshman, said they also heard the remark.

The teens admitted on cross examination they never heard Orlewicz mention Sorensen's name, and Carrier said he "didn't take him seriously."

Another friend, Adam Duwe, testified Orlewicz had started "pushing (Sorensen) away friendshipwise" a couple of years ago, when Orlewicz found out Sorensen's claims to mob connections weren't true. Duwe testified Sorensen also owed Orlewicz \$400, an unpaid debt Duwe testified angered Orlewicz.

Duwe also said Orlewicz owned a .38-caliber revolver, which he said he "watched JP load and unload a couple of times, and play Russian Roulette a couple of times."

No testimony was heard Friday, and prosecutors are expected to wrap up their case Monday morning.

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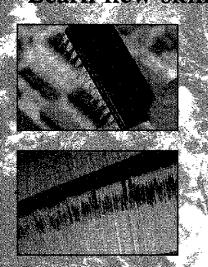
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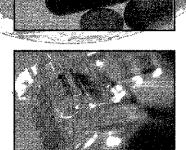
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TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING

DESCRIBED LANDS: Copper Creek Condominium, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

SIDWELL NUMBERS

71-041-07-0001	71-041-07-0019	71-041-07-0037	71-041-07-0055
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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the Copper Creek Condominium Association as described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing held April 22, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 2008, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center South, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the special assessment roll.

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TERRY BENNETT, Township Clerk

Walker wants to help students Schofield: Secondary curriculum and make difference in district

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shawn Walker believes that if given the opportunity, she could help the current school administration and school board do great things.

The Westland resident, who is making her first bid for a seat on the Wayne-Westland School board in the May 6 election, sees herself as offering a new way of looking at things.

"Sometimes, when we're in certain positions or roles, we tend to look at things one certain way or how we've always done it. Sometimes you have to take a step back and look,' she said. "I'm very pleased with current administration and I think they've done great things, but it always helps to have another way of looking, another viewpoint, a fresh face or someone to have a new look at things.

Walker, who has four children, including a son who graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and two who are students at Adams Middle School, fears that with the current economy, kids are being forgotten and that if adults don't take the time to get them the education they need, they won't be able to take

"You have to think of the kids as an investment; they're our future," she said.

Walker is former Ford Motor Co. employee who works part time as an optical technician and attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She took a buyout from the automaker to spend more time with her children and be able to do things like run for school board.

She believes she must be a part of the schools to be a part of her children's lives. Her work with Ford precluded involvement with the PTA, but any time the school needed help,



she "was willing to jump in." If elected, she plans to make it her goal to be at as many school activities and meetings as possible. She

makes her own

schedule at school and, by working part time, she is able to plan around her children "so I can be more supportive for and be with them.

"If I devote myself to something, I'm going to give 100 percent," she said. "To me, it's not just a game or something to do. I'm doing this because this is something I care about. I feel strong about it, so I will put my all into it.'

In talking with school staff and residents in the district, she believes one of the problems facing the district is classroom size. Larger class sizes can prevent teachers from have one-on-one with students and identifying and helping students who are having problems. She also is concerned about the new high school curriculum which "expects all students to be mathematicians or scientists."

"Realistically, not every kid is an A student, not every kid college material. We wish every kid was," she said. "We need to put things in place, like votech, so these students can get skills they can fall back on.'

Walker said making sure those kids aren't left behind will be her main focus, if elected to the school board. Accomplishing that goes back to class sizes. Having large class sizes tends to marginalize poor learners, but teachers with smaller class sizes can get to know the students and their potential.

"A lot of issues facing the district you have to be in the

SHAWNA WALKER

Who: Shawn Walker of Westland. She is a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Family: Married, she had her husband, Dwayne have four children - one is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and two attend Adams Middle School. Employment: She worked at the Ford Motor Co.'s Wayne Assembly Plant for eight years before taking a buyout. She now works as an optical technician. "I went from making cars to doing eye

exams." Community involvement:

She has helped her children's school when needed. She also volunteers with Looking for My Sister, a domestic violence program, and is active in the women's ministry at her church, the Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. She belongs to the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons Order of the Eastern Star Princess of Bathsheba No. 149.

midst of it, but class sizes and not achieving is what I've been hearing about from teachers and residents I've talked to," she said.

Walker added that her goal for getting elected to the school board is to help.

"I just want to make a difference and help someone. I think I can do that," she said. "Even the people that are there (on the school board) now, I'm sure they didn't know everything, but if you're willing to learn and take time and genuinely care about the people you want to help, you can do that. I truly believe that."

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BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When it comes to serving on the Wayne-Westland school board, Cindy Schofield sees her role as one of promoting public education and working with legislators and community organizations in improving it.

But she also has another

job.
"As an individual, I think my job is to be the cheerleader for public schools and promote Wayne-Westland schools and make sure community knows they're the best schools they are, that they are the best schools out there for their students," she

Schofield is seeking a third four-year term on the school board in the May 6 election. The Wayne resident is the current school board vice president, a position she has held for six of her eight years on the board. She also chairs the curriculum subcommittee and serves on the policy and human resources subcommittees.

The mother of three children who have gone through Wayne-Westland Schools, Schofield said she is willing to listen to both sides of an

"I have connections throughout school system with parents and staff so that when given policy to vote on I go back to those groups and ask their opinion," she said. "I admire and respect our administration but I want to check out for myself that it's what we want to do."

According to Schofield, the biggest challenge facing the school district is dealing with the new state-imposed high school curriculum and testing. In particular, it's students who are struggling



means district must be proactive

Schofield

mathematics requirements. "I believe as a district we need to be proactive in finding a solu-

tion so that

to meet the

our dropout rate doesn't soar," she said. "Forty percent of our ninth-graders flunked Algebra I the first semester."

Schofield said the district has added a fundamentals class to be taken in conjunction with an algebra class to reinforce strategies and is looking at seventh-hour class to allow for some credit recovery. The district also is looking at ways to make summer school affordable to students of low-income families so they can make up lost credit.

"I don't oppose them (requirements), I think we need them," she said. "I think it would have been nice to have been able to have few more years to work with middle schoolers to have them ready. This is such a dramatic change for state. I think with these requirements, we've taken the joy of learning away from them.

'We must comply with what state wants us to do, but I don't think will be good for all students in Michigan."

Other issues facing the district are funding and declining enrollment. While the district has a fund equity so it can maintain programs, it needs to examine them to make sure "we're seeing the desired results," Schofield said.

And with funding tied to enrollment, the district needs to continue to market itself.

We need to promote it to families both within and outside our community and we

CINDY SCHOFIELD

Who: Cindy Schofield of Wayne, a lifelong Wayne-Westland resident and graduate of John Glenn High School and Rochester College in Rochester, Mich.

Family: Married, she and her husband, David, have three children. Two are Wayne Memorial High School graduates, while the youngest is a high school senior. **Employment**: She is employed by Norplex Associates, a family-owned rental property management business located in Westland.

Community Involvement: She is a past PTA president, treasurer and secretary at Schweitzer Elementary School, past member of school improvement teams at Schweitzer and Wayne Memorial, co-chair of the 1998 Citizen Bond Committee and member of the Citizen Bond Construction Committee, and co-chair of the Wayne Memorial High School Zebra-Parent Advisory Group. She also has been a member of a variety of booster groups, including instrumental music, swimming and diving, cross country and track and field.

need to examine why families leave us," she said.

As for why she should be re-elected to the school board, Schofield said she believes in the district and has the passion for it.

"I believe in the Wayne-Westland schools and I want to see them continue to do a good job of educating the children," she said. "I have the time to give to the schools and I enjoy what I am doing.'

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Project helps kids dress for prom

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Memorial and John Glenn High Schools are still more than a month off, but the hunt already is on for the essentials.

It's the biggest event of the school social year and making it memorable can be a costly endeavor. But Tonia Szabo has an away of keeping costs down, especially for students on a limited budget — the Prom Closet at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne.

"Kids shouldn't have to worry about the money, they should be able to be kids and go and have fun," said Szabo. "There's a need in the community. A lot of people are out of work and it's hard to afford something like this."

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women, Prom

Closet has gently used prom dress available for girls who want to go to prom but don't dresses of various styles, colors, fun. lengths and sizes. They can be borrowed for free or for the \$10 cost of dry cleaning. Bowers Cleaners in Wayne has been

helping by cleaning the dresses. Szabo heard about the concept of a Prom Closet and brought it to the churchwomen who "have been really excited" about it. They paid to have the donated dresses cleaned and set up a room for girls to come in and make their selections.

The process is confidential. Girls in need of dresses call Szabo to make an appointment. Szabo has been passing out cards and fliers, hoping the information will be given to a girl who needs it.

"I think for girls, the prom is

a milestone, something they'll always remember," Szabo said. "Some girls don't get that apportunity. This offers them dress. It's stocked with some 50 the opportunity to go and have

> While the focus has been on dresses, Szabo does have tuxedo jackets available for boys. The jackets - 78 black, white and off-white in every size - are a donation from the St. Mary Outreach Center. They got them after she and Linda Maylone, vice president of the United Methodist Women, spoke to the Wayne Rotary where a woman from center

> heard their talk. "With these economic times, it's difficult and dresses are expensive," said Maylone, who spoke about the Prom Closet at a recent Wayne-Westland school board meeting. "We've started with the girls and are expanding to boys. People are

asking about suits boys have outgrown."

Szabo is now looking for pants to go with tho and more dresses. People can drop them off at the church or call her at (734) 564-9791 for a pickup.

In addition to clothing, Szabo is also accepting monetary donations or sponsors to cover the cleaning costs.

Girls also can call that number to set up an appointment. With a limited selection, Szabo is suggesting, they call early to get the best selection.

"It'll make my heart happy, if I can help a couple of boys and girls, it'll all be worth it," she said. "I care about kids, that's my passion. I want them to have fun and not worry about

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Construction Director at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or

before 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2008 to the E.J McClendon

Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all

bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.



Tonia Szabo shows off one of the dresses that have been donated to the Prom Closet at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne. The dresses are available for use to students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

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PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2008 commencing at 6:00

> Application 1457, 12715 Rolston DR: The applicant is requesting a variance in fence height from 4 feet to 6 feet. Requested variance is (2) feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department at 734-354-3210.

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Invest for the long term, avoid volatility of the market



Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: The recent economic news has been negative (employment numbers and the Bear Stearns situation) yet the stock market has risen. Why?

A: When it comes to short term gyrations of the market, anything and everything can happen. Sometimes good economic news causes the market to tumble while bad news sends the market climbing. That is why I tell investors not to make decisions based upon what is currently happening in the market. Investment decisions should be based on long-term goals and objectives.

In understanding the market, it is important to recognize that the stock market is always

looking forward while economic numbers are always looking in . the rear view mirror.

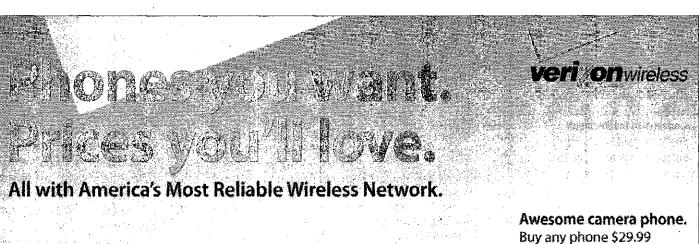
It would be great if by looking at a variety of indicators we could project short-term volatilities in the market. To be able to time the market would be great and very rewarding. Unfortunately, it can't be done.

The stock market is not con-

trolled by one or two factors, but by numerous forces making it impossible to accurately predict how the market will react at certain points in time. The history of the market is that it overreacts over the short run but that it is much smoother sailing over the long run. If you want to be successful as an investor, you can't fall for the fool's game of

trying to predict what will happen to the market over any day, week, month or even a year.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@ hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400 AM.



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Jane Poulton, senior director for China development for International SOS, will present at this free session.

Attendees will leave with the tools to effectively manage globally mobile employees in China, with a deeper understanding of the current health care landscape in the country and will be able to take advantage of a networking opportunity to discuss key medical and safety issues with industry leaders and peers.

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Advocates spread autism awareness

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An estimated 1.5 million Americans are living with autism spectrum disorders, a group of developmental disabilities that start to show up in children as young as 3. Now local families have new resources for dealing with the issues surrounding the disorder, which has no single known cause and no cure.

