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Agape gift Despite the bad news that their

school will be closing at the end of the school year, students at Agape Christian Academy continued to do their best and help the community. Earlier this month, Agape students participated in a walka-thon and raised \$1,600 for the Canton Goodfellows.

The event took place at Heritage Park, and students (and faculty) walked five miles.

"We walked to raise money partially to help with expenses at the school, but also to give back to our community," said Kristin Organ, an Agape parent who helped with the event.

"We are just thrilled the students were able to help us. In these tough economic times, any help is appreciated," Canton Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer said.

Local initiative

Organizers of the Plymouth Canton Community Initiative are inviting all Plymouth and Canton residents, government employees, community activists and school partners to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. this evening at the Canton Administration Building.

The group is close to forming a strategic planning team and making recommendations to the community, and it wants your voice to be heard.

This is an effort supported by Diversity and Inclusion, The Ford nity and corporate partners in the Plymouth and Canton community.

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Rise of the charter schools

Two new academies opening in Canton this fall

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton Township will soon be home to three charter schools. National Heritage Academies will open its second charter school in Canton - Achieve Charter Academy - in time for the 2009-2010 school year, and the waiting list is a long one.

'We held our lottery in March for 561 students," said Claudia Williamson, principal at Achieve.

Do you support charter schools in Canton? Send your opinions via e-mail to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com, or post a comment on our

Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

cipal at Canton Charter Academy,

Williamson was the founding prin-

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ing to get in."

to expand on the same property. The plan wasn't approved by township officials, so National Heritage Academies decided to open a second school at Denton and Geddes roads. "We have 876 on the waiting list try-"We've had more than a thousand

children on the waiting list at Canton Charter Academy for several years," said Williamson. "The bulk of them

located at Ford and Ridge roads,

so long school officials attempted

when it opened in September 2000.

The waiting list has continually been

are from the Plymouth-Canton school district. The next biggest grouping is from Van Buren Schools.

The NHA model is to open with grades kindergarten through fifth, and then add a grade each year until the school becomes K-8. Williamson said because of the demand, Achieve - which is chartered by Grand Valley State University - will open as a K-6 school. "The building is erect and the

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Remembering a son and a hero

Jan and Terry Blumberg of Canton, parents of fallen soldier Trevor Blumberg, place flowers at the Canton Veterans Memorial during a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday. Trevor Blumberg, or 'Blum' as his friends in the military called him, was killed in Iraq in 2003. He is one of

ers Kathy and Darryl Nowacki earned a total of seven medals in the 2009 WineMaker Magazine Competition, which is the largest competition of its kind in the world.

They earned medals for their traditional reds Cabernet Merlot 2007, Montepulciano 2008, Cabernet Shiraz 2007 and Cabernet Sauvignon 2007. In the fruit wine category, their Wildberry Shiraz 2008 also took a medal. Special satisfaction to the Nowackis is the Gold Medal for their cherry chocolate ice-styled wine, Bello Bocio, a recipe that was developed by the Nowackis. Diamanti 2008, their white ice wine also was awarded a Gold Medal by WineMaker.

Vintners' is celebrating its fifth anniversary May 30 with a dinner held at the winery, which is located at 8515 N. Lilley Road (south of Joy). Guests will be able to sample some of the medal winners. Cost of the dinner is \$40, and will include Gold Medal-winning wines with each course. For reservations or more information, call (734) 354-9463 or visit its Web site at www. vintnerscanton.com.

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Food bank hoping community can come to rescue

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Open Door Ministry Director Steve Darr said he's a bit more encouraged about the future of the organization's food bank after a Monday afternoon meeting with township officials concerning steps to obtain a certificate of occupancy to remain in an old cardboard factory to store and distribute food to more than 300 families a week.

Darr became concerned whether the food bank -- which is on pace to give out 1.2 million pounds of food this year - could continue operating in Canton when a fire inspector showed

up a few weeks ago and discussed with Darr possible code violations, which could turn into costly repairs for Open Door Ministry and threaten the future of the food bank, which mainly serves families in Canton and Westland.

Darr said he's optimistic after meeting with a Canton fire marshal and two building department officials.

They didn't come out and say they wanted to close us down, but that they wanted to work with us," Darr said. "We need local government to work alongside us to make the building safe, feed people and help them find jobs, and they all agreed.

