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Choirs rule

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp and Shelley Klippel, received high marks at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District Choral Festival at the Dearborn Center for the Performing Arts.

PCEP's Chamber Choir and Festival Singers both received the highest "Superior" rating and



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PCEP choirs, under the direction of Jennifer Kopp and Shelley Klippel, received high marks at the District Choral Festival in Dearborn.

were two of only six choirs (in a field of 65 area choirs) to receive such high scores. PCEP was the only area high school in which two vocal ensembles received a "Superior" rating.

PCEP's Park Singers, Allegro, Dulcissima and Madrigal Singers all received an "Excellent" rating at the festival. For the very first time, all six of PCEP's choirs participated in District Choral Festival and all six choirs were selected through their high scores to participate at the MSVMA State Choral Festival April 23-24 in Holt.

For the District Choral Festival, each vocal ensemble is required to prepare and perform two selections for a panel of four judges, all of whom are experts in the field of vocal music performance. In addition, the students participate in a clinic with one of the judges and are asked to complete a sight-reading exercise for another judge for an additional score. The performance and sight-reading scores are combined to create an overall score for the festival.

Friday fish

Canton's Summit on the Park will host a Friday Fish Fry each week through April 10. Each Friday, from 5-8 p.m., the Summit on the Park Banquet Center will offer an all-you-can-eat fish buffet featuring battered Atlantic cod, herb encrusted tilapia, seafood cakes, pasta alfredo, fresh vegetables, salad bar with tossed and Caesar salad, french fries, cole slaw, soft drinks, coffee and tea. Summit Gourmet by Continental prepares the food.

Adults can dine for \$11.95 per person and children under 12 years of age are \$4.95 each. Desserts and a full-service bar are available at an additional cost. The dinners are either dine-in or take-out.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Officials 'compromise' on water rate increase

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There was little discussion Tuesday night as the Canton Township Board of Trustees, on a 7-0 vote, approved an administration recommendation for a 14.7 percent increase in water and sewer rates.

Unlike recent meetings where a handful of resident challenged the need for what was once a proposed 20 percent hike, followed by a 16.9 percent increase, only one person spoke briefly before the board unanimously approved the rate adjustment. The rate increase was lowered to 14.7 percent when the administration decided to use \$500,000 of a nearly \$12.4 million cash balance in the water and sewer fund to lower

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What is your opinion about the water and sewer rate increase the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved on Tuesday? E-mail your thoughts to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

the rate for customers, while still maintaining an \$11.8 million cash balance as recommended by consultants. The new rate also includes a projected \$700,000 savings in operating costs of the water and sewer system in Canton.

"We spent a lot of time working on this, working through the numbers," said Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

"There's certainly some uncertainty in this, that's why we have a cash balance. We're doing the very best we can to be good stewards of people's money and that we make sure the system is going to work and be in good shape. Not just for now, but years to come."

Township trustees were comfortable in passing a lower-than-expected water and sewer rate increase.

"No one on this board wants to raise rates, but it was a great compromise," said Trustee Todd Caccamo. "We preserved the integrity of the system. We were able to return cash balance to the taxpayers and we had costs savings from the municipal department. It was the best possible solution for a difficult problem."

Trustee John Anthony said the reality of the situation is the \$31 million it costs to operate Canton's water and sewer system.

"Keep in mind that 80 percent of all expenses are uncontrollable — passed on by Detroit, Ypsilanti and the Western Township Utilities Association — with the other 20 percent of expenses controllable," Anthony said. "I believe Canton has done a good job of managing these costs."

Finance Director Rick Eva earlier warned residents shouldn't bank on using any of the cash balance next year, noting residents will most likely be asked to pay for the true cost of water and sewer services.

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This weekend's Fusion Festival will feature a Chinese dance presentation by the Chinese Folk Dance Troupe of Metro-Detroit Oriental Art School.

From Canton to Canton

This weekend's Fusion Festival to feature the music and dance of China

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When internationally acclaimed artist George Gao played music from the Pacific Rim as a guest with the Plymouth Symphony in 2005, Conductor Nan Washburn — who is known to incorporate different kinds of music into a concert — was impressed.

"I couldn't believe how phenomenal a player of the Chinese ehru he was," Washburn said. "It's probably the most popular instrument in China. It sounds similar to a western violin, but only has two strings, and it's seated like a cello. He's a virtuoso on it."

Gao is returning to the area, this time to play with Orchestra Canton in the second Fusion Festival at the Village Theater in Cherry Hill at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Gao, who began playing the ehru at age 6, studied at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. He's won international recognition for his works.

Titled "From Canton to Canton — the Music of China," the Fusion Festival is in its second year bringing together traditional music from the Far East with Western classical music. Last year, the event featured the music of India.

"The idea behind the Fusion Festival is to bring together different kinds of music and show where

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George Gao is scheduled to perform at Fusion Festival.

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Tax pros say stimulus plan has something for everyone

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With less than a month to go before the April 15 tax filing deadline, local tax specialists say people should be aware of some provisions in the recently passed \$790 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that could lead to more money in their pockets.

According to Esther Strohmer, office coordinator for the H&R Block office at 46022 Michigan Avenue in Canton, the stimulus package has a little something for everyone — from first-time homebuyers and the unemployed to families and senior citizens.

Some of the benefits won't be realized

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Joan Eldridge and Esther Strohmer of H&R Block say there are plenty of ways for taxpayers to take advantage of the federal stimulus programs.

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'Daddy's Girl'

The PCA Players will present *Daddy's Girl* Thursday, April 2 – Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. The student production of this Gary Ray Stapp comedy will also include a dessert theater experience that will feature apple pie, ice cream and coffee.

Performances are 7:30 p.m., April 2; 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., April 3; and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 4. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Seating (and pie) is limited, so order your tickets by calling the PCA Development office at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 169, to reserve your tickets. All tickets will be held at Will Call for each per-

formance.

Kindergarten round up

Five-year-olds don't have to wait until September to have their first school experience. In fact, Wayne-Westland school officials want them to have that experience now as part of the annual Kindergarten Roundup slated for 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31.

The roundup will be held at all 17 of Wayne-Westland's elementary schools, including Walker-Winter in Canton. Parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials.

Incoming kindergartners will get the opportunity to participate in an activity, visit their kindergarten classroom

and receive a free school T-shirt to wear in the fall. They also will be given free backpacks, filled with school supplies, books and suggested activities to prepare youngsters for the first day of school.

For parents who can't attend the morning program, school offices will be open 6-7 p.m. that evening for registration only. If those times don't work, parents can call the school for an appointment.

Youngsters who will age 5 by Dec. 1, 2009, are eligible for kindergarten enrollment this fall. For more information, call the Instruction Department at (734) 419-2096.

Road rally

Leadership Canton's upcoming Road Rally fund-raiser will take place Saturday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rotary

Clock in Heritage Park. Leadership Canton is raising money for First Step (www.firststep-mi.org), Open Door Ministry (www.opendoorfoodministry.com) and Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

The fee is \$35 per person and includes road rally, T-shirt, dinner and refreshments. The rally is limited to 30 cars, with 4-6 passengers per car (minimum of four people per car). There are still sponsorship, participant and sign maker opportunities available.

For more information about the event visit <http://roadrally.cantonchamber.com>, or contact Deb Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

River Day volunteers

Canton's annual River Day celebration will be held June 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the Lower Rouge River, located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road. Every year on the first Saturday of June, hundreds of volunteers make a difference by helping to preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams.

This year in an effort to expand its river cleaning efforts, Canton officials are looking for interested homeowners associations to gather volunteers to help clean drains and streams that run through their neighborhoods. If your neighborhood has a stream in need of help, Canton would like to assist you with managing log jams and fallen trees, debris removal, planting and other enhancements. Interested homeowners associations should call (734) 394-5158 by April 1 to set up a meeting with Public Works.

River day takes place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate. All volunteers will receive a River Day T-shirt and breakfast. Water and a light snack will be provided but volunteers are



Woman of distinction

Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara honored Canton's Joan Noricks March 19 during the commission's annual Women of Distinction celebration. McNamara presented a certificate to Noricks, who is president of the Canton Community Foundation, honoring her for her leadership at the foundation and her commitment to Canton Township. "Under her stewardship, the Canton Community Foundation has grown from \$1,500 in assets to an endowment of more than \$1.8 million. She is very passionate about her community and has served many civic organizations in a variety of volunteer leadership capacities. She is truly a woman of distinction," McNamara said.

encouraged to pack a lunch. For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event call (734) 394-5150.

Soldier benefit

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will host their fourth annual dinner May 2, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia.

All proceeds go to veterans or families of fallen soldiers that are in need.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Marcus Luttrell, a Navy SEAL and author of New York Times best-selling book "Lone Survivor" — the harrowing story of four Navy SEALs who journeyed into the mountainous border of Afghanistan and Pakistan on Operation Redwing. A motivational story of survival, the book is also a moving tribute to the friends and teammates who did not make it off the mountain. A powerful testament to the courage, integrity, patriotism, and community that forged these American heroes, "Lone Survivor" is an incredible account of teamwork, fortitude, and modern warfare. For information or tickets, contact Ann Cornelius at (248) 346-5976 or visit www.fwsf.org

Mom to Mom sale

Connection Church in Canton will hold its Spring Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Table rentals are sold to capacity with more than 75 moms selling kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission. Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just north of Michigan Avenue.

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BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School district officials take one step closer Friday to restructuring the leadership at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park when they conduct interviews with two candidates who emerged from a search for the new Park Principal position.

It's the second round of interviews for both candidates, who came out of a pool of six initial interviews, which included talks with three with internal candidates. While Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel declined to name any of the candidates, he did say neither of the finalists is an internal candidate.

It's phase one of a restruc-

turing plan, Fiegel said, designed to give the park a more streamlined approach.

"I think part of it is to work together more and provide an overall direction for the park and lead to a cohesive attitude," Fiegel said. "We still want to recognize the schools are individual schools, and strike that balance."

The leadership at the park is being restructured from its current model, which has individual principals at each of the three high schools, with 10 assistant principals spread around the park

The school board decided last year, faced with the departure of all three of its principals (Salem chief Jerry Ostoin left due to medical issues, while Plymouth Principal Michael Bee and Canton Principal

Cassandra Smith announced their retirements) to look into a different way of doing things.

Under the new model, there will be one park principal, three associate principals (one at each high school) and nine assistant principals (three at each high school). Fiegel told board members Tuesday he hoped to have a recommendation to fill the position at their April 6 meeting.

"I think this is key to the transition to the new leadership," board President Judy Mardigian said.

Administrators hope to have recommendations for the three associate principals ready by April 21, with assistant principals chosen by May 12.

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Canton detective: identity theft criminals are getting smarter

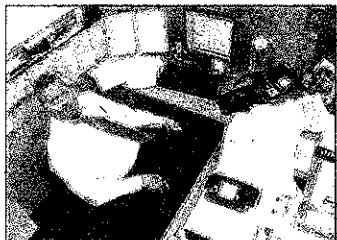
BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a period of about six years, Leon Jefferson of Canton Township has been the victim of identity theft three times.

"I really don't know why," said Jefferson, 63. "Two times they were out-of-state transactions, one in Tennessee and another in Nevada. In both cases, the credit card company called and asked if I was in either state because I hadn't used the card for two or three years."

"While they at least detected it, it also gives me a feeling of having been violated," he said. "It also just makes one my age, who grew up in a different era, just wonder if this high-speed and technology information age is to our benefit. We're encouraged to do business online, but in the back of my mind is skepticism. Is the convenience worth the risk?"

The third time Jefferson's credit card number was used for purchases he didn't make,



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Detective Brian Schultz tracks down cases of identity theft.

a three-month investigation by Canton police resulted in the recent arrest of one of the two men reportedly involved. Once again, the credit card company called to inquire if Jefferson signed up for a card in a financial company's name, with two additional cards for employees. And, again, Jefferson went to Canton police.

"The application was done over the Internet, so I was able to get an e-mail address and the Internet protocol address to track the computer," said Canton Police Detective Brian Schultz, who specializes in computer forensics and identity theft. "I was given an

address to where everything was being sent, but it wasn't the victim's address. It was in Detroit, in a foreclosed house.

"We went to the house with a search warrant and knocked on the door," he said. "At first we were given a fake name, but I had a driver's license picture. He then told me he was given a place to stay by a second suspect and collecting the mail for him. There wasn't a computer there, but they had my victim's information, credit cards and bills. They had nearly \$9,000 charged on it; gas, restaurants and \$4,000 in purchases from the Guitar Center."

Schultz, a 22-year-veteran, said during the five years he's investigated identity theft, the crooks are starting to get a little smarter.

"Early on, I was able to do the follow-up on cases that led to search warrants in Detroit, or wherever, and they were sitting at a computer," said Schultz. "Now they know we're coming and knocking on their doors, so they're not leaving a computer trail. However, we've

never been unsuccessful with a search warrant and not found information."

Schultz said it takes months to track down identity theft suspects because of the paper work and paper trail.

"There's surveillance, getting information from the credit card companies and Internet service providers," said Schultz. "You've got to get a search warrant and subpoena information. It's a lot of paper work and a lot of waiting to get the information."

Schultz cracked a case last year in which a couple purchased two vehicles at a dealership in Canton, in the name of a Southfield woman.

And then there was the woman who worked at Kelly Services that was supposed to scan old bank information and shred it.

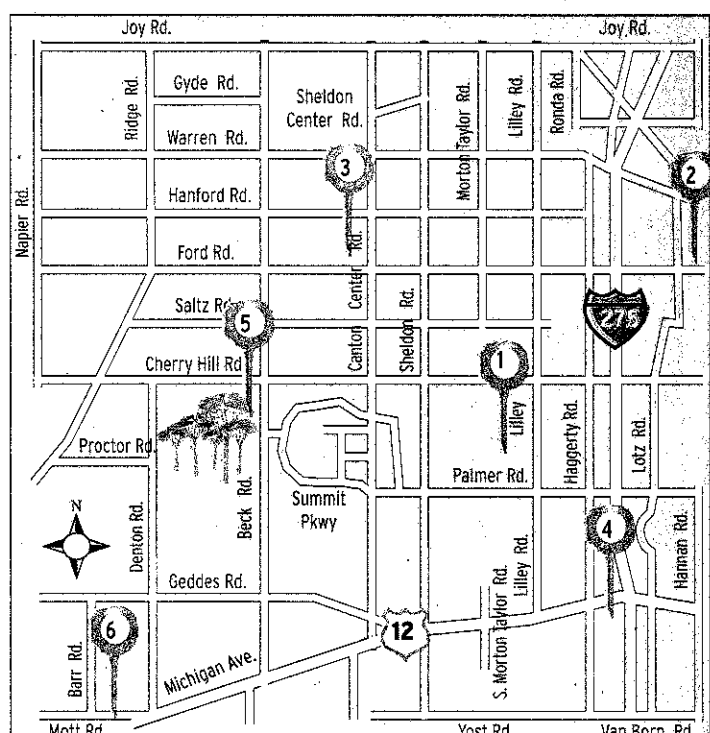
"She scanned it and took it home," said Schultz. "We got a search warrant for her house and she had the bank account information on hundreds of people, and she was using it."

"Unfortunately, financial crimes are considered less serious and unless they have a long criminal record most get probation," he said. "I've even caught some people twice."

Jefferson said he was lucky that his credit wasn't destroyed. But, he did have to close credit card accounts, open others and write merchants to explain what happened.

"This type of crime is not one of desperation, it's cold, calculated and involves people who have some sophistication," Jefferson said. "If a person is so sharp, why can't they channel that energy and knowledge into something constructive and enterprising."

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CANTON COP CALLS

Crossbow stolen

1 A number of non-firearm weapons, including a crossbow with accessories and case, were taken from a truck parked outside on the 1400 block of Ledgewood. The victim said his wife's vehicle was also rummaged through, but nothing was apparently missing.

Purse snatchers

2 Two women were charged with retail fraud on March 22 after they were caught walking out of Wal-Mart (39500 Ford Road) with items that were not purchased. A store employee watched as the women selected a purse off the rack and removed the tag. They then reportedly took several other items and concealed them in the purse.

Credit card fraud

3 A homeowner on the 45500 Morningside told police he wasn't getting his credit card statements in the mail, and when he called the credit company he was told his address was changed to one in Detroit. His credit cards were cancelled and he received new cards. The

victim said he couldn't tell if anything was charged under his name because he hadn't been receiving the bills in the mail.

Check fraud

4 The owner of the Marathon Gas Station, 41479 Michigan Avenue, told police a customer gave him a \$423.14 check to pay for gasoline on March 6. However the bank told him they wouldn't cash it because it was a fraudulent check.

License plate stolen

5 A homeowner on the 200 block of Woodward told police the license plate for his 1991 Chrysler was stolen sometime this winter. The victim said he parked the car in the driveway and put a tarp over it for the winter. When he uncovered the car he noticed the plate was gone.

Car vandalized

6 A woman told police she parked her car in front of her residence at 51 Mott and when she returned to the vehicle noticed the windshield was cracked. The report indicated a small object may have been used to crack the windshield.

