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Dian Slavens (D-Canton) that is intended to make Michigan a leader in emerging high-tech industries by expanding tax credits for companies involved in the production, development and commercialization of advanced battery technologies was signed into law Monday by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

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On Monday, Gov. Jennifer Granholm (left) signed into law legislation proposed by State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) that increases tax incentives for companies that manufacture and develop advanced batteries.

sity, the new tax incentives are expected to create tens of thousands of jobs and inject more than \$18 billion into Michigan's economy by 2020.

The new law will add an additional \$220 million in tax credits to the \$335 million approved in January: increase from \$70 million to \$90 million the maximum amount of tax credits for companies engaged in vehicle engineering to support battery integration, prototyping and launch expenses; and allow the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) to approve up to \$300 million of the total \$555 million in incentives for the construction of battery-cell manufacturing facilities.

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Thurston chief is first Park principal

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

In seven years at the helm of Thurston High School, Bill Zolkowski believes his team has accomplished a great deal and learned even more.

Now the veteran principal has decided to see how well those lessons translate to a bigger stage.

Zolkowski, who took over as principal at Thurston in 2002, will move from the 1,200-student school to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, a three-school high school camous which houses more than 6,000 of the district's 19,000 students.

It's Michigan's third-largest district, and its school board recently decided to change the leadership structure at the Park and put one person in charge. On Tuesday, Plymouth-Canton school board members decided that person was Zolkowski, who has a bachelor of science and a master's in physics education, both from Eastern Michigan University.

"As everyone says, with a smile, good luck getting your arms around this one," Zolkowski said with a laugh Tuesday. "I'm really excited about the prospect. Who's done this job before? No one. It's a chance to be creative and do what I think I do pretty well - manage a high school.'

Plymouth-Canton is shifting to a leadership structure with one man — the Park principal — running the show. Each of the three buildings Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools - will have one assistant prin-

cipal and three associate principals. With all three current principals and four current assistant principals set to retire at the end of this school year, the PCEP board decided to reexamine the leadership structure. The district's search team reviewed 22 applications and interviewed six people, including three internal can-



Redford Thurston Principal Bill Zolkowski has been hired by Plymouth-Canton Schools to be the principal of the district's high school campus.

didates. Two - including Zolkowski - were brought back for a second interview.

Zolkowski's hiring Tuesday (the district will pay him some \$123,000) was accomplished with a unanimous vote based on the recommendation of the search team made through Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel.

Bill seemed to be outgoing, and a real advocate for what is going on at Plymouth-Canton," Fiegel said of Zolkowski, a former assistant principal (2000-02) based at Canton High School. "He's a strong believer

in what's going on out here and he happened to have some history here, but he's far enough removed to still provide a fresh perspective." Thurston, Zolkowski said, has

changed a lot in his seven years. According to Zolkowski, the school's population 10 years ago was an allwhite, blue-collar, well-employed contingent. Now, he said, it's 55 percent African-American and the economic situation — as it is everywhere - is a little lower.

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Who: William Zolkowski What: Hired as the first Park principal for the Plymouth-Canton Educational

CHANGE AT THE TOP

When: Officially starts July 1; has arranged to split time until then Highlights: Principal, Redford Thurston High School, since 2002; former assistant principal, Canton High School, 2000-02; has participated in three national theatrical tours

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Mickey Stachurski bowls at the Senior Center. She enjoys Wii bowling so much that she purchased a Wii system for her home that morning.

Wii bowling becoming popular at Senior Center

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Michael Smith of Canton Township remembers vividly bowling a perfect 300 game earlier this year.

With three of his teammates and four members of the opposing team looking on, Smith recalls being a little nervous on the final

"When I got to the last strike, I remember saying, 'Please, God, let me roll this ball like I did the other 11," Smith said. "All the pins went down and there was laughter and cheering behind me. It felt really good."

A memorable moment for Smith, though the perfect game didn't occur on an alley at Super Bowl on Ford Road, where you might expect. Instead, perfection

was bowled at the Canton Senior Center at Summit on the Park, where Wii electronic video bowling has become a favorite with the dozens of seniors who have fun with the popular gaming system.

However, don't think that just because it's fun the seniors aren't competitive.

"You pretend that it's not, but you can see the look on people's faces," said Smith, who would only say he's older than 39. "There's competitiveness among the teams."

Wii bowling leagues have become so popular at the Senior Center, a second unit was purchased to accommodate nearly 80 seniors who participate. And there is thought of purchasing a third.

Susan Doughty, senior specialist, said she never expected Wii bowling to take off like it has.

"We thought they'd have fun and it would be something different for them," Doughty said. "We could probably have three more sets and it would still fill up. They love it.

"I can be in my office and hear them cheering and clapping, the camaraderie is so wonderful," she added. "We've also got the Wii Fit (exercise) and we'll introduce that soon."

Doughty said pickle ball - a cross between table tennis and volleyball - volleyball, tennis and wallyball are among the many activities that keep seniors busy.

"We have about 3,000 seniors that come through here a month; sometimes they join bowling, sometimes they come just for the meals, cards or special events, like

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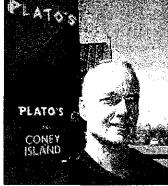
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Former resident suing Canton for alleged assault by police



BILL BRESLER! STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Donahue stands in front of Plato's restaurant on Ford Road, where he says Canton police officers assaulted him for carrying a concealed handgun.

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

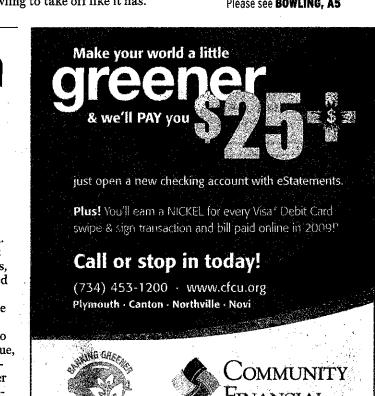
Former Canton resident Jim Donahue is suing Canton Township, former Supervisor Tom Yack, Canton Executive Director John Santomauro and four Canton police officers for violation of his constitutional rights during an incident two years ago in which police officers allegedly assaulted him for carrying a legally concealed weapon.

The 61-year-old Donahue, who served as Canton Township treasurer from 1978-80, claims in his federal lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Detroit that when he left Plato's Restaurant

at Ford and Lilley on Good Friday, April 6, 2007, he was approached in the parking lot by Canton police officers who asked if he was carrying a gun. When Donahue told officers it was in the belt line of his pants, one of them reportedly grabbed Donahue's arms and slammed him into a parked vehicle while disarming him.

"I was jammed face-first into the back of a van," said Donahue, who noted his wife, Paula, witnessed the incident. "Only after that did they ask if I had a concealed weapons permit, which I did. They had no basis to stop

Please see ASSAULT, A4



Canton Concert Band

The Canton Concert Band will present its spring concert "In The Spotlight" on Saturday, April 18, at 8 p.m. at the The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The show is for all ages.

Some of the pieces to be performed include "Sterling Brass" by James Barnes, "Breaking the Cage" by Jennifer Sullivan, "Encanto" by Robert W. Smith, "Rush" by Samuel R. Hazo, "Appalachian Morning" by Robert Sheldon, "To Dance in the Secret Garden" by Robert W. Smith, Mozart's 'Clarinet Concerto: 2nd Movement' and Frank Erickson's "Second Symphony for Band: Finale.'

Tickets are \$12 and available at the door or by calling (734)394-5460.

Christmas in Action

Canton's Christmas in Action chapter, a group of volunteers who annually help repair and refurbish homes for Canton seniors, is seeking skilled and unskilled volunteers to help from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25.

Some of the skilled services needed include electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers and others. Unskilled volunteers are needed for cleaning, yard work and painting.

Anyone interested in helping should phone (734) 394-5191 to for more information.

Teacher's art

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be showcasing the art works of a number of talented art teachers from the **Plymouth-Canton Community** School District. The exhibit, on display through April 26, features artwork from several gifted teachers representing all levels of the district from elementary to high school, as well as alternative education.

The Gallery@VT is featuring a selection of art in an array of media: paintings, sculptures, drawings, print making, fiber, mixed media, and photography. Many of

the teachers are artists who exhibit frequently and are award-winning at the state and national levels. Many of these exhibited pieces will also be available for purchase.

The featured artists include Susan Fisher, Judy Hanson, Craig Linderman, and Graham Martin.

"This wide breadth of work on display exemplifies the many talents of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District faculty," said Jennifer Tobin, Canton Arts Coordinator.

The exhibit is free and open to the public 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, and during public performances at the theater. For more information call (734) 394-5300 or visit canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

Corriveau meeting

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville), who represents a portion of Canton, invites residents to his upcoming town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, April 13 at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady Street in Northville. He will be discussing buying Michigan-made products and services provided by local businesses as a way of supporting Michigan's workers and strengthening our state's economy.

"Buying products that are produced here in Michigan by our own workers is an excellent way to support our community and state," Corriveau said. "Local shops are the heart and soul of our business community, and it's important that consumers support them in order to help get our economy and our state back on

Corriveau will be joined by Lisa Diggs, founder of BuyMichiganNow.com, a Web site dedicated to building a strong, vibrant and diverse Michigan economy.

In addition to the town hall, Corriveau will host a follow-up seminar on Monday, May 11, for businesses interested in doing business with the state and competing for govern-



Remembering Ricky

Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, the twin sons of singer Ricky Nelson, pose with New Hope Center for Grief Support board member Sandy Prebenda and John O'Shaughnessy, the center's director of fund development, both of Plymouth Township, following the recent 'Ricky Nelson Remembered' event at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. More than 300 people turned out for the event, which featured performances by the Nelson twins, who also played family videos. The concert benefitted New Hope Center for Grief Support, the Northville-based support center run by Plymouth resident Cathy Clough.

ment contracts. The seminar will take place from 9-11:30 a.m. at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For more information, please contact Corriveau's office toll-free at (877) 20TH-

(208-4737), or by e-mail at MarcCorriveau@house. mi.gov.

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, Tshirt, 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.

Cruise-style benefit

A group of Central Michigan University students in CMU's Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration 440: Special Event Administration course will present "Get On Board" at 6 p.m., April 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Tickets for the public event cost \$20 each and can be reserved by calling Central Michigan University Office of Alumni Relations at (800) 358-6903 or by visiting the Web site www.alumni.cmich. edu/events.asp.

The "Get On Board" evening, which also is sponsored by CMU's alumni association, will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, reggae bands, Polynesian dancers, steel drums, and a silent auction. Some of the packages for the

auction include a pack of four tickets to a Detroit Tigers against the New York Yankees, signed photo of Kris Draper, signed puck from Jiri Hudler, CMU season tickets for the 2009 season, and many more.

All profits from the event will be put into a scholarship for CMU's Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration. This event is put on by students to benefit students.

For more information, visit http://rpl.cmich.edu/undergrad/minor_eventmgt.htm.

Adopt-A-Road event

Volunteers are sought to help clean up the shoulders along Geddes Road and Beck Road on Saturday, May 2, at 9 a.m. for the Adopt-A-Road program. Picking up the trash and debris from the roadside and ditches not only makes the area look better, it also cuts down on pollution of the soil and water that occurs during runoff.

Wayne County trash bags and reflective vests will be supplied for the morning event. Call Greg Greene at (734) 855-6192 or see www. gcgreene.biz for more information and to volunteer.

River Day volunteers

Canton's annual River Day celebration will be held June 6 from 8 a.m.-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 de provided dut volunteers are encouraged to pack a lunch. For more information on River

Day or to pre-register for the event call (734) 394-5150.

Canton Toastmasters

The Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club, a nonprofit group where members learn both communication and leadership skills, meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island at 8533 Lilley Road, just south of Joy Road, in the Golden Gate Plaza. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Business Network Professionals

Business Network Professionals, a local chapter of Business Network International, meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island (at the corner of Lilley and Joy roads). Any person in business in the Plymouth, Canton and surrounding area is invited to attend as a guest and meet with other businesspersons, for purposes of networking, referrals, and supporting one another.

Contact Bill MacFarland, chapter president, at (734) 812-3845 for more information.

Soldier benefit

Lutrell

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 Lutrell, 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 team-

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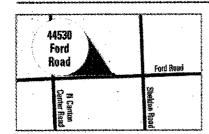
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Lawmakers kick off drive to force insurers to cover autism treatments

RY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When Jim and Stephanie Michalik of Canton were told by doctors their three-year-old son, Keegan, was diagnosed with autism, little did they know the financial struggles



they would endure. "There's no savings, no new furniture, no vacations, no putting money away for college," said Jim Michalik. We're just trying to keep up with bills.

Without the help of family, Keegan wouldn't get the help he needs."

Michalik said speech and physical therapy costs \$59 an hour. Two days of preschool cost \$3,200 for the school year. Next year, when Keegan attends four days a week, the cost will double.

"If it was something that insurance would cover it would alleviate some of the burden," he said. "We don't really expect everything to be picked up, but at least some help."

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton Township, and House Majority Floor Leader Kathy Angerer, D-Dundee, Wednesday afternoon announced the launch of an online petition drive for residents to support efforts to require insurance companies to pay for autism treat-

JOIN THE DRIVE

If you want to join the petition drive to make insurance companies cover the costs of autism treatments, visit www.housedems.com/petitions by clicking on the autism petition graphic.

ments, which can cost families \$50,000 a year and more than \$3 million in a lifetime.

"While health care companies cover prevalent diseases like cancer and diabetes, they continue to discriminate against autism," said Slavens. "We are calling for the support of a plan to require insurance companies to cover autism treatments. It's time for Michigan's health care companies to step up to the plate and cover this serious disorder."

Slavens said Angerer has introduced legislation that is currently in the House Health Committee, chaired by Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville. Slavens added she expects the bill to soon be moved to the full House. Currently, very few states require insurance companies to cover autism treatments.

The announcement, one of many around the state by lawmakers, was held at Swirls Cafe on Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Owner Jackie Rankin and her husband, Marvin, of Canton, have an autistic 10year-old son, Marvin.

"We are spending hundreds of dollars a week on speech therapy, and we hired a speech therapist to come in and work

with Marvin, which is a huge financial drain on our family because it was upwards of \$300 a week for that," said Jackie Rankin. "We need our insurance companies to step up and do what's right."