The Autism Society of America's Oakland County Chapter is donating \$8,000 worth of books to local public libraries around the county on various aspects of autism. According to Rochester Hills resident Lisa Kowalski, the mother of an autistic son, the need was great.

"We've done this project before, but on a much smaller scale," she said. "We targeted a few of the libraries and gave them a smaller budget. This time, it was full out. Because the incidence rate has climbed so dramatically. It's now one in 150 children born today, And Oakland County and the metro Detroit area is one of the hot spots in the country."

GETTING WORD OUT

When Kowalski's son was first diagnosed, the library was where she turned for informa-

"We decided that our Oakland County public libraries were one of the best ways to get information to the general public about autism, so we decided to use them as our vehicle to inform the public," she said. Each participating library received an extensive book list to choose from and a \$300 budget. Topics included advocacy, diet, parenting strategies, public awareness, school- and medicine-related titles and stories for children and young adults.

Mary Wilson, youth services manager for the Rochester Hills Public Library, said the donation will fill a need in the col-

"We hadn't really bought much for older kids to read about autism themselves, like a story with a character with autism," Wilson said. "The kids can kind of relate the story that



Seventeen-year-old Jason Kowalski (left) sorts books April 5 with his brother, Aaron, 14, a Van Hoosen Middle School student with autism. All the books were donated to Oakland County libraries to boost their collections on topics related to autism.

they're reading to something they themselves are experienc-

ing."
In addition, books were purchased for parents and other caregivers.

"What we're finding is more and more parents are looking for material they can either read to a sibling or share with a sibling, or just read more about autism themselves," she said.

Wilson also said it was nice being able to discuss the books with Kowalski. "A lot of these are put out by small publishing houses and they don't get reviewed," she said.

'EVERYONE KNOWS.SOMEONE'

Each library chose the books they wanted, "based on their collection and the needs of their community," Kowalski said. Some of the books that we're offering in this wave are not just for kids with autism. Some of them are special education, hygiene books, for teens and

"It seems nowadays everyone knows someone with autism. It's a neighbor's child or an aunt's ... so the general public needs to know about autism."

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raised through the chapter's annual golf outing, which is held the Monday after Labor Day at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

"Its a wonderful event. This year it looks like we're going to exceed the \$1 million amount for just this outing," Kowalski said. "And those funds have

been put to use in many ways." On April 5, chapter members got together to fill the

book orders and deliver them. Kowalski pointed out that thanks to library inter-loans, all the books ordered will be available countywide to library

"From start to finish, families affected by autism are doing this as volunteers," she said.

For more information, visit www. autismsocietyofamerica.net or www. asaoakland.org.

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Actress Jenny McCarthy will be the speaker for "Living with Autism," Wednesday, April 16, at the Troy Hilton, 5500 Crooks. The day begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by breakout sessions.

You can ask questions of breakout session facilitators, including medical experts from Henry Ford Health System, Oakland University's School of Education and the Kaufman Children's Center. Cost is \$95 for general admission or \$125 for general admission with CEU credits. For tickets, or information, visit www.metroparent.com and click on the events link.



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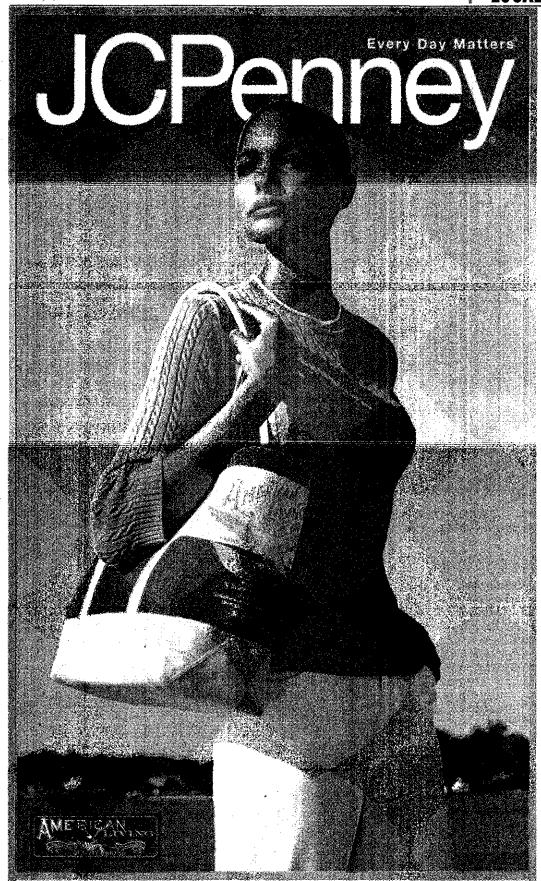
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Rachel O'Neil, of Canton's Team Carrabba's and Tina Lounsbery of Canton's Team Holiday Inn Express, help open competition with a mass ball roll.

monikers including Pinheads, Happy Rollers, and Mixed Nuts.

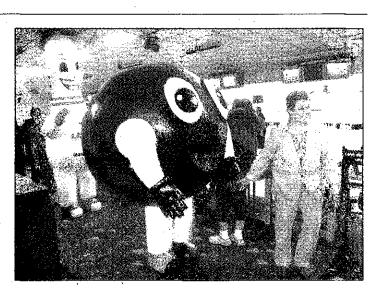
Alisa Dillard, of the Philadelphia-based Mixed Nuts, said this was her third year competing in the event.

"This is very good stuff," she said. "It's exciting just to be able to have fun with the girls." Marian Kirby of Saginaw felt the same.

"This is my first year competing and it has truly been a nice experience," she said.

Just before the mass firstball roll, singer Larry Johnson, who performed a medley of Motown songs, entertained the participants. As some women danced with their arms around each other, others snapped their fingers, posed for pictures or sang along to snippets of "My Girl" and "The Tracks of My Tears."

Linda Stansell, a Canton



Bonnie Garska leads mascots Striker (Mary Beers) and Kingpin (Gary Richards) through the crowd at the opening of the tournament.

resident and a member of a team based out of the Holiday Inn Express in Canton, said she was excited to be apart of the festivities.

"This is wonderful and a great opportunity for Canton," she said.

When asked if she was bowling to win, Stansell made a

slight pause and but her teammate, Tina Lounsbery, chimed in quickly and said, "We're out to win!" while pumping her fist in the air.

The championships will feature more than 7,000 teams and is expected to churn \$40 million into the area.

ON THE AGENDA

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a study session at 7 p.m., April 15 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include Leisure Services Department update and discussion about elected officials compensation.

Plymouth-Canton School Board

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education will hold a workshop session Tuesday night to begin discussions on the 2008-09 budget.

The workshop meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Wayne-Westland School Board

The school board will have a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, April 14 Wayne-Westland Community Schools board room, 36745 Marquette, Westland.

Agenda items include: ■ Purchase of elementary science textbooks for grades K-5, textbooks for elementary social studies for grade 4, high school social studies and supplementary materials for grade 9 civics and grade 9 economics.

■ Superintendent's summary evaluation and approval the contract extension.

Van Buren School Board

The school board will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., April 14 at the Belleville High School Food Service Center, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville. For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

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Every week we read in the newspapers about how the American worker needs to "get on board" with the global economy. If they want to keep their jobs, they will have to accept lower wages, less fringe benefits and higher co-pays on the benefits they do keep.

The time has come for our own government to "get on board" with the global economy. They too may have to accept the same bitter pill that the rest of us have had to swallow. Increasing taxes on those who can least afford it is not a valid solution. No one wants their wages to be cut, but if that is the cost of survival, so be it. Those who don't want to accept this harsh reality will have to step aside and let others, who are willing, step into their shoes.

r Champagne Cantor

A change is needed

Is the spending out of control within the Canton Board of Trustees? Purchasing or upgrading township resources is a proper and necessary function. However, the goal is to perform said function with a minimum of expenditure. In other words, the taxpayer is entrusting the board to get the largest "bang for their buck."

First of all, the board is spending over a million dollars to replace the financial system which was implemented using Foxpro software in 1993. During that time, the board has contracted services to update or modify the system to resolve problems that have arisen, lacking the capability to do so inhouse. Through all of this, the finance department has been embarrassed through audits or other actions. Therefore, the board has decided to replace the system with a new one carrying a price tag of over a million

dollars.
In this day and age, computer systems should cost thousands,

not hundreds of thousands or millions, even for customized software. Microsoft Office software with Word, Excel, and Access, modified with in-house IT personal, should have been sufficient to rectify the problems with the finances. Instead, they are going down the same road they did in 1993. Other options should be examined. This is our money. Perhaps that is why it is easier to spend.

Tuesday, the board voted, over the concerns of some board members, to spend half a million dollars to replace our water meters with meters that report by radio to save \$14,000 per year in meter-reading costs. Before such expenditures, questions of a technical nature need to be asked and answered. Will these high tech meters stand up as well as the older meters? How much power, paid for by each of us, will they consume? With all of these transmitters broadcasting all over Canton be a reliable system? Is it proven? How competitive was the bid, seeing as how it was awarded to a contractor "that's been used since day one?'

Perhaps the problem has to do with the way the board conducts its business. Township meetings are not used to brainstorm problems or discuss issues. The intentions of the board are solidified long before the item on the agenda is discussed. And when are they going to let us know what they have done? When we receive the bill or read about the deficit.

As a result of issues like this, I have decided to run for supervisor. Things will change if I am elected this fall.

David Marsh Canton

Americans need to save

Many readers have misunderstood the meaning behind my column "Holding interest rates firm is right medicine for the economy" (March 13). Let me explain.

High interest rates encourage savings. Low interest rates encourage borrowing and spending. We are in the current economic mess because of too much borrowing and spending. It's time for America to start saving and investing. Our savings rate as a percentage of our after-tax income has been negative for the past several months. The last time that happened was just before the Great Depression.

A strengthening dollar encourages people to increase their savings and investments. A weakening dollar encourages people to spend. We don't need to spend more money in buying trinkets from the rest of the world – that is why we need to keep the dollar strong and interest rates firm.

What we need to do is take our strong dollars and invest it (not spend it) at home and abroad to take advantage of the economic growth around the world. What we are really doing is just the opposite - we are just spending money buying stuff from all over the world which stimulates economic growth in all those other countries without benefiting us here at home. Having more trinkets does not make us richer. Investing in a business that manufactures goods or provides a service does make us richer.

The U.S. economy (as with most capitalistic economies) is very resilient and self-correcting. It'll get rid of its excesses and reach equilibrium on its own. Lower interest rates in face of rising deficits and inflation only prolongs the agony that only a severe recession can cure.

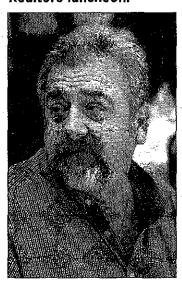
When you have a shopoholic in your household, the most compassionate thing you can do is take away all their credit cards, let them struggle through their debts and emerge debt free and more competitive to face the world. Giving them cheaper credit cards (which is what lowering interest rate does) is no act of compassion.

Raghu Raghunathan Plymouth Township

COMMUNITY VOICES

How has the sub-prime mortgage meltdown affected the way you do business?

We asked this of Realtors at the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' annual Realtors luncheon.



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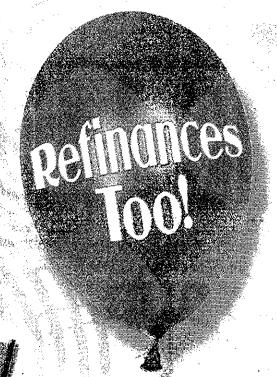


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Special 'K'

Plymouth's Klonowski clouts 2 HR's in rout

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Stacey Klonowski turned the Plymouth High School softball field's batter's box into her own personal launching pad Friday afternoon.

The Wildcats' sophomore shortstop put on a fireworks show, blasting two home runs over the center-field fence and knocking in five runs to lead Plymouth to a 10-1 rout of Livonia Churchill in the season opener for both

"Stacey's definitely making a name for herself," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Overall, the team played to win today and they backed it up with a great performance."

The Wildcats, who outhit Churchill 9-3, scored five in the first, one in the second and four in the third. The Chargers pushed across their lone run in the fourth.

Ally Ciotti earned the win for the Wildcats, limiting the Chargers to five base-runners in five innings. Natalie Hiser suffered the mound setback for Churchill as she struck out five and walked one.

