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Fallen heroes

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will hold its annual Memorial Day ceremony at noon on Monday at the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park behind the Canton Administration Building.

John Spencer of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association said the ceremony will last approximately 20 minutes, and include the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, and Spencer reading the names of Canton's servicemen lost in the Civil War, World War II,

Vietnam and Iraq.
The Plymouth-Canton Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 528) will also have representatives on hand with a color guard and a rifle salute.

Traffic order

The Canton Police Department has issued a temporary traffic order because of this weekend's Canton Cup Soccer Tournament. Due to safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists, the speed limit on Denton Road shall be 25 mph from 1,000 feet north of Proctor Road to 1,000 feet south of the southern boundary of Independence Park during the following times: Friday from 4-9 p.m.; Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition, parking will be prohibited on the east side of Denton Road from Times Drive to Lansdowne.

barn cleanup

The Canton Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help with a barn cleanup from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, at its barn located on the grounds of the historic Bartlett-Travis House on Ridge Road (just north of Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill Village).

Volunteers will be moving farm equipment, arranging displays, sweeping the floor and other needed activities. The barn houses many of the society's exhibits pertaining to Canton's farming past. The society will reopen the barn to the public on June 7.

Outdoor cafes

Spring is here and restaurants throughout metro Detroit are opening umbrellas and moving tables to the great outdoors. We want to let our readers know where they can dine alfresco, but we need your help. If you own a restaurant and you've recently opened or reopened your patio, or if you plan to introduce outdoor dining for the first time this year, send a quick e-mail to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. We plan to feature outdoor cafes in an upcoming edition of our Food & Wine page. Bon appetit!

Township threatens to shut down food bank

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Open Door Ministry in Canton Township serves more than 300 families a week from its food bank located in an old industrial building on Lilley Road, just south of Michigan Avenue, next to the township landfill.

And, according to the director, Steve Darr, the numbers continue to escalate.

"Last year we gave out 930,000 pounds of food," Darr said. "This year we're on a pace of 1.2 million pounds. That's a huge increase, the needs are there.

"We used to use a pickup and a van to get the food," he said. "Now we have semi trucks come in and drop it off."

Open Door Ministry has been renting the old cardboard producing facility from Greif Manufacturing since November 2003. Everything

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Canton Cup kicks off this weekend - Sports, B1

Do you agree with the Canton Township position to make Open Door Ministry, which provides free food to needy families, to make costly building repairs? Send your opinions to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife. com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

seemed to be going well until a Canton Township fire inspector recently stopped by. Now, Open Door Ministry isn't certain if it can remain open at its current location.

"He asked if I had a Certificate of Occupancy," Darr said. "I told him we just rent here, but the owners aren't responsible for it.

There are things that need to be fixed, but there are a lot of hoops we need to go through ... the building department, planning department,

building and fire inspections," he said. "My concern is the list may be a mile long, and it would be difficult for us to complete at a reasonable

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said the building occupied by Open Door Ministry is in a general industrial zone.

"Based on what they told me, no," said Goulet when asked if Open Door Ministry could even remain in the building zoned general industrial. "They have several different ministries - religious, job training, the food bank.

"We don't like large numbers of people in a general industrial zone because of truck traffic and other factors," he said.

Goulet said other churches have moved into industrial sites in Canton, but in light industrial zones. Churches can file for a spe-

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Steve Darr (left), director of Open Door Ministry, helps put food in the freezer with volunteer Rich Dalrymple of Ypsilanti.

Recycling experts

Crescent Academy students spread the word about saving the planet

BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Do you know how much plastic each American uses on an annual basis? Or how much landfill space all that plastic uses when it is pitched into the garbage? No?

Well, the sixth-graders at Canton's Crescent Academy International can certainly tell you. In fact they have become experts on the topic of landfills and, more importantly,

Under the tutelage of teachers Ghazala Khan, Sarah Youssef, and Eamann Al-Azem, the academy's 37 sixth-graders have been busy this year with a recycling program as part of the school's public service requirements.

Sixth-grade and science teacher Eamann Al-Azem, who lives in Canton, was inspired by the township's new single stream recycling program. She presented the idea to the students to incorporate recycling at the school as a way to help the community, but also learn about sci-

The way it works is each classroom in the school, as well as the office and other rooms, has the same kind of recycling bins township residents put out at the curb each week. There are 31 bins in all. Students add the recycling materials, including plastics, paper, glass, etc., to the bins. The students then go around the



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The sixth grade boys from Crescent Academy stand with one of the recycling bins that have been placed in every classroom of the school.

'I brought the idea in and they have iust run with it. They've had a lot of fun with it, and have been very enthusiastic.'

EAMANN At-AZEM, sixth-grade teacher

school to collect the recycling materials each week. They weigh it, creating charts and graphs, which she says broadens their understanding of science and math. There's also a nice incentive — the class that produces the most recycling gets a prize each

"I brought the idea in and they have just run with it," Al-Azem said. "They've had a lot of fun with it, and have been very enthusiastic. It's very nice to see they made it their own

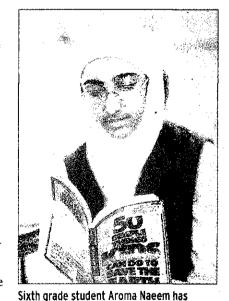
project."

According to student Sumayvah Ahmed of Canton, the students were motivated because they fear most people don't understand what an impact they have by throwing away so much waste. Only about 1 percent of the plastic used by Americans is recycled. The rest goes to the land-

"Part of the reason we decided to do recycling is because our landfills are filling up," she said. "This gives us a chance to work hand in hand with the community."

Student Reem Ameiche, also of Canton, said the program has been a success, but also an eye opener.

'We started to see how easy it is to recycle. It made us more aware of the earth and to be more environmentally friendly," Ameiche said.



become an expert about recycling.

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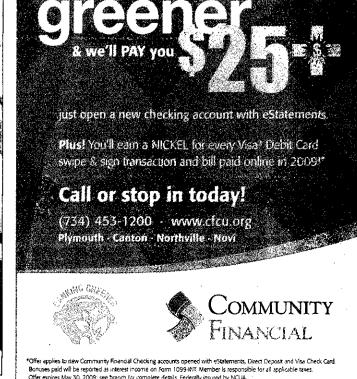
Getting ready to break ground

Governor Jennifer Granholm was one

of many public officials who showed up during the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Hindu Temple over the weekend. Here, with Temple Chairman Manoj Sachdeva looking on, Granholm signs the first cinder block that will be put in the ground when the new building starts to go up. According to Jatin Desai, who is vice chair of the Temple's fund-raising committee, the old temple will be soon be demolished and the new, \$8 million building will be completed by July of 2010. Others officials to show up included Attorney General Mike Cox, several members of the Canton Board of Trustees, State Rep. Dian Slavens, Congressman **Gary Peters and Wayne County** Commissioner Kevin Mcnamara. Desai said

also in attendance were several people from the surrounding neighborhood, who originally opposed the development. "That's all in the past now. I think we're beginning to bury the hatchet," he said.





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cial land use permit for that classification.

"The master plan calls for the (Open Door Ministry) area to be light industrial," added Goulet. "So, potentially it could be rezoned and they could file for a special land use. Then we would have to inspect and evaluate modifications to the building for code compliance.

At that point, Open Door Ministry would have to decide it wanted to put money into the building, which is currently for sale by the owner.

"This couldn't have happened at a worse time because we have so many families that are losing their jobs," said Darr. "We're there helping on a shoestring budget. To bring it up to code will be difficult.

And, said Darr, fixing the

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building would mean less money to purchase groceries from Gleaners Food Bank to distribute to needy families, most of whom come from Westland and Canton.

"If we have \$100 in repairs to fix, that's \$1,000 in food we won't be able to buy," Darr said. "When I sent in the \$75 for the zoning compliance application fee, that was \$750 worth of food.

"This could potentially cost people food," he said. "There are a lot of families depending on what we do here."

Simply moving to another location isn't a good option, according to Darr.

"We could move to another . location, however it's difficult to find one that has all the facilities we have here," said Darr. "This place has allowed us to grow to meet the increasing needs that are out there."

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Bottle drive

Local residents can save themselves the hassle of returning cans and bottles and support the Canton Chiefettes Pom Pon Team at the same time by donating returnables to the Canton Chiefettes during their spring bottle drive on Saturday, May 30.

The Chiefettes will travel around neighborhoods in the Plymouth-Canton school district from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to collect returnable bottles and cans. Supporters can also drop off their returnable bottles and cans to the Canton North Building (also known as Phase 3) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information contact Chiefette parent Kimberly Mabie at kmabie@comcast.

Summer camps

Plymouth-Canton Community Education is offering a number of summer camps and programs for all ages - preschool to adult.

One of the most popular courses is the Safety Town Program for kindergarten and

AROUND CANTON



All aboard

Dr. Ross W. Anderson, a Canton orthodontist (center), recently completed an original acrylic painting which he placed on long-term loan to West Middle School in Plymouth. Inspecting the piece of art is Elden Zang (left), Anderson's seventh-grade art teacher in the 1970s. Current West Middle School principal Clint Smiley (far right) organized a presentation of the project to a 7th-grade art class. The painting honors Anderson's K-12 school teachers, including Zang and Graham Martin (PCEP art teacher), and depicts a steam locomotive travelling on the Transcontinental Railroad. The coast-to-coast railway was completed 140 years ago, celebrated with the placement of the 'Golden Spike,' on May 10, 1869. Anderson, a 1977 Salem High graduate and a 1984 Michigan graduate, has practiced orthodontics in Canton since 1990. For a consultation about orthodontics (or the Transcontinental Railroad) visit www. ParkwoodSmiles.com or call (734) 459-4430.

first graders, which teaches kids about house emergencies, emergency vehicles, fire safety, bicycle safety and stranger

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-2937.

Tiny Tots

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool hosts an Open House II a.m. to I p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27. Anyone considering sending children to preschool in the fall is invited. Parents are welcome to bring their children, who must be 3 years old by Dec. 1.

The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. If you have any questions about our school, call Sheila Johnson, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 27.

Summit Senior Players

The Summit Senior Players, along with Canton Leisure Services, will perform "You Could Die Laughing" — a murder mystery and comedy by Billy St. John - Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m. and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 7 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students and groups. Tickets are available at the Summit on the Park Front Desk, online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater or you can charge by phone at (734) 394-5460.

The Summit Senior Players got their start in 1999 when they took the stage at The Summit on the Park. In 2005 they took their show on the road as they relocated to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. This lively group is comprised fun-loving and theater-loving senior adults who enjoy the whole process of bringing theater to life. They do it all including acting, costumes, set design, lighting, sound and much more.

If you are interested in joining the Summit Senior Players on their next adventure, then contact Debbie Lannen at (248) 739-0987 or e-mail Spotlight Still Got It Players at stillgotitplayers@ spotlightplayersmi.org. Or, you can get more information on how to become a pa of this wonderful group by

contacting the Canton Senior Adult Program at (734) 394-

Plymouth football golf

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be holding its eight annual Wildcats Football Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30, at Fellows Creek Golf and Banquet Center in Canton. The outing will be a best ball scramble with a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Players are needed as well as hole sponsors and donated items for a silent auction at the end of the outing.

Registration is \$100 per golfer. You can register by calling Bill Ballelli at (734) 416-9603 or Mike Walsh at (734) 453-6796. For more details, or to become a hole sponsor or auction item donor, go to the Wildcats Web site at www. football.plymouthwildcats.

High Velocity swap meet

High Velocity Sports will host a swap meet on Saturday, June 6 from 1-4 p.m. The event is open to the community. A \$2 donation/person will benefit Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. Channel 95.5 will be on hand with promotions and giveaways. The Carnival of Inflatables will also be free to use and High Velocity staff will even supervise children ages 4-12 while you shop.

Those interested in selling their gently used clothing, toys, sports equipment, and other yard/garage sale items should contact Elaine Matthews at (734) 487-7678. Spots are available for \$20 (if you bring your own table and chairs) or \$30 for space, a 6-foot table, and two chairs.

For more information, please call (734) 487-7678.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Plymouth Housing Commission has developed its 2009 Agency Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review by May 21, 2009 at our office in Tonquish Creek Manor, located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan between the hours of 8:30 am

In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 in the Community Room at Tonquish Creek Manor at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, Michigan at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited.

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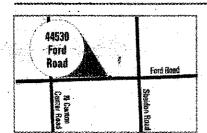
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Orlewicz lawyer: Judge erred on verdict form

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last month, the Michigan Court of Appeals granted a new trial to a man convicted of manslaughter because Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry failed to include "not guilty" among the possible verdicts at which the jury could arrive.

Jean Pierre Orlewicz is hoping for the same conclusion in his case.

Elizabeth Jacobs, the appellate attorney for Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teen convicted last year in the November 2007 death and beheading of 26-year-old Daniel Sorensen, has filed a motion in Wayne Circuit Court claiming Berry did the same thing in Orlewicz's case.

Judge Bruce Morrow will hear Jacobs' motion in a June 19 hearing. Morrow is hearing the case in the first place because of strong language Berry used with Orlewicz while sentencing him following his April 2008 conviction on

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first-degree murder charges.

Orlewicz was convicted of luring Sorensen to the Canton home of Orlewicz's grandfather, stabbing him and then disposing of the body after beheading him. Orlewicz was convicted largely on the testimony of a Westland teen who pleaded guilty to lesser charges in exchange for his testimony.

Morrow is also scheduled to hear arguments by Jacobs that Berry failed to allow adequate investigation into Orlewicz's mental state in the original trial. Morrow drew some heat from the higher court last month for hearing arguments behind closed doors, with neither Orlewicz's nor Sorensen's family - or the public or media – allowed to attend.

Maria Miller, a spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor, declined comment. Neither Berry nor Jacobs could be reached for com-

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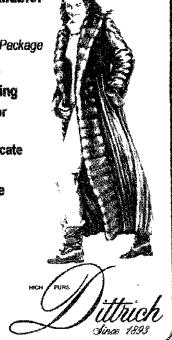
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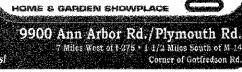
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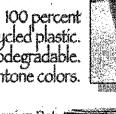
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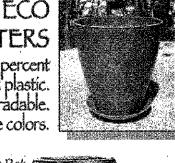
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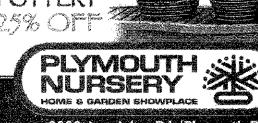














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For PCEP cops, policing is all about students

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

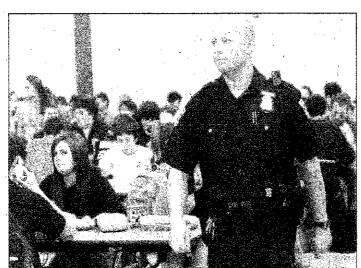
As a 1999 graduate of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Canton Township Police Officer Joe Mullally has seen it all.

Well, almost all. "I can walk the halls and know if the students are up to good or no good," said Mullally, 27, who resides in Canton. "I would say 95 percent of the students that walk the halls are good kids."

Mullally has spent the last two years patrolling P-CEP's three high schools, along with Ed Jagst, 36, who has also been at the Park for two years. They are School Resource Officers stationed at the high schools to enhance the level of policing on the campus that consists of more than 6,000 students.

"It's a good experience being out here, with a lot of benefits,' said Jagst, who is a nine-year veteran of the police force and in his last year as an SRO. "As an officer you get to know the layout of the school and it's great working with the kids.

"The fun part is when students stop to tell you about their experiences and how they've changed," he said. "Some former



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Officer Joe Mullally walks through the lunch room at Plymouth High

students come by to tell you what they're doing now. Even some of the regulars (those who have been in trouble) come up and talk. Hopefully they've learned from their mistakes."

While Jagst works the afternoon shift, Mullally is on duty

"I do traffic enforcement in the morning and ticket speeders, patrol the subdivision behind the school and patrol the parking lots," Mullally said of

her early morning duties. "Later, I may have a counseling session with students involved in a fight, teaching class or meeting

with assistant principals. "It's a totally different way of policing than what you do on the road," Mullally said. "Here, you learn the juvenile justice system, counseling of students and school discipline. We work on cases from beginning to end, where on patrol you send the cases straight to the court."

Mullally said drug and alcohol cases are down at the high schools, while tobacco usage is up. The two handled approximately 80 drug and alcohol cases this year.

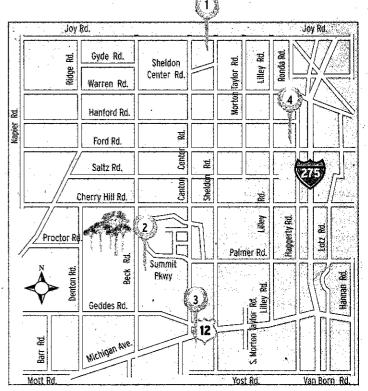
"I'd consider that a very good number, considering there are more than 6,000 students," said Mullally, who noted the figures don't include fights, truancy and trespassing incidents.

Mullally said after putting together lesson plans for teaching criminal law, search and seizure, criminal investigation and arrest techniques in the classroom, he has a new appreciation for teachers.