Dawn Ham-Kucharski of Canton said her son, Alex, 10, was diagnosed with autism at 26-months of age. She and her husband, Richard, were told by doctors that with intensive, early intervention of 20-40 hours of treatment a week by third grade they wouldn't notice his autism.

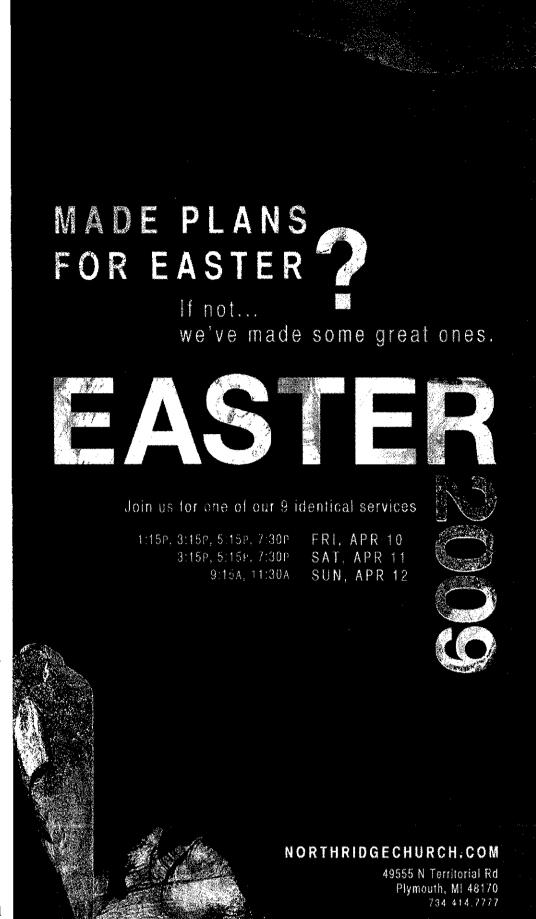
"I had to quit my job, we had to go into bankruptcy and ultimately lost our home from medical bills for therapies," said Dawn Ham-Kucharski. "The fact that our insurance companies aren't mandated for that coverage is wrong and unfair."

According to the Michigan Department of Education, an estimated 13,839 children in Michigan had some form of autism in 2008.

The Autism Society of Michigan says autism cases increased by more than 100 percent between 2001-2006.

The Michigan Association of Health Plans has indicated it is open to looking at specific requirements. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is opposed to the legislation, calling it a government mandate that would raise rates for all its customers.

Residents can sign the state petition supporting the plan at www.housedems.com/petitions by clicking on the autism petition graphic.



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Raymond Wojtowicz

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Officer pleads guilty in missing cocaine case

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A former Detroit police officer, who lives in Canton Township, has pleaded guilty to a tax evasion charge after federal prosecutors dropped charges he stole six kilograms of cocaine from the Detroit police department's property

A spokesperson for the U.S. Attorney's Office said prosecutors dropped the drug charges against Vincent Crockett, 40, because a chemist from the property room died. The tax evasion charge is the result of Crockett failing to file a 2007

tax return. The IRS determined Crockett made \$72,000 the previous year through illegal acts.

According to federal court documents, in March 2007 Crockett signed out the cocaine from the property room, presumably to take to the lab for further analysis.

"On April 25, 2007, the defendant made cash deposits of over \$35,000 to his money market account," according to court records. "In July 2007, other Detroit police officers attempted to locate the cocaine but were unable to do so ... When pressed for an explanation, the defendant stated the cocaine was still at the laboratory.

"On July 13, 2007, the defendant brought a substance back to the evidence room ... the substance was retested and determined to no longer be cocaine, but a starch compo-

Crockett faces up to five years in prison for the tax charge and \$250,000 in fines when he is sentenced Aug. 5. If he had been convicted of the narcotics offense, Crockett faced a mandatory minimum of ten years in prison and a maximum of life imprisonment, along with a maximum fine of \$4-million.

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me, let alone take enforcement action."

Donahue was arrested, but was never charged with a crime. Yack said he doesn't believe

the lawsuit has any merit. "From what I know, it's frivolous," Yack said. "The only aspect anyone might pay attention to is whether he was thrown against a van. If there are witnesses, then everybody will have a better idea of what exactly happened."

Santomauro said he couldn't comment until the lawsuit was served. Current Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he wasn't aware of the lawsuit.

The complaint claims a week after the gun incident, one of the police officers disseminated a message to local police agencies that erroneously reported Donahue had been arrested for a CCW violation.

At the time of the incident, Donahue was an instructor

for the Macomb County Police Academy and performed consulting work for local police agencies. He said after word of his "unlawful arrest" and false statements about his CCW violation he no longer received consulting jobs and was rebuffed in his attempts to become a police officer.

"They effectively made a malicious effort to ruin my reputation in law enforcement in Michigan," Donahue said. "As I went through the application process, I had to advise (potential police agencies) that I had been arrested. I had a letter from the police that it was a wrongful arrest, but I had to deal with that constantly."

Donahue has since moved to Jupiter, Fla., and said he's a certified police officer and has a job offer, but declined to reveal which police department. He also continues to teach at the Macomb Police Academy and performs police training work, including in Michigan.

Donahue believes the incident was retaliation for publicly speaking out against Yack and the township board.

"They abdicated their responsibility and turned the governing process over to the hired help, when in fact the electorate elected them to do their jobs," Donahue said. "They were conducting the public's business in private."

The 10-count lawsuit charges the plaintiffs — among other things — with conspiracy, excessive force and warrantless search and seizure. Donahue is asking for damages of at least \$75,000 on each count. Punitive and compensatory damages could push a potential award into the millions of dollars.

If he wins, Donahue said he'll give the proceeds to the Widows and Orphans Fund for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial to support families of officers who have died in the line of duty.

"My constitutional rights were taken by those who were to protect them," Donahue said. "They need to be brought to justice.'

Forgetting to pay

Canton police have charged a 29-year-old Ypsilanti man with first degree retail fraud for stealing \$1,119 in goods from Kohl's, 47250 Michigan Avenue on April 6. Police report the suspect walked outside pushing a cart filled with rugs, bedding, a men's suit, shorts, shoes and boxer shorts. When the alarm went off store employees gathered outside and spotted him.

The suspect ran and was caught by a Canton police officer in the bathroom at the nearby Target store.

Teen busted for theft

A 16-year-old Westland boy was caught Ltrying to steal automotive goods from Wal-Mart, 39500 Ford Road, on April 6.

Security cameras showed the youth taking a pair of wire cutters from his pants and cutting off the anti-theft device. He concealed the merchandise under his jacket and walked out the store, where he was caught by store security.

License plate stolen

🗅 An electrician working at Canton High School, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, reported his license plate missing from his work van

The victim said the license plate was on when he parked the van at his Garden City home the night before. He noticed it missing the next day at the high school, but said he couldn't determine if the plate was taken overnight or at the school. He did tell police no students appeared

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Zolkowski said he's "proud" of what his team has done at Thurston, where it has, among a variety of other things, introduced new programs to welcome incoming ninth-graders, spent some \$22 million on renovations, including a stateof-the-art performing arts center and increased from four Advanced Placement classes

When he told his staff last week he was leaving, he said, it was a very difficult moment.

"I got a little choked up (telling them)," he said. "Twothirds of the people I was facing were people I'd hired. We do good work here, and we do it well. It's going to be hard to leave."

As for the size of the Park, Zolkowski said he isn't worried. When he worked in the



Zolkowski

district before, he said, he answered the question, "How are you going to learn your way around this place?" by using his own

hand-held dolley to deliver textbooks. He'll employ a similar ethic to reintegrate himself.

In the meantime Zolkowski, who officially starts July 1 but has arranged to split time between Redford and Plymouth-Canton until then, will help hire the rest of the leadership team, including the three assistant and nine associate principals.

"One man can't do it all," Zolkowski said. "You have to have a strong team, and you have to learn to trust them."

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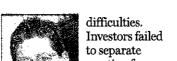
s I write this column.

Michigan State's men's basketball team did what the experts predicted they wouldn't do and that is beat Connecticut and land a spot in the national championship game. There is no doubt Michigan State's run for the championship has put a ray of sunshine throughout Michigan. The surge of emotion that erupted at Ford Field and throughout the state after the Spartans' victory was incredible.

When it comes to sports, it is great to let emotions take over. Sports would not be enjoyable unless as fans we experienced the great emotional swings between our team winning and

Emotion, however, is something that investors need to guard against. It affects investors in a number of different ways all of them bad. For example, many investors will refuse to sell an investment based upon "a love for their investment." I say, your investment doesn't love you, you shouldn't love it.

Individuals invest money to make money and that should be the primary concern. If emotion enters into the equation, inevitably, one will make the wrong decision. For example, in our area many investors held on to Kmart stock even though the company faced incredible



emotion from the economic reality faced by Kmart. Investors who held on to **Money Matters** Kmart out of a sense of loyalty

Rick Bloom

were rewarded when the company went into bankruptcy and the stock was worthless.

Loyalty, in many situations, is a great trait. Not as in investor. One should not buy or hold an investment based upon love of that investment, or out of a sense of loyalty. Investments should be bought or sold based on how it fits into one's portfolio and overall investment strategy.

Emotions also hurt investors when the market is doing well. The last few weeks have been good for stocks and investors are feeling a sense of relief. Many investors don't want to miss out on an opportunity and some are rushing back into equities without any rhyme or reason. They

are letting greed dictate investment decisions.

Investment strategies shouldn't be ruled by emotions

When markets are rising, investors tend to forget about the fundamentals and overall strategies and that can lead to problems. Investors need to guard against those good feelings. The result of letting emotions dictate investment decisions is a portfolio that doesn't match an individual's goals and objectives. When a portfolio doesn't match one's goals and objectives, it is a portfolio that will fail.

Over the last year, investors have let fear dictate their investment decisions. Investors have rushed out of the stock market and other investments not based upon fundamentals or an overall strategy, but based upon fear. Although the sense of relief one gets when they bail out of the market is real, it is only temporary. Letting fear dictate your investment decisions and rushing out of the market at an inopportune time will also cause problems. The problems may not be evident today, but they will be when investors find that their money did not keep up with taxes and the increase cost of

Fear, greed and impatience are a triple-headed monster of emotions that all too often derails investors. Investing is like a science in that it takes a clear head and a certain resolve to be successful.

Whether or not you are an MSU basketball fan, it is hard not to get caught up in the emotion of the game. It is equally difficult for investors not to let fear, greed, impatience or other emotions dictate investment decisions. Being an investor is not easy. If it were, more people would be successful.

The bottom line is market volatility is a reality that can't be avoided. As humans, we are affected by our emotions - they are part of us. However, the more we can control our emotions, the better off we are as an investor.

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St. Patrick's Day," Doughty said. "There's no charge you just have to be a Canton

old. Judy Smyczynski, 66, has been Wii bowling since fall. "We love bowling, we just

resident and at least 55 years

can't anymore, so we tried this to see how it worked and we're having a great time," said Smyczynski, who noted it's her first adventure with video games. "It's almost just like bowling, but it doesn't bother your knees. We have great friends to talk to and cheer you on. But we all like to be first, no matter what the age."

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Family offers reward for stolen bike

Canton resident Sonia Lopez has offered a reward for any information that leads to the recovery of her son's stolen bicycle.

According to Lopez, four white males stole the bike over the weekend when her son was playing basketball at Tonda Elementary School. The bike is a gray and white Mongoose BMX freestyle model. She is asking anyone who has seen the bike to .come forward and report it. ---Lopez said anyone with information should contact the Canton Police Department at (734)394-5420.





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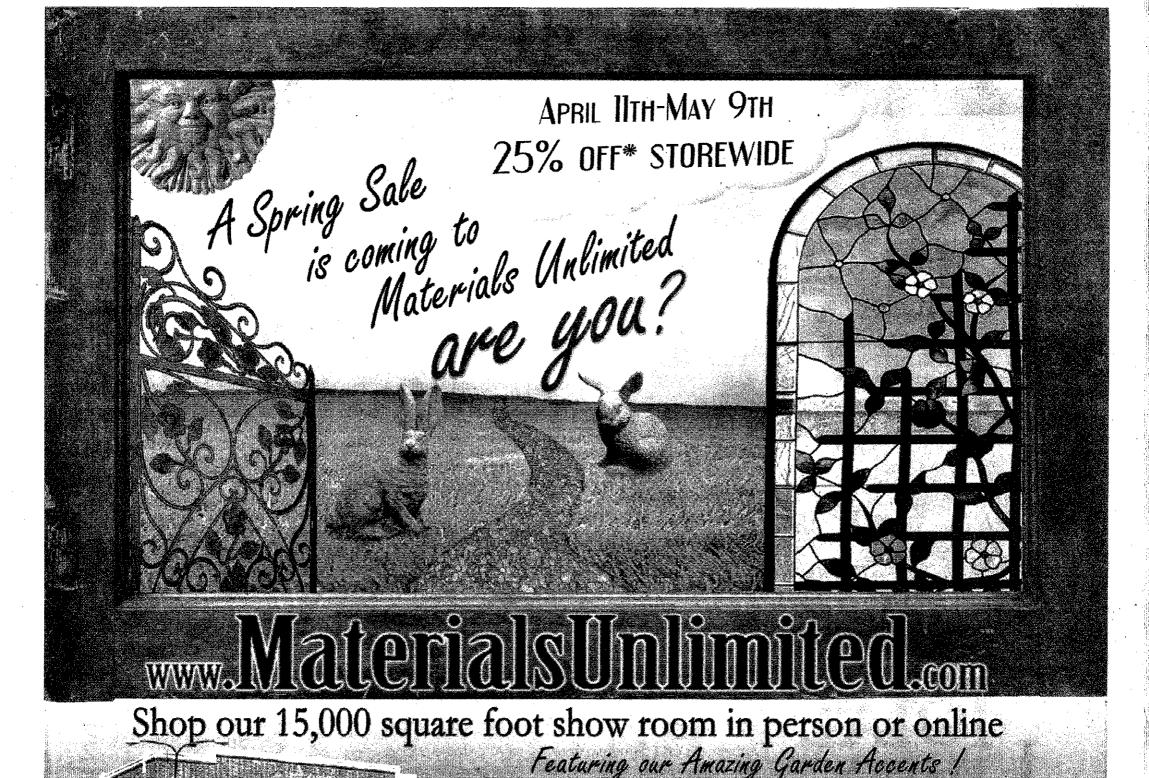
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Turner: Students are his first priority

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of **Education?**

I have been on the board for the last 12 years and our school district has come a long way, but the problems that are facing this district and others in the state are far beyond what we have faced in the past We met those of the past and I would like to be there to meet and overcome those ahead. 2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the

board, if elected? As stated before, I have 12 years of experience here in Wayne-Westland. I have attended many of the classes that the Michigan Association of School Boards has put on for new, as well as older board members, to help us understand how to meet and overcome the problems facing us today as well as in the future.