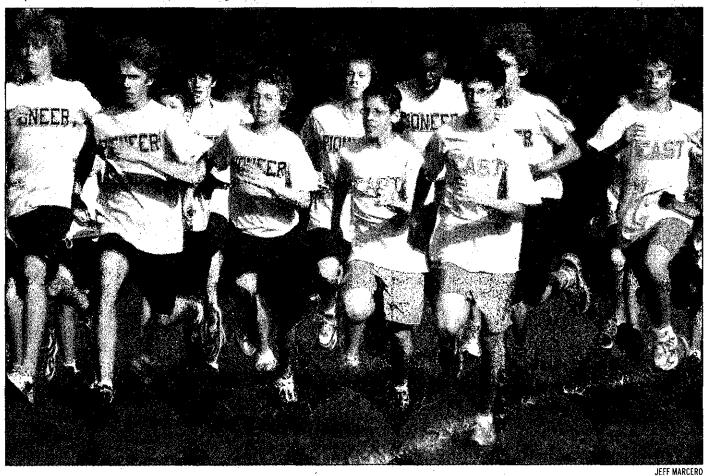
"Ally was very consistent today," said Canfield.

Joining Klonowski on the hit parade were Amy Bondy (2-for-2, RBI), and Jessica Cicirelli, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI double.



Plymouth's Ally Ciotti tossed a three-hitter at Livonia Churchill Friday afternoon.

Spotlight on middle school sports



Runners from Pioneer and East Middle School are pictured competing in a middle school cross country jamboree last fall as part of a three-week clinic that was offered. Cross country may become a middle school sport this fall if a proposed plan is approved by the Plymouth-Canton school board.









If OK'd, proposal would revamp middle school sports menu

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bump-set-spike could be replaced by escapes, reversals and pins in middle school gyms throughout Plymouth and Canton next season if a proposed plan to revamp the communities' middle school ports menu is approved by the Plymouth-Canton School Board later this spring.

If given the thumbs-up by the board, a four-pronged proposal. that was developed by a committee that includes co-middle school athletic directors Roche LaVictor and Clint Smiley would:

■ replace boys volleyball with

wrestling, which is currently offered as a two-week clinic;

add boys and girls cross country as official sports beginning in the fall (cross country was offered for the first time last year as a three-week clinic);

■ increase the pay-to-play fee for each student from \$60 for each of the first two sports to are free for students); and

■ institute gate entry fees of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students at all middle school athletic events.

"Right now, they're all proposals, so the cement hasn't ĥardened yet," said LaVictor,

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Following is the list of sports that would be offered at the five Plymouth-Canton middle schools if a proposed plan is approved by the Plymouth-Canton School Board:

September-October: girls basketball; boys and girls cross country;

■ November-December: girls volleyball; wrestling (would replace

Discovery

boys volleyball); January-February: boys bas-

ketball;

March-April: boys and girls swimming; and

May June: boys and girls track.

Canton LAX team upends two foes

Canton's boys lacrosse team opened its inaugural season with a bang this week with a pair of 14-2 victories.

On Thursday, the Chiefs outplayed Salem by 12 thanks to three-goal nights from Kyle Dunleavy and Matt Rogers. Three Canton players - Joey Underwood, Jake Underwood and Scott Wisniewski - each scored a pair of goals while Ryan DelCol and Mark Barath each tallied one.

On Tuesday, Canton dominated Tecumseh thanks in large part to Jake Underwood's four goals. Other key contributors were Joey Underwood (three goals, three assists), Jason Avedesian (two goals) and Barath, who tallied the team's historic first goal.

Mac Ganzak, Ryan Dunleavy and Dakota Dark-Bird spearheaded the Chiefs' defense and goalie Justin Scott stopped eight Indian shots.

Pitch, Hit & Run

The Canton Sports Center will host the 2008 Aquafina Pitch, Hit & Run competition on Saturday, April 19. The free program for boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held at the **Canton Sports Center** Complex, which is located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave.. Registration will run from 9:30-10 a.m. followed immediately by the competition.

Youngsters will compete in three contests: pitching, hitting and running. For the pitching competition, participants will be tested by throwing strikes to a designated "strike zone" target. The hitting competition will allow kids to hit a ball off a stationary tee while the run will time participants as they run from second base, touch third and run home.

A combined scored will determine the winner in each age group and ultimately who moves on to the sectional round of the

All participants must provide a copy of their birth certificate in order to compete. Entrants will only be allowed to compete in one local qualifier and are not permitted to use metal cleats during the event.

More more information, visit www.csc. canton-mi.org; or call (734) 483-5600.

MU signs cager

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry announced the signing Thursday of Southgate Anderson guard Jon Jaciuk, an All-Mega Conference selection who averaged 11 points, six assists, four rebounds and three steals per game.

"He's a true 'gym rat' in that he loves to be in the gym working to get better.,' Henry said. "He sees the floor very well and will help ease of the loss of some of our guards from this past season."

Jaciuk, a four-year member of the honor roll at Anderson, plans to study nurs-

Pass Master

Hewerton gives playoff-bound Ignition big assists

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

How do you think you'd adjust if you packed up all your belongings and your dreams, left your home, your family, friends and a solid job for a place thousands of miles away where you didn't speak even one word of your new country's language?

Probably not as well — or as quickly - as Detroit Ignition forward Hewerton Moreira did when he moved from Santos, Brazil, to San Diego in September of 2004 to pursue a professional indoor soccer career with the now-defunct Sockers of the Major Indoor Soccer

Three and a half years later, the decision has proven to be a bountiful one for Hewerton, who has blos-

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somed into a rising star in the MISL.

Heading into next week's league playoffs, the energetic, crowd-pleasing forward has registered a careerbest 77 points, which is second on the team only to Jamar Beasley's 82.

"The most difficult things about leaving Santos at first was learning a new language and leaving my family," the personable 5-10, 185-pound Hewerton admitted in perfect English Thursday morning, following an Ignition practice at High Velocity Sports. "When I moved to San Diego, I didn't know any English."

Moving east

After the Sockers folded following the 2004-05 season, Hewerton

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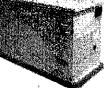
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Hewerton Moreira has enjoyed a break-out season for the Detroit Ignition. The native of Santos, Brazil, has registered 77 points heading into the

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was drafted by the Milwaukee Wave, which gave him an opportunity to experience the white, fluffy form of precipitation that falls often in the Midwest but never in Brazil.

"My first day in Milwaukee, there was this much snow on the ground," he said, smiling, while lowering the palm of his right hand to knee level. "It was crazy. San Diego was nice because it was a lot like the city I was from: 70 to 80 degrees, sunny. I could run on the beach. When I saw all the snow, I thought, 'You've got to be kidding me.'

Welcome to Detroit

Hewerton's third team shift in four years occurred in the summer of 2006 when he was selected by the Ignition in the MISL expansion draft. He played an instrumental role in the team's ascension to the MISL championship game in 2007 and - thanks to a stellar off-season work ethic - has polished his game to the lofty level it's at now.

"Hewerton is having a very good year," said Ignition coach Bob Lilley. "He's a very good passer and gets a lot of assists. On the nights he plays well, he's a dynamic player.

"He's made himself the player he is today through hard work. He gives a lot back to the community and the crowds seem to enjoy his abil-

Futsal, anyone?

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Hewerton's sport of choice as a youth was futsal, a game similar to soccer that is played with a smaller, more dense ball and on a surface similar in size to a basketball court.

"It's great for learning skills and learning how to think fast," said Hewerton. "In Brazil, you play futsal indoors from the age of 6 to 12 and then you move outdoors and play soccer."

In the summer of 2004, Hewerton was thriving. Along with being employed as a personal trainer and a spinning instructor, he played professional futsal in Brazil.

That's when Brian Quinn, a member of the San Diego Sockers' organization, saw

Hewerton's eye-popping skills during a tryout game and offered the slick-dribbling 24year-old a contract.

"It was a difficult choice for me because I had a good life in Santos," said Hewerton.

But he made the plunge and hasn't regretted it for a

"When we play our games, my family all gathers around the computer and listens on the internet," he said. "I send them DVD's of our games, too, so they get to see me play that

"I'm getting married here in July (he met his future wife, Kristen, in Milwaukee), so they're all coming up for that. I'm going to try to talk them into staying longer so they can see me play in person."

What advice would Hewerton give aspiring young soccer players who hope some day to reach the heights he's scaled?

"The secret it to never give up," he emphasized. "If you have a dream, stay focused and work as hard as you can to reach it.

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the principal at Discovery Middle School. "There have been discussions about replacing boys volleyball with wrestling for a number of years because it's more in line with what the high schools offer.

"Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph has worked with us on getting the sport into the middle schools because it would benefit all three high schools."

The benefits of adding cross country would be plentiful, according to Smiley.

"The cross country clinic that was available last fall was wildly successful," said Smiley, the principal at West Middle School.

"It's a very inexpensive sport to run because each team would only need one coach and there's no equipment to purchase. Obviously, it's a very healthy sport for the students and -probably the biggest plus of all — is that it would

be available to sixth graders. Currently, sixth-graders are not allowed to participate in sports, so this would give them something to get involved in their first year at our school."

LaVictor said both wrestling and cross country would be no-cut sports, unlike basketball, volleyball and girls softball.

"At some schools, you get 100 kids trying out for the basketball team and only 20 or so make it," he said. "That wouldn't be the case with wrestling and cross country.'

Smiley said the proposed pay-to-play increase and the potential addition of a gate charge are simply necessary evils in an era of decreasing budgets.

Both athletic directors stressed that football won't be returning to the middle school sports calendar anytime soon if ever.

"A couple of years ago, Canton football coach Tim Baechler and Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock met with us about

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what it would take to get football going again in the middle schools," said Smiley. "They had gotten commitments from people for about \$40,000 to help fund it.

"But when we sat down and worked out the numbers, we discovered it would cost well over \$100,000 to fund it, so that was the end of that.'

"It's just not realistic at this time," said LaVictor, when asked about the possibility of adding football. "We have no equipment, no fields - it would be like starting from scratch."

Smiley emphasized the importance of middle-school sports in students' lives.

"There aren't a lot of kids who get out of bed in the morning and get genuinely excited about taking a math test," he said. "But kids get very excited when it comes to participating in the extra-curricular events. Sports create school spirit and camaraderie that are priceless.

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All-weather Chief runners outrace Wayne

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like a certain brand of tires, members of the Canton boys track & field team proved they can hold the road in any kind of conditions Thursday afternoon against visiting Wayne Memorial.

The Chiefs defied Mother Nature's wet, cold and windy offerings to rack up a convincing 92-45 victory and improve their record to 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Zebras slipped to 0-2 and 0-1.

"Our overall team balance was the key today," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "We have a large squad, which gives a lot of good athletes to pick from. Wayne has three very good runners in (D.J.) Freeman, (Renaldo) Powell and (Jacob) Schofield), but they don't have the depth we have."

Freeman and Canton senior Eric Piwowar squared off in couple memorable duals in the 100- and 200-meter races. Freeman won both encounters, but by just two-tenths of a second in the 100 and one-tenth of a second in the 200.

Canton's individual firstplace efforts came from shot putter Rob Moores (39 feet, 11 inches), high jumper Ben Spreitzer (5-7), pole vaulter Chris McGinnis (11-0), miler Zack Spreitzer (4:44.6), 400meter runner Chris Jahoda (54.7), 300 hurdler Sherif Hassanien (40.4) and 800meter runner Josh Hurst (2:08.5).

CANTON 92 **WAYNE MEMORIAL 45** Discus: 1. Austin Hassen (WM), 129 feet, 4 inches; 2. Jason Foster (C), 119-8; 3. Ryan

Crayne (WM), 102-5.

Shot put: 1. Rob Moores (C), 39-11;
2. Austin Hassen (WM), 39-9; 3. Jordan Weatherwax (WM), 35-10.5.

High jump: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-7; 2. Keith Zech (C), 5-6; 3. Joey Krizanek (C), 5-3. Long jump: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 20-10; 2. Adam Payne (C), 18-7; 3. Adam Somers

Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 11-0; 2. Eddie Koelzer (C), 10-0; 3. Gage Hermann

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Scott Zech, Derek Hoerman, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst), 8:55.6; 2. Wayne, 9:17.2. 110 high hurdles: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 15.4; 2. Sherif Hassanien (C), 16.8; 3. Tim

Icher (C), 16.9. 1**00 dash:** 1. D.J. Freeman (WM), 11.2; 2 Rice Piewar (C), 11.4; 3. Ocie Lewis (C), 11.9.