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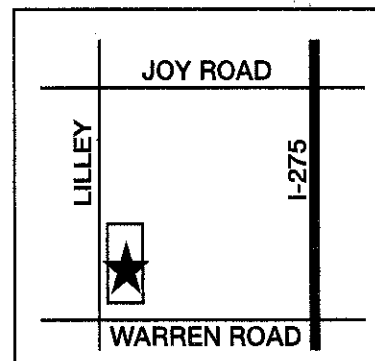
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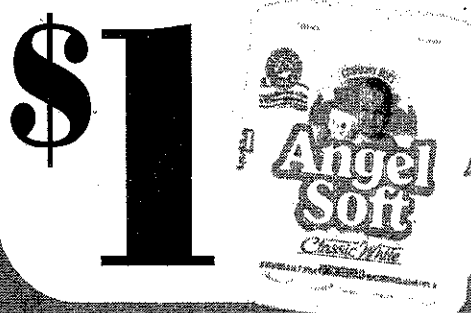
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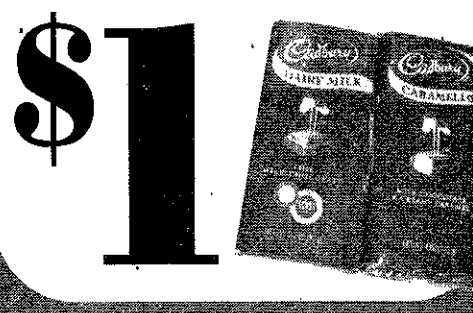
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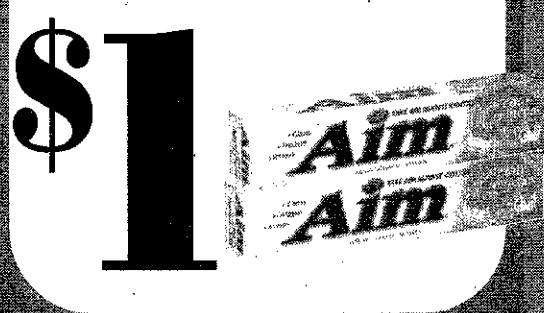
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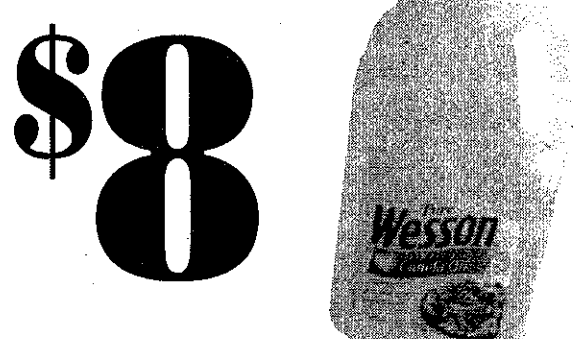
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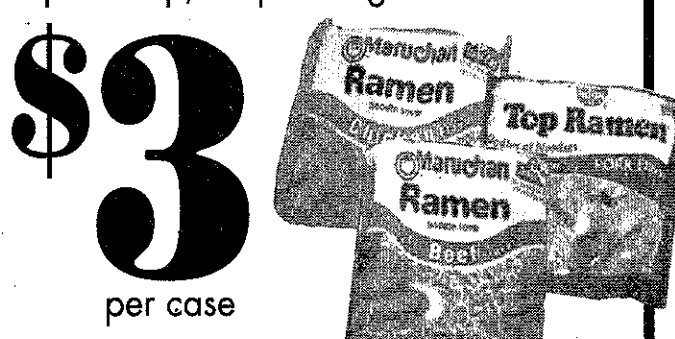
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W-W unions get 4-year agreements

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Wayne-Westland employee groups will be getting pay increases that mirror the raises received by the district's teachers in a contract ratified last month.

The school board voted 6-0 with board Treasurer Steve Becher absent to approve new contracts with the Wayne-Westland Building Administrators Association and Wayne-Westland Central Office Administrators Association.

The agreements, however, drew criticism from some residents who believe now is not the time to be handing out pay raises when many residents of the district are experiencing job losses or a reduction in their income.

"As a citizen of this district, I don't know of anyone who is receiving pay increases, they're facing pay freezes or cuts," said Brandi Smith. "How do you justify giving out raises? I want to know what the kids are going to lose out on because that is going to happen."

According to Bernard La Porte, senior executive director of human resources, the four-year agreement runs through June 30, 2012, and includes increases of 1.75 percent for 2008-2009 and 1.5 percent for each of the remaining three years. The contract also includes a cut in the vacation fund, a change in health care to include a \$10 co-pay for office visits and \$25 charge for non-emergency room visits and a \$10 increase in sick day payouts when the staffer resigns, if they have worked for the district for more than 10 years.

"The salary parallels the teachers contract," he said. "That has been the policy, when we settle a contract we look at what the teachers got."

The WWBAA salary includes five grade levels and eight steps. The wages range from a low of \$68,779 for an member at grade 11, step 1, up to a high of \$116,316 for an administrator at grade 15, step 8 in 2008-2009 and increase to a range of \$72,176 to \$121,887 in 2011-2012.

The WWCOAA salary schedule has 17 grades and 8 steps. At the low end - grade 1, step 1 - wages for 2008-2009 are 32,904 while employees at grade 17, step 8, will receive \$120,948. In the fourth year of the contract those wages will increase to \$35,260 and \$128,937 respectively.

Smith questioned why the district would agree to four-year contracts

when there's a possibility of massive cuts in state school aid.

"People are taking pay cuts and pay freezes, that needs to happen here," she said. "With the current losses, you need to make sure we don't lose services to the students."

Her sentiments were echoed by Mark Blackwell who told the board that his "union brothers have taken concession after concession to stabilize the auto industry."

"The same should be happening here," he said.

Superintendent Greg Baracy stressed that the district has been involved in cost containment for quite some time. The district has cut back on non-essential purchases and has restricted overtime. It also purchases diesel fuel at half the price at the pump through a cooperative

agreement and buys natural gas from the well head.

"Children are our first concern," Baracy said. "There are concessions in these packages. We are tightening our belt and retooling like business. We have a plan, we have a funding structure to preserve programs for the students."

He added that there have been a number of concessions made by the bargaining units that are cost containment.

Board President Martha Pitsenbarger told the audience that the district has done what she has done with her personal finances.

"They're doing everything they can for cost containment," Pitsenbarger said. "We know who we're here for — children. Don't think we don't have children first."

Churchill students hold peace conference for teens

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some students at Churchill High School in Livonia want teens to know they don't have to wait to become adults to make a difference.

The students, members of the World Focus group at Churchill, are putting on a peace conference for 13- to 19-year-olds in the metro Detroit and Windsor area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Madonna University, Livonia.

The event is "organized by teens for teens to see what teens are capable of doing," said Ryan Stevenson, 18, co-president of World Focus. "We are embracing peace, but we are also actively trying to work toward it."

Tickets to "Youth Peace Conference: Voices for Tomorrow" are \$20 each, include breakfast and lunch, and are available at the door.

A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit an African village that was raided and burned to the ground in March 2007 by a neighboring agricultural group during a land dispute.

Conference speakers include



Proceeds from the teen peace conference at Madonna University in Livonia on Saturday will go toward helping the African village of Bawock, Cameroon, which was raided and burned by a neighboring agricultural group during a land dispute. The World Focus group at Churchill High in Livonia has already contributed more than \$3,000 toward reconstruction efforts of medical clinics in the village.

Jeffrey Zaslow, *Wall Street Journal* columnist and co-author with Randy Pausch of the *The Last Lecture*, and John Titus, whose daughter was a flight attendant on one of the planes hijacked by terrorists and flown into the World

Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

All five speakers are donating all or a portion of their fees to World Focus to help the African village, Stevenson said.

The World Focus group has already raised more

than \$3,000 to rebuild the medical clinic and build a new maternity clinic in Bawock, Cameroon, said Bob Carris, president of the Livonia A.M. Rotary Club.

The students learned of the plight of the Bawock residents

from Dr. Stanley-Pierre Ngeyi, a Rotarian and chemistry professor at Madonna. Ngeyi grew up in Bawock.

An adviser at their school put them in touch with Ngeyi after they expressed an interest in doing international charity work.

The World Focus group has since become a high school Rotary club in order to better help the Bawock residents. Stevenson said if people have the basic needs to live, there's no need for them to act in violence to take what they need from others.

Carris said he is impressed with the students in the World Focus club. "I've not seen a group of kids do this on their own," he said. "They're the most motivated group of kids. They do fundraisers about once a month; they're seriously interested in this."

He said the Bawock chief has sent them thank-you letters, adding that the village received little help from the government. "They cannot believe that kids in the United States would do this for them."

Stevenson said the idea of

VOICES FOR TOMORROW

What: Peace conference for teens

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

Where: Madonna University, Livonia

Who: Speakers include Jeffrey Zaslow, co-author with Randy Pausch of the *The Last Lecture*, and John Titus, whose stewardess daughter died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

If you go: Cost of \$20 includes breakfast and lunch with a portion benefitting rebuilding efforts in Cameroon, Africa. Tickets are available at the door.

the conference is to get more teens working together to make even more of an impact. He encourages teens from all over the metro Detroit and Windsor area to come.

"Even though they might only be teens, they can make a fundamental change in the way the world is," he said.

For more information on the conference, e-mail lwpeace-conference@gmail.com.

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Weigh pros and cons of being a landlord

I have received a letter recently from individuals asking if it's a good idea to rent their home. My answer is: "Do you have what it takes to be a landlord?"

One of the toughest jobs is being a landlord. When you only have one house to rent it's not economical to hire a management company. I always ask people who are considering being a landlord if they would evict a tenant for nonpayment of rent. If the answer is no, they should not be a landlord. Being a landlord is a business and should be treated as such. I always tell investors they should invest without emotion. The same applies to being a landlord. You cannot let emotions dictate your decisions.

Those thinking about renting their home should talk to a landlord to get a feel for what is involved. There are many books on the topic and resources on the Internet.

If you have made the decision to become a landlord, there are legal and tax issues you need to be aware of before you allow anyone to move into your home.

The first issue is the lease. It is imperative you have a written lease. Although you can buy a fill-in-the-blank lease, it may not fit the situation. Even if you use a prototype lease, have an attorney, who is familiar with real estate law, review the document.

Issues that need to be addressed in a lease are security deposits, length of the lease, amount of rent charged, late payments and whether to allow pets and smoking.

It's important to remember when problems arise, they are generally construed against the landlord so it is important that terms are clearly laid out in the lease.

When renting your home, make sure the tenant is responsible and trustworthy.



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For example, many landlords today will run some sort of credit check on the tenant. Typically, you need the applicant's permission to access this information. Therefore, make sure they sign the appropriate document to obtain the necessary information.

A landlord has to keep separate records for tax purposes. Items that were not deductible when you owned a home may be deductible when you treat it as rental property. An example may be condo association dues that become deductible when it's a rental property but are not deductible if it is your personal residence.

As a landlord, there are different options available when it comes to accounting for taxes on your rental property. Sit down with an accountant who is familiar with rental property so you can use the tax laws to your benefit.

In today's economy, it does make economic sense to rent out property vs. selling it in a down market. However, in making that decision consider the ramifications of becoming a landlord. Carefully weigh the pros and cons including whether you want the responsibility that comes with being a landlord.

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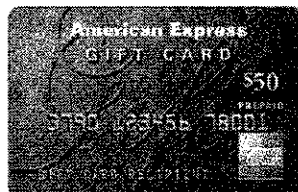
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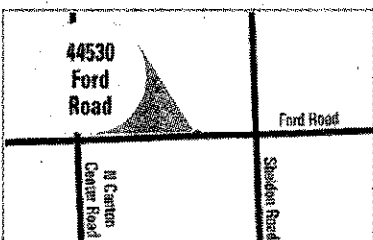
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STIMULUS

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until people file their 2009 tax returns, but Strohm said people should be aware of what is out there, because there is a lot. In fact, she said they learn more ways to take advantage of the stimulus package every day.

"Our motto around here is stay tuned. What we say today might be totally different as people take a closer look at this thing. It is complicated, but there is defi-

STIMULUS WORKSHOP

Phyllis Wood, an H&R Block tax specialist, will explain how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act applies to you when she visits the Canton Public Library at 1 p.m. April 5. Wood will explain how to plan for and document tax credits, what information you'll need for your tax return and some of the differences between this year's and last year's allowances. For more information, call the library at (734) 397-0999.

nately a lot for people. And they need to be aware of it," Strohm said.

For example, there is an \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit that taxpayers can file for on their 2008 or 2009 tax returns. Then there is the

tax credit that will cover the cost of the sales tax for people purchasing a new vehicle in 2009 (though they won't be able to file for that until next year).

Families can benefit in several ways. The earned income

credit will provide families with three or more children additional tax relief. And there is also wider eligibility for the child tax credit that will help lower-income families.

Joan Eldridge, H&R Block's district manager for Canton, Westland, Wayne and Garden City, said people on Social Security will also receive a one-time \$250 check sometime between June and August.

"If someone collects Social Security, they will receive this check," said Eldridge,

who works at the H&R Block office in the Westland Shopping Center. "However they currently receive their check, they will receive this check."

There are also several advantages for people hit hard by the economy, including those collecting unemployment compensation, who will receive an additional \$25 a week and get extended benefits. The new plan also calls for the first \$2,400 of unemployment not to be taxed.

For those who have lost jobs, there is also a federal

subsidy available that will cover 65 percent of COBRA health insurance benefits for nine months.

These are just some of the programs H&R Block officials are touting. Eldridge, a Westland resident, says there will almost certainly be more.

"There's probably going to be more that trickles down to us," she said. "The bottom line is people need to ask whoever is preparing their tax returns questions. We have a lot of people coming in asking what the stimulus means to them. We like questions."

FESTIVAL

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they are the same and different, and how they sound when they are mixed," Washburn said. "The first half of the program will be traditional Chinese folk music, either recomposed or arrangements tailored to our orchestra. It will be a hybrid of the two styles."

Plymouth-Canton Symphony Orchestra Director Beth Stewart of Plymouth Township said Gao can make the ehru sound like a fiddle, a Stradivarius violin or mimic the human voice.

"The whole first part of the program is all beautiful scores of Chinese folk music the Asian population will recognize," Stewart said, "including *Jasmine Flowers* and *Butterfly Lovers*."

"We're also going to have a Chinese dance troupe on stage," she added. "The costuming is beautiful."

On Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m., Gao will give an ehru demonstration along with the Youth Orchestra on Chinese music. The dance troupe will demonstrate the history of Chinese dance 4-6 p.m. Both sessions are open to the public free of charge.

"The Partnership for the Arts in Canton has been really supportive and gave us a grant for the Fusion Festival this year, like it did last year," Stewart said. "It allows us a chance to spread our wings and put together music we might otherwise not get to play."

Washburn said she's excited to have a second chance to work with Gao.

"When he played in Plymouth, he brought down the house," Washburn said. "People couldn't believe they were enjoying music that was so different. He's quite the showman and an amazing artist."

Tickets for the Saturday concert are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Symphony office by calling (734) 451-2112. Tickets can also be purchased using the Village Theater's secure online box office at www.orchestracanton.org, or at the Village Theater box office one hour prior to the performance.