Schultz, Ray

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ED TURNER

Who: Ed Turner, 75, Westland

Employment: Retiree

Family: Single, however, I do claim all students in the district as mine

Education: High school graduate and U.S. Navy veteran, served in the Korean "police action."

Community Involvement: Former board member of the True Grist Dinner Theater in Homer, Mich., former

and founding board member of Old Historic Wayne Theater, former Wayne-Westland Junior Miss board member, judge for the Miss Wayne and Miss Westland contests, member and chair of the Westland Cable Commission and a Sunday school teacher

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

There are many issues that face us nowadays. The first is a lack of funding. How can we educate students for a global society, if we don't have the funds needed to do it? The funding is being depleted by the lack of understanding that

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if our students don't have a good educational foundation how can we expect them to succeed in college.

I would also like to see more parents take part in their student's educational welfare. 4. How would you address those issues?

I would try to make our lawmakers in Lansing

understand that adequate funding has to be their number one priority. We keep hearing this, but nothing is being done.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

No, I am not asking nor have I ever asked for endorsements or organizations and individuals. I want to feel that I am my own person; I will not be beholding to anyone.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I made a promise 12 years ago to the citizens of the Wayne-Westland school district that I would be a school board member for students first, parents second and administrators and teachers third. I believe that I have kept that promise and will continue to do so.

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Middel: Will work for betterment of district

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland **Board of Education?**

I am running for a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education to make a difference. My extensive background and experience in public education has lead me to seek a position on the board. I feel that with my expertise in education, that I will be an asset to the parents and community members of my district during these challenging economic times. 2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to

the board, if elected? Since I have an extensive background in public education, I feel that I have a better understanding of how public education works. I have served on many district committees both as an educator and as a parent. I grew up in this district and chose to educate my daughters in this district which I feel gives me insight into the inner workings of this district. 3. What do you see as the

issues facing the school district at this time? One issue that I feel that needs to be addressed is

communications. There is a need to better communicate with the parents, employees and the general community.

Another issue I feel that needs to be addressed is making the school district's dollars go farther. The board and district need to prioritize, redirect and use money and facilities efficiently to reflect the needs of students, parents and employees.

4. How would you address those issues?

If elected, I will make myself available to meet with parent, community and employee groups. As a school board member, I will work hard as a team member to ensure that our current dollars are spent wisely and

CAROL MIDDEL

Who: Carol Ann Middel, 59, of

Employment: Retired teacher Family: Married with two children Education: 1967 graduate of

John Glenn High School; associate of arts degree, 1968, Schoolcraft College; bachelor of

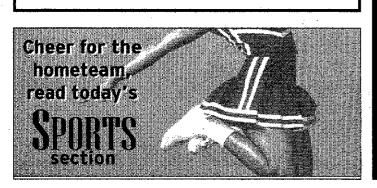
science degree, 1970, Wayne State University; master of education degree, 1976, Wayne State University; attended University of Michigan-Dearborn 2003- 2006

Community Involvement: American Red Cross instructor of CPR/AED, First Aid, Professional Rescuer: First United Methodist Church, chairperson of mealsfor the homeless: Girl Scouts as a trainer. Past president of the Wayne Ladies Literary Club and Greater Canton Hills Homeowners Association.

that additional dollars are found at the state and federal level for our students. 5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat.on the board? If so, who?

I am actively seeking endorsements from community and educational groups within the district. 6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a very hard worker and dedicated to the jobs that have been entrusted to me. I will work hard for the betterment of the Wayne-Westland students. I am a very good listener and I am willing to make the difficult decisions needed to move the district forward.



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Maxwell: Fresh approach, new perspective

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of **Education?**

As a parent of the district I feel a responsibility to help ensure the children of the district get the best possible education. With the standards to graduate getting harder, our children need access to the tools necessary to meet the demands of a changing world.

2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I am a father of eight children, and I believe I can bring a fresh approach and perspective to the board. I care about the education of the children, and will do my best to make sure they get the resources, and tools they need to succeed in school.

3. What do you see as the issues facing the school district at this time?

The financial cutbacks that are coming will probably be inevitable. However, I want to make sure that our children don't lose out on important programs that will help them

GREGORY MAXWELL

Who: Gregory O. Maxwell, 36, of Wayne Employment: Alco Transportation Inc. Family: Married with eight children Education: 1991 graduate of Cass Technical High School in 1991, attended Wayne County Community

Community Involvement: Member of T.A.P.S. located at Taft Elementary School



4. How would you address those issues

I think the best approach to address this issue will be for the board to sit down, and take a good look at itself first, then try to find cost cutting measures that won't affect the most important programs that will help our children succeed and eventually graduate.

5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

Currently I haven't asked for any endorsement of any organizations. The only endorsement that I am actively seeking is that of individual voters. If they decide to vote

for me, I will do my very best to represent the parents, students, and the community of our district.

6. What do you want voters to know about you?

I am a very concerned parent of this community. I believe in fairness, and also that parents should be represented by someone who knows their issues as well as the issues of the students. I believe in the rights of parents to be able come to a board meeting and be treated with respect and be aloud to express how they feel about issues that they are having with the actions of the board without be chastised for their opinions.

Walker: Will work to move district forward

1. Why are you seeking a position on the Wayne-Westland Board of **Education?**

I want to continue to work with other members of the board in order to continue to move the district forward by practicing fiscal responsibility and also by continuing the partnership that we as a board have established in the community. 2. What qualities or skills do you believe you would bring to the board, if elected?

I was appointed to the board Sept. 15, 2009, and since then I have gained two school board certifications in order to help me be a better school board member. 3. What do you see as the issues facing

the school district at this time? Budget cuts are the biggest problems being faced by all districts at this time. The board has to be able to continue the high level of excellence that are children are accustomed to on limited funds.

4. How would you address those issues? I along with other members of the board will continue to

SHAWNA WALKER

Who: Shawna Walker, 38, of Westland Family: Married with two children

Education: I will receive

associate's degree in liberal arts from Henry Ford Community College in May

Community Involvement:

Volunteer and now full-time family case planner at "Looking for My Sister" working with victims of domestic violence; member of the Deacon Board at Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church; member of International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star.

make decisions that are based on the best interest of the kids. 5. Are you seeking the endorsement of organizations or

individuals in your bid for a seat on the board? If so, who?

Yes, so far I have been endorsed by Mayor William R. Wild, Councilman Bill Johnson, Councilman Dewey Reeves, State Rep. Richard LeBlanc. Westland Council President Jim Godbout, Councilman Bob Stottlemyer, City Clerk Eileen DeHart and UAW Local 900. 6. What do you want voters to

know about you? Because I will continue to work hard for the children of the district.



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OUR VIEWS

MEAP scores can be valuable tool

As they have been for years now, results of Plymouth-Canton students' performance on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests are replete with good news.

In 21 of the 28 scored categories, Plymouth-Canton students raised their performance; in some categories, the hike was dramatic. Five scores matched last year's and only two dropped - a one-point drop in sixth-grade English Language Arts and a two-point dip in eighthgrade science.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program can be a valuable tool for school administrators. It can provide a sharp focus on academic areas that need work. It can also spotlight school populations that are struggling to meet the state standards.

The MEAP tests are not about comparing the educational excellence of school district A against school district B. They are about setting a standard and giving schools an opportunity to evaluate how they are doing against that standard, to improve the education at that school district.

This year's news statewide was an uptick in math scores. It was true in Plymouth-Canton, where five of the six grades tested in math showed at least a 2-percent hike, and where seventh-graders had the district's second-best improvement, rising from 88 percent passing to

"We did very well," said Mike Bender, the district's director of secondary education. "There's a lot to celebrate."

And not much to grouse over, except maybe the ever-so-slight drop in those two scores and perhaps a few individual numbers deeper in the results. The performance is a testament not only to the students, but to the teachers, as well.

School administrators now have an opportunity to go over this rich data and make adjustments, evaluate what works and what doesn't, assess the particular social and economic situation at each of their schools and provide the needed extra help. That's the value of the MEAPs. It was never meant to punish a school district or

And here's the thing to like about the attitude in Plymouth-Canton: Despite the strong performance, school officials know they need to get better — federal law mandates 100 percent passing performance by 2014 - and they're going about the task of finding ways to make it happen.

"We're in the process of analyzing results at each grade level in each subject," Bender said. "We continue to look at ways to strengthen our students' performance."

That's what it's all about. The tests are in and the work continues.

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The following comment from www.hometownlife.com is in response to a story about Canton's efforts to improve its curb side recycling pro-

YouAreWho wrote:

"If people put something unacceptable in, we will leave the entire recycling bin at the curb." I quit recycling a long time ago for this reason. It's either 100 percent compliance or else Canton Waste Recycling will leave the whole bin any you get to try the process again the following week. I put everything in the trash can.

IAMWHO wrote:

Leaving the entire recycling bin doesn't make much sense. Leave the unacceptable item in the bin which educates the homeowner. The procedure needs to be revisited.

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Jim Blaharski, 66, Canton



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Amanda Gavin, 33, Canton

Selena Reed, 39, Canton



"We work at Ford, so both of us are working, security about our jobs. I feel confident in the auto companies. We'll just have to wait it out."



"We have four cars in our family, so probably if two break down.

Mohit Sompura, 26, Canton

LETTERS

Tasca is delightful

I recently had a wonderful experience and I want to share it with you. It was one the best dining experiences I have had in my travels. I went to Tasca De Plata in Canton. The restaurant offers authentic cuisine of Spain. The service was kind, and professional. Normally I feel breezed in and out of a restaurant but as soon as I entered Tasca De Plata I felt I had arrived somewhere unique.

The menu is filled with dishes called Tapas — each one a pleasure just to read about. The entrees were delicious as well. My wife had a wonderfully flavored meal of shrimp with mushrooms spiced enough to please her Cajun tastes and yet was new to her. I had the best lamb I have ever had. For dessert we enjoyed a finely made cake - beautiful to look at and wonderful to taste.

While we were dining there appeared two flamenco dancers and a guitarist. Dancing and the music — well, when I say that topped the cake I hope you will understand it is only a figure of speech. They complemented my meal and I was no longer just dining but enjoying a wonderful human experience in sharing these

If you would like to enjoy a romantic evening, an evening of discovery or a nice night out with the family I point you to Tasca De Plata. It is reasonably priced, wonderfully presented and flavored expertly. It is a taste of

While the dancers were presenting the Senora told us that if we saw or heard something we liked we should shout out "Ole!" — well, I will finish this letter about Tasca De Plata with "Ole! Ole! Ole!"

Affred Brock

Fiscal responsibility?

The Plymouth-Canton Schools' administration is planning to spend "top of the pay scale" to hire a new Director of Bands for the high school band program. Is this a wise investment of Plymouth-Canton funds in light of 1) current economic conditions and 2) what the present staff has accomplished?

The present staff has provided high quality leadership to the music program and their record speaks for itself.

■ This month at the MSBOA District Band Festival, all four high school concert bands, under the direction of Mrs. Amy Boerma and Mr. Martin Montoya, earned straight first division ratings from all four judges (a total of 20 "1's").

■ Some of the adjudicators at the District Festival actually awarded a number of A+ ratings in several sub-captions to two of the bands. This rarely occurs anywhere in the

■ This year the Plymouth-Canton High School Marching Band was taken to the BOA Grand National finals by Mr. Martin Montoya, a late-in-the-summer-hired substitute teacher who had previously been on the band's music staff. The band made it into the national finals (one of 12 bands in the entire nation). How often does a first-year teacher accomplish this?

■ Mrs. Amy Boerma, who was named MSBOA District XII band director of the year, has been one of the Plymouth-Canton High School band directors for fourteen years (hired as the Co-Director of Bands in 1995). Under Mrs. Boerma's direction, bands at Plymouth-Canton High School have earned first division ratings at every high school concert band festival each year. In previous teaching positions in other schools, she also achieved the same consistency with her marching bands and

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choirs. As a matter of fact, none of her student ensembles have ever received less than a firstdivision rating during her 18 years of teaching experience. Has any other high school band director at Plymouth-Canton or in the state of Michigan ever equaled that record?

This year, with Mrs. Boerma and Mr. Montoya team-teaching the Plymouth-Canton High School band program, the atmosphere in the Plymouth-Canton band office and rehearsal hall has been one of collegiality as mutual support. Their shared vision and their strong leadership skills have resulted in significant growth in the program. Teamwork is a value that the administration should recognize and promote.

■ The band program has grown over the past six months, providing a rich variety of musical experiences to students. There has been an increase in the number of small ensembles, the number of students in honors bands, and the number of students participating in summer camps. The students have had opportunities to work with college level music directors. The wind ensemble performs more repertoire which is also more challenging. Enrollment in the band program for next year has increased by 20 percent.

Again, the facts speak for themselves. Is there a reason why the Plymouth-Canton administration has decided to hire neither Mrs. Boerma nor Mr. Montoya to continue as the director of bands next year? The administration needs to consider, and the community needs to be aware of, these facts. We hope that the administration is not placing a hidden agenda over what is best for students, the high school band program, and the taxpayers of our community.

Brian and Janet Carson Plymouth Township

School pay cuts

I retired from the Plymouth-Canton Schools maintenance department last May. Now that I feel I can speak freely without putting my job and my family in jeopardy, I would like to share my feelings about the cutback inequality in our community regarding the school board management and administration (I call it freedom of speech without retaliation).

