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CONNECTION

Stewart to run

Former state Rep. John Stewart of Plymouth, who served three terms in the state House of Representatives as a Republican, has filed papers with the Secretary of State to run for the state Senate as a Democrat.

Stewart will compete in the Aug. 3, 2010, Democratic primary for the seat currently held by



Stewart

Republican Sen. Bruce Patterson (Canton), who is term-limited. Stewart switched parties shortly after his third term ended in 2006.

The L-shaped 7th Senate District in Wayne County runs from Northville south and over to Grosse Ile. The district includes 16 communities: the city and township of Plymouth, city and township of Northville, townships of Canton, Van Buren, Sumpter, Huron and Brownstown as well as the communities of Belleville, Woodhaven, Gibraltar, Trenton, Flat Rock, Rockwood and Grosse Ile.

Stewart, a 59-year-old lawyer, was born and raised Downriver in Wyandotte. He served in the House from 2000-06 before being term-limited in December 2006.

During his three terms as state representative, Stewart was on the appropriations committee for six years and served as chair of appropriations for higher education and chair of judiciary.

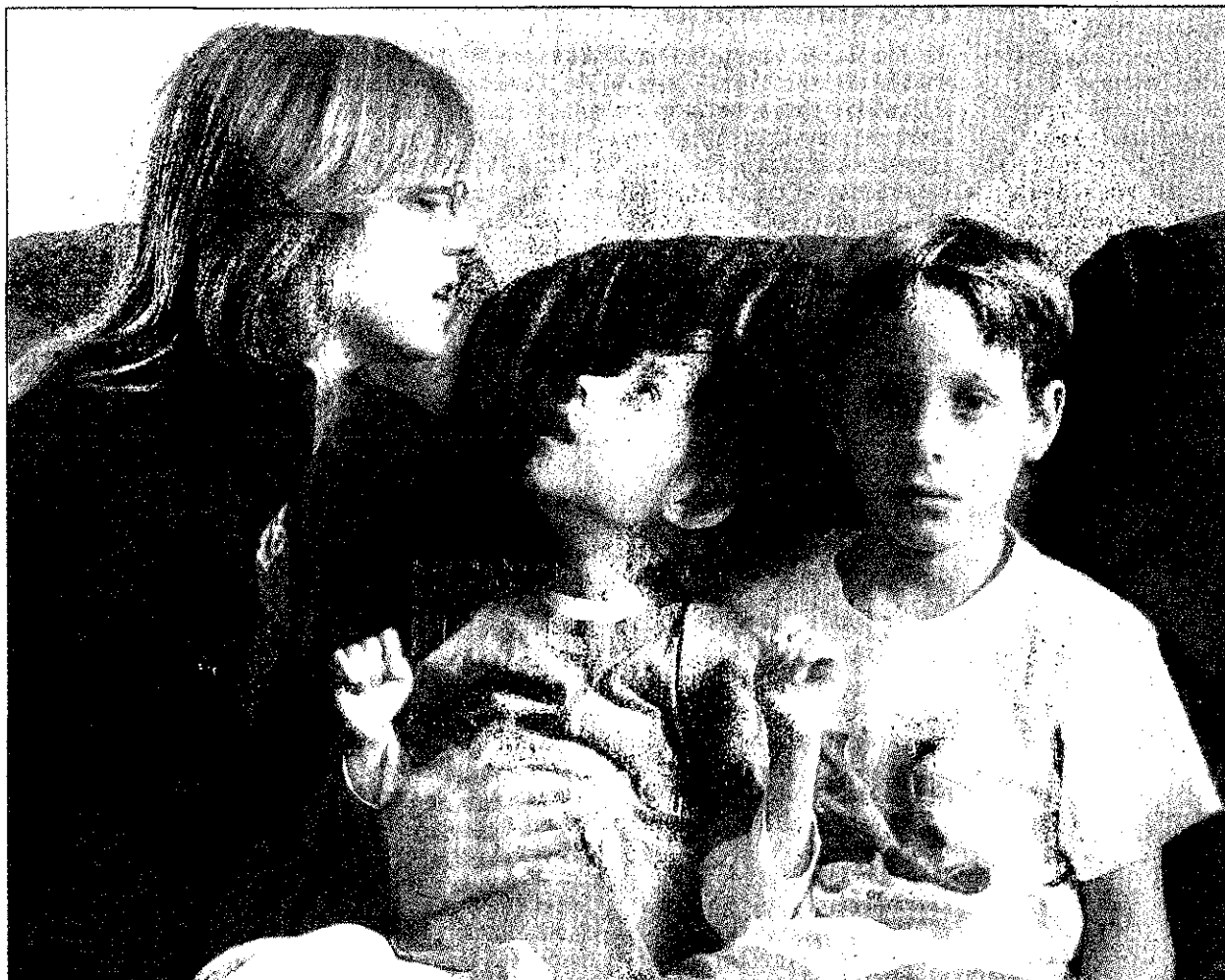
"With my roots in the Downriver area and having served as state representative for western Wayne County for six years, I am the most qualified candidate to serve the best interests of the residents of the 7th Senate District," Stewart said.

Christmas in April

If you are looking for a way to help out someone in need and improve the look of the community at the same time, there is a great volunteer opportunity available this weekend. Canton's Christmas in Action chapter, a group of volunteers who annually help repair and refurbish homes for Canton seniors and disabled residents, is seeking skilled and unskilled volunteers to help from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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 call (734) 394-5191.



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Patty Shepard and twin sons Christian and Nicholas, who both suffer from cerebral palsy, at their Canton home.

Marching for the March of Dimes

Event helps families dealing with challenges from premature births

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Scott Shepard and son Christian.

THE NICHOLAS & CHRISTIAN MARCH FOR BABIES FUND-RAISER

What: All proceeds to benefit the March of Dimes
Where: Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road (east of Hix) in Westland
Date: Saturday, April 25
Time: Check in at 12:15 p.m., bowling at 1 p.m.
Cost: \$15 per person, Kids 12 and under \$12. (two games of bowling, pizza, pop, shoes)
Info: Contact Patty Shepard at (734) 414-0696 or Scott Shepard at (734) 476-3105

Scott and Patty Shepard of Canton Township — whose 8-year-old twins, Nicholas and Christian, were born with cerebral palsy — want to help others learn about premature birth, which can result in lifelong disabilities.

The Shepards have helped the March of Dimes raise more than \$60,000 since the twins were born in 2000. They hope to add to that total when they host a bowling fund-raiser Saturday at Vision Lanes, 38250 Ford Road (east of Hix) in Westland.

"We don't do this for our family, but the unborn children and the families of the future who don't even realize they'll have these challenges presented to them some day," Scott Shepard said. "We just don't want them to go through what we've gone through."

Christian and Nicholas were born at 29 weeks, nearly 11 weeks premature.

"I had a twin-to-twin transfusion where one of the twins gets all the amniotic fluid and the other didn't have any," Patty Shepard said. "What it did was cause brain damage (to Christian) before he was born."

Nicholas, who has some learning and developmental disabilities, is a second-grader at Isbister Elementary. Christian goes to Old Village School in Northville, which is a special education school.

"There are daily challenges, especially with Christian because he can't do anything for himself," Patty Shepard said. "Going out with him can be difficult with packing the wheelchair and all the things he needs."

Scott Shepard said being told his boys were born with cerebral palsy "was the worst day of my life."

"I remember the doctor telling me and I just wanted to tear the walls down," he said. "Everybody dreams for their children being able to play baseball, hockey and have a normal life. This is a life we didn't know and it makes you scared and mad."

"But you can sit around and let it eat at you or you can decide to join an effort to help other people."

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District reassigns band leader

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Plymouth-Canton school officials have placed band director Amy Boerma on paid administrative leave with the intention of reassigning her.

The action, confirmed by Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel, removes Boerma, the Michigan Association of School Bands District 12 Teacher of the Year and a candidate for the same honor at the state level, from the classroom for the rest of the year. She had been the leader of both the wind ensemble and varsity bands.

"(Boerma) has been placed on paid administrative leave, pending reassignment," Fiegel said. Beyond that, Fiegel said, the district would have no comment.

Boerma refused to comment, referring any inquiries to her union representative. Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, did not return calls seeking comment.

Sources say the district's action was spurred by several claims against Boerma, including an accusation that she called a student an inappropriate name during a class. Sources said the claim was refuted by the vast majority of students in the class, many of whom wrote notes to administrators.

Other claims, according to sources, include inconsistencies in the instrument inventory of the band program and claims Boerma was "acting unprofessionally."

Boerma's supporters find the claim about the inappropriate name-calling particularly difficult to believe.

"Almost humorous is the reprimand (Boerma) received regarding an analogy made in her class," said Steven Davis, a former Associate Director of University Bands at the University of Michigan. "Anyone who has taken even a moment to get to know Amy Boerma knows she adores her students as if they are her own kids and would never say anything to hurt them."

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you agree with Plymouth-Canton school officials decision to place band director Amy Boerma on paid administrative leave with the intention of reassigning her? E-mail your thoughts to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

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Going green on Earth Day

Carol Milewsky of Westland and her daughter Jasmine Milewsky pick out blue spruce seedlings given out by IKEA Environmental Support employee Malissa Miner as part of Earth Day Wednesday at IKEA in Canton. The store gave away 1,000 ready-to-plant blue spruce seedlings. "At IKEA, we have a passion for the responsible use of our precious resources and it shows in the way we operate everyday," said Kelly Frieze, store manager.



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Art show

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools hosts its first K-12 Art Show, "Inaugural Event," Saturday, April 25, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The juried show will feature some 2,000 pieces of student artwork from 26 district school locations.

All entrants will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Local celebrities, professional jurors and district art teachers will be on hand to select pieces for special recognition.

The artwork will be on display 4-8 p.m.; district students from the music department will also perform. The awards ceremony runs 7-7:30 p.m.

The show is a collaborative effort between the district, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Canton Leisure Services.

Bentley Fun Fest

Bentley Elementary, 1100 S. Sheldon Road in Canton, is having its Fun Fest on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will have activities, games and prizes for all ages, including more than 20 raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle. There will also be a "Lock Up" area hosted by the Canton Police Department (lock up friends, teachers, or family members), as well as

inflatables for the children. Refreshments will include snow cones, cotton candy, hot dogs, ice cream, and more.

Trail cleanup

Join the Friends of the I-275 Pathway for their second cleanup day of the year at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25. Initially the group was to meet at the I-275 rest area near Cherry Hill, but it was unexpectedly closed for maintenance. So the meeting site has been changed to the former Don Pablo's restaurant on the southeast corner of Ford Rd. and Lotz, adjacent to the Home Depot parking lot.

Power tools are not permitted, so bring brooms, rakes, shovels, pruners, tree-loppers, or any kind of hand tool to pick up litter, trim trees and cut back brush. Water and a light snack will be available.

In case of rain, the cleanup will be pushed back to Sunday. For more information call Dave Duffield at (248) 994-3074 or visit the Friends of the I-275 Pathway on Yahoo! groups or Facebook.

Senior safety meeting

The Canton Senior Safety Coalition will meet at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 29 at the Canton Police Department, Conference Room C.

Sgt. Mark Gajeski, who is the department's Community



Free violin workshop

The Little Stars Foundation (TLSF) is offering a free violin workshop beginning May 6 for children ages 5 to 10 years old. This introductory level workshop, which will take place at the Canton Administration Building, is aimed at introducing music and specifically violin to young children. No previous violin experience is required. The four-week workshop will be followed by a recital. The participants of this workshop will have an opportunity to perform violin music with current TLSF members (shown here after a performance last week at Four Seasons Nursing Center in Westland) in a recital. The class size is restricted to eight people, and students must provide their own violin. The registration deadline is May 1. If you are interested in signing up your child, please e-mail tlstf@thelittlestars.org or contact Amy Sun (734) 981-1947. For more information about TLSF, visit www.thelittlestars.org.

Relations Coordinator, will coordinate all Senior Safety Coalition meetings. This month's agenda will include an update on community policing, and address any comments and concerns.

White elephant sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a white elephant and bake sale on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and lunch are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee (Wayne 11th CDRC), which serves Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Northville

Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford and Westland, will host a fund-raising Lincoln/Reagan Day dinner on April 30 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The evening's featured speaker is Michigan Republican Party Chairman Ron Weiser and the keynote speaker is Tim Skubick of Michigan Public Television's *Off the Record*. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 per couple and a table of 10 is \$450.

Weiser, founder of the real estate company McKinley Associates, retired as the CEO and chairman in 2001 to become the U.S. Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Since his return from the foreign service in 2005 he has been actively involved in political campaigns and non-profit work.

Skubick is anchor and producer of the weekly public TV series *Off the Record*. He has

anchored this weekly public TV series since 1972 and is the longest serving member of the state capitol press corps. The show is seen on Michigan Public Television stations and has an audience of 100,000 viewers each week.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Pattie Coughlin at (248) 474-3525 or Coughlinpvn@att.net, or Carl Berry at (734) 354-6075 or xcop97@wowway.com.

Little Lambs enrollment

Little Lambs Christian Preschool, which provides a Christ-centered education for 3, 4, and young 5 year olds, is now accepting applications for the 2009/2010 school year. Every Tuesday evening in April the school will host an open visitation between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Contact Shari Jackson at (734) 414-7792 for more information. LLCPS is located at 8500 N. Morton Taylor Road, just south of Joy Road, inside Charisma Life Church. You can visit the school's Web site at www.pbccplymouth.org.

Adopt-A-Road clean-up

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.ggreene.biz for more information and to volunteer.

'The Pajama Game'

Local theater group Spotlight Players will present the musical comedy "The Pajama Game" between April 24 and May 9 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Showtimes are 8 p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$13-\$18. To RSVP call (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Concert to end hunger

The Birchler Family will host its "Jammin To End Famine" concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger (www.feedingchildren.org) on Friday, April 24 at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia (www.livoniakofc.com). Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy pizza, salad and a cash bar along with the music of Mark Edwards (singer/songwriter), The Shawn Riley Band (performing a tribute to the music of the fifties), The Paisley Fogg (featuring Motown and the sixties sounds of America), British Beat 66 (British invasion sixties music), and 2 Dayz Gone (eighties rock n' roll).

Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the door or in advance by contacting Tom Birchler at tbirchler@twmi.rr.com or John Birchler at johnbirchler@wideopenwest.com.

Relay fund-raiser

The Westwood Community Church is doing a Relay for Life fund-raiser on May 5 all day at Carvel Ice Cream, 41990 Ford Road, Canton. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Relay for Life, which is scheduled to take place May 16-17, 2009 at Heritage Park. For more information, call (734) 983-9120.

Canton Toastmasters

The Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club, a non-profit 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.

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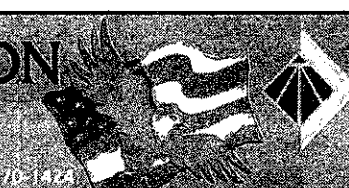
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Coming full circle

College grad forgoes HR career to open restaurant

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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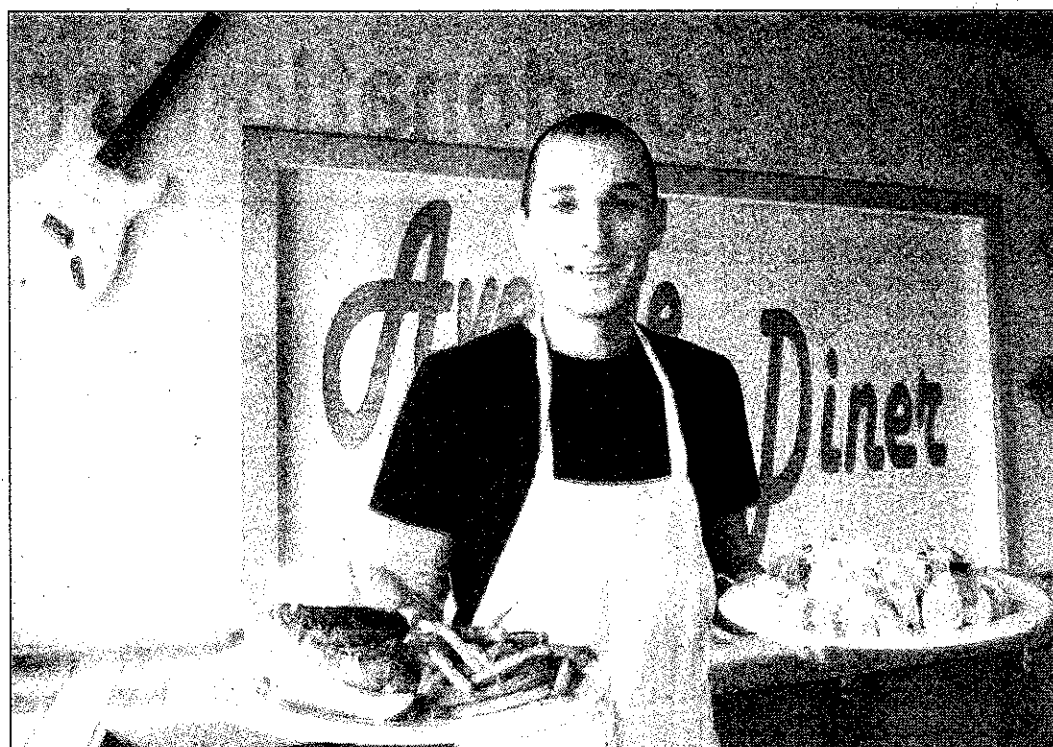
When Steve Juncaj recently graduated from Oakland University with a degree in human resource management, little did he think his career would take a much different path.

"I graduated in this tough economy and I spent a lot of time looking on the Web for jobs," Juncaj said. "I have my family and friends here and I love Michigan. I was getting desperate and looking while waiting tables every day."

That's when a friend who owns a restaurant in Ann Arbor told him about an opportunity to open his own restaurant on Michigan Avenue in Canton — Avenue Diner, next to the Summit Place Kia Dealership west of Haggerty Road.

"It kind of fell into my lap," Juncaj said. "I wasn't looking to get into the restaurant industry. But I feel I'm pretty good with people and feel I'm good with food."

Juncaj — who since the age of 14 has worked in restaurants as a bus boy, dishwasher, line cook and waiter — came full circle by becoming a restaurant owner when he opened Avenue Diner a few months ago. Juncaj knows it's going to be a struggle with the tough economy. However, he's already developed what he calls "a solid group of regulars" who frequent his establishment. And he gets the chance to impress about a dozen new people a day, some of whom



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Avenue Diner owner Steve Juncaj presents the Inside Out burger with sweet potato fries and a salad.

have already come back to almost become regulars.

"A lot of restaurant owners want to stay in the kitchen and cook, but I want to be out with the customers," said Juncaj, 26, who travels from Oxford every day to open Avenue Diner. "I like the smallness of the restaurant so I can do both."

One of those regulars is Scott Harsch, 48, of Belleville, who frequents Avenue Diner for lunch.

"I like the pulled pork, it's hard to find in most restaurants," Harsch said. "The Inside-Out burger is very unusual, too. It's all very good."

"I take people there all the time to eat," he added. "It's a little more unique. I like the food there and they are very nice people."

Unique is music to Juncaj's ears. "It's food they know they can't get someplace else," he said.