"I've never had so much respect for teachers," Mullally said. "It's a lot of work to teach 5-6 hours a day. I teach two hours and I'm tired."

Plymouth High School sophomore Katelyn Quinlan of Canton said after a while most students get used to seeing police officers patrol the campus.

"At first some people were scared something was happening in the schools, but by now we're used to them," Quinlan said. "But, I have seen a change. People don't skip class as much because they're walking around the school."



CANTON COP CALLS

Home invasion

A resident in the 45100 block of Trails Court told police on May 16 someone had broken into her house sometime with the last three days. She told police someone bent the kitchen window screen and entered the house. Taken were jewelry and a PlayStation 3 game system.

Bank account raided

A couple living in the 45900 block of Windridge told police Saturday someone made unauthorized transactions from three bank accounts. Through numerous transactions the couple lost \$12,400.

BK bandit

A cashier at the Burger King, 45455 Michigan Avenue, told police a customer at the drive-thru window grabbed \$20 from her and

sped off. She told police the customer gave her a \$50 bill for the transaction and she gave him back a \$20 bill, two \$10 bills and other change. When she came back to the window to give the customer his food, he claimed she didn't give him a \$20 bill back. After opening the cash register to check, she held up the only two \$10 bills inside. The thief reached through the drivethru window, grabbed the money and drove off.

Wallet stolen at IKEA

A female customer at IKEA, 41640 Ford Road, told police her wallet was stolen while shopping on May 17. The victim said while walking through the store she was approached by two women. One talked to her about caring for plants, while the other stood behind her. She didn't realize her wallet was gone until she

went through the checkout.

Arson suspect bound over for trial

Rohanlall Nandalall, who has been charged with arson of his home on Oct. 14, 2008, was bound over for trial in circuit court after a preliminary examination May 8 in 35th District Court.

During the hearing, the Canton Fire Department's Fire Investigation Team presented testimony for the prosecution. Fire Inspector Nichole Hamilton

qualified as an expert witness in the case. based on her extensive training in the field of arson investigation.

Nandalall, 49, of Canton, was arrested in January on charges that he intentionally set fire to his house located on the 1600 block of Walnut Ridge in Canton.

He has been charged with house arson a 20-year felony; and arson-insured property - a 10-year felony. Firefighters responded to the house after receiving a 911 call from a neighbor reporting the fire. Canton's Fire Investigation Unit consisting of police officers and firefighters was called in to investigate, eventually resulting in the current charges being filed against the homeowner.

A date for the trial in circuit court has not yet been set.

for information "They are the reason why Zoe is here today." Zoe, concer survivor

After Zoe was diagnosed with cancer at 14 months-old, she became part of the St. John Health System family, watched over by Rose, one of our extraordinary pediatric oncology nurse practitioners. Today, almost four years later, Zoe is just like most kids her age. That's because one of our goals is to help little patients like her live life as normally as possible. And that starts by making them comfortable with coming here. Our center of excellence for pediatric oncology care is committed to pain-free procedures that use advanced technologies, such as innovative video games designed to enhance treatments, administered in a healing environment. After all, we're not just treating little minds and bodies; we're also caring for big spirits.

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Thursday, May 21, 2009

Canton Strictly Business

Growing jobs

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm

announced Michigan's aggressive

strategy to diversify the economy

and attract investment to Michigan

has resulted in 16 job-creating proj-

ects, which will generate more than

3,900 new jobs, retain another 360

and bring more than \$103 million

in new investment to communities

The projects include two auto suppliers diversifying into the high-tech

sectors; an expansion by a company

a start-up manufacturer of small-

founded by former Pfizer employees;

scale wind turbines; and a brownfield

redevelopment that will transform an

abandoned site into a new center of

"We are working every day to bring

new jobs to Michigan and show companies that we have the talent, work

ethic and tools to help them grow."

Velesco Pharmaceutical Services

~ The company was founded by

former Pfizer employees in 2007

and provides analytical and drug

formulation to small- and medium-

sized pharmaceutical companies. The

company plans to invest \$1.8 million

to expand in Comstock Township to

manufacture clinical trial supplies

and enhance operations in Plymouth

Township. The project will create 109

total jobs, including 35 directly by

the company. The MEDC estimates

that increased economic activity

additional 74 indirect jobs.

Grand opening

tion in Woodhaven.

created by the project will create an

Expert Heating and Cooling will host

new Canton location, 7320 Haggerty

Road. The company also has a loca-

"Factory Authorized Dealer," which

means they are required to maintain

a grand opening on June 1 at its

Expert Heating and Cooling is a

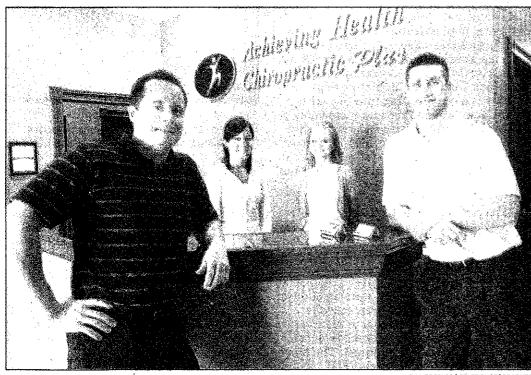
Granholm said.

Among the projects:

economic growth and activity.

medical and alternative energy

across the state.



Dr. Doug O'Bryan, office manager Amy Shortt, massage therapist Christy Zarek, Dr. Jason Mathis of Achieving Health

Clinic works to 'Achieve' total health

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

Achieving Health: Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus is a multi-disciplinary clinic offering chiropractic care, massage therapy, personal training (by a certified personal trainer) and nutritional counseling by a licensed dietitian, along with foot and ankle treatment by a podiatrist.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Achieving Health: We are one of the only chiropractic facilities accepted by the medical community. We use more of a physical therapy approach in treating low back and neck pain. We have been told by numerous patients we are very thorough with our examinations and take pride in educating our patients on how their daily activities may be the cause of their overall health problems.

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

Achieving Health: Both Dr. Doug O'Bryan and Dr. Jason Mathis have been treating chiropractic patients in other offices getting great results, but they both felt chiropractic is much more than just treating patients' spines in order to truly improve their patients' overall health and wellbeing, other areas (stress management, exercise, diet and posture) of patients' lifestyles needed attention

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Achieving Health: We chose the Plymouth area because Plymouth seemed to be a more health-conscious community. Also, we felt there was no other health care facility in Plymouth that offers the type

ACHIEVING HEALTH

- Business name: Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus
- Business address, including city: 40020 Five Mile, Plymouth
- Your name and title: Drs. Jason Mathis and Doug O'Bryan
- Your hometown: Woodhaven • Business opened when?: Opened February 2009; started construction October 2008
- Number of employees: 4 (two doctors, one chiropractic assistant, one massage therapist,
- registered dietitian, podiatrist) • Your business specialty: Chiropractic care, massage therapy, nutritional counseling
- and personal training. • Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.: Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
- Saturday by appointment • Business phone and Web site: (734) 420-3434; www.letsachievehealth.com

of care we do. Both Dr. Jason and Dr. Doug felt Plymouth deserved the type of care offered at Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus. Observer: How has the business changed since it opened?

Achieving Health: As a result of our strong work ethic and philosophy our reception by the local community has greatly exceeded our expectations at this point; therefore, we have teamed up with three local fitness centers (gyms) to accommodate our patients' exercise needs.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Achieving Health: Unfortunately, on a financial basis some people prioritize their health as a luxury and not a necessity. So, when the economic conditions are

as such it requires a little bit more time and effort to explain how important it is to remain healthy in order to continue to work on a daily

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Achieving Health: In the near future we anticipate having an official grand opening celebration in late June after extensive exterior improvements are made by Mr. Jim Hiller, our landlord. This office has been vacant for almost 10 years and Mr. Hiller had the faith in us to invest a considerable amount of money in order to comply with the township requirements to reopen this property. Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Achieving Health: During the construction phase, Dr. Doug was finishing some of above ceiling electrical wiring where he had to access it by crawling into a 9x30-inch air duct opening. During this time Dr. Jason had gone out to get them something to eat. When Dr. Jason returned he found Dr. Doug had become lodged in the opening with just his feet hanging out. It was very amusing because he had been there for about 20 minutes and instead of helping him at first,

the lighting. Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Dr. Jason did everything he

could to take a picture, but it

would not show up because of

Achieving Health: To be very understanding. Some people may be suffering during these economic conditions and if you have the ability to help, do so. At Achieving Health Chiropractic Plus we have never nor will we ever turn a patient away due to a financial situation.

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Karmann appointment

Steffen Leopoldsberger has been named business manager of Karmann Classics in at Karmann USA, a subsidiary of the Wilhelm Karmann



Leopoldsberger

Company, in Plymouth Township. Leopoldsberger will be responsible for the development of Karmann Classics - Karmann USA's new aftermarket group - and will manage all aspects of the business.

He reports to Erik Roeren, Karmann USA's president and CEO. Since joining Karmann as a product design engineer in 2001 with Wilhelm Karmann GmbH in Osnabrueck, Germany, Leopoldsberger has gone on to hold various key management positions with the company. Most recently he served as business manager for Karmann Manufacturing's General Motors group in Plymouth. He also has

served as an advanced design engineer and manager of Prototype & Testing for Karmann Technical Development. A native of Hannover, Germany, he holds a degree in automotive engineering from the University of Applied Sciences in Hamburg.

Leopoldsberger is married and has

one child. The family resides in

Northville. New retail leases

LaKritz-Weber & Company announced this week that they have reached multiple lease agreements in the Canton Center Plaza at Canton Center and Geddes roads in Canton, Snap

Fitness will lease a 2,650 square feet at 4011 S. Canton Center Road, and Oakwood Physical Therapy will lease 4,430 square feet at 4121 S. Canton Center Road. In both transactions, Adam Goodman

and Gabe Schuchman of LaKritz-Weber & Company represented the landlord, Canton Gateway, LLC. Louis Ciotti of Signature Associates represented Snap Fitness and Lynda Pietryga of The Farbman Group represented Oakwood Physical Therapy. LaKritz-Weber & Company specializes in the retail tenant representation for large box users, specialty tenants and restaurant users. Their specialty also includes the leasing of shopping centers and freestanding retail properties as well as the sales of shopping centers, retail use buildings, sale leasebacks and land sites.

Brownfield grants

Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., of Plymouth recently teamed with 11 communities in Michigan and Ohio to secure federal grants totaling more than \$6 million for brownfield redevelopment projects.

The SME Brownfields Team capitalized on its extensive grant-writing experience to achieve a perfect batting average for the Fiscal 2009 grants - all 16 grant applications SME submitted were successful. The grants supported efforts for Albion, the Downriver Community Conference (Wayne and Monroe counties), the City of Hastings, Huron County, Ingham County, Lenawee County, the City of Lincoln Park, Oakland County and the City of Yosilanti.

The team also prepared successful applications for Defiance and Ottawa counties in Ohio.

SME and its staff have secured more than \$85 million in state/federal grants, loans, tax credits and tax increment financing for municipal and private brownfield redevelopment projects.



Family-owned plumbing business strives to be dependable

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

Andrew McLeod: Drain cleaning, sump pumps, garbage disposals, water heaters, frozen pipes, copper repipe, flooded basements, faucets, sinks and toilets.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

McLeod: We're family owned and operated, and we're always honest and dependable. Observer: How did you first

decide to open your own business? McLeod: We wanted to

make sure our children had a future and be able to help others in need or our services.

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

McLeod: Canton has great schools for our children and the Canton community has a lot to offer a small business.



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Andrew McLeod is owner of Handy Andy Sewer Service.

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Address: 4064 Amanda Court, Canton Your name: Andrew McLeod

Your hometown: Grew up in Warren, MI (now live in Canton) Business opened when?: June of 2008

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Drive-in returns with sneak peek

Families looking to stretch their entertainment and travel budgets have another choice for holiday entertainment this weekend: the Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatres, located at 14900 Beck Road (between 5-Mile and M-14) in Plymouth

A venue that specializes in featuring first-run, double-feature family-oriented movies on three screens, the Drive-In is offering a sneak peak weekend May 22-24. The Drive-In starts to a seven day a week operation from June 12 through Sept. 6.

"This is a very exciting time of year for us at Compuware Arena and we're looking forward to another drive-in season," said Compuware Arena Manager Mike Henry. "We had our most successful year with the Drive-In last year and anticipate more fun and excitement this summer."

Prices to attend the Drive-In run \$9 for everyone 13 and older and \$7 for children from 4-12. Children 3 and under are admitted free of charge. Students showing a current ID are admitted for \$7 every Sunday through Thursday.

As in past seasons, the gates will open at 7:30 p.m. with the movies starting at dusk, or around 9 p.m. Patrons can hear the movies on the FM radio dial of their car.

Movies showing this weekend include: • Screen 1 - Hannah Montana: The Movie (G); Race to Witch Mountain (PG)

- · Screen 2 Monsters vs. Aliens (PG); Hotel for Dogs (PG)
- Screen 3 X-Men Origins: Wolverine

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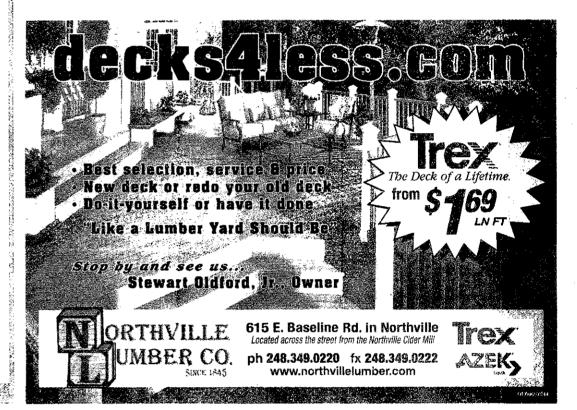
The drive-in screens return to Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township for a 'sneak peek' holiday weekend.

(PG-13); Fast & Furious (PG-13)

The Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatres is also available for corporations, private events and client parties and is available as a fundraiser for schools, churches, charitable events and sports teams of all types. Group rates are available for 25 or more at special drive-in pricing. For more information, contact Meghan DeSantis at (734)

In addition, the restaurant at Compuware Arena - CJ's Brewery - offers a Dinner and a Movie Offer. Call CJ's at (734) 453 - 4455.

The Compuware Arena Drive In Hot Line can be reached at (734) 927-3284. Go on-line to http://compuwarearena.com/ drivein.html.



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It was truly an 'amazing day'

Relay for Life a success despite some difficult weather conditions

The Canton Rely for Life raised more than \$261,000 thus far to fight cancer from this year's 24-hour walk at Heritage Park last weekend. There were 66 teams that raised money, celebrating more than 225 cancer survivors.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Dr. Sal Jafar, medical director of radiation oncology for Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, spoke at the opening ceremony to kick off the 2009 Relay For Life.

Local artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck of D & M

Studios paints a pillar

as part of the studio's

funds for the American

total of 10 pillars were

painted by local artists

Cancer Society. A

during the Relay. The pillars will be on

display at different locations around the

community, including the library, township

hall, and the Village

Theater.

2009 Pillar Painting Contest, which raised

Entertainment rocked the amphitheater throughout the day, including several performances by the Central City Dance groups.

The event started under rainy and cloudy weather conditions.

"The weather didn't keep us down," said Sarah Cousineau of Canton Township, chair of the 2009 event. "It was a bit of a damp, overcast start, but the sun came out and so did the community. The cold temps at night sent some participants to the Summit for a few warm hours of sleep, but many stayed and braved the cold. It was a fun, amazing day."





More than 60 teams participated in Canton's Relay for Life over the weekend. Each team raised money, and celebrated more than 225 cancer survivors.





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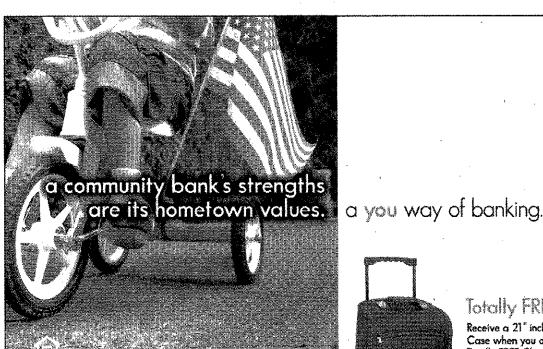
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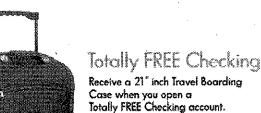
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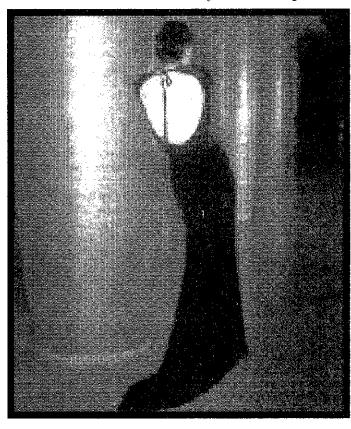
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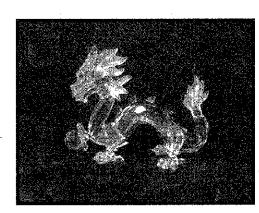
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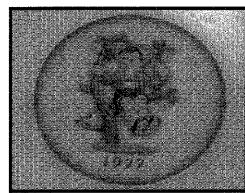
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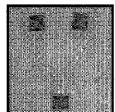
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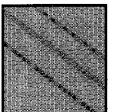


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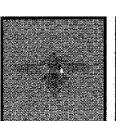


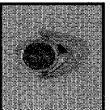
















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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Take time to honor our fallen warriors

For many, this weekend is the unofficial start of summer, three days in which to reopen cottages and swimming pools and gather with family and friends for picnics. And there's plenty of time to do those things this Memorial Day weekend, but there also needs to be time to reflect and honor our war dead.