These soon-to-be cutbacks and cost-saving challenges will be affecting the staffs at our schools. They are already underpaid. I don't know how you could ask a teacher to be paid any less to do the most important job educating our children. But they will. I was with the school district for 18 years and I have observed many cutbacks in that period of time. And, as always, the little people are the first to feel it.

It is a fact that all over the country, and here in Michigan, everyone is taking an economic hit, big and small. In Washington, there are freezes on pay for anyone over \$100,000. Here in Michigan, Lansing is cutting departments and also making pay cuts for the big people. It seems to me that these leaders are putting their hats in the ring, realizing the sacrifices that will have to be made while our economy

But it doesn't seem so when you look to the leaders of the Plymouth-Canton school district. Our superintendent makes \$195,000 a year - and that doesn't include the health care that we have to pay for him and his family. The governor of Michigan doesn't make that kind of money and she runs the whole state!

And while our school board is passing out pay hikes like candy to the top people in our schools, parents are shelling out their own money (in addition to their tax dollars) for the stuff on the infamous list that each student brings home detailing the things that their parents have to buy for the classroom - pencils, paper, art materials and even cleaning supplies. I also have heard of teachers spending their own money on supplies the parents could not (would not?) send in. How sad.

The total wages paid for the administration and management is \$6,810,247. The total paid for benefits is \$2,538,429 (you may go to the school board office and ask for these numbers yourself). That is a lot of our tax money.

Well, I have a great idea that will save money for the district and people paying taxes for the Plymouth-Canton schools. I am suggesting this: The administration and the management should take a 10-percent cut in pay with a three-year pay freeze. Everyone who is paid over \$100,000 should pay their own health insurance.

Don't get me wrong. These are good people and probably worth the money. But they must toss their hat in the ring as well as everyone else. The cost savings on wages alone would be \$681,024 a year. Perhaps then that list that the children bring home in August can stay at school, and the money that the parents would spend on supplies for the classroom could go for bread and milk.

I had a coffee with Thomas Wysocki regarding this suggestion, and of course he said it couldn't be done. He did say that soon everyone will feel the pinch. So I asked him how the administration and management were going to feel the pinch. He couldn't answer that one no surprise to me.

Well, fellow citizens, I've said my piece and now it's up to you to make our school leaders accountable. Call the board of education and demand these cuts. Remember you are the boss, not the board. If they don't like the cuts, there are thousands of people just as qualified (and unemployed) who would gladly take the administration and management jobs just to save their homes and feed their families. This month, over 700 people applied for a middle school janitor's job in Ohio! I wonder how many would apply to staff an entire school district's management team.

It's time to speak up. We can all really make a difference in our schools.

> John Pappas Plymouth

Help Darfur

I'm writing this letter about the crisis in Darfur. As you are reading this thousands of people are getting killed in Darfur. What I had learned in my current event class at Discovery Middle School in seventh grade is very dreadful — the Sudanese government is killing their own people in the Darfur region.

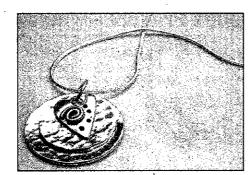
I say that the United States should do something about it because if a good man does nothing than evil will win. As of 2003, millions are already dead and my more will die. Villages are getting burned, woman are getting raped, and may are displaced.

If the United States helps, these numbers will decrease over the years. I do understand what is happening in America right now, but is money really more important than people like you and me suffering in the other side of the world? The United States should do something before it's too late!

Daniel Huang

Canton





Solstice Designs expects to provide 400 Project Mother's Day necklaces to domestic violence shelters across the country this year. Ongoing sales of the 2009 necklace, available at etsy.com, fund the project.

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Project Mother's Day goes nationwide

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK **O&E STAFF WRITER**

It makes kids feel good to do something nice for their moms on Mother's Day, and children in domestic violence shelters are no exception.

For the last three years, thanks to Solstice Designs, children at First Step have been able to give their moms a beautiful piece of jewelry for Mother's Day.

And now, the Dearbornbased company is taking Project Mother's Day nation-

"We all remember that joy in giving a gift to our mom," said Sandra Boulton, who co-owns Solstice Designs with Sherry Duquet. "Children want to give and when they're in the protective care of a shelter they don't have the ability to purchase a gift like that.'

Duquet got the idea for Project Mother's Day the same year she quit her job at Tiffany & Co. in Troy to launch Solstice Designs. She and Boulton wove the charity into their business model, and so far have donated 240 bracelets and necklaces to families involved in First Step.

This year, working through the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Boulton and Duquet have pegged 12



Sandy Boulton (left) and Sherry Duquet started Project Mother's Day the same year they founded their jewelry business, Solstice Designs.

shelter. They are very touched

The 2009 Project Mother's

Day necklace features a heart

zoned with the word "courage."

associate director of First Step,

word for survivors of domestic

"These women are taking

lives, help their children learn

lence," she said. "All the moms

by us wanting to do this."

charm, hammered bronze

disc, and medallion embla-

According to Theresa Bizoe,

'courage' is an empowering

steps to help their families

be safer, put peace in their

healthy alternatives to vio-

shelters across the country at random to participate in the program. First Step, which is headquartered in Plymouth and serves Wayne County, is included.

Solstice Designs has pledged 400 necklaces this year, and the effort is featured in this month's Family Circle maga-

"The response from the directors and these shelters has just been overwhelming," Boulton said. "I had a woman in Baton Rouge tell me that Mother's Day is the single most important day in a domestic abuse

And if a woman at the shelter doesn't have kids, Boulton and Duquet offer necklaces from "a caring friend."

"It's the ultimate anonymous gift," Boulton said. "We'll never know her and she'll never know us. But this will stay with her, a permanent symbol of the courage that's taken her through this journey at a very crucial time in her life and her children's lives."

Boulton and Duquet began making jewelry as a hobby, but were inspired to sell their creations after constant requests from family and friends.

They work out of a homebased studio and sell their creations through direct marketing, on etsy.com and at quarterly girls' night out shopping parties, usually at Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

Their clients have generously funded Project Mother's Day all

"People in this community and metro Detroit in general are very giving, very kind and generous," Boulton said. "People have really embraced this project, and it's touched them."

She and Duquet are still actively fund raising to cover the remaining costs of the sterling silver chains, about \$4,000.

They expect to ship the necklaces at the end of April, each one wrapped and tied with a

MALLS & MAIN STREETS

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.

SMOOTH STYLE

TROY - Saks Fifth Avenue and Smooth Jazz V98.7 present "Smooth Style" to benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. \$35 includes wine and hors d'oeuvres, a Wanti It! Fahsion show, live jazz, a 15 percent off shopping coupon and \$25 gift card. Call (313) 557-8790 for information. For tickets, call (866) 964-GIVE or visit www. goodwilldetroit.org.

ROLE MODELS

DETROIT — The Alternatives For Girls 20th annual Annual Role Model Dinner will be held 6-9 p.m. April 30 at the Detroit Westin.

Award winners include Karen Love, COO of The Michigan Chronicle and Michigan FrontPage, as 2009 Professional Role Model: Gail Perry Mason, vice president of Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., as Community Role Model; and Marla Tapper Young, co-owner of Tapper's Diamonds and Fine Jewelry, as Emerging. Leader. A Summit Award will be presented to Rashida Tlaib, the first Muslim woman to serve in the Michigan Legislature. Angunette Jamison of Fox 2

will emcee. This year's theme is "Audacity to Succeed." Tickets. \$150, include awards presentation, silent and live auctions and valet. Proceeds benefit AFG, a non-profit organization that helps homeless and high-risk young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation. Call (313) 361-4000 ext. 230 or e-mail lmacdonald@alternativesforgirls.org.

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- 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.

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REDFORD - Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs, based in Redford, will offer two camps aimed at helping young girls become creative, confident, and self-sufficient. Leadership Camp will take place from May 29-31 at YWCA Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich., and BizCamp from June 13-July 25 at Lawrence Technological University, Southfield. Call (313) 363-4075 or visit www. YoungEntrepreneurSeries.com.





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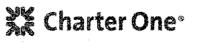








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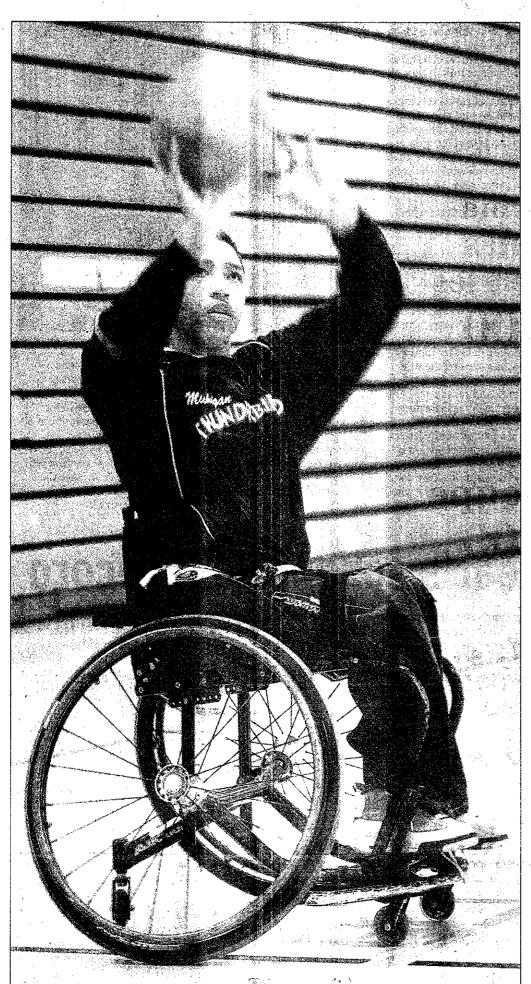
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HOMETOWN LIFE



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Correy Rossi fires up a jumper last month in the Canton High School gymnasium. The 16-year-old Canton resident played a key role in helping the Michigan Junior Thunderbirds' wheelchair basketball team advance to last month's national championships in Denver, Colo.

"The thing that separates the best wheelchair basketball players from the rest is chair skills — the ability to maneuver the wheelchair smoothly and quickly — and Correy's skills are amazing."

Popular Plymouth

coach Kim Renzi

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following a valiant months-long battle

against cancer, former Plymouth High

School freshmen volleyball coach Kim

She is survived by her husband, Todd,

Renzi, who was featured in an Observer

feature article last fall, was diagnosed with

an aggressive form of cancer a short time

after she accepted the volleyball coaching

Although her time with the team was

impression on her players and co-coaches.

man volleyball team meant more to her

said Todd Renzi. "She talked about her

girls' all the time. It brought me and my

that she was able to do that."

confirmed Todd Renzi.

ily," he concluded.

daughters a great deal of comfort to know

A freshmen volleyball tournament was

organized last fall to assist the Renzi family.

Plans are under way to make it an annual

event that will assist other families in need,

"I do not have the words to express how

daughters attend — have meant to our fam-

much the support from the community

all the way down to the schools my

brief, the personable mentor made a lasting

The short time she coached her fresh-

than just about anything else she has done,"

Renzi died Saturday at the age of 39.

and two young daughters.

job in August of 2008.

dies at age 39

- MOELLE COLWELL



Canton sophomore Correy Rossi is pictured with the Canton varsity basketball team after he was presented with a varsity letter as a result of his accomplishments in wheelchair basketball. Rossi was presented with the letter during halftime of a February Canton game.

Steady, thrilling & more than able

Canton sophomore thrives at wheelchair basketball

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In a lot of ways, Correy Rossi is no different than most talented high school point guards.

The Canton High School sophomore can dribble the ball adeptly, distribute thread-the-needle passes to cutting teammates and bury the mid-range jumper when the need arises.

In fact, the 16-year-old Canton resident is such an accomplished basketball player that he guided his Michigan Junior Thunderbirds squad to a national championship tournament last month in Denver,

The thing that separates Rossi from most high school point guards is that he accumulates all of his impressive stats while seated in a wheelchair.

After suffering a spinalcord injury at birth, Rossi lost the use of both his legs. But that hasn't stopped him from excelling in a sport that generally requires phenomenal footwork.

"Correy is usually one of the quickest players on the court during our games," said Noelle Colwell, who co-coaches the Thunderbirds with her husband, Tom. "The thing that separates the best wheelchair basketball players from the rest is chair skills—the ability to maneuver the wheelchair smoothly and quickly—and Correy's skills are amazing."

Someone who has never witnessed a wheelchair hoop game at the level Rossi plays would justifiably assume that players can grab a rebound, set the ball in their lap, then push themselves up the court with unlimited spins of their wheels.

That would be a wrong assumption in Rossi's case.

"We have to dribble just like they do in able-bodied games," Rossi revealed. "We let the new players hold the ball for two pushes until they get used to it, but it's no different than regular basketball. We play by NCAA rules, so there's no traveling."

Fascinating feat

How in the world does Rossi push the angled-in wheels, of his wheelchair and

Please see WHEELCHAIR, B4

GAME WRAPS

Canton LAX team falls

Canton's boys lacrosse team dropped a 13-4 decision to Novi on Saturday. The Chiefs trailed just 3-2 after one quarter before the Wildcats extended their advantage to 9-3 at the half.

Matt Rodgers led the Chiefs with three goals while Jake Underwood added one. Alex Loiselle chipped in an assist.

Novi upends Salem netters

Salem's girls tennis team opened its 2009 campaign with an 8-1 setback to Novi.

Salem coach Lin Ware said the loss to the powerful Wildcats was not a reflection of her team's potential.

"I have the best team I've had in seven years," said Ware. "We are very deep and have players at all flights this year. We have two freshmen in the singles lineup.

"The scores in singles don't reflect how close the matches were."