Juncaj first had a taste of what is now a signature item on his menu, the Inside-Out burger, during a visit to Ft. Lauderdale.

"The concept was great, but there was no execution," Juncaj said. "I played around with it because I really liked the idea."

Juncaj lays out the burger patty, puts in the filling — bacon and cheddar cheese, mushroom and swiss cheese or a blend of four cheeses — folds it over and cooks it on the grill.

"If it's done right, it's a little gooeey, but the texture is awesome," he said.

"The buffalo chicken sandwich is my favorite," Juncaj said. "It's breaded chicken breast tossed in buffalo sauce with cream cheese. It's spicy, but you don't feel it as much because of the cream cheese. The buffalo sauce and cream cheese are completely opposite tastes, which makes it awesome."



Customer Scott Harsch is having a bowl of chili for lunch. In the foreground, the Inside Out burger with sweet potato fries and a salad.

Juncaj's omelets also have their own style to them.

"Instead of pouring eggs on the grill and tossing the ingredients inside and folding it together, I put the eggs and ingredients in a blender and mix it," he said. "When you grill the omelet, now your ingredients are also being grilled. It looks like a funky, ugly omelet, but it's phenomenal and tastes great."

AVENUE DINER

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Special deal: On Monday, April 27, Avenue Diner will have hamburgers for 99 cents all day

Sweet potato fries, home-made soups, a pecan chicken salad and a BLT with an egg over-medium are experiments that are now on the main menu, along with the usual items you'd find in most restaurants.

"The best way to learn about food is to take an idea and add another and then another," Juncaj said. "You're not supposed to play with your food, but that's what we do here."

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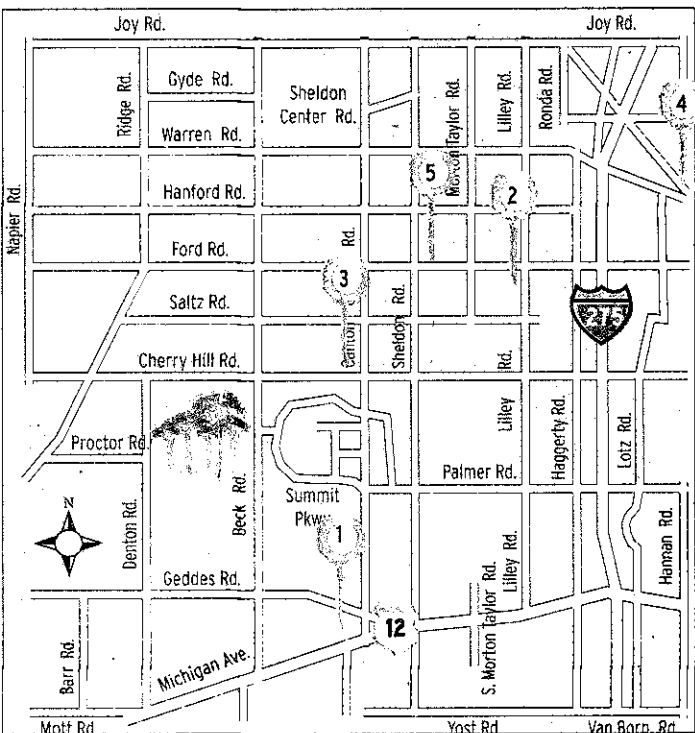
Canton police were called to a complex at 46000 Geddes Road on April 18 where someone accessed the residence from a front window and left through a back door. Several rooms had been ransacked and a number of items were found outside. The home had been unoccupied for a few months after the owner died.

Comic book stolen

The owner of Comic City, 42727 Ford Road, reported to police a customer stole a hard-bound copy of Punisher War Zone that sold for \$24.99. The man reportedly put the book under his jacket and after looking around the store walked out with it. The suspect is reportedly a regular customer at Comic City.

Underage smoking

A mother complained to Canton Police that her daughter was given tobacco products at Off the Hookah, 45610 Cherry Hill Road, on April 15. Police questioned the girl's two, 16-year-old friends who also admitted to smoking. When questioned by police, the owner and another man reportedly admitted to giving the girls tobacco. The girls could be charged with minors in possession of tobacco. The two men could be charged with



delinquency of minors and/or furnishing tobacco to minors.

Sheds broken into

About a half-dozen residents of the Royal Holiday mobile home park, 39500 Warren, reported to police April 15 that outdoor sheds had been broken into, with the main item stolen gasoline. A number of the residents said they had padlocks on the sheds, but they weren't locked.

Cigarette bandit

The Grapevine Party Store, 44285 Ford Road,

reported to police someone stole eight packs of cigarettes April 16. The police report stated the suspect asked to purchase a carton of cigarettes. When the clerk said the store didn't sell cartons but would sell 10 single packs, the customers tried to purchase them with a something that looked like a credit card. When the purchase didn't go through, the customer then went to the car and returned with a health insurance card. The suspect then grabbed eight of the 10 packs and ran to a waiting SUV that sped off.

Police seeking identity of donation jar bandit



Canton police are seeking the identity of this man, who they say stole a donation jar on two occasions at the Speedway gas station on Ford Road.

The Canton Police Department is asking for help in identifying the man they say stole a donation jar on two different occasions at the Speedway gas station on Lilley and Ford roads in Canton.

The suspect — described as a white male, approximately 5'9" — was caught by surveillance video on both occasions (March 20 and April 1). In each case the video shows the man entering the store after midnight and asking the cashier for a carton of cigarettes. When the clerk's back is turned he removes the donation jar and exits the store.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is asked to call Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400, or send an e-mail to tipline@canton-mi.org.

Grant will upgrade patrol cars to become 'mini police stations'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Canton Township Public Safety Department has received a \$48,520 federal grant to equip two new patrol cars.

"The equipment that goes into the cars isn't as simple as cameras and light bars," said John Santomauro, Canton Township's executive director. "We also have computers in every car that gives an immediate connection to the data base."

"Officers are writing their reports electronically with computers, so we're not generating paper reports," he said. "And we're not filling out tickets, but writing them electronically and printing them from the car. There's so much more an officer can do from the seat of the patrol car. It's like a mini police station."

Santomauro also said the equipment in the patrol cars saves officers' time, and the grant money saves the township money. "We've finally arrived at the point where equipment costs more than the cars," said Santomauro. "We spend about \$21,000 for a Ford Crown Vic. We spend slightly above that to equip the vehicles. "We're always looking for grant money to save money in our budget," he said.

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Understand the true cost of owning a house

I was talking to a friend recently about homeownership. He has never owned a home and because of what has happened in the real estate market he was thinking it is time to buy. As we were discussing the pros and cons of homeownership, I realized that people have many misconceptions about homeownership.

The first misconception is it provides great tax benefits.

Although, there are tax benefits to owning a house, the benefits are not as great as people make them out to be. Typically, when you purchase a house, you're allowed to deduct the interest on your mortgage and your property taxes. However, it is not a dollar-for-dollar reduction. For example, if over one year you've paid \$5,000 in interest and property taxes and you are in the 15 percent tax bracket, your total savings is \$750. That means that \$4,250 is net out of your pocket. Of course, the higher the tax bracket the greater the savings. However, keep in mind that for high income taxpayers that may be in the 28 percent tax bracket or above, it comes a point where you actually start losing your deductions for interest and property taxes.

The bottom line is no one should buy a house just for the tax benefits. We have no idea what tax laws will be in the future.

Another misconception is that since housing prices in southeast Michigan are at dramatic lows — compared to where they were a few years ago — prices have to increase in the future.

Although I believe housing prices will rise in the future, that does not mean that they will increase more than the increased cost of living. At best, I believe houses will keep up with the increased cost of living. What has happened to housing prices over the last 10 years was the aberration. Because of many things, including the easy availability of mortgages, there was an artificial bubble surrounding home prices. I do not believe we will see that same bubble anytime in the near future. After all, the requirements

to obtain mortgages have changed, and justifiably so.

In the last decade or so, it seems that anyone and everyone could obtain a mortgage no matter what their credit or financial situation. That has changed dramatically and now people with poor credit or who have overextended themselves are not going to be able to obtain a mortgage. In addition

is the unfortunate situation in which many have decided to relocate. Let's also not forget that many college graduates from Michigan universities are choosing to pursue their career outside of southeast Michigan. There is no doubt that these facts will be a damper on future housing prices.

Nevertheless, with all the foreclosures and short sales,

there is no doubt that this is an excellent time to buy a home. However, the key is to make sure you buy a home with your eyes wide open. That means factoring into the equation the true cost of owning a home, including all the repairs and maintenance associated with home ownership. In addition, there are other expenses to consider. For example, saving

for retirement or a child's college education. You must make sure that you factor these items into the equation when you determine how much of a house you can afford.

There are some incredible deals on the market and for many people they are very enticing. However, don't make the mistake of buying the most expensive home that you can afford.

Do the homework ahead of time and make sure you know what you're getting involved in before you sign on the dotted line.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



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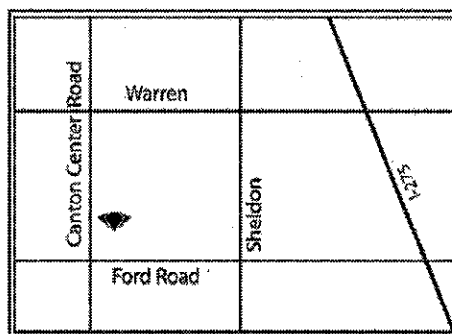
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Lifestyle shift key to weight loss success

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Being heavy was nothing new to Randall Rose, since by his own admission he'd battled a weight problem as far back as the fourth grade.

But as he aged and his lifestyle changed — as an adult he started drinking and partying way too much — Rose, now 40, realized he was having more bad days than good.

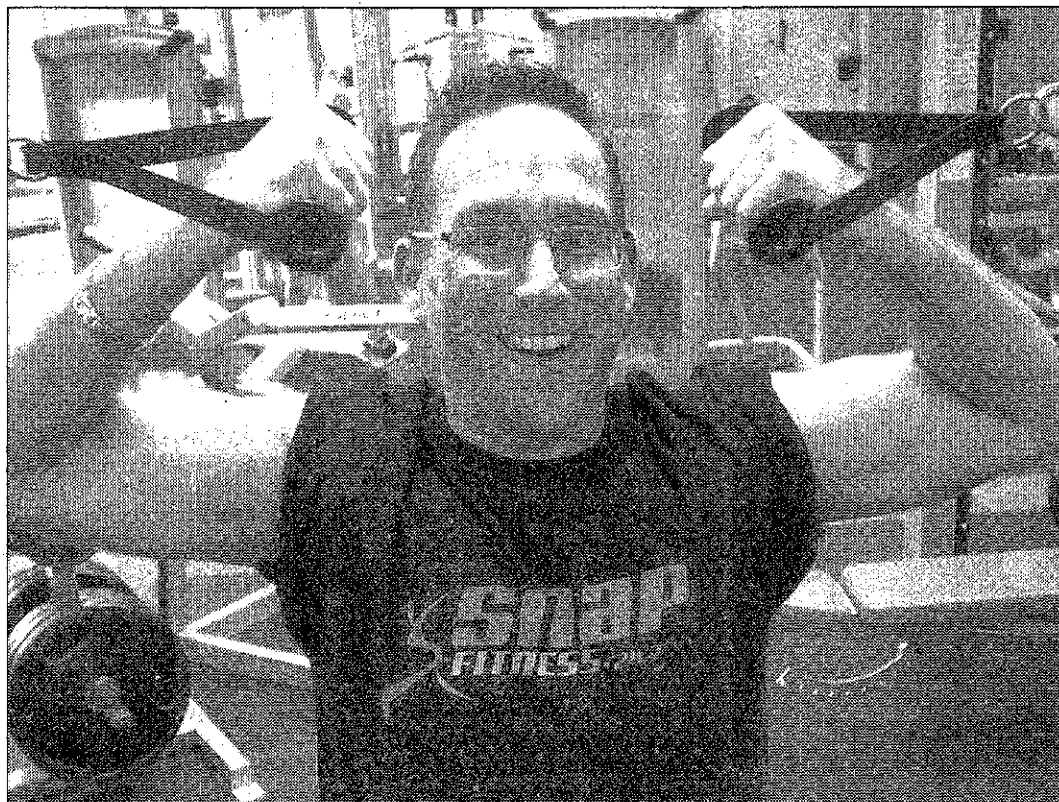
Simple things — breathing, crossing his legs — became nearly impossible for Rose, who figures he ballooned to some 330 pounds at his heaviest. At 5-foot-9, he was squeezing into pants with a 52 waist and shirts up to 4XL.

"I was just fat and miserable," recalled Rose, a manager at, ironically, the Bob Evans restaurant next to IKEA in Canton. "I wanted to die."

Rather than die, Rose chose another course: straightening out his life. He quit the drinking, ditched the partying and looked for ways to get some exercise. It went well, and he lost a good deal of weight.

But it started going back on — he figures he regained about 40 of the 120 pounds he estimates he'd lost — and he got worried.

That's when he wandered into Snap Fitness, a gym in Plymouth Township whose 24/7 schedule fit Rose's "crazy restaurant schedule." There



Randall Rose, working out at the Snap Fitness gym in Plymouth Township, has lost some 130 pounds with exercise and dietary changes.

Rose encountered personal trainer Nick Cabauatan, who immediately set about the task of reining in Rose's habits — and his weight.

"He was shortening his life span, and he knew it," said Cabauatan, who grew up in Canton and is a 2001 Canton High School graduate. "He needed the commitment to be here."

The workout regimen Cabauatan set up for Rose includes two days a week working with weights, two days a week working on cardio exercises and three days a week working out outside the gym, riding the bike, etc.

"He's never missed a workout with me, and we've been doing this 18 months,"

Leadership Canton's road rally to raise funds for local charities

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Leadership Canton is using Saturday's Road Rally fundraiser to help raise funds for First Step, a shelter for abused women and their children; Open Door Ministry, which operates a food bank in Canton for needy families; and the Leadership Canton Alumni Fund.

Leadership Canton organizer Norm Mackay said there's a limit of 30 cars for the road rally, but there's room for a handful of additional teams.

"The more you know about

Canton the more it will be an advantage," said Mackay. "However, the clues have been written so that anyone can participate. We went out of our way to make it fun for veteran and rookies of road rallies."

"There will be a number of activities, and there will be points scored on the success of each one of the activities," he said. "We've done a number of dry runs and timed it at the speed limits. The important thing is to obey the law."

Registration at Heritage Park is at 5 p.m. The road rally begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35 person, which includes a

T-shirt, dinner and refreshments. Each car must have 4-6 participants.

"Thus far we've raised about \$12,000 from pledges and sponsorships," Mackay said. "It's down from a peak of about \$30,000. But, in today's economy we're pretty happy about it."

There are still sponsorship, participant and sign maker opportunities available. For more information visit <http://roadrally.cantonchamber.com> or contact Deb Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

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At his heaviest, Randall Rose wore size 52 pants and 4XL shirts.

Cabauatan said. "He's very committed."

In addition to the workout regimen, Rose started watch-

ing what he ate. In the last year or so, he has given up all sweets, including cookies and cakes and the like. He knew it was necessary, but that didn't make it any easier.

Cabauatan, who has a degree in physical education with a minor in health education from Eastern Michigan University, knew it had to be done.

"We had to completely revamp his food planning," Cabauatan said. "You can bust your butt in (the gym), but if you don't get the food right, it won't matter."

Rose is down below 200 now, and he's progressing toward what he believes is a realistic goal of 185 pounds. The spectre of what used to be — "At over 300 pounds, I couldn't do anything," he said — keeps him motivated to stay on the path he's chosen.

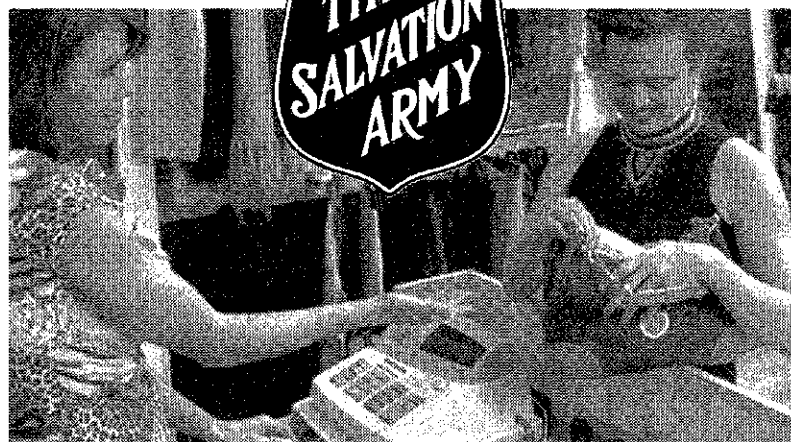
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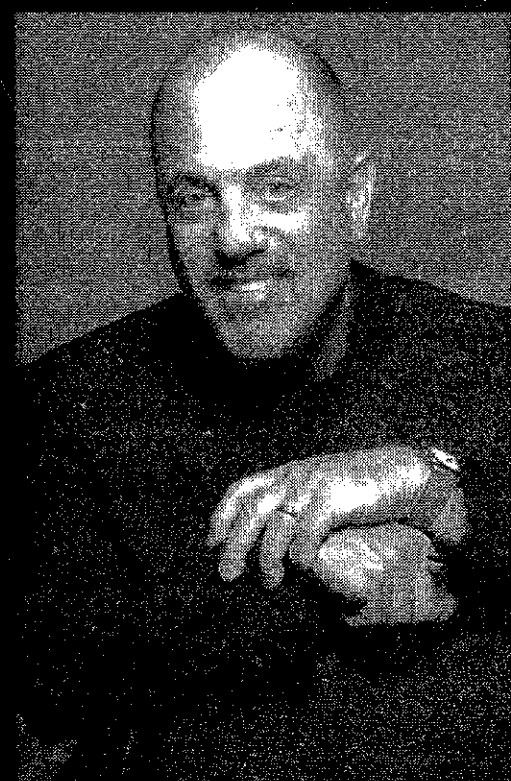
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Livonia couple dines with metro yoga stars

Energy, health and lots of conversation about yoga's benefits were the topics of the day for Livonians Lori and Mike Richards, winners of last month's Dining with Stars contest. The Richards were treated to lunch at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills with the stars of metro Detroit's yoga scene.

Linda Kay of Yoga Shelter, Sara Davidson of Sarahngyoga@yahoo.com, Matthew Darling of AshtangaMichigan.com and Buddy's owner and longtime yoga student, Robert Jacobs, joined the Livonia couple for a peaceful, healthy lunch. The group dined on Buddy's new multi-grain thin crust pizza and was entertained by The Fred Astaire Dance Studio's Vadim Boldirev and Anastasia McCurry, who performed the Jive.

Katherine Lucas from Karma Yoga was unable to make the lunch but offered the couple a private lesson at her studio.

"Yoga and pizza were a perfect match on this day," Marcy Brontman of Buddy's said.

Lori Richards was the first to enter the contest. She e-mailed her entry explaining her love of yoga.



Lori and Mike Richards join the Yoga Stars Linda Kay Nathan, Matthew Darling, Buddy's owner Robert Jacobs, and Sara Davidson for lunch at Buddy's Pizza.