Yes, Memorial Day is a time for families, but it also must be time to give thanks and honor those brave men and women who have given their lives in service to their country. For more than two centuries, Americans have been called to defend the founding ideals of our democracy; more than one million have died in answering that call. Memorial Day is meant as a time for a grateful nation to remember those who died in defense of our freedoms.

Our local communities and veteran groups will do their part to remember our fallen heroes. In Plymouth, for instance, a Memorial Day parade will be held at 8:30 a.m. Monday, with a service to follow in Veterans Memorial Park.

The Canton Veterans Memorial Association will conduct its annual Memorial Day ceremony at noon on Monday at the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park (behind the Administration Building). John Spencer will lead the ceremony, which will include an opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and placing of a wreath at the memorial. Spencer will also read the names of Canton's servicemen lost in the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam and Iraq. Members of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America color guard will also be on hand, adding a rifle salute.

Those are just a couple ways you can honor our service personnel. In respect for their devotion to America, we can take time to say a prayer for peace. Since congressional approval of a joint resolution in 1950, the president has been calling on Americans to also observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace.

We also can participate in the National Moment of Remembrance. No matter where you are at 3 p.m. Memorial Day, whether it's scrubbing the pool cover, playing a game of horseshoes or watching the Detroit Tigers, pause for a moment of silence. It's not too much time to give for those who gave so much, from the battlefields of the Revolutionary War to the desert sands of Iraq and mountains of Afghanistan.

As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada has said: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

We bill ourselves as the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Let's remember why we can say that. Let's take the time, even if it is only for a moment, to honor our veterans and fallen warriors. We must remember, we must keep the traditions alive, lest we lose those freedoms that our war dead preserved for us.

Residents key to food drive success

Lots of organizations do tons of good works in this community, and we like to recognize them when they do.

But when considering the success of the 2009 National Letter Carriers food drive last week, there's really only one place to look for the rea-

That would be you. The people.

That was you who put more than 70,000 pounds of food out near your mailboxes, You who made sure the Plymouth Salvation Army's food pantry shelves would be stocked for the foreseeable future.

You who cared enough, even though you have your own struggles, to help take care of people who have less than you do. You who saw neighbors, and maybe some families and friends, who were struggling and decided to help.

A rather large assist goes to the letter carriers, of course. They're the ones who hauled it all away - to the tune of more than 33,000 pounds in Canton, more than 25,000 pounds in Plymouth and more than 11,000 pounds in Belleville, participating for the first time. They do it every year, without quarrel, without fanfare and they deserve our thanks and respect.

But it's you who provided what Maj. Jim Irvine, the Plymouth Salvation Army's corps officer, called "a miracle." Irvine, noting that this wasn't a bunch of corporations kicking in to help although they get plenty of that kind of help, too. This was just regular folks doing what they could to help.

That would be you.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are General Motors and Chrysler doing the right thing by dropping many of their dealerships? We asked this question outside the U.S. post office branch on Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



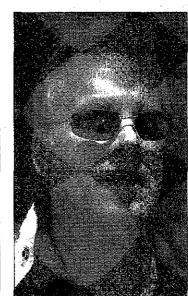
"I don't know that I know the answer to that. ... I guess you have to do what you have to do."

Virginia Thomas Canton Township



"No. but I don't know what they're going to do at this point. They're kind of between a rock and a hard place."

Cheryl Andre Canton Township



"Right or wrong I (don't know). ... But I don't understand it. What are they saving?"

Russ Mack Plymouth Township



"Yes. 'Cause they got too many. There's one on every corner. ... Hard luck for those who are out of work."

Julie Lazenby Plymouth Township

very weak. What about TV satellite dishes?

Does the homeowners association ban those

too? Unlike a dish, a solar panel lays flat on

people point and notice? I think it would be

great advertising for the Canton community

that one of our own is doing something to go

I was appalled when I read the article about

View. I live down the street and also deal with

the homeowners association at Pheasant

a homeowners association that thinks they

are above the law and God. How dare they

make a decision against being "green" here

in Michigan where if we were more "green"

or anywhere in the United States? Especially

conscious our automakers might still be mak-

ing cars, our gasoline might cost a fraction of

what it is now, our heating bills would be less,

our air would be more fit to breathe, and I

How dare the homeowners association

to use as fuel for the fire? Do we not live in

America where we have inalienable rights

Wouldn't it be fantastic if some attorney

who reads this would call Dan Hall and say

they would represent him pro bono and final-

ly put these HOAs in their place? Which one

over and above the HOAs' whims?

of you is up to the challenge?

think they can sit up on their "high horse" and

make decisions that are harmful to their hom-

eowners and lay the precedent for other HOAs

Cameron Scharchburg Beyer

student, Eastern Michigan University

the roof, making it unnoticeable. And what if

Unfortunate situation

After thoroughly enjoying an excellent and amazing band concert on Thursday night, I took a few minutes to reflect on recent developments in the concert band program at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park. My conclusion is that it the dismissal of PCEP music instructor Amy Boerma is a sad and truly unfortunate situation.

I don't know any of the details surrounding her dismissal and that's not likely to change. Nor do I believe that I should know all of the details. I support the Board of Education and I trust the judgment and wisdom of Dr. Bee and Mrs. Kaminski at Plymouth High School. That being said it is still a truly unfortunate

For a period spanning nearly 10 years, Amy Boerma has been a band teacher for one or more of my three children. I believe that Amy Boerma is an excellent band teacher. She is patient with her kids, she encourages them. and she supports them. She helps them to develop and hone their musical skills.

Most of all, I believe that she truly loves the kids and cares that they learn and grow. And they did learn and grow under her direction. Their outstanding performances at the recent band concert attest to her effectiveness as a band teacher. Based on these observations and from the comments of my children, I firmly believe that her dismissal was not related to her music instruction.

But something happened. I don't know what, but it must have been big and it must have been serious. I feel sorry for all the parties - for the kids, for the parents, even for the school administration that has had to deal with this very difficult situation. But most of all, I feel sorry for Amy Boerma, an excellent music teacher who loved her kids and loved her craft. Amy cared deeply for her kids and they cared for her. But apparently, that was not enough.

It is a truly unfortunate situation.

Randy Commissaris Plymouth

Showcase excellent

For anyone who has not attended the Showcase and Taste of Plymouth, you really should experience it. The event was conducted May 11 and shows all at one time a sampling of the many places and people who make Plymouth such a great place to live.

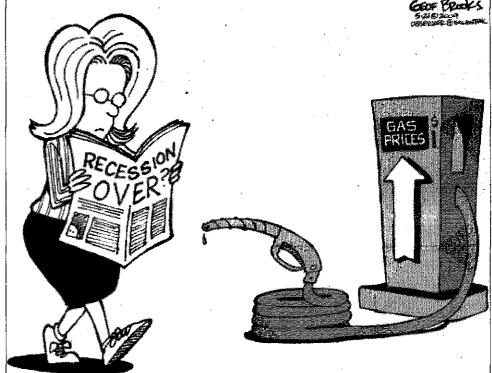
The introduction to the winners of five scholarships given by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs was an honor for these young people. It was also special to have recognition of a chosen volunteer from the many service clubs that truly enhance the life of a community.

I know that an event like this can only happen by the efforts of many people. On behalf of those who came and enjoyed it so much I would like to thank them! It truly takes lots of dedicated people to make a town a "hometown"!

> **Eunice Taylor** American Legion Auxiliary 112

Look at bigger picture

In response to the article "Association puts up roadblock to man's effort at going green" (May 17, Canton Observer), I believe the homeowners association needs to look at the bigger picture. Solar panels will become more prevalent in the upcoming years as we are forced into the "going green" parade. Don't get me wrong, I am all for making changes that help our way of living. If we are going to use the help of Mother Nature, they need to accept the change and understand that



What do you think?

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appearances of homes, cars and many other items are going to change. Dan Hall is doing the right thing for himself and our world. It's not like he is asking to paint his house bright pink with purple polka dots.

Ric Anger Canton

green.

Fight associations

could go on forever.

Get with the program

In regards to the story "Association puts up roadblock to man's effort at going green," I find it beyond belief an association would deny any effort by any homeowner to 1) take advantage of a federal tax credit put in place to specifically encourage energy savings and 2) use a lame excuse as "aesthetics." If we don't all cooperate and get with the program, no one will have anything "pleasant" to look at in

I refer your readers and the members of the association to this site, in particular http:// www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/05/ greenjobs_greenhomes.html.

I would also point out to readers page A5 in the same edition of the paper an article titled "Green Schools" wherein it is reported that Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano will recognize four of our elementary schools for implementing energy saving activities at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Environmental and Interpretive Center.

Along with Canton's excellent recently activated single stream recycling program, our township is on the road to getting with the program. Perhaps the three members of this association and neighbors who object to solar panels on roofs need to reconsider their priorities. The federal agencies, the county and our township are in sync. Why not homeowners?

I think it is absolutely ridiculous that the

energy efficient solar panels on his roof. Their

Pheasant View Homeowners Association

wants to prevent Mr. Hall from installing

defense that the panels "won't look good" is

Argument is weak

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Drill

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Hank Borgman

Ruth Fuchs

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Roddy Harris

models one of her unique and whimsical belts.

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Jewelry designer makes fashions from feathers and beads

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK O & E STAFF WRITER

Roddie Harris fell into her career as an accessories designer by accident.

Literally.

The Birmingham resident spent 35 years as a display trimmer for Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord and Taylor, Parisian, and shops in California, where she was born.

One day at work, Harris fell off a ladder and fractured her knee in three places. While she recovered from four surgeries in one year, Harris devoured fashion magazines and found new inspiration.

"Vogue came out with this magazine all about feathers. There were couture items done by Versace, Ralph Lauren, Dolce and Gabbana," Harris said in an interview from her home at The Willets. "It was different and I had never seen it. I thought I could try and see what I could do."

Harris began making a small necklace, combining feathers and beads using gold wire and stitch-

ing.
"As I worked on it I added more and more ideas and it kind of developed from that," Harris said.

One piece led to another, and now Harris incorporates fabric and found objects to fashion unique and whimsical accessories. One belt blends lace, a pair of old reading glasses, and an antique watch face for a romantic feel.

Each creation is one-of-a-kind and sells for \$150-\$1,000 under her label, Collier de Plume.

Harris does most of her work at her studio in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she and her husband of 35 years have a second

She has sold her work at the Traders Mart there, as well as Imelda's Closet in Birmingham. Now, she makes pieces to order. Celebrity Photojournalist Linda

Solomon is a fan of Harris' work. "I've never seen anything like it," Solomon said. "She's amazing. She's just so talented, she should

be famous." Solomon photographs the red

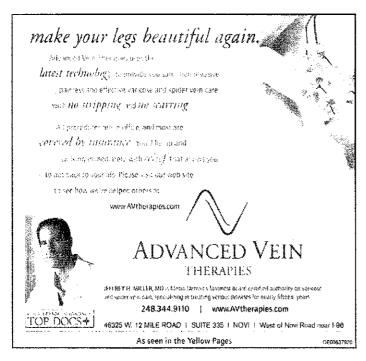


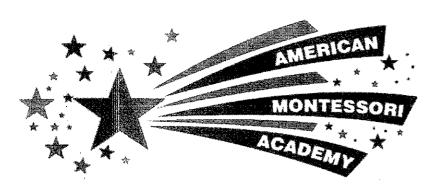
JOHN STORMZAND I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

carpet at the Academy Awards every year, and said when Harris attended the Oscars in one of her creations, stars took notice.

of her belts it's a show stopper," Solomon said.

For more information, contact Roddie "When you walk in wearing one Harris at (248) 645-2770.

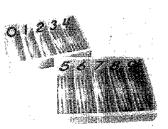




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Win lunch with George Blaha at Buddy's Pizza

Dining With the Stars will close out the 2009 spring season with George Blaha, a familiar voice in the broadcast and sports world in metro Detroit.

Tell us in 100 words

or less why you want to have lunch with Blaha at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com by 5 p.m. Thursday, June

Dining With the Stars is sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover

courtesy of Christine from Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

A local broadcasting icon and one of the most recognizable personalities in Detroit and the NBA, Blaha recently completed his 33rd consecutive season as the television and radio play-by-play voice of the Detroit Pistons. The "Voice of the Pistons" is the longest tenured play-by-play announcer in the state of Michigan following the retirement of legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

Blaha brings a high-energy style to go with his extensive basketball knowledge and demonstrates a true passion

basketball. His trademark colloquialisms such as, "two and 22 to play" and "a high glass gun that goes" have

thrilled Pistons fans of all ages for three decades.

Blaha handles play-by-play duties on either television or radio for all 82 regular-season games plus pre- and postseason games on FSN Detroit and WDFN — the Pistons' flagship stations. He also hosts the Pistons Weekly television program, which airs Sunday nights on WDIV TV4 at midnight, and has handled playby-play duties for Michigan State football since 1971. In

2002, he was made an honorary alumnus of Michigan State

University. Born in Detroit, Blaha graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Notre Dame University and earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. He lives in Troy

and Gaylord. Blaha enjoyed a banner year in 2008 when he was named Michigan's Sportscaster of the Year for the second time by The Detroit News (2003, 2008) and enshrined in the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He was also honored by Michigan State as an honorary letterman and member of the "S" Club. Blaha was honored with the Ty Tyson Award for broadcasting excellence by the **Detroit Sports Broadcasters**

Investors must take responsibility for investments

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number of investor frauds have been uncovered over the last year. The largest fraud case has been the Madoff affair where investors lost tens of billions of dollars. Although, the people who perpetuated these frauds are the ones who are solely responsible, there have been some missteps by investors which made these frauds easier to achieve. By studying these cases we can see that although they are all different, they have common elements. Ultimately, investors are responsible for their investments.

One common element is many of these frauds touted unrealistic returns. One of my rules for investing is if something sounds too good to be true, it is. When investors are promised 20 percent returns without risk, the red flag



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

paying. If, for example, fiveyear certificate of deposits are averaging a 5 percent return, yet you are pitched a five-year certificate that pays 10 percent, your radar should immediately kick in because something does not make sense.

I recently watched a story about the Madoff affair on the PBS program, Frontline. The high return -20,30and even 40 percent — some investors were promised

was mind-boggling to me. When investors are promised returns such as these, something's not right.

Association in 2003.

One element of the Madoff scandal which is common with other investments scams is the intimidation of investors. In the Frontline story, a number of investors interviewed stated that they felt intimidated whenever they asked questions. I've stated many times, your investment adviser works

for you. As investors, we have a responsibility. When we fail to meet that responsibility it ends up costing us money.

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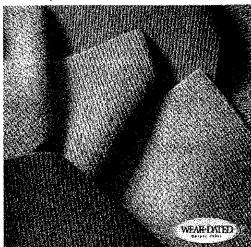


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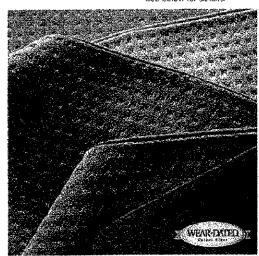
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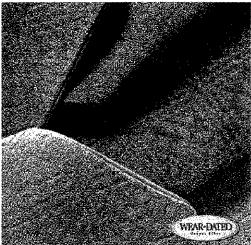
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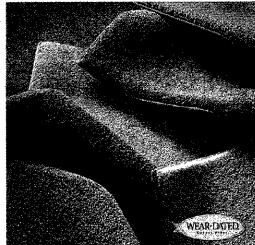
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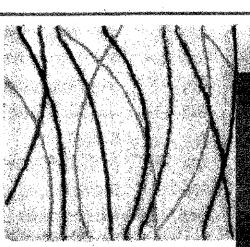
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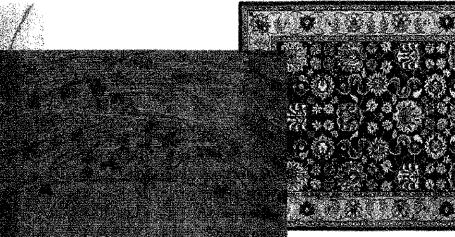
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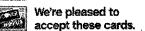
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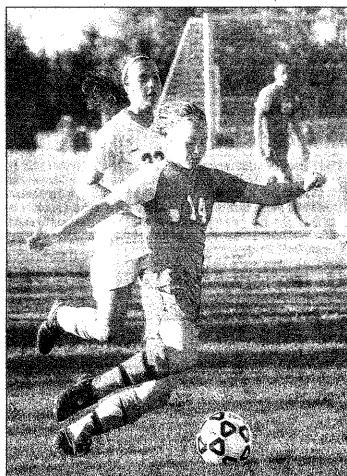
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HOMETOWN LIFE





Canton's dramatic comeback falls

short in shootout loss to Mustangs

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During the final 11 minutes of regulation in Monday night's KLAA Kensington Conference title game at Northville, Canton accomplished the soccer equivalent of climbing out of the Grand Canyon and scaling Mount Everest.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, they got knocked off at the base of the summit by a group of sharp-shooting Mustangs.