The Rocks' lone point came when the No. 5 doubles team of Emma Vanhoof and Bethany Haller ousted Novi's tandem of Ashley Aljadah and Meng Meng Je, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Novi captured all four singles matches: Amanda Border defeated Alli Carpenter, 6-0, 6-2, at No. 1; Sara Carlson edged Linda Ling, 6-0, 6-3 at No. 2; Abby Wang swept Anna Norman, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 3; and Jennifer Felcher outhit Morgan Spencer, 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles action, Novi's Lauren Felcher and Julia Thomas outpointed Salem's Rachel Norman and Ariel Rojo at No. 1; Jenna Snyder and Megan Wenzl upended Kerry MacDonald and Alex Lamb, 6-2, 6-3, at No. 2; Andrea Lollo and Meggie Riegel outplayed Victoria Brotz and Kayla Zabowski, 7-5 and 6-3, at No. 3; and Natalie Murphy and Shaheen Skeikh edged Ashley Davis and Katie Fletcher, 6-1, 6-4, at No. 4 doubles.

Coaches: Please report results

Local high school spring sports coaches are encouraged to report their results to Plymouth/Canton Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright — whether their team wins or

loses; or they're home or away. Wright can be reached at (734) 578-2767 or at ewright@ hometownlife.com.

The deadline for Thursday print editions of the *Observer* is 11 p.m. on Tuesdays. The deadline for Sunday print editions of the paper is Friday at 11 p.m.

Results of games reported to Wright will appear on www.hometownlife.com the following morning.

YMCA volleyball

The Plymouth YMCA is forming spring volleyball leagues for girls between the ages of 8 and 12. The 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 cost of the program is \$71 for YMCA members or \$103 for community members.

Individual memberships are \$39 yearly and annual family memberships are \$59. All participants need a YMCA reversible youth sports jersey, the cost of which is \$15.

Programs are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information on this season or other YMCA programs, visit www.ymcadetroit. org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

RENA LAVER

Plymouth's Ryan Hayes celebrates his game-winning goaf with 4:26 left in Tuesday's 3-2 victory over Windsor. Hayes' teammate A.J. Jenks is pictured in the background.

Spits get 'Hayes-ed' by Whalers' late goal

BY ED WRIGHT

After dropping two straight games of "Crazy Eights," the Plymouth Whalers won a battle of "Hearts" Tuesday night at Compuware Arena.

In a heart-pounding contest that tested both teams' intestinal fortitude, the Whalers dead-locked their Ontario Hockey League Western Conference semifinal series with Windsor at two games all with an edge-of-your-seat, blue-collar 3-2 triumph over the No. 1-seeded Spitfires in game 4

Windsor captured games 2 and 3 by resounding scores of 8-1 and 8-2, but you wouldn't have known it by the way the hosts played during the opening 39 minutes Tuesday evening when they secured a solid 2-0 advantage.

The Spits battled back to knot the game at 2-2 before scrappy Whalers forward Ryan Hayes skated into the hero's role.

The 5-foot-9, 179-pound native of Syracuse, N.Y., lit the lamp with 4:26 to play after ricocheting the puck off the back leg of Windsor goalie Andrew Engelage from a near-impossible angle near the corner of the boards.

"It seems like Ryan gets all of our big ones," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "He has a knack for scoring big goals. It's something you can't teach. He just knows how to do it. He doesn't score many in the blowouts. He usually gets his in the 4-3, 3-2 games."

"It was kind of a scramble play," recalled Hayes, recounting his clutch shot. "I knew we had to get

Please see WHALERS, B4

Plymouth welcomes back bulk of up-and-coming kick squad

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

If familiarity breeds success, look out for the Plymouth girls soccer team this spring.

The Wildcats return 17 of the 18 players who made up last year's roster - and the team finished strong during the second half of 2008, said coach Jeff Neschich.

"We have a well-balanced team this year," the sixth-year mentor said. "We have two very strong attacking players in Kelly Dobbs and Megan Quinlan and a couple strong returning defensive players in Meeghan Hughes and Katie Krajewski. I'm optimistic."

The team will look to captains Liz Koet (senior midfielder) and McKenzie Hengesh (sophomore mid-fielder) for leadership and on-the-field pro-

Neschich is also expecting big said Canton coach George things from sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Williams, who sparkled as a freshman starter; sophomore mid-fielder Vittoria Miller and senior mid-fielder

Kasey Webb. "Marissa was outstanding last year," said Neschich. "She got stronger as the season went

Joining Krajewski and Hughes in the back will be Jessica Heck, Carley McQuiston and Jenna Livingston.

The mid-field will be bolstered by the presence of Jennifer Babcock, Katie Moss and Lauren Scott; while Alyssa Deykes, Emilie Guglielmo and Megan Peplinski provide depth at the forward spot.

CANTON

A solid core of returning players promises to make the Chiefs a serious threat to win some rather large-sized trophies in 2009.

Among the veterans who led last year's squad to a 12-6-2 mark are All-State defender Melanie Pickert and senior captains Lisa Pierce and Leslie Weisz.

"We're looking solid so far," Tomasso, "Our senior class of seven players is very strong. Both of our captains are fouryear varsity players and the provide us with great leadership. I like the dynamics of this team."

The Chiefs' attack will be anchored by the two captains Pierce and Weisz.

"Lisa brings a lot of power to

the game with set pieces," he said. "She has great field vision. Leslie has very good instincts and she has an a amazing awareness on the field."

The team's other four seniors will also be solid contributors: mid-fielder Megan Staub; forward Tracy Rymph, who was one of the leading scorers last spring; and defenders Katelin David, Lauren Peeler and Katie Galm.

Mid-fielders Lindsey Winters and Alyssa Cottrell, and forward Jessikah McClendon headline the Chiefs' talented junior class.

The last line of defense will be held down by junior goalie Samantha McPartlin.

She'll receive plenty of support from Pickert, who was one of the state's elite defenders as a

freshman last season. "Melanie has an upper-level mentality out there," said Tomasso, when asked what made Pickert so effective. "She does a great job of being in the right position at the right time."

SALEM

The Rocks will be relying on a balanced line-up during head coach Joe Nora's 10th year at the helm.

PREP SOCCER PREVIEWS

"This is a good group of players," said Nora, who took an 83-54-24 record into the 2009 campaign, which started with Monday's 1-all draw with Farmington Hills Mercy. "We have some seasoned vets and a lot of good young players.

"One of the best things about this group is that the girls understand it's a process, that the harder you work, the better you're going to be. The ceiling is high for this team."

Nora didn't hesitate when asked about his team's primary

"We have a lot of team speed," he said, "both on the flanks, up top and in the mid-field."

A quartet of players — senior forward Jill Behrman, senior defender Sara O'Leary, senior defender Jourdin Jaaska and sophomore defender Lindsey Roy - have earned the title of captains for the Rocks. Behrman and Jaaska are both four-year varsity performers while O'Leary has already

earned a pair of varsity letters. "One thing I really want is for this team to feel like a family and the captains have done a great job of helping out with that," said Nora.

Senior mid-fielder Kasey Webb (6), pictured during a game earlier this

season, will play a pivotal role for Plymouth's soccer team this spring. said Nora. "She's able to hit Other key starters for the Rocks include junior midfielder Lauren Booth and

senior goalie Tracey Whalen, a transfer from Farmington Hills Mercy. "We'll probably run most of

our offense through Lauren,"

teammates with passes from 30 to 40 yards away.

"As far as Tracey goes, you'd never know it was her first year with us. She's fit in since the first day. It seems like she's been with us for years."

'Cats hope to build on last year's school-best record

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Thanks to a nucleus of key players returning, last year's school-best record of 23-11 may have to take a back seat to this year's mark when it comes to Plymouth's baseball team.

Among the Wildcats' returning starters are their No. 1 pitcher, three-quarters of their infield and most of their outfielders, which means coach Chuck Adams will be reloading more than rebuilding this spring.

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

"I think we're going to have a strong team," said Adams. "Our hitting and our speed will be strong points. And I think some people are underestimating our pitching."

A pair of veteran seniors - Ronnie Goble and Brad Lineberry — were named captains, and deservedly so. Combined the two players have seven years of varsity experience counting this campaign.

"Ronnie is not only a complete ballplayer, but he's a wonderful young man," said Adams. "He's been a joy to coach the past four

"The same goes for Brad. Every day he arrives at the field, he's ready to play ball."

Blessed with blazing speed, Goble will man center field for the 'Cats. He'll also hit near the middle of the batting order due to his above-average power.

Lineberry will start at shortstop and serve as one of the team's top pitchers.

The team's No. 1 hurler is senior Cliff Buttermore, who crafted a 6-2 mark on the mound as a junior.

'Cliff has great command of all three of his pitches," said Adams. "He changes speeds well and can hit his spots."

Sophomore Mike Nadratowski, a lefty, has also earned a spot in the rotation. "He has great poise for a soph-

omore," said Adams. Senior Jake Gilbert will start behind the plate. He'll be backed up by junior Matt Priebe, who

will also see action at first base and designated hitter. Nadratowski, junior Jackson Burdette and junior Erik Lee provide depth at first.

Senior Matt Skubik, the starting quarterback for the Wildcats' football team this past fall, will start at second. He'll be backed up by Luke Merandi and Buttermore.

Lineberry's primary back-up at short is Andy Dodge.

A pair of seniors — Travis Mewton and Ryan Spencer - will man the hot corner.

The Wildcats have speed galore in the outfield. Mike Rose and Kelly Waite will share time in left; Goble will be backed up by Kevin Lozier in center; and Alex Minch and Nadratowski will play right.

"Our Division (the KLAA South) should be wide open this year," said Adams. "Us, Canton, Franklin, Churchill, Wayne and John Glenn all have a shot. Anybody can beat anybody on any given day."

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A 'Payne' in U of M's side

Former Canton High School softball standout Hilary Payne has enjoyed a stellar freshman season at Loyola of Chicago thus far. Among her accomplishments was a four-inning relief stint against nationally ranked University of Michigan on March 27 during which she yielded zero runs.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nike football combine

The Nike Combine Training for high school football players to prepare for the 2009 season and preparation for SPARQ and NATS testing protocols is heading to Auburn Hills. Players will be taught drills and techniques used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine.

This training session will be on Sundays beginning April 19 at the Auburn. Hills Sports Dome.

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For more information, contact coach Jaime Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

HVS camps

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering "Spring Break Fun Days" April 10 and April 13-17.

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There will be supervised stations for soccer, flag football, dodge ball, kick ball, basket-

Why You Must Know the Definitions in the Rules of Golf

By Jeanne Myers

In order to apply the rules of golf, or even to find the answer to a rules problem in the rules of golf, you have to know the definitions. There are only 51 of them, but there is a huge amount of information in them.

More than one golfer has given himself a stroke penalty for causing his ball to oscillate. The rules-savvy golfer: however, knows that oscillating, according to the United States Golf Association, is not moving. For a ball to have "moved," it has to leave its position and come to rest in another spot. So, even if you accidentally nudge a ball forward, as long as it returns to its original position, you are safe from penalty — because it hasn't come to rest in another spot.

Under the definition of "equipment," you will find that when you are sharing a golf cart, when your ball is involved, that cart and everything in it belongs to you — unless the cart is being driven by the other person. And, that "everything in it" includes the other person when the cart is stationary. Therefore, assume another player in your group who is sharing a cart with you, drives the cart and parks it near the green and stays in the cart. You then proceed to play, and your shot hits the person sitting in the stationary cart. You have hit your equipment and will get a one stroke penalty. Hopefully, he will only get a sore arm.

A "stroke" is the forward movement of

the club with the intention of hitting the ball. So, if you check your downswing voluntarily or alter your ... swing path so that you intentionally miss the ball, you have not made a stroke. But, don't use this to try to disguise a "whiff." We all know what a "whiff" looks like.

Your local golf guide

"Through the green" is the whole area of the golf course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole you are playing and all hazards. Therefore, through the green includes fairways and rough. When you look up relief options, you will need to know that term.

A "rub of the green" is not bad luck. It is when your ball in motion is accidentally stopped or deflected by any outside agency. Therefore, it is a rub of the green if your shot is deflected out of bounds by a piece of mowing equipment, but it is also a rub of the green if it is deflected into the hole by that equipment.

There are no sand traps or pins on golf courses, so you'll have trouble looking up a rule involving either. Instead, there are "bunkers" and "flagsticks," and you will have no problem finding the proper entries in the index to the Rules of Golf to find the answer you need using those

An "obstruction" is anything artificial except: 1) objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences and stakes. 2) immovable artificial objects located out of bounds; and 3) integral parts of the course. If you know this definition,

you will know that if retaining walls in a water hazard have been declared to be integral parts of the course; you will not get free relief from them even if your ball lies outside the hazard.

A "provisional ball" is one played for an original ball that may be out of bounds or may be lost outside of a water hazard.

The rest of those definitions are up to



Jeanne Myers is currently an assistant tournament director for the Golf Association of Michigan and also served as the chairman of the USGA Women's Committee and is a past president of the GAM.

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dribble at the same time? Very well, Colwell

explained. The chairs we use are specially made for quick maneuvering, so good ball-handlers like Correy can push with his left hand while he's dribbling with his right," Colwell said. "These kids are like all other high school athletes. They're competitive and - the No. 1 thing of all — they want to be treated like everyone

A couple of things surprised Colwell when she watched her first wheelchair game several years ago.

"It was more aggressive and physical than I expected," she said. "To increase maneuverability, the chairs the kids use have a fifth wheel in back, so they can rotate 360 degrees. The only problem is, they can also fall backwards.

"If a player's chair tips over in a game, play continues. I'd say 90 percent of

the players can get back up on their own. In fact, that's something we work on in practice.'

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Despite the fact he can't rely on the thrust of his legs, Rossi's shooting range is similar to that of an ablebodied high school player, Colwell said.

When I started coaching wheelchair basketball, I got my own chair so that I could see what it was like," she said. "I learned quickly how much upper-body strength is required to shoot the ball.

'Shooting is one thing that Correy has really improved on recently. During one close game at the national championships, he dribbled down and instead of passing off, he stopped at the free throw line and made a big shot for

Special tribute

Rossi, who started playing basketball when he was 9, was recognized for his accomplishments during halftime of a Canton varsity · basketball game in February. Along with drawing a loud cheer from the fans in attendance that night, Rossi was presented with an official varsity letter by PCEP co-athletic director Sue Heinzman.

"I was honored to be recognized in that way," said the well-spoken Rossi. "We have kids on our team who asked their schools if they could get a letter, but they were turned down. Getting a varsity letter from my school meant a lot to me.