"My yoga experience began in a window-lined room near Port Huron's Black River. It was a fabulous experience with a wonderful instructor. I loved her attention to breathing, the rest breaks between

moves and her encouragement to achieve what progress we could.

"Recently, I married a man from Livonia. I left my job, and my yoga instructor. I found a job, but not a yoga instructor. If I didn't love my husband, I'd move back just for the yoga," Lori wrote.

Then her husband, Mike, also e-mailed in hopes of convincing the judges to pick his wife.



Lori and Mike Richards of Livonia arrive in style at Buddy's Pizza on Northwestern Highway.

It worked. Lori won the contest and Mike was invited to join the group.

Lori and Mike were treated to a limo ride courtesy of All Class and walked the red carpet into Buddy's. Lori received a mini makeover from Christine of Beauty Shop in Birmingham and a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver's Diamonds in Southfield.

Next on tap for Dining with the Stars, sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, are Deena Centofanti and Jay Towers the co-anchors of FOX 2 News Weekend, which airs Saturday and Sunday mornings. Go to www.hometownlife.com or see Sunday's Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for entry information.

Unpaid taxes forwarded to county for collection

Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked about property taxes.

Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for nonpayment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions.

Important Tax Information about Real Property:

Know when tax bills are due and to whom they are payable. Do not assume that the seller will pay the taxes in the year of sale. If you do not receive a summer and/or winter tax bill, call the city, township or village treasurer where the property is located and request a tax bill. At the same time, check to make sure the treasurer has your correct mailing name and address. Do not send a check in the mail and assume that the check reached the treasurer.

Q: I paid my current taxes to my local treasurer and have a paid receipt. Why did you send me a delinquent tax notice?

A: Unpaid taxes are forwarded to the County Treasurer for collection on March 1 of each year succeeding the year it was due. Notices of unpaid taxes are sent to the name and address on the delinquent tax roll received from the local treasurer. Any questions or concerns regarding



Ask the Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz

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Board of Review, Michigan Tax Tribunal or State Tax Commission. Call Tax Information (313) 224-5990 for additional information.

Q: I intended to mail my delinquent tax payment to Wayne County but sent it to my local treasurer by mistake. Will my payment be sent to Wayne County?

A: You need to contact your local treasurer's office for further information.

Q: How much are my delinquent taxes?

A: Information regarding the amount of taxes due can be obtained on our Tax Information Line (313) 224-5990 or on-line www.waynecountytreasurer.com

Q: What if I can't pay the delinquent tax bill when it is due?

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Robertello cautioned there will be a limited selection

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Pavlo said the Best Burger Blowout will be part of the first weekend market festi-

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Locally grown produce will be among the items sold at the Canton farmers market, which kicks off this Sunday and runs through the summer.



Bookstock attracts throngs of book lovers to Laurel Park Place, as this photo from the 2008 sale shows.

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOOKSTOCK

Sometimes shoppers find items inside the books that are more interesting than the books themselves, Blanck said. Past finds include a pre-World War II letter and a stamp collection.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Turner, Walker, Goci best for W-W

On Tuesday, May 5, voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will go to the polls to fill three positions on the Board of Education. If history repeats itself, the turnout will be light. Interest in school elections has dropped off tremendously since the passage of Proposal A and the ensuing absence of tax issues to bring out voters.

But residents should make an effort to go to the polls. Ten people have expressed interest in serving on the board. The candidates include incumbents Ed Turner and Steve Becher as well as appointed incumbent Shawna Walker. Challenging them are John Goci, Angela Hoops Cossey, Gregory Maxwell, Carol Middel, Lori Mirales-Smith, Brian Mulligan and Mark Neal.

Each brings a different view of the school district and what needs to be done to better serve the students to the election. They all share the belief that Wayne-Westland has good schools, but many say there is a need to better communicate the quality of education available in the district beyond its boundaries.

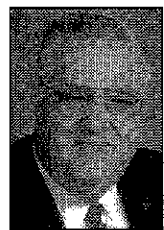
We were able to speak with all but one of the candidates to ask pointed questions about why they are seeking a sit on the school board and what they believe they can do for the district. In listening to their responses, we believe residents should re-elect Ed Turner and Shawna Walker to the two four-year terms and John Goci to the one-year term.

Turner has the experience — 12 years of service — needed in these troubling times. When he first ran, he listed his priorities as the students first, parents second and teachers and administration third and has not wavered from that course. He visits classrooms on a daily basis to see what is happening in them. He also is a fixture at programs ranging from D.A.R.E, graduations and spelling bees to high school plays and concerts. Wherever he is, he's sure to have current and former students stop to talk to him.

Walker was appointed to board last August to serve until this school election. She brings diversity to the school board and provides a voice for the district's minority students. Walker has shown she is up to the job. During her first month in office, she faced the four-day teacher strike and dealt with angry parents with quiet dignity. She also has voiced a commitment to doing what's best for the students and the district as a member of the board.

We selected Goci for the one-year term because he brings an ability to connect to the business community to the position. He is a product of the school district and is filled with many ideas, from charity gaming nights to working with local businesses, to help raise money for the district. He sees the position as a one-year opportunity to make a difference. We hope he will commit to a full term next year.

We also urge residents to take the time to participate in the May 5 school election, whether voting by absentee ballot or at the polls, and to re-elect Ed Turner and elect Shawna Walker for the two four-year terms and John Goci for the one-year term.



Turner



Walker



Goci

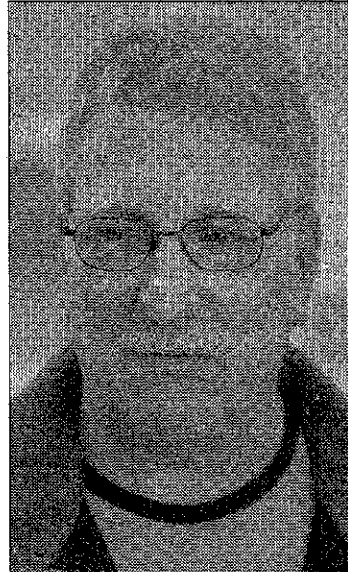
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Asked at the Summit at the Park: The construction season has begun. What are your thoughts on the delays?



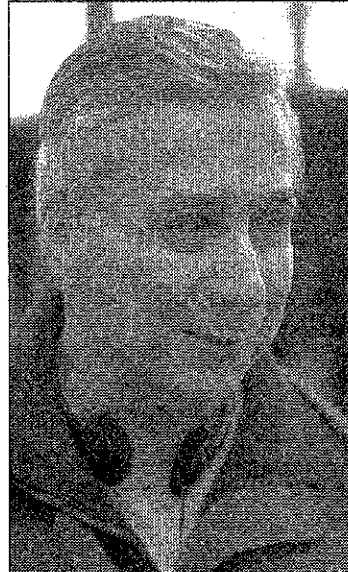
"I just hope the new roads are worth it."

Karen Wang, 37, Livonia



"I drive to Pontiac every day and I'm afraid I'm going to tear up my car with all the chuck holes. Haggerty Road between Cherry Hill and Ford is like driving on the moon."

Mark Ulmer, 53, Canton



"The freeways have a lot of potholes. Lilley Road between Ford and Palmer is pretty rough. I try to avoid those areas because I don't want to replace the springs and shocks."

Jim Chilcoff, 64, Canton



"It's terrible and unsafe. I'm originally from New York so I'm used to crappy roads. But these are craters."

Don Thompson, 47, Canton

LETTERS

Give them a brake

Once again, we are in the spring of the year. It's taken a long time coming. I would ask everyone who drives in our communities to please be watchful for the little animals and birds who are in the midst of their spring season too. We will soon be seeing duck families and possum families and even squirrel families out and about.

Please understand that the animals are also creations of God, and we need to share the earth with them. Please, when you see the animals trying to cross a road, stop and give them the less than 60 seconds that it will take them to get by. I'm sure that everybody has one minute in their lives to help the animals live.

Please give them a brake!

Nancy Spencer
Canton

A free press

I was saddened to learn of the difficult economic challenges the *Observer* is facing. I worry about the rapid decline of the newspaper industry in America, as our newspapers are like a very fine thread that link people and communities together. My day is not complete without a paper, whether I am at home or in a faraway town and it has been that way since I was about 9 years old.

Newspapers do what television news cannot, with its sound bites and few resources for local investigative reporting. A free press is a cornerstone of a free society. Like them or not, newspaper reporters serve as the unofficial community watchdogs that keep our elected leaders in check and expose the private sector scoundrels that

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live among us.

It was newspapers, not television, that uncovered many of the scandals of our generation, from Watergate to the Kwame Kilpatrick mess.

If our local and regional papers disappear, we will have no political commentary except for the remaining trash-talking handful of Internet bloggers that hide behind pseudonyms and slur whomever they happened to be ticked at on that particular day.

Please join me in supporting the *Observer & Eccentric* and its advertisers as well as other local and regional newspapers and keep this 250-year American tradition of a free press alive!

Bob Doroshewitz
Plymouth Township trustee

No help for Darfur

I am a seventh-grade student at Discovery Middle School and I am worried about the crisis in Darfur. I think the U.S. should not get involved in this. We already have enough problems of our own and should not have more.

As we all know there is nothing we can do except just see what happens next. We can't go over there and just supply them. Also tons of people think all of this is a genocide. As for me, I don't think it is

because they are killing everyone there and not a specific race of people. Also with our bad economies and all, it would be hard to help them because we can only send them stuff. So I think the people should just deal with their problems that they already have now and quit trying to help them. I hope they don't try to help them because if they do there is a good chance this will lead to another horrible problem.

Gordon Sipe
Canton

Tea party irony

I find it ironic that 1,000 folks protesting taxes met in a public park (Kellogg Park in Plymouth) that would not exist if it were not for the taxpayers. I hope they appreciated the beautiful setting, the bathrooms, the nice looking streets in our town.

Linda Gobecki
Plymouth

Let GM fail

Rick Wagoner should have declared bankruptcy and tried to rebuild General Motors while he could. GM will become Government Motors under the new management. Sen. Chris Dodd and others are unwilling to support a manager with 32 years automotive experience. "Change" will be on-the-job training to direct a very complex industry. Many tax dollars will be wasted developing committee-approved products. Why not just let the company fail? It will anyway.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

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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.

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. Annette 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.

ROMA SPOSA TRUNK SHOW
BIRMINGHAM — Roma Sposa will host trunk shows April 30-May 2 to debut the Bara Bridal Collections, Bara Champagne and Bara Luxe. The Bara Luxe collection is the first in the industry to be designed for fuller figure women, size 16W-28W. Never before have fuller figure brides been able to go into couture salons and try on a sample of their dream dress. Brides-to-be will also have an opportunity to meet wedding expert Yvonne D. McClendon, author of "Prenuptial Bliss," and President of the Bara Collections. Yvonne D. McClendon began her career in Detroit, as creator, producer and host of the radio show



Former Detroit Yvonne D. McClendon will bring her Bara Bridal Collection, in sizes up to 28W, to Roma Sposa in Birmingham April 30-May 2.

Before I Do which aired on WMUZ radio. Hours for the trunk show are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. April 30; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 1; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 2. Roma Sposa is located at 722 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 723-4300; or visit www.romasposa.com or www.baraluxe.com.

DERBY DAY FASHION

BIRMINGHAM — Molly McDonald is sponsoring a Derby Day Race fashion event at Toast restaurant in Birmingham on May 2. Event includes a red carpet fashion show, raffle and silent auction of fashionable items including a hat by Mr. Song Millinery. All proceeds benefit the Pink Fund, providing financial aid to women and men afflicted with breast cancer. Visit thepinkfund.org.

MARIA'S BRIDAL OPENS

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Maria's Bridal Couture will celebrate its second location, new at Orchard Mall, with a grand opening party 4-8 p.m. May 7 featuring live pedestal models in the store windows and main mall thoroughfare. Owner Nadica Ristivojevic will be on hand to answer questions and guide brides in their wedding planning endeavors. The boutique is the only Vera Wang store-within-a-store in the state of Michigan, with exclusive access to gowns by the famed designer, including the hard-to-find Vera Wang Luxe collection. The new shop will host a Vera Wang trunk show, May 7-9. Maria's Bridal has been open in Rochester for 22 years. The newest location, which operates by appointment

only, is at 6325 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 539-3090.

14TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S SHOW

NOVI — The 14th annual Michigan International Women's Show will come to Rock Financial Showplace in Novi April 30-May 3. The event includes shopping, makeovers, cooking demonstrations, entertainment, giveaways and more. Highlights include Justin Martin from "High School Musical 3: Senior Year"; beach volleyball star Gabrielle Reece; Author and Junkmaster Sue Whitney; and Cooking Light magazine's Executive Chef Billy Strykowski. Show hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9, adults; \$5, youth 6-12; and free, children 5 and under. Advance tickets, which include a one-year subscription to "Ladies Home Journal," are \$8 online; \$7 at Kroger. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.internationalwomenshow.com.

BACKSTAGE BEAUTY EVENT

TROY — Dior celebrity makeup artist Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists will visit Macy's Somerset 11 a.m.-7 p.m. May 6-9, with Pati Dubroff and the Diorshow Artists. Visit cosmetics on the first floor 1st floor to learn backstage beauty secrets to create your own flawless look. Call (248) 816-4120 to book an appointment. Space is limited.

SNOW GEAR SALE

BIRMINGHAM — Don Thomas Sporthaus, the Midwest's premier ski shop, is currently holding their annual end-of-season sale event. The sale concludes on Sunday, May 3. All items will be reduced a minimum of 40 percent from suggested retail prices.

Following the sale, Don Thomas Sporthaus employees will take summer vacation and return to re-open the shop in mid-August.

Snowboard prices have been marked down 40 percent; skis are reduced by 40 to 50 percent; and other gear and apparel are reduced 40 to 70 percent. Don Thomas Sporthaus offers a variety of equipment, fashion-forward apparel and accessories for the winter season, including from sought after manufacturers such as K2, North Face, Obermeyer and Tecnica.

Don Thomas Sporthaus is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m.



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Sunday. Call (248) 220-1999 or visit www.donthomassporthaus.com.

MACY'S EARTH DAY

METRO DETROIT — In celebration of Earth Day, Macy's is helping to raise awareness and generate funds for parks and environment-friendly causes across the country with its Macy's Turn Over a New Leaf campaign. Throughout April, at all Macy's locations, customers can purchase tickets for One Good Turn, Macy's April 25 national charity day shopping event. For \$5, customers will receive a ticket for \$5 off a \$15 storewide purchase, as well as an all-day shopping pass for 20 percent off most merchandise. Macy's will donate 100 percent of ticket sale proceeds to the National Park Foundation and local participating nonprofit organizations that protect and conserve the environment. Macy's also is offering new reusable totes for \$1.95 with a \$1 donation to the National Park Foundation.

WIC MATRIX AWARDS

TROY — Save the date for Women In Communication's annual Matrix Awards, 6 p.m. Monday, May 18 at The Somerset Inn, Troy. Keynote speaker is Marla Drutz, Vice President & General Manager of WDIV-Detroit. Price, \$45 WIC members; \$55 nonmembers; \$35 full-time students, includes dinner. Nominations due Feb. 28; Register by May 11, at info@wom-comdetroit.org or (248) 582-8465.

TIFFANY AWARDS OPEN CALL

FARMINGTON HILLS — Hairdressers and colorists are invited to enter the 7th Annual Tiffany Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards through 5 p.m. May 29. Contestants compete in four categories: Formal, Women's

Editorial, Color and Avant Garde. First, second and third place winners in each category are presented with a crystal trophy from Tiffany & Co.

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

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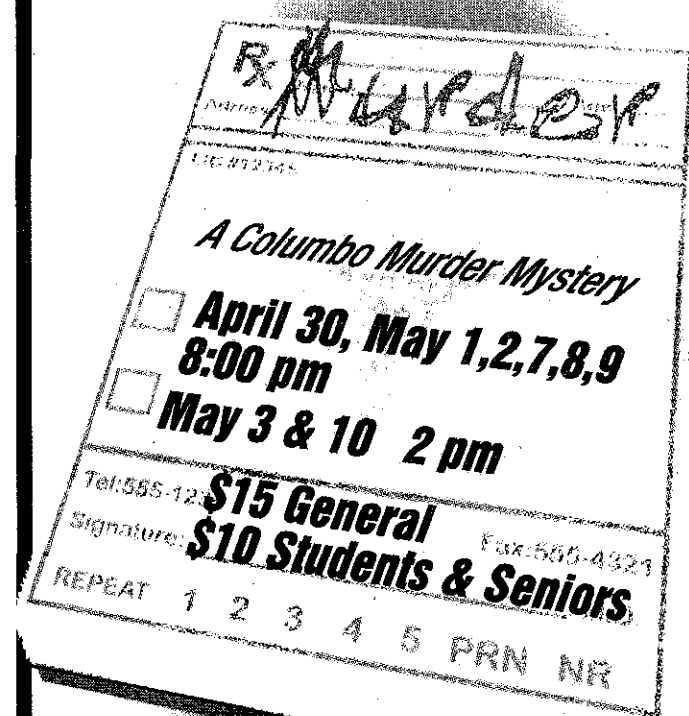
REDFORD — Michigan Association for Female Entrepreneurs, based in Redford, will offer two camps aimed at helping young girls become creative, confident, and self-sufficient. Leadership Camp will take

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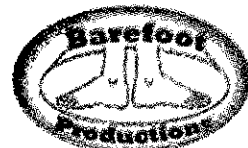
FARMINGTON HILLS — The Shirt Box continues to collect gently used men's professional clothing through "The Shirts Off Our Back: From Our Closet to Yours," in partnership with Detroit's Neighborhood Service Organization. Drop off dress shirts, slacks, ties and sports coats at The Shirt Box, 32500 Northwestern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

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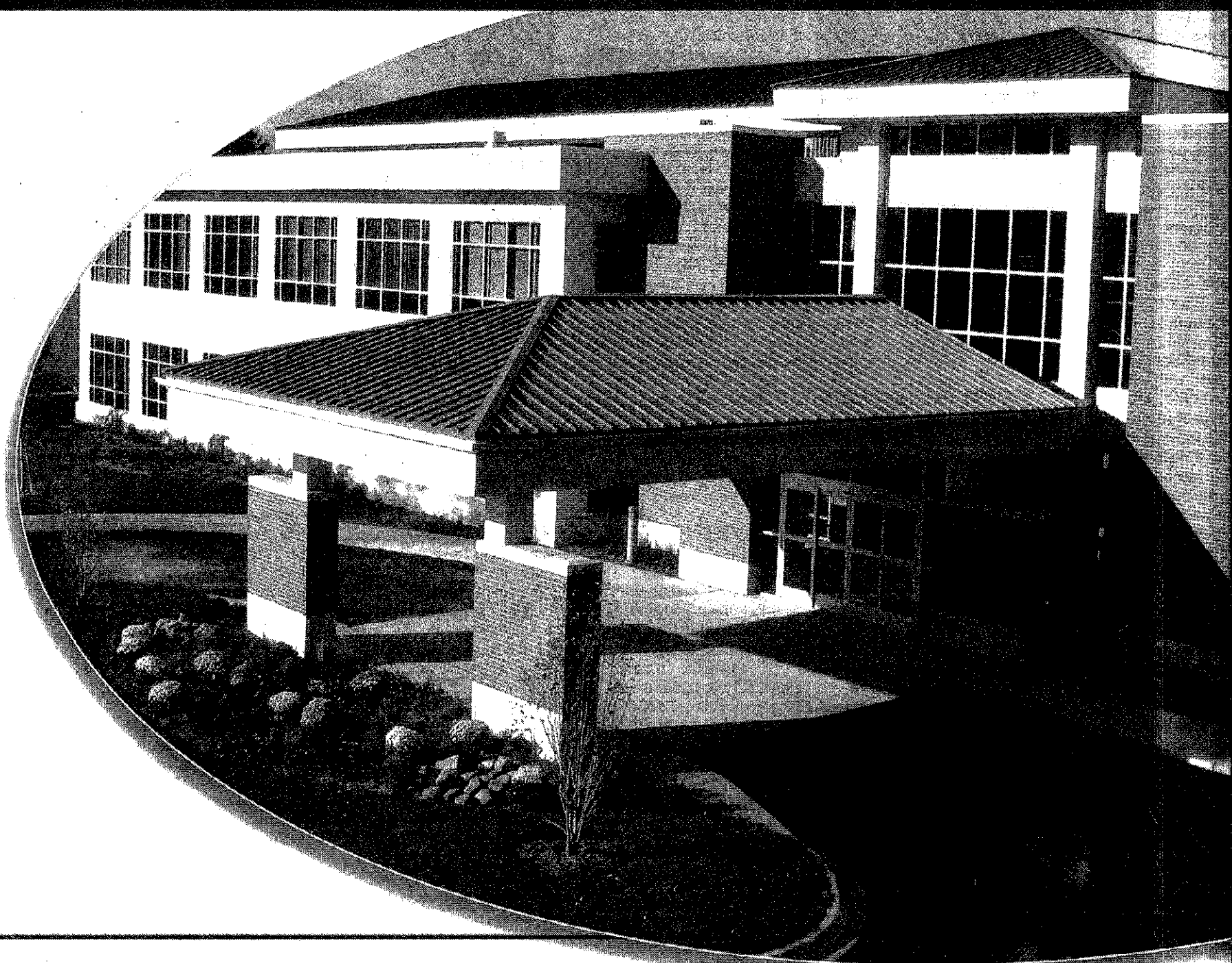
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Canton 9-year-old
records first ace

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton golfer Jack Bozcar only had to wait nine years for his "shot of a lifetime."