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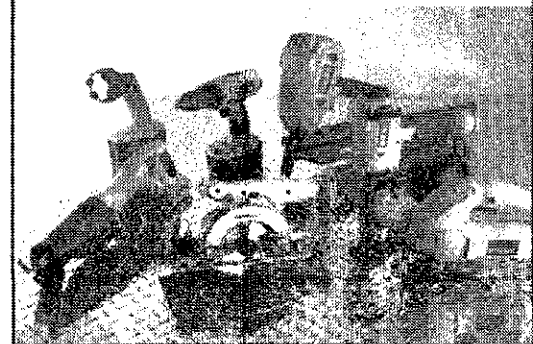
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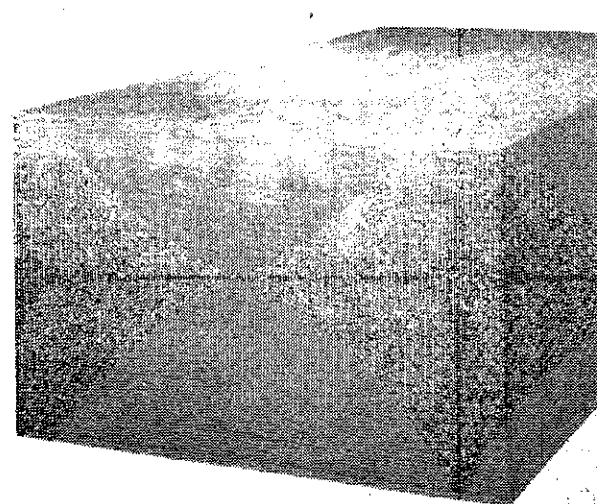
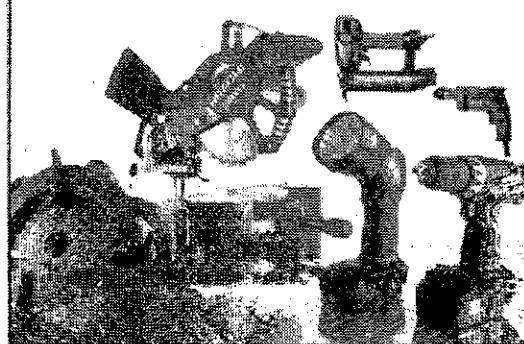
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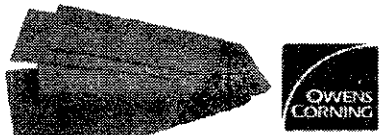
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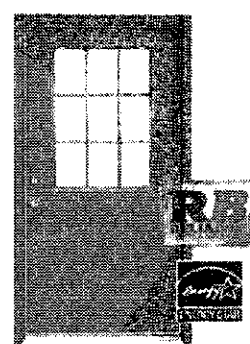
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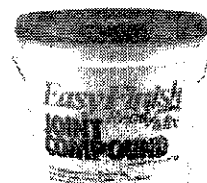
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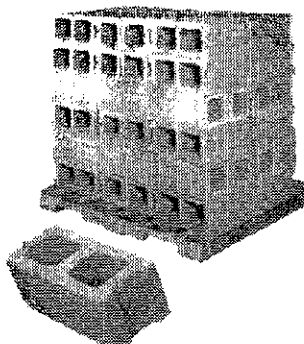
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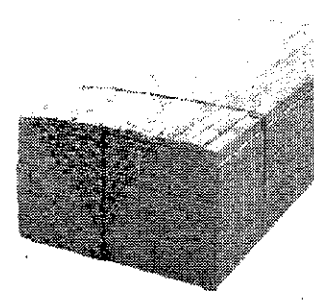


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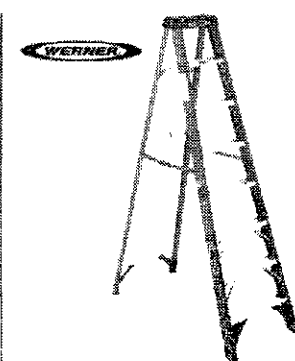
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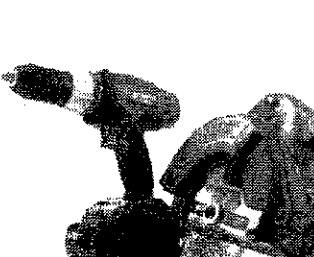


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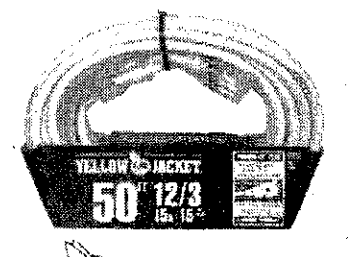


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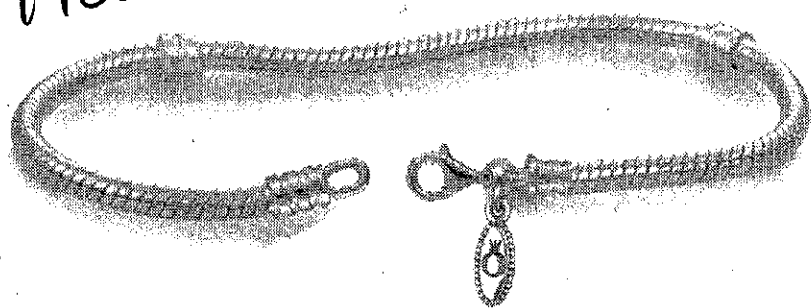
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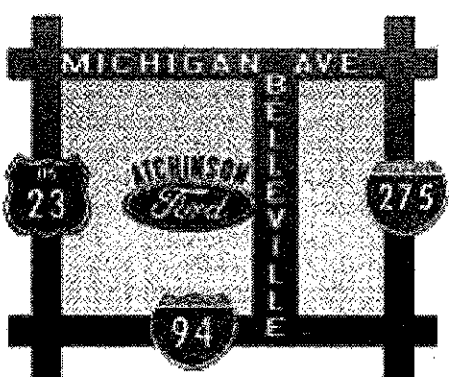
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Bob Boyer first donated money to move the old Cady (now Cady-Boyer) barn to Cherry Hill Village. He is now saving an old silo, which is being moved next to the barn.

Community owes a big thank you to benefactor

They just don't make 'em like they used to. That can be said for the 1930s-era silo that is being moved to Cherry Hill Village from a former farm near Ford and Ridge roads.

Let's face it, silos — once a common feature on Canton's landscape — are a thing of the past here. They, and the farms they once graced, have been replaced by tidy subdivisions, restaurants and big box stores. Many call that progress.

Longtime Canton resident and business owner Bob Boyer might even agree with that characterization — progress. But Boyer, who owns Boyer's Meat Processing, also knows the importance of a town remembering its history. For years his business was intertwined with Canton's farming history — he personally dealt with some of the town's former farmers. He, as much as anyone, remembers when Canton was Michigan's "sweet corn capital."

Unfortunately, today many of the people who live in Canton, especially the younger generation, have no idea about that past. Thanks to Boyer's eternal generosity there will always be a vivid reminder of that proud past.

A couple years ago, Boyer paid in the neighborhood of \$100,000 out of his own pocket to move the old Cady Barn — a Civil War-era barn that was going to be torn down — from the Plymouth-Canton high school campus to township-owned property in Cherry Hill Village. Now he is in the process of moving the old silo to the same site.

Boyer, again using his own money, hired the same Amish workmen who moved the barn to take down the silo, which was donated by Tim and Gail Carr, who own part of the old 40-acre farm where it once stood. In the next couple weeks, the workers, who have already dismantled the silo, will begin erecting it in the township's burgeoning historical village that also includes the Travis-Bartlett House and Hugh Clyde home.

According to Boyer, there are just a couple silos remaining in Canton, which is why he wanted to save this one. He said he would like to one day add a spiral staircase that will take visitors to the top of the silo where they would have a fantastic view of the Canton Township landscape — a landscape where there once stood dozens of similar silos.

Canton is lucky to have such a generous benefactor in Boyer. From him we could all learn a valuable lesson about civic duty and community service.

Thank you Mr. Boyer. They just don't make 'em like you anymore.

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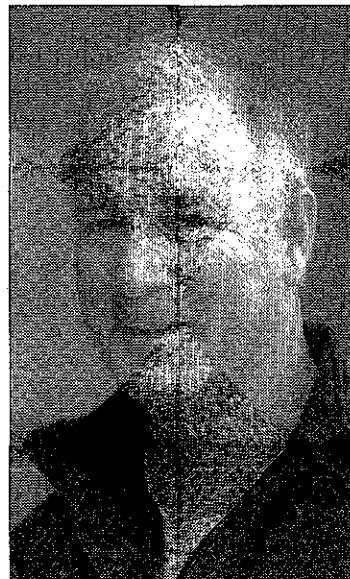
COMMUNITY VOICE

Asked at the Canton Public Library: Do you think winter is over?



"No, because we've had our worst storms in March and April."

Helaine Binstock, 72, Canton



"No, because we always seem to get one last snow storm at the end of March or early April. I just came back from Florida and I think I came back too early."

Rob Cripe, 54, Canton



"Yes, because of global warming. Al Gore said so."

Melissa Fasset, 42, Canton



"I have faith it is because my tulip bulbs are starting to come up, and my neighbor's crocus is blooming. That's the sign."

Julie Osika, 40, Canton

LETTERS

Cut salaries

My husband and I are out of a job, and the Canton trustees are proposing to raise water and sewer rates? We can hardly pay our bills right now. What the municipal government of our town should do is make everybody at the municipal building take a pay cut. I think all of them — from the town supervisor to the lowest paid clerk — are all overpaid. They should decrease the rates instead of increasing them.

Marlene Grant
Canton

Rethink rate increase

With regards to the proposed water rate increase. The Canton Township Board of Trustees had better think good and hard on ways to keep the hike increase reasonable. With the economy on the edge, jobless rates on the rise and property values in decline. The last thing distressed homeowners need now is a higher water bill to worry about every three months. Even the threat of an increase may have the reverse affect on bringing in revenue.

People will cut back even further on consumption. Summer watering of lawns will drop off perhaps and that will decrease property values even further. Who wants to live in a community that is afraid to take a drink of water because it's too expensive. What kind of community draw will we have. "Welcome to Canton" The great Michigan desert! Land of the two-minute shower and dirt brown lawns.

I hope the board can make sense of the situation and provide the correct and patriotic solution. Canton will survive this economic crisis. The question is how will we be remembered and thought of when prosperous times return. Are we going to be proud to say we dealt with the crisis with compassion and not panic? I hope so, to do the right thing now will make all of us proud to live here and will draw others here in the future.

Jim Drozdowski
Canton

Montoya is right choice

As each day passes the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is facing a mounting task. Marching bands are preparing for the upcoming season. Shows, music, and possibly choreography have already been selected planting their seed they hope will blossom at Lucas Oil Stadium at the Grand Nationals in November.

After reading the article "Third time a charm?" by Brad Kadrich; I cannot help but write to the paper to express my displeasure at both the hiring process and committee.

Mr. Ray Bihun stated: "A band as prominent as Plymouth-Canton's ... should be drawing more prospects. We're a national program." (Canton Observer, March 12) Could it be that these prospective candidates were intimidated with the marching band's past history and its continued resolution towards excellence? Could it be that these prospective candidates have never dealt

What do you think?

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with a Plymouth-Canton marching band type student?

Our students demand to be more than just "OK." Our students desire to reach their fullest potential as individuals and together as a band. Our students are determined to restore, reclaim, and maintain Plymouth-Canton's status as one of the most renowned and recognized bands in the nation.

Andrew Carnegie said: "Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." Our band epitomizes this quote.

On Nov. 15, 2008, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band phoenixed from the ashes of a mundane season to reclaim a spot as one of the best marching bands in the nation finishing 11th at the Grand Nationals. This was accomplished, not by magic or luck, but by sheer determination of the students who were supported and encouraged by Mr. Martin Montoya, his staff, parents, and fans. Mr. Montoya is truly a gifted teacher. As "interim" director, not only did he achieve a spot in the Nationals, but also "PCEP" had its wind ensemble and varsity band ... along with its concert and symphony bands under the direction of Martin Montoya ... scored straight "Is")

Has any of the board observed his interaction with the students? Has the board ever obtained opinions from the students and/or parents? I have seen Mr. Montoya "teach" on the practice field. I have seen Mr. Montoya take that special time and effort with a student and sections that need the extra help. I have seen students respond to Mr. Montoya because they respect and believe in him. As a parent of a band member, I believe in him. I believe Mr. Montoya deserves to be offered the position of director based upon his credentials, his professionalism, and his devotion and dedication to the music program and his students.

The selection process was said to be "complicated." Not in the least when someone as capable as Mr. Montoya is right there.

Carl Katafiasz
Canton

Hire Montoya

I would like to offer my support of the re-hiring of Martin Montoya as director of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. I am a junior in the program, and I have marched for three years. I can honestly say this season has been the best. It was completely different from the first two seasons that I was in this great program.

My first two years, I was not motivated to try very hard, I heard that we were Plymouth-Canton and we were the best. This year, Mr. Montoya showed me the down sides of our program. He taught

me to never be satisfied with where I am, to always reach for more, and to want to be the real best, not just the best according to yourself.

I always thought we would be fine because we were Plymouth-Canton, but Mr. Montoya showed me that you have to earn the right to be good; you are not just good because people before you have been. He also taught me that giving up is simply not an option.

When everyone counted us down and out, he was the one that never gave up on us, he was the one that always told us we could be great, if we truly wanted to be.

I strongly believe that Mr. Montoya did a miraculous thing with the band this season. This band thought we were all down and out, we thought we were done, we all thought we would not make to the national finals at Indianapolis. We thought this for many reasons; we were scared about having a new director, we were scared about losing our visual caption head, we were scared about losing 50 good seniors, we were scared that we would not live up to the Plymouth-Canton name.

Mr. Montoya washed those fears away by showing us that he was a more than capable director; he showed us he was a great director. Mr. Montoya showed us that it was not all about who was telling us how to march, it was about us and how we wanted to march. Mr. Montoya showed us that losing 50 seniors just gave others an opportunity to step up and lead.

Mr. Montoya turned Plymouth-Canton back into what it used to be. A band was once a well-balanced marching band, that could play well, and march well, too. In recent years, the musical part of our program had not been what it once was. We could march really well and we had to compensate for the musical part of the program.

Mr. Montoya was determined to change that, and change that he did. In past years, it was always the Plymouth-Canton marching band winning the MCBA competitions, but we sounded like garbage, and we knew it. We learned this year that it is not about what place you get, it is about how good you know you did. It was about giving it everything you had, and holding nothing back. It became about having pride about what you just sounded like out on the field, not just what you looked like.

This marching season can be defined by one word: adversity. Mr. Montoya was eight months behind in show design, hiring a staff and everything else. We had no reason to make the national finals at Indianapolis at all. Mr. Montoya did this season what Mr. Whitlock failed to do, he carried his first-year band all the way into finals on the national stage. We did not have a real visual caption head, we had a small, new staff.

I know that given all the advantages a band director should have in preparation, Mr. Montoya will take this band above and beyond what it has been in recent years. Seeing what he helped us achieve with such short preparation time, and help from others, it makes me so excited for next year. I am so excited to see what he can do with a full year to get ready for the upcoming season.

Paul Shanks

Canton High School Class of 2010

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EASTER BUNNY ARRIVES

METRO DETROIT — The Easter Bunny will hop into several local malls this weekend and stay through Easter Sunday. He has already arrived at Twelve Oaks in Novi, Westland Center in Westland, Oakland Mall in Troy, and Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The Village of Rochester Hills will welcome the Easter Bunny March 28 with a Kids Spring Scavenger Hunt noon-3 p.m. starting in Festival Park. Somerset's bunny, Hester Fairweather, will arrive April 2 at the North Grand Court amidst whimsical pop-up book decor and a labyrinth carpet. All locations offer photo packages. Check online for times.

BALLROOM BLISS AT ROYAL PARK

ROCHESTER — The Royal Park Hotel will host the third annual Ballroom Bliss Event March 28. Named "Best Industry Event" by the National Association of Catering Executives-Michigan Chapter, the event offers a night of inspiration for clients hosting upcoming events at the Royal Park Hotel, including industry trends, creative cuisine, glam tabletops, stylish sips and tips. Call (248) 453-8709.

SHIRT BOX COLLECTS CLOTHES

FARMINGTON HILLS — The Shirt Box continues to collect gently used men's professional clothing through "The Shirts Off Our Back: From Our Closet to Yours," in partnership with Detroit's Neighborhood Service Organization. Drop off dress shirts, slacks, ties and sports coats at The Shirt Box, 32500 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. The clothing will help NSO's clients dress for success when applying for new jobs and making the transition back into the workforce. Call (248) 851-6770.

VINTAGE CLOTHING SHOW

SOUTHFIELD — The Midwest Vintage Clothing, Jewelry and Textile Show and Sale will be held April 3-4 at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road. Show hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

PAMPER FOR A CAUSE

TROY — Queen for a Day and Heroes, a nonprofit organization designed to raise the self-esteem and the self-confidence of children coping with cancer, will sponsor Beauty Bash VI, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. April 7 at the Excel Academies of Cosmetology, on Rochester Road south of M-59. Choose from a custom facial, paraffin dip, conditioning treatment, manicure, pedicure, make-up application or a hairstyle and cut; \$20 for one service, \$35 for two. The event also includes a silent auction, craft show, mini-massages, raffle and light refreshments. Call (248) 828-9972 to book your appointment.

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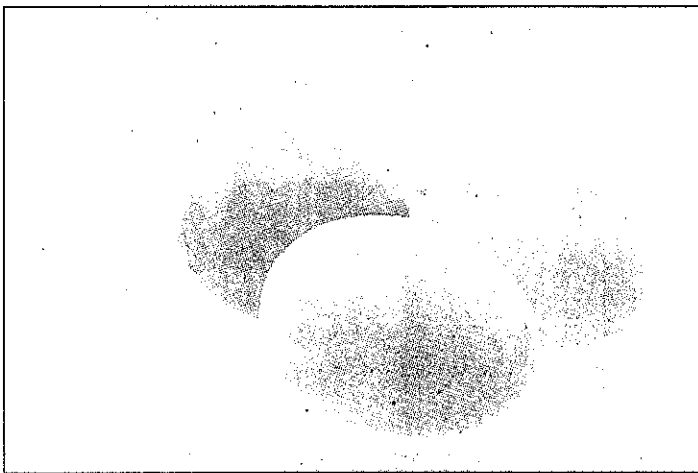
ROCHESTER — Grace Centers of Hope presents the 11th annual Women Helping Women Luncheon and Fashion Show 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Royal Park Hotel. Tickets, \$85, benefit GCH's Women's Program, the only shelter in southeastern Michigan where mothers and their children can stay together longer than two weeks for Life Skills programming. The shelter provides services without government funding. Ruth Spencer, WDIV Channel 4; Teresa Tomeo, 990 Catholic Radio; and Doris Biscoe, Biscoe Communications, return as emcees. Call (248) 334-2187 or visit www.gracecentersofhope.org.

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NORTHVILLE — Pendleton, 117 N. Center St. in downtown Northville, will welcome the season with a Spring Celebration March 26-28. View new spring merchandise for men and women, and get up to 40 percent off spring suiting for women in 100 percent lightweight wool woven in the U.S.A. With a purchase of \$250 or more, get a Lovey Lamb; and enter to win a "Sir Wooliam" cuddly life-size sheep mascot. For a free gift, R.S.V.P. at (248) 596-9820.