Canton erased a 2-0 deficit with a pair of late goals separated by just 2:46, forcing two 15-minute overtimes and a shoot-out. However, Northville prevailed, 3-2, when it lasered all five of its shoot-out shots into the back of the net.

The Mustangs, who improved to 10-2-3, earned a berth in Wednesday's KLAA Association championship contest against Brighton. The valiant Chiefs, who suffered their first loss since a seasonopening setback to Novi back in March, slipped to 11-2-1.

The girls showed a lot of character to come back from a two-goal deficit like they did," said Canton coach George Tomasso.

"I thought they played with every ounce of heart and every ounce of emotion to make up for what they did in the first half. They made a few mistakes in the first half, but I'll forget those mistakes after the way they performed in the second half and in the overtimes."

Northville coach Ron Metever said his team's fivefor-five effort in the shootout was at least partly the result of extra time at practice dedicated to penalty kicks.

ROCKS UPEND FRANKLIN

Salem's girls soccer team dominated Livonia Franklin, 5-0, Monday night to improve its record to 7-5-3. Tabitha Mann earned the shutout for the Rocks, who received a hat trick and assist from Kristina Klusek. Abbi Giaier and Mackenzie Rogers added goals to the winners' cause. Giaier, Taylor Burgoon, Madeleine Vala and Kristen Thompson all chipped in with helpers for Salem.

"Kristina really got us going and I thought everyone played quick, smart soccer today," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "From back to front, we played with energy and with a purpose."

"Last year we lost in the Regional final in a shootout to Ann Arbor Huron, so we know how important it is to practice those shots," he said. "It's also important to identify in practice which kids were the best at making their penalty kicks.

"What happens in practice doesn't always translate to game-day situations, so with about 10 minutes left in the second overtime, I call each of the kids over who were on my list, looked them right in the eye and asked them, 'How do you feel about this tonight?' Either they tell me, 'Coach, I can't do this tonight,' or 'I'm ready."

Both teams nearly found the back of the net in the first five minutes of the contest. The Chiefs' Lisa Pierce banged a shot off the crossbar two minutes in. Less

Please see SOCCER, B3

Plymouth-

Canton-Salem

Olson advances

the ball before scoring during

'Senior Night"

game against

United May 8.

Bloomfield

the Lady Warriors'

27th Canton Cup set to kick off this weekend

The Canton Soccer Club is set to hold its 27th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament Friday through Sunday at various locations in

Canton's Megan

Trapp is pursued by Northville's Andrea Stark

during Monday's KLAA

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won, 3-2, following two

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Lisa Pierce (14) stays

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Northville's Ali Hawksford

title game. The Mustangs

Canton. The largest tournament of its kind in Michigan, the Canton Cup will be held Friday from 5-9 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7

Over 8,500 players will travel from across Michigan, Ontario, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois to take part in over 900 scheduled games. More than 560 teams will be participating in the tournament, surpassing last year's record of 511 teams. Teams will be comprised of boys between the ages of 8 to 19; and girls aged 8 to 15.

Each team is set to play a three-game minimum with playoffs scheduled for each age group. Teams will be divided into premier, select, travel and recreational divisions.

Over 45 fields will be used to host this massive competition, including 24 fields at Independence Park, 12 fields at Heritage Park, and five fields at Griffin Park.

Preparations are still being made by over 100 volunteers and staff for the tournament, which is sanctioned by the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association.

More than 35,000 spectators are expected to attend.

Tournament highlights will include the Michigan Bucks, the 2005 National Professional Development League champions, taking on the Cincinnati Kings in an NPDL contest sponsored by the Canton Sports Center on Saturday afternoon at

Independence Park. In an effort to "go green" for the 2009 Canton Cup, the Canton Soccer Club will be emphasizing eco-friendly options during the event, including utilizing programs printed on recycled paper and presenting trophies made from recycled materials to younger age group winners.

The Canton Soccer Club is currently comprised of approximately 2,500 players with over 160 teams competing in in-house, travel, select and premier leagues.

For more information on the 27th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, visit the Canton Soccer Club Web site at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or the tournament Web site at www.cantoncup.net.



Lady Warriors edge Waterford, 9-7

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team wrapped up its regular season Monday with a 9-7 victory over Waterford United in a game played at Waterford Kettering High School.

The Lady Warriors rallied in the second half after trailing 5-4 at the break.

Natalie Sitko. Offensively,

PCS's defensive effort was anchored by senior captain

senior captain Edra Burris and junior Lauren Allard scored three goals each while Kaytlin Hill, Sarah Coleman and Nicole Rottell netted single goals.

"Allard and Coleman had outstanding games at both ends of the field," noted PCS head coach Dave Medley. "It was nice to see them come on.

"This is a very young team. I look for a championship run

over the next couple of seasons. Right now, we're loaded with talented freshmen and sophomores. However, our focus is on the present and this season is not over just

The Lady Warriors were set to open the post-season playoffs Wednesday against top-ranked Bloomfield United

Please see LACROSSE, B2

GAME WRAPS

Canton softball team destroys John Glenn

Amy Dunleavy homered and doubled, while Sam Partain added three hits Monday as Canton defeated Westland John Glenn, 16-0, in five innings.

The Chiefs improved to 24-5 overall and 13-3 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Rockets slipped to 0-25 and 0-16, respectively.

Canton, which scored 10 times in the opening inning off Glenn starter Allie Murphy, also got two hits apiece from Kaitlyn Mattson and Sam Podorsek.

Canton freshman Alyssa Kara Boucher, who struck out five, limited Glenn to four hits, two by Stacey Truskowski.

Canton baseball team destroys John Glenn

Dan Stoney had two hits and two RBI Monday as Canton rolled to a fiveinning 10-0 mercy-rule win over host Westland John Glenn.

The victory improved the Chiefs to $18-\hat{9}$ overall and 9-7 in the KLAA. The Rockets slipped to 10-20 and 3-13, respectively.

Nick Tomilenko had two hits and scored two runs, while Nick Sweda and Joe Galanty each went 2for-4 with an RBI to pace

Winning pitcher Kevin Delapaz worked the first three innings before giving way to Andrew Tidwell. The duo combined on a three-hitter and fanned six.

Glenn starter Andrew DeLuca, who took the loss, fanned four.

Chief, Wildcat golfers prevail

Canton's boys golf team improved to 9-0 May 14 with a 160-175 victory over Westland John Glenn in a match played at Hilltop Golf Course.

Andrew Rickerman fired a 37 to earn co-medalist honors along with John Glenn's Andy Myers.

Also scoring for the Chiefs were Jeremy Lindlbauer (38), Zach Conrad (41) and Brendan Muir (44). Dominic Bonell (46) and Travis Hall (49) played but did not score for the winners.

On May 15 at the Woodlands Golf Course, Plymouth upended Wayne Memorial, 145-171, to improve to 7-2.

James Bryan and Zebra Kevin Sample were comedalists after firing 35's.

Also scoring for Plymouth were Andrew Overmeyer (36), Justin Bauer (36) and Ryan Bauer (38). Tyler Berquist and Trevor Birdwell shot 42's for the 'Cats.

Coaches: Please report results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report the results of the their team's contests to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so that the area's student-athletes receive the publicity they deserve.

Wright can be reached at ewright@hometownlife.com or (734) 578-

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The deadline for Sunday editions is Friday at 11 p.m.



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Wildcats over John Glenn PREP BASEBALL Plymouth's baseball team

split a pair of KLAA South Division games Monday and Tuesday leaving the Wildcats with a 17-10 overall record and

9-7 mark in the division. On Tuesday, plated five runs in the top of the eighth inning to pull out a 7-2 thriller over host Westland John Glenn. The extra-inning outburst made a winner out of sophomore starter Mike Nadratowski, who yielded just six hits and one earned run while striking out 10 in seven innings of work. Matt Skubik pitched a one-two-three eighth for the winners.

Offensively, Ronnie Goble and Travis Mewton led the Wildcats' 10-hit attack with three safeties each. Mewton knocked in three runs while Goble scored three times. Skubik, Nadratowski and Luke Merandi drove in single runs for the 'Cats.

Extra-inning surge propels

On Monday, a six-run third inning led Wayne Memorial to a 7-3 triumph over Plymouth. The Wildcats outhit the Zebras, 10-4, but were done in by six fielding miscues.

Senior right-hander Cliff Buttermore took the loss after giving up seven runs in five innings. He struck out eight and gave up just four hits. Skubik had two RBI for Plymouth, which received two-hit efforts from Mewton and Michael Rose.

SALEM 17, S.L. EAST 7: On Monday, the Rocks rode the hot bats of Heath Parling, Sam Ott and Justin Bashi to a decisive victory over the Cougars. The win lifted the winners to 20-9, thus making the Class of 2009 only the third class in the past 23 years at Salem to register back-to-back 20-win seasons. "It says a lot about this class to win at least 20 games two vears in a row because so few teams in the state win 20 each year," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger.

Parling, Ott, Kyle Powell and Bashi all notched three

Among Powell and Parling's. hits were home runs.

Ott's first hit of the game gave him the school's singleseason hit record, eclipsing the old mark set by Chris Trott. The senior became the first Rock to hold the singleseason hit record and the career hit mark simultaneously.

Chris Kordick earned the mound victory for Salem. which improved to 13-3 in the KLAA Central Division. The Rocks broke open a tight game with eight runs in the sixth inning.

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse team honored its seniors prior to the May 8 home game against Bloomfield United. Pictured are (front row from left) Natalie Sitko, Nicole Rottell, Chelsea Olson, Melissa Giannini, (back row from left) Elyce Ohrn, Stephanie Pettovello, Abbeygail Epelman, Emily Cox and Edra Burris.

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"I'm looking for a strong effort from this group as stranger things have happened," Medley said. "We have played so many games without a starter or two. This looks to be the first time we will be at full strength this season."

PCS 15, A.A. GABRIEL

RICHARD 6: On Friday, the Lady Warriors won despite the absence of several senior

Stepping up to lead the victory were senior captains Burris, Emily Cox and Stephanie Pettovello, who teamed up with several juniorvarsity players who were promoted for the game.

Leading the scoring barrage

were Hill and Burris, both of whom netted four goals; freshman Stephanie Bower (three goals); and Taylor Birman and Allard, who registered two net-finders each.

Sophomore goalie Meaghan Elridge was brilliant, stopping 25 shots.

"Meaghan is a real consistent player and she's getting stronger as the season progresses," Medley said.



Northern stars

The Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team returned home from a trip Up North this past weekend with a first-place trophy. The Eagles (9-6) captured the Traverse City Christian Invitational by defeating TCC, 14-1, and Buckley, 9-5. Matt Dodson struck out 11 while spinning a three-hitter in the opener while Jon Siater's rocked a towering home run. In the nightcap, Slater tossed a six-hitter for the winners. Pictured with the championship trophy are (front row from left) Caleb Middleton, Slater, Kevin Bottorff, Daniel Slater, Matt Hagefin, (back row from left) Dan Smith (coach), Joe Bottorff (coach), Reid Barber, David Baum, Justin Govan, Austin Smith, Dodson and Dale Slater (coach).

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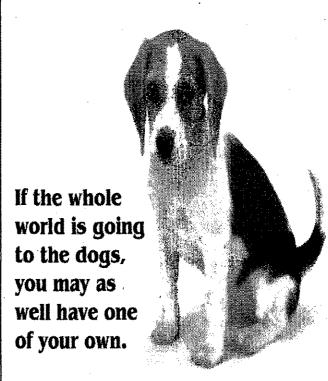
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Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs (left), pictured during a game last week against Westland John Glenn, scored all of the Wildcats' goals in their 4-2 victory over Livonia Stevenson Monday night.

Fantastic '4'

Dobbs accounts for all Wildcats' goals in 4-2 victory over Spartans

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The way Plymouth's Kelly Dobbs is playing these days, you can't stop her; you can only hope to contain her.

Livonia Stevenson couldn't do either Monday night.

Dobbs was a force for the Wildcats, netting all of their goals in a 4-2 victory on the Spartans' turf.

than three minutes later,

McPartlin made a diving,

one-handed effort to deny

again at the 34:40 mark,

a high, rising rope that

hand into the crossbar.

when Camille Unca blasted

McPartlin was able to one-

ice with 7:40 left in the first

half, when Mallory Weber

secured a pass 12 yards in

front of the net and rightfooted a ground-skimmer

into the lower-left corner of

Lauren Lokey provided

The hosts broke the scoring

Stacy Clough.

the net.

Canton goalkeeper Samantha

The Mustangs threatened

Plymouth improved to 10-3-2 with the impressive triumph.

"To score four goals like that against a great team like Stevenson is amazing," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "Twenty years from now, Kelly will look back and be talking about this game.

"They were playing a flatfour (defense) and trying to keep their shape, but she took the ball right at them. It was like she was saying, 'Stop me', but they couldn't.'

Dobbs, er, Plymouth led 3-0 before the Spartans netted a

Northville with a seemingly

untouchable cushion with 74

seconds left in the half when

eluded McPartlin's reach and

found a seam just under the

of the second half when

she pounced on the ball

Eight minutes later,

Trapp.

Ryznar made a spectacular

stop on a rebound shot off the foot of Canton's Megan

The Chiefs' comeback

when Lisa Pierce converted a

kicked in with 11:07 left,

she lofted a high shot that

goal just before halftime. The senior captain tallied her final goal mid-way through the second half.

Stevenson's final goal came on a penalty kick with approximately one minute to play. Dobbs now has a team-high

16 goals on the season. Sophomore Marissa Williams earned the victory between the pipes for the Wildcats.

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rebound shot. Less than two minutes later, Megan Staub

completed the remarkable

rally when her shot from 16

yards out glanced off the hip of a Mustangs defender and

past Ryznar. "It seemed like we got Northville keeper Elana Ryznar stepped up big time a little complacent in the during the opening moments second half," Meteyer said. "And when the first overtime started, we didn't have the just before Canton's Tracey look of a confident team. But Rymph could cock her right I think our depth wore them down a little bit in the over-

times." Converting shots in the shootout for Northville were Jeanette Dolmetsch, Kelsey Fiscus and Tori Wright.

Shaunte Roberts, Stephany Brown, Aubrie Scott), 1:47.24; 2. Churchill, 1:47.61; 3. Franklin, 1:47.87; 4. Canton, 1:52.78; 5. Plymouth, 1:55.02.

1.600 RUN: 1. Megan McPherson (LF).

5:21.87; 2. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:29:91; 3. Bianca Kubicki (C), 5:37.41; 4. Nicole Traitses (P), 5:39.66; 5. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:47.13; 6. Katie Grimes (C).

5:52.48. Meteyer praised the play of 400 RELAY: 1. John Glenn (Shaunte Roberts, Aubrie Scott, Stephany Brown, Chanel Payne), 50.33; 2. Churchill, 51.82; 3. Franklin, central defenders Dolmetsch and Kelsey Baskins.

Patriots' day Franklin wins boys and girls KLAA South Division meets

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Tuesday's inaugural girls and boys KLAA South Division trackand-field meets had a Patriot-ic feel to them.

Livonia Franklin's trophy case is about to get a little more crowded as the Patriots' girls and boys teams earned first-place hardware in the event held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity stadium.

The Franklin girls chalked up 150 points to edge cross-town rival Livonia Churchill by three points. Westland John Glenn finished a distant third with 82. Plymouth (69), Canton (58) and Wayne Memorial (14.5) rounded out the girls field.

"After going 5-0 this season in the division in dual meets, we lost by two-and-a-half points to Churchill in Friday's Regional, so we really wanted this bad," said Franklin coach Dave Bjorkland: "Churchill got us in the conference meet, the city meet and the regional, so it feels good to finally come out on top against them."

Several Patriots rose to the occasion Tuesday, including sophomore Megan McPherson, who won the 1,600-meter run (5:21.87) and the 800 (2:25.76) before placing fourth in the 3,200.

"Megan really stepped up for us, running in all four distance

KLAA SOUTH DIVISION GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 19 at PCEP Stadium FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin, 150; 2. Livonia Churchill, 147; 3. Westland John Glenn, 82; 4. Plymouth, 69; 5. Canton, 58; 6. Wayne

Memorial, 14.5.