The Bentley Elementary School student defied amazing odds by carding a hole-in-one while playing a nine-hole round with his family at Deep Creek Golf Course, which is located in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Bozcar, 9, aced the 126-yard 7th hole using a four wood.

"He hit it well, so we knew right away it was going to be a good shot," recalled Jeff Bozcar, the young linkster's dad. "Right after he hit it, Jack turned toward my wife and I, but I said 'You'd better watch the ball, it looks like it might go in the hole. And, sure enough, it did."

"When we went to the clubhouse, the guy working in there said, 'I've been playing 30 years and I haven't got a hole-in-one yet.'"

As expected, the newest member of the hole-in-one club didn't hide his joy — and who could blame him?

"I started yelling, 'I got a hole-in-one! I got a hole-in-one!'" said Jack Bozcar, who finished with a 44 on the par-36 layout. "It felt really good."

Bozcar, who competes on the U.S. Kids Tour during the summer months, said he barely missed another ace last summer.

"Just a few inches," he said. "But it was on a lot shorter hole."

Bozcar displayed his impressive

Please see **ACE, B3**



Whalers lauded at their season-ending banquet

The Plymouth Whalers capped the 2008-09 season Monday night with an awards banquet held at C.J.'s Brewing Company at Compuware Sports Arena.

The following awards were presented:

Regular-season Most Valuable Player, Leading Scorer, Academic Player and Humanitarian of the Year — Captain Chris Terry, who led the Whalers with 39 goals and 55 assists and was plus-25 during the regular season. Terry is third overall in franchise career scoring with 114 goals and 175 assists in 253 games.

Selected by the Carolina Hurricanes in the fifth round (132nd overall) in the 2007 National Hockey League Entry Draft, Terry may be signed by the Hurricanes by this summer's NHL Entry Draft. Terry has been a leader in the Whalers' community relations efforts over the past three seasons and is Plymouth's nominee for the Ontario Hockey League's Dan Snyder Award as Humanitarian of the Year.

Rookie of the Year — Center Tyler Seguin, who scored 21 goals with 46 assists and was plus-14 in 61 games.

Defenseman of the Year — Michal Jordan, who scored 12 goals with 30 assists and was a team-leading plus-28 in 58 games. Jordan, a fourth-round pick (105th overall) of the Hurricanes in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft — has played



Pictured are Plymouth Whalers award winners Chris Terry (left) and Tyler Seguin at Monday night's team banquet.

for the Czech Republic in the 2008 and 2009 World Junior Championships.

Most Improved Player of the Year — Goaltender Matt Hackett, who won the lead goaltender position with the Whalers in November and posted a career-best 3.04 goals against average, .913 save percentage, two shut-outs and a 34-13-3-0 record in 55 games. Hackett continued

his fine work through the playoffs, posting a 3.01 goals against average and .930 save percentage in 11 playoff appearances.

Hackett is rated by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau as the top prospect among all North American goaltenders for this summer's NHL Entry Draft.

Unsung Hero of the Year — Center Matt Caria, who came to the Whalers in December in a

trade with Sault Ste. Marie and scored 34 goals with 58 assists and was plus-14 in 67 games. Currently a free-agent, Caria is playing for a professional contract next season.

Labatt Blue Collar Player of the Year — Veteran center Joe Gaynor, who enjoyed career highs with 12 goals and 18 assists. Gaynor is one of the best defensive forwards in the

OHL and could return to the Whalers next season as an over-age player.

Most Valuable Player in the Playoffs — Hackett.

Whaler Booster Club Awards — Barb Mohrlock Award as Fan Favorite — Chris Terry; Player of the Month of April — Matt Caria; Academic Player of the Month — Tyler J. Brown; Grinder of the Year — Joe Gaynor.

UPCOMING SCHEDULES

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Friday, April 24
Canton at Stevenson (DH), 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville (DH), 4 p.m.
Churchill at Salem (DH), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Salem at Milan (DH), 11 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Friday, April 24
Plymouth at Northville (DH), 3:30 p.m.
Churchill at Salem (DH), 4 p.m.
Canton at Stevenson (DH), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Plymouth at Mercy Invitational, TBA
Salem at Chelsea Invitational, 9 a.m.
Friday, April 24
Salem boys at Rainer Relays at N. Farmington, TBA
Saturday, April 25
PCA at Green Hills Relays, TBA
GIRLS TENNIS
Thursday, April 23
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 24
John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Plymouth at Monroe Invitational, TBA
Salem at Salem/Huron Invitational, 8:15 a.m.
Canton at Brighton Quad, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Friday, April 24
Canton at Livonia Franklin at Idlewild G.C., 3 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 3 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Friday, April 24
Canton at Saline, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Okemos at Plymouth, 2 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 23
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
South Lyon at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Dexter at Salem, 7 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Friday, April 24
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)
Thursday, April 23
Siena Heights at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 24
Cornerstone at Madonna, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 25
Aquinas at Madonna, 1 p.m.



Indoor runners-up

The Canton Soccer Club's Celtic '93 Black finished runner-up in the girls under-16 and -17 division, at the National Indoor Soccer Championships held last weekend in Sterling, Va. In the final match, Celtic fell to '92 Chantilly Electrics, 2-1, in a three-vs.-three sudden death overtime format after playing to a 1-1 tie in regulation. In group play, Celtic bested ODFC Thunder (6-0), '92 Chantilly Electrics (4-1) and South Penn United (3-1) en route to finishing as the top team. Celtic qualified for the nationals by capturing the regional earlier this year at High Velocity Sports in Canton. Team members include: Christy Balewski, Jessikah McClendon, Jen Learst, Haley Johnson, Ashley Liakos, Maddy McLean and Rachel Rohrbacher, all of Canton High; Kaitelyn Quinlan, Jessica Kramer and Marissa Williams, all of Plymouth; Lauren Ascherman and Kaylin Brzyz, both of Salem; and Tori Cornell, Walled Lake Northern

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SPORTS BRIEFS

PCA football meeting

The Plymouth Christian Academy football program will be holding a registration and information meeting for the upcoming season Monday at 7 p.m. in the school's library. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Rd. in Canton.

The Eagles will have a middle school (grades 6-8) and high school team this season. For more information, contact Lisa Jipping at (734) 453-1151.

Fox Hills Golf program

From May 11-15, June 8-12 and July 13-17, the Fox Hills Learning Center in Plymouth Township will offer "Get Golf Ready in 5 Days" — a new program for golfers with little or no experience.

The program consists of a series of five introductory lessons conducted by PGA/LPGA professionals in a small-group environment for \$149.

This program offers an opportunity for people to learn the game of golf or build upon existing skills. For more information or to register, visit www.GetGolfReady.com or call Fox Hills at (734) 453-7272.

The five lessons featured in the "Get Golf Ready" program will provide basic-skills instruction as well as information regarding the background of the game's rules, etiquette and values. Significant on-course learning opportunities will also be a part of each lesson.

Overall, participants will gain insight into techniques regarding chipping, putting, full swing, half swing and bunker play as well as the fundamental guidelines regarding the use and maintenance of golf equipment, keeping score and navigating the course, among others.

Youth archery

The Detroit Archers of West Bloomfield, a non-profit organization, is hosting its annual Frank Hall Memorial Youth Shoot on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3. This is an indoor target shoot for boys and girls under 18 years old and all abilities from novice through experienced.

The cost is \$10, which includes shooting, a hot dog, soft drink and trophy. Equipment is available.

Shooting times are 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. both days. Participants must pre-register as space is limited.

To register, call Jack Flaharty at (248) 360-0346 or send an e-mail to: jflaharty@comcast.net. Please indicate the date and time you wish to shoot; the name, age and gender of the child; and a contact phone number. Please also indicate if your child requires equipment.

Detroit Archers is located at 5795 Drake Rd., between Maple (15 Mile Rd) and Walnut Lake Rd. in West Bloomfield. Directions to the club can be accessed at www.detroitarchers.com.

Plymouth football skills camp

The 8th Annual Plymouth Football Skills Camp will be held Monday, June 22, through Wednesday, June 24, at the PCEP turf stadium.

Fifth- through ninth-graders will go from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and 10th- through 12th-graders will go from 7-9 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt and three days of instruction.

Each camper will need cleats and a water jug to participate.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com or call (734) 582-5696.

Wildcats football parents meeting

There will be a mandatory informational meeting for all levels of the Plymouth High School football program on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Parents will be given all of the necessary paperwork for their student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season.

Parents will also receive booster information and there will be Wildcat merchandise on sale before and after the meeting.

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com.

Canton football camps

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

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

The Canton Chiefs Wing-T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10th through 12th will be held June 16-18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. The cost is \$30. To pre-register, contact coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

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

TOURNEY
FROM PAGE B1

Senior shortstop Matt Skubik was the hitting hero in the second game, going 2-for-3 with five RBI and three runs scored. Both of Skubik's run-generating hits were doubles. He also stole a base.

Other offensive standouts for the Wildcats were Brad Lineberry (3-for-3 with two RBI) and starting pitcher Ryan Spencer, whose produced a two-run double in his lone plate appearance.

On the mound, Spencer yielded just one earned run while striking four in 3.1 innings.

Plymouth scored 10 runs in the first,

three in the second and five in the third. Chippewa Valley's runs came in the third.

In game one, Chippewa Valley broke a 2-2 deadlock with three runs in the top of the fifth before holding on for the one-run win.

Starting pitcher Cliff Buttermore suffered the loss for Plymouth, giving up five runs and six hits in five innings. Buttermore struck out four and walked two. Matt Priebe threw two innings of hitless relief for the 'Cats.

Offensively, Lineberry lined a two-run double, lead-off batter Luke Merandi went 2-for-4 with two runs, Priebe collected a pair of hits as did senior center fielder Ronnie Goble.

ACE
FROM PAGE B1

knowledge of the sport when he didn't mention Tiger Woods after being asked the name of his favorite professional golfer.

"It's Ian Poulter," he said, without hesitation.

The Bozars were enjoying a spring break vacation when Jack's memorable shot occurred.

And unlike a lot of his classmates who traveled south, he brought home a lot more than a souvenir.

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TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

Marking and lifting a ball

By Jeanne Myers

Marking a golf ball seems to be a simple thing, but most of us haven't spent much time reading the rules dealing with marking. For example, most golfers believe that they have to mark the ball on a cart path before they lift it to take relief, but that is not the case. Rule 20-1 says you only need to mark a ball before lifting it if you are going to have to put it back (replace it). That would be the case on the putting green, or if someone asks you to lift your ball because it interferes with his or her shot. But when you are taking relief from a cart path, you are not going to have to replace the ball on the path — you are going to drop it somewhere else. Therefore, you do not have to mark it. You can, but it is not necessary. This is also true if you are taking relief from any other immovable obstruction, or abnormal ground conditions such as casual water, ground under repair, or a hole made by a burrowing animal.

A ball may be lifted by the player, his or her partner or another person authorized by the player (such as the player's caddie). Just as a side note here, it may be replaced by the player, his or her partner or the person who lifted it. So you can see that if a caddie lifts the ball, the player may replace it. But if the player lifts the ball, the caddie may not replace it. If a fellow competitor lifts your ball without your authority during a stroke play, there is still no penalty and the ball gets replaced. However, in

match play, if your opponent lifts your ball without your authority, he gets a one-stroke penalty.

When marking a ball on the green, the marker may be placed behind, to the side of or in front of the ball as long as nothing is done (i.e. pressing down a tuft of grass) to influence the movement of the ball when played. There are lots of ways to mark a ball, many of them not recommended, but they are permissible. You may place the toe of a club at the side of or behind a ball. You may use a tee or a handy loose impediment (make sure it won't blow away). You may not just point out a blemish near your ball and use that as a mark — you must physically mark the position of the ball.

Is there a "correct" way to move a ball-marker to the side because it interferes with someone else's putt?

You may measure from the side of the ball or from the ball-marker, as long as you reverse the exact same process to get the ball back on the spot from which it was lifted.


What happens if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved in this marking/lifting process?

There is no penalty provided the movement of the ball or marker is directly attributable to the specific act of marking/lifting. That means if you nudge the ball forward as you are marking, you do not have a problem. But, if you are walking up to mark your

ball and drop your putter on the ball, that will be a penalty of one stroke, and the ball must be replaced.

One point to remember: once you mark and lift your ball from the putting green it is no longer the "ball in play" — it has become part of your equipment. Once you replace it on the spot from which you lifted it, it is again the ball in play — even if you leave your marker in place. Therefore, if the wind blows it somewhere else, you must play it from its new location!

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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All-Observer swimmers compete in the fast lane

FIRST TEAM
Chris Behler, Sr., Livonia Stevenson: Behler saved his best for last, earning All-State honors as part of the Spartans' 200- and 400-yard relay contingents. Behler will take his pool talents to Wayne State University in the fall.

"Chris was one of our surprise seniors who came on real strong at the end of the season," said Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker. "His quality training during the season paid off for him with all his accomplishments."

Aaron Marecki, Jr., Stevenson: The junior reduced his times significantly from his sophomore season and earned All-State accolades in four events: the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay.

"People now know the name Aaron Marecki," said Shoemaker. "He will be team captain next year and I know he will lead this team with confidence."

Michael Cruce, Sr., Stevenson: The senior captain proved to be an outstanding leader, both in the pool and out. An All-State performer, he will swim for Grand Valley State University in the fall.

"Mike overcame huge adversity just to be able to swim for us this year," said Shoemaker. "He is an excellent leader."

Matt Collingwood, Soph., Salem: The 10th-grader qualified for the Division I state meet in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle events this past season. He earned a spot on the KLA All-Conference squad and has earned the team's "Most Improved Swimmer" award each of the past two seasons.

"Matt shows no significant backing off now that he has achieved success at the state level," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "His improvement is reflected in the fact that he qualified for three individual events and two relays."

Adam Seroka, Soph., Salem: Seroka has joined forces with Collingwood to give the Rocks one of the top young one-two punches in area swimming circles. He stroked his way to All-State honors in the 200 individual medley and 500 free and was voted to serve as a captain next season.

"Adam proved to be one of the elite freshmen in 2008 and 2009 proved to be even better with All-State efforts in two events," said Olson. "He's on the national level with All-American consideration. It will be what Adam can accomplish in the 200 IM the next two years."

Jeff Kinsvater, Sr., Stevenson: After barely missing state-qualifying point totals the past two seasons, Kinsvater not only qualified this season, he scored at the DI meet.

"Jeff is surely going to be missed next year," said Shoemaker. "Chris and his coach, Matt Breen, were able to put our diving program on the mat."

Jerome Pesta, Sr., Stevenson: Pesta was instrumental in the Spartans' spectacular season, turning in All-State performances in three events. The future Eastern Michigan University swimmer was a member of Stevenson's All-American 200 medley relay foursome.

"Jerome came through in a big way for us this year," said Shoemaker. "Jerome has accomplished all these honors in just three years. I'm sure he will accomplish much more at Eastern in the coming years."

Victor Zhang, Fr., Canton: The freshman burst on the high school swimming scene in grand fashion, earning All-State honors in two events. The Chiefs' talented ninth-grader placed fifth at the DI state meet in the 200 individual medley (1:57.56) and eighth in the 100 backstroke (55.60).

2008-09 All-Observer Boys Swimming Team

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200 medley relay: Stevenson (Kellen Schoff, Wingett, Pesta, Ryan Scott)

200 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Behler, Pesta, Cruce, Marecki)

400 freestyle relay: Stevenson (Behler, Schoff, Scott, Marecki)

SECOND TEAM

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100 freestyle: Ryan Scott, Sr., Stevenson

200 freestyle: Richard Zhang, Sr., Canton

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200 individual medley: Charles Turlo, Sr., Stevenson

1-meter diving: Travis Holt, Sr., Livonia Churchill

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Joey Wingett, Sr., Stevenson: Wingett was not only a stellar captain, but he thrived in the water as well, earning All-American laurels as a member of the Spartans' 200 medley relay contingent and All-State recognition in the 100 breaststroke.

"Joey was an awesome motivational leader this year," said Shoemaker. "I could use a captain like Joey every year. He is a true competitor and a pleasure to work with. I look forward to seeing him swim at Grand Valley State in the future."

Stevenson's 200-yard medley relay team (Kellen Schoff, Wingett, Pesta and Ryan Scott): The Spartans' extraordinary foursome earned All-American honors and a fourth-place showing at the DI state meet and set a school record of 1:36.01.

"This relay team was automatic All-American," said Shoemaker.

Stevenson's 200 freestyle relay team (Behler, Pesta, Cruce and Marecki): This talented quartet of swimmers capped an outstanding season by placing fourth at the DI state meet with a clocking of 1:27.62.