FOOD, FASHION AND FUN

TROY — Saks Fifth Avenue, Inforum, Michigan Financial Companies and Styleline Magazine will present "Food,



Fashion, Fun & How to Finance It All," 11:30 a.m. March 27 at The Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road. The event includes a Spring 2009 "Want It" trend show, luncheon, and presentation "Financial Success in a Turbulent Market," by Dawn Impellizzeri. Tickets, \$40 for Inforum members; \$45 for non-members, include a \$25 S5A Gift Card. Call (313) 578-3230 or visit www.inforum-michigan.org.

STYLESWAP CREATES COMMUNITY

SOUTHFIELD — Kara Laramie, owner of Live Wire Bead Company in Royal Oak, will launch her new venture StyleDirective with a "StyleSwap" event 7-9:30 p.m. April 3 at Tapestry catering on Evergreen Road in Southfield. Purchase a ticket, \$35, and contribute at least five items to swap in exchange for credits that you can use to

pick up other items, ranging from clothing in junior and women's sizes, outerwear and accessories including shoes, jewelry, belts, hats, scarves, wraps, purses and sunglasses. The event also includes appetizers, beverages and a free gift. Call (248) 396-2067 or e-mail kara@styledirective.com.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS EVENT

TROY — Donate a gently worn St. John suit to the Dress for Success drive at Saks Fifth Avenue through March 22, and receive \$200 off any full-price St. John purchase of \$1,000 or more. Dress for Success promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, support and career development tools. Saks is located at 2901 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Call (248) 614-3317.

TIFFANY AWARDS OPEN CALL

FARMINGTON HILLS — Hairdressers and colorists are

invited to enter the 7th Annual Tiffany Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards through 5 p.m. May 29. Contestants compete in four categories: Formal, Women's Editorial, Color and Avant Garde. First, second and third place winners in each category are presented with a crystal trophy from Tiffany & Co.

Contestants who enter in each of the three categories of Formal, Women's Editorial and Color are eligible to compete live for the title of Michigan Hairdresser of the Year at DREAMS, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, on Sept. 26 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. For information or to enter, visit www.thetiffanyawards.com or call (248) 347-7700 x2922.

WEDDING FOR BRIDES-TO-BE

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth DDA will stage its 2nd annual Plymouth Bridal Stroll April 25. The event starts at noon in Kellogg Park at with a mock wedding party, head table, and live music from members of the Erickson Flute Ensemble. From there, brides will follow their Bridal Stroll program on a matrimonial adventure through 35 downtown businesses offering locally-owned, personal wedding services, refreshments, discounts and drawings. Call (734) 455-1453 or e-mail dda@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS

TROY — Saks Fifth Avenue presents the "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends" Patron Party April 1. The event includes strolling brunch and a "Want It" trend show to benefit the Francee & Benson Ford, Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield. Sponsorships begin at \$600. Call (248) 853-3637.

EARTH DAY EXPO

ROCHESTER — Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center will present the fourth annual Earth Day Expo, Michigan's largest Earth Day event, in Downtown Rochester Saturday, April 18-19. The Expo, moving to Downtown Rochester at Third and Water streets and expanding to two full days, is free and open to the public. It will offer more than 150 green and wellness exhibits, presentations and films, alternative vehicle and energy displays, organic food service, farmers' market and petting farm, kids' corner, hands-on demonstrations, music and entertainment, prizes drawings, free massage and wellness activities, sustainable project and green business tours, as well as a community-building Connections Cafe. A Welcome Reception will be held 7-9 p.m. April 15 at Mind, Body & Spirits restaurant. Visit www.earthdayexpo.org or e-mail earthdayexpo@uheac.org.

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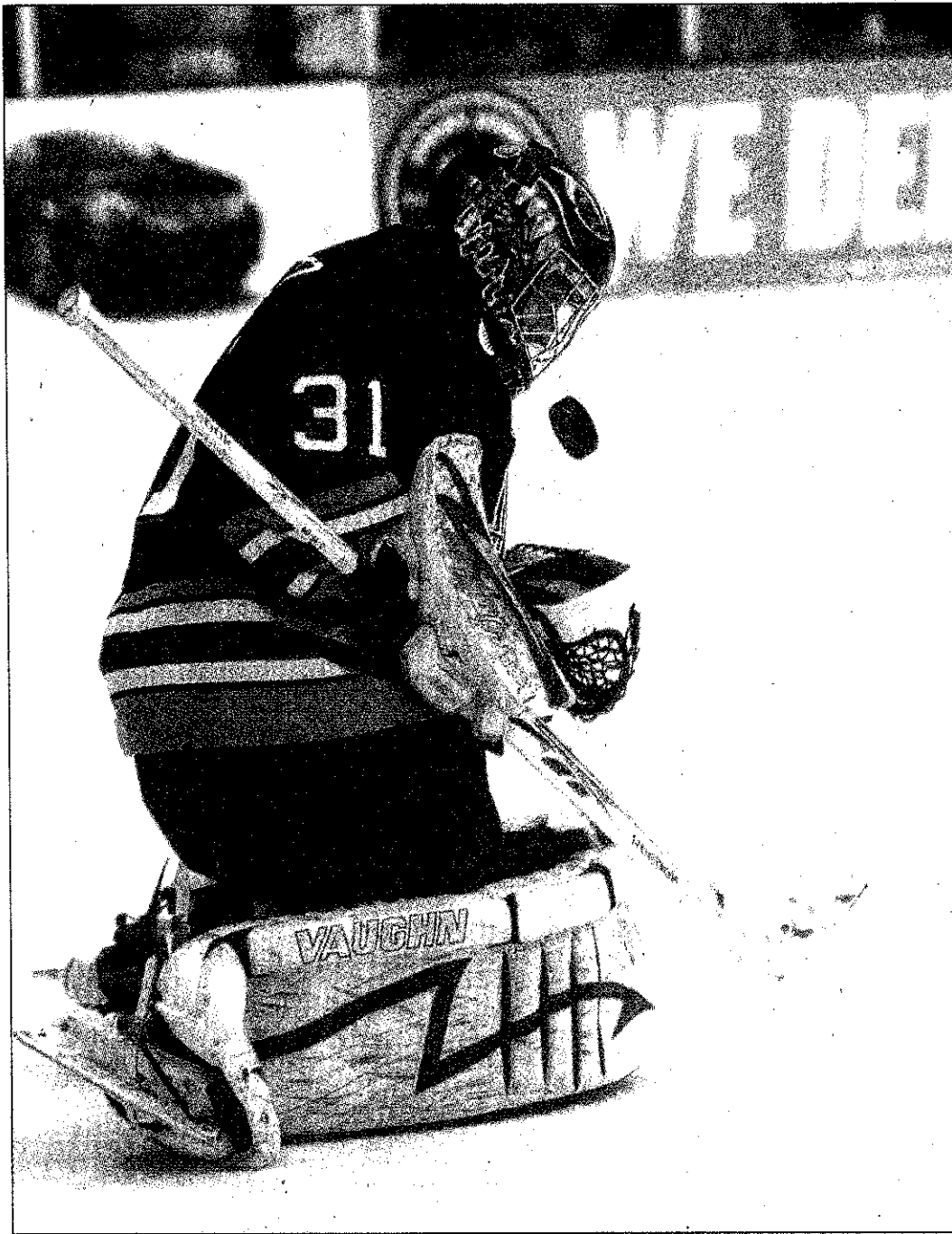
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HOMETOWN LIFE

2009 ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS: ROUND 1



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Above, Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett gloves one of the 47 saves he made in Tuesday's 5-1 victory over Sarnia. Thanks in large part to Hackett's heroics, the Whalers seized a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven first-round OHL series against the Sting. At right, Plymouth captain Chris Terry steers the puck past Sarnia's Mark Katic during Tuesday night's 5-1 Whaler victory. Terry finished with two goals and two assists.



Training Station gets area athletes in top game shape

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Madonna University men's golf coach Steve Mato attended a seminar over the winter at the Titleist Performance Institute in Chicago, he was looking for ideas to jump-start his spring season.

And because of the long and often cruel Michigan winters, Mato was seeking an off-season program tailored to incorporate golf and fitness.

It was time to come out of hibernation and only a few miles away from campus Mato got his answer — a new facility called the Training Station, located on 495 Amelia, just a chip shot away from the Cultural Center in Plymouth.

"Part of it was out of necessity, and I was looking for something we could do on our own," Mato said. "Nothing replaces hitting the ball on the course, but we're in Michigan. This is exactly what we need. I've gotten a lot of positive comments. And even though they're sore and

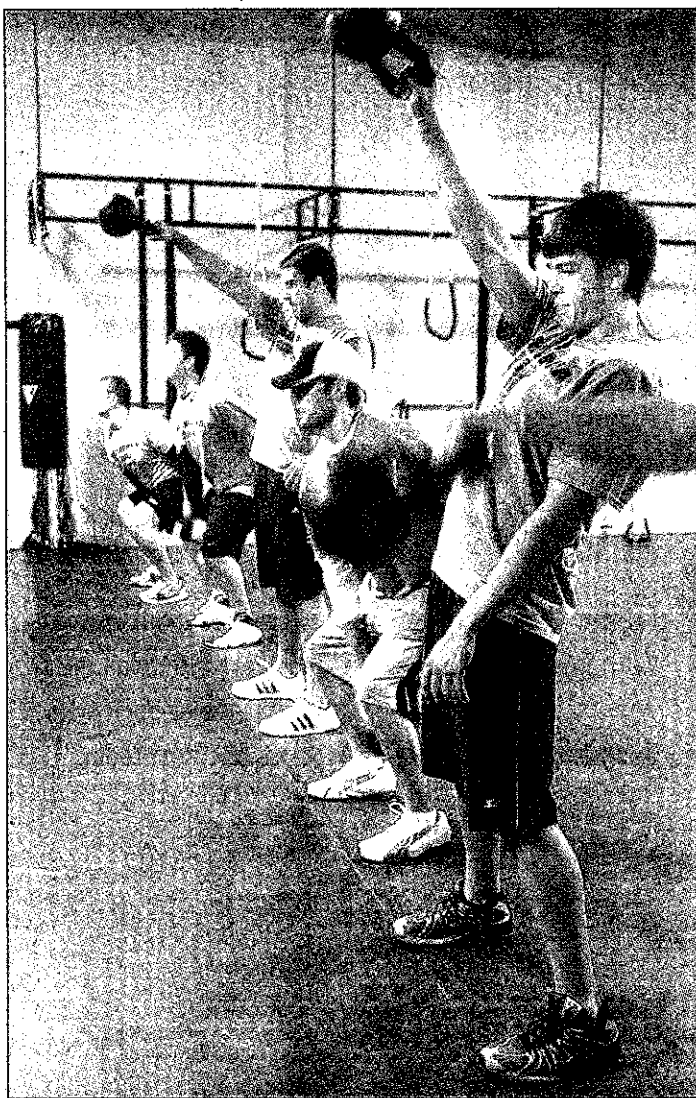
tired, they see the benefits."

As part of an eight-week session, the MU men's team meets twice a week for an hour doing circuit training. The Crusaders can be seen doing bar rotations, tire flips and lifting kettle bells.

The program stresses strength, stability, flexibility, mobility and cardio work under the direction of Dave Finlay, a certified personal trainer, strength and conditioning specialist. Also assisting the MU golfers during their off-season program is Tami Bealart, a local PGA professional and fitness instructor.

"If you do nothing all winter, then you wonder why you're hurt after that first swing," said Finlay, who holds a bachelor of science degree in physical education from St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. "Chiropractors will tell you golf and gardening are their biggest moneymakers. If you have no practice, warmup training or flexibility, that's when you get hurt."

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Members of the Madonna University men's golf team train with bell weights during a recent workout at the Training Station, which is located in downtown Plymouth.

Full mettle Hackett

Whalers' goalie stones Sting in game 3 victory

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett executed a near-flawless "Sting" operation Tuesday night in game three of the Whalers' first-round Ontario Hockey League playoff series against visiting Sarnia.

While his teammates were keeping their penalty box's "no vacancy" light lit on a consistent basis, Hackett stood on his head to make sure the net behind him remained vacant in the Whalers' impressive 5-1 victory.

The first-year starter demoralized the Sting most of the night, turning away 47 shots to stake Plymouth to a 2-1 series lead.

Pivotal game four is set for Thursday in Sarnia.

"We've been relying on Matt a lot this year," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "We gave up a few rebounds, but he was outstanding on the first-shot saves."

When asked about the high-volume of shots he faced, Hackett replied with a bring-it-on attitude.

"I like the action," said the 19-year-old native of London, Ontario. "It keeps you in the game, keeps you focused. You definitely can't fall asleep out there on nights like this."

The Whalers displayed equal doses of physicality and finesse during the game's first 12 minutes and 40 seconds when they zipped to a 3-0 lead.

The finesse was provided by Joe Gaynor, Tyler Seguin and Chris Terry, all of whom steered in early goals past usually stingy Sting net-minder Dan Spence, who blanked the Whalers in game one.

The physicality came from Jamie Devane, whose brief but action-packed fight with Brett Appio seven minutes in left a

small section of the ice stained with blood from Appio's nose; and Tyler Seguin, whose crushing check on Sarnia's Justin DiBenedetto just over a minute later nearly knocked one of the letters from the back of DiBenedetto's jersey.

It took DiBenedetto several minutes to regain his senses following the clean but jarring hit, but the Sting never recovered from the early 3-0 early hole the Whalers pushed them in.

The Sting reduced its deficit to 3-1 with 6:10 left in the first period when Matt Martin converted a power-play goal, but Terry's second goal of the game at the 3:01 mark of the first stanza widened the gap to 4-1.

What was Vellucci's message during the first intermission?

"I told them to stay in it; it's not over," said Vellucci. "Just like this series, this game means nothing until you get four wins."

Vellucci praised the play of Terry, who finished with two goals and two assists.

"I wouldn't say he struggled the first two games, but he was average," said Vellucci. "Tonight he was outstanding. He's been nursing an injury, so it was nice to see him break out tonight."

Hackett was particularly sharp during the second period when the often short-handed Whalers were outshot 21-12.

"Sarnia has a pretty good power play, but our 'D' and penalty-kill guys did a great job of making sure I could see everything in front of me," Hackett said. "They made my job easy."

"This was definitely a huge win for us tonight. It feels good to get home-ice advantage back."

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GAME WRAPS

Novi edges 'Cats in LAX

In a battle of Wildcats, Novi upended Plymouth, 12-7, Monday in a boys lacrosse season opener for both teams.

Plymouth's Danny Norris spotted his team a quick 1-0 lead, however, Novi answered with six unanswered net-finders and never trailed again.

Plymouth cut its deficit to 6-2 when Ryan Renault scored off an assist from Connor Martin, but Novi expanded its advantage to 11-3 after three quarters.

"Our guys came out with fire and passion," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "We gave them all they could handle. If a couple of ground balls go our way, we're right there."

"Novi was a top-10 team last year. We played good help defense and moved the ball pretty well."

Plymouth senior goalie Toufic Saati played well in net stopping 14 shots.

"Toufic played great in the cage," said Costello. Some of his saves were point blank."

Martin finished with three Plymouth goals while Norris, Renault, Brad Finch and Phill Flesch netted one each.

Norm Freda (two), Pat Smiatacz (two), Conor Downey, Norris and Martin each registered an assist.

Ignition seize first

With an 11-4 win over the Chicago Storm on Sunday, the Detroit Ignition took sole possession of first place in the Xtreme Soccer League.

The victory improved the Ignition to 10-7, while the Storm slipped to 7-11.

With just three regular-season games remaining, Sunday's win moved Detroit one critical step closer to winning the first-year league's title.

After a scoreless first quarter, forward Leo Gibson kicked off a 9-0 Detroit run with his first three-pointer of the season, an unassisted tally at 7:04 of the second.

Mike Apple, Zach Wilkes and Droo Callahan each found the back of the net in the third quarter, putting the Ignition up 9-0 leading into the game's final stanza.

Less than 30 seconds into the fourth, Chicago tallied its first score of the afternoon — a two-pointer from defender Lazo Alavanja.

At 7:27, Ryan Mack was able to knock in a ricochet pass from Callahan to push Detroit's lead to nine again.

The Storm was able to get one more goal past Danny Waltman before the match was finished, but the Ignition walked away with an 11-4 victory.

The Ignition will try and strengthen its hold on first place Friday when it takes on the New Jersey Ironmen (8-8) at the Prudential Center.

Crusaders remain hot

Off to its best start in school history, the Madonna University baseball team continued its winning ways Sunday with a doubleheader sweep of host College of the Ozarks, 16-0 and 14-7, in Point Lookout, Mo.

The No. 18-ranked Crusaders, now 21-2 overall, were led by Ryan Morrow, who went 8-for-9 on the day with four RBI.

Schmitt's NCAA debut at Georgia is impressive

Seven months after earning a bronze medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics, the medal collection of Canton High School graduate Allison Schmitt continued to multiply last week.

Competing for the University of Georgia at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships at Texas A&M University, Schmitt won the 500-yard freestyle with a record-setting UGA time of 4:35.17.

The Bulldog freshman also placed third in the 200 freestyle with a 1:43.09 clocking.

Schmitt swam the lead leg of Georgia's 800 free relay foursome that placed second and the Bulldogs' fourth-place 400 free relay contingent.