800 relay: I. Canton (Ryan Randall,
Sherif Hassanien, Tim Belcher, Adam
Somers), 1:37.0; 2. Wayne, 1:42.2.

1,600 run: I. Duncan Spitz (C), 4:44.6; 2.

Jacob Schofield (WM), 4:47.9; 3. Kyle Clinton

400 relay: 1. Wayne (Renaldo Powell, Corey Campbell, Evido Edwards, D.J. Corey Campben, Evido Edwards, D.J. Freeman), 44.9; 2. Canton (Ryan Randall, Ocie Lewis, Adam Somers, Eric Piwowar), 45.3. **400 dash:** 1. Chris Jahoda (C), 54.7; 2. Jordan Wisniewski (C), 55.4; 3. Kyle Breitmyer

300 hurdles: 1. Sherif Hassanien (C), 40.4; 2. Tim Belcher (C), 41.2; 3. Renaldo Powell (WM), 41.3.

800 run: 1. Josh Hurst (C), 2:08.5; 2. Derek Hoerman (C), 2:11.3; 3. Tevin Hines 200 dash: 1. D.J. Freeman (WM), 23.0; 2. Eric Piwowar (C), 23.1; 3. Ryan Randall (C),

3.200 run: 1. Jacob Schfield (WM). 10:32.6; 2. Zack Spreitzer (C), 10:34.9; 3. Josh Osinski (C), 10:53.9. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Jordan

Wisniewski, Chris Jahoda, Kyle Breitmyer, Ryan Randall), 3:49.6; 2. Wayne, 4:07.3. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton I-1 overall, 1-0 in WLAA Western Division; Wayne 0-2 overall; 0-1 in Western Division. **WALLED LAKE WESTERN 94**

PLYMOUTH 43

THURSDAY AT W.L. WESTERN **Discus:** 1. Barts (WLW), 132 feet, 8 inches; 2. Calo (WLW), 132-2; 3. Gomell (P), 114-5. Shot put: 1. Sam Richards (P), 42-5; 2 Gomoll (P), 42-3.5; 3. Vushaj (WLW), 42-2. High jump: 1. J. Byars (WLW), 5-4; 2. Dahllwa (P), 5-2; 3. J. Pope (WLW), 5-0. Long jump: 1. Byars (WLW), 20-3; 2. Mack (WLW), 19-10; 3. McKinney (P), 19-9. Pole vault: 1. Ambrose (P), 12-0; 2. Solm (WLW), 9-6; 3. Chisolm (WLW), 8-0. **3,200-meter relay:** 1. Western, 8:33; 2.

Plymouth, 8:34. 110 high hurdles: 1. Stoloff (WLW), 18.44; 2. Ross (WLW), 18.62; 3. Vushaj (WLW), 18.93.

100 dash: 1. Rich (P), 11.06; 2. Doe (WLW),

11.35; 3. Mark (WLW), 11.47. **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth, 1:36.4; 2. Western, 1:37.2. **1,600 run:** 1. C. Schnaible (WLW), 4:44.6; -2. J. Rhodes (WLW), 4:46.5; 3. K. Yajima (WLW),

4.05, 400 relay: 1. Western, 46.0; 2. Plymouth. 400 dash: 1. J. Schnaible (WLW), 53.6; 2. Hanchett (P), 55.62; 3. Hyman (WLW), 55.08. 300 hardless 1. Mack (WLW), 43.1; 2. Welch (WLW), 46.1; 3. Ross (WLW), 46.6. 800 run: 1. Wallath (P), 2:10; 2. Meade

(WLW), 2:15; 3. Lutren (WLW), 2:16. 200 dash: 1. Doe (WLW), 24.37; 2 Hanchett (P), 25,29; 3. Greene (P), 25,81. **3,200 rus**; 1. Yajima (WLW), 10:26; 2. Huey (P), 10:33; 3. C. Schnaible (WLW), 10:36. 1,600 relay: 1. Western, 3:50.45; 2.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Western 1-1 overall, 1-0 in WLAA Western Division; Plymouth, 1-1 overall, 0-1 in Western Division

SALEM 79 **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 58**

APRIL 10 AT JOHN GLENN Shot put: 1. Ed Merhi (S), 46 feet, 8 inches; 2. Dana Baltazar (S), 43-8; 3. Zach Bozigian

Miscus: 1. Bozigian (WJG), 132-6; 2. James Kelly (WJG), 131-3; 3. Aran Cibia (WJG), 126-3. **High jump**: 1. Jace Beardon (S), 5-10; 2. Courtney Frazier (5), 5-8; 3. Zack Gaskell (S), 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Keshawn Martin (WJG), 20-11; 2. Beardon (S), 20-6.5; 3. Daris Smith (WJG), Pole vault: 1. Ryan Lockhart (WJG), 10-6;

2. John Krutty (S), 10-0; 3. Gary Lawrence (WJG), 9-0. 110-meter hurdles: 1. Mike Giles (S), 16.32; 2. Scott O'Connor (S), 16.79; 3. Sergio Pavan

300 hurdles: 1. O'Connor (S), 42.63; 2. Giles (S), 43.9; 3. Pavan (WJG), 44.54. **100 dash**: 1. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 10.95; 2. Martin (WJG), 11.24; 3. JaJuan Marks (WJG),

200: 1. Dawkins (WJG), 23.02; 2. Marks (WJG), 23.56; 3. Patrick Patin (S), 23.79. 400: 1. Stephan Telenko (S), 54.83; 2. Nelson 400. 1. Stephali telefiku (3, 54.63, 2. Nelson) Kenne (WJG), 55.14; 3. Lockhart (WJG), 55.36. 800: 1. Craig Cowing (S), 2:09.89; 2. Kevin deBear (S), 2:12.18; 3. Gaskell (S), 2:15.13. 1,600: 1. Alex Lang (S), 4:50.5; 2. Matthew Devey (S), 4:53.62; 3. Jason Smith (S), 4:54.26. 3,200: 1. Jimmy Daniels (S), 11:04.06; 2. Mike Charara (S), 11:07.09; 3. Neal Gerlach (S), 11:11.73. 400 refay: 1. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Corey Davis, Dawkins), 45.04; 2. Salem, 46.86; **800** relay: 1. John Glenn (Marks, Martin, Davis, Dawkins), 1:36.5; 2. Salem, 1:44.88; **1,600** relay: . Salem (Dominique Williams, Davon Mullens, Gaskell, Telenko), 3:46.05; 2. John Glenn, 3:54.21; 3,200 relay: 1. Safem (Zach Basanese,

deBear, Daniels, Cowing), 9:03.08; 2. John Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0 overall; 1-0 WLAA-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 1-1 overall, 0-1 WLAA-Lakes Division.

TRACK RESULTS

SALEM 69.5 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 63.5 April 13 at John Glenn Shot put: 1. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 28 feet, 8

inches; 2. Fellows (S), 26-4; 3. Benton (S), 26-3. **Discus**: 1. Anderson (WJG), 91-6; 2. White (S), 83-2; 3. Marshae Brazier (WJG), 81-4. High jump: 1. Kelly Determan (S), 4-8; 2. (tie) Brittany Brown (WJG) and Ashley Montgomery (WJG), 4-6 each.

(WJG), 4' 6 Bach. Lang jump: 1. Montgomery (WJG), 14-10.5; 2. Chanel Payne (WJG), 14-9; 3. Regular (S), 13-2.5. Pole vault: 1. Jamie Mellas (WJG), 6-0. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Vala (S), 18.72; 2. La'Cha Walton (WJG), 20.69; 3. (tie) Marsden (S) and Keena Walker (WJG), 21.8 each. 300 hurdles: 1. Vala (S), 53.25; 2. White (S), 1:01.2; 3. Walton (WJG), 1:01.44. 100 dash: 1. Ashley Parker (WJG), 12.74; 2. Wright (S), 13.09; 3. Payne (WJG), 13.25.

200: 1. Parker (WJG). 27.23: 2. White (S). 27.82: 3. Vala (S), 29.46. 400: 1, Wright (S), 1:05.88; 2. Brown (WJG). 1:09.44; 3. Heaney (S), 1:10.72 800; 1, Determan (S), 2:46.44; 2. Rocheleau (S), 2:50,41; 3. Brown (WJG), 2:51.8. 1,**600**: t. Determan (S), 6:00,46; 2. Stacey

Richardson (WJG), 6:06.92; 3. Rocheleau (S), 3.200: 1. Determan (S), 13:07.88: 2. Richardson (WJG), 13:08.9; 3. Olson (S), 13:56.69. 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Payne, Montgomers akeysha Smith, Parker), 54.43; 2. Salem, 59.62; 800 relay: 1. John Glenn (Payne, Montgomery, Smith, Parker), 1:53.92; 2. Salem, 2:08.57; 1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 3:55.85; 2. John Glenn, disqualified; **3,200 relay:** 1. Salem, 11:15.15; 2. John Glenn, 11:52.65.

Dual meet record: John Glenn, 1-1 overall, 0-1 **WALLED LAKE WESTERN 93**

PLYMOUTH 44 Thursday at Western Shot put: 1. Johnson (WLW), 34 feet, 9 inches; 2. Buchanan (P), 29-10; 3. Laney (WLW), 27-9. **Discus:** 1. Buchanan (P), 81-7; 2. Johnson (WLW), 76-7; 3. McLeay (P), 72-0. High jump: 1. Meftah (WLW), 4-4; 2. Tobel (WLW),

4-4; 3. Gutowski (P), 4-4. Long jump: 1. Meftah (WLW), 15-7.25; 2. Morton (P), 14-9.5; 3. Moses (WLW), 14-0. Pole vault: 1. Tobel (WLW), 9-6; 2. Nagle (WLW), 8-0; 3. Knisely (P), 7-0. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:51; 2.

100 hurdles: 1. Tobel (WLW), 18.51; 2. McManus (P), 19.37; 3. Hamed (P), 21.05. 100 dash: 1. Zietlin (WLW), 13.35; 2. Loney (WLW), 14.05, 3. Walter (17, 14.25. 800 relay: 1. Western, 1:54.9; 2. Plymouth, 2:09. 1,600 run: 1. Wessel (WLW), 5:48.6; 2. Doherty (WLW), 5:51.2; 3. Trivas (WLW), 6:02.3. 400 relay: 1. Western, 54.6; 2. Plymouth. 400 dash: 1. Young (WLW), 1:09.2; 2. Nour (P), 1:10.3; 3. Davis (WLW), 1:11.6. 300 hurdles: 1. McManus (P), 55.5; 2. Tobel

(WLW), 55.7; 3. Zuzo (P), 1:00.1, 800 run: 1. Wessel (WLW); 2. Rudy (WLW); 3. Balgooyen (P). 200 dash: 1, Parker (P), 29.55; 2, Alfen (WLW). 29.68; 3. MacDoo (WLW), 31.29. 3,200 run: 1. Slavens (P), 12:25; 2. Doherty

(WEW), 12:37; 3. Trivax (WLW), 12:45. 1,600 relay: 1. Western, 4:51.51; 2. Plymouth, DUAL-MEET RECORDS; Plymouth, 1-1.

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Lady Warriors still unbeaten

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team improved its record to 3-0 Wednesday night with a 11-4 triumph over Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

The Knights surged to a 3-1 lead before the Lady Warriors rebounded to seize a 7-4 halftime advantage. The winners left no doubt as to the outcome when they tallied a pair of quick third-quarter goals.

Kate Spangler led PCS with four goals while Morgan Franke added three. Laura Hahn, Stephanie Pettevello and Chelsea Olson netted one

each. "When our defensive end led by Amy Coleman, Nicol Sheldon, Lauren Koehler, Kaitlyn Moore, Stephanie Matusiak and goalie Nicol

GIRLS LACROSSE

Rottell decided to toughen up and appreciate Bloomfield's speed was when the game changed and we took control," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "At one point, I thought about pulling Nicoll, but she denied shot after shot and was swarmed by her tam at the end of the game."

On Tuesday, the Lady Warriors ousted Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 10-5, as Spangler scored three times while Franke and Coleman contributed a pair of net-finders. Pettevello, Hahn and Edra Burris each found the net once.

Rottell and Lauren Miller both had solid games in net for the winners, who were led defensively by Koehler, Emily Cox, Nicol Sheridan and Moore.