Stevenson's 400 freestyle relay team: (Behler, Schoff, Scott and Marecki): This relay team proved to be a fearless foursome as it went undefeated in dual meets before placing third at the DI state meet with a time of 3:12.85.

SECOND TEAM

Andrew Rice, Sr., Garden City: Rice enjoyed a stellar senior season, excelling in the 50-yard freestyle, the 100 butterfly and the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays. He qualified for the Division 2 state meet in the 50 free with a school-record time of 22.96 seconds in a dual meet against Wyandotte. The four-year varsity performer — two years at Redford Thurston and two at Garden City — also qualified for the state meet in the 100 fly.

"Andy's determination to qualify for the state meet was like an infectious disease and an inspiration to the whole team," said Garden City coach Julie Johnston. "So much so that we had four other events that the team was close as far as state-qualifying times. The entire team worked hard for their accomplishments this season and Andy was the inspiration for it all."

Ryan Scott, Sr., Stevenson: The

future Wayne State University pre-med student was a versatile member of the Spartans' deep and talented squad, earning All-American status as a member of the 200 medley relay squad and All-State honors for his efforts in the 200 freestyle relay.

"Ryan was a very pivotal member of this year's state team," said Shoemaker. "He really came through for us this year. Without his contributions, we would have fallen much lower than fifth place at the state meet. He is a prime example of the type of athlete we try to develop at Stevenson."

Richard Zhang, Sr., Canton: Zhang was an invaluable member of the Chiefs' team this past winter, excelling in the freestyle events. The future University of Michigan student qualified for the state meet in two events.

Daniel Schoff, Jr., Stevenson: The junior, who qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle this past winter, will be the Spartans' top returning distance swimmer next fall.

"Daniel had a breakthrough season," said Shoemaker. "He will definitely be needed in order for this team to have the success we had this year. I look forward to watching him his senior season."

Charles Turlo, Sr., Stevenson: The senior peaked his final season in high school and opened a lot of eyes with his performances in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke. Turlo future plans include majoring in medicine at Wayne State University.

"Charles is a very hard trainer and he surprised us all with his state-qualifying times in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke," said Shoemaker. "He could swim any event and was often asked to swim other events in order for the team to succeed."

Travis Holt, Sr., Livonia Churchill: The senior was one of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's elite divers, placing fifth at the conference championship meet with a score of 330.05.

Noah Santer, Fr., Salem: The future is bright for this Rock ninth-grader, who qualified for the DI state meet in two events: the 100 butterfly (37th place) and the 500 freestyle (44th). He earned All-KLAA honors and was voted as the team's most-improved freshman.

"Noah was a great addition to our team this season," said Olson. "He is an excellent trainer and competitor. Whatever event the team needed him to swim, he was always ready. Noah is also an outstanding student with a 4.0 grade point average."

Bryan Bielecki, Jr., Stevenson: The junior played a pivotal role in the Spartans winning the inaugural KLA All-Conference championship as he placed fifth in the 200 IM (2:05.29) and sixth in the 100 backstroke (57.40).

Dan Stocsup, Sr., Plymouth: Stocsup capped a sensational high school swimming career by qualifying for the DI state meet in the 100 breaststroke, where he placed 34th with a time of 1:02.99.

200 medley relay: Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Richard Zhang, Patrick Jenner): This Chiefs' foursome clicked all season, especially late when they placed fifth at the inaugural KLA All-Conference championship meet.

200 freestyle relay: Salem (Santer, Collingwood, Max Mills, Seroka): This foursome placed fourth at the KLA All-Conference meet and earned an All-KLAA nod.

"Generally, the four swimmers on your 200 free relay team are juniors and seniors," said Olson. "Rarely do you find three sophomores and a freshman competing at the state meet, which gave them great experience for the future."

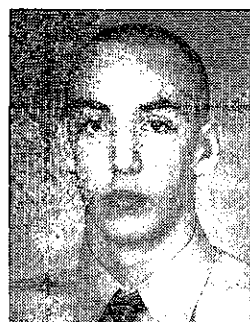
400 freestyle relay: Salem (Santer, Collingwood, Mills, Seroka): The group of underclassmen are a threat to do serious damage at the conference and state meets in the coming years after finishing 24th at this year's state meet and fourth at the KLA meet.

"These four young men are going to make a lot of noise in the state the next several years," said Olson. "They push each other to do their best in practices and meets. They are all very good students as well."

Coach of the Year: Jeff Shoemaker, Stevenson: In his seventh season as head coach, the highly acclaimed Shoemaker led the Spartans to a fifth-place showing at the Division I state meet and to a championship effort at the inaugural KLA All-Conference meet.

"I was very happy with the team this year," Shoemaker said. "They all trained extremely hard and deserve all of their accomplishments. We ended up fifth in the state and just 4.5 points away from fourth."

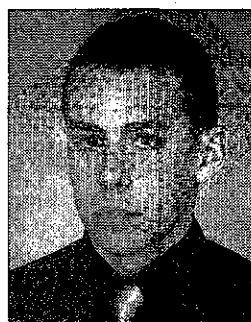
"We lost about half our team to graduation and there are plenty of shoes to fill. I am looking forward to next year and filling all these shoes and starting with some new faces."



Chris Behler Stevenson



Aaren Marecki Stevenson



Mike Cruce Stevenson



Matthew Collingwood Salem



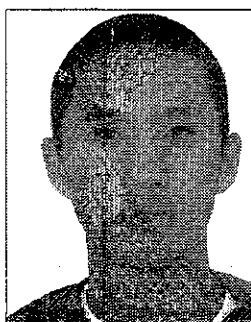
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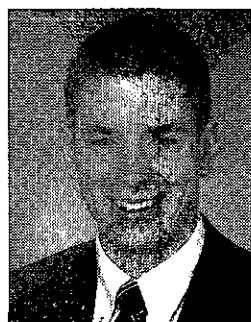
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Jerome Pesta Stevenson



Victor Zhang Canton



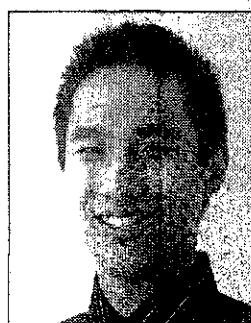
Joey Wingett Stevenson



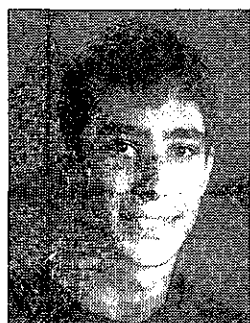
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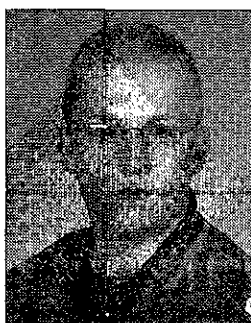
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Richard Zhang Canton



Charles Turlo Stevenson



Travis Holt Churchill



Noah Santer Salem



Daniel Schoff Stevenson



Kellen Schoff Stevenson



Jay Jin Canton



Ryan Boes Canton



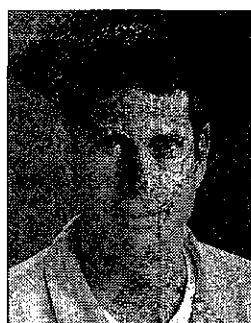
Dan Stocsup Plymouth



Pat Jenner Canton



Max Mills Salem



Jeff Shoemaker Stevenson
Coach of the Year

FINAL BOYS SWIM LISTINGS

FINAL OBSERVER BOYS SWIM LISTINGS
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Livonia Stevenson 1:36.01
Canton 1:45.32
Plymouth 1:47.00
Salem 1:47.31
Redford Union 1:50.46
Redford Thurston 1:51.79
200 FREESTYLE
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Matt Collingwood (Salem) 1:47.17
Victor Zhang (Canton) 1:47.76
Adam Seroka (Salem) 1:48.46
Richard Zhang (Canton) 1:48.82
Aaren Marecki (Stevenson) 1:49.19
Jason Oldani (Plymouth) 1:50.97
Kellen Schoff (Stevenson) 1:51.47
Charles Turlo (Stevenson) 1:52.32
Chris Buhler (Stevenson) 1:52.37
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Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 2:06.84
Jay Jin (Canton) 2:07.82
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Richard Zhang (Canton) 22.64
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Adam Dabkowski (Stevenson) 22.98
Matt Collingwood (Salem) 23.03
Victor Zhang (Canton) 23.27

Michael Cruce (Stevenson) 23.26
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John McNally (Garden City) 251.55
Joe Rudelic (Salem) 250.35
Ryan Kilgore (Canton) 244.20
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Garden City 3:33.06

Urgent!

The Salvation Army is in need of clothing, especially Summer clothing. Your donations provide shelter, clothing and food to those in need.

THE SALVATION ARMY

These locations are accepting donations:

33600 Plymouth Rd. (Livonia)

28992 Ford Rd. (Garden City)

5875 Middlebelt Rd. (Romulus)

2627 Dix-Toledo (Lincoln Park)

34620 Michigan Ave. (Wayne)

8525 Telegraph Rd. (Dearborn Hgts.)

To arrange a pick up or for the nearest drop-off location, please call (734) 729-3939

Canton Strictly Business

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Branch opening

★ Scottrade, a leading branch-supported online investment firm, is opening its first branch office at 42927 Ford Road in the Canton Corners Shopping Center. The office will open on April 27 and will be the first online brokerage office in Canton. The office will be managed by Canton resident Walter Hails, who brings 13 years of financial services experience to the Canton branch, most recently as branch manager for Scottrade's Ann Arbor office. "The Canton branch office offers a more convenient location for new and existing customers who appreciate the value that Scottrade provides," said Hails. "As a Canton resident, I am excited to open a new office in a vibrant and family-friendly city." Scottrade is an online investment firm that provides the tools and research for individuals to make their own investment decisions. Scottrade does not provide investment advice, but stock brokers are available at branch offices to answer account related questions, provide service and give tutorials on Scottrade's online trading services. Many of Scottrade's branch offices also offer free educational seminars to its customers on a variety of topics. The Canton branch is Scottrade's 13th

branch office in Michigan. Other local branch offices are located in Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Dearborn, Grosse Pointe Farms, Novi, Rochester Hills, Southfield and Sterling Heights. Scottrade's Canton branch office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached at (734) 981-5880. After-hours support is also available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.scottrade.com.

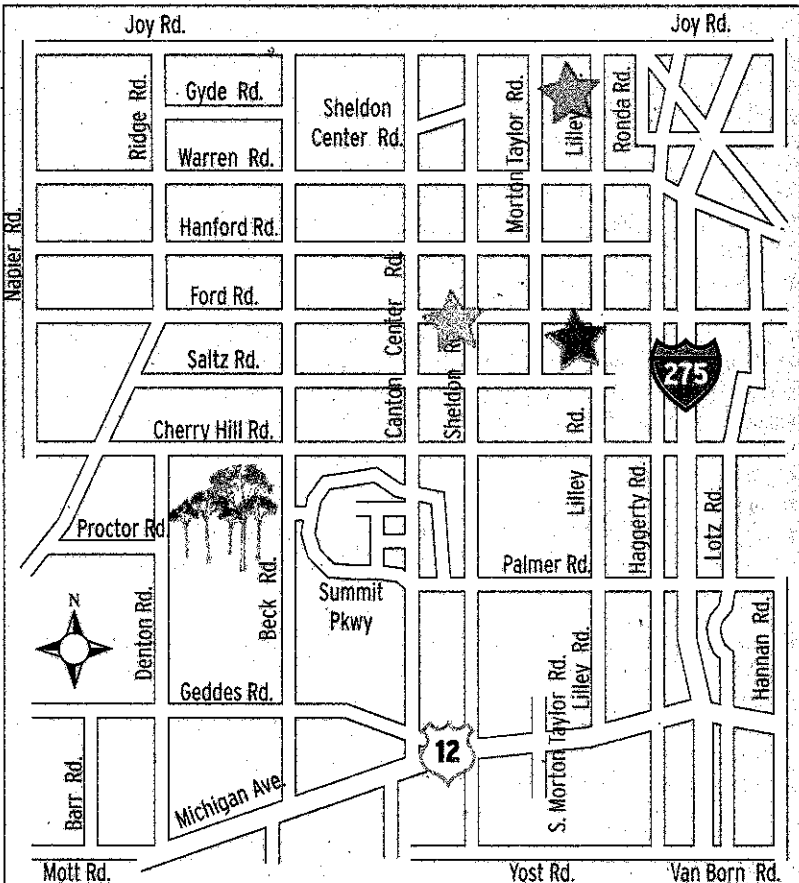
Celebrating wine

★ In celebration of Michigan Wine Month, Vintners Canton Winery, 8515 N. Lilley Road, in Canton, will hold an open house April 25 from 1-4 p.m. Vintners Canton will be offering free wine tasting of some 36 wine styles created at the winery, hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity for a prize winner to craft their own 25 bottles of wine (a \$200 value). Kids can register to win a custom kite. Customers will receive 10 percent off first bottle purchased, 15 percent off second bottle purchased and 20 percent off each case of wine purchased. Attendees wishing to create their own batch of wine will receive free custom wine labels. The offer good April 23 through Saturday, April 25 at 5 p.m.

Vintners Canton Winery, winner of 12 medals from WineMaker Magazine competitions, offers free private wine tasting parties for groups of 10 or more, custom labeled wine bottles, wine favors for weddings, anniversaries or any of life's special events. In addition, it is now offering the winery for custom catered events, such as rehearsal dinners, anniversary or birthday parties, etc. For more information, visit www.vintners-canton.com.

Huntington Community Day

★ Huntington Bank is inviting the public to celebrate the opening of its second branch in Canton during Community Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 25. The event will feature snacks, fun, surprises and an appearance by Radio Disney. The new branch, which is located at 44530 Ford Road, opened March 9 at the corner of Ford and Sheldon Roads. It is the second location in the township and the 45th office in Southeast Michigan for Huntington. Managed by Janet Volante, the branch is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



The staff at AllenMay Salon and Spa (from left): Elspeth Geiger, Olivia Shwaihat, Ali Farhat, Evonne Parker, May Farhat, Laura Cilia, Ruba Nshelwat, Mary Ellen Rosenau, Debi Mann, Linda Sabbagh.

Hair and skin treatments the specialty at AllenMay Salon

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.
Allen and May Farhat: We offer the complete beauty experience. In one salon a client can enjoy skin and hair treatments, waxing, and body treatments. We also feature Bumble and Bumble products for hair treatments and styling as well as retail. The client can also feel the benefits of using Dermalogica brand products for facials that are also for sale.

Observer: What makes your business unique?
Allen and May Farhat: In addition to our specialized skills and training, our staff creates a warm and inviting atmosphere.
Observer: How did you first decide to open your own business?
Allen and May Farhat: We wanted to create a unique salon experience for Canton.
Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?
Allen and May Farhat: We moved to Canton and then decided to open a salon.

ALLENMAY SALON AND DAY SPA

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Your name: Allen and May Farhat, owners
Your hometown: Canton
Business opened when?: Nine years ago
Number of employees: 12
Your business specialty: Hair (color correction, dry cutting, and razor cuts), skin care (variety of facials), body treatments, and waxing (especially the Brazilian bikini and eyebrow design).
Business hours: Monday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday-Wednesday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Business phone/Web site/e-mail: (734) 981-8223; www.allenmay.net

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

AAA top honor

Nick Pallas of AAA Michigan's sales office in Canton is a recipient of the President's Elite Award for insurance. Only three percent of agents in the market meet the AAA standards required to achieve the President's Elite level of service and performance.

There are more than 51 million AAA members nationwide and in Canada and nearly one out of four households in the U.S. are comprised of AAA members.

Controller promoted

Botsford Health Care, the corporate parent of Botsford Hospital, Botsford Commons Senior Community and Community Emergency Medical Service, has promoted Canton's Regina Doxtader to corporate vice president



Pallas



Doxtader

and controller. With 32 employees now reporting to her, she has responsibility for the Financial Services Division, which includes accounts payable, payroll, reimbursement, contracts and decision support, performance management, and budget.

Doxtader began working for Botsford as its controller in 2002. Previously, she worked for more than 13 years at Deloitte & Touche as a senior manager. She earned her bachelor's degree from Albion College in 1989.

SEND IT

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

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CHAMBER CHAT

Networking luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its May networking luncheon on May 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 advance registration, (or \$25 at the door) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public. May's Luncheon will feature guest speaker William L. "Billy" Taylor, Jr. B.S., M.A., ED.D, who is a University of Michigan football legend. Taylor has written his autobiography "Get Back Up" where he reiterates the series of up and down struggles that eventually led him to where he is today. "We are thrilled to have someone of William Taylor's stature speak at our local chamber," says Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. May's Luncheon is being sponsored by Durcon, Inc. and Huntington Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, May 8.

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 being sponsored by Showroom of Elegance and Waltonwoods of Canton.

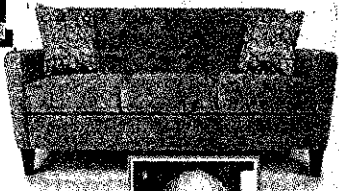
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RELIGION CALENDAR

To submit an item for the religion calendar, e-mail lchomin@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.com.

Trinity food pantry

Deadline is April 23, for the Trinity Church Food Pantry on Saturday, April 25. Trinity Food Pantry for April. Recipients must reserve a pick-up time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 on Monday, April 20 to Thursday, April 23. Trinity Church is at 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth.

There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. We also accept donations of non-perishable items for the cupboard, we have received supplies from the Boy Scouts as well as our congregation. If there's a more appropriate column to place this information, that would be fine, we just want to spread the word of the help that's available. Thank you.

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.

Rummage sale

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Joseph Church, 16101 Rotunda, between Southfield and Greenfield, Dearborn. For details, call (313) 336-3227.

Apologetics for beginners

The Mass: Christ's Once for All Sacrifice is the topic as nationally-acclaimed 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.livoniaastmichael.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.

Help available

A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia.

There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable

items also accepted for the cupboard.

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.

Spring rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 24, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. A \$2 bag sale is on Saturday.

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.

Shared Hope presentation

Shared Hope International is a leaders in a worldwide effort to prevent and eradicate sex trafficking and slavery through education and public awareness. The organization rescues and restores women and children in crisis. Every year between 100,000 and 300,000 American children are sold into the sex trade in this country. The average age a girl is trafficked is 12. This eye-opening presentation takes place 4-5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 3003 Hannan Rd., Wayne, 48184, and 1-2 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Pre-registration appreciated but not required. Visit www.christoursavior.org and click on the events page to register. To learn about sex trafficking, visit www.sharedhope.org.

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. to 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.

Christian golf league

Senior golfers (male or female) are needed for the Christian Fellowship Golf League which plays 9 holes at Idyl Wyld golf course 9 a.m. Wednesdays beginning May 6. For information, call Ed at (734) 591-3067. The league is sponsored by the Anglican Church of Livonia.

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

Men's spring retreat

Hosted by Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter of Anglican Church of Livonia Friday-Saturday, May 1-2, at the Retreat Center at St. John's, 33045 Five Mile, Plymouth. Friday schedule runs from 4:30 p.m. to 7 and features Bible study, evening lesson and fellowship. Saturday activities take place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a morning and afternoon lesson, Bible study and fellowship, and Eucharist at close. Cost is \$70 and includes Friday night dinner, overnight stay, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, \$30 for commuters. For information, call (248) 476-9214, (734) 432-0201, or (734) 591-3067.