"That is the philosophical part of it," he added. "The practical part is

they didn't paint an easy picture of the steps we need to take. The process I see before me now is no easier than a week ago. But the proof will be if they can actually help us or not."

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the township plans to put together a list of building issues and see how the township can help facilitate in fixing them.

"We are not closing the food bank," LaJoy said. "We understand how important it is to keep food available for people who are hurting. We're not going to jeopardize that for people who are in a very difficult time.

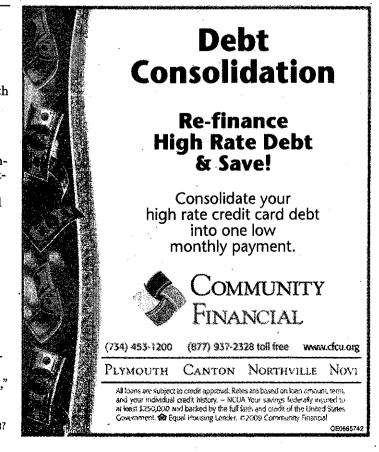
"But you just can't close your eyes to the problem," he added. "Our goal

is compliance, to try and see if we can come up with a way to get a certificate of occupancy. There may be obstacles there, but we think we can work through those."

Darr said the owner of the building has agreed to pay for an inspection of the fire sprinkler system, and is hopeful volunteers will step up to help with repairs to the building.

"Several people have already expressed a willingness to help," Darr said. "We're hoping to get architects to volunteer their time. We would like to get the whole community involved."

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Canton Cup a success on and off the field

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Canton Cup soccer tournament has been around for 27 Memorial Day weekends, and none was any larger than last weekend's event, which drew a record 584 teams.

That resulted in nearly 40,000 people — both local and from out of state - visiting Canton establishments and spending hard-earned cash. Ann Blackburn, one of the managers at the Big Boy restaurant on Ford Road, has been

around the past three Canton Cup tournaments. We call it hell week here because it's so busy," Blackburn said. "We're tired by the end, but it's good because so many

people come in. We always make sure we have extra staff

'We call it hell week here because it's so busy. We're tired by the end, but it's good because so many people come in. We always make sure we have extra staff on hand for soccer weekend."

ANN BLACKBURN, Big Boy manager

on hand for soccer weekend." A Hampton Hotel manager, who asked that her name not be used, said, "We had an increase in business. It was very noticeable."

The Canton Cup tournament is sponsored by a collaboration between the Canton Soccer Club and Canton Leisure Services.

"The Canton Soccer Club hosts the tournament and we have the facilities and help with logistical support," said Abe Vinitski, Canton parks supervisor. "I've had a part in seven Memorial Day cups and this has been the best yet. The planning and organization gets better every year."

Many soccer families agreed with Vinitski's assessment.

"Outstanding, it's the best," said John Feys of Canton, whose 12-year-old son Jack's team finished with two losses and a tie. "There's a lot of different competition that you haven't seen or played, so it's exciting.

"The tournament is more organized, the parking is organized and the setups for the food made everybody satisfied," he added.

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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.canton-mi.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 part of this wonderful group by contacting the Canton Senior Adult Program at (734) 394-5485.

College night

Need information about local options for college? The Canton Public Library is hosting a College Night Open House on June 1, from 7-8:30 p.m. Come by and get information from 16 local colleges, including community colleges and schools with online and alternative education programs. Learn about financial aid, admissions, degree programs and transfer credits. It's not too late to make plans for the fall semester.

Colleges scheduled to attend are Davenport Online Learning, University of Phoenix-Michigan, Central Michigan University Extended, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University, Henry Ford Community College, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University, Lawrence Technological University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Walsh College Troy, Concordia University, Washtenaw Community College, ITT Technical Institute, Art Institute of Michigan and Kaplan Institute. No registration is necessary.

Call (734) 397-0999 for more information. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

River Day/Rouge Rescue

Canton's River Day will be held Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. along a portion of the Lower Rouge River located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road. The event will take place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students, and scout troops are encouraged to participate.

River Day is a great opportunity to help preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams and participants will be able to choose from a number of different activities including guided nature walks, river cleaning efforts, birdhouse building, and more.