"Richard hung in there all the way and the game was much closer than the score shows," said Medley. "I tip my hat to their goalie; she stopped shot after shot."

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It was a "wind-win" situation for the Canton

Playing in a gusting breeze, the Chiefs over-

came a 3-1 deficit in singles matches to pull out

"It was an excellent start for us," said Canton

coach Barb Lehmann. "I thought the girls from

The contest was the first girls tennis match

at the Park in 19 months. The sport was shifted

from the fall to the spring as a result of the gen-

CANTON 5

FRIDAY AT PLYMOUTH

both teams did a great job of dealing with the

It was the opening match for both teams.

girls tennis team Friday afternoon against

cross-campus rival Plymouth.

a 5-3 triumph over the Wildcats.

der-equity sports season lawsuit.



Canton baseball team rips Kalamazoo Central, 18-0

Kalamazoo Central's baseball team could have used its most famous alum — New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter - Thursday afternoon against

Even Jeter's presence prob-

The winners sent 19 batters to the plate in the opening frame, which may have lasted longer than the Maroon Giants' long bus

The victory improved Canton's

The way Chief pitching ace Ben Vaughn (1-0) was throwing, one run would have sufficed. Vaughn tossed a three-inning no-hitter, striking out five while allowing just one batter to reach on an

The flame-throwing rightinnings of work this season.

Several Chiefs excelled at the plate against a pair of overmatched KC pitchers.

The biggest blow was a third inning grand slam off the bat of sophomore Alex Dixon, who defied a gusting incoming wind

Other plate stars for the win-

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and Mike Madias, who registered three walks, an RBI and a run

Twenty-nine of the 35 Chiefs who batted reached base either by a hit, walk or hit batsman.

SALEM 10, WAYNE MEMORIAL 4: On Friday at Salem, the Rocks broke open a close game with five runs in the sixth inning to win their season opener.

The Rocks appeared on the verge of blowing this one wide open when they plated five runs in the first. However, the Zebras rallied with four unearned runs — one in the third and three in the fifth — to reduce their deficit

Salem outhit Wayne, 9-2, however, the winners committed four

Junior right-hander Joe Posler earned the win, yielding just two hits and one walk while striking out six in 4.2 innings. All four runs Posler gave up were

"It was like three different games," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "We started and ended well, but the errors killed us in the middle.

"The nice thing is if we would have made those errors last year, we probably would have lost. But the guys hung in there today."

Ryan Collop suffered the loss for the Zebras, tossing five innings of six-hit ball. Brent Patterson pitched the sixth for

The hitting stars for Salem were Sam Ott (2-for-3, two RBI), Dana Lorber (2-for-4), Dave Loos (2-for-4), Chris Kordick (1-for-4, three RBI) and Posler (2-for-4).

PLYMOUTH 10, CHURCHILL 6: On Friday at Churchill, the Wildcats overcame a 5-2 deficit with eight runs in the fourth inning before holding on to defeat the Chargers.

Plymouth improved to 3-0. Senior Kyle Sanders was the pitching star for the winners. The righty relieved starter Matt Priebe in the third and earned the win by limiting the Wildcats to one run and six hits over the final five innings.

"Kyle came in and picked our team up when we needed a lift on the mound," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "He worked his way out of a couple of jams and came up big in the seventh when they brought the tying run to the plate with two outs.

"Offensively, we manufactured some runs in the fourth and got them out of sync a little, which led to a big inning for us. I was impressed with the way Brad Lineberry hung in there against their lefty pitcher. He had a very nice day at the plate."

The big hitters for Plymouth were Lineberry (3-for-4, three RBI), Priebe (2-for-3, two RBI) and David Harvey (2-for-4, two runs).

Tyler Bledsoe paced the Charger hitters with three hits and two RBI.

CANTON 11, W.L. NORTHERN 3: On Friday at Northern, senior right-hander William Tidwell limited the Knights to two hits over four innings to earn the victory. Tidwell walked two and struck out two. Jeff Grimes took the loss for the Knights.

The Chiefs scored six firstinning runs to give Tidwell plenty of early support. Leading the hitting charge were Ben Vaughn (three hits, two runs, two RBI), Matt Barylski (two hits) and Kevin Delapaz (two hits).

Canton (3-1) outhit Northern,

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ably wouldn't have stopped the Chiefs, who scored 13 first-inning runs before finishing off a threeinning, mercy rule-shortened 18-O victory in their home opener.

ride from Kalamazoo.

record to 2-1.

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Plymouth No. 2 singles player Kylie Mackenzie defeated

(C) def. Radika Patel-Jessica Bracey, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 3:** Emily Misko-Jessica Reed (C) def. Mahela Ashraf-Kreeya Avimukta, 6-2, 6-4; **No. 4:** Megan Leung-Kathleen Marcinkowski def. Claire Marchesano-Gina Matar, 6-2, 6-0.

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SALEM O

FRIDAY AT NORTHVILLE

No. 1 singles: Haley Johnston (N) defeated Tracy Lytie, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Joanne Weber (N) def. Allie Carpenter, 6-2, 6-2; No. 3: Ursula Cauffiel (N) def. Liz McKinley, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Jessica Yu (N) def. Linda

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No. 1 doubles: Laura Taylor-Kristin Randali (N) def. Rachei

Canton's Janelle Burdiss 6-2, 6-1 in Friday's season-

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton 1-0; Plymouth 0-1.

opening match.

Canton No. 1 singles player Ashley Madau defeated Plymouth's Lauren Strahm, 6-3, 6-1, in Friday afternoon's season-

hander has not yielded a hit in six

and easily cleared the 355 sign in left-center field.

ners included senior Mike Flis, who went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI; Ryan Neu, who ripped three hits, scored twice and knocked in a run; William Tidwell, who walked twice, scored three runs and laced an RBI single; Nick Tomilenko, who had three hits, three runs and an RBI; Dan Stoney, who had a pair of hits;

Salem freshman hurler states her 'K'ase

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Freshman jitters? Not for Salem pitcher Briana Lee, who led the Rocks to a pair of opening-week wins over Dearborn (13-5 on Thursday) and Wayne (11-

0 on Friday). Lee struck out 12 and walked five in a complete-game performance against the Pioneers. She K'ed 10 Zebras through four innings before fellow freshman Heidi Schmidt closed the mercy rule-shortened game out with a

scoreless fifth. Offensively, the Rocks have been balanced from 1-9 in the batting order, according to coach Bonnie Southerland.

"What's nice is that every single one of my starters has a hit so far," said Southerland. "We are hitting well, but we know this league has some excellent pitchers yet to

PREP SOFTBALL

The Rocks laced 10 hits against Dearborn. The biggest rip was Mary Johnson's bases-loaded triple in the third that scored Lee, Christina Parsons and Kelli Janiczek. Emily Pitcole enjoyed a memorable opener, going 4-for-5. Lizzy Mcloud contributed a tworun single. The big hitters in the victory over Wayne were Mary Cox (2-for-3, three RBI) and Schmidt, who drilled a two-run single.

The Zebras managed just one

CANTON 2, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On Friday at Canton, Chief senior

pitcher Hilary Payne spun a complete-game two-hitter against the Knights. The game was the season opener for Canton. Northern slipped to 4-1.

Payne struck out 13 batters three in the top of the seventh when she worked out of a no-outs, runners-on-second-and-third jam.

"Hilary pitched great and I thought we played very well defensively," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, "They tried a lot of bunting and slapping, but our defense was

"We hit the ball, just not with authority. We left too many runners on base."

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Living with Autism

Workshop features actress Jenny McCarthy, begins with 7:45 a.m. continental breakfast Wednesday, April 16, at Hilton Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy. Breakout sessions include topics ranging from how to diagnose autism to the role of genetics and neurology in autism and autistic-like behaviors. Cost is \$95, \$125 with CEU credits. For information, visit www.metroparent.com and click on events link.

National Healthcare Decisions Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, St. Mary Mercy Hospital is welcoming the public throughout the day in the hospital's South Lobby at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia, with free information about advance care planning and advance directive forms, information about medical bracelets, organ and bone marrow donation, and more. For information, visit www. nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

Eat Your Way Thin 6 p.m. Wednesday April 16, at Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No. charge. Limited to 30 guests. Reservations required, call (734) 756-6904.

Genetically modified foods Allergies, digestive problems, headaches, personality changes, and other unexplained health problems may be caused from genetically modified foods 3 p.m. Friday, April 18 with Dr. William Karl, D.C. at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth, between Merriman and Farmington. To reserve a seaf, call (734) 425-8588.

Health screenings

Free and low cost preventive tests during Project Healthy Living 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills, Includes hearing, vision, height and weight, blood pressure, bone density, and tests that are more specialized such as stroke screening, blood panels, CA-125 for women, and PSA for men. Botsford health professionals offer counseling and referrals. Age 18 years or older. Transportation available to Farmington/Farmington Hills residents. 55 or older or handicapped, call (248) 473-1864 at least 24 hours ahead. No pre-registration except for Heart Health Screenings, Echocardiogram, Abdominal Aorta Screen, or Electrocardiogram. To register, call (800) 541-8110. The 22 panel Blood Test requires a 4-hour fast. For information, call (248) 473-1822.

Social for Teens/Young Adults

Asperger Syndrome are invited to come and enjoy a fun filled night of video games, socializing, floor hockey, basketball and more 7-11 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at St. Anastasia Activity Center in Troy. Contact the Autism Society of America Oakland County Chapter for more information at (248) 393-3131 or send e-mail to chapterinfo@asaoakland.org.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 21, in the Conference Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Walk-ins welcome, but appointments encourage to prevent lengthy waits. Visit www.givelife.org with the sponsor code DMC and choose the HVSH drive.

Detox: Is it Right for You?

6:30 p.m. Tuesday April 22. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C. No charge. Reservation required. Call (734) 756-6904. Divorce support group

Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443. **CPR class**

For family and friends, presented by Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23. Cost is \$10 and includes a class manual, two wallet cards and a barrier device. Reserve a seat at

(248) 473-3100. Women remembering women

Deadline for reservations for second annual Evening Tea is Friday, April 25. Event is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Italian American Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Call òr leave a message for Diana at (248) 915-8221, Sherri at (248) 798-0635, or send e-mail to 4627officestaff7@hcrmanorcare.com. Provided by Heartland Hospice.

Cuisine for a Cause

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, one of 10 metro Detroit charities, A wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Ford Conference and Event Center, Dearborn with live auction, more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100. To purchase tickets or for more information. call (313) 876-9237.

Diabetes fund-raiser

Women in business holding a vendor/craft event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, Canton. Admission \$1, proceeds from admission, bake sale, raffles benefit American Diabetes Association, For details, send email to entertainingu@gmail.com.

Healthy planet, healthy people



Last year's Earth Day Expo offered locally grown organic produce.

Earth Day Expo offers alternatives

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

The flower children of the late 1960s envisioned an energy-conserving planet It's taken 40 years but the Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center and Oakland University are reviving their idealism by inviting environmental and healthconscious exhibitors to share the latest information on the connection between planet and people at the Earth Day Expo Saturday, April 19, on the campus in

The day kicks off at 10 a.m. with Hike for Discovery, a fund-raiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and ends at the expo, which is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For details, visit www.hikefordiscovery.org or call (248) 582-2900.

Expo visitors can learn about the green movement and healthy living at outdoor and indoor exhibits including hybrid vehicles, a mini farm market with organic and locally produced food, presentations on green building, renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, meditation, and yoga. A representative of La Vida Local (lavidalocalonline.com) talks about making local eating a reality. La Vida Local offers a variety of Michigan products. Locally produced foods conserve fuel while organically grown lettuce helps keep the environment safe by eliminating pesticides and fertilizers which drain into

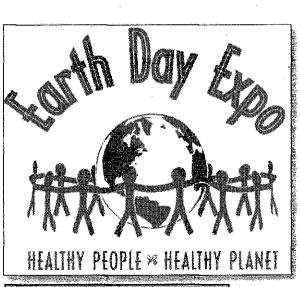
"We're trying to make the connection between having a healthy planet and the effects on people's health," said John Batdorf, executive director of Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center in Oxford and a Rochester resident. "We're a fish in water and the water's our environment. Anyone who doesn't get the connection between the earth and our health ask them to hold their breath for a few

Paul Krause is going to share his information on health and nutrition. The Troy resident is a pharmacist and owner of the Medicine Cabinet in Southfield. He also serves on the board of directors of VegMichigan, the nonprofit that promotes the benefits of not eating meat for the sake of health, the environment and animals. Every day Krause fills pr tions to treat the high blood pressure and cholesterol of patients who should be making lifestyle changes instead to improve their health. Krause became a vegetarian after he was diagnosed with a cardiovascular blockage. Fourteen years ago he decided against angioplasty in favor of vegetarianism and exercise. From 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 13, he'll represent VegMichigan (vegmichigan.org) at the Great American Meat Out in Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest.