Celebrating families

Building Blocks for Society will be held May 2-3, after all masses in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. There will be Lego display, a supervised Lego play area for children, refreshments, and a short movie for adults. The church will also be hosting the Catholic Book Store. Times are after 5 p.m. mass Saturday, May 2, and after 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. masses Sunday, May 3. For more information,

call (734) 425-5950. Students and their families are invited to bring their own Lego creations for others to view before Mass between 4-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, to the St. Aidan display table in Bixman Hall.

Spring Fling

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and their Special Needs Ministry Team invite everyone with special needs to a Spring Fling Dance 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The event is designed for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities, other special needs, and caretakers. Come and enjoy an evening of music, fun, and friendship. Snacks and beverages served. Space limited, reservations required. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz no later than Friday, May 8.

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.

Garage sale

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 21-23, at 36019 Middleboro, Livonia. Proceeds go to help the Anglican Church of Livonia purchase a new church building. Services are presently held at the Livonia Family Y. For more information, call (734) 591-3067.

Crocodile dock

Down by the water Vacation Bible school 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 15-19 for fun, friendship and food, at St. Aidan Catholic Church on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 per participant (family discount available), Music CD available last day for \$10. VBS Mass 9:30 a.m. Sunday June 21. For more information or to volunteer, call Jackie at (734) 425-9333.

Classic car show

8th annual show for classic cars with all profits going to Angela Hospice 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, north of Five Mile, Livonia. For information, call (248) 380-8078 (evenings please), or visit www.livoniachurch.net.

ONGOING

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 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.

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. Call (734) 427-3660.

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 you are. Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday. Children's church.

Midweek spiritual enrichment

Two opportunities for spiritual enrichment are available at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, 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 opportunities.

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 jazz artists at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. Free. Visit www.metroumc.org.

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

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.

Half rental

Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Parkinson Support

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.

Bible study

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open

for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Sanskrit chanting

An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule

Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry

Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome.

For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Day of service

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to crcrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

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BARBARA M. DAVIS

Of Grand Blanc, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, age 76, died peacefully Saturday, April 11, 2009. Barbara resided at Clare Bridge of Grand Blanc. Barbara was born July 29, 1932 in Elgin, IL to Monroe and Eleanor Thompson. She was the youngest of five girls. After graduating from Olivet Nazarene College with a degree in Education, Barbara married Edward Davis on December 22, 1955. They lived in Grand Rapids, MI for several years before moving to Plymouth. Following a short teaching career, Barbara was a secretary and homemaker. She enjoyed needlework, gardening, antiquing and traveling with friends. Barbara was a long time member of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene located in Farmington Hills, MI. She was the "unofficial greeter," always smiling and greeting people with a warm hello. She is survived by daughters, Melinda Weber and husband Larry of Flushing, MI, Lisabeth Hillman and husband Brian of Sherman Oaks, CA; grandchildren, Emily Weber, Grant, Troy and Tate Hillman. She is also survived by sisters, Juanita Thompson and Virginia Carron. She was preceded in death by husband, Edward Davis, as well as sisters, Lucille Thompson and Dorothy Chellow. The family would like to offer their sincere gratitude to Dr. Braver, the entire Clare Bridge staff and Home & Hospice Advantage. The love and care they gave to our mother will always be remembered. Those desiring may wish to make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory. Barbara will be buried along side of her husband in Plymouth, Michigan. Your condolences may be shared with the family at swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

JEAN E. LEWIS
Age 81, April 19, 2009. Devoted wife of the late Roy. Loving mother of Michael (Virginia) and Dale (Penny). Dear grandmother of Michael II and David. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia. Thursday visitation 11:30 am until her funeral at 12 pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia. Enrichment at Glen Eden. Please visit www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

ALLEN E. TAFT
April 14, 2009, of Westland. Loving husband of Dianne. Dear father of James (Maureen) Strayer, Matthew (Cathy) Taft, Margaret Fritz, Michael (Carolyn) Taft, Eric Taft, and Philip Spalding. Also survived by 15 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three brothers, and four sisters. Memorial services to be held Saturday, May 9, 2009, 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square in Wayne. Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society appreciated. Arrangements through Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Mich. Ave., Wayne.

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A stroll down memory lane: Prom lets women be 16 again

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
D&E STAFF WRITER

It seems a lot of women want to be 16 again. The Mom Prom started as a night out for a dozen women to revisit their high school years, but it's growing into a national phenomenon. On Friday, April 24, local women will have the opportunity to leave the kids and husband home and dance the night away at a prom put on by the Mom's Group at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Canton. This year's charity event takes place from 8-11 p.m. at the church with proceeds going to the First Step domestic violence shelter and St. Vincent de Paul.

Even those who have outgrown their prom gowns improvise. Betsy Crapps still fits into the dress she wore as a senior to her high school prom in 1988.

"This is our fourth year. The first year there were just 12 of us," said Crapps of Canton. "We went to dinner and dancing in our dresses. We said we should put our gowns to good use and more women heard

Tickets are available on the night of the prom or before at St. Thomas a Becket church at 555 S. Lilley and Cherry Hill. For more information, visit www.themomprom.org or send e-mail to themomprom@yahoo.com.

about it, friends and relatives in different states. My son even helped me out to do a Web site for women to hold their own charity event. We have a tackiest dress contest.

"Last year some women came in with T-shirts on underneath their gowns because they couldn't zip up the back. A lot of women wear old bridesmaid dresses. Last year three women wore their wedding gowns. Some go out to consignment shops just to find something to wear for the tackiest dress contest. It's a night for women to be silly and 16 again."

Besides dancing the night away to music provided by DJ Diana Korte from Silver Sounds, women can have their prom photo taken with dates

in the form of life-size cardboard figures of James Dean, John Wayne or Burt Reynolds. A game even randomly selects a prom queen. Last year the winner was a great grandmother.

"One woman last year said I haven't laughed that hard since before I was married," said Crapps. "We can act 16 again. We just have fun. It's a night for women to celebrate and have fun and raise money for a good cause."

Last year, one of the women in the moms group was diagnosed with breast cancer so the money went to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. This year, admission to The Mom Prom is a \$20 donation, but no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Tickets are available on the night of the prom or before at St. Thomas a Becket church at 555 S. Lilley and Cherry Hill. For more information, visit www.themomprom.org or send e-mail to themomprom@yahoo.com.

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Bonnie Wojciechowski, Katie Long, Betsy Crapps, Julie Molchany, Jessica Gaderick, and Patsy Wilson attended last year's Mom Prom at St. Thomas a Becket in Canton. This year's dance takes place Friday, April 24.

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Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.

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Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m.

and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000

W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248)

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ART

Arnold Klein Gallery: Celebrating 35 years at its current location with Water and Marine Life, through March; Landscapes, April-May; 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709, www.arnoldkleingallery.com.

Art is in Market: New location in Laurel Park Place, 37642 Six Mile Road, Livonia, http://artisinmarket.blogspot.com.

Art Leaders Gallery: Exhibition and sale commemorating the 105th birthday of Dr. Seuss, through April 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com.

Birmingham Art Festival: May 9-10, Shain Park. **CPop Gallery:** CPop's farewell exhibit, "It's All About @," opens 6 p.m. May 2; "It's Humble 2 Be Good," featuring winners of @PPop2008, through May 1, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com.

Farmington Artists Club: Spring 2009 Exhibit, through April 26, William M. Costrick Activities Center, 20660 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Fine Art at the Village: May 16-17, Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 689-8734, www.fineartatthevillage.com.

Gallery@T: Art works by teachers from the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, through April 26, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villageattheater.

Janice Charach Gallery: "Glass Reunion '09," glass works by students from College for Creative Studies and featured artist Janet Kelman, through May 7, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5579, www.jccdet.org.

Lawrence Street Gallery: "Uti Pictura Poesis," reading 7 p.m. April 24, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lotus Arts Gallery: Kathleen Graf, May 1-27, 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (888) 889-4ART, www.lotusartsartgallery.com.

Next Step Studios & Gallery: Featuring glass works by Kaiser Sudan, Craig Paul Nowak John Gargano, Susan Beiner and many others, 530 Hilton, Ferndale, (248) 342-5074, www.nextstepstudio.com.

Northville Art House: Northville Public Schools Annual Student Art Show, April 23-26; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

Orchard Lake Fine Art Show: July 24-26, includes artist awards, demonstrations, entertainment, kids activities and a youth art competition, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, Orchard Lake, (248) 684-2613, www.HotWorks.com.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: "Rochester Community Schools Art Exhibit," through May 9, reception, 6-8 p.m. April 23; Downtown Rochester Spring Gallery Stroll, 6-9 p.m. April 24; "Amy Sacksteder: Still," April 24-June 13, reception 6-9 p.m. April 24; Gallery Talk 2 p.m. April 25, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Plymouth's Annual Art Feast: May 15-16, Downtown Plymouth.

Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: Emerging

Artists Exhibit: May 4-26, Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

Print Gallery: Announcing Must Have Sweets, with cake, candy, cookies and sorbet, inside the gallery, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.MonaLisaMania.com, www.EverythingArt.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, April 25-May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.

Visual Arts Association of Livonia: "Artistic Expressions" May 4-29, Livonia City Hall, (734) 838-1204, www.vaalart.org.

AUDITIONS

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: Auditions for contemporary dance repertory company, 1-4 p.m. April 26, Alley Studios, New York; 1:30-3:30 p.m. May 2, Lou Conte Dance Studio, Chicago; noon-3 p.m. May 3, EDE Center for Dance, 103 South St., Rochester, call (248) 559-2095, www.ede-dance.org. Destination Theatre: Auditions for rock opera "Tommy," ages 8-13, and adults, 5-8 p.m. April 26 and 6-9 p.m. April 27, show dates July 23-Aug. 2, Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, Canton, www.destinationtheatre.org.

BENEFITS

Detroit Opera House: BravoBravo!, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$85 by May 1; \$95 after, Jazz Sophisticate attire, www.bravobravo.org, (313) 961-3500.

Detroit Athletic Club: Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Bacchanalia, 6 p.m. May 13, wines, strolling dinner, live auction, \$95-\$175, benefits DSO, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit, (313) 576-1554 or visit www.detroit-symphony.com.

Livonia Knights of Columbus: Jammin' to End Famine 2009, 6:30 p.m. April 24, pizza, salad, sweets, cash bar, music of Mark Edwards, The Shawn Riley Band, The Paisley Fagg, British Beat 66 and 2 Dayz Gone, \$20 benefit Kids Against Hunger, 19801 Farmington Road, www.livoniakofc.com.

Meadow Brook Hall: Promenade of Hope, 6:30 p.m. May 7, \$200 benefit HAVEN, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 322-3703, www.promenadeofhope.org.

Penn Theatre: "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn, 6-11 p.m. May 8, hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent

auction, music and dancing, Meeting House Grand Ballroom, Plymouth, \$75-\$85, (734) 453-0870, tickets@friendsofthepenn.org. **Meadowbrook Country Club:** A Night to R.E.M.ember, featuring formal dinner, comedienne Kelly Nieto, DJ LoKey, silent auction, 6 p.m. April 24, benefits Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., 40941 Eight Mile Road, Northville, \$75-\$100, (248) 478-3242, www.sweetdreamzzzdetroit.com.

St. John's Golf & Conference Center: Art Dash, May 21, \$275 per couple includes dinner and one dash for your choice of artwork, May 21, benefits Arbor Hospice Foundation, (734) 794-5152, www.arborhospice.org.

BOOKS/LITERATURE

Ann Arbor Book Festival: May 2-16, (734) 369-3366, www.aabookfestival.org.

Borders: Linda Solomon reads and signs children's book "Jack & Jill: The Miracle Dog with a Happy Tail to Tell" 2 p.m. April 25, Birmingham; Lee Woodruff, "Perfectly Imperfect: A Life in Progress," 7 p.m., Birmingham, www.borders.com.

CHORAL

Advent Episcopal Church: Cantata! presents "Welcome to Spring," May 2, Middlebelt Road, 4 mile north of Long Lake Road, (248) 615-0940, www.cantata-detroit.org.

First Presbyterian Church: Music for a Cathedral, 7:30 p.m. May 22, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, (248) 644-2040 x 136, trenney@comcast.net.

Seligman Performing Arts Center: Farmington Community Chorus, "Questionable Songs," May 8-9, Detroit Country Day High School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, (810) 632-4067, www.farmingtonchorus.com.

CLASSICAL/CHAMBER MUSIC

Birmingham Temple: Charlie Gabriel Quartet with Vocalist Joan Bow, May 2, 28611 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338, www.vivaceseries.org.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio with the Miami String Quartet, May 16; Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30; 2009-10 series announced: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello, Sept. 12; Tokyo String Quartet, Oct. 3; Vladimir Feltman, piano, Nov. 14; James Ehnes, violin with Jon Kimura Parker, piano, Dec. 5; Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet, Jan. 30, 2010; Shanghai Quartet with Yuja Wang, piano, Feb. 13, 2010; Arnold Steinhardt, violin with Alan Alda, Actor, March 20, 2010; The Celebration of the Bach Chaconne, Steven Isserlis, cello with

Dénes Várjon, piano, March 27, 2010; Parker Quartet, May 22, 2010; Emanuel Ax, piano, Feb. 6, 2010; Richard Goode, piano, April 10, 2010; Yuja Wang, piano, May 15, 2010, deadline for subscription renewals, May 1, all concerts 8 p.m. Saturdays, Tickets, \$25-\$75, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings: "Schubert and Spice," 3 p.m. April 26, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham; Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

First United Methodist Church: Plymouth Oratorio Society 23rd season concert with Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Ann Arbor Huron High School A Cappella Choir, 4 p.m. May 3, 45201 N. Territorial Road, (734) 455-8353.

Fox Theatre: Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, May 19, (800) 745-3000, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Hagopian World of Rugs: Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents "Nightnotes," 8:30 p.m. May 8, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.



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CLUBS

Eclipse Lounge: DJ RC, April 25; DJ Mark EP, May 2, DJ AMF, May 9; DJ Chill Will, May 15; Hoedown After Party with Jyl Forsyth, May 16; Motown Party, May 23; DJ RC, May 30, free, 21 and over, inside Greektown Casino-Hotel, Detroit, www.greektowncasino.com/Dining/EclipseLounge.
Soundboard: Etta James, May 1; Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Gary Allen, Aug. 21; An Evening With Natalie Cole, Oct. 3, MotorCity Casino Hotel, Detroit, www.ticketmaster.com, www.motorcitycasino.com, 513-5030.

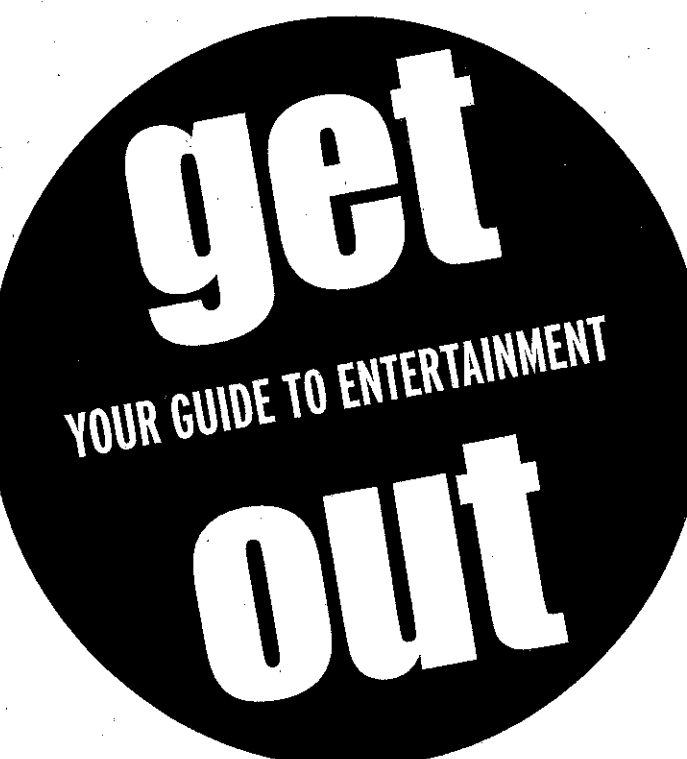
COMEDY

Fox Theatre: Heavyweights Of Comedy featuring Bruce Bruce & Lavell Crawford, with special guest John Witherspoon and host Sammore, May 23, (313) 471-6611, www.ticketmaster.com.
JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Show Up, and Go Up, 9 p.m. third Thursday of every month, open call, free, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.
Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia: Bobby Miyamoto, through April 25; Sha'ne Moss, April 29-May 2; Mike Veneman, May 6-9; Erik Blake, May 13-15; Colin Moulton, May 20-23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: John Pinette, May 14-16; Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.
The Second City: "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Franz Ferdinand, May 3, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac, (248) 645-6666.
Comerica Park: Kid Rock with Lynrd Skynyrd, July 17; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; tickets on sale 10 a.m. April 17, 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com.
DTE Energy Music Theatre: New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Brad Paisley, July 10; **The Fillmore:** J. Geils Band, April 24; Lamb of God with God Forbid and As I Lay Dying, May 6; Buckcherry, May 13; Tragically Hip, May 29-30; Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.
The Fox Theatre: Flight of the Conchords with Eugene Mirman, April 24; Soul 70's Super Jam featuring The Whispers, The Dramatics, The Stylistics & The Manhattans, April 25; Leonard Cohen, May 9; Il Divo, May 17; Unwiggled & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

Magic Bag: Soulive, April 25; Noah & The Whale, April 26; Fastball, May 4; Charlie Hunter, May 7; Bruce in the USA, May 8;



Vast, May 15; The Sounds of Seattle Tour, May 30; Neil Innes, June 7; The Cliks, June 23; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.
The Palace of Auburn Hills: Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21.1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.
Royal Oak Music Theatre: TechNow09 Showcase, a benefit for MS Society, April 23; New Found Glory, April 26; Demetri Martin, May 15; Music4Mutt, a benefit for the Michigan Humane Society, May 16; Animal Collective, May 18; Gogol Bordello, June 2; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Robin Trower, June 20; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.
St. Andrew's Hall: New Found Glory, April 26; The Sounds, May 6; Animal Collective, May 18; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

DANCE

Detroit Opera House: Pliobolus, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; The Cincinnati Ballet presents 'The Nutcracker,' Dec. 3-6; Ballet Hispanico, Feb. 13-14, 2010; Tchaikovsky Ballet presents 'Sleeping Beauty,' March 26-28, 2010, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.
University Musical Society: Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15; Compagnie Marie Choulinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, www.ums.org.