"People ask me all the time what it's like to not have the use of my legs. I tell them there's really nothing I can't do if I put my mind to it. I like to think I can do the same things an able-bodied person can do."

And when it comes to leading a fast-break, or hitting a cutting teammate with a perfect bounce pass, players who have defended Rossi will tell you he can do things even better than some of his able-bodied peers.

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Best is yet to come for Salem track team

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem boys track-and-field coach Kyle Meteyer knows a talented athlete when he sees one, and he sees plenty on his squad's roster this spring.

"Of the four years I've been the head coach, this is the most confidence I've had in one of my teams," said Meteyer. "We look strong in nearly every area of the track and on the field.

'Our strongest area this year looks to be the field events, even though we have some key inju-

Star high jumper Jace Bearden may be out until May, but his absence will be softened by the presence of Zack Gaskell and Paul Classen. Gaskell was a state-qualifier in the state meet in 2008.

"Our strongest events in the field are probably our throws with juniors Ed Merhi and Dana Baltazar," said Meteyer. "And senior Courtney Frazier presents a threat in both throwing

John Krutty will headline the Rocks' pole-vaulting crew while junior Dominique Williams will pace the longjumpers.

The program's staple has always been its strong stable of distance runners. This year should be no different with the return of big-time point-earners Matt Devey, Mike Charara. Dan Martin, Dan Adsit, Zach Basanese, Alex Long and Jason

SALEM 88 NOVI 49 April 2 at Novi 3,200-meter relay: 1. Novi, 8:37.5; 2.

110 high nutrates: 1. O Connot (s), 16.2; 2. Litta (N), 16.3; 3. C. Williams (S), 16.3

100 dash: 1. D. Williams (S), 11.5; Z. Kuhn (N), 11.7; 3. Brant (N), 11.7.

800 relay: 1. Salem (Patin, Root, Mullins, O'Connor), 1:35.8; 2. Novi, 1:36.1

1,600 run: 1. Blaszczyk (N), 4:40.7; 2. Charara (S), 4:41.2; 3. Devey (S), 4:41.5.

110 high hurdles: 1. O'Connor (S), 16.2; 2.

PREP TRACK PREVIEWS

Hurdler Scott O'Connor will be counted on heavily for points and it wouldn't shock anyone if he qualified for the Division 1 state meet, Meteyer

"Scott has been a very good hurdler since he's been a freshman and I'm confident he can achieve any goals he sets for himself," said Meteyer.

Charles Williams will add depth to the Rocks' contingent of hurdlers.

Among the team's top sprinters are Dominique Williams at Pat Patin.

'We have a great group of senior captains who are leading the team admirably so far, but I'm thrilled that most of our best athletes are underclassmen," noted Meteyer. "This year's juniors make up a special class, and I know now that they're juniors, this year and next should be dynamite."

CANTON

The Chiefs' perennially tough team will be relying on a particularly strong middle-distance unit this season, said veteran coach Bob Richardson.

'Our middle-distance people are showing a lot of promise," said Richardson. "Overall, we have a lot of returning athletes and a lot of young athletes with potential. Hopefully, they can all blend together and turn us into a good team."

Look no further than the

Chiefs' list of captains for the team's heart and soul. As always, this year's senior leaders - Sherif Hassanien, Josh Hurst, Eddie Koelzer and Ryan Randall were selected by their peers and coaches at last spring's seasonending picnic.

Hassanien is one of the area's top hurdlers while Hurst excels in the 800, 1,600 and four-by-800

Koelzer is a steadily improving pole vaulter and relays contributor while Randall should earn plentiful points in the 200, 400 and relays.

Other key seniors include distance performers Duncan Spitz, Greg Reed, Kyle Clinton and Gage Hermann; middle man Kyle Breitmeyer; and thrower Jason

The Chiefs' strong junior class is paced by Zach Spreitzer (distance), Keith Zech (400 and 800), Paul Rakovitis (distance), Jon Peck (distance), Josh Osinski (distance), Brandon Tolinski (400 and 800), August Garrett (sprints), Winston Roberts (hurdles) and Jordan Wisniewski, who excels in the middle-distance

Ben Spreitzer, Adam Payne and Nick Alaniva have shown potential as sophomores and Kevin Buford and Miles Felton are the squad's top two freshmen so far.

The Chiefs' coaching staff - Richardson, Matti Kilpelainen, Kwon Moon and Brad Waidmann —is loaded with knowledge.

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shots on goal. I shot it from a bad angle, but it hit off his back leg and went in. It's the biggest OHL goal I've scored so far, defi-

Despite the lopsided nature of the previous two games, Vellucci said his team wasn't outplayed as much as it was outnumbered.

"I don't think we got 🦠 humbled," he said. "We just took too many bad penalties. Before we knew it, we were down 440 at their place and they had 18 power plays in the other game. When it was five-onfive, I thought we played

"Tonight, between the first and second periods, I asked them, 'What do you have to lose? Win or lose, if you go out and give it your

all, you can feel good about yourselves.' I told them that no matter what, leave it all out on the ice, and they

Following a scoreless first period in which Windsor outshot Plymouth, 11-6, the Whalers seized a 1-0 lead 53 seconds into the second stanza when captain Chris Terry one-timed the puck past Engelage from the door-step after controlling a behind-the-net feed from Tyler Seguin.

The hosts doubled their edge to 2-0 six minutes later when Matt Caria slammed home a pass from Seguin from between the face-off circles.

The Whalers were 1.5 seconds away from carrying a comfortable 2-0 lead into the second period, but that's when Windsor's Dale Mitchell redirected Rob Kwiet's slapshot past Plymouth goalie Matt

Hackett to cut the Spits' deficit to 2-1.

When Windsor's Eric Wellwood knocked home the equalizer with 6:44 left, Hayes stayed upbeat.

"If you start thinking 'Uh-oh' at that point, it's going to hurt your chances even more," said Hayes. "You have to keep your head up and stay positive, which we did."

Windsor pulled Engelage with 1:50 to play and fired a barrage of shots at Hackett, who came up big every time.

The Spitfires, who host game 5 Thursday night at 7:05, outshot Plymouth, 39-31.

Game 6 is slated for Saturday night at Compuware Arena. The opening face-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

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TRACK RESULTS

400 relay: 1. Salem (Patin, Frazier, Broadnax, Williams), 45.16; 2. Novi, 46.9. 400 dash: 1. Gaskell (S), 53.5; 2. Pitcher

400 dash: 1, Gasker (s), 53.5, 2, Pitcher (N), 53.8; 3, Mullins (S), 55.5.

300 hurdles; 1, O'Connor (S), 40.7; 2, VanBuhler (N), 42.7; 3, C. Williams (S), 42.7, 800 run: 1, Martin (S), 2;08.5; 2, Masserant (N), 2:09.6; 3, Charara (S), 2:09.6, 200 dash: 1, D. Williams (S), 22.5; 2, Kuhn (N), 23.1; 3, Patin (S), 23.2

(N), 23.1; 3. Patin (S), 23.2. 3,200 run: 1. Blaszczyk (N), 10:10.6; 2. nith (S), 10:15.9; 3. Minghine (N), 10:21.6. **1,600 relay:** 1. Salem (O'Connor, Mullins, Martin, Gaskell), 3:40.2; 2. Novi, 3:42.7. **Pole vault:** 1. Furby (N), 11 feet, 6 inches; 2. Krutty (S), 11-0; 3. Hernandez (S), 11-0.

 Krutty (S), II-D; 3. Hernandez (S), II-D.
 High jump: 1. Gaskell (S), 6-3; 2. Classen (S), 5-5; 3. Cingo (N), 5-3.
 Long jump: 1. Kuhn (N), 2I-D.5; 2. D.
 Williams (S), 20-8; 3. Root (S), 18-11.
 Discus: 1. Baitazar (S), 183-6; 2.
 Mutnusamy (N), 117-6; 3. Frazier (S), 114-4.
 Shot put: 1. Baitazar (S), 48-9; 2. Merhi (S), 147-6; 3. Frazier (S), 147-6. ,I 47-6; 3. Frazier (S), 40-2. SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-0

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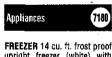
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additional purchases through an interactive "We are selling much more than just bedding at these new stores," said Gary Van Elslander,

president of Art Van Furniture. "Our goal is to educate our consumers on the importance of great sleep and that the quality of a person's sleep is directly linked to the overall quality of their life. We were amazed by what we learned through our research, and are very excited to share that knowledge with the Michigan communities we have served for 50 years." In addition, Art Van's bedding stores will feature a state-of-the-art diagnostic test bed and

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computer system, which uses scientific data gathered from millions of body profiles to help quests determine the right sleeping surface for their body type. In just three minutes, the system takes 18 statistical measurements and performs more than 1,000 mathematical formulas to calculate individual profiles.

Art Van has identified growth opportunities in communities within Ingham, Wayne, Oakland, Kent and Livingston counties. A name for the new stores will be announced in the near

For more information, visit www.artvan.com. Snap Fitness signs lease

Snap Fitness has signed a lease to occupy a 2,650 square foot space in Canton Center Plaza at 4011 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

LaKritz-Weber & Company, who represented plaza owner Canton Gateway, announced the agreement. Adam Goodman and Gabe Schuchman of LaKritz-Weber & Company represented the landlord. Snap Fitness was represented by Louis Ciotti of Signature Associates. They did not announce when the new tenant will open for business.

Celebrating Earth Day

Cartridge World Canton, 5924 N. Sheldon Road, is celebrating Earth Day (April 22) by offering

deals on printer cartridges. The store refills printer cartridges. The specials run from April 14-April 30. Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Refilling used printer cartridges is good for the environment and cheaper than buying new cartridges. Golf pro clinic

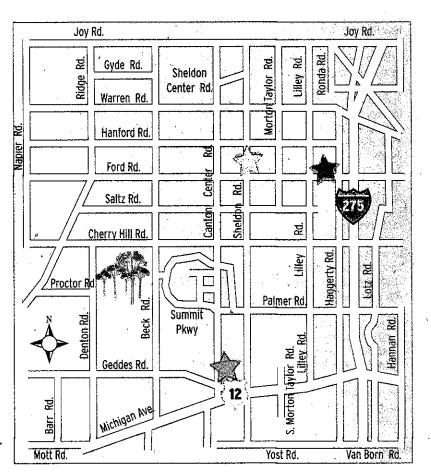
PGA golf professional Tami Bealert will put on a free golf clinic at the Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier (just north of Ford Road) from 1-2 p.m., Saturday, April 11. The clinic is open to adults and their children.

Sign up at the Hickory Creek Golf Shop or call (734) 454-1851. For more information contact Tami Bealert at (734) 731-0238 or e-mail her at TrainwithTami@yahoo.com, or visit www. TrainwithTami.com.

Business women

The Canton Business & Professional Women will meet from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, April 13, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road).

The guest speakers will be the Petticoat Ladies as the "Mothers of Invention." No complimentary dinners for this meeting. Please RSVP by Friday, April 10, by contacting June Nicholas at . (313) 610-2561 or junenicholas@comcast.net.



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BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

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New Oakwood physicians

Dr. Maxwell, of Flint, received her medical degree from Wayne State University (WSU) and completed her residency at Henry Ford Hospital Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology. She will be practicing at the Oakwood Healthcare Center (OHC), located at Canton Center Road and Warren in Canton.

Froman and Willis will practice at the new Oakwood Internal Medicine office located in the Haggerty Professional Plaza in Canton. Dr. Froman, of



Northville, received her medical degree from Wayne State University where she received clinical honors in internal medicine, family medicine and pediatrics. Dr. Willis, of Southgate, completed her internal medicine residency at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center (OHMC) and is a graduate of WSU School of Medicine.

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

Lisa Fortner and Ron Kattoula of Dollar Gallery +.

Ron Kattoula: We have a unique store. It's well put together and clean with quality products at a great value. And it's lots of fun to shop at. Observer: What makes your business unique?

Ron Kattoula: We are 90 percent a dollar store and 10 percent a great value over a dollar. We carry all occasion party supplies and balloons. We have groceries, kitchen items, cleaning products, arts and crafts and scrapbooking. There is always something for evervone.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?

Ron Kattoula: I was with a ,有不够的最高分类。在1970

DOLLAR GALLERY +

Address: 7399 Lillev Road, Canton

Your name: Ron Kattoula/Tony Hermiz, owners and operators

Business opened when?: Feb. 26, 2009 Number of employees: 7

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local chain and orchestrated the opening of 20 stores. I have 15 years of experience in operating and buying. Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

Ron Kattoula: I always wanted to open a store in Canton. It is a great family community and the demographics are perfect. Observer: Do you have a funny tidblt or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Ron Kattoula: We got used to saying, "Yes, it is a dollar," because we are frequently is only a dollar.

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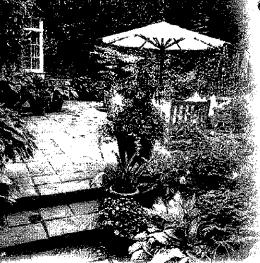
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Computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an "Intro to MS Excel-Part 1" course presented by Canton Computers from 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 at the Chamber office located at 45525 Hanford Road in Canton. This is one of many computer training courses that have been scheduled throughout 2009. These classes are open to Chamber members and to the public.

"The Chamber is proud to offer educational programs to our Chamber Members, business owners, employees, and residents of Canton," said Dianne Cojei, Chamber president. "We have seen quite a good turn out at these training sessions. The classes we offer are high-quality courses that we feel will help to enrich the Canton business community."

Cost for the seminar is \$25 for Chamber Members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To register, contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

All 2009 seminars and computer training courses are beings sponsored by Showroom of Elegance and Waltonwoods of Canton.

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.

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To submit an item for the religion calendar, e-mail Ichomin@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Linda Chomin. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.

Holy Week schedule

com.

Holy Thursday April 9 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 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 Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon April 12, at St. Michael's Catholic Church Parish, Hubbard at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 261-1455 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Holy week services

April 9, Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows and Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (childcare thru age 4); April 10, Good Friday noon to 3 p.m., Sanctuary; April 12, Easter Sunday Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m., Hess Chapel; 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sanctuary; Contemporary Worship Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Knox Hall. All services at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-7400.