Krause speaks on Diet and the Environment at the Earth Day Expo at 1 p.m. sharing a wealth of statistics about farm animals who excrete 130 times more than the entire human population polluting the soil and water. He says, 50 percent of all water goes to raise animals for food, 1/3 of all energy.

"Not eating meat is the single most important (thing people can do for the planet and ourselves)," said Krause. "Forty percent of cancer is caused by what we eat. Eighty percent of cancer can be obliterated by what we eat and do, not smoking, exercising. People are getting breast and prostate cancer because animals are being injected with hormones. Cardiovascular disease results from eating animal products packed with saturated fat and choles-

Robert Jarski agrees with Krause that avoiding meat and dairy products is a good way to prevent and reverse heart disease. He speaks on the topic at 2 p.m. The Oakland University professor spent two of his sabbaticals working with Dr. Dean



EARTH DAY EXPO

When: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19 Where: Dakland Center at Dakland University, 2200 Squarrel Road, Rochester Cost: Free. Visit www.earthdayexpo.org for details and directions, or call (248) 693-1021.

Ornish at University of California, San Francisco, on a trial that found nutrition, exercise, stress management, and group support could reverse blockages in arteries. Jarski eats fish but no meat, jogs every other day, meditates every day. He regularly enjoys walks near his home on the Paint Creek Trail in Rochester Hills.

"This is probably where heart disease treatment is going," said Jarski, director of the complimentary and wellness program at Oakland University. "Heart disease is caused by a lot of environmental factors such as the way we live our life. We expect to be able to drive to the doorstep of our workplace instead of walking 6 miles like they do in France.

"We need to live in a clean environment that facilitates good health instead of causing heart disease and cancer. As I see them they're inseparable."

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Activists promote clean environment to reduce health risks

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OSE STAFF WRITER

Italia Millan lives her life by the adage Think Globally, Act Locally. She and other members of the Sierra Club Rochester Ecos Group will be passing out materials on their clean water and air campaigns at the Earth Day Expo on April 19 at Oakland University.

'We want to promote renewable, cleaner fuels, no more coal factories. They greatly pollute the air and that affects our health," said Millan, chairwoman of the Rochester area Sierra Club. "We want people to be their own environment protection group to become activists in their community. Humans have a great impact on the environment, the fuels we use, the chemicals we use in our

household or for personal care, the cars we drive, the way we dispose of things, the materials we decide to buy, even the groceries we buy have an impact on our environment's health and ultimately our health and other species too."

Millan and her husband Donald Hughes are vegans and walk regularly with their two dogs.

"We try to recycle at home as much as we can, try to use less packaging, and buy bulk so we don't have a lot of packaging," said Millan. "We try to use household products with natural and organics to protect our health and the health of our animals. We don't use pesticides on our lawn or water the lawn and wash the car with

"If you get involved with a local group you can have an impact on

your community. Talk to your neighbors about issues. There's so many ways you can get involved.'

For more than 30 years Upland Hills has been promoting renewable energy as a way to heat, cool and light its ecological center in Oxford. According to John Batdorf, the executive director, the Michigan Energy Demonstration Center receives funding from the state to educate the public about energy.

Batdorf's personal life mirrors his professional. He rides a bike whenever possible instead of driving a car. He's a vegan who eats only organic foods. He's seen to it that only biodegradable serving ware will be used at the expo.

'We'll have some cool stuff outdoors: a wind turbine, a blokart (for land sailing), clothing and per-

sonal care products," said Batdorf of Rochester. "We'll talk about using nontoxic materials in products and clothing, if you put something on your body, it gets in your body. We're really trying to be as broad as we can to offer alternatives. The rap on the environmental movement was you were told to be cold and in the dark. We're trying to say nature is abundant and we want to do things in step

"I keep finding when it's healthy for me, it's healthy for the environment. We have a choice of using machines to do things for us or use our own muscles, to choose to walk and ride bikes. Not only is it good for the planet and health but makes for a nicer community."

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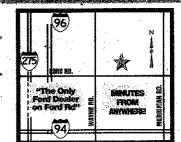
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Polish choreographer preserves culture

> BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

olish children of all ages love Mrs. Marzec. Even though the Livonia dance teacher can be a task master, she makes learning about their heritage fun.

A special celebration on Sunday, April 20, should be no exception as Suzan Charuba Marzec celebrates 20 years of passing on Polish folklore dancing as well as the customs and traditions of the land where her father was born. The afterglow follows the annual recital of the PNA Centennial Dancers children's group and adult Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Marzec estimates she's taught more than 2,000 children and adults the regional dances and language in classes subsidized by the Polish National Alliance (PNA). In addition to the weekly sessions, Marzec holds Polish cultural classes in October for Polish Heritage Month and in summer offers a Polish camp.

Dancers from Farmington Hills to Garden City, Plymouth and Canton travel to the studio to learn more about their heritage that includes the decorative Easter egg art known as

"My biggest compliment is their children are dancing with me," said Marzec of students from her early days s a teacher. "This is the thir eration now keeping their heritage alive. Their grandmas and grandpas aren't there any more to practice all the customs. I teach them about the costumes from the region they're

dancing. I have maps to find out where their roots are from so they have a sense of ownership, an understanding.

Marzec was one of the first Americans to earn a degree from Marie Currie Slowdoska University in Lublin, Poland in 1992 and teach the authentic dances back here. That's one of the reasons she was asked to choreograph the Centennial and Radomianie dancers for a scene in the film, The Polish Wedding. Marzec tries to keep as much of Polish culture alive as possible. In back of the studio, her two-year-old business, Simply Polish, offers pottery, amber jewelry, glass ornaments, and Cuipaga sticks from the mountain areas. Marzec uses the sticks to attract boys to Polish dancing. They become excited about learning how to jump over the stick as part of the dance.

Marzec started dancing at age 4 with the Polish Roman Catholic Union dancers in southwest Detroit and has performed for Pope John Paul II as well as around the country. As a choreographer she attended her first World Festival of Polish Folkloric Dance in Rzeszow in 1993 as a choreographer. She returns to the Polish city in July to

march in the parade with her dancers Twirling around the studio in a Lowicz costume



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Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia displays a glass Polish Santa Claus Christmas ornament.

from central Poland, she talks about the oldest national dance, the Polonez. Marzec performs the dance with her husband, Ken, as part of Radomianie. Their son Greg, 13, dances on the program with Centennial.

"It opens official ceremonies, weddings, and dates back to the 1500s" said Marzec. "It teaches girls to be feminine, to walk around with a lot of pride. It's exciting for me to watch a little one that comes in in a shell with no eye contact and then a year later they're smiling and can talk to people.'

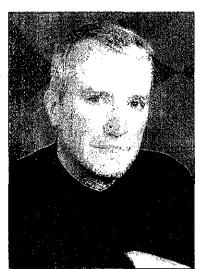
Kathy Miszak says her daughter Katrina was kind of shy when she started dancing at age 4. After watching her first recital the Livonia woman was so inspired by folkloric dancing she joined the adult group, Radomianie, which was just forming.

"It's actually quite challenging," said Miszak, an accountant for a law firm in Bloomfield Hills. "It was very fun because I was also doing costumes at the time. Having Katrina involved was a good family outlet for us. You don't find too many things parents can do together with their chil-

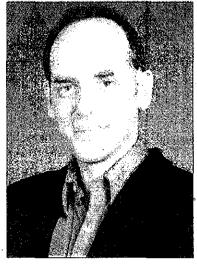
"It helped her find that tie back to her family Please see POLISH, C2

Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia shows some of the hand-painted Polish pottery available

Composer sets potter's words to music



Baritone Stephen Lusmann sings a cycle of songs with words written by eccentric potter George Ohr.



Pianist Logan Skelton performs his Ohr Songs as part of the Wednesday Noon Concert Series April 16, at Schoolcraft College.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Logan Skelton finds George Ohr so fascinating he's written a cycle of songs to accompany the writings of the eccentric potter in the 1800s and early 20th century.

The University of Michigan piano department chairman began working on the music a number of years ago. On Wednesday, April 16, he and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform the Ohr Songs as part of the music department's Wednesday Noon Concert series April 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Skelton says because Ohr's work is so unusual and the fact he wrote words, it's like a window into his life, the life of an artist.

"He was a revolutionary artist," said Skelton. "At that time ceramics were basic forms in standard shapes produced by teams, kind of a factory operation. He tried

NOON CONCERT SERIES

What: Pianist Logan Skelton and baritone Stephen Lusmann perform Skelton's, original composition set to the writings of eccentric potter George Ohr When: Noon Wednesday, April 16 Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia Admission: Free, but donations at the door help fund student scholarships. For information, call the college's music department at (734) 462-4403

to make every single piece different. He experimented wildly with glazes and forms and materials. It was unlike anything that had ever been done. He developed this

Please see COMPOSER, C2

Horseback riding good for body, mind

o one really knows when therapeutic horseback riding began. It has been written that the Greeks would send



Len McCulloch

wounded soldiers out on horseback excursions to expedite their recovery. British hospitals are said to have done the same during World War II. In the U.S., The North American Riding for The

Handicapped Association has more than 400 accredited riding programs. Integrating horse

riding into therapy programs began in the U.S. some 30 years ago at a farm outside of Grand Rapids. In addition to the proven benefits

from a physical therapy standpoint, for children and adults with orthopedic and ambulation problems, the emotional and psychological benefits have been well-demonstrated. Improvements in self-esteem, self-confidence, attention and concentration are

It has been shown that a walking horse, with a seated rider, exercises and rehabilitates injured body parts of a human by providing similar muscle movement which one would acquire by walking on the ground. Balance and strength are also enhanced for the rider. An individual with gait problems or paralysis of the lower half of the body can gain much physical rejuvenation from riding on a walking horse. Side-walkers and a lead-walker typically accompany the new rider until they are no longer needed and the person can manage the horse by him/herself.

There is also a tremendous psychological benefit to mastering things much bigger than ourselves - and horses certainly fit the bill. Many orthopedically and physically challenged children involved in therapeutic horse riding have been heard commenting: "Well maybe I can't walk so good and sometimes I need that wheelchair, but I can ride a horse!'

Also, newspaper accounts have told former White House Press Secretary James Brady, who was shot in the head during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan, found horse riding to be an important component in his physical and personal recovery.

Most therapeutic riding schools staffed with volunteers who facilitate the safety of the disabled rider. The display of their dedication and conviction to the therapeutic effectiveness of uniting horse and man is extraordinary and, in itself, a testimony to the therapeutic effect of this form of rehabilitation. Youngsters and adults stricken with muscular dystrophy, paraplegia, traumatic brain injury and mental illnesses are but a few of the populations who can benefit.

For several years, I have been treating people with traumatic brain injuries. I have found a wonderful riding school in Mason called C.H.U.M. (Children and Humans United in Movement). The facility is owned and operated by a physical therapist. I have sent about a half a dozen patients over the years and, combined with other treatment modalities such as psychotherapy, cognitive therapy and traumatic brain injury rehabilitation, have found that they have all benefited. The clinical results have been very good.

You see, when a person sits on a walking horse, the person gets the same muscular-skeletal workout as if walking on the ground. And for those with depression and self-esteem problems, there is nothing like a vigorous workout and the increased confidence from riding (under close supervision and always with a helmet) atop a horse.

I will never forget the power I personally felt when I rode English-style in a jumping class and was frequently finding myself in mid-air with all the power and majesty of a horse underneath me, as joined together we would hurdle fences!

I further wonder if some of the benefits of therapeutic horse riding for so many disabled individuals comes about because it offers them the opportunity to master their own aggressive impulses by controlling the powerful and often aggressive appearance of a big, muscular horse. Probably so! What an accomplishment for the able-bodied person, let alone those of our fragile, timid, survivors of catastrophic injuries.