FAMILY

Canton Cinema: "Hotel for Dogs," April 25-26, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www.GOT1.com.
Bakers Keyboard Lounge: Jazz for Kids Program, 2-5 p.m. Sundays, 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit, (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Target Family

Sundays, storytelling, performances and more starting at 2 p.m. every Sunday, free with admission, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.
Fox Theatre: Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.
Greenfield Village: Day Out with Thomas: The Hero of the Rails Tour, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24-26 and May 1-3, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, (313) 982-6001, www.thehenryford.org.
Marquis Theatre: "Rumplestiltskin," Aug. 8-Sept. 20; "Pinky the Flying Ghost," Oct. 17-25; "Pinocchio," Nov. 14-Jan. 24, 2010, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquis theatre.com.
Maybury Farm: inside Maybury State Park, Beck Road and Eight Mile, Northville, (248) 374-0200, www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.
Meadow Brook Theatre: "Charlotte's Web," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. May 9; on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.
Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live!," Aug. 14, (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com.

FESTIVALS

99.5 WYCD Downtown Hoedown: Willie Nelson, Rodney Atkins, Lee Ann Womack and more, May 15-17, Hart Plaza, Detroit, www.wycd.com.
Comerica Cityfest: Featuring De La Soul, Buddy Guy local acts, tastings and 2nd Avenue Street Market, July 1-5, free, \$10 tasting coupons, New Center area, Detroit, (313) 872-0188, www.comericacityfest.com.
Green Street Fair: Eco-friendly exhibitors, performers, speakers and shopping, May 1-3, downtown Plymouth, free, (734) 259-2983, info@greestreetfair.com, www.greestreetfair.com.

Movement 2009: May 23-25, Hart Plaza, Detroit; Opening party featuring The Prodigy, May 22, www.paxahau.com.

FILM

This American Life - Live: Canton Cinema and Livonia 20, 8 p.m. April 23, www.fathom-events.com.
Dr. Laura Live! In Praise of Mom: 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, Canton Cinema and Livonia 20.
Detroit Film Theatre: "12," April 24-26; "Tokyo!" April 24-26, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/oftt or (313) 833-7900.
Henry Ford IMAX: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, (313) 271-1570.
Magic Bag: "Gran Torino," April 29, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, www.themagicbag.com.
Penn Theatre: "Sirocco," April 23; "Sabrina," April 30, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.
Redford Theatre: "My Best Girl," silent film accompanied by organist John Lauter, April 25; "Caddyshack," May 1-2, w/guest Master of Ceremonies Jason Carr of Fox 2; "The Terminator," May 15-16; "Mutiny on the Bounty," May 29-30; "Labyrinth," June 12-13; "Mary Poppins," June 26-27; Charlie Chan double feature, July 10-11; "Laura," July 24-25; "Lawrence of Arabia," Aug. 7-9; "Planet of the Apes," Aug. 21-22, 17360 Lahser, Detroit, www.redfordtheatre.com.

JAZZ

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Mingus Dynasty Band, May 7, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitssymphony.com.
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Steve Davis, April 23-24; Allan Holdsworth, May 11-12, 350 Madison Ave. Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.
Penn Theatre: Blue Steel Jazz Band, May 4, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

MORE MUSIC

Coffee Beanery: Victoria Zande, April 25, 28557 Woodward Ave., Berkley, (248) 336-9930, www.victorlazande.com.
Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, Jin Hi Kim Digital Buddha featuring Gerry Hemingway, April 24, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900 or see the website at www.dia.org.
Trinity House Theatre: Chris Trapper, April 23; Brooks Williams, April 24; Kirsta Deter, May 1; David Nefesh, May 2; Matt Watroba, May 7; Barbara Payton, May 8; Common Room Variety Show, May 29-30; Rachael Davis and May Erlewine, June 5; The Laws w/ Bill Bynum and Co., June 6; Jason Harrod, June 12; Neil Woodward, June 13; Jennifer Daniels, June 19; Black Jake and the Carnies and Orpheum Bell, June 20; Chrome Folk BBO, June 26; Edie Carey, June 27; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.
Village Theatre at Cherry Hill: The Tequila Mockingbirds, May 1, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/village theater.
MUSEUMS
Charles H. Wright Museum: 315 East Warren Ave., Detroit, (313) 494-5800, www.maah-detroit.org.
Cranbrook Art Museum: Fresh: 7th Annual Student Art Auction, 7:40 p.m. April 25, \$10 includes two drinks and auction paddle; Forum Gallery openings, student work, 5-9

p.m. Fridays, each week of the academic year; 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) 60-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu.
Cranbrook Institute of Science: "Hatching the Past," through Sept. 6; Planetarium shows Friday nights and weekends; 11 permanent exhibits, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.
Detroit Institute of Arts: "On Life and Loss: The Polish Photographs of Roman Vishniac and Jeffrey Guskys," through July 12; "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," through May 31; "Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the 18th Century," through June 15; "Re-presenting the Black Male Body in Art," artist's talk by Kehinde Wiley, 2 p.m. March 29, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900.
Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" through July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6, Standing exhibits include Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org, (313) 833-1805.
Detroit Science Center: "Leonardo Da Vinci: Man, Inventor, Genius," tickets \$13.95 to \$16.95; "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroit-sciencecenter.org.
Dossin Great Lakes Museum: 2nd annual Rowing Regatta, April 26, Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-7937, www.detroithistorical.org.
Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit: New Wave logo design contest for students, enter by April 10, www.mocadetroit.org/newwave; "Black Is, Black Ain't," "I Repeat Myself When Under Stress," through May 3, 4454 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 832-6622.
Plymouth Historical Museum: "In the Presence of Lincoln," through Nov. 4, 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Admission, \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated, (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.
Troy Museum & Historic Village: Now open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday; at Livernois and Watties, Troy, Call (248) 524-3570.

OPERA

Detroit Opera House: "I Pagliacci," through April 26; "Carmen," May 9-17; "Nabucco," Oct. 17-24; "A Little Night Music," Nov. 14-21; "Don Giovanni," April 17-24, 2010; "Tosca," May 8-15, 2010, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, www.michiganopera.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Ann Arbor: Classic Bicycle and Minibike Show and Swap Meet, 8 a.m. April 26, Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor/Saline Road, Ann Arbor, www.ann-arbor-bicycleshow.com.
Spring Horse Show: Free family event featuring American Saddlebreds, Arabians, Carriage Driving, Friesians, Hackneys, Morgans, Paso Finos and open breed classes, shown Saddle seat Hunt Seat, Western and Driving, May 14-17, State Fair Coliseum, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward south of Eight Mile, Detroit, www.michiganhorseshow.com.
CCC: Southfield Campus, (248) 246-2586, and April 8, Auburn Hills Campus, (248)

232-4290, both at 6:30 p.m., free.
Powwow: North American Indian Association of Detroit presents "Teaching Our Traditions Powwow" May 30-31, Bishop State Park, Brighton, rustic camping available, (810) 229-8977, www.naiavets.org.
Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit: Quilts from the Heart 2009, April 24-25, Roseville Recreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville, www.qgmd.org.
Rock Financial Showplace: Comic Con, May 15-17, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Barefoot Productions: "Prescription: Murder," April 30-May 10, (734) 560-1493, www.ticketleap.com, www.justgobarefoot.com.
The Farmington Players: "Sweet Charity," April 24-May 16; 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, www.farmington-players.org.
Destination Theatre: Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 394-5460.
Grosse Pointe Theatre: "Miss Saigon," April 26-May 9, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Fries Auditorium, 32 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 881-4004, www.gpt.org.
Planet Art Theatre: "Shakespeare Sonnets," April 24 to May 16; Film & Video Festival, June 17-20, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 365-4948.
Rosedale Community Player: "Don't Dress for Dinner," April 24-May 9, Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Fwy, Detroit, (313) 537-7716.
Spotlight Players: "The Pajama Game," April 24-May 9, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.spotlightplayers.net.
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: "The Producers," May 29-June 13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com.
Stagecrafters: "Miss Saigon," May 29, to June 21; Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org.
Tippling Pointe Theatre: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," through April 24, 361 E. Cady, Northville, (248) 347-0003.
The Village Players of Birmingham: "Sunday in the Park," May 29 to June 14, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, \$15. (248) 644-2075.
Who Wants Cake: "Killer Joe" through April 27; "Faissetos," May 15 to June 15, The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 556-8581.

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Fisher Theatre: "Stomp," through April 26; "Annie," May 5-10; and "Grease," June 9-28, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 1-800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com.
Jewish Ensemble Theatre: "Halpern and Johnson" April 21-May 17, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jetttheatre.org.
Gem Theatre: 333 Madison Ave, (313) 963-9800, www.gemtheatre.com.
Meadow Brook Theatre: "By Jeeves," through May 17; "Nunsense 2: The Second Coming," May 27 to June 14, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills (248) 377-0300, www.ticketmaster.com, for more information, visit www.mbttheatre.com.

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Chamber season brings Alan Alda to town

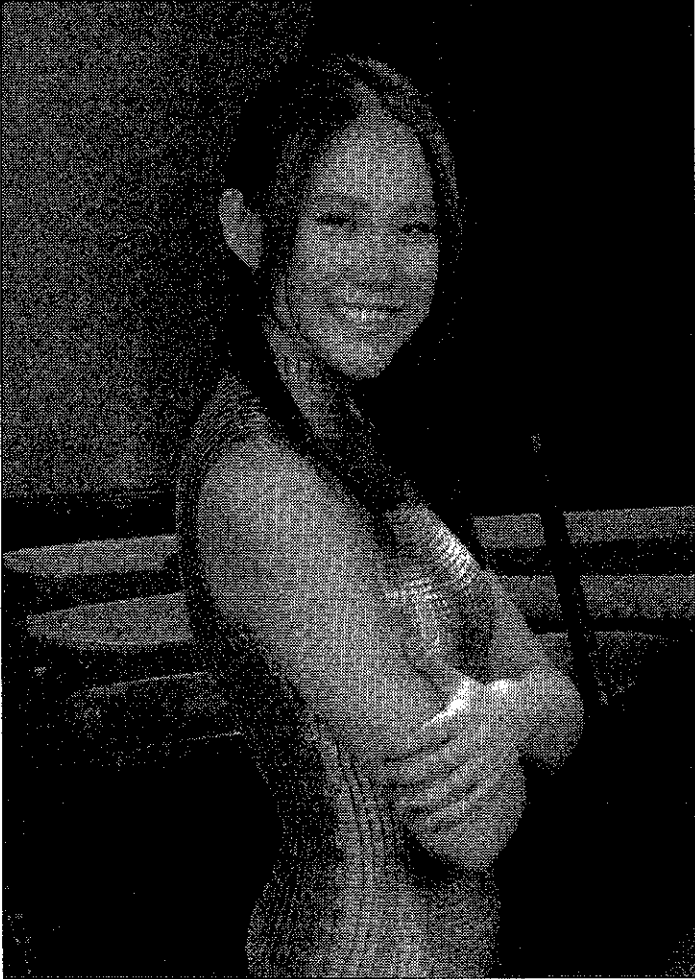
The Chamber Music Society of Detroit has announced its concert series for the 2009-2010 season. Two spectacular series are offered during the Society's 66th year, each featuring world-class musicians: the nine-concert Opus 9 Series and the three-concert Opus 3 Piano Series.

Continuing its legacy of presenting the highest caliber of international chamber ensembles and unique artist collaborations, the Chamber Music Society season will open with a performance by the American String Quartet featuring renowned cellist Lynn Harrell.

The series continues with performances by the Tokyo String Quartet; pianist Vladimir Feltsman; violinist James Ehnes and pianist Jon Kimura Parker; the Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet; and the Shanghai Quartet with pianist Yuja Wang.

The Shanghai Quartet also will be presenting the Chamber Music Society's two-week educational Residency Program in February.

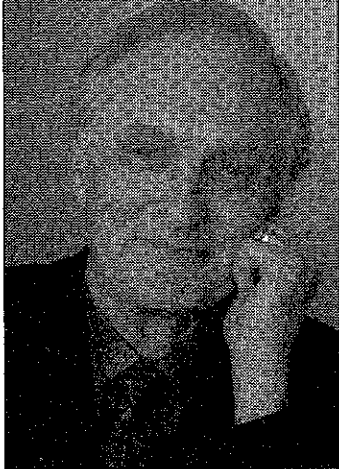
In the only such event to occur nationally or internationally, the Opus 9 Series will bring together a performance and dialogue between renowned violinist Arnold Steinhardt and his friend, celebrated Emmy Award-winning actor Alan Alda. All Series subscribers will receive complimentary copies of Steinhardt's recent book "Violin Dreams," a



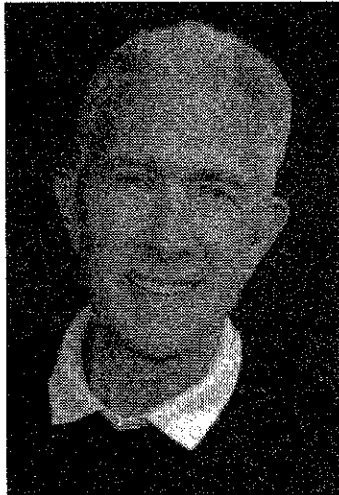
Pianist Yuja Wang will perform May 15, 2010 as part of the Chamber Music Society's Opus 3 Piano Series.

personal account of his lifelong relationship with the Bach Chaconne. The series will continue with performances by cellist Steven Isserlis with pianist Denes Varjon and conclude with the Parker Quartet. The three-concert Opus 3 Piano Series will feature recitals by three of the world's most celebrated pia-

nists, Emanuel Ax, Richard Goode and the young and impressive Yuja Wang whose astonishing talent has brought her to the forefront of the classical music world. The Chamber Music Society is featuring a greater number of Pre-Concert Talks this season. Steven Rings, Assistant Professor of Music at the University



Alan Alda



Violinist Arnold Steinhardt

of Chicago, will address the evening's repertoire from 6:45-7:30 p.m. before five performances. Furthermore, in an unparalleled addition to the season's schedule, is a viewing of violinist James Ehnes's film "Homage" from 6:30-7:30 p.m. before his performance on Dec. 5. In the film, Mr. Ehnes

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT 2009-2010 SEASON
OPUS 9 SERIES
Sept. 12: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello *
Oct. 3: Tokyo String Quartet *
Nov. 14: Vladimir Feltsman, piano
Dec. 5: James Ehnes, violin with Jon Kimura Parker, piano **
Jan. 30, 2010: Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet
Feb. 13: Shanghai Quartet with Yuja Wang, piano
March 20: Arnold Steinhardt, violin with Alan Alda, actor
March 27: David and Andrea Page 1797 Concert; Celebration of the Bach Chaconne: Steven Isserlis, cello with Denes Varjon, piano *
May 22: Parker Quartet; Cleveland Quartet Award Concert
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Feb. 6, 2010: Emanuel Ax, piano *
April 10: Richard Goode *
May 15: Yuja Wang, piano

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pays respect to the world's best violin-makers and the masterpieces of their craft by demonstrating the differences between historic instruments from the important David Fulton collection. All concerts will be presented at 8 p.m. at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, located at 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser Road and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School. Concertgoers are encouraged to subscribe now to

both of the 2009-2010 series to be assured available seating. Opus 9 Series subscription prices range from \$261 to \$630. Opus 3 Series subscription prices range from \$87-\$210, depending upon seat location. The deadline for subscription renewals is Friday, May 1. For ticket and subscription information, contact the Chamber Music Society of Detroit at (248) 855-6070 or visit www.ComeHearCMSD.org.



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"It's important," he says, "that the producers I represent be family-owned wine specialists who own

their own vineyards and produce around 5,000 cases annually."

WHITE WINES
From Grave-Friuli in northeast Italy, Banear Principe Dei Conti 2007 Pinot Grigio, \$13, is decidedly mineral with hints of almonds — not your run-of-the-mill pinot grigio. It's a red wine in a white suit," says Biscardo.

Vallerosa-Bonci 2007 Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico, \$15, is from the Marche region. White flowers and crisp green apple notes lead to a layered, complex and creamy wine with minty spice. Biscardo dubs it, "big wine at a little price."

RED WINES

Sicily's warm climate turns Sangiovese in 2007 Terre di Sole, \$14, to an easy-drinking great wine for Italian food. It's screaming, "drink me now," Biscardo quips.

Agriverde 2007 Piane di Maggio Montepulciano from Abruzzo, \$13, confirms our opinion that the Abruzzo region has the best value red wines in all of Italy. Biscardo calls this wine "the friendly one." We say, what a bargain!

From Puglia, Feudo di San Nicola 2007 Negro Amaro, \$18, is a more complex wine, brimming with bright plum and cherry flavors. An anise touch in the finish pairs it well with grilled meats, game and aged cheeses. Biscardo's remark, "a southern wine with a northern accent," rings true.

Negro Amaro, also spelled sometimes as one word, negroamaro, is an ancient Italian variety, grown almost exclusively in Puglia, the heel of Italy's boot. Its mellow tannins and good acidity make it a stellar food pairing.

Clay, limestone and sandy soils of the Le Gaggie vineyard of Tenuta La Meridiana allow the crafting of its 2006 Barbera d'Asti, \$20, from the Piedmont. Aging a year in neutral oak barrels have given the wine roundness and a layered profile.

BISCARDO PERFECTION

Marchesi Biscardo 2005 Valpolicella Classico Superiore "Ripasso," \$30, illustrates the commitment of the Biscardo family to the most well-known red from the Veneto region. Ripasso means fermented for three weeks in oak casks containing the grape skins used to make the highly-prized Amarone. Additional 14 months' aging in barrel have created a wine with aromatic and flavor complexity. Another wine from the Biscardos is the full-bodied Ortaglia 2003 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG Riserva, \$38.

For information on where to buy these wines, phone Eagle Eye Imports, (734) 467-7088.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Troy residents who write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

CITY BITES



The Townsend Hotel's Rugby Grille's new menu is enhanced by new artwork, including this fazzoletto glass sculpture by Pontiac-based artists April Wagner and Jason Ruff.

Bull and Alfred Gockel. The Rugby Grille is located inside the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 642-7900 or visit www.townsendhotel.com.

STATION 885 DOWN UNDER
PLYMOUTH — Station 885 presents "A Trip Down Under" Australian Wine Dinner, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, \$55, tax and gratuity included. Station 885 is located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth. Call (734) 459-0885 to make Mother's Day reservations today.

SIVE RESTAURANT PRIX FIXE
PLYMOUTH — Sive Restaurant is offering a special prix fixe menu. Choose one starter, one main and one finish for \$35 per person. Choices include warm feta-artichoke fondue, broiled maryland crab cake, five onion soup, pan seared Atlantic

salmon, free range chicken breast, grilled petit filet mignon, forest berry chocolate mousse and chef's daily creme brulee. Includes salad. Sive is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit www.theinnatstjohns.com.

LA HOOKAH LOUNGE

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HILLER'S HOSTS FOOD FAIRS
SOUTHFIELD — Hiller's will host two simultaneous two-day Michigan food fairs May 2-3. This follows months of featuring Michigan companies in the

Hiller's biweekly circular, launching a collaborative Hometown First program with locally-owned businesses that has more than tripled in scope, and identifying Michigan products with smiling-mitten-state shelf tags. The food fairs will feature more than 30 vendors and will take place 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 2-3 at the Ann Arbor store, 3615 Washtenaw Ave. (in the Arborland Mall at US 23); and the Commerce Township store, 39950 W 14 Mile Road (at Haggerty).