INDIVIPUAL EVENTS

DISCUS: 1. Savannah Haig (LF), 112 feet, 7 inches; 2. Shannon Getchen (LC), 109-1; 3. Ryan Anderosn (WJG), 102-2; 4. Tyler Buchanan (P), 98-1; 5. Sarah Meador (LC), 94-10; 6. Taylor Byron

HIGH JUMP: 1. Senciair McDonnell (LC). 5-1; 2. Liz Hollaway (LF), 5-1; 3. Emily Quint (LF). 4-11; 4. Lindsay Lipa (C), 4-11; 5. Cierra Yetts (LC). 4-9;

(tie) Lauren Murphy (LF), and Francis Jackson

(WM), 4-5. **LONG JUMP:** 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 17-9: 2. Aburie Scott (WJG), 16-11; 3. AShley Banks (C), 16-1; 4. Rebecca Knox (P), 15-0; 5. Alicia Dimauro (LC), 14-10.5; 6. Liz Hollaway (EF), 14-10.5.

(LC), 14-10.5; 6. Liz Hollaway (LF), 14-10.5.

Meghan Powers (LF), 10-2; 3. Alicia Dimauro (LC), 9-10; 4. Reagan Engstrom (P), 8-6; 5. Evran Ural (LC), 8-6; 6. Lindsey Kreutzman (LC), 8-6.

SHOT PUT: 1. Taylor Byron (LC), 34-9.25; 2. Shannon Getchen (LC), 34-2.25; 3. Tyler Buchanan (P), 33-8; 4. Savannah Haig (LF), 32-7.5; 5. Ryan Anderson (WJG), 30-10.5; 6. Nicole Douglas (C), 30-9.

Douglas (C), 30-9. **3,200-METER RELAY**: 1. Churchili (Sara Kroll, Bethany Pilat, Emily Clairmont, Tiffany Raisanen), 9:48.24; 2. Plymouth, 10:1818; 3. Franklin, 10:20.02; 4. Canton, 10:25.11.

100 HURDLES: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 15.99; 2. Emily Quint (LF), 16.10; 3. Dayna Esper (LC), 16.39; 4. Jen Mueller (LF), 16.68: 5. MAndy

McManus (P), 18.29; 6. Christine Maleske (LC),

100 DASH: 1. Chanel Payne (WJG), 12,46; 2.

Bree Edge (C), 12.91; 3. Shaunte Roberts (WJG), 13.02; 4. Rocehile Woods (WM), 13.06; 5. Kathryn

Chinavare (LF), 13.27; 6. Lauren Stoltman (LC),

800 RELAY: 1. John Glenn (Chanel Payne,

PREP TRACK

events," Bjorkland noted. "We asked just to try to score in the two-mile and she did it. Megan had a great day."

The Patriots' 800 relay team of Corinne Haro, Jen Mueller, Ashly Butkowski and Kathryn Chinavare set a school record as did 300-meter hurdler Senneca Scott, who broke the tape first in both hurdles events.

Also earning first-place points for the Patriots were discus thrower Savannah Haig and pole vaulter Emily Quint.

The Chargers were paced by first-place individual showings from high jumper Senclair McDonnell, shot putter Taylor Byron and Sara Kroll, who won the 400-meter dash.

John Glenn's Chanel Payne had a day to remember, winning the long jump and the 100-meter dash. Her teammate, Aubrie Scott, won the 200.

Plymouth's Molly Slavens won the two-mile in 11:47.51.

The Patriots' title in the boys' meet was sparked by an incredible performance in the field events, during which Franklin built a 64-37 lead over the Chargers.

"It feels great," said Franklin coach Pat Kelser. "It seems like we've finished a lot of meets this year two to three points behind

Churchill, but we finally got them

"The field events have been our strength all year. They got us a nice big lead to day and we were able to hang on. We had four throwers score in the shot put then Nate Coleman came up huge in the discus with his personal best.

Franklin's Cadet brothers -Hudson and Isaac - won the high jump and long jump, respectively.

Dave Fortin added to the Patriots' field-events onslaught by out-performing all comers in the shot put.

The Chargers were bolstered by first-place efforts from pole vaulter Derik Peterman and sprinter Anthony Frezzell, who nipped Wayne's Parish Clayborn by .05 in a thrilling 200 dash final.

Plymouth's Warren Buzzard was a double gold medalist, taking the 1,600 in 4:35.25 before winning the 800 in 1:59.74. Teammate Derek Lax crossed the line first in the 3,200 with a time of 10:10.75.

Wayne's Renaldo Powell won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.36. Canton's Hayatt Ali was the 300 hurdles champion with a 42.24 clocking.

John Glenn's Jeremy Langford earned the Rockets first-place points in the 100 when he scorched the track with a time of

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

51.82; 4. Canton, 52.39; 5. Plymouth, 54.59. **400 DASH:** 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 1:00.06; 2. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 1:00.68; 3. Stephany Brown (W.JS), 1:01.75; 4. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:01.91; 5. Rochelle Woods (WM), 1:02.21; 6. Megan Kelly (CC), 1:04.16

(LC), F04.16.
300 LOW HURDLES: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 47.57; 2. Mandy McManus (P), 50.29; 3. Dayna Esper (LC), 51.08; 4. Shannon Niznik (LF), 51.48; 5. Lache Walton (WJG), 52.73; 6. Jenna Hamed

(r), 53.33. **800 RUN:** 1. Megan McPherson (LF), 2:25.76; 2. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:29.12; 3. Kelly Hahn (P), 2:30.77; 4. Lizzie Gatzek (C), 2:32.33; 5. Emily Clairmont (LC), 2:38.11; 6. Victoria Church (LF), 2:41.89.

241.89.

200 DASH: 1. Aubrie SCott (WJG), 27.01; 2.
Rochelle Woods (WM), 27.29; 3. Chloe Taylor (LC), 27.29; 4. Ashly Butkowski (LF), 27.81; 5. Kathryn Chinavare (LF), 28.17; 6. Krystal Whitlow (P),

8.28. **3,200 RUN:** 1. Molly Slavens (P), 11:47.51; 1. Bethany Pilat (LC), 11:52.54; 3. Sarah Thomas C), 12:10.36; 4. Megan McPherson (LF), 12:15.89; 1. Alexis Hickson (LC), 12:49.42; 6. Paula Green

(P), 12:50.34. **1,600 RELAY:** 1. Churchill, 4:14.32; 2. Franklin, 4:17.56; 3. Canton, 4:19.70; 4. Plymouth, 4:23.22; 5. John Glenn, 4:36.48,

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET
May 19 at PCEP STADIUM
FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Franklin,
114; 2. Livonia Churchill, 104; 3. Canton, 82; 4.
Plymouth, 79; 5. Westland John Glenn, 62; 6.
Wayne Memorial, 51 Wayne Memorial, 51.

DISCUS: 1. Nate Coleman (LF), 144 feet, 1 inch; 2. T.J. Arancibia (WJG), 139-3; 3. Brandon Dare (LC), 136-7; 4. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 134-8; Jason Foster (C), 133-3; 6. Kyle Brindza (P),

HIGH JUMP: 1. Hudson Cadet (LF), 6-1; 2. Ben Spreitzer (C), 5-11; 3. Chris Barnard (LC), 5-11; 4. (tie) Pawan Dhaliwal (P) and Keith Zech (C), 5-9; 6. (tie) Matthew Mills (WM) and Terance

LONG JUMP: 1. Isaac Cadet (LF), 21-1.25; 2. Renaldo Powell (WM), 20-10; 3. Davarius Jenkins (WJS), 20-3; 4. Adam Payne (C), 19-10.75; 5. Matthew Roberson (P), 19-9; 6. Richard Haley (WM), 19-8.

(WM), 19-8. **POLE VAULT:** 1. Derik Peterman (LC), 15-0;
2. Joseph Marlow (LC), 12-5; 3. Kevin Beadle (LF),
12-1; 4. Nick Alaniva (C), 11-9; 5. Grant Senkbeil (P),
11-5; 6. Chris Barnard (LC), 11-5.

SHOT PUT: 1. Dave Fortin (LF), 47-11.25; 2. Sean McAuliffe (LF), 46-9.5; 3. Deon Clemons (LC), 46-1; 4. Jay Woolfork (LF), 44-10; 5. Nate Coleman (LF), 44-7; 6. Kyle Brindza (P), 44-4. 3,200-METER RELAY: 1. Plymouth (Warren Buzzard, Matt Neumann, Justin Heck, Derek Lax), 8:12.31; 2. Canton, 8:13.68; 3. Franklin, 8:35.91; 4. Churchill, 8:36.97; 5. John Glenn, 8:46.71; 6. Wayne, 9:38.0. 10 HURDLES: 1. Renaldo Powell (WM), 14.36; 2. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.32; 3.

14.36; 2. Cameron Wludyka (LF), 15.32; 3. Brandon Pilligian (P), 15.87; 4. Sherif Hassanien (C), 16.31; 5. Sergio Pavan (W.JG), 16.34; 6. Hayatt

All (J., 16.55).

100 DASH: 1. Jeremy Langford (WJG),
10.95; 2. Mike Baumgardner (LF), 11.02; 3. Devon
Easterling (LC), 11.30; 4. William Ayler (WJG),
11.35; 5. Parish Clayborn (WM), 11.40; 6. Paul
Voegele (LF), 11.41.

Voegele (LF), 11.41.

800 RELAY: 1. Wayne (Richard Haley, Michael Safford, Tevin Hines, Parish Clayborn), 1:30.19; 2. Churchill, 1:30.86; 3. Franklin, 1:31.82; 4. John Glenn, 1:32.82; 5. Canton, 1:33.00; 6. Plymouth, 1:36.49.

1,600 RUN: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 4:35.25; 2. Joseph Porcari (P), 4:35.77; 3. Matt Neumann (P), 4:37.35; 4. Joshua Andaloro (LC), 4:38.72; 5. Zask Spreitzer 9C), 4:46.95; 6. Joshua Fletcher (WM), 4:51.53.

400 RELAY: 1, John Glenn (Kyren Boyd, Stefon Anthony, Jerome Scales, Jeremy Langford), 43.05; 2. Franklin, 43.07; 3. Wayne, 43.80; 4. Churchill, 44.13; 5. Canton, 45.97; 6.

Plymouth, 46.24. 300 HURDLES: 1. Hayatt Ali.(C), 42.24; 2. lan

Guerin (LC), 42.64; 3. Winston Roberts (C), 42.88; 4. Sergio Pavan (WJG), 43.04; 5. Ben Spreitzer 800 RUN: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 1:59.74; .2

Josh Hurst (C), 2:00.61; 3. Keith Zech (C), 2:03.44; 4. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 2:05.90; 5. Justin Heck (P), 2:06.10; 6. Nathan Wise (LC), 2:08.04. 200 DASH: 1. Anthony Frezzell (LC), 22:70; 2. Parish Clayborn (WM), 22.75; 3. Devon Easterling (C), 2:03.44; 4. Nelson Kenne (WJG), 2:05.90; 5. Justin Heck (P), 2:06.10; 6. Nathan Wise (LC),

3,200 RUN: 1. Derek Lax (P), 10:10.75; 2. Thomas Windle (LC), 10:11.51; 3. Joseph Porcari (P), 10:15.12; 4. Austin Jones (LF), 10:18.00; 5. Derek Gielarowski P), 10:34.24; 6. Quinn Osgood

1,600 RELAY: 1. Canton (Ryan Randali,

Keith Zech, Jordan Wisniewski, Hayatt Ali), 3:30.79; 2. John Glenn, 3:33.2;; 3. Churchill, 3:34.99; 4. Franklin, 3:35.28; 5. Wayne, 3:36.46; 6. Plymouth, 3:36.85.

This 'Cat can hit

Plymouth junior third baseman Amanda Burnard, pictured during Monday's win over Wayne Memorial, laced three hits in the Wildcats' 20-0 three-inning victory over Westland John Glenn Tuesday. The win lifted the 'Cats to 23-7 overall and 12-4 in the KLAA South. The Rockets slipped to 0-27 and 0-16, respectively.

Powell's late HR powers Rocks over Cougars, 6-3

Salem's softball team displayed a flair clearing blast. for the dramatic in its 6-3 victory over pesky South Lyon East Monday after-

With the game knotted at 3-all in the bottom of the seventh, freshman Alexis Powell hammered a two-out, threerun home run to clinch the "W" for the Rocks, who improved to 24-10 overall and 12-4 in the KLAA Central Division. Salem won the division by two games over Northville.

Powell's round-tripper, coupled with her brother Kyle's home run on the adjoining baseball field, made the Powells the first Salem brother-sister combination to homer on the same day.

The Rocks trailed 3-2 entering the seventh, but scored the tying run on Heidi Schmidt's RBI double that scored Emily Pitcole.

Schmidt and Christina Parsons, who had singled, scored on Powell's fence-

"It was a nice win for us," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "It was another one of those games where you take it down to the wire and whichever team is hitting better will pull it out."

Schmidt pitched the first five innings, scattering eight hits while striking out seven. Briana Lee picked up the win after entering the game in the sixth.

MADONNA TOURNAMENT

On Saturday and Sunday, the Rocks went 3-2 in the Madonna Invitational tournament. They defeated Lincoln Park, 11-6, Livonia Ladywood, 7-1, and Birmingham Marian, 9-6.

Leading the hit parade against the Railsplitters were Parsons (two doubles, RBI), Mary Cox (two singles, RBI) and Powell, who stroked a two-run triple and added two more RBI.

Starting pitcher Alyssa Meagher

yielded 10 hits without walking a batter in three innings. Cox pitched the fourth and fifth innings, striking out four of the six batters she faced.

In the win over the Blazers, Schmidt hurled a three-hitter over five innings. Pacing the Rocks' 13-hit attack were Cox and Schmidt, who laced three hits a piece. Pitcole and Powell added a pair of safeties.

"Our defense played well behind Heidi," said Southerland. "That was a big factor in holding them to just one run.'

The Rocks notched 17 hits against Marian, including three each from Powell, Pitcole and Lee. Powell ripped two triples while Pitcole slugged a tworun three-bagger. Schmidt and Mary Johnso contributed two hits a piece.

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The GAM Marker: What does it mean to a golfer?

By Jim Evanoff

A Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Marker signifies that a course has official United States Golf Association (USGA) course ratings and slopes and has been measured accurately, all completed by your state golf association. For many golfers, the terms, "course rating," and "slope," shown on golf course scorecards are mysteries.

Golfers want to know what the terms mean and why they are important to the golfing experience. In order to answer these questions, the objectives of the USGA, the developer of the rating system, and of GAM, licensed by the USGA to determine the ratings of Michigan courses, must be understood.

in a nutshell, the rating and slope values result in a USGA handicap system intended to make golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The system provides a

fair, course-handicap for players, regardless of ability and can be adjusted as a player's skill level changes. Golf course rating is a complex process based upon data gathered by the USGA while observing real golfers on real courses and is periodically revised as new data is obtained. More than 100 authorized golf associations and several-thousand golf clubs utilize the system. Courses must be re-rated at least every 10 years, or after significant course changes, to maintain a certified USGA rating.

The two basic premises that underline the system are that players will try to make the best scores at every hole in accordance with USGA's Rules of Golf and will post every acceptable round score on all courses that have been rated in accordance with USGA's procedures.

The goal is for the golfer to obtain a USGA Handicap Index, which compares any golfer's scoring ability to that of a scratch golfer on a course of standard difficulty, defined by the USGA as having a slope rating of 113. The index

is portable from course to course. The golfer can convert this index to a specific course handicap based on the USGA Slope Rating Chart. The USGA course rating represents the course's playing difficulty for a scratch player under normal playing conditions and is based on hole yardage and course obstacles that affect scoring ability. The slope rating is an indicator of the relative difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers. Courses are rated from each set of tees for both scratch and bogey golfers and the number of handicap strokes received in a match is determined from the slope rating.

At this point, a few more USGA definitions are required before briefly describing the rating procedure.

A "scratch" golfer can play to a course handicap of zero on any USGA rated course. A male scratch golfer, for rating purposes, can hit tee shots 250 yards and reach 470-yard holes in two shots. A female scratch golfer hits tee shots an average of 210 yards and can reach 400vard holes in two shots

A male "bogey" golfer has a course handicap of approximately 20 on a course of standard difficulty (slope of 113), can hit tee shots an average of 200 yards and reach a 370-yard hole in two shots at sea level. A female bogey golfer has a handicap of approximately 24, can hit tee shots on average of 150 yards and reach a 280-yard hole in two shots.

These scratch and bogey yardage capabilities are important since the GAM rating teams evaluate the effects of golf course obstacles in proximity to the shot landing areas. The obstacles include landing area topography, fairway widths, green target size and surface, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds/extreme rough, water hazards, trees and psychological shot effects. Factors such as roll on soft or hard fairways, tee pad elevation, doglegs and prevailing winds can also affect the actual course playing length. When the rating process has been completed, the obstacle values, which are on a 0 to 10

scale of difficulty, are totaled and multiplied by relative weight factors and converted to strokes that affect the final USGA Course Rating and Slope.