Holy Week services

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

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m. April 9: Good Friday Service Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.; and Easter Sunday Events 9 a.m. breakfast, 10:30

a.m., baptisms, 10:45 a.m. worship with music from "The Mass of the Celtic Saints." Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 425-2800. Holy Week

Maundy (Holy) Thursday, 7:30 p.m. April 9, celebration of Holy Communion concludes with Stripping of the Altar. Festival Choir and Jubellation Handbell Choir featured in this worship service. 12:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, meditative worship service centered on "The Passion of our Lord" and 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service of darkness with music by Christ Our Savior Festival Choir, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 12, festival worship services include singing of favorite Easter hymns accompanied by brass and timpani and the celebration of Holy Communion. Children (up to 8) celebrate Easter at a fair 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11 featuring crafts, Easter video, egg hunt, cookie decorating, and more. Call (734) 522-6830. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of 1-96, Livonia. www.

christoursavior.org. Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:30 p.m. April 10, confession with individual laving on of hands for absolution; footwashing and/or anointing of hands for service; holy communion, stripping of the altar. Good Friday service 12:30-2 n.m. The Passion According to John will be read interspersed with music. hymns, and meditative reading. 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae service of darkness with readings from all four Gospel passion accounts, Easter Vigil Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with skits by confirmation students from the Old Testament by candlelight, a litany of the saints and a resurrection celebration of Holy Communion. Festival Worship "The Resurrection of Our Lord" Sunday April 12, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m, with guest trumpeters, choir, Barb Myers singing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's Messiah; Michael Burkhardt at the

organ, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia, Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

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 Road, Canton. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call (734) 459-3333 for tickets.

Easter weekend services

1:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10; 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11; and 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 N. Territorial at Ridge, Plymouth. Call (734) 414-7777 or visit northridgechurch.com. A weekend series about relationships runs April 18 to May 17. Fish fry Fridays

4-7 p.m. (or until dinners run out) Friday, 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. colesiaw, roll and butter, coffee, tea or milk. Carry out dinners do not

include beverage. Blood drive

3-9 p.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., two blocks east of Wayne Road, Wayne. For information, call Andrea at (734) 721-1129.

Holy Week music

Kirk in the Hills will presents a program of choral music for Good Friday by the Kirk Chancel Choir, including music ranging from plainsong, Renaissance composers, spirituals and contemporary works, 7:30 p.m. April 10, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Free. Call (248) 626-2515 ext. 109, or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

Easter eggstravaganza

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, east of Haggerty, Call (248) 348-7600. Over 6,500 eggs to hunt, plus "Eggciting" show by Two Can and Araya Sonshine; photos with the Easter bunny; games and prizes; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Rain or shine. Don't forget your Easter basket.

Easter sunrise gathering 8 a.m. Sunday, April 12, in Kellogg

RELIGION CALENDAR

Park on Main Street, downtown Plymouth, Revival Outreach Center pastors Shawn and Sonny Hennessy are Plymouth residents and want to offer this gift. Live Band, short message, children's activities, free muffins and coffee provided by Plymouth's Caribou Coffee at Five Mile and Sheldon. Call (248) 719-2380,

Easter celebration

Breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. and Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 12, at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660.

Easter festival

Harvest Ministries, 23233 Drake Road, north of Freedom Road will host an Easter Festival Sunday, April 12. Festival includes an egg hunt for ages 3-12 at 9:30 a.m. with prizes. Guests from Servanthands will also be present with inflatables and other exciting items. Food, fellowship and fun for the whole family. All are welcome, Call (248) 478-1511.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

· The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-you-caneat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, Expanded menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns and assorted beverages served buffet-style, \$5, adults; \$3, children 4-11; free, under 3; \$15, family (two adults and all children). Everyone welcome.

Bethany west singles

• 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.

Historic Polish church tour West Side Detroit Polish American

Historical Society, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in historic St. Hedwig Catholic Church in Detroit, will hold its second annual west side Detroit historic Polish church pilgrimage and traditional Polish Easter meal Saturday, April 18. The pilgrimage starts at 10 a.m. at St. Hedwig, 3245 Junction, and includes St. Francis d'Assissi (4500 Wesson), and St. Stephen (4311 Central) in Detroit, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (976 Pope John II Ave.) and St. Stanislaus Kostka (266 Antoine St.) in Wyandotte. The meal will be held at Biddle Hall, 3239 Biddle, Wyandotte. The menu includes kielbasa, ham. potato salad, tossed green salad, beet horseradish (cwikla), bread, butter lambs, dessert (variety of cakes, or babkas), and beverages. Coaches do not have wheelchair lifts. Return to St. Hedwig between 5-5:30 p.m. Optional Our Lady Queen of Angels Mass at 5 p.m., and confession at St. Stephen, 5:30 p.m. Advance reservation only by April 8. Call (248) 477-8518, e-mail lpalazzolo@detroitpolonia.org, or visit www.detroitpolonia.org. As a special feature, during dessert a video will be shown about traditional palm weaving by Sr. Cecilia Schmitt, a Franciscan nun in St. Cloud, Minnesota, who wrote "the" book on weaving palms. There will be emphasis on weaving the

Polish palm cross. **Divine Mercy Sunday**

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia will host its celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday April 19, with special devotions to which all area Catholics are cordially invited to the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Mercy Sunday was formally instituted as a day of celebration by Pope John Paul II in 2001 and is based on Christ's revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska about humanity's need for His Divine Mercy in our troubled world. The day begins with Mass at noon followed by an opportunity for confessions at 2 p.m. and recitation of the rosary at 2:30 p.m. while reconciliation continues. The Divine Mercy Devotion begins at 3 p.m., traditionally the hour of "areatest mercy" commemorating the hour of Christ's death, and will include the exposition of the Biessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

Healing ministry

7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Cali (734) 427-3660.

Holy Land pilgrimage Learn about the opportunity for

the journey of a lifetime 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, as Russ Goodman of Ultimate Journeys Tours and Travel speaks at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. The topic will be the Current State of Pilgrimage and Travel in The Holy Land, Goodman coordinates over 40 churches and 1,000 passengers per year in travel to Israel, Greece, Turkey and several locations in Europe. Pastor Dorian McGlannan, St. John's Church rector leads the Ultimate Journey pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 3-12, 2009. The trip originates in Detroit. For

information, call (734) 453-0190. Open house

And Science Fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

Apologetics for beginners

The Mass: Christ's Once for All Sacrifice is the topic as nationallyacclaimed apologist and author, Gary Michuta, continues his series "Sharing Made Simple: Apologetics for Beginners" 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish school, at 11441 Hubbard and Plymouth Rd., between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455, ext 200, or see www.livonjastmichael.org. Michuta's presentation focuses on the reasons that Catholics believe Christ is truly and wholly present in the Eucharist and how that sacrifice figures into the point and purpose of the Catholic Mass.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, between Five Mile and Six Mile. Livonia

Mom to mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

Landscape project Trinity Church of Livonia is holding a Native Landscape informational meeting 12:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 26, in the church library at 34500 Six Mile, next to Stevenson High School, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. The meeting is to discuss native landscape plans for the church property. They have been working with the City of Livonia and the Friends of the Rouge at ways to be good stewards. Goals include reducing air and water pollution, embracing a sustainable aesthetic, and building community. All are welcome. A planting day is scheduled for May 16. The church is also hosting a site at a Livonia Park for the Rouge Rescue set for June 6.

Call (734) 425-2800. Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.: noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, 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.

Rummage sale

Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund. raiser. Pre-sale 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 30, admission \$2 per adult. Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2, admission free. Saturday everything half price.

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.

Michigan Treasure Hunters

Meet 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. To contact the club write Michigan Treasure Hunters, P.O. Box 510237, Livonia, MI 48151-6237.

UPCOMING

Music at St. John's

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.

ONGOING

Registration opens

St. Mary School, 34516 Michigan Ave., Wayne, recognized as a School of Distinction, is now accepting registrations for the 2009-10 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8. Call (734) 721-1240.

New worship schedule

Sunday worship at 8 a.m., Faith Forum at 9 a.m., worship and Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Time change

Worship is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. Visit www.livonfaith.org.

Church moves

Westwood Community Church has moved to 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Service time is 10-11:15 a.m. Come as vou are. Coffee and doughnuts every

Sunday. Children's church. Midweek spiritual enrichment

Two opportunities for spiri-

tual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Jov. each week on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays is a study/discussion group focused on understanding our relationship with God and that of other religions and the many philosophical and scientific issues that might impact our faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. Call (313) 274-3820 for additional information on opportuni-

Special needs Bible class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

Church schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion each Sunday, Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City, For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first ' and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Sunday night lights

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern

music within a casual atmosphere. Rush hour concert series

Continues every Tuesday with gathering and refreshments at 5 p.m., concert 5:30-6 p.m., featuring performances by local and national iazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.

Worship

Sundays 8 a.m. worship; 9 a.m. Adult Faith Forum, 10 a.m. worship service, Sunday School and Nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call

(734) 427-1414. Sunday school

Hall rental

Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660. Parkinson Support

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Western Oakland Parkinson

Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Overeaters Anonymous Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the

Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information .visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org,

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ELLEN J. FRIEDRICH

Age 54, of Northville. April 5, 2009. Cherished wife of Paul. Loving mother of Krista King, Julia King, Nick (Danielle) Friedrich, Danielle (Alex) Ramos and Ryan Friedrich, Beloved daughter of Nancy-Jane Doescher. Dear sister of Richard (Laurie) Doescher. She will be deeply missed by Devin and Kayla Friedrich and Ariana Ramos Dear aunt of Rossile and Kenneth Doescher. Visitation and Celebration of Life Service were held Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Gift of Life Foundation or Cure Research Foundation. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

LILLIAN MARIE HOBLAK

Age 84, died in her sleep March 12, 2009 at the St Michael's Health Center in Virginia, MN. She was born March 1st, 1925 in Alango, MN to Allec (Hagglund) and Eino Leikas. Lillian, a 45 yr. resident of N. Farmington, moved to MN in 2004. After 28 years with the Ford Motor Co., she enjoyed retirement with her cat Twinkle, while also traveling, playing the accordion, and dancing. She is survived by her son Lars Larson and family of Seattle, WA, her daughter Arlien White of Las Vegas, NV, her long time friend Don Tate of Brooklyn, MI. and many relatives in northern Minnesota, She will be missed by all.

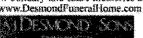
BRIAN THOMAS HULETT

Age 52, born July 31, 1956. Left us April 3, 2009. He leaves behind his loving soul mate Nancy, and their two children, Melinda Anne, and Brian Thomas Jr. and soon to be grandchild Owen. He has lived in Salem Township for 19 years, worked at Pepsi Cola Bottling for 25 years, and has been a Salem fire fighter for 17 years. He will be missed by so many. A private service was held. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com



ANNE BAILEY LOTZ

Age 84, April 3, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Wood Lotz (Lydia) and Anne Partlan (Brian). Grandmother of Brooke and Eric Lotz, Ryan and Colin Partian, Also many loving nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her sisters, Frances Bailey Wood and Bailey Gilka. Memorial Visitation Saturday 1-5 p.m. at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big. Beaver). Memorial tributes Seedlings Braille Books for Children, P.O. Box 51924, Livonia, MI 48151-5924. View obituary and share memories at:





JOYCE ANN LUNAU April 6, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Dear mother of Larry (Diane), Dawn (Michael) Roy and Mark (Laurel). Six grand-children and six great-grandchildren. Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road

One Mile West of Farmington Road) Friday 2-8 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m.

KENNETH JOSEPH MELLOY Age 78, of Livonia. Passed away Age 78, of Livonia, 1 oxood Thursday, April 2. Preceded in Mary death by loving wife, Mary (Downey), brother, John and his parents. Ken will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched, especially by his sister, Shirley Melloy; children: Shawn of Redmond WA, Brian (Erin) of Naperville IL, and Evan (Terri) of Minneapolis MN; and grandchildren Megan, Christine, Melissa, Wyatt and Marin. Family memorial service in Dubuque, IA April 11. Memorials preferred to American Lung Association.



MARCELLA M. PLISKA

. March 29, 2009. Age 89. Beloved wife of Peter. Dear mother of Robert Pliska of Bloomfield Hills and Susan Boggs. Dear sister of Wesley (Joan) Cousino and the late Wayne Cousino and the late Bernum Cousino. Grandmother of Jennifer (John) Karp and Christine (Brian) Heintz. Funeral Mass was held 10:30 am Friday, April 3, 2009 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Michigan Ave. & Military), Dearborn. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Children's Services, 8759 Clinton Macon Road, Clinton, Michigan 49236 or Madonna University, Advancement Office, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI 48150. www.howe-peterson.com



SOPHIE E. PRESTON Age 91, passed away at her res-lidence in Summerfield, PL on March 28, 2009. She was pre-ceded in death by her husband Maxwell Preston. A loving mother of James Preston (Arlene) of Florida and daughter JoAnn Rowe (Lee) of Atlanta, Ml. Also six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was dear sister of Dorothy Archer, Ted Smith and Edward Smith and will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Born and reared in Michigan with residence in Plymouth until 2006 when she moved to Summerfield, FL. Private interment will be at Rural Hills Cemetery in Northville.

KIMBERLY S. RENZI

(NEE KAST) April 4, 2009, age 39. Beloved wife of Todd. Loving mother of Marina and Addition Marina and Adeline, Dearest daughter of Richard and Elaine Kast. Dear sister of Richard. Jr. (Paula), Mark (Anne) and Kevin Heidi) Kast. Dear daughter-in-law of Romolo and the late Nancy Renzi. The Mass of the Resurrection was held Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Honor Foundation,



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Students share story of Jesus' final day on earth

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

John Callen is solemn as he talks about his role as Jesus. The 14-year-old Livonia boy doesn't take the part lightly. This is the savior's final day on earth and Callen is determined the story is one the young audience remembers.