TASTE OF PLYMOUTH

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce proudly presents the 20th Annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 11 at the Inn at St. John's. Admission, \$10 at the door, includes free food and beverages and a chance to win over 80 door prizes. Attendees are also invited to help honor this year's Plymouth Service Club's Volunteers of the Year and the Student Citizen Scholarship Award winner's during a short recognition ceremony in the Atrium at 6 p.m.

Featured restaurants include Bennigan's, E.G. Nick's, Fancy Food Catering, Fiamma Grill, Grand Traverse Pie Company, Independence Village, Leo's Coney Island, Mill Street Gourmet Pastries, Omette & Waffle Café, Panera Bread, Rusty Bucket, Station 885, Toarmina's Pizza, Zapata's and more. Beverages will be provided courtesy of Absopure and Central Distributors of Beer. Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Visit www.theinnatstjohns.com.

DSO HOSTS BACCHANALIA

DETROIT — The very popular

DSO deCanted, a wine tasting and auction, sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be held at the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison Avenue, Detroit 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Friends and supporters of the DSO will enjoy sampling an outstanding selection of wines from Argentina that will be expertly paired with an array of savory hors d'oeuvres. Oenophiles will have the opportunity to nurture their love of fine and unusual wines by bidding on any number of exceptional wines, some from the personal cellars of serious collectors, along with other unique wine related items.

Adding to the evening's festivities, this year's feast of fine wine and strolling dinner features a live auction led by WDIV-TV personality, Andrew Humphrey which will begin at 7:15 p.m.

To order tickets, \$95-\$175, call (313) 576-5154 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

SIVE DAILY SPECIALS

PLYMOUTH — Sive Restaurant announces the following daily specials: Monday Happy Hour, half-off mixed drinks and other wine, beer and drink specials; Tuesday Date Nights, buy one entree from the prix fixe menu and get another for half-off, champagne toast included; Wednesday Girls' Night Out, half-off drink specials, specialty drink features and free chef's tasting with tips and recipies from 5-7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, half off select bottles of wine; Friday and Saturday, live entertainment; Sunday, light fare entrees all day starting at \$10. Sive is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit www.theinnatstjohns.com.

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Red Cross: Be prepared for spring storms

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Glen Hendricks, director of emergency services for the local American Red Cross, believes in being prepared for spring weather.

"You're absolutely right," he said of people becoming complacent. "Spring is a time of renewal and most families are so excited about the change in weather." People want to get outdoors.

"We have been so blessed with pretty decent weather," he said of southeast Michigan. "In our region, people have a tendency to be a little relaxed."

He noted the Red Cross, Salvation Army, local police and fire as well as local emergency management agencies work effectively: "We all come to the table and work well together."

If you need to leave your home quickly in an emergency, Hendricks recommends having a "ready bag" with such identification as a driver's license, marriage, birth and insurance papers, and phone books. He recommends taking a cell phone and charger in your car.

"You might get in traffic gridlock. It would behoove you to have some kind of recharging ability," he said.

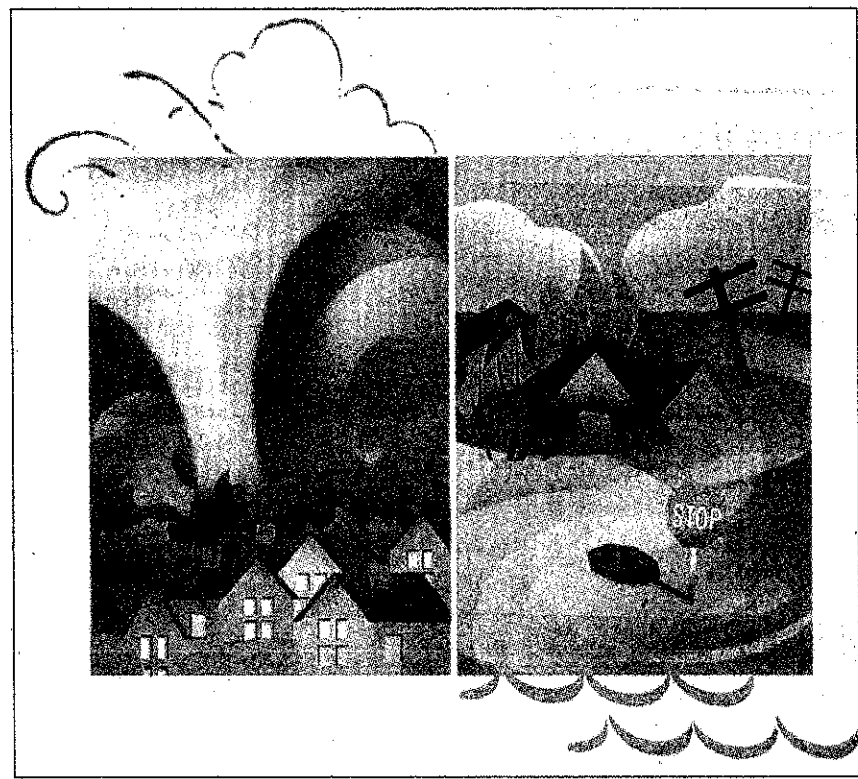
He also recommends having some gas in your car tank, and small bills for purchases as change can be hard to come by and you don't want only large bills in a crisis. "Those would be the things I would do," Hendricks said.

If you leave home in a police situation, he also recommends taking one vehicle only, rather than splitting up and trying to follow in traffic. "Condense what you need and get in one vehicle. The family needs to be together."

Hendricks, who was involved in emergency planning for the Final Four college basketball in Detroit, sums up his philosophy: "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."

The American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter emphasizes being ready to handle a disaster. These are some questions you should ask yourself about being prepared:

- 1) Local authorities have just told you to evacuate your home. Have you pre-designated a pet-friendly location to take your pet(s) as part of your disaster plan?
- 2) Does your family have an emergency contact person who lives outside your area?
- 3) Does your family disaster plan include two meeting places: one outside of your home in case of a fire and one outside of your neighborhood in



case you can't get home as the result of a disaster or other emergency?

- 4) Have you taken first aid or CPR/AED training in the past year?
- 5) Does your disaster supplies kit include at least a three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and nonperishable food, a battery-powered or crank radio, a first aid kit and sanitary supplies, including disinfecting bleach?

Go to www.redcross.org for more information.

There are three simple steps you and your family can take to Be Red Cross Ready:

- 1) Get a kit — put together a disaster supplies kit. Store at least three days of food, water and supplies in your family's easy-to-carry preparedness kit. Keep extra supplies on hand at home in case you cannot leave the affected area. Keep your kit where it is easily accessible. Remember to check your kit every six months and replace expired or outdated items.
- 2) Make a plan — develop family communication and evacuation plans. When preparing for a disaster, always: Talk with your family. Plan. Learn how and when to turn off utilities and how to use life-saving tools such as fire extinguishers. Tell everyone where emergency information and supplies are stored.

Provide copies of the family's preparedness plan to each member of the family. Always ensure that information is up-to-date and practice evacuations, following the routes outlined in your plan. Don't forget to identify alternative routes.

Include pets in your evacuation plans.

- 3) Be informed — learn how to save a life with CPR and first aid. View an online education module at www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady to learn about each step and download checklists to help prepare your family. Having the information you need can make you more confident and better able to respond to emergencies. More than 17 million people learn lifesaving skills from the American Red Cross every year. The Red Cross offers hundreds of classes, ranging from first aid, CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) instruction to special training for baby sitters, lifeguards and sports coaches.

Taking a Red Cross class is a great way to keep your family informed. Contact your local Red Cross chapter for details.

Tornado safety planning is particularly important for Michiganders. The Red Cross urges that you:

- Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement or, if there is no basement, a center hallway, bathroom, or closet on the lowest floor. Keep this place unclut-

tered.

- If you are in a high-rise building, you may not have enough time to go to the lowest floor. Pick a place in a hallway in the center of the building. Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit containing: first aid kit and essential medications; canned food and can opener; at least three gallons of water per person; protective clothing, bedding, or sleeping bags; battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries; special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members; written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, you'll need a professional to turn natural gas service back on.) When a tornado WARNING is issued:
 - If you are inside, go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. The tornado may be approaching your area.
 - If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area.
 - If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety (as above).

After the tornado passes:

- Watch out for fallen power lines and stay out of the damaged area.
- Listen to the radio for information and instructions.
- Use a flashlight to inspect your home for damage.
- Do not use candles at any time.

Here's what you can do to prepare for such an emergency:

- Conduct periodic tornado drills so everyone remembers what to do when a tornado is approaching. Stay tuned for storm warnings
 - Listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information.
 - Know what a tornado WATCH and WARNING means: A tornado WATCH means a tornado is possible in your area. A tornado WARNING means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. Go to safety immediately.

Tornado WATCHES and WARNINGS are issued by county. When a tornado WATCH is issued:

- Listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Blowing debris or the sound of an approaching tornado may alert you. Many people say it sounds like a freight train.

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Q: We have a problem in that we discovered mold, after the fact, when we moved into our home. We had an inspection done before closing which noted that there was a water intrusion through a basement wall only later to find out that there was a substantial amount of mold and water damage behind the walls. Do you think we have a claim?

A: Each case has to depend on its facts but to the extent that your mold inspector



Robert M. Meisner

discovered mold and water damage behind walls, the seller of the home may not have been under a duty to disclose any issues that could have been obtained through

inspection or observation of inaccessible portions of real estate or could have been discovered by a person of expertise in a science or trade beyond the knowledge of the seller. Therefore, to the extent that this could have been obtained through your inspector, you are probably going to be out of luck but your best advice is to consult with a real estate attorney.

Q: We have a problem enforcing restrictions in that not every one of them was enforced on a particular parking matter. Are we clearly out of luck or is there some hope for us enforcing it prospectively?

A: There is case law that holds that a restriction was not arbitrarily enforced since the association took steps to eliminate every violation that the association could identify. However, it is important to maintain good record keeping by the association and there is some case law that suggests that if the past violation that was not pursued is not directly related to the present violation by way of nature and type, you may still be able to enforce it. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable community association lawyer.

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.

New faces

- Weir Manuel Realtors announced that Erna Whitmire has joined Weir Manuel Realtors. Whitmire, who previously practiced at RE/MAX in the Hills, brings with her 15 years of performance and real estate acumen.
- "We are delighted that Erna has joined our team. She is very representative of the type of professional we partner with at Weir Manuel," said Kelly Sweeney, president and CEO. "Our agents are experienced, educated and service oriented trusted advisors who exemplify our mission: to create

outstanding client experiences at every point of contact."

- Weir Manuel Realtors announced that Sheila Kowalski has joined its Rochester team.
- "Sheila brings new opportunities to us as well as 20 years of excellence in service," said Sue Falk, manager of the Rochester office.
- Weir Manuel Realtors announced that Kendra McConnell Hurd has joined the Weir Manuel team. McConnell Hurd, formerly of Professional One Real Estate, has five years' experience as a real estate profes-

sional.

She said, "Weir Manuel is an institution in our community, and I'm very pleased to be invited to become a part of that tradition. I'm impressed by the professionalism exhibited by everyone here." McConnell Hurd is a lifelong Oakland County resident. She was raised in the city of Bloomfield Hills and also lived in Beverly Hills and the Lakes area.

Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel, said, "We are proud to have Kendra on our elite team of real estate professionals. She brings energy,

enthusiasm and a true desire to provide trusted advice to her clients."

Homebuyer Seminar

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

HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 29, 2008, to Jan. 9, 2009, 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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			28163 Peppermill Rd			\$85,000		
			\$133,000			16979 Carriage Way		
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			30071 Rush St			15893 Johnson Creek Dr		
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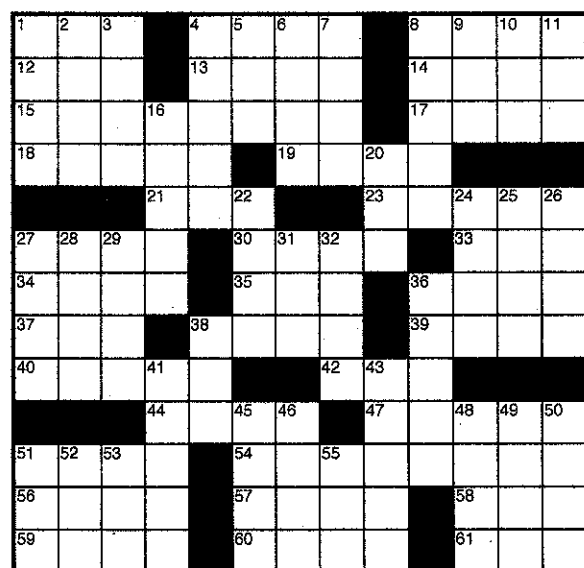
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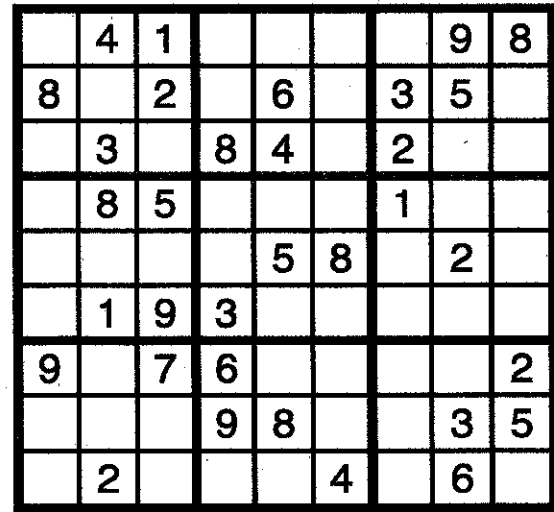
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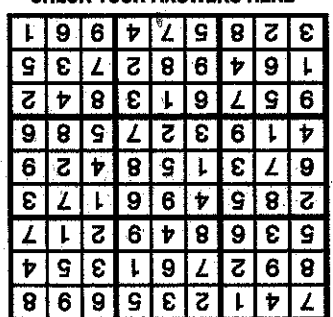
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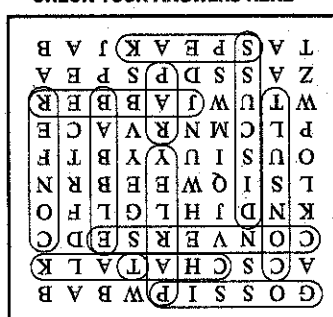
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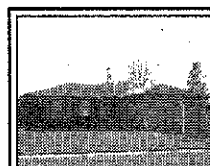
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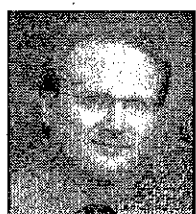
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Infiniti FX50 Prowls Like A Cat -- But It's A Car

Advertising Feature

CAReport



By Dale Buss

It may be unfair to judge Infiniti's FX50 by today's automotive standards, which are high on practicality and value if not outright sobriety. But the vehicle that has been called a "bionic cheetah" for its athletic, organic, rounded design is in Infiniti showrooms today, and so it is today that we must make our evaluation – not 2003, when the brand's brassy, bulbous, top-of-the-line crossover first appeared.

And from today's vantage point, while you've got to like the fact that the FX line is still an amazing head-turner, it's increasingly difficult to argue against its lack of practicality, which includes relatively poor gas mileage, an unforgivingly hard ride, difficult visibility, and frustratingly little cargo space.

First, let's give FX50 – the modern version of the FX35 and FX45 that debuted in 2003 – all the props it deserves. This vehicle was meant to make a splash back then as the ultimate in stylishness because of its outrageous design, which resembles one of those mythical creatures that is an amalgam of several different species.

Its gaping front grill, for example, is reminiscent of some kind of shark. FX50's highly rounded overall form indeed recalls the haunches of some sort of big cat about to lunge onto the roadway. Its huge, 21-inch tires – out of all proportion to the

otherwise low profile of the vehicle – remind me of the way Roadrunner used to gear up to escape Wil E. Coyote. And the extremely downswept rear end is like the tailfeathers of some extremely fast bird.

Put that all together, and add fills such as front-fender vents, and you've got a vehicle that still screams, "Look at me!" Bathe it in a color such as the Mojave Copper hue of the FX50 that I recently drove, and it's a vehicle that you simply can't ignore.

The other overriding positive about FX50 is that it's amazingly souped-up. In its previous incarnation, as the FX45, the vehicle rode a 4.5-liter, 320-horsepower V-8 engine, which was ridiculous enough power for a vehicle that isn't all that big. But pure car people complained that the FX45 didn't have enough of a power boost over the FX35, which was equipped with a powerful V6.

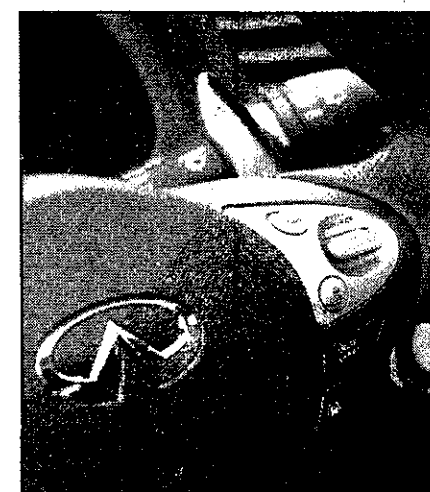
So FX50 now boasts a 390-horsepower, 5.0-liter V8 engine, meaning that the vehicle can blow past nearly all obstacles when that is your desire. Straight-line acceleration, for example, is zero to 60 mph in all of just 5.6 seconds.

Infiniti also keeps improving interior amenities. FX50 offers diamond-quilted leather seats, chrome and brushed-metal accents on the instrument panel, adjustable thigh and back bolsters, and



FX50's nifty radar-assisted cruise control is manipulated from the steering wheel.

The Infiniti FX50 cuts a ferocious figure wherever it goes.



even an advanced air purifier and allergen-neutralizing filter system.

FX50 also puts electronics to great use in the driving experience per se. There's a lane-departure warning system that comes in handy for drowsy or inattentive drivers.

And the radar-assisted cruise control is a great boon to safe driving, keeping you a pre-selected distance away from the vehicle ahead of you in the lane and automatically braking to enforce the gap. It can throw the FX50 into an unsettling, jerky deceleration when another driver, say, suddenly cuts in front of you, but that was a price I was willing to pay for the maintenance of a safe cushion of separation that an aggressive driver like me too often risks.

Having said all of that, however, a thorough picture of the FX50 includes plenty of flaws. The seven-speed transmission, for example, is a bit choppy for a vehicle that retails for around \$65,000. The mileage – 14 EPA-rated in the city, and 20 mpg on the highway – is parsimonious for a vehicle this sleek, especially considering that this fuel economy comes only with expensive

premium gasoline.

And for all the sense of safety that a driver acquires with the radar-assisted cruise control, much of that feeling is frustrated by extremely poor visibility out the front, rear and sides of the FX50. The hood looms way too large out the windshield. The C-pillar areas are extremely thick and create huge blind spots. And the rear window isn't big enough.

Also, while FX50's driver and passengers can be assured of snug comfort once they're in their seats, the vehicle is extremely difficult to get into and out of. The front doors have a wide transom to the seats, which creates a significant obstacle even for people of average height. And the rear doors are clumsily carved out of the vehicle's overall design, meaning the threshold is too small.

The good thing is that all of this stuff is apparent when you take FX50 for a test drive. You're buying one to make a statement, after all, so you must live with the baggage.

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