Obtaining accurate USGA course yardages is the first and key step in the above process. Each hole must be measured from all tee positions as defined by USGA procedures. Measurements are made from permanently placed GAM markers to the center of the green, utilizing electronic measuring devices. Measurements are made along the male scratch golfer's line of play as intended and designed by the course architect.

Hopefully this description of the rating process clears up some of mystery and results in increased enjoyment of the game for golfers of all abilities.

Full details on course rating are contained in the "USGA Course Rating System Guide" and "The USGA Course Rating System," available only to authorized golf associations, such as

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Loving Wife, Mother, Aunt, Sister, and Friend. Kathleen Barnes, resident of Troy, Michigan, died peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2009. Kathy was born May 28, 1956 and was a graduate of Grosse Ile High School, and attended Western Michigan University. She is survived by her loving husband of over 29 years, Donald Barnes Jr., and six beautiful children, Donald III, Kelly, Michael, Margaret, Kathleen, and Abigail; her mother Ruth Tompkins Butler, brothers and sisters Diane (Fraser) McNeilly, Dr. Susan Chamberlain (Tom Sims), Charlie (Caryn) Butler, Amy DeSimone, Dr. Michael (Craig) (Jennifer) Butler, and James (Terri) Butler; mother and father-in-law Donald (Margaret) Barnes Sr.: brother and sisters-in-law Robert (Carrie) Barnes, Suzanne Barnes; twenty nieces and nephews, Scott, Sean, Shannon McNeilly; Carly, Megan, Brigid Butler; Jaime, Ryan Ott; Caroline, Jon Henry Butler; Richard, Christina, Danielle, Nicolas Butler; Michelle, James, Emily, Elizabeth Barnes; Angelica and Emma Barnes. Kathy is also survived by her "adopted" children, Jillian McDonald, Rachel, Mollie, and Anna Hitow, Mike Wilson, Colin Bronsteen, Scott Williams, and soon to be daughter-inlaw, Jeannie Castillo. Kathy was an unwavering, devoted mother and wife. Nothing was more important throughout her life than her children and family. She enjoyed spending time at their homes with their large circle of friends and family both in Traverse City and on the beaches in Islamorada, Florida. She loved music, dancing, singing, playing air guitar, her dogs Jake and Harley, gardening, drawing, playing cards, golfing, the holidays, being near the water and out in the sun, trips with girlfriends, and sunsets. Kathy embodied loyalty and friendship, and was a loving and nurturing mother and friend to all. Funeral mass Thursday May 21st at 10 a.m., St. Thomas More Church, 4580 N. Adams Rd., Troy. Memorial tributes to Troy Boys & Girls Club.





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RACHELLE (BONZACK) CASARI

November 15, 1959 - May 16, 2009. Age 49, of Sandusky, OH and formerly of Dallas, TX, passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born November 15, 1959 in Detroit, MI to Carolyn (Scheier) and Eugene Bonzack. Rachelle was raised in Livonia, MI and received her bachelors degree from Madonna College. Following graduation she moved to Dallas, TX where she was employed by The Gap and most recently as a claims adjuster for the Farmers Insurance Co. She loved life and traveled extensively. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends and was an avid Dallas Stars fan. Following a cancer relapse last year, Rachelle moved to Michigan and Ohio to be closer to family and friends. Rachelle is survived by her parents, her faithful companion dog Bailey, sister Roberta (Ray) Ducharme of Brighton, MI, brother Ronald Bonzack of Milford, MI, nieces Megan & Kelly Ducharme, nephew Joey Bonzack and aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Rose & Sylvester Bonzack and Ruth & Francis Scheier. Friends are asked to join Rachelle's family with a celebration of her life at one of her favorite spots, Shield's Pizza of Southfield, MI, at 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 31, 2009. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Stein Hospice Service. Inc., 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870. Please share your memories with Rachelle's family at

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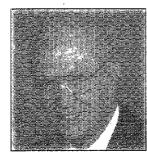
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MARTIN J. CASERIO

Former General Motors Group Vice President and Assistant to GM's President passed away peacefully May 16, 2009 at the age of 92. An executive with GM for over four decades. Married for 64 years, he is preceded in death by his dear wife Josephine who passed away in 2008. He is survived by his four children: Richard Caserio (Patricia), Kathleen Stroh (John), Joseph Caserio (Karen), Patricia Clark (Kevin). And his seven grandchildren: Vincent and Martin Caserio III, Kristin Stroh, Catherine and Timothy Clark, Jacqueline and Michael Caserio and the late Carolyn Caserio, and his younger brother, Caserio. Memorial Mass, Thursday 11 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the Martin J. Caserio Endowment Scholarship Fund, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931 or the charity of donor's choice. A. J Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.

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KENNETH D. DOLETZKY

May 15, 2009. Age 74 of Livonia, MI. Donations may be made to Huron Valley Lutheran High School or Charity of Choice.

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TORBETT "TORB" **GUENTHER**

Age 61, lifelong Plymouth resident, passed away May 13, 2009. He graduated from Plymouth High School in He then attended Kendall School of Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served his country in the U.S.Army, He was a manufacturer and an inventor who held many patents. His company, C.D. Sparling in Plymouth, makes equipment for the handicapped. The building that houses his business is the building in which the Alter car was made, he restored that building to its original condition. He attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He was interested in everything and everybody; he was a brilliant, wonderful, yet humble man. A gifted artist, his lawn is decorated with his artwork. When he was 18, he designed and made a plaque that was placed on Plymouth High School. That plaque is still there today. Torb is survived by his wife, Dolores; his children, Bob (Nola) Wellman, Alice (Don) Jordan, Hooker Wellman, Dan (Jennifer) Wellman, Amy (Glenn) Goodsmith, and Jack (Donna) Wellman; his brothers, Kim Guenther and Mike (Paula) Guenther; his grandchildren, Jimmy, David, Charley, Sean, Billy, Kris, Alan, Rebecca, Jeremy, Brendan, Richard, and Annie; his great-grandson, Max; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Geneva and Harold Guenther, and his brother, Peter Guenther. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m. Friends may gather at church beginning at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Plymouth Historical Society or the Salvation Army in Plymouth. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, To

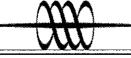
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RUTH M. HOEPRICH

Age 93, of Plymouth, passed away May 16, 2009. Born in Baltimore, Maryland on July 13, 1915 to parents George and Susan McCauley. She worked as a Educational Secretary, starting in the Utica Schools and moving to the Plymouth/Canton Schools in 1961 and finally for New Morning School in Plymouth, until she was 89 years old. She was the founder and the 1st President of the Plymouth Educational Secretary's Association. A devoted member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Plymouth. Ruth had a love for music, she played the Banjo and the guitar. Married Frederick Hoeprich on June 1, 1938 and in the summer of 1983 he would proceed her in death. Together they were blessed with three children: Susan (Laurence) McGee, Christine (Robert) McWatt and F. Michael, jr (Carolyn J.) Proud grandmother of Andrew (Angela B.) Ferguson, Eric (Shelby Eccles) Ferguson, Daniel (flancee, Stephanie Berry) Ferguson, Paul Michael (Jennifer P.) Hoeprich and Leanne Marie Hoeprich. Step-grandmother of Derek McWatt, Maggie McWatt, Stephanie (Samuel) Smith, Diane (Bill) Hellar, Katie (Daniel) Merritt and Michael (Dawn) McGee. Great grandmother of Jacob, Noah, Luke and Vaughn. Step-great-grandmother of Alix, Nicole, Leo, Riley, Madison, Abigail and Aubrey. Sister of Nancy "Peggy" Cole. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Friday 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7:00 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth or to the Salvation Army of Plymouth. Share



May 16, 2009. Age 87. Beloved wife of the late Jens. Dear mother of Soren

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Also leaves three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held on Wednesday.

MARY LOUISE PELLOW

A longtime resident of Canton.

MI, Mary peacefully passed away on May 17, 2009 after battling cancer. Born on March 10, 1950 in Tupper Lake, NY, she was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth LaVigne. Mary had a zest for life and made the most of every day-from working as a hospice nurse to volunteering for numerous organizations. She greatly enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was the beloved wife of Carl, dear mother of Monica (Robert) Livingston and Lance (Gina) Pellow, and wonderful grandmother to four grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, brother and two sisters. Mary was preceded in death by her father and brother. Mary was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The family will receive friends and relatives on Friday, May 22 at 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at St. John Neumann. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 or The Wild Center, 45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY 12986.

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Redford violinist lets loose at Jazz Cafe

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

Zhelin has no problem pulling off intricate classical pieces by Tchaikovsky, Haydn and Rachmaninoff.

But the Redford-based master violinist is looking forward to letting loose with some John Coltrane and Jamie Foxx as she performs at Jazz Cafe at Music Hall 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

"I'll be playing jazz, a little bit of hip hop, and a little bit of R&B," Zhelinrentice "Zhelin" Scott said during a recent interview with Filter. "I like to mix it up.

Zhelin, 31, began playing violin at age 9, in the public school strings program in Long Beach, Calif. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Music at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2001, she accepted a full scholarship to pursue a Master's Degree in public policy at the University of Michigan. "I've stayed ever since," she said.

Zhelin has won many awards for her music. and has performed across the United States and in Japan. Her CD, Live at the Karas House, was released in 2006, and she also appears on the CDs Hallelujah, Street Jazz by Mark Mixx, and Ron Otis Reunion, all released last year.

In addition to playing piano and violin and directing music for her church, Abundant Faith Cathedral in Detroit, Zhelin recently opened for Martha Reeves at the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated National Convention at the Renaissance Center.

She is due to appear on the upcoming A&E reality show "D's Ĥouse."

At the Jazz Cafe, Zhelin will be joined on stage by Ray Burton (bass); Sonny Winston (sax and flute); Mark McGruder (keyboards); and Steve Bibbs (drums).

Zhelin said she has been rehearsing with the band since she booked the gig last month, and is looking forward to playing a mix of music, including contemporary radio hits like "Blame It" by Jamie Foxx.

She said she loves playing jazz.

"I like being able to improvise. I like the freedom of melodic movement," she said. "The freedom of expression, that's what I love."

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Redford's own Zhelin will perform on violin at Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

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The performances are recorded for broadcast, and bands have the opportunity to win a \$5,000 cash prize and a slot on the stage at the Jazz on the River Festival at Elizabeth Park in Trenton.

Admission is free, and food and drinks are available for purchase.

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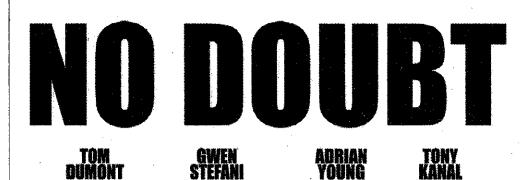
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Ariana Gallery: "Playing with Fire" lampwork, through May 24, 119 S. Main St., Royal Oak, (248) 546-8810, www.arianagallery.com. College for Creative Studies: Annual Student Exhibition, through May 29. (313) 664-7464, www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/seo. CPop Gallery: CPop's farewell exhibit., "It's All About ©," through May, 4160 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9901, wcpop.com. Gallery@YT: Allen Brooks Photography, through May 24, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

Lemberg Gallery: James Stephens Short Stories, through June 6, 23241 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberg-

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

Northville Art House: "Saints & Angels: Colonial Arts of Latin America," through May; Call for Entries, Art in the Sun, June 27-28; classes for adults and children, 215 W. Cady, (248) 344-0497, www.northvillearts.org.

Northville Tipping Point Theatre: Behind-the-scenes of live theatre through artists's brush, through May, 361 E Cady St. At Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, June 5-20. (248)344-0479 or (248)-347-0003. Art House artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 5. 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: Student and Faculty Art Show, May 29-June 13. Opening Reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, June 5; "Amy Sacksteder: Still," through June 13, 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

Plymouth Art in the Park: July 10-12, Kellogg Park.
Plymouth Community Arts Council: Emerging Artists Exhibit, through
May 26; Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774

May 26; Behind the Lens "Peace Project," May 30-June 12, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (734)416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com Susanne Hilberry Gallery: Anne Lise Coste, through May 30, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygal-

lery.com.

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

White Chapel Memorial Park: "Voices of A Never Ending Dawn,"
historic World War I documentary, Black Tie Film Premiere 6:30
p.m. Saturday, May 23, public screenings at 1 and 3.30 p.m.
Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 621 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy. (949)

439-8735, Also www.PolarBearDocumentary.com.

BENEFITS

AIDS Partnership Michigan: Solstice, five jazz, wine, strolling dinner, dancing, silent auction, casual chic attire, 7 p.m. June 20, \$95, 34500 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, www.aidspartnership.org. Detroit Historical Society: Society benefit May 30, 5 p.m. benefactors preview party, \$75/person; 6 p.m. patron level ticket holders, \$50, guided tours through collection and archives. Strolling reception. Casual. Collections Resource Center, 6325 W. Jefferson Ave., on grounds of historic Fort Wayne, Detroit. (313) 833-7938 or www.detroithistorical.org.

Detroit Opera House: BravoBravol, 7:30 p.m. June 15, \$95, jazz sophisticate attire, www.bravobravo.org, (313) 961-3500.
St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: "The Producers" opening night fundraising event, 6:30 p.m. May 29. \$75 includes private pre-party, 8 p.m. show. 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587 or www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

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

Temple Israel: Banding Together, Concert to benefit the Yaldeinu Fund, for children orphaned in our community. Featuring Yom Sheini and the Teen Tefillah Team, Kidz Klez, teen rock bands from Frankel Jewish Academy. 7:30 p.m. May 24. 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-5700.

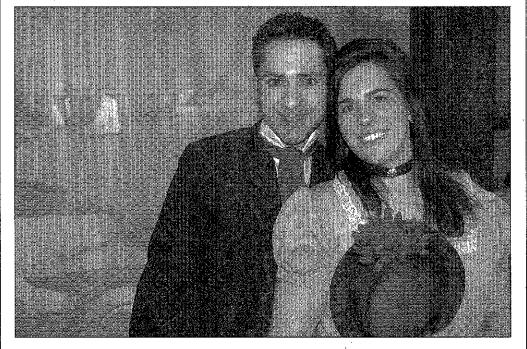
BLUES

Callahan's: Summertime blues concerts, 8 p.m. Bernard Allison/Deb Callahan Band, May 28; Ana Popovic/Broken Arrow Blues Band, June 10; Popa Chubby/JoAnne Shaw Taylor, June 13; Duke Robillard Band, June 17; Ronnie Baker Brooks, June 18; Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Malc& Olm, June 19; Roomful of Blues, July 12; Tinsley Ellis, July 24. 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills, www.atcallahans.com, 248-858-9508.

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Borders Birmingham: Author Annie Barrows discusses "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" and autographs books, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, Borders Birmingham, 34300 Woodward Ave. (248) 203-0005



Sunday in the Park

Gary LaKind and Michelle Rott Rosenblum, both of West Bloomfield, play painter George Seurat and his model in Village Players' production of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Sunday in the Park with George," May 29-June 14 at the Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. The play, rare to local theatres, won a Pulitzer Prize for its insightful examination of the artist. Seurat's pointillist masterpiece "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte" is recreated on stage. For tickets, \$17, Call (248) 644-2075 or visit www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

CHORAL

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

CLASSICAL/CHAMBER MUSIC

Chamber Music Society of Detroit: Yefim Bronfman, piano, May 30; 2009-10 series announced: American String Quartet with Lynn Harrell, cello, Sept. 12; Tokyo String Quartet, Oct. 3; Vladimir Feltsman, 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, 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: Final Concert, 8 p.m. June 20, Seligman Center, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.

Oakland Brass Band: Gone Fishin', 8 p.m. June 12, Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, (248) 931-5169, www.oaklandbrassband.

Max M. Fisher Music Center: A Musical Collaboration, May 21-23; Beethoven & Thaikovsky, May 29-31; Season Finale, June 4-6; A Midsummer Night's Dream, June 13; 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www.detroitsymphony.com.

CLUBS

Eclipz Lounge: Motown Party, May 23; DJ RC, May 30, free, 21 and over, inside Greektown Casino-Hotel, Detroit, www.greektownca-sino.com/Dining/Eclipz+Lounge.

Soundboard: Boz Scaggs, June 17; Sinbad, July 25; Melissa Etheridge, June 26; Gary Allan, 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 Withersoon 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: Colin Moulton, through May 23; Jimmy Dore Special Engagement, May 27-30, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Open Mic 8 p.m. most Wednesdays; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com. Royal Oak Music Theatre: Comedy Central Live Mike Birbiglia-I'm in the Future Also, Sept. 27; Norm MacDonald, Oct. 2, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980, www.royaloakmusictheatre.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: Framing Hanley and Red, July 2, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

Comerica Park: Kid Rock, July 17-18; Vans Warped Tour, July 31; tickets on sale 10 a.m. April 17, 1-800-745-3000, Ticketmaster.com, www.warpedtour.com.