Overall, Georgia finished second in the country, just 11 points behind the University of California-Berkeley.



Schmitt



Rockets launch to title

The Canton Rockets defeated the Canton Spurs, 55-22, in a Community Education Basketball B League title game March 14. The Rockets, who finished as the league's lone unbeaten team, knocked off the Canton Wizards in the semi-final round. Pictured are (standing right to left) coach Mark Zemanski, Jack Zemanski, Ammar Chishti, Jordon Montagano, Trevor McKinney, Patrick Downing, Aaron Miller, Daniel Collins, coach Dan Young, (sitting right to left) Mile Dougherty and Derek Young.



Golf pro Teri Bealert looks on as Madonna University golfer Kyle Lawrey completes a workout at the Training Station in Plymouth.

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TRAINING

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"If your hamstrings are too tight, you use your spine as a torque instead of your hips."

Finlay also works with area youth and high school hockey teams during off-season. Ironically, many of MU's players have hockey backgrounds.

"These guys are pretty athletic," Finlay said. "I wouldn't mind taking them out and training them in other sports. Golf is a powerful, rotation sport. Most people just want to get through 18 holes not get injured. But these guys are just not doing it once or twice a week. They're scholarship athletes and it requires conditioning."

Bealert came away impressed following the team's initial sessions.

"It's a good bunch, they're very opening to listening, they want to do a good job and they're serious," Bealert said. "The fact that they want to get better is a good thing."

"Dave gave them an introduction to try it out and they were very impressed with his presentation and what he had to offer. He's very knowledgeable about biomechanics."

"We started off with drills to check their balance, stability and mobility. From

the very beginning we eased into it, then by the fourth and fifth session it was more power. But whatever exercise they do, posture is critical just like the golf swing. College kids are developed, but I'd think it would be even better for high school kids."

Players work up quite a sweat after just an hour of work in Finlay's facility, which opened last September.

"I can hardly wait for the spring season," said MU sophomore Austin Stillman, a graduate of Livonia Franklin. "This is a huge advantage for this program. It will not only help me help me, but the whole team in the future. We're pretty committed. It also brings us together as a team. I'm getting back in shape. It's helped my range and motion. It's given me more flexibility and strength to hit the ball further."

MU junior Steve South, who played hockey in high school, noticed a difference when he went to play earlier this month in Myrtle Beach, S.C., during spring break.

"I saw a significant change in distance, I'm driving the ball further than before," he said. "It's tough work. It's a lot harder than I thought. I got more of a sweat than I anticipated. It's good and it will all benefit."

Mato is confident he'll see the rewards right away as

MU will embark this weekend to Louisville, Ky., for its first spring tournament.

"You watch the game on TV and how many tournaments are won and lost on the last four holes?" Mato asked. "When you're walking and carrying a bag like these guys are, fatigue becomes a factor, especially on the hilly course. That's why we need to play the last four holes strong."

Tiger Woods is probably the most noteworthy PGA Tour player who has prided himself on working out and staying fit. The tour even provides a fitness trailer which is available on-site at all PGA events.

"Golf is like any other sport, it's no different," Finlay said. "Baseball players have their own personal trainers, there aren't many who don't maintain some sort of strength and conditioning program during the off-season."

Now all the Crusaders need is to fine-tune their games.

"They've all said they hit with greater distance when they went south on spring break, but now they have to control it," Finlay said.

To obtain more information about a golf and fitness program, visit www.trainwithtami.com; or call the Training Station at (734) 207-3852.

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Spurs win title in dramatic fashion

The Spurs captured the 2009 CEBL High School Basketball League championship recently when they stung the Hornets, 54-52. The Spurs, who finished 10-1, were led by Andrew Tidwell's 20 points in the title game. Defensively, the victors were paced by twin brothers Shawn and Brendon Quinn. 'This was a very competitive league,' said winning coach Chris Tidwell. 'I think you could pull out a pretty good AAU team from within this league.' Pictured are (front row from left) Robert Stolz, Andrew Tidwell, Jasmeet Sidhu, (back row from left) coach Chris Tidwell, Michael Lentz, Shawn Quinn, Scott Pummill and Brendon Quinn.

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WHALERS

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Sarnia had a pair of 50-second-plus two-man advantage opportunities toward the waning stages of the second period, but it was deflated repeatedly by Hackett & Co. With 3.1 ticks left before the second intermission and the Sting threatening to close its 4-1 gap, the 6-foot-2, 170-pound Hackett stoned three up-close-and-personal shots before ending up lying on his back with his head resting on the back of the net.

"I thought our penalty-kill guys did a great job tonight," Vellucci added. "Guys like A.J. Jenks and Brett Bellemore. They're just so steady."

Game five is set for Saturday at Compuware Arena. The opening faceoff is set for 7:05 p.m.

And if the Whalers start the game like they did Tuesday night, you'd be advised not to be late.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 578-2767 Plymouth center Joe Gaynor (24) opened Tuesday night's scoring with a goal 3:57 into the game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Plymouth baseball clinic

The 2009 Plymouth Wildcats Baseball Spring Training clinic will be held Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Plymouth High School baseball complex. Weather permitting, the clinic will be held outside. Otherwise, it will be held in the school's gym.

The camp, which is open to kids in grades third through eighth, will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a fun, learning environment.

For the \$50 registration fee, attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats' baseball staff and players; a T-shirt and lunch. There will also be video analysis among other constructive learning methods.

For more information, contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2009 season at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, in the OLGC Church Social Hall, which is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

OLGC has teams for boys who will be in 3rd through 8th grades this coming fall. Students attending OLGC, All Saints and St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic schools are

eligible. Also, families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting as program information will be discussed. For further information, contact Maria Conrado at mconrado@wowway.com or (734) 416-8935. Details can also be found by visiting the program's Web site: www.OLGCCrusaders.com.

Canton football camps

Three Canton High School football camps will be held in June.

The Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades seventh through ninth will be held June 8-11 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. To pre-register, contact coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

The Canton Chiefs Wing-T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10th through 12th will be held June 16-18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$30. To pre-register, contact coach Tim Baechler at (734) 453-7691.

The Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids entering grades third through sixth June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$75. To pre-register, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

YMCA programs

Plymouth YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are currently forming. The soccer leagues are for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 while the volleyball is for girls between the ages of 8 and 12.

The soccer session will run from April 6 through June 6. YMCA soccer is a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamental skills of soccer in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Saturdays. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. Individual memberships are \$39 yearly or family memberships are \$59 yearly.

The girls volleyball leagues session will run from April 20 through June 5. YMCA volleyball is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment.

There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Friday evenings. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members.

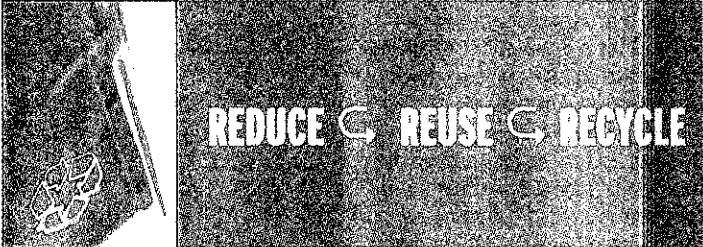
All participants for both sports need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey, \$15. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis. The registration deadline is March 27. Check the Web site at www.ymcadoway.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

HOCKEY RESULTS

2008-09 HOCKEY TEAMS

ALL-KENSINGTON CONFERENCE
Northville: Alec Arthur, Sr. Def.; Wes Gates, Sr. Def.; Ted Keranen, Sr. G; Matt Kreeger, Sr. Def.; Salem: Sam Ott, Sr. F; Kyle Powell, Sr. Def.; Adam Powers, Sr. G; David Russell, Sr. F; Livonia Stevenson: Cole Rochowiak, Jr. F; John Vella, Sr. F; Justin Shureb, Soph. F; Livonia Churchill: Dan Bostick, Sr. Def.; Robert Louwers, Sr. Def.; Adam Weigand, Sr. Def.; South Lyon: Chris Eckler, Sr. F; James Stratton, Sr. F; Plymouth: Kyle Callahan, Sr. F; Luke Merdani, Sr. F; Canton: Nick Tomilenko, Sr. F; Walled Lake Western: Jeff Cartwright, Sr. F; Livonia Franklin: Tyler Barnes, Sr. F.

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Brighton: Craig Marrett, Sr. Def.; Eric Ligon, Soph. G; Jimmy Schueneman, Jr. F; Reid Sturos, Jr. F; Lakeland: Trevor Lloyd, Sr. F; Jayson Cronk, Sr. F; Sean Staples, Sr. Def.; Bobby Stevens, Jr. G; Howell: Tyler Keough, Sr. Def.; Walled Lake Northern: Collin Elkins, Sr. Def.; Connor Hellebuyck, Soph. G; Greg Smith, Sr. F; Hartland: Brian Depp, Sr. F; Jake Shelters, Sr. Def.; Waterford Mott: Collin Larkin, Fr. F; Jacob Parrott, Sr. F; Waterford Kettering: David Merkle, Sr. F; Pinckney: Tommy Kilgore, Jr. F; Milford: Alex Gibson, Jr. F; Walled Lake Central: Brandon Fritz, Jr. F.



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PCS girls lacrosse team rallies to edge Farmington

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team evened its record at 1-1 Monday night with a 10-9 victory over Farmington United.

The Lady Warriors trailed 8-4 with 11 minutes to play before stringing together a stirring comeback. PCS knotted the game at 9-all with less than a minute to play before senior Abbey Epleman set a pick and sprung senior Edra Burris for the winning goal.

"We out-shot Farmington United two to one on the night, but their goalie played tremendous," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "Our goalie — Nicole Rottell — stoned them down the stretch. I've been wanting Nicole to spend her time as an attack, but right now she is playing where she knows she can help the team the most."

Burris and Lauryn Ebersole both finished with four goals. Chelsea Olson added a pair of net-finders for the winners.

"The game ball went to the entire team," said Medley. "It was truly a team effort."

*BLOOMFIELD UNITED 15, PCS 7: On Friday at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, the Lady Warriors suffered the setback despite Ebersole's team-leading six goals. The game was the season-opener for both teams.

"As long as our legs were fresh we had command of the game," said Medley. "But once the starting line-up started to tire, Bloomfield took over."

PCS led 7-6 at the half, but the hosts answered with nine straight goals to start the second half.

Sophomore Lauren Allard scored a single goal for PCS.

Defensively, the Lady Warriors were sparked by Natalie Sitko, Emily Cox, Taylor Martin and Lauren Manner.



Pictured (front row from left) are Plymouth-Canton Salem girls lacrosse captains Stephanie Pettovello (Canton), Chelsea Olson (Canton), Emily Cox (Salem), (back row from left) Melissa Giannini (Salem), Natalie Sitko (Canton) and Edra Burris (Salem).

Inexperienced Lady Warriors look to improve on '08

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team will be attempting to overcome a rather large hurdle this spring: the loss of 17 players from last season's roster — three of whom achieved All-State honors. "I've heard from several people who don't expect us to be as good as we were last year," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "I don't either — I expect us to be better."

The Lady Warriors fin-

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ished third in the Western Lakes Activities Association in 2008 and 11th in the final Division 1 state rankings.

"A real bright spot for me this year is the successful recruiting of assistant coaches Steve Nyquist, Dave Bower and Brooke Caccavelli," said Medley. "All three have played lacrosse at a variety of different levels. Their field

knowledge will pay off as this season progresses."

Among the Lady Warriors' key returners is junior Lauryn Ebersole, who garnered All-Conference honorable mention accolades as a sophomore. After leading the team in scoring as a freshman, Ebersole scored 21 goals last year despite missing several games.

"I'm counting on senior attack forwards Chelsea Olson and Stephanie

Pettovello to keep the pressure on our opponents' defense," said Medley. "Seniors Natalie Sitko and Nicole Rottell will see double duty playing on both ends of the field."

"Nicole was used primarily as a goalie last season, but we look for her to be on the attack end of the field."

Among the Lady Warriors' top defenders will be Emily Cox, who "brings a lot of playing time and experience

to the defense," Medley said.

Pacing the PCS offensive attack will be returning seniors Edra Burris and Abbey Epleman. Medley is also expecting big things from Melissa Giannini, Jennifer Herzfeld and Laura Allard.

"There are several girls who have moved up from last year's JV team and 26 newcomers the coaches feel are showing a lot of potential," Medley concluded.

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

Hospice to host meetings

★ Hospice of Michigan, which provides specialized health care services for people with a terminal illness and support for their loved ones, will host a series of grief support meetings on Wednesdays from April 14 - May 12, 2009. The meetings will be held from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Geneva Presbyterian Church, located at 5835 N. Sheldon Road in Canton.

The series of weekly sessions will offer insights and coping skills for adults dealing with the loss of a loved one and the normalization of feelings and reactions, such as denial, fear, anger and depression. Practical handouts are provided with each session.

"Hospice of Michigan provides a needed and welcome service to families who have lost a loved one," said Rev. Nancy Doty, Hospice of Michigan grief support services manager. "We offer a hopeful message of healing that is invaluable."

Registration is required as space is limited. These services are offered at no charge to any adult member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. Please call Rev. Nancy Doty at (734)

769-5821 by April 10. For information about Hospice of Michigan services in the Canton/Ann Arbor area, call (734) 769-5821 or visit the Web site www.hom.org.

Health screenings

★ Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding its monthly health screening clinic on Saturday, March 21 from 8 a.m.-noon. Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

Preschool openings

★ Little Lambs Christian Preschool, which provides a Christ-centered education for 3, 4, and young 5 year olds, is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year. Every Tuesday evening in April the school will host an open visitation between 6:30-8:30 p.m. Little Lambs Christian Preschool is located at 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, just south of Joy Road inside Charisma Life Church.

For more information, contact Shari Jackson at (734) 414-7792, or visit the school's Web site at www.pbcplymouth.org.



SEND IT

Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Canton Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones. It's simple. Just e-mail all of the details to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com and he will take care of the rest. Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Canton Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Family dentistry strives to offer comprehensive care

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

John D. (JD) Robison: Robison Dental Group is a family owned practice that has been serving the Plymouth Canton area since the early 1940s. Since then three generations of Robison's (John M., John R. and John D.) have had the opportunity to care for their guests. We provide services ranging from general family dentistry and full smile designs with veneers, to helping with headaches and jaw pain. We are even able to help treat sleep disorders such as sleep apnea and snoring. Invisalign, Zoom teeth whitening and TMJ treatment are only a number of the services we provide.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

John D. (JD) Robison: We are a unique dental practice because we are able to offer many different treatment options for our patients. We are a family oriented practice and enjoy giving back to the community. For the past two Halloweens we have done a candy buy back and sent the candy overseas to our troops. This past February we had the opportunity to host a charitable children's dental health

ROBISON DENTAL GROUP

Address: 8504 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

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Your hometown: Plymouth/Canton

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Number of employees: 7

Your business specialty: Medically based family dentistry

Business hours: Monday- 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tuesday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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day in our office in honor of Children's Dental Health month. All of our patients are offered oral cancer screenings during their hygiene visits utilizing the advanced Velscope technology. We believe it is imperative that continuing education be a part of what we stand for as an office. We have taken over 200 hours of continuing education classes in the past year which allows us to provide our guests the most comprehensive and advanced treatment currently available.

Observer: How did you first decide

to open your own business?

John D. (JD) Robison: When the first Dr. Robison chose Plymouth to start his practice, he was teaching at the University of Michigan, and Plymouth was a terrific small town environment, close to Ann Arbor.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

John D. (JD) Robison: When we decided to build a facility to fulfill our vision of medically based dentistry, there was no appropriate property available in Plymouth. We chose Canton to maintain proximity for our long time patients and to provide care for our new patients from a growing, vibrant community.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

John D. (JD) Robison: A large part of what brings a lot of joy to our practice is the children we meet. Kids never cease to surprise us. Once, while caring for a 5 year old little girl, I asked her "What would you like me to write on your filling? Only you will know it is there." She replied, "I love mom." Half way through completing this, she changed her mind. "Wait," she said, "please write, I love God."



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Staff at Robison Dental includes Dr. JD Robison (standing left), Paula McNiven, Rene Eiseman. (sitting) Ann Reiley, Mia Chun and Claudia Roberts.

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SHOWPLACE

CHAMBER CHAT

Staff appreciation luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 22, at 11:45 a.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 1900 N. Haggerty Road in Canton. The cost for this event is \$20 per person and includes lunch, beverages, dessert and door prizes.

"Every year our Staff Appreciation Luncheon serves as a wonderful opportunity for our members to say thank you to their staff," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon is being sponsored by National City. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 17.

Breaking boundaries

Join 13 suburban chambers from the western suburbs gathering under one roof from 5:30-7:30 p.m., March 26 at Burton Manor in Livonia to break the boundaries and do some serious networking.

Cost for attending the event is \$10. Reservations must be made — no walk-ins. Call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040 to reserve your table or if you just want to attend the event.

Chamber auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual dinner auction on Friday, April 3, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"This is always such a fun event. We have a silent, live, and raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening" said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "MASH" is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our MASH Fans."

Last year's event drew a crowd of more than 400 attendees and featured more than 250 prizes from categories such as home-style, travel and entertainment, sports and leisure, electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New this year is a one week stay in a luxury studio suite located in Cabo San Lucas or, a one week oceanfront condo in Myrtle Beach.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the live, silent, and raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's Auction is sponsored by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet and other local businesses.