Resources: The book. The Man Who Listens to Horses' by Monty Roberts available by calling (888) U2-MONTY, Also, Children And Humans United In Movement (C.H.U.M.) at (517) 204-0974.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of The American Psychotherapy Association and credentialed in brain injury, mental health, social work and addictions. His column 'Our Mental Health' has been running six years in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and elsewhere with 90 publications to date. He can be reached about his writing at (248) 476-9329.

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because her father was Polish and I'm half Polish. I wasn't raised with the customs so for me it was finding where I came from."

Kristal Greniuk grew up in Standish with the customs and traditions but as an adult moved away to practice dentistry.

She kept her heritage alive by going to Polish festivals and dances where she eventually met husband-to-be John Wioncek.

Both are second generation Poles who wanted to share their Polish roots with daughters Katrina and Elena.

"When the kids came along we started getting away from the festivals," said Dr. Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek who as director of the Centennial Dancers coordinates performances at festivals and churches such at



Suzan Marzec of Simply Polish in Livonia shows some of the aids she uses to teach Polish culture to students as they begin their classes.

St. Edith and St. Aidan. Every Fourth of July the children march in parades in Plymouth and Northville. On May 23, they'll dance a pregame

night in Comerica Park. "The Centennial Dancers

routine at Polish American

have become our new Polish family. My dad speaks Polish but never taught us Polish," said Wioncek who started her Dental Smiles practice in Livonia 13

of the National Dental Medical Association, an organization of Polish physicians and dentists who promote their Polish heri-"It's a good clean activity, not

really competitive like sports.

It's a family activity."

years ago. She is vice president

Wioncek and her mother went with Katrina, at age 10, to dance in the international festival. Katrina, now age 13, returns to the festival in July with Marzec. Katrina and Wioncek take Polish language classes together once a week at the studio.

"Suzan gives 150-percent to the kids," said Wioncek. "She has a rich history of touching kids' lives."







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George Ohr was an eccentric ceramic artist who created thousands of one-of-a-kind pots.

eccentric persona to draw attention to his artwork. He never sold his work unless you would buy them all. He said it was like selling individual lines of a Shakespeare

At the end of his life Ohr instructed his family not to sell the pots for at least 50 years and when they did to select a reputable art dealer. The family respected his wishes, selling the entire 7,000 pots to an antique dealer from New Jersey in 1968. Ohr, who often referred to himself as the Mad Potter of Biloxi, died in 1918.

Skelton characterizes one of the piano interludes as demonic, mimicking the whirring of the potter's wheel.

"I felt there were different aspects to his personality. He was into kind of Barnum and Bailev self promotion," said Skelton.

"These were heartfelt writings about what it means to be an artist. The expression of the very experimental pieces is found in three piano interludes, the self promotion and circus kind of atmosphere is in the style of circus music or kaleidoscope."

Skelton started collaborating with Lusmann for the performances after hearing the U-M associate professor of voice sing. Lusmann has sung leading roles with major opera houses and toured with the New York City Opera under conductors and directors including Leonard Slatkin, Franco Zefferelli and Gian Carlo Menotti. The two recorded the CD, An American Circus, to the poetry of E.E. Cummings two years ago. This fall they perform a concert of the Ohr songs sponsored by the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art in Biloxi.

Skelton lived in Ohr's hometown of Biloxi, Miss., where he became interested in playing piano at age 5 after his older brother started taking lessons. Skelton went on to earn his master's degree from Eastman School of Music, and doctorate from Manhattan School of Music.

Last fall he played several concerts in Romania, one of them in Bela Bartok's hometown near the Hungarian-Romania border. He has performed concerts in the United States, Europe and Asia and is a frequent guest pianist at

prestigious music festivals such as Gina Bachauer, Eastman, Hilton Head Island, and the Prague International Piano Master classes where he is a member of the artist piano faculty and Associate Director.

His recordings include nine discs of solo and chamber music, and a 10th with composer/pianist William Bolcom on two pianos. He has been on the faculties of Manhattan School of Music, Southwest Missouri State University and is currently Director of Doctoral Studies in Piano Performance at U-M.

"I'm sort of a slow bake composer," said Skelton. "I find myself going back to it regularly. He was always making signs and promoting himself. Some of the text was taken from his signs, some from letters, some from writing he would inscribe on pots."

One of Skelton's favorite Ohr pots is in the Smithsonian.

"It's about creating art, how art lives on and the person disappears and fades. He ends by saying I am the potter who was. It's beautiful and distinctive writing."

Skelton writes the majority of his music in summer and then puts on the finishing touches throughout the year. "That's what Mahler used to do," said Skelton. "He was basically a conductor by profession. It takes uninterrupted time to percolate when you're coming up with ideas."

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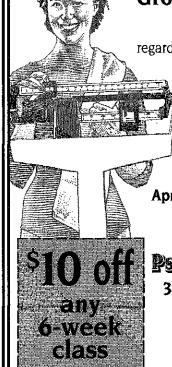
The doctor's answer often is yes and no. Being overweight presents a risk; individuals with a body mass index of 25 or more (normal 21-24) have a significantly greater chance of experiencing gout than their leaner colleagues. In studies with groups of overweight individuals, those who lost 14 or more lbs experienced a substantial decrease in gout attacks. In sum, diet and gout are related via obesity; the best dietary approach in gout is to lose excess weight. Another important diet relationship to gout is alcohol. The drink that brings on gout is beer.

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Spotlight Players' musical comedy is a family affair

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Len Fisher is enjoying every minute of directing the Spotlight Players' upcoming production of *Company* at The Village Theater in Canton. Besides laughing his way through the Stephen Sondheim comedy about a charming New York bachelor, Fisher is spending time with his children Elizabeth, 23, who plays one of the lead character's three girlfriends, and son Benjamin, 18, who runs the lighting.

The comedy was first staged in 1970 and won several Tony Awards. It was revived on Broadway in 2006. Spotlight Players cast members include Roy Sexton of Saline playing Robert, the bachelor.

"We've worked together every show I can drag them into," said Fisher of Westland. "Elizabeth auditioned for the show and the staff did not know she was my daughter and was chosen based on her talents. They had at least 50 people audition to fill the cast of 14 people.

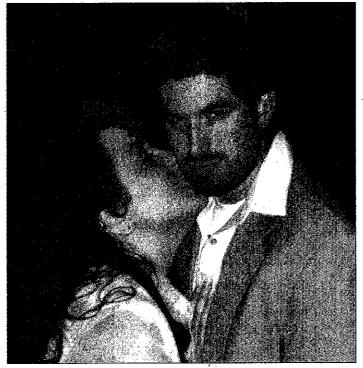
"The story is about a 35year-old bachelor with married friends and something missing from his life. Commitment is missing so at his birthday party he reviews all the relationships in his life but it's musical comedy."

Len Fisher started acting in high school in Ohio and has been involved with Flint Youth Theater and productions in Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota.

He's been directing for 25 years and leads his own Westland based community group, Inspired Theater.

"I'm really excited about the talent in this production," said Fisher. "The audience will love the music, the story, the acting. They will walk out of there very entertained.

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PHATE OF STREET

Allison Sorrano and Matt Cameron play a couple getting a divorce in the Stephen Sondheim musical comedy opening April 25 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.



Elizabeth and Benjamin Fisher are enjoying working with their father Len on the Spotlight Players' production of 'Company.'

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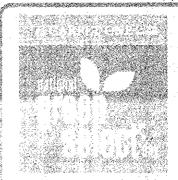
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A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch 313-937-3477 or email CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn, Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edse! Ford Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club.

Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford. net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

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Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

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and at casstech58.com. **Detroit Chadsey High School** Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala. (248)548-4829 or mspoterala@com-

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cast.net. **Detroit Christ the King Elementary** Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or email denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

Detroit Western High School Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or email western1978@att.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS. MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at ochs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/ gchs20threunion.

The reunion date has not been set yet. **Grosse Pointe North**

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60th Anniversary The Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School (JACNS) in Detroit is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A celebration and silent auction are being planned for Saturday, May 24. If you were associated with Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School at any time in the past, as either a student or parent, the school is seeking your memories. For information, email gandjacki@yahoo. com, or call the Shields family at (313)

822-3211.

Lincoln Park High School Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year

reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobial.net. Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or email: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1978

A 30 year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be more information coming soon. For more information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or superchargertest@aol.com

Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. All interested class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Their contact email address is: milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools Classes of 1988

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassof1988@yahoo.com for more informa-

Romulus High School Class of 1958

A 50-year class reunion Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Lakes of Taylor, 25505 Northline, Taylor. For details, contact Al Preis at (734) 697-0092, Janet Miller at (734) 697-7483 or Terry Bird at (734) 697-4232.

Royal Oak Kimball Class of 1988

A 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988. myevent.com to register.



Sam Fink of West Bloomfield, and his wife, Babe, sample some of the smoked salmon pastrami and swiss cheese prepared by the culinary arts students during the strolling diner program of the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.



Samer, left, and Valerie Georges of Ferndale enjoy some of the food prepared by the culinary arts department during the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.



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Culinary arts student Danielle Tiefenbach arranges trays of desserts before the start of the strolling dinner for the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.

VisTa Gala raises \$5,000 for Schoolcraft College

The VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center April 5 raised about \$5,000 for the school's culinary arts program.

The black-tie optional event attracted 225 guests who sampled gourmet food and participated in a silent auction.

The menu featured Montreal beef with caramelized onion and roadhouse barbecue sauce; smoked cod cake with wilted greens and mustard aioli; wood grilled rack of lamb with rosemary sauce; sushi; sea bass, rock shrimp and lobster in light pastry with chervil, glazed cucumber and caviar sauce; corn and shrimp bisque; pan-seared Hudson Valley duck foie gras and assorted chocolate desserts.

All dishes were prepared by the award-winning Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs.

Auction items were donated by Allie Brothers Uniforms; the Culinary Arts Department; McCormick Distilling Co.; Chef Brian Polcyn of Schoolcraft; Scottie's Kitchen; Solterra Wine; and WineStyles.

Cadillac Coffee Co., d/s events, Steve Petix Formal Wear and National Wine & Spirits Corp. contributed to the event.



Jodi Capello of Novi, left, and Teri Bowen browse some of the appetizer selections offered by the Schoolcraft College culinary arts program during the 2008 Vista Gala.



Culinary arts student Marguerite Anderson, left, prepares inside out sushi rolls as fellow classmate Nichole Sobecki prepares deep fried tofu pockets for the strolling dinner during the 2008 VisTa Gala at Schoolcraft College.

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KEVIN P. DONEHUE

Age 38, of Redford, March 23, 2008. Dear son of the late Frank and Marge Loving brother of Patti (Dennis) O'Connell, Tom (Paige), Mike (Rose), Brian (Sharon), Bob (Andie), Dan (Lisa). Cherished fiance of Deanna Kokocinski. Beloved uncle of eight nieces and five nephews. Graduate of Madonna University and longtime employee of AAA Michigan. In Kevin's honor, please consider organ donation.

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RUTH S. SPITZNAGEL

Passed away on March 7, 2008 in Encinitas, CA after a brief illness. She was born Nov. 1, 1917 and married to Frank R. "Bob" Spitznagel in 1945. They resided in Birmingham for 35 years before retiring to Encinitas in 1987. Ruth leaves a legacy of love and friendship and is survived by her husband, their three children, Pamela Alfenito of Northridge, CA; Rob Spitznagel of Lake Forest, CA; and Doug Spitznagel of La Caffada, CA; as well as seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Interment was at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, Pt. Loma, CA.