Detroit Institute of Arts: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m., 5200 Woodward Ave. Phil Kline, "Zippo Songs: Poems from The Front," May 22; Sara Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, with Detroit singer and guitarist Robert Jones, May 29. (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Eddie Money, May 22; John Michael Montgomery, May 30; Nine Inch Nalls/Jane's Addiction, May 31; Coldplay, June 2; Credence Clearwater Revisited, June 12; Clay Walker, June 13; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, June 20; The Legends of Motown, June 21; Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, June 24; New Kids on the Block, June 25; The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, June 27; Rock The Bells 2009 Festival, June 28; Bad Company/Doobie Brothers, July 1; Blue Oyster Cult/Over the Rainbow, July 8; REO Speedwagon/Styx with .38 Special, July 9; Brad Paisley w/Dierks Bentley, July 10; Judas Priest w/Whitesnake, July 15; Toby Kelth w/Trace Adkins, July 19; YES/Asia, July 20; Smokey Robinson, July 23; Def Leppard and Poison w/Cheap Trick, July 24; Big & Rich w/Cowboy Troy, July 25;

Incubus, July 26; Dave Matthews Band, July 28; Anita Baker, July 31; Travis Tritt, Aug. 1; Mayhem Festival, Aug. 2; The Temptations/ The Four Tops, Aug. 6; Moody Blues, Aug. 9; Nickelback, Aug. 12; Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefer Band, Aug. 13; Mötley Crüe's "Crüe Fest 2." Aug. 15; Demi Lovato w/David Archuleta, Aug. 18; B.B. King w/Robert Cray Band, Aug. 19; Jeff Foxworthy, Aug. 21; Kenny G, Aug. 23; Creed, Aug. 25.

Fillmore: Tragically Hip, May 29-30, Rise Against, June 24, 2115

Woodward, Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

Fox Theatre: Unwigged & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29; Aretha

Franklin, July 11, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248)

Magic Bag: The Sounds of Seattle Tour, May 30; Neil Innes, June 7; Backyard Tire Fire, June 11; The Tennessee Three, June 19; The Lemonheads, June 21; Taylor Hicks, June 22; The Cliks, June 23; The Church, June 25; Leon Russell, June 26; Dr. John, June 27; Live The Who, July 10; The Original Wailers, Aug. 7; The Why Store, Aug. 14; 40oz. To Freedom, Aug. 16; AJA, Aug. 21, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com. Meadow Brook Music Festival: John Fogerty, May 29; Crosby, Stills & Nash, June 6; "Regeneration Tour" with ABC, Wang Chung, Heaven 17 and Cutting Crew, June 27; Counting Crows w/Augustana, July 8; 1964 The Tribute, July 9; Comedian David Alan Grier, July 11; ABBA The Tour, July 16; Lyle Lovett & His Large Band, July 17; Chris Isaak, July 19; Gordon Lightfoot, July 23; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 26 & 31 and Aug. 1-2; Jackson Browne, July 27; Comedian Jim Gaffigan, Aug. 7; George Thorogood & The Destroyers/Jonny Lang, Aug. 16; Peter

Magic Stick: Pewter Cub, May 14; Black Milk, May 15; Bump, May 16; Sierra Leone, May 17; Toadies, May 21; Mae, May 22; Ghosthouse, May 22; Ghostly International 10 year anniversary, May 23; Motor City Breakdown, May 24; Gourmet Detroit Sounds presents Twilight Unity 09, May 25; Holy F*%^, May 29; Prolyphic, May 30; Meat Pupeets, June 4; Dillinger Four, June 5; Detroit Wig Out, June 6; Mr. Lif, June 10; Dusty Rhodes, June 11; Volcanos, June 12; Waylon Birthday Tribute, June 13; The Homosexuals, June 18; Propagandhi, June 19; The Detroit Cobras, June 20; The Germs, June 25; Thunderheistl, June 26; Jay Reatard, June 27; Greg Cartwright, June 28; The Present, June 29; Black Moth Super Rainbow, June 30, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, www.

Frampton, Aug. 22; O.A.R. with special guest Brett Dennen, Sept.

majesticdetroit.com.

Majestic Theatre: Peaches, May 21; Doves, May 30; Fischerspooner,
May 31; Amanda Lepore, June 7; Blackendfest featuring Mayhem,
June 13; X, June 17; The Gories/The Oblivians, June 27; Leftover
Crack/Casualties, July 1, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit,
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Northville Friday Night Concerts: Lady Sunshine & the X Band, June
12; Shawn Riley Band, June 19; Gia Warner, June 26; Randy Brock
Band, July 3; Mass Transit Band, July 10; The Kris K Band, July
17; Soul Academy, July 24; Fifty Amp Fuse, July 31, 7-9 p.m., Town
Square, (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org.

Palace of Auburn Hills: Billy Joel/Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21; Yanni, June 5; Keith Urban w/Taylor Swift, June 6; Dane Cook, June 12; No Doubt w/Paramore and Bedouin Soundclash, July 3; Beyonce, July 18; Jonas Brothers w/Jordin Sparks and Honor Society, July 26; The Wiggles, Aug. 14; AC/DC, Aug. 16; Aerosmith w/ZZ Top, Sept. 16; Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre: Sonic Youth, June 29; Gogol Bordello, June 2; The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Robin Trower, June 20; Wilco, July 21; Fleet Foxes, Aug. 5; The Decemberists, Aug. 11, 318 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre. com.

St. Andrew's Hall: The Derek Trucks Band, June 9; Metric, June 15; Robin Trower, June 20, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

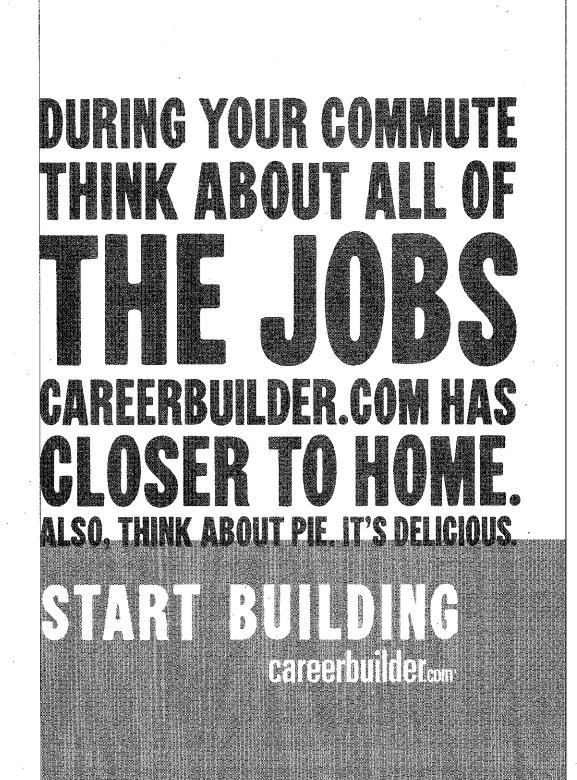
Detroit Opera House: Pilobolus, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; The Cincinnati Ballet presents 'The Nutcracker,' Dec. 3-6; Ballet Hispanico, Feb. 13-14, 2010; Tchaikovsky Ballet presents 'Sleeping Beauty,' March 26-28, 2010, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-3426, www.michiganopera.org.

University Musical Society: Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, www.ums.org.

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Truly an event for music lovers this year, Bravo Bravo will feature over 10 national and local acts including DJ Captn 20, The John Arnold Trio, Malik Alston & the Linwood Ensemble and DJ Frank Raines from Funk Night Detroit. The evening will also feature sounds by the internationally known Chuck Flask, John Johr with a surprise guest presented by Paxahau and Movement Festival.

"This year Bravo Bravo! is really offering something for everyone. With our headlining entertainers the Cherry Poppin' Daddies offering up the best blend of big band and jazz resulting in the boogie beats known as the ska sound, along with the

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BravoBravo! has become one of the most talked-about and highlighted Detroit fundraisers of the year, as revelers enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of Detroit. BravoBravo! offers five indoor areas and an outdoor tent for taking in local music acts, lounging and noshing on food from. Detroit's best restaurants and bars.

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Tickets will be available in person at the Detroit Opera House box office or by phone at (313) 237-SING, or online at www.MichiganOpera.org. Attendees must be over 21. For more information, visit www.bravobravo.org.



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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.

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.northvillemarquistheatre.com. Maybury Farm: Inside Mayburý State Park, Beck Road and Eight Mile, Northville, (248) 374-0200, www.northvillecommunityfoun-

Northville Tunes on Tuesday: Park Ranger Boy, June 16; Tom Hodgson, June 23; Rick Kelley, June 30; Gemini, July 7; The Music Lady, July 14: Guy Louis and the Chautaugua Express, July 21: Palamazoo. July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Town Square, (248) 349-0203, www. northvilleparksandrec.org.

Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles "Go Bananas Live", Aug. 14, (800) 745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com.

Comerica Cityfest: Featuring De La Soul, Buddy Guy local acts, tastings and 2nd Avenue Street Market, July 1-5, free, \$10 fasting coupons, New Center area, Detroit, (313) 872-0188, www.comeri-

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

St. Mary's Polish Country Fair: 50 carnival rides (including a spinning roller coaster), expansive KidZone, Vegas and Bingo tents, live music and dancing, authentic polish food and all-American favorites, May 22-25, 3535 Indian Trail in Orchard Lake, at the intersection of Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads, free; parking, \$7;

all-day ride passes, \$22, \$19 in advance at Meijer, (248) 706-6775, www.stmaryspolishcountryfair.com

Detroit Shorts: A festival of 60 short films presented by Detroit Film Center, May 28-31, Broadway District, Detroit, panels, workshops and filmmaker roundtables also offered; four awards will recognize Best Local, Best Student, Best International and Best Overall films, www.detroitfilm.org/detroitshorts.

Detroit Film Theatre: 50¢ movies, mini-festival of great comedies. 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, Modern Times, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 13, Seven Chances and Sherlock Jr., 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, June 14, City Lights. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900.

Henry Ford IMAX: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313) 271-1570. Magic Bag: "It Came From Detroit," music documentary, May 21, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, www.

Main Art Theatre: Midnight Madness returns, beginning with "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," May 22-24. 118 North Main Street, Royal Oak, (248) 263-2111, landmarktheatres.com

Penn Theatre: "Lili," May 21: "Grease." May 28, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre. Redford Theatre: "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.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Zhelin, master violinist, May 27, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com.

Palmer Woods Music in Homes: Violinist Gabriel Bolkosky and pianist Sarah Bob play Beethoven sonatas and other memorable gems, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30; Detroit-born violist Jason Amos, and New York violinist Jannina Barefield, who grew up in Palmer Woods, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20, (313) 891-2514, palmerwoods.org. Royal Oak Music Theater: AEG Live presents Asher Roth and Kid Cudi

live at the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Saturday, July 18, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak, (248)399-2980. Buy tickets at www. romtlive.com, all tickets.com outlets, or (800)919-6272. Trinity House Theatre: 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 BBQ, June 26; Edie Carey, June 27; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinity

Village Theatre at Cherry Hill: elmoTHUMM, May 23, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.canton-mi.org/villageth-

HUSEUMS

Charles H. Wright Museum: Freedom's Sisters of the Future workshop, for young women ages 12-21, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23. The focus is on setting and achieving life-long goals. Advance reservations required, 313-494-5823, CThomas@MAAH-Detroit. org, 315 East Warren Ave., Detroit, (313) 494-5800, www.maah-

Crambrook Art Museum: Forum Gallery openings, student work, 5-9 p.m. Fridays, each week of the academic year: 39221 Woodward. Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-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 Gusky," 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, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

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-

Detroit Science Center: "Star Trek: The Exhibition," 5020 John R, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org Greenfield Village: Civil War Remembrance May 23-25, with re-enactors. Concert and world premiere of 1874 poem "The Last Camp"

by Port Huron resident J. Wesley Benedict. 7 p.m. Saturday in the Town Hall, recited by University of Michigan music professor and Metropolitan Opera tenor George Shirley. Accompanied by Dodworth Saxhorn Band playing original musical score by Michigan composer E. George Osius. Tribute to nation's milltary at noon Monday on Village Green. 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org.

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.

Detroit Opera House: "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

Detroit Historical Society: Weekly "Behind the Scenes" series, 6 p.m. May 28. Tour of the College for Creative Studies. Cost: \$20 society members, \$30 for guests. Tickets not sold the day of the tour. Meet at 5401 Woodward Ave. (313) 833-1801, or www.detroithistori-

Green Drinks Detroit: 2nd monthly Green Drinks Detroit Happy Hour Networking Event, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, Majestic Café on Woodward in Detroit Connect on issues of sustainability and green living in metro Detroit, www.greendrinksdetroit.com

Penn Grill & Bar: Karaoke Tuesdays, 9 p.m.-f a.m., 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-3570.

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.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Emergent Arts Company: "The Mousetrap," May 21-24, Arthur Milfer Theater, The Walgreen Center, 1226 Murfin Ave. Ann Arbor, (734) 330-7815, www.emergentarts.com.

St. Bunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook: "The Producers." 8 p.m. May 29-June 13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, outdoor Cranbrook Greek Theatre next to the indoor theatre (248) 737: 3587, www.StDunstansTheatre.com



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Canton hosts splash pad party

With temperatures now on the rise, everyone is invited to cool off at the Canton Leisure Services Splash Pad Party. This kick-off-thesummer event will take place 5:30-8 p.m Friday, May 29 at Heritage Park.

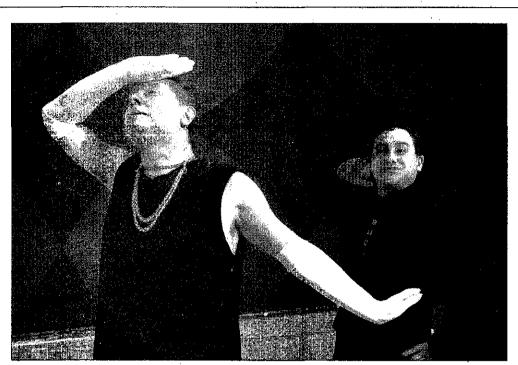
You can splish and splash for free with your family, friends and neighbors all evening long, but the splash pad won't be the only source of entertainment. A variety of activities will be available, including dancing, games and crafts, as well as a local DJ spinning family-friendly tunes. Canton Leisure Service's Mobile Rec team will also be on hand with a rock climbing wall and sports bouncer. All of the entertainment will be at no charge and concessions will be available for a nominal fee.

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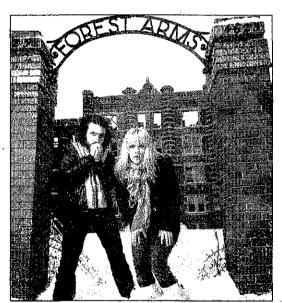
water, so even small children and toddlers can enjoy this outdoor aquatic play area. With water elements ranging from gentle mists to dynamic interactive play, there's something for everyone on those hot summer days, including a rainbow semicircular shower. Water shoes are recommended for children and adult supervision is required at all times. Please remember that no pets are allowed at the Splash Pad.

So grab the kids, a towel and a lawn chair and join the fun at the Splash Pad, just east of The Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, and say goodbye to spring and hello summer!

For more information on the Splash Pad Party or any of the family fun events Canton Leisure Services has to offer, visit cantonfun. org or call (734) 394-5460.



St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook will become the first local theatre group to present "The Producers" May 29-June 13 at The Greek Theatre on Lone Pine Road between Cranbrook and Lahser in Bloomfield Hills. Mel Brooks' Tony Award-winning romp tells of two theatre producers, Max Bialystock (Mitch Master of Bloomfield Hills) and Leo Bloom (Patrick Kilbourn of Troy) who cook up a scheme to oversell interest in a Broadway flop. When "Springtime for Hitler" becomes an unexpected hit, madcap complications arise. The play opens with a fund raising event on May 29, (\$75), which includes a private pre-party with hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer, wine, and VIP seating. General admission tickets are \$20, adults; \$18, students and seniors. Call (248) 737-3587 or visit www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

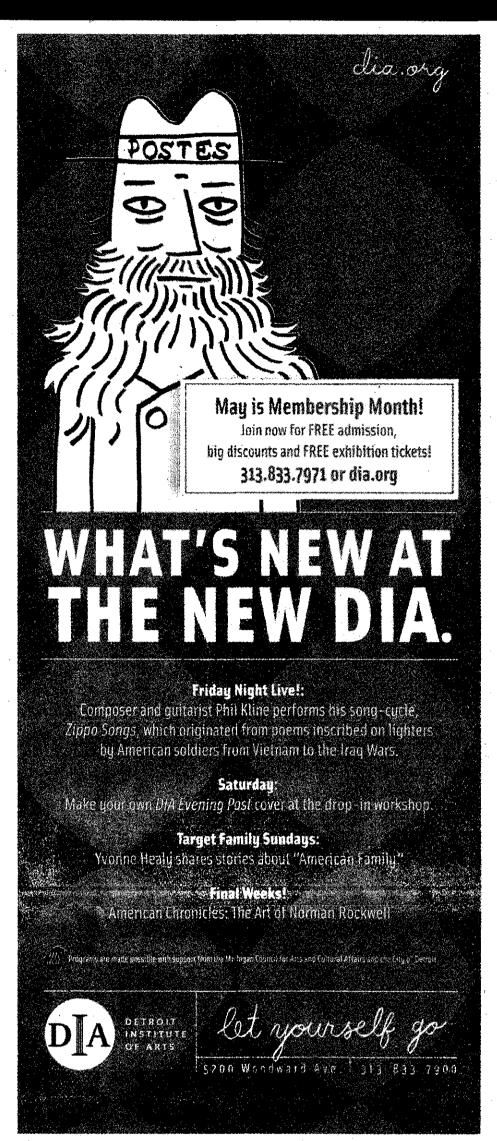


Hard Lessons release CD

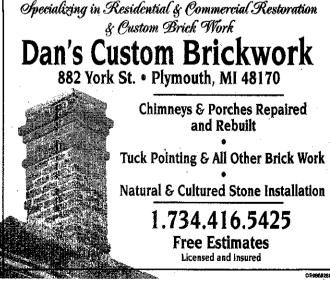
Oak Park-based The Hard Lessons are celebrating the release of their new CD "Arms Forest" with three local club dates. They'll play The Belmont May 21 and Small's Bar May 22, both in Hamtramck; and Lager House in Detroit May 23 with an early all ages BBQ.