This year in an effort to broaden Canton's river cleaning efforts, the following nine subdivisions have been added as additional host sites; Pilgrim Hills, Forest Trails, Cherry Hill Orchards, Vintage Valley, Deer Creek, Century Farms, Rivers Edge, Fellows Creek Estates and Sunflower.

On June 6, volunteers have the option of reporting to the main host site at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road, or volunteering at the additional sites to help with log jam removal, debris cleanup, and plantings. For more information on the additional sites or a map of their location please call Canton's Public Works Division at 394-5150.

Volunteers should come dressed for the weather, and jeans and boots should be worn. Registration will begin promptly at 8 a.m. at each site. Volunteers will be provided with breakfast, water and a small lunch.

For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event call 394-5150.



Scholarship winners

Plymouth Christian Academy graduating seniors Megan Greve of Canton and Spencer Wiard of Livonia were each awarded \$500 scholarships for their successes in Christian leadership and academic and athletic achievements. They were honored May 21 during the school's annual Honors Chapel for the graduating class of 2009. During this event, PCA's Athletic Booster Board in partnership with Holly Kornachuck of Farmers Insurance awarded the first ever Athletic/Academic Booster Board Scholarships to the two seniors. Pictured are (from left) PCA Booster Board President Bekki Nill, Wiard, Greve and Kornachuk.

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Camp Canton

The award-winning Camp Canton, part of Canton Leisure Services, will open its doors again this summer starting on June 22 and run until Aug. 28. The program is open to children between the ages of 6-10.

Camp Canton is a weeklong day camp (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.) that is licensed by the State of Michigan. Located in the dance studios at the Summit on the Park, this camp will keep kids busy with sports, crafts, swimming, theme days, guest speakers and "off-site" field trips every Wednesday. Scheduled field trips include a Toledo Mudhens baseball game, the Trout Farm, two different water parks, Kensington Metro Park, the Toledo Zoo, a Detroit Shock Basketball game and many more. Spots are still available.

There is a cost of \$175 per week for Canton residents and for non-residents the cost is \$228; with a discount for week two since there will be no camp July 3, due to the holiday. No daily registration is allowed, but payment plans are available. The staff of Camp Canton is trained in CPR/first aid with a staff to camper ration of 1:6. In 2008,

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Hopefuls who enjoy and want to help promote Canton and meet the following criteria are encouraged to come out and audition on June 10: • Couples in their 50s who enjoy golf

- Families with children of all ages
- Teenagers
- Young adults in their 20s and 30s
- Group of girlfriends
- Group of guys
- Couples of all ages

The auditions are open to Canton residents and residents of neighboring communities that enjoy shopping in Canton. Participation is voluntary. No experience is necessary.

Those interested in auditioning must set up an appointment by Monday, June 8 with Sharman Lamka at (248) 563-2642 or sharmanlamka@aol.com. On the day of the audition, candidates will be asked to share their story of why they shop, dine, play and stay in Canton. Auditions will be held at the Canton Administration Building, Room E (1150 Canton Center Road South, Canton MI 48188). An adult must accompany children under 18.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its next monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m., June 3 at Summit on the Park. The special guest speaker will be Daniel Heumann, vice president of the Daniel Heumann Fund for Spinal Cord Research.

Cost of the lunche is \$20 (advance registration) and \$25 at the door. Seating is limited. Reservations are required — call the chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail receptionist@cantonchamber.com.

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

Registration is now open for all courses. For details visit the Community Education Web site www.pccs.k12.mi.us ing, photography, editing, and, publishing company. For more information, call (734) 397-1626; e-mail peroinc5@ comcast.net, or visit http:// camartin@blogspot.com.

Plymouth football golf outing

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.com.

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 6foot table, and two chairs.

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

Rotary raffle

The Canton Rotary Club is having a "dream vacation" raffle" to support the Rotary Foundation. The winner will win a dream vacation (allinclusive) to Riviera Maya, Mexico (a \$3,000 value). Tickets may be purchased from any Canton Rotarian (one for \$10; three for \$24; or 10 for \$50). All profits will be used in the community, schools and world projects (i.e. T.A.P. clean water and eradication of polio). The drawing will be held at the Liberty Fest on June 20 at 8 p.m. For further information and tickets please contact Ken Beardsley at (734) 844-1901, Michelle Burger at (734) 812-2517 or Bill Tesen at (734) 844-1374.