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MARCH

Mobile food pantry

Trinity Church is once again hosting a Mobile Food Pantry Saturday, March 28, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., west of Beck, Plymouth. Reservations can only be made 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. To schedule a time for pick up on March 28, call (734) 459-9557. The free food distribution is a way for the church to offer assistance in these trying economic times.

Fish fry Fridays

4-7 p.m. (or until dinners run out) Friday, March 27, and April 10, at St. Robert Bellarmine on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. All you can eat fish dinner is \$8. \$7 seniors, \$4 kids under age 12, \$8 baked cod dinner, \$6 fish sandwich, \$2 cheese pizza. Dinners include choice of fries or mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll and butter, coffee, tea or milk. Carry out dinners do not include beverage. All-you-can-eat fish The St. Michael the Archangel Parish's "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinners continues 4:30-7 p.m. March 27, and April 3 in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Dinners feature hand-dipped fresh Alaskan cod, fried or baked, along with an assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost, \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children ages 3-11, free ages 3 and under. Carryout orders, \$7. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Health expo

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at St. Constantine and Helen Hellenic Church, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland. Cost \$35, includes lectures on diabetes, heart disease and nutrition; heart healthy continental breakfast and lunch; tests for hearing, blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and gifts such as cookbooks, pedometers and glucometers. No food after midnight for testing which ends at noon. Call (248) 356-5033 to register.

An evening with Simon Peter

A live dramatic presentation of the story of the ministry, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the point of view of one of his closest friends, the Apostle Simon Peter, 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, March 29-30, at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, north of Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (248) 476-4700. A 6 p.m. Lenten Meal precedes the presentation. Free will offering. Performed by John Dzwonkowski.

Detroit Lutheran Singers

Present concerts 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn, and 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th Street, Royal Oak. The children's choir from St. Paul Lutheran School will sing several selections in this final concert.

Music at St. John's

Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7). Call (734) 453-0190.

Open house

Holy Incarnation Orthodox Church, an English-speaking Orthodox Christian parish at 1385 Goddard near Fort Street, hosts an open house 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, showcasing the church's newly redecorated sanctuary. The open house will be preceded by the regular Sunday morning worship services, including the Divine Liturgy, which begins at 9 a.m. The open house concludes with Vespers, a brief evening prayer service. For more information, visit <http://holyncarnation.org>, call (313) 282-6153 or e-mail frfenton@holyncarnation.org.

Lenten vespers services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit continues 2009 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. March 29, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Dearborn; and April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians is invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. Call (734) 422-0278 or e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

Lenten schedule

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites all members of the community to any and all of its upcoming Lenten activities including Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7 p.m. followed by Benediction, and a special private reconciliation opportunity 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. Holy Thursday features the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 p.m. Good Friday devotions will begin with Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. followed by the Liturgy of the Passion at 1:30 p.m. An Easter Egg-Hunt begins 9 a.m. Holy Saturday followed by Blessing of Food at noon and the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon. For more information, call (734) 261-1455 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Midweek Lenten services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have midweek Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For information, call (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523.

Lenten services

7 p.m. every Wednesday through April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Passover Seder Dinner at 6 p.m. for \$8 followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 9. Easter Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. April 12.

Wednesday Lenten Service

Hosanna-Tabor offers a mid-week Lenten Service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverne, Redford. The Lenten Series will be "Places of the Passion" with the focus not on the physical locations of our Lord's passion but on the spiritual wonders of his work. A free will offering dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service each week through April 1. For information, call (313) 937-2233.

Lenten services

Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Fish fry

Continues 4-7 p.m. every Friday through April 3, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square. Choose from fried or baked fish with baked potato or french fries, cole slaw, roll, and coffee, tea, or punch. \$8. Kids meals like chicken nuggets, corn dogs and fries, \$4. Call (734) 721-4802 or (734) 891-2523.

Families in action workshops

The National Association for Mental Illnesses 10-week educational program continues at St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills. The program is for people with a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The workshop meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 30. \$20 per person; \$30 per couple. Families In Action is funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital Auxiliary. Call (248) 348-7197 to register.

Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, except for March, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive. The bank continues in April. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

UPCOMING

Dining in the kingdom of God

For five Wednesdays in Lent, St. Aidan will host the series. Luke's Gospel revealed 10 meals that describe different dimensions of the Eucharist. This presentation will be given by St. Aidan's Faith Formation Director, David Conrad, M.A. Theology, 7-9 p.m. April 1, and April 8. Free. Call (734) 425-5950.

Kids Easter fun day

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia hosts a Kids Easter Fun Day 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, at the church located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road. Morning includes games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more

for children ages 4-12 years old. All are welcome to attend this free event. For more information or to sign-up for the fun day, call (734) 422-1470.

Mom to mom sale

Connection Church in Canton is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at 3855 Sheldon, Canton, north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothes, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Bethany west singles

■ Saturday, April 4, Monthly Dance at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Dance lesson this month; Two Step, cost is \$10, refreshments included. Time is 8 p.m. to midnight. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716.

■ Saturday, April 18, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. Palm Sunday, April 5, 4:00 p.m.

Holy Week music

4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 5, A Recital of Organ and Vocal Music presented by organist Glenn Miller and renowned Kirk Chancel Choir soloists Nicole Greenidge, Lenora Green, Peiyi Wang, Charles Freeman and Tobey Miller, featuring classics, spirituals and contemporary selections, and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, A Program of Choral Music for Good Friday presented by the Kirk Chancel Choir, including music ranging from plainsong, Renaissance composers, spirituals and contemporary works at 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 626-2515 ext. 109, or visit www.kirkchancel.org. No charge.

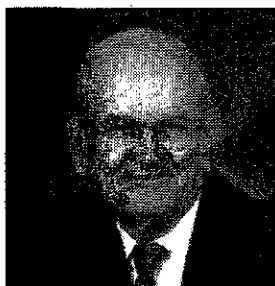
Men's Good Friday breakfast

Former Detroit Lion quarterback, Eric Hipple, will be the guest speaker at the 34th Annual St. Michael Men's Good Friday Breakfast 8 a.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Rd., Canton. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call the church office at (734) 459-3333 for information and tickets.

Passion play

Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church Chancel Choir and Friends present "The Passion According to Saint Mark" by Jan Bender 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 15, at the church, 33360 West 13 Mile and Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills. The choir and string ensemble will be conducted by Cantor Amy Studt. The work describes the history of the passion of the Lord as written by the evangelist, St. Mark. Using the Biblical text of the passion, traditionally read on Palm Sunday, it is sure to be a powerful and meaningful history

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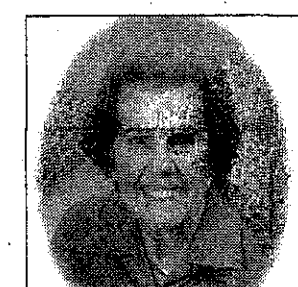
Age 91, passed away March 23, 2009 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Husband of the late Dorothy Peterson Csernits. Dear father of Sharon E. (Bruce) Moon, Jack J. (Julie) Csernits and William L. Csernits. Loving grandfather of Laura Barber, Brett and Michelle Csernits, Maxwell Barry and great-grandfather of Hannah Marie Christensen, Cameron Mitchell Csernits and Travis Wallace-Barber. Elmer was a WWII B17 pilot and a proud member of America's premiere fraternal organization of military pilots, the Order of the Daedalians at Luke AFB. He was a design engineer at Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1980, and lived in Sun City West, AZ. Elmer greatly enjoyed ballroom dancing. He was an active member of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church for 28 years. A memorial service will be held Thursday, 11:00 a.m., in the small chapel of Kensington Community Church 1825 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy. Final resting place with be in South Bend, Indiana. Memorials may be directed to Shepherd of the Hills UMC 13658 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375 or Hospice of Michigan 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 or online at www.hom.org. Generations Funeral Services, Farmington Hills.

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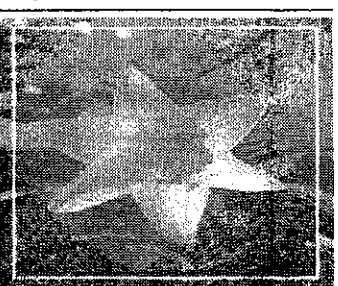
MARY BETH WILLIAMS VINCENTI

March 21, 2009. Age 55. Beloved wife of Philip. Cherished mother of Lauren Smith (Robert), Philip (Susan), and Alexandra. Special grandmother of Sophia and a grandson expected May 11th. Dear daughter of Patricia Williams and the late Donald Williams. Dear sister of Donald, Dennis, James, Robert, and Gregory Williams, and Janet Slatin. Services were held Wednesday at Holy Name Church, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to HAVEN, P.O. Box 431045, Pontiac, MI 48343 or Susan G. Komen For The Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



VIRGINIA HANDEYSIDE GOULD

Age 92, of Indianapolis, IN. Passed away Sunday, March 22, 2009. Born in Omaha, Nebraska on August 4, 1916, she grew up in Wayne, Michigan and spent most of her life in Bloomfield Hills, MI. She was the daughter of Charles A. and Mildred (Raymo) Handeyside. On June 30, 1939 she married Frederick C. Gould who preceded her in death in 1998. Survivors include her daughter, Nancy G. Adams, (R. Morris) of Indianapolis, IN, son Bruce F. Gould of Troy, MI, two grandchildren: Douglas B. Adams (Pamela) and Julia A. Browning (Douglas), five great-grandchildren: Jack, Abigail, Reese, Zoe, and Hope. Her main interest included spending time loving her family and friends. Ginny was a 1938 graduate from the University of Michigan where she met her husband. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, former president of the PTO in Bloomfield Hills, MI, former president of the Birmingham Chapter of the University of Michigan Alumni Association, a member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, and Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Ginny attended Northminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and attended Bible study at Forum at the Crossing where she had been a resident since 2000. Family and friends will gather from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons Chapel, Owosso, MI followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons Chapel, Owosso, MI.



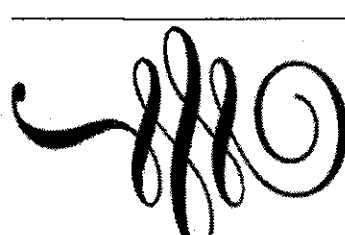
MARY ELLEN (Harper) KENYON

Passed away peacefully on March 10, 2009 in Hartington, TX. She was born June 17, 1923 to Arthur and Gladys (Gay) Harper in Sapulpa, OK. After high school, Mary Ellen worked for the local telephone company until she enlisted in the United States Women's Marine Corps, where she proudly served her country, driving trucks at the Miramar military base until she was discharged in March of 1946. The following June she married Robert J. Kenyon of Plymouth, MI where they bought a home and settled. Several years later son Thomas was born, followed a year later by Gerald. Soon daughters Gay and Jo Ellen joined the family to make it complete. Mary Ellen initially stayed at home to raise their children, then worked as the Deputy Clerk of Plymouth Township. Bridge was a lifelong passion of Mary Ellen's and she garnered many Master points at tournaments. She played contract bridge several times a week for many years. Mary Ellen expressed her creativity through her hobby of quilting. She was meticulous about their design and production, and every stitch was done by hand. She started quilting at age nine and through her life produced scores of quilts. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed historical novels, mysteries, drama, and adventures. Classical music was another passion of hers, and she maintained a respectable library of varied composers and performers, listening for hours each day. Mary Ellen and Bob retired to southern Texas in the late 1980s where they enjoyed good warm weather, good bridge games, and the company of good friends. Mary Ellen is survived by her brother, Sherman Harper of Laguna Woods, CA, her four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Seattle, Tampa and Denver. No service is planned. Mary Ellen will be interred in Plymouth, MI with her loving husband, Bob, who died in 1995. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice.



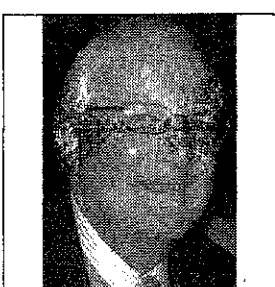
EARL M. MAYER
Age 77, March 12, 2009, of Bingham Farms. Beloved husband of the late Elsie. He is survived by many friends. Graduate of U of D Jesuit High School in Detroit, and served in the United States Army. He retired from Ford Motor Company after many years. Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 7pm. Memorials may be made to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI, 48221, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI, 48207-3485.

CARRIE L. NOBLE
Age 34, March 20, 2009. Loving mother of Justin Jenkins & Alyssa McKellar. Beloved daughter of Don & Cindy. Sister of Don Jr. (Xan), Keith (Terra) & Bryan. Also survived by many, many friends. Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Carrie's children.



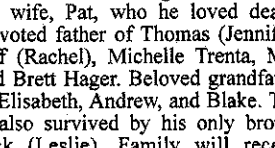
IRMA TIANO

March 23, 2009. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Linda (Michael) Blanck and John Michael (Vicki). Dear sister of Peter Jr. (Herta) Furbacher, Edward (Mary) Furbacher, Donald (Shirley) Furbacher and Wilma (Henry) Rochette. Grandmother of David, Thomas, Trent, Todd and Rachelle. Great-Grandmother of Megan, Amanda, Lillian, Lucia, Kayleigh and Cadence. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held Monday, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road (S of Cherry Hill). Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice would be appreciated. Care and Services were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home (734) 981-1700. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com



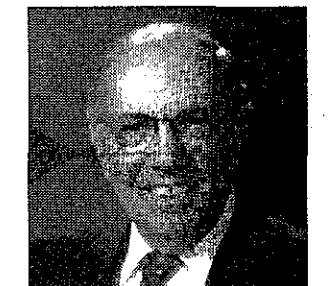
THOMAS J. TRENTA

Born in New Jersey on November 14, 1946, died on March 22, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital-Troy. He was a 1968 graduate of Marquette University, receiving a Bachelor of Science, degree in Finance and Accounting. He entered the United States Army in 1968 and, as a First Lieutenant, served a combat tour in Vietnam from 1970-1971. Tom began law school at the University of Detroit School of Law in 1972 and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1976. Mr. Trenta was primarily involved in the defense of medical malpractice cases until 2008 when he was appointed Vice President of Global Litigation for Kelly Services, Inc., a Fortune 500 global enterprise. He was a member of the Oakland County Bar Association since 1976, served on and chaired the Membership and Medical-Legal Committees, and was a Sustaining Member of that organization. He was a Life Fellow and Trustee of the Oakland County Bar Foundation and had served as a Master of the Bench in the OCBIA Inn of Court. Tom was an avid golfer and active participant in the "Fight True" organization always living its credo: "Fight for what is true and be true to the fight." Adored by his wife, Pat, who he loved dearly. Devoted father of Thomas (Jennifer), Jeff (Rachel), Michelle Trenta, Matt and Brett Hager. Beloved grandfather to Elisabeth, Andrew, and Blake. Tom is also survived by his only brother Jack (Leslie). Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, Michigan (between Maple and Big Beaver Roads) on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. Funeral Mass Thursday, March 26, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Ingelwood, Rochester, Michigan, with Reverend Thomas Slowinski officiating. Visitation begins Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Tributes may be made to: Paint A Miracle, 210 University Drive, Suite #2, Rochester, MI 48307 (www.paintamiracle.org). View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



THOMAS J. TRENTA

ALAN WALT
Age 80. Husband, Father, Lawyer, Labor Arbitrator. Of West Bloomfield, Michigan, born June 13, 1928 in Detroit, passed away in Sarasota, Florida on March 22, 2009. He is survived by wife Arlene, daughter Adrienne and her husband Ira Mintz, son Robert and his wife Deb, and is predeceased by beautiful daughter, Julie. For the past 35 years, Mr. Walt enjoyed a highly successful career as a labor arbitrator, deciding thousands of disputes involving a wide range of union, public, and private sector organizations. Many of his decisions are referenced in leading arbitration journals. He was an active member of the National Academy of Arbitrators and the American Arbitration Association, and was recognized by his peers for his significant contributions to the profession. Before becoming an arbitrator, Mr. Walt practiced law in the firm bearing his own name, first in Detroit and then in Southfield, Michigan. Previously, he partnered with the late Michigan Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Brennan, was appointed City Attorney of Livonia, Michigan, and worked as an Assistant Prosecutor for Wayne County. He also served as the chairman of the Michigan Employment Security Appeals Board. Mr. Walt earned a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees from Wayne State University, and was member of the Michigan Bar Association. After earning his degrees, Mr. Walt enlisted in the United States Army and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant serving in the Judge Advocate General Corps, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and the Pentagon. He continued in the U.S. Army Reserves where ultimately he was promoted to the rank of Major. Alan Walt was a generous and devoted husband, father, father-in-law, and friend, a patron of the arts, and an individual who was committed to and maintained the highest standards of personal and professional integrity. He was deeply loved and will be terribly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Walt's memory to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit (<http://www.gildasclubdetroit.org>).



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Worship can ease worries in current economic crisis

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Musician Stevie Wonder had a song a few years back in which he sang, "When you feel your life's too hard, Just go have a talk with God."

Local pastors agree that the current economic slump hasn't kept worshipers away from services. "I think everybody's worried at the moment," said the Rev. James Skimins, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. "We're trying to keep it very positive."