The indie rock band is husband-and-wife team Augie Visocchi (vocals, electric and acoustic guitars, fuzz bass, mandolin, piano, kazoo, perscussion, vacuum) and Korin Louise Visocchi (vocals, piano, synthesizers, Hammond organ bass, autoharp, glockenspiel, cornet, percussion). The couple got inspiration for their hauntingly defiant CD from the abandoned Forest Arms Hotel in Detroit, and their music and liner notes contain many Detroit references. Visit www.myspace.com/thehardlessons.

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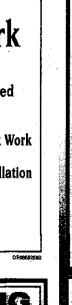
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CITY BITES

GREAT WINE WALK

FARMINGTON HILLS -Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will celebrate the 14th year of its popular Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting 6-8:30 p.m. tonight, May 21, at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Samples of over 500 wines, as well as signature foods from Metropolitan Detroit's top restaurants, will again be offered on the third floor of the campus' J Building.

Participants are invited to stroll, taste and enjoy the music of the Sheila Landis Trio while enjoying food from such famed dining establishments as Steve & Rocky's, Peabody's, NoVI Chophouse, Traveling Tea Times, the Cookie Lodge and others.

Admission, \$55 at the door, benefit culinary student scholarships, or travel expenses for the school's competing culinary teams.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696.

BLU MYNT OPENS

GARDEN CITY — The Blu Mynt, owned by Mo Berro, recently opened at 31408 Ford, just west of Merriman, in Garden City.

The restaurant serves Middle Eastern cuisine like hummus, tabbouleh, shish tawook and shwarma, as well as hamburgers and subs. Lunch specials start at \$6.99, and dinner specials at \$10.99. The Blu Mynt also offers a new feature aimed at attracting younger patrons later in the evening. Along with a coffee and juice bar - the business doesn't sell alcohol — Berro has a hookah bar for customers over age 18.

"People smoke flavored tobacco - it's for the lounge and that time after dinner. It's been very popular," said

Berro. "We have an area with couches like you would have at Starbucks and a television. Any age can come. It's a good place to hang out. There's no other place like it in Garden

5IVE DAILY SPECIALS

PLYMOUTH - 5ive 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 recipes 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. 5ive is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734)

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natstjohns.com.

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, 5ive 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. 5ive is located at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 357-5700 or visit www. theinnatstjohns.com.

JAWS BURGERS EXPANDS

FARMINGTON HILLS - Jaws Jumbo Burgers in

Farmington Hills is forming an investment group. Members will share 30 percent ownership and profits of all future Jaws Restaurant locations and a 30 percent commission on all franchise store sells. Jaws Jumbo Burgers plans to open multiunit stores in the Metro Detroit area and throughout the United States. A membership fee and monthly dues are required. Members are allowed a low-cost ground floor opportunity to plan for their family's financial future with Jaws Jumbo Burgers. For more information visit www. jawsjumboburgers.net or call Craig Ellis, (248) 259-1326.

LA HOOKAH LOUNGE

WESTLAND -- La Hookah Lounge offers free Wi-Fi and satellite TV, along with a 10 percent student discount. Fresh salads, deli style sandwiches, desserts, and hookah. Catering, carry out and delivery available. Call (734) 727-1750 or visit La Hookah Lounge at 34795 Ford Road, Westland.

CANTON MARKET CONTINUES

CANTON — Canton Farmers Market continues 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays at the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge. It will be open every Sunday through Oct. 25 rain or shine at the historic site.

New and returning vendors will offer a wide-variety of merchandise, as it becomes available, including fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, baked goods, flowers, herbs, jellies, jams, cider, honey and much more. Opening day will include the Spice Up Your Summer Cook Off Series challenge, featuring the Best Burger Blowout.

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Women Habitat workers build for the cause

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

On Saturday, May 2 and 9, women volunteers began making a dream come true for one new partner family by starting the build of a new Habitat home in Pontiac. The building day was in recognition of National Women Build Week, May 2-10, sponsored by Lowe's with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Debbie Hendrickson, construction manager for the affiliate, said this is the second year for the local women's effort.

"To encourage women to come out

and build with us. Also just be part of the solution for poverty housing, and let women know they can do this stuff, too," she said of reasons for the

Last year, about 20 women plus some extra service people just as helpers with food were involved. "We're hoping about 20 again, 15 to 20 people," the Oxford resident said just before the event on May 2. Organizers continued the build on Saturday, May 9, both Saturdays within National Women Build Week.

There are homes nearby Raeburn Street in Pontiac where the women worked, she said, but not right on

that street. "We're just continuing work in the neighborhood."

Hendrickson agreed women who haven't grown up taking shop or fixing their own homes may doubt their skill levels on home improvement. If encouraged, "they certainly can do this as well," she said.

She noted women have housing needs. including for their chil-

"It's so much harder for a single mom to make the wage and provide for the family. This is certainly quite a large need in our area," Hendrickson said. Organizers appre-



The Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County volunteers were proud of their accomplishments.

ciate Lowe's underwriting, which involves time, money and resources. They had Women Build clinics at Lowe's in Pontiac leading up to the event. See the affiliate Web site at habitatoakland.org for details on efforts of Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Developed through the partnership between Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity, National Women Build Week celebrates the compassion, dedication, talents and abilities of women from all walks of life. The goal is to both showcase the accomplishments of Habitat's women volunteers and invite new women volunteers to

join the effort to provide decent, safe, affordable housing.

Sally LePla, Habitat executive director and a Rochester Hills resident, said, "The Women Build effort is of growing importance and has been for the past few years."

Women can "raise walls and build a new home for a family. It's very exciting to see the women out on the build site, because they bring a candor and camaraderie," LePla said.

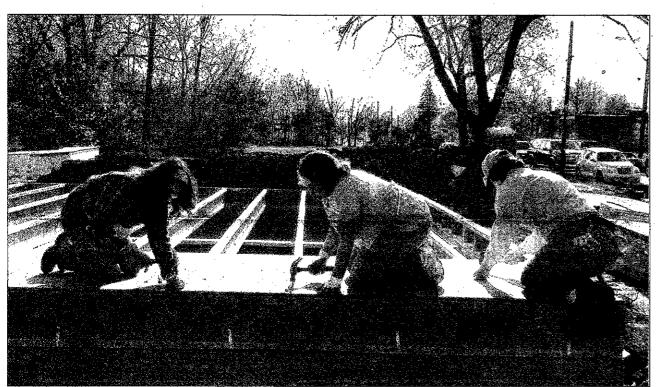
There are lots of additional volunteer opportunities, LePla said. "We'd welcome anyone who's interested in volunteering." Call her at (248) 338-1843, Ext. 223.

LePla, who was at the local Women Build, noted the affiliate's ReStore now carries pink tool belts, so women can make a "statement that women can do many, many things."

The affiliate also needs new or gently used furniture, as well as bathroom fixtures and those for the kitchen, she added. A deconstruction crew can come to your home and remove items if you're planning to remodel. Those used items are then sold in the Habitat ReStore, supporting the Christian ministry to provide affordable housing.

The week leading up to Mother's Day was selected for its significance to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing: more than 12 million children — one in six — live in poverty housing in the U.S. alone.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, located at 150 Osmun St. in Pontiac, has already built 96 homes, housing approximately 280 people, about 185 of them children/teens from newborn to college age.



Volunteers work on the home during the local part of National Women Build Week, May 2-10, sponsored by Lowe's with Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

BRIEFS

Weir Manuel

Weir Manuel Realtors announced that Carole Eizelman has joined the Weir Manuel team in the Birmingham office. A Realtor for 31 years, Eizelman spent the past six years as a producing manager at her former employer serving Bloomfield Hills, Rochester and Troy. Sheis the recipient of a President's Circle Realtor Award.

Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel. said, "We are proud that Carole chose to make the move to our elite team of real estate professionals. She has an exceptional background in real estate and has a tremendous track record of client satisfaction."

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May 28 Summit

The Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors with Bank of America will present an Affordable Housing Summit Thursday, May 28, exploring key topics and mortgage alternatives in today's residential lending environment.

The free event includes a panel discussion about industry trends featuring MCAR CEO Walt Baczkowski and experts from Bank of America, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Southwest Housing Solutions Corporation and

Attendees will also learn about flexible solutions for homebuyers, including homebuyer education and counseling programs, down payment assistance and bond programs. Home financing and the local economy will also be addressed.

Bank of America representatives will be on hand to talk about how the company can help Realtors meet their clients' needs with FHA and VA loans (with flexible guidelines and a dedicated fulfillment team), Neighborhood Champions Protected Mortgage (for teachers, firefighters, police and medical professionals) and other home financing solutions, including refinance options.

The summit runs 9:30 a.m. to noon at MCAR's Troy location. Continental breakfast and check-in begin at 9 am. Seating is limited. Send your name, company/organization and phone number in an email to: NL_Event_Central@bankofamerica.com.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Mid-Year Economic Forecast on Wednesday, June 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centerpoint Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac.

John Augustine, CFA, Chief Investment Strategist, Fifth Third Private Bank, will lead the forecast, presenting what the housing industry can expect for the remainder of 2009. He is a frequent media guest on CNBC and Bloomberg. He has been practicing portfolio management for more than 17 years.

Registration fees, including lunch, are \$30 for BIA members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a certified graduate course, Profitable Business Through Quality Process.

The course will be held at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills on Monday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar counts toward Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR), Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Builder (CGB), Graduate Master Builder (GMB), Graduate Master Remodelor, and Master Certified Sales Professional (MCSP) designations.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group, Inc. will present methods to help participants exceed customer expectations and increase repeat business by delivering exceptional service to their customers.

Participants will learn key strategies for creating value and providing a quality building/remodeling experience for homeowners. Registration fees are \$155 for National Association of Home Builders Professional Remodelers Council (NAHBR) members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests.

For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present Green Built™ of Southeastern Michigan Training on Wednesday, June 10, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

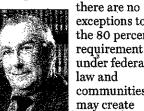
Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services, LLC will discuss building with materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental state-

Topics will include building more energy efficient, more durable and more environmentally sustainable homes with emphasis on indoor environmental quality. There is no charge. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Senior community can offer waiver

Q: We are an age restricted community and we are wondering if we can provide any hardship waivers or automatic waivers to people who are not 55?

A: Some age restrictive covenants provide governing boards to provide hardship waivers or even automatic hardship waivers. However, developers must realize that



Robert Meisner

exceptions to the 80 percent requirement under federal law and communities may create exceptions only if the

exceptions do not result in

a violation of the 80 percent. requirement. When the age 55 or older occupant of the unit passes away, leaving an underage 55 widow or widower, a hardship exception may be granted automatically or at the board's discretion only when there is room to do so, and the 20/80 ratio has not yet been reached. A recommended approach is to impose a bright line covenant (for example, each unit must be occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older) while including the community documents the flexibility to grant hardship exceptions or waive enforcement for a certain period of time, while allowing those with sudden hardships time to relocate but these exceptions can be made only if the community would still satisfy the 80/20 ratio.

Q: I am wondering if there is any case law that suggests that one can have an untrained pet as a reasonable accommodation for depression.

A: At least in California, that is the case based on several cases out of the California Courts as well as the 9th Circuit confirming the use of an untrained pet as a reasonable accommodation. An 'accommodation should state that the co-owner/tenant has a disability and explain how the requested accommodation will be helpful. In addition, the applicant should include a note from his or her service provider, such as a doctor or therapist, verifying the need for a support animal. The applicant need not disclose the details of the disability nor provide a detailed medical history. Obviously, the applicant requesting an emotional support animal as a reasonable accommodation must demonstrate a relationship between his or her ability to function and the companionship of the animal. Federal law does not require the applicant, however, to provide proof of training or certification of the animal.

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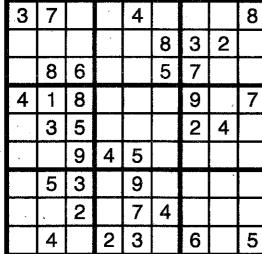
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Pickups Remain Vital Segment for Chevrolet and Nissan

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By Dale Buss

There's a reason that General Motors, Nissan, and other pickup-truck makers continue to advertise their brands so

"Pickup-truck sales tend to lead the country out of recessions," said John Schwegman, group manager of Chevrolet truck and product marketing. "And we think that market recovers quickly."

All the manufacturers hope to tap into an expected deluge of demand once the federal government releases substantial chunks of the hundreds of billions of dollars of construction funds included in the economic-stimulus package. Some already are making blatant appeals in that direction. A recent TV ad for GMC's Sierra line, for example, puts it: "Sierra: Because America can't rebuild itself."

In the meantime, of course, the pickuptruck market is a mere fraction of its former self, populated by financially squeezed and ever-more demanding core buyers. They are construction contractors, farmers, ranchers and other small-business owners as well as "mixed-use" buyers who might also utilize their trucks for recreational purposes such as hunting, fishing and jaunts to a vacation home.

Because of these characteristics, there are some strong commonalities in how leading players in the market are marketing their pickups now:

· Feats of mechanical derring-do are less important but still glorified, most prominently in the TV-advertising

launch campaign for the new Ram. The centerpiece was the Dodge Ram Challenge, a "real-life, high-energy product attribute demonstration pitting American icons against one another on an obstacle course built in the rough California terrain," as Chrysler put it.

• Most OEMS continue to slather thousands of dollars of incentives on the hood of each new truck that they want to sell – simply because in this economy, lush incentives amount to mere table stakes. "With the tough economic climate, everyone's looking at every penny they're spending and factoring that into the purchase consideration more than they ever have been," said Schwegman said.

 And more truck marketing now concentrates on features such as enhanced fuel economy, hauling utility, and reduced cost of ownership.

First-quarter sales for the Silverado line, GM's largest truck nameplate, plunged by more than 45 percent, according to Edmunds.com data, and are projected to come out at only about 270,000 units for all of 2009, down more than 60 percent from their 2005 peak of 706,000 units.

And, of course, GM is the only one of the Detroit Three that hasn't freshened its product line in the last several months.

So in Silverado advertising, Schwegman is focusing on what he described as the long-term attributes of the line: "power, pulling and payload." He also is

Chevrolet Silverado provides a fuel-economy burst.

Nissan's Titan has been freshened for 2010; here's the 2009 model

emphasizing what he described as the products' segment-leading costs of ownership and resale value.

"Our 100,000-mile power train warranty, for one thing, is a key to cost of ownership and Ford doesn't have it," Schwegman noted. "Dodge has a version but it isn't as comprehensive."

GM also is touting the XFE (for "extra fuel economy") versions of Silverado and Sierra. Utilizing lighter-weight materials, a slightly different axle ratio, and a tonneau cover as standard, GM engineers were able to squeeze out an extra half-mile per gallonon the highway and the city. "In the current environment," Schwegman said, "every half-mile counts.'

Nissan has always brought up the rear in this segment with its Titan line, a position on which it seems to be solidifying its hold. Edmunds.com projects that Titan will sell only 18,000 units for all of 2009, which would represent an 80-percent fall from its 2005 sales peak.

But Vinay Shahani, director of truck

marketing for Nissan USA, said that "there's no way we can sit this out; we have to play the game." So Nissan is taking what he called "a very pragmatic approach to marketing [Titan] in this environment.'

Among other things, that means Nissan is focusing on the inherent value of Titan. For example, it is launching the 2010 Heavy Metal edition of the vehicle, which features a chrome billet grille, side rails, rear-view mirror's and wheels for a package price of about \$1,200 - on separately valued components that would total about \$2,500.

"That speaks value to the customer and allows the dealers to have a very strong message," Shahani said.

In advertising, he said, Titan's new theme is "Look closer," "It allows us to focus on ours versus competitive models, and consumers will find that our value proposition is outstanding," Shahani explained. "It underscores the much more pragmatic approach we need to take in this kind of economy.'

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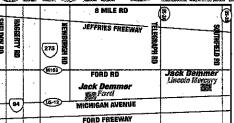
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