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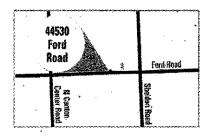
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Author signings

Canton author Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin, M.A. will be autographing copies of her latest children's book, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," at the Westland Borders Express on Sunday, May 31 from 1-3 p.m. People will be able to purchase autographed copies of her three published books.

"What's neat about my new book, "Haiku For You: With Some One Room School House History," is that it showcases Westland's One Room School House, named Perrinsville. There are a few full color photographs that illustrate the interior of this one room school house which is restored to the 1890s time period. My daughter went on a field trip to that school when she attended Wayne-Westland schools, when we resided in Westland in the 1990s," she said.

She'll also be autographing her books at the Waldenbooks & More in Saginaw on June 13, from 1-3 p.m., and, June 20 at the Borders Express in Novi, inside of Twelve Oaks Mall from 2-4 p.m., and at the Southgate Borders Express, Saturday, June 27 2-4 p.m.

Vatcher-Martin is also the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, tutoring, instructional design, consult-

Salvation Army camp

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is now accepting applications for its 2009 Summer Day Camp. The program will run for nine weeks beginning June 15 through Aug. 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Applications are available in the business office located at 9451 South Main Street, in Plymouth. The summer program will consist of field trips, structured recreation, character building, and crafts. Pre-care and after-care are made available for working families. In recognition of the current economic hardships, weekly rates of \$55 have not been increased. An application fee of \$10 will be necessary. to secure a spot. Limited scholarships are available to qualifying families and proof of income will be required. Interested parties wishing to underwrite scholarships may contact Major Pat Irvine at The Salvation Army.

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Citizens panel to chart district's future CHARTER

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Less than a month after receiving a new contract, Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy now knows what his goal will be for the 2009-10 school year

The school board in a 5-0 vote, with board President Martha Pitsenbarger and Trustee William Gabriel absent, called on Baracy to create a citizens committee to look at the use of school buildings and the district's demographics.

"These are a number of things that are important to this school district," said Vice President Skip Monit. "We're very confident that the superintendent will complete these goals satisfactorily."

The board has asked Baracy to create a committee made up of parents, students, community and staff members and "other district stakeholders" to review building use and

the district's demographics, explore various learning Baracy

configurations and additional educational options for students. Baracy will

report the committee's recommendations to the board for consideration for the 2010-11 school year.

"It's going to be a huge undertaking," said Baracy. "Our hope is in partnering with the community we can preserve the academic excellence Wayne-Westland has been known for into the future. The process will give residents, parents and students the opportunity to help develop an educational system that will even better prepare our students for the global marketplace than we do now."

The board resolution echoes Baracy's comments, stating

that the trustees wish "to partner with the community to maximize the district's resources in a financially responsible way and provide global educational opportunities for generations to come."

Baracy hopes to begin assembling the committee within the next month and have the first meeting by July 1. Each school will be represented by two-three stakeholders - parents - and there alsowill be members of the staff, residents of the community as well as a few students, quite likely those involved in student government.

Baracy stressed that the work will have to "all about the students, not the adults."

"It's going to be aggressive, it's something that has to be done," he said. "We hope to reach out to the community to provide good feedback on what they want their school district to look like."

One of the things the committee may look at is reconfiguring grade levels like what was done in the Novi and Livonia school districts. That has been successful in those districts and could help Wayne-Westland better use its

facilities, Baracy said. "Birth rates are down in Wayne County, and there's no indication that that trend is going to turn around," said Baracy. "Most of our buildings were built during the baby boom or before. We can't operate buildings at 50 percent of capacity and we have several that do.

The last time Wayne-Westland organize a citizens committee was 1994, and according to Baracy the end result was the closing of seven schools.

"This is going to be a recommendation from the ground up," he said. "It will be comprehensive, it will focus on the good things happening in this district."

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brick work on the outside has been completed," Williamson said. "Inside they're putting up dry wall and insulation, and getting ready to lay the asphalt and concrete for driveways and the parking lot.

"We'll be in the building by late July and open for the first day of school on Sept. 8," she said.

Cathy Henkenberns is now principal at Canton Charter Academy, which is chartered by Central Michigan University.

Universal Academy has had its roots in Detroit - near the Dearborn border - since 1998, with approximately 450 students in grades k-12. Superintendent Nawal Hamadeh said the school, chartered by Oakland University, focuses on the Michigan core curriculum standards and international cultures.