His congregation ran a Career Connections program in February to help job seekers. "It went very well," Skimins said.

He has found in his ministry that when people are knocked off their center, "they need just that sense that God's with them. You're free to say what you want in church."

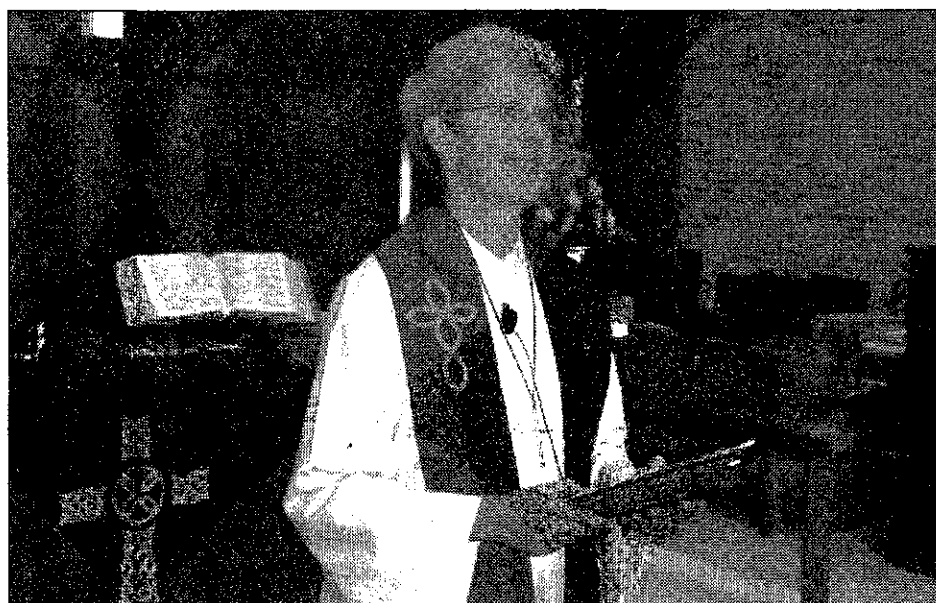
People draw strength from their relationship with God and other worshipers, Skimins said.

Agreeing is the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt, senior pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. "I think people are looking for some moral strengths, some spiritual support," she said.

Eckhardt hasn't seen droves of new people at church, but attendance is strong. "People are talking to each other and encouraging each other," she said. Each Sunday at her church, people who've lost their jobs gather informally to see how others are faring.

"It's really helpful and it's working out for us," Eckhardt said. "It's hard to say that I've lost my job."

She finds worshipers seek God's guidance and sense of peace in tough times: "So there's a sense that God will get us through it." She agreed prayer also helps



The Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt leads worship at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. "I think people are looking for some moral strengths, some spiritual support," she said of steady church attendance.

in dealing with job loss.

In January, Eckhardt used Sunday worship as a time to address current uncertainties. There was a psychologist from Samaritan Counseling Center in Farmington Hills who spoke during worship at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, and that was well-received.

She'd like to develop a more formal support group for job help down the road. Eckhardt noted retirees and working people at her church have been helpful with suggestions and job leads for the unemployed church members.

Over at St. Valentine's Catholic Church in Redford, parish priest the Rev. Paul Coutinha hasn't seen a big increase in attendance. "Probably just a little, but not a lot," he said. He'd seen higher atten-

dance related to the tragedy of 9/11.

"I think there were more people. But there is a slight increase, I would say," Coutinha said.

"We believe God is present in every situation," the priest said, noting the importance of faith and hope. "People have not been talking about it too much," he said of unemployment. For many, job loss is embarrassing.

St. Valentine's has no formal ministry for job seekers, but staff works to connect them to other parishes like St. John Neumann in Canton that do. "Informally, we do help," Coutinha said, noting staff gives the best information they have.

"Sometimes, people's faith is tested," he said.

CALENDAR

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through the chorales and soloists. For information, contact Amy Studdt at astuddt@sbcglobal.net or (248) 626-7906.

Easter eggstravaganza

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, east of Haggerty. For information, call (248) 348-7600. Over 6,500 eggs to hunt (Age Groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11; "Eggciting" show by special guests Two Can and Araya Sonshine; photos with the Easter bunny; games and prizes; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for everyone. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Rain or shine. Don't forget your Easter basket.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-you-can-

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Registration opens St. Mary School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne, recognized as a School of Distinction, is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8. For more information, call (734) 721-1240.

New worship schedule

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Dan Zanes and Friends will play at Rackham Hall in Ann Arbor on Sunday, March 29.

Dan Zanes & Friends bring family-friendly fun to town

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Former Del Fuegos lead singer Dan Zanes has forged a whole new career making family-friendly music with his friends. His videos appear on the Disney Channel, and his new album, *The Welcome Table - Songs of Inspiration, Mystery and Good Times*, raises money for interfaith groups that help immigrants new to the United States.

On Sunday, March 29 Dan Zanes & Friends will stop in Ann Arbor as part of a worldwide tour. Here, Zanes speaks with Filter from the Kingdom of Bahrain, where he played at the Spring of Culture Festival.

pleasures but we tend to buy it instead of play it. It's easy and I think when people see us play they can get a sense of the possibilities. It's not about being technically proficient. It's just about participating with spirit and gusto.

So you are working on a show for Disney?

We finished a pilot for them, and we're waiting to hear back whether the show is a good fit for them. We made something we're really proud of. Hopefully they'll feel good about it.

I hear your concerts have kiddie mosh pits.

It's not too much like a concert. It's really much more like a party. It's a communal event. If people sit quietly it can make us a little bit nervous that we're not doing something right. People come ready to sing, there's a lot of singing along and quite a bit of dancing. We've always had really good dance parties in Ann Arbor. It's always been fun to play there for that reason.

I know you were in the Del Fuegos, but how did you start playing family music?

When my daughter was born I wanted music that the two of us could listen to together, but couldn't find what I was looking for so I decided to make it myself. I just did it for kids and families in the neighborhood. I didn't think I would be doing it 10 years later as a career but I realized it's something that got me really excited and I was good at it. All ages music is the old fashioned way and if I think there's something old fashioned that should be updated or preserved, I'm all for it.

Dan Zanes and Friends will play at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Rackham Hall. Tickets, \$20 adults; \$10 kids, are still available. Visit www.ums.org.

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FILTER

Francke's back Songwriter returns with a bang

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER



Stewart Francke returns to the music scene with a live CD recorded at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

Stewart Francke has been a storyteller from the time he picked up a guitar at age 15. His 10th CD, "Alive and Unplugged at The Ark" is no exception, tackling the subject of race, love and human foibles in a style only the 50-year-old singer/songwriter delivers.

While Francke's sound is all his, the influences of artists like Marvin Gaye, Al Green, Bob Dylan, James Brown, Mitch Ryder, Bruce Springsteen and Sting shine through the Blue Boundary CD recorded live at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

This summer, audiences can sit back and listen to the blue-eyed soul musician's 9-piece band, including horns, at the outdoor music series July 14 in Huntington Woods, Aug. 12 in Birmingham, and Aug. 13 at Livonia Music Under the Stars. Francke returns to The Ark June 18, but first his hometown of Saginaw recognizes him with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the arts council there on May 7.

Francke played bass at age 18 with the legendary Chuck Berry and went on to headline shows as well as open for Earth, Wind & Fire, Chicago, Bryan Adams, Eddie Money, and Foreigner, to name a few.

He's been recognized by his peers as well with several Detroit Music Awards for Best Artist, Songwriter and Album. His songs "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" and "American Twilights" should please long-time and new fans. The recording starts out in an acoustic vein and ends up rocking full-tilt.

"The new CD contains elements of soul music and even gospel, definitely rock 'n' roll. I call it soul music because of the place it comes from," said Francke of Huntington Woods. "I'm always trying to work within a continuum of tradition of soul music and

black music and white music too, a big amalgamation of different things. There are adult lyrics on it but there's a lot of concern with the rhythm too. I write from the standpoint that each song address a particular emotional state like "The Judas Kiss" which deals with betrayal and anger."

Francke's music definitely comes from deep inside. His battle with leukemia and a subsequent bone marrow transplant 10 years ago changed his perspective on life. He often plays benefit concerts and donates time to raise funds for nonprofits focusing on the disease.

"I either tell a story or I knew the people in the songs and what they were about. Sometimes you just change the names and you've been given a song," said Francke. "When people listen to music they bring themselves to it, their desires and expectations. I hope they consider it an ongoing conversation between me and my audience. That's what I was interested in when I didn't have the means to reach out. I was inarticu-

late and shy when I was very young."

Francke found his voice long ago. His illness set him back as far as his musical career, but today he's ready to move ahead and is presently working on a studio album to be released this fall. Three years of complications and hospitalizations left him with an appreciation for family.

For a few years after regaining his health, Francke decided to take time to spend with his children Stew, now 13, daughter Tess, 15, and wife Julia.

"I'm now just returning to my career with a great amount of intensity," said Francke. "I'm also in gratitude for my audience remaining with me even when I was down and out. There's a tremendous silver lining in all the difficult times. I appreciate every little day, every breath."

"Stewart Francke: Alive & Unplugged at The Ark" is available at all record stores and online at www.stewartfrancke.com.

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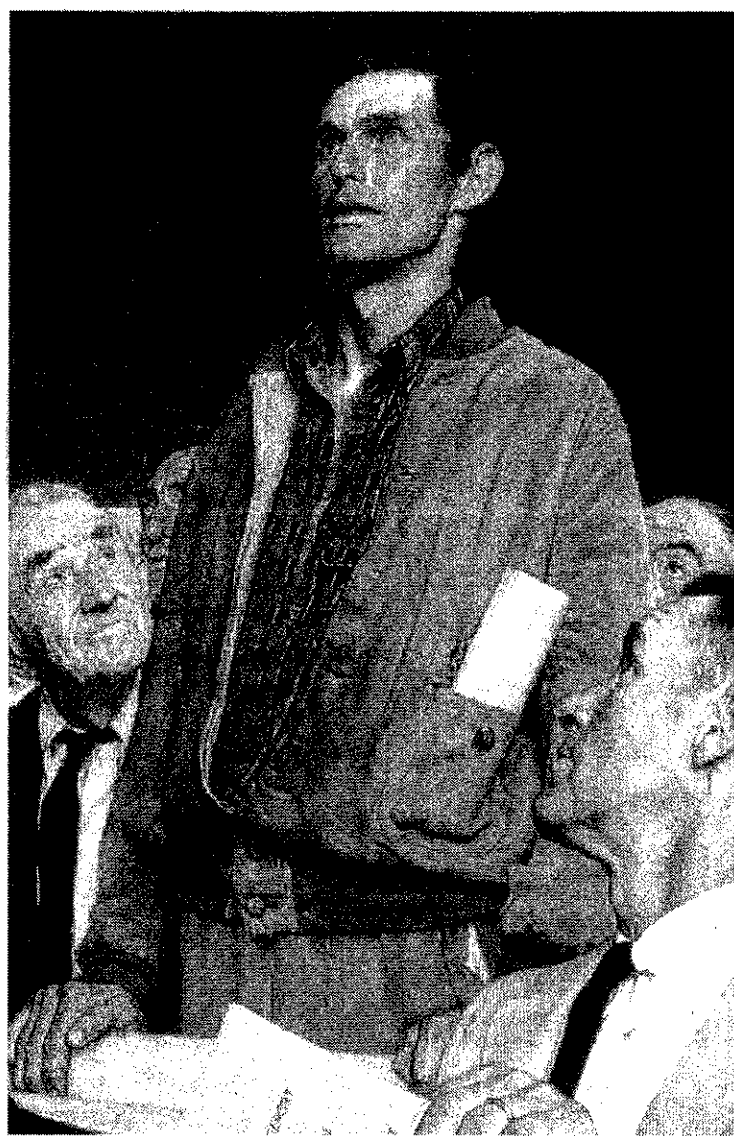
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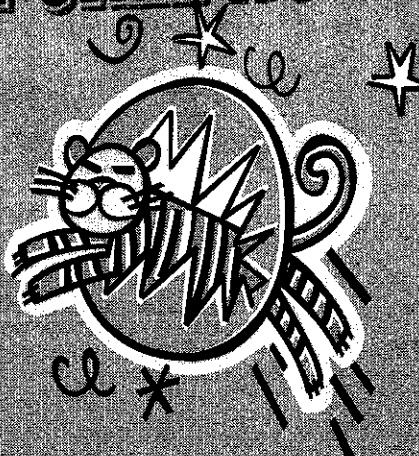
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Fusion Fest

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Art in Market: New location in Laurel Park Place, 7642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, <http://artsinmarket.blogspot.com>.
Lotus Arts Gallery: Palette and Brush Club Exhibit, March 31-April 5, artist reception, April 4, 995 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsgallery.com.
Northville Art House: "The Persistence of Personal Vision: The College of Creative Studies Illustration Alumni Annual Show," through March 29; DIA Lecture Series Paul Gauguin, April 15, Vincent Van Gogh, May 20; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.
University of Michigan Museum of Art: Grand reopening, open 24 hours, 6 p.m. March 28-6 p.m. March 29, free, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0395, www.umma.umich.edu.

ADDITIONS

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Auditions for contemporary dance repertory company, 1-4 p.m. April 26, Ailey Studios, New York; 130-330 p.m. May 2, Lou Conte Dance Studio, Chicago; noon-3 p.m. May 3, EDE Center for Dance, 103 South St., Rochester, call (248) 559-2095, www.ede-dance.org.
Inspire Theatre: Roles for 11 men and 7 women in "Father of the Bride," 6:30 p.m. April 6-7, 33445 Warren Road, Westland, (734) 751-7057, inspire@inspiretheatre.com.

BENEFITS

Penn Theatre: "PENdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn, 6-11 p.m. May 8, hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing, Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, \$75-\$85, (734) 453-0870, tickets@friendsofthepenn.org.
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CHAMBER MUSIC

Birmingham Temple: Vivace Music Series - Pianist Christopher Alzinger, April 4, 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.

CLASSICAL

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Bolero, March 27-28; Slatkin & Boisvert, April 2-4, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.
Plymouth Symphony Orchestra: Benefit Concert of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, 8 p.m. April 24, Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Schoolcraft College: Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisTatech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

COMEDY

Komedy at Karl's Kabini: Joey Bielaska and Sai Demilio, April 3-4, dinner at 8:30 p.m., show at 9 p.m., \$12, \$10 presale, 6005 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth (734) 455-8450, www.KarlsKabini.com, www.minnehahacomedyclub.com.
The Second City: "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.
St. Andrew's Hall: Louis C.K., April 17, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Jamey Johnson, April 16; The Devil Wears Prada, April 9, Franz Ferdinand, May 3, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.
The Fillmore: Jack's Mannequin, April 14; Lamb of

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God with God Forbid and As I Lay Dying, May 6; Tragically Hip, May 29-30, Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
The Fox Theatre: Flight of the Conchords with Eugene Mirman, April 24; Soul 70's Super Jam featuring The Whispers, The Dramatics, The Stylistics & The Manhattans, April 25; Leonard Cohen, May 9; Unwiggled & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Masonic Temple Theatre: Kazem El Saher, March 28, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
The Palace of Auburn Hills: Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

DANCE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: "Motown in Motion," 8 p.m. April 4, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, (586) 286-2222, www.ede-dance.org.
Max M. Fisher Music Center: The Art of Bellydancing with Bellydance Superstars and workshop by Detroit Bellydance, March 29, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.

FAMILY

Canton Cinema: Free Spring Matinee Series, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays, "Kung Fu Panda," March 28-29; "Horton Hears a Who," April 4-5; "Tale of Despereaux," April 11-12; "Open Season," April 18-19; "Hotel for Dogs," April 25-26, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www.GOTI.com.
Fox Theatre: Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Marquis Theatre: "Little Mermaid," through April 17, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

FILM

Ann Arbor Film Festival: Through March 29, 33 screenings, daily free events, world premieres; Opening Night Gala, live music, open bar, 6-8 p.m.; short film competition screening, 8:30 p.m. March 24, Grand Foyer, Michigan Theater, www.aafilmfest.org.
This American Life - Live: Canton Cinema and Livonia 20, 8 p.m. April 23, www.fathom-events.com.
Cranbrook Art Museum: Banff Mountain Film Festival, 7:30 p.m. April 2-3, deSalle Auditorium, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.
Crofoot: Michigan Movie Networking Event, with reps from Michigan Film Office, Michigan Chapter of the Screen Actors Guild, Real Style Casting, Taro Entertainment, Mitten Movie Project, Michigan Marquee, On The Rocks Detroit, Pontiac DDA, OHM Creative Group, Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts, UHY, and many more, noon-6 p.m. April 4, 1 S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (586) 615-3504, www.michiganmovienetwork.com.
Detroit Film Theatre: "Six in Paris (Paris Vu Par)," March 27-29; "The 400 Blows," March 27-29, at Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, See www.dia.org/dftr or (313) 833-7900.
Henry Ford IMAX: "Watchmen: The IMAX Experience Rises," "Journey to Mecca," "Under the Sea 3D," 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.
Penn Theatre: Hitchcock Month, "To Catch a Thief," March 26; Bogart Month - "Casablanca," April 2; "In a Lonely Place," April 9; "The Two Mrs. Carrillos," April 16; "Sirocco," April 23; "Sabrina," April 30, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.
Redford Theatre: Three Stooges Festival, April 3-4, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.