To make the experience more moving the action takes place behind a backlit screen. During rehearsal the faces of the actors were seen, but in performance they were only shadows on the gruesome

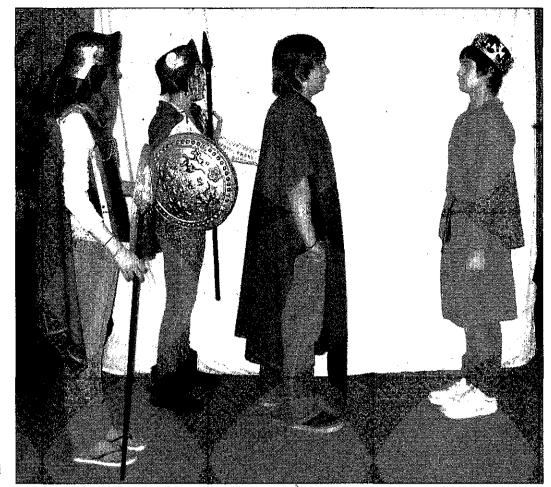
Callen was one of 10 eighth grade confirmation students presenting the Stations of the Cross to children in first to seventh grade catechism classes at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland Monday night. Traditionally on Good Friday devout Catholics reflect on each of the 14 stations that follow Jesus from the time he was condemned to the crucifixion and his resurrection on Easter.

"When people see this they'll remember it more." said John Callen, a student at Frost Middle School in Livonia.

Judy Kiessel and Chris Brennan hurried around backstage making sure all was ready before the young students and a few parents entered the hall outside of the sanctuary. The two eighth grade catechism teachers organized the production which Sister Gemma Legel intended as a form of prayer.

"We're trying to create an atmosphere," said Sister Legel, director of faith formation. "We want it to be prayerful not classes as usual."

The young audience sat motionless especially for the scene where Jesus was nailed



Margaret Gordinier (left) and Heidi Payter guard John Callen (Jesus) as Adam Panaretos (Pontius Pilate) condemns Jesus to death in the Stations of the Cross at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland. During this rehearsal the faces of the actors were seen but in performance they were only shadows on a backlit white screen.

to the cross. They usually assemble every Monday for catechism classes so this was a special evening. Earlier they experienced Jesus' last supper in the Holy Thursday room where they broke bread.

"It's a wonderful way for students to share Jesus' last day with younger students," said Judy Kiessel of Plymouth.

Chris Brennan believes the way in which the stations were presented added to the emotion of the event.

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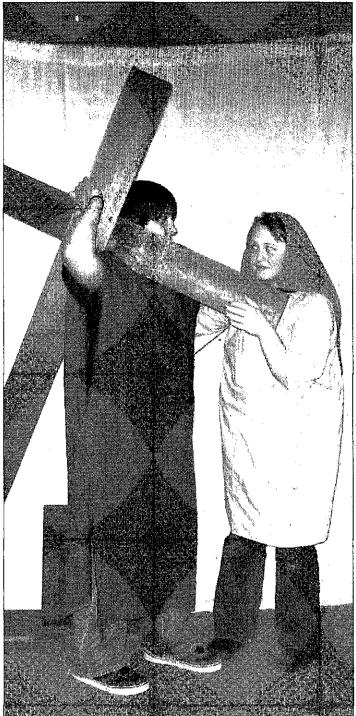
nated the people and focuses on the event," said Brennan who narrated the presentation with Kiessel. "We hope they get a stronger feeling of his last days and the reason he died for our sins."

Heidi Payter, 14, was taking her role seriously as one of the soldiers leading Jesus to his fate.

"I know my stations very good now," said Payter, a student at Discovery Middle School in Canton. "It's important in Catholic religion to know what he went through as they nail him to the cross. It makes me feel bad for him but we're honoring him so it's cool."

It's cool because it's Jesus coming alive," said Rachel Rouse, the 13-year-old Frost Middle School student portraying Mary, Jesus' mother. "It puts you back in time and how she would have felt seeing her son go through

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John Callen portrays Jesus, Rachel Rouse his mother during a rehearsal at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland. Both are students at Frost Middle School in Livonia.

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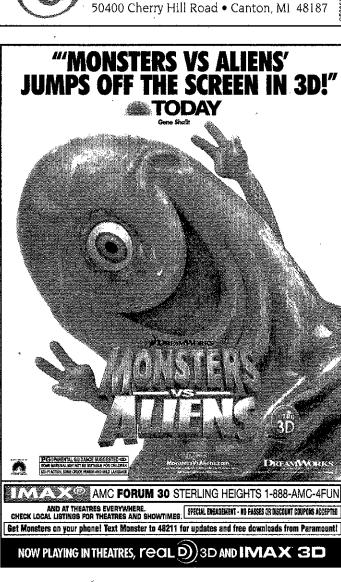
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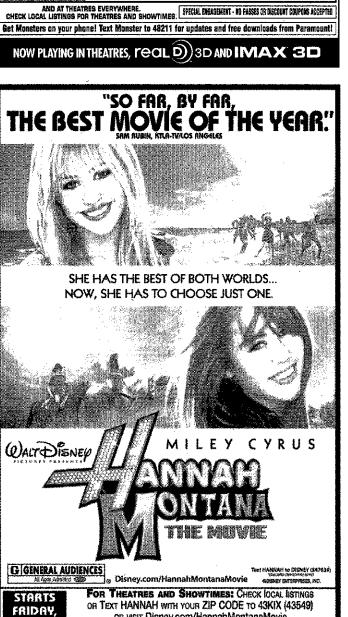
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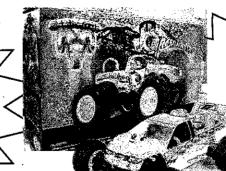
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Fair housing advocates: Improvement, ways to go

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Clifford Schrupp has worked on fair housing issues in various roles since 1964, and been director of the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit since 1977. He's seen some improvements when it comes to discrimination against people trying to rent or buy housing.

"We've gotten some positive movement from people in various phases of the housing industry," said Schrupp, noting litigation was needed. That's true both of real estate sales and rental properties.

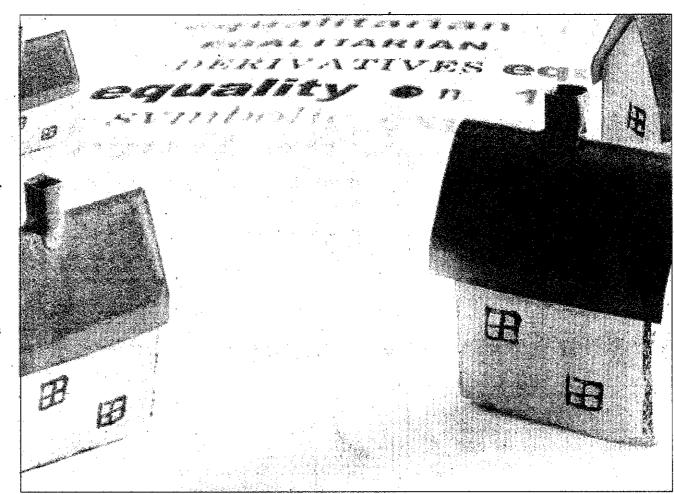
"We still encounter different levels of treatment," he said. "We still have work to do."

His organization uses testers, such as white and black couples seeking housing "to see if there are differences in treatment." Such differences are found locally about 35 percent of the time.

"But it's better than when we first started. There's certainly been some positive movement on the part of the housing industry."

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors will present its annual Fair Housing Seminar & Luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

Schrupp will be the keynote speaker. Topics to be discussed are: new insights into fair housing and why it is so important to everyone. Schrupp will cover news regarding fair housing issues in metro communities. Attendees will receive a CD-ROM with resources and information on complying with fair housing laws, and handouts for clients.



He noted his office more often speaks to rental management staffers as problems arise there more often. "We do a fair amount of training and speaking," Schrupp said

If you've encountered difficulties with fair housing issues, you can contact Schrupp's office in Detroit at (313) 963-1274 or by e-mail at

fhcdet@mail.com. The local agency is working on its Web site but hasn't established that just yet, Schrupp said. (There is a related site at www. fairhousinginmichigan.org with useful information.)

"We've worked closely with the other fair housing centers in Michigan including the one in Ann Arbor," Schrupp said. To register or for more information on the April 16 luncheon, call WWOCAR's Vickey Livernois or Terrance Baker at (248) 478-1700. Cost is \$10 per person. The event is sponsored by WWOCAR and the Detroit Association of Realtors.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers (NAHBR) will present a seminar, Green: The Right Thing To Do, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Wednesday, April 15, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Rick Rottschafter, CGP, Builder will present the seminar. The seminar focuses on material recycling, what's green and what's moldy, "10 tiny table tops teach tasteful builders to go green," top five practical "greens" remodelers can impress with, green means sales, NAHB versus LEED certification, and it doesn't take money to be green. Registration fees are \$35 for BIA members and guests and includes dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate courses

— "Estimating for Builders and Remodelers" — on Thursday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct remodelers and small-to-mid volume builders on estimating insurance and profit, quantity takeoff for various materials, labor and equipment productivity issues, and subcontractor bid considerations. The course counts toward Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Associate, and Certified Graduate

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members, \$175 for BIA members, and
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■ The Sales and Marketing Council

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(SMC) of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Success Strategies For 2009" on Thursday, April 30, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Michael Jeffreys of The Yes Network will present the seminar. Registration fees are \$10 for SMC, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or regis-

ter online at www.builders.org. ■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2009 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.

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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.

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 15-19, 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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47062 Hidden River Cir N	·	\$250,000
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29961 Leona St
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29819 Lori St
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112,000	11431 Garfield
128,000	17166 Garfield
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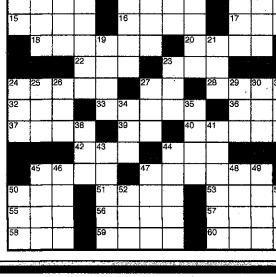
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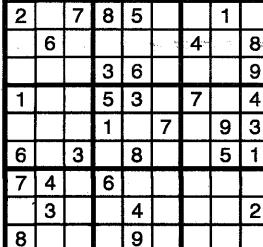
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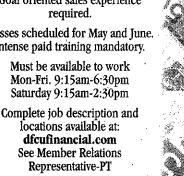
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By Dale Buss

I have to confess that I've never had anything but love for the Chrysler minivan. From the moment I saw the official unveiling of the first one at the Chrysler assembly plant across the river in Windsor, Ontario, in 1983, I have admired the vehicle, its creators and its impact on the automotive market.

Proud to say, I've also driven a couple of them as our family vehicles over the years, a white one and then a silver one, in the Nineties and early Aughts. That's when I really fell in love with these vehicles and their comfort, their versatility, their driveability, their fuel economy and even, in some ways, their looks.

To this day I maintain that there has never been a better vehicle overall if you assign points roughly equally to utility, efficiency, performance and design. And of course the latest version of the vehicle, the 2009 Town & Country (and its counterpart, the Dodge Grand Caravan), have upped their game considerably from where it was before.

Chrysler still has about 40 percent of the segment in the U.S. market. But that's only after introducing its fifth generation of the vehicles in late 2007, which included nifty new features such as an optional game table between the second and third rows of seats.

Add the Swivel 'n Go second-row seats

and a front console that slides back into the second row to a vehicle that already is about the most useful on earth and you've got a formula that just could help Town & Country bring the minivan category back to some respectability almost by itself regardless of whether Chrysler itself survives. The minivan concept is that strong and durable.

It's a real shame that the social stigma about minivans - that they were dreary vehicles driven only by soccer moms - ever got as bad as it is, because many Americans are missing out on an ideal vehicle for their needs just for the sake of a little vanity.

Face it: Though SUVs largely took the place of minivans in the cultural and consumer imagination in this country, there's nary an SUV that can hold a candle to a minivan in terms of room for people, room for cargo, flexibility, driveability and fuel economy.

Fortunately, Chrysler has kept its minivans the leaders of the game even as some competitors (Honda, Kia) have tried to take the segment crown away from them and as others (General Motors, Ford) have given up on the minivan market entirely.

I stil have some faith that, once American car buyers begin trickling back into the marketplace later this year, a greater sense of thrift and practicality will come along with them. And when they do,



Exterior: Utilitarian in appearance, Town & Country still is capable of inspiring passion in its owners.

Interior: The Swivel 'n Go seating system and the game table are great new features in the 2009 Town & Country.

expect the Town & Country and the Grand Caravan to benefit greatly from that enhanced point of view.

It seems like a decade ago, but it was just last fall, on the day before Election Day in this country, that over in Windsor the company and its workers celebrated 25 straight years of making minivans at the production birthplace of what was a revolutionary vehicle concept.

Chrysler pulled out all the stops. It halted the assembly line and gathered many of the plant's 5,000 workers for a presentation. It unveiled a slightly upgraded Chrysler Town & Country and Dodge Grand Caravan as "25th Anniversary" editions. It invited dignitaries, ranging from the mayor of this city directly across the Detroit River from Motown, to a Canadian federalgovernment minister.

Executives and union leaders talked glowingly about how the plant has produced 12 million minivans. Even former

CEO Lee Iacocca – who emerged out of the very first minivan at a press event on this plant floor in 1983 after fumbling inside the vehicle to unlock the door – made a star turn, via video.

"With everything going on these days, you may be wondering: What's there to celebrate?" said Iacocca in his video message, appearing nicely aged from the days in the late Seventies and Eighties when he and the minivan helped save the company. And he conceded that he doesn't "know what the future holds."

Then, Iacocca told the crowd what was worth celebrating: "There have been a lot of imitators, but Chrysler is still the gold standard" in the minivan market.

"We'd like to try to keep that negative stuff behind us," said Rick LaPorte, president of the Canadian Auto Workers union, to the proud yet anxious throngs. "The world has changed, but what hasn't changed is our commitment to our customers.

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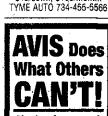
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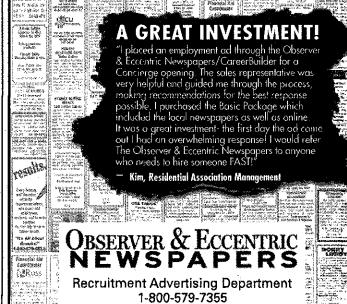
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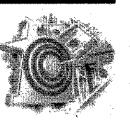
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