JOHN ANTHONY **MOLLICA**

Age 84, born May 27, 1923, passed away on March 28, 2008 in Henderson, Nevada Formerly a resident of Rochester Hills and Sage Lake, Michigan, John is preceded in death by his wife Patricia and his eldest son, John Robert, who passed away weeks earlier on February 11, 2008. John was a decorated World War II U.S. Marine who fought in Germany and survived the battle of Iwo Jima, Japan. After the war, John received top honors in completing his Engineering degree at General Motors Institute in Flint in 1949, and worked at the Oldsmobile Forge Plant in Lansing. He later accepted a position at GM World Headquarters in Detroit becoming one of their youngest executives at the age of 31. He made his mark at GM in 1955 with his work on precedent setting wage assignments for GM Canada and later Europe, In 1971, he was promoted to Director of Wage Administration and Labor Economics before retiring in 1980 carrying that title, as well as Assistant Director of Labor Relations for GM Worldwide. John is survived by his children: Stephen, Carolyn Dellerba (David), Margaret "Maggie" Zarbano, Philip (Joanne), Patricia "Maria", and Christine Carver (Donald), 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who wish to honor him with our eternal love, gratitude and affection. A funeral mass celebrating his life, and the life of his son, John Robert, will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at St. Casimir Catholic Church, 815 Sparrow Avenue in Lansing, Michigan. Donations can be made to Catholic Charities of

Michigan in John's name

ge 85, April 8, 2008. Loving wife of Albert F. Turner, retired from General Motors Photographic. Beloved moth-er of Linda (Gordon T). Totty. Grandmother of Gordon M. (Karen) Totty and Stephanie Totty. Visitation and services were held on Friday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at:



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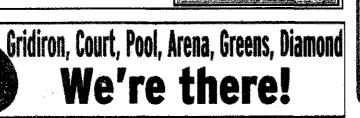
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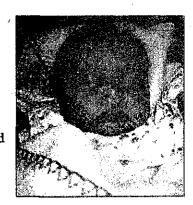


BIRTH

Kaylee Michelle Brown Ian and Christy (Frederick)

Brown of Orange Park, Fla. (Ian from Tulsa, Okla. and Christy from Redford, Mich.) announce the birth of their baby girl, Kaylee Michelle, on March 26, 2008. Kaylee weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth.

Kaylee's grandmother is Laura Frederick of Redford.



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Show pampers ladies to raise money for diabetes research

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cyndi Wasunyk's watched her nephew struggle with juvenile diabetes every day since he was diagnosed with Type 1 at age 3. Now a fifth grade student at Gallimore Elementary, Evan Piontek is doing better after receiving a pump to deliver his insulin continuously, but still Wasunyk is working for a cure.

On April 26, the Canton woman hosts a fund-raiser to raise money for the American Diabetes Association for research so one day Evan is free of the disease that can cause kidney failure, blindness and even death.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at Gallimore Elementary, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, in Canton.

Admission is \$1, with proceeds from the bake sale,

raffles and admission to the vendor/craft show going to ADA

Wasunyk is a stay at home mom who runs a Taste of Home Entertaining decor business selling items like serving bowls at parties.

"My nephew, my mom dealt with diabetes. It's pretty prevalent in the family," said Wasunyk. "Now he's (Evan) really regulated, but still struggling to cope with this disease, watching everything he eats. His sugar goes low and he gets cranky, going through things kids shouldn't' have to go through."

Wasunyk's daughter Kendall, 41/2, doesn't have diabetes, but she reads books to the little girl so she understands what Evan is going through. And she hopes Kendall never has to face the disease so for a third time she's putting on a show to raise | Ichomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145

money for charity. The first two times it was with a networking group, Metro Detroit Home Business Network. Autism and breast cancer organizations were the beneficiaries.

Wasunyk's sister Karen Piontek helped her connect with ADA for the latest show. Piontek organizes a walk every May for the ADA at Gallimore.

"We need help to find a cure," said Wasunyk who's expecting 20 vendors and crafters for the show. "It's a mix of home party vendors and a mix of women who created their own businesses. It's kind of a pampering event for women with a Mary Kay representative, Avon, Bath and Body Shop, Taste of Home Entertaining decor. Some are friends, a lady who created her own massage business."

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Admission and parking are free. For information, visit www.plymouthshow.com.

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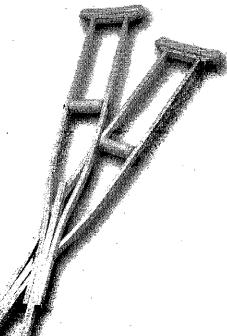


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Hooray, I'm in Hollywood

Groves graduate finds success making movies

BY GREG KOWALSKI **ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER**

There are a surprising number of Groves and Seaholm High School graduates working in Hollywood these days, said Adam Sztykiel.

He should know. He is one of them. A 1996 Groves grad, Sztykiel said, "It's always good to see people from home." But it's also good to see your name attached to the credits of a major Hollywood movie.

Sztykiel wrote the film Made of Honor, which was produced by Sony Corporation and will premiere on May 2. He wrote the first draft of the film in just a few weeks in 2003, but things move slowly in the world of film production and it has taken until now for it to hit the big

"It seems like a lifetime ago," Sztykiel said. "I sold it the week that the Iraq war started. I thought at the time, 'Who will care about my little screenplay?"

The producers at Sony did and gave it a big-production

treatment. Made of Honor star Patrick Dempsey, who most recently starred in the hit Enchanted, and noted director and actor Sydney Pollock, who directed the classic Tootsie.

"I was always interested in making movies," Sztykiel said. Growing up in Beverly Hills (Michigan, not L.A.), he used to draw his three younger sisters into home movie productions he

"Even as a little kid he and his friends would film stuff on the neighborhood," said his mom, Lynne Sztykiel. "He was very entertaining, very funny," she said. That humor is reflected in ${\it Made of Honor}$, a romantic comedy about a Tom Bailey, who is in love with his best friend, Claire. But he has a fear of commitment and refuses to accept that he should propose to Claire. When Colin, a rich Scotsman proposes to Claire, Tom has to stand by and lose her as she chooses him to be her maid of honor.

At Groves, Sztykiel wrote some school plays, but had his eyes set on Hollywood. After graduating high school, he enrolled in the University of Southern California Film School.

"I learned the craft of movie making," he said. And, "I was

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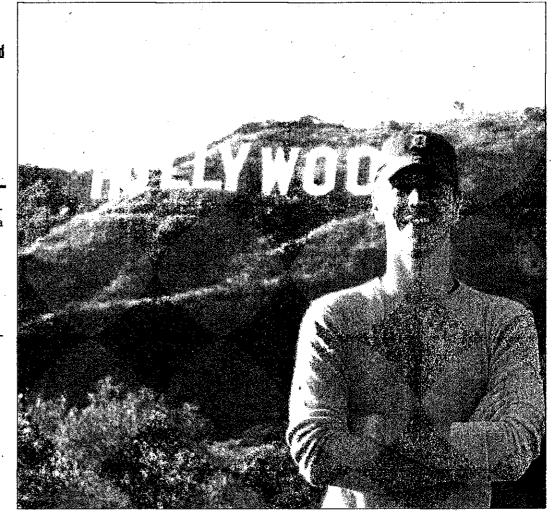
With Sztykiel's writing talent and their connections, Made of Honor became a reality.

Life in Hollywood is "very exciting," Sztykiel said. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Ellie Knaus, and has been working on other film projects, most recently in Toronto.

It's a world removed from the hallways of Groves. But some things haven't changed.

"What makes me glow with pride is that Adam remains unchanged by his success," said his dad. Vito. "Through all of this he is still that smiling kid whose first love and passion is his family and friends."

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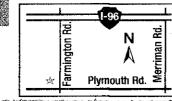




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Tickets are \$25 for reserved seats, \$20 general admission, and available by calling (313) 537-2560 or visit www.redfordtheatre.com.

The Redford Theatre, with its original 3 manual, 10 rank Barton Theatre Pipe Organ, has served as a Metro Detroit entertainment center since 1928 when it opened as a play-

It has been in operation ever since and currently shows

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The 80 Years Under the Stars evening on April 19 replicates a night at the Redford Theatre in 1928. The entertainment features Buster Keaton in the classic silent film. The Electric House. Live entertainment will be provided by organist John Lauter. The Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra will be on hand to provide music of the





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Craig Garber, president of KingofCopy.com Inc., in Lutz, Fla., indicates that you must pay attention as soon as you get the sale. Don't wait, "seeking permission," to ask for more business. "The toughest dollar to get out of any customer is the first dollar," he says, "the point at which you're most unknown. Once you've made a sale, your customer is most open and receptive to giving you more money." Garber, a direct marketing consultant, publisher and copywriter, has been selling in several

advises you to wait a little longer -- "once you've delivered the value you said you would deliver and you have confirmed this with the customer. Then it's a good time to have a conversation about additional areas you can help them with. The conversation is on helping them rather than selling them."

Chris Stiehl, founding partner of San Diego's Blue Velocity Partners L.L.C., a consulting group of senior strategists, advocates listening "for what ails them. People are 19 times more likely to (discuss) their pain rather than a benefit." Garber would agree, commenting that the buyer often "says something like, 'I wish I had a way to do ___." Jump right in. Do the same when you hear that a company is "spending money on projects or are developing new plans and ideas," Stiehl says. "The company is growing, likely to be needing help," Stiehl

says.
"One of my Silicon Valley clients told me that the company had no more money to spend on consultants,' Stiehl recalls. "I asked the status of their training budget. They hadn't spent that. I offered provocative training on relevant subject matter at a hotel less than five miles from their complex. More than a dozen employees paid more than \$600 each to spend the day in my seminar. He developed such enthusiasm that the company invested another \$75,000 in projects. "Not bad for not

having any budget for consultants," he adds.

Stowe agrees with his reference to capitalizing on problems with sincerity. She says that you can tell that the time is ripe for more business when you detect additional "problems you can solve . . . (with) their best interest at heart." For her you must respond to a moral imperative: "You are negligent if you don't help them as soon as you know they have a problem you can solve."

Marketing and selling by e-mail, in a world where people are inundated with spam, can be even more tricky. Stiehl says to "learn to listen with both halves of your brain. Can customers help you with breakthrough

innovation? They certainly can. Garber maintains that people don't buy out of fear.

Your toughest objection to overcome is that the buyer hasn't paid enough dues, hasn't learned enough and feels undeserving." This can be the case especially when the person is new in his capacity and/or the company. You have to be particularly cautious in selecting

opportunities to sell online. When your inquiries are met with silence, Stiehl says to recognize that "the wheels are turning and something needs to be said. Don't feel the pressure to sell. Your objective isn't to sell but to help this person solve his

problem, even if it doesn't involve you. That's how it builds the loyalty." "Nobody wants to work," Garber says, "especially online. In the service business, it's very hard to find



Craig Garber works in his outdoor home office in Lutz, Fla., where

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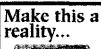
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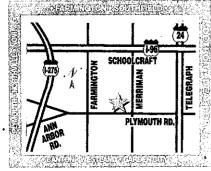
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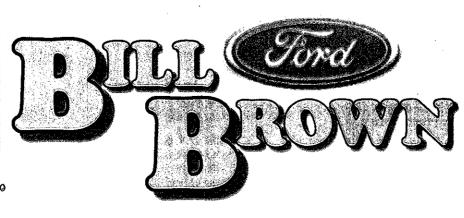
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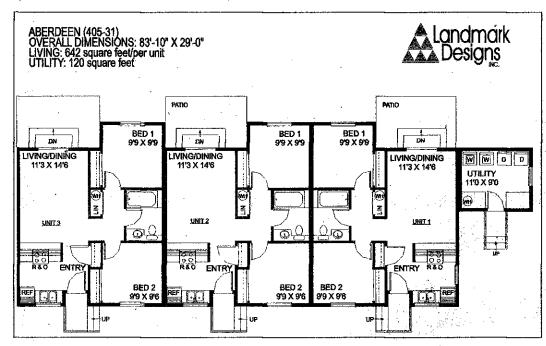
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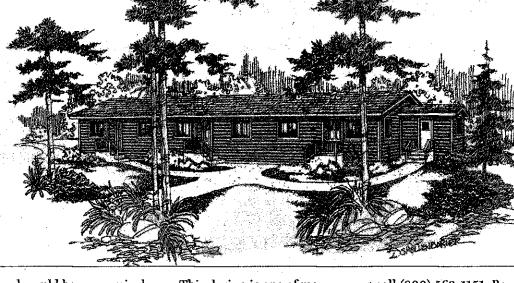
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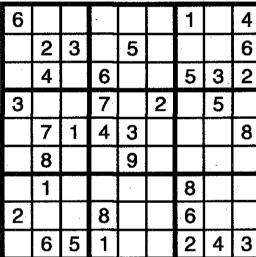
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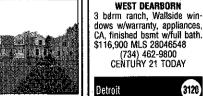
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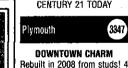
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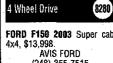
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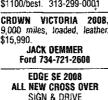
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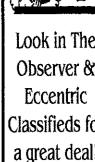
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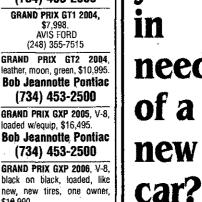


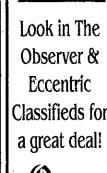
















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