"With emphasis on the Arabic culture; preservation of

our own culture and assimilation in the American culture," said Hamadeh, who noted the new school will add pre-kindergarten. "For the most part, our students have a middle eastern background. However, enrollment is open to the public and we would love to have students from everywhere.

"We've been looking for years and not been able to find a suitable facility to house our programs and students," she said. "We want to have a complete program with an athletic field, a gymnasium, bigger media center and science and computer labs."

The 66,000-square-foot, single-story school will be located on Cherry Hill Road, between Canton Center and Beck roads. The school is expected to be constructed in time for the 2010-2011 school year.

"We found Canton has more properties available that will allow for new construction," Hamadeh said. "The Middle Eastern community is growing in the Canton area and there's a need for a program like ours.'

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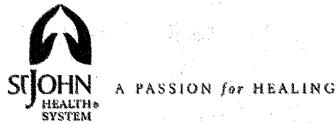
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PUBLIC SAFETY

School vandalized

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Canton Police are investigating graffiti found on the outside of Hoben Elementary on May 24. Police say there were seven different obscenities and sexual drawings on the building written with chalk. The school's plant manager was able to remove the graffiti in an hour.

Purse stolen from van

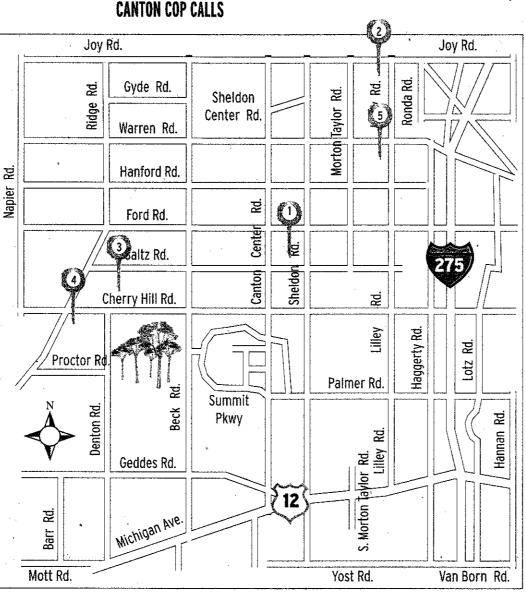
🥱 A woman reported to 🖾 police on May 23 that her purse and a cell phone were stolen from her van, which was parked in the back of Big Cheese Pizza, 8491 Lilley Road. The victim told police she thought she locked her vehicle, which was parked for only 10 minutes.

Home break in

Residents living in the 49000 block of Crescent Drive reported to police their home was broken into, but nothing was taken. They discovered screens were cut on the front door, a kitchen window and a rear sliding door, which was also left open. The family dog, which is allowed to roam the house, was found in the bathroom with the door closed. Residents say they had three similar incidents last year.

Money stolen from home

A couple living in the 50400 block of Monroe told police someone stole \$1,945 in cash and two checks totaling \$600 when they went for



a walk May 18. The couple said they didn't lock the door and left the garage open. The money, received from guests at their one-year-old's birthday party, was taken from a kitchen drawer.

Door kicked in

Police say a boyfriend reported he found the front door to his girlfriend's apartment at 7055 Foxthorn kicked in May 20. The frame was shattered near where the dead bolt

was located, and three footprints were found on the door near the handle. Police asked the boyfriend if he kicked down the door because he locked his key inside, however the man denied that was the case.

LIKE NUMBERS? there are a pile

of them in

PORTSsection



Canton Police Officer Sara Boritzki has been selected for a three-year assignment as the department's new school resource officer (SRO). Boritzki will join current SRO Joe Mullally and be assigned to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which encompasses Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools.

Police academy graduate

hard," said his mother, Maureen Frye.

Canton's Jonathan Frye graduated from Wayne County Regional Police

Academy on May 1. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in his class. He

is the son of David and Maureen Frye of Canton. "Jon has worked so:

Department selects new

School resource officers are stationed at the high schools to enhance the level of policing on the large campus consist-

officer to patrol PCEP complaints on

Boritzki

campus ranging from theft to drug possession. SRO's also patrol after-school functions and provide traffic enforcement on

campus. department as a police officer in 2005. She earned her bachelor's

degree from Western Michigan

University and has a master's

Boritzki was hired by the



Mike Cox announces gubernatorial run for 2010

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

State Attorney General Mike Cox officially announced Wednesday that he is running for governor in 2010. Cox, a Livonia resident, will run as



U.S. Rep. Peter Hoekstra, Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land, Ann Arbor businessman Rick Snyder and state Sen. Tom George. Cox points to his

Cox

roots in western Wayne County in growing up in Redford

and living in Livonia, watching the automotive industry and statewide recession take its toll on the quality of life in those communities and personal lives.

"I've had three friends who recently lost jobs, I have a brother-in-law who lost a job in the last year, and I'm

Cox said he can't fault Gov. Jennifer Granholm with the restructuring of the Big 3 and bankruptcy hearings on Chrysler and General Motors as those proceedings are

beyond the governor's control. But Michigan has the third worst business tax according to the Tax Foundation, Cox said. Michigan is ranked 48th in the foundation's corporate tax index rank, according to www.taxfoundation.org.

Cox wants to see the business tax cut in half and initiate a \$2 billion tax cut. He wants to see Michigan compete with Virginia, Georgia and Indiana for jobs and businesses.

"We need to give hope to Michigan businesses, that it's OK to invest in Michigan," Cox said. Cox said he wants communities to maintain their quality of life through job growth.

"We are now competing with 49 other states and say that Michigan is a place to come to with its great uni-

mad as hell and frustrated," Cox said. versities and the great Midwestern work ethic," Cox said.

Cox believes the tax cuts can help business investment and tackle Michigan's high unemployment rates, which exceeds neighboring Indiana by 3 percentage points. Indiana also managed to land Honda to build cars there. "It's really an artificial border, but they don't have the great universities we have," Cox said.

Cox also cited Granholm's approach to the film industry and wondered why that can't be expanded on all levels. "If we look at how the governor pushed the film tax credit, the one thing we learned is that taxes matter. When you change the tax structure, they'll come here."

With a lowering of the Michigan Business Tax, that means state spending will need to be cut beyond cuts already made to address the state budget deficit. "I've made cuts in my budget," Cox said. "Unfortunately I've had to lay people off."

Cox believes state employees should

pay more of their health insurance premiums as employees do in the private sector. "State government shouldn't be a sacred cow," Cox said. As auto companies like the Big 3 or newspapers like the Observer & Eccentric restructure, so should state government, Cox said.

Cox added that he would expand on his energy plans, health care and infrastructure campaign platforms as the campaign unfolded, but for now, the state needs to focus on the economy. Cox remembers his days in the U.S. Marines when he was stationed in North Carolina in 1982.

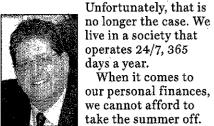
Back then, that state's Big Three was textiles, furniture and tobacco.

"Today they have food procession, auto accessory manufacturing and biotech," Cox said. "Their economy has grown and they've done it under Democrats and Republicans, by keeping the costs of state government competitive."

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Investors should take proxy statements seriously

emorial Day has come and gone and summer has unofficially begun in Michigan. When I was a kid, summer was the time that everything slowed down, even in the business world.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

During this financial crisis, many people have been outraged at some of the excesses on Wall Street. Whether it was bonuses paid to executives who then invested in risky investments to pad their bonuses or the mismanagement' of company finances, at times it appeared there was no accountability the opportunity to learn a great deal

ties.

That is particularly

true this year with all

the financial difficul-

and no one was protecting the shareholder's interest.

One way to hold people responsible and put some accountability back into the system is to take advantage of the opportunity to vote.

Over the course of the year, investors receive proxy statements from stocks and mutual funds they own. These proxy statements seek shareholder permission to do a variety of things. For example, in a mutual fund proxy statement, permission may be sought to raise fees. Other proxy statements may seek a vote to elect members of the board of directors

The general argument against voting is one vote here and one vote there will not make a difference. Often this is true, but occasionally a few votes here and there can sway an election. We have seen elections for political offices where a few votes here and there made the difference. Another benefit to voting your proxy and being involved in the process is

about your investment.

Unfortunately, when most people receive a proxy statement, it goes into the shredder. What they don't realize is that statement contains a wealth of information about the company or mutual fund, the members of the board of directors and information about the management team.

An investor who was complaining about executive salaries didn't understand how corporations could pay the amount of compensation they do. I explained that, generally, for top executives, the board of directors sets the policy as to compensation. I asked him if he voted his proxy regarding the members of the board of directors and he said no.

Not only could he vote his shares, but it was possible for him to submit his own proposal regarding compensation or other corporate issues to be included in the proxy statement. There is a process involved in regards to having a proposal included in a proxy statement. Although it is not easy, it is possible for ordinary individuals to attempt to influence a company's direction by the proxy process. You don't have to be a major shareholder in the corporation, or even a large shareholder, you simply have to be a shareholder.

In voting your proxy, most companies and mutual funds have made it easier than ever before. Options include mail, the Internet and telephone. There is no reason not to vote.

I believe the more someone knows about an investment, the better it is. When an investor understands an investment, they tend to be a more successful investor. So when you receive a proxy statement, take some time to read the materials. No one ever said being a successful investor is easy.

Good luck!

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

LOCAL BRIEFS

Walk to Beautiful

In celebration of International Day to Take Action on Women's Health, the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County is showing the documentary, "A Walk to Beautiful" free to all. "A Walk to Beautiful" deals with the topic of obstetric fistulas and is one of many service projects funded by Zonta International. The film tells the story of five women in Ethiopia suffering from devastating childbirth injuries. The documentary follows each of these women on their journey to a special hospital in Addis Ababa where doctors are being trained to recognize and correct this problem.

The event takes place 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. For more information, call (734) 464-3728.

Women's evening

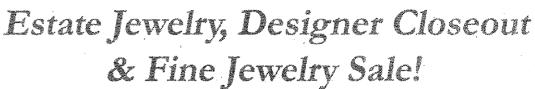
Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth hosts an evening of reflection for women on Friday, May 29, beginning with Mass at 6 p.m. celebrated by Most Rev. Daniel E. Flores and Rev. John C. Riccardo.

Dinner will follow in the parish social hall with guest speakers Genevieve Kineke and Teresa Tomeo. Both women were invited to attend the prestigious 2008 Pontifical Council for the Laity's International Conference.

Kineke is the author of "The Authentic Catholic Woman" and the founding editor the Catholic women's magazine, Canticle. Wife and mother of five, she will explore the vocation of woman of every age and state of life, celebrating the joy found in the true feminine genius. Teresa Tomeo is the nationally syndicated Catholic talk show host of Catholic Connection, as well as author of several books, and a professional speaker and media consultant.

Cost is \$25 and seating is limited by reservation only. Contact Mary at jomary913@aol.com, or call the parish offices at 734.453.0326.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church is located at 47650 N. Territorial (at the northwest corner of Beck, one block south of the Beck Road exit on M-14).





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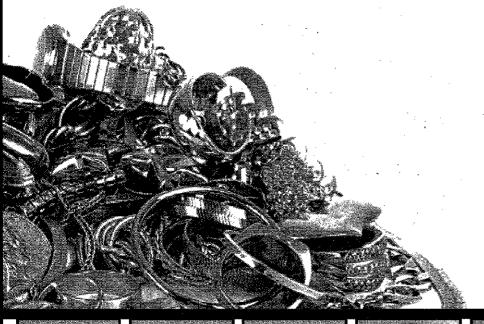
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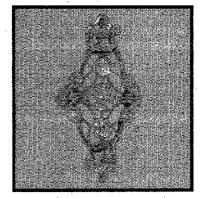
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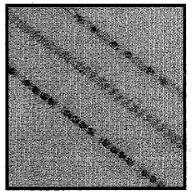
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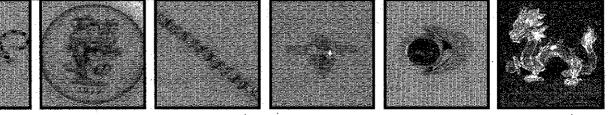


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OUR VIEWS Homeowners associations need to get with times

Canton's Dan Hall wanted to save a little money on his bills each month, plus get on the "green" bandwagon at the same time. But Hall's efforts to take advantage of federal tax credits by installing solar panels on his roof that could heat his home's water were grounded by his homeowners association.

Despite the fact that he received a mechanical permit from Canton Township to install the solar panels on his