JAZZ

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Ray Vega Quintet, March 27-28, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8500, ticketmaster.com.
Max M. Fisher Music Center: Dianne Reeves, April 9; Mingus Dynasty Band, May 7, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.

MORE MUSIC

Detroit Music Awards: Honoring talent and achievement in the local music scene, with Amboy Dukes, Motown 50th Anniversary Revue, tribute to late Stooges guitarist Ron Asheton and R&B and jazz legend Lyman Woodward and more, 7 p.m., April 17, Fillmore Detroit; pre-show ceremony, 5 p.m. April 17, Cliff Bell's, Detroit; after-parties at Cliff Bell's and the Park Bar, (248) 360-2455.
Rockstarz Karaoke Bar: Dirty Americans w/ Brian Schram Band, 8 p.m. April 11, \$5, 21 and older, 33729 Ford Road, Garden City.
Trinity House Theatre: Gurf Morix, March 28; Chris Trapper, April 23; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

MUSEUMS

Detroit Institute of Arts: "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," through May 31; "Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the 18th Century," through June 15, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, Call (313) 833-7900.
Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" April 4-July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.
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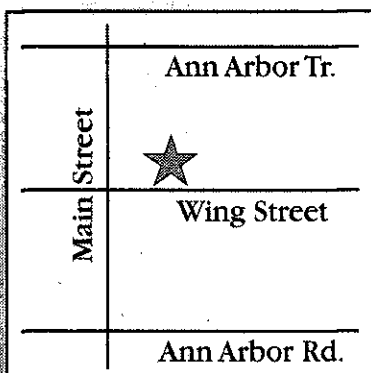
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Powwow: North American Indian Association of Detroit presents "Teaching Our Traditions Powwow" May 30-31, Bishop State Park, Brighton, rustic camping available, (810) 229-8977, www.naiavets.org.

Rock Financial Showplace: Backyard Pool & Spa Show, March 27-29; Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, March 29; Michigan International Wine Expo, April 3-4; Spring Home and Garden Show, April 3-5; Comic Con, May 15-17, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

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THEATER - COMMUNITY
The Farmington Players: "Sweet Charity," April 24-May 16, 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org.
Park Players: "Ragtime the Musical" through April 4, North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, (313) 835-1103, www.MTIShow.com.
Spotlight Players: "The Pajama Game," April 24-May 9, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.spotlightplayers.net.
Tipping Point Theatre: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," April 22-24, 361 E. Cady, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL
Fisher Theatre: "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," through April 5, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 1-800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com.
Fox Theatre: "Movin' Out," March 27-29, tickets \$30-\$75; "Riverdance - Farewell Performances," April 8-12; Oprah Winfrey presents "The Color Purple," April 14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com, (248) 433-1515.

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

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Mackey's wines, however, are no fantasy. In this decade, Mackey has been showered with accolades in the wine press. He's been dubbed Merlot's Main Man and International Red Winemaker of the Year.

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Girl Scout cookie cheesecake

When you order Girl Scout Cookies this year, be sure to buy a box of Sugar Free Chocolate Chips.

They're the key ingredient in Vanilla Bean Bavarian Cheesecake, an award-winning dessert cooked up by Chef Chris Johnson of the Beverly Hills Grill.

Johnson was named CEO Favorite at the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala, held March 11 at the Roostertail in Detroit.

During the event, chefs were asked to create gourmet desserts using Girl Scout Cookies as a key ingredient. Eight chefs competed — one for each cookie variety.

Chef James Leonardo, who lives in Plymouth and works at Mosaic in Detroit's Greektown, received the Blue Ribbon Award (Judges' Choice). Tim Wilkins, chef/owner of the Historic White Horse Inn in Metamora, took home the People's Choice Award.

About 250 people attended the seventh annual event, which raised nearly \$57,000.

Proceeds benefit programming for some 50,000 girl members who reside in nine counties in Southeastern Michigan.

For information on Girl Scout Cookie availability and locations, call (800) 326-0309 (ask for "product sales").



Vanilla Bean Bavarian Cheesecake is made with Sugar Free Chocolate Chips Girl Scout Cookies.

PHOTOS BY SANTA FABIO



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CHEESECAKE RECIPE

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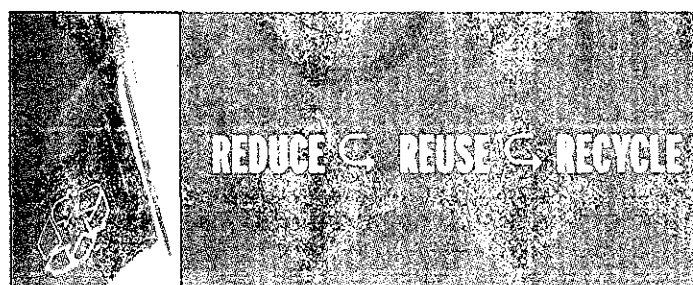
VANILLA BEAN BAVARIAN CHEESECAKE

Yields: One 18 x 13 inch cookie sheet

- 24 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 c. sugar, granulated
- 1 vanilla bean, fresh
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons gelatin, bloomed in 2 ounces of water
- 1 quart Heavy whipping cream
- 3 boxes Sugar Free Chocolate Chips
- Girl Scout Cookies, ground
- 2 ounces butter, melted

Line a 18 x 13 inch cookie sheet with parch-

ment or wax paper. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine the cookies and butter and press onto the cookie sheet. Bake 10-15 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Let the crust rest at room temperature for 15-20 minutes or until cool to the touch. In a mixer with a paddle attachment combine the cream cheese, sugar, vanilla, and lemon juice until smooth and well incorporated. In a separate bowl whip the heavy cream to soft peaks. Heat the gelatin until it liquefies and is clear. Add the gelatin to the cream cheese mixture. Gently fold in the whipped heavy cream. Spread the mixture onto the prepared crust. Cover and refrigerate for two hours or until set. Slice cheesecake to your desired size and serve with fresh sliced strawberries.



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You can reduce chances of a home break-in

BY JULIE BROWN
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Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Public Safety Department hasn't seen a spike in home break-ins in the sour economy. He and fellow law enforcement professionals still encourage caution when it comes to reducing the likelihood of a home break-in.

"Make sure you lock your doors," said Gajeski, manning the Public Safety Department booth at the March 7-8 Canton Home Expo. The eighth annual event was presented by Canton Building & Inspection Services, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Gajeski said you should always lock the door leading from your garage to the home, as well as the garage door.

He recommends having mail and newspapers held or picked up by a trusted neighbor if you're away. Timers can be used to keep lights going on and off, giving a home a lived-in appearance if you're on vacation. A television or radio sound helps as well.

"That's probably one of the most

important things, know your neighbor, know their schedule," the sergeant said. He knows his neighbors' schedules and cars, and is alerted if there's a strange car nearby.

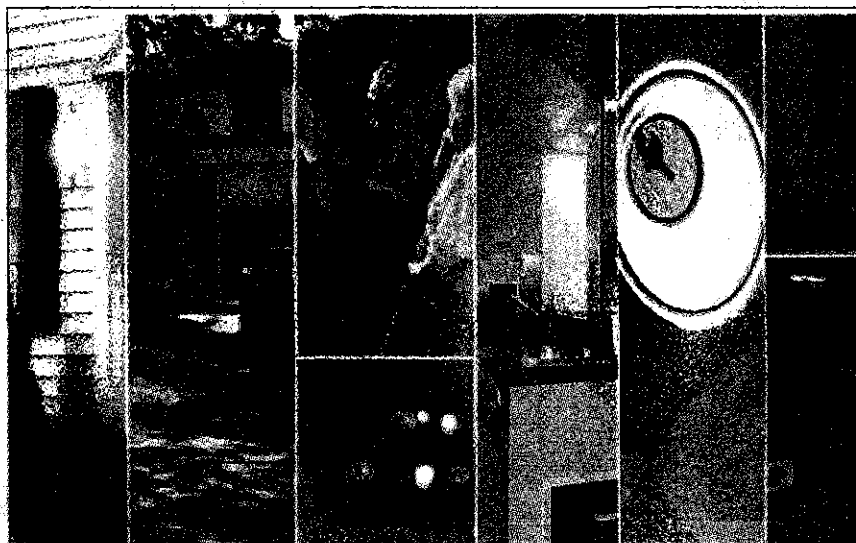
You shouldn't hesitate to call police on something suspicious, although 9-1-1 is for emergencies like a crime in progress. Local police departments also have non-emergency phone numbers answered around the clock. You don't have to leave your name with police, Gajeski noted.

"There's people that think that (they shouldn't call) and then they find their neighbor's home got broken into," he said. "Never hesitate to call the police. That's what we're here for."

Gajeski, in his 23rd year in police work, agreed alarms can help if you know how to use them. Some people don't, such as when helium balloons from a child's birthday party set off sensors and police respond.

"If you hear or see anything suspicious, just call the police. We'll always send someone out," Gajeski said.

The Michigan State Police Web site notes some \$65 million is lost in the U.S. each year in home invasions, muggings and other violent crimes.



The site recommends good deadbolt locks, noting about half of burglars enter homes through unlocked doors and windows.

The state police recommend securing a sliding glass door with locks or a rigid dowel wedged in the track. You should trim back shrubs hiding doors or windows, as well as keeping tree

limbs trimmed for visibility.

The MSP site also recommends porches, entrances and yards be well-lit. You shouldn't hide a home key in a mailbox, planter or under a doormat.

Don't put your personal ID on your key ring, state police recommend; change home locks immediately if you lose keys or move to a new home.

Consider wishes of association

Q: Our association is trying to hire our attorney to deal with tax assessments even though there are no individual owners. Do you think the association can do so?

A: There is at least some authority to state that it is within the association's



Robert Meisner

prerogative to do so. Although the association is taking some risk in that certain co-owners may not be happy with the results and hold the association responsible.

There should be some waiver of the association's right to pursue this matter if that is what the association's wish to do.

Q: Is it legal or ethical for a community association attorney to pay a management company a referral fee for sending him or her business? Our managing agent seems to be sending all of his business to one law firm without giving a real reason.

A: It is violation of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct for a lawyer to share a fee with a nonlawyer unless the nonlawyer is a qualified not-for-profit referral service that is registered with the State Bar of Michigan. Even lawyers referring matters to another lawyer may only do so if the client is so advised, the client does not object, and the total fee is reasonable.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Show offers ample ideas for backyard use

The Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will run from Friday, March 27, through Sunday, March 29, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi with everything you need to turn your backyard into a vacation destination.

"Creating the perfect setting for vacationing at home is the focus of our 14th annual show," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan Inc. "We have everything from basic to elaborate on display to make your backyard dream a reality." Attendees will see a dream back yard landscaped around a free form full-size fiberglass pool filled with water. In addition, an above ground swim spa, heated and in full operation, will feature an adjustable speed swim lane for exercise and fitness and a spa area for therapy and family fun.

Also exhibited will be inground and above ground

pools. One exhibitor will offer a Build Your Own Backyard Pool program for the do-it-yourself market.

Another will provide pool and spa renovations and resurfacing.

A variety of hot tubs and spas from standard to luxury styles with two to eight person seating, waterfalls, jets, enclosures, gazebos and cabinet finish choices will be available and operating.

Several landscaping companies will create outdoor living landscape displays for homeowners to visualize in their backyard. The displays include a fire pit, outdoor kitchens and cooking areas, seating walls, wood-burning outdoor fireplace waterfall and brick paver, flagstone and blue-stone patios. Other distinctive features include stone pillars fitted with low voltage lights in glass blocks, pottery fountains, ponds,

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are from 3-9:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

natural water features, streams, waterfalls, fountains and boulder and block retaining walls. The landscapers design and install new or renovate existing backyards to enhance the beauty and value of a home.

Dining and deep seating patio furniture will be shown with choices of upholstery and finishes, free-standing wood and gas stoves for sunrooms, traditional and infrared indoor and outdoor saunas and custom wood and mainte-

nance-free decks.

Active show goers will benefit from the outdoor multipurpose sports flooring for backyard and indoor home gyms that homeowners can try, basketball hoops, court lighting and sports netting.

Other exhibits at the show will display products and services from the major outdoor living environment categories including inground and aboveground pools, spas, hot tub, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor living spaces, patio furniture, outdoor court systems, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories.

Experts are available with tips and advice on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety, exercise, health, financing and landscaping.

Homeowners can get the information they need about buying a pool or spa at show exhibits.

"Make your home the ideal location for great memories and enjoyable times with family and friends," said Wilbraham.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, member of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP).

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Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission on Friday and Sunday are available at participating Wendy's restaurants. On site parking is available for a fee. For more information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

BRIEFS

Promoted

John Hamburger has been promoted to president from vice president and director of property management at Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., an office, retail and multi-family property management and development company headquartered in Birmingham. The promotion was announced by Richard Broder, the firm's founder, whose role will change from president to CEO.

As president, Hamburger is responsible for all operating aspects of the firm's real estate services functions, including oversight of the financial management and its SOS! Property Maintenance Services. He also directs Broder & Sachse's business development efforts, and is part of the firm's corporate leadership and acquisition and development teams.

Hamburger, a Royal Oak resident, joined Broder & Sachse in 2000. Previously, he was the president and CEO of Parliament Company, a development, property management and design/build firm in Bingham Farms. Before that, he practiced law with Butzel, Keidan, Simon, Myers & Graham, P.C. in Bloomfield Hills, where he gained substantial experience in multimillion dollar interstate corporate and real estate loan reorganizations, lending, real estate and corporate law.

Hamburger holds a law degree from Emory

University School of Law and a bachelor's degree with distinction in economics from the University of Michigan.

He is a designated Real Property administrator by the Building Owners and Management Association International and a licensed real estate broker in the state of Michigan. He is a past chairman of the city of Detroit Planning and Development Department's Developers Taskforce. He has served on the board of directors of the Sinai Hospital of Metro Detroit's Development Foundation and the Michigan Cancer Foundation Partners.

Hamburger also served on the board of directors of the Jewish Apartments and Services and was an officer and board member of the benefactors of the Jewish Home and Aging Services.

Homebuyer Seminar

Keller Williams Farmington Hills will offer Homebuyer Seminars, including one 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the office, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100-S, 12 Mile and Halsted in Farmington Hills. RSVP at (248) 893-1550. Seminars cover real estate basics for today's buyers, mortgage information from Flagstar Bank, title work presentation by Fidelity Title Co., and the importance of an inspection. There will be a seminar following Saturday, May 16, at the same time.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 1-5, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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	44012 Hanford Rd	\$130,000
	43511 Lancelot Dr	\$175,000
	45488 Morningside Rd	\$252,000
	2469 N Woods Blvd	\$235,000
	43818 Palisades Dr	\$201,000
	47537 Saltz Rd	\$252,000
	6091 Wedgewood Rd	\$149,000
Farmington	23050 Frederick Ave	\$100,000
Farmington Hills	28821 Balmoral Way	\$168,000
	37788 Baywood Dr	\$265,000
	34113 Brittany Dr	\$175,000
	37145 Chesapeake Rd	\$225,000
	30522 Club House Ln	\$192,000
	21431 Oxford Ave	\$40,000
Garden City	28696 Venice Ct	\$179,000
	32521 W 13 Mile Rd	\$157,000
	27215 Winterset Cir	\$300,000
Livonia	32416 James St	\$137,000
	30055 Maplewood St	\$129,000
	35984 Ann Arbor Trl	\$70,000
	28573 Elmira St	\$90,000
	16866 Farmington Rd	\$107,000
	16277 Hubbard St	\$169,000
	19235 Inkster Rd	\$47,000
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- Reverberate
- Hatchet
- Mouse alert
- Polygraph flunker
- Supplement
- Ladle
- All in
- Search —!
- Kyoto honorific
- Codgers' queries
- Dixie st.
- Assembles
- Thickness
- Father's lad

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- Puts money on
- Europe-Asia range
- Go over again
- Found a perch
- Rapper — Kim
- Numb, as a foot
- At an impasse
- Oval-nest builders
- Ipanema locale
- Comic-strip dog
- Pivotal
- GI duty
- Line on a map
- Fire residue
- Eat early
- Annex
- Type of synthesizer
- MOMA artist
- Charlotte of "Bananas"
- Merlot, e.g.
- Slippery — eel
- Finale

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- "Saving Private —"
- Hunter's need
- Bug repellent
- German article
- Scientist's question
- Computer memory
- Ron who played Tarzan
- And, to Ovid
- Bicycle parts
- Range of influence
- Writer Franz —
- Sunflower st.
- Not hurt
- Pharaoh's god
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- Husky's load
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- Vive le —!
- Untold centuries
- Jellyfish habitat

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2 3 6 1
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7 3
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Bldg. Viewing Times
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Date: 4/7/2009 Time: 12 pm
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Abbas Bazzi R288
Ous Bouktra 1002
Ron Bullock 673
Diaz Service 696
Charles Hallyard R169
Thomas Hazamy R169
Eliana Jimenez 1020
Janet Laslett R119
Christopher Michalak R166
Gail Murdock 404
Kevin Parsell 1001
Edgar Polania A114
Karl Revas 1114
Jerome Robinson A109
Dean Seard 532
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Ron Smith 863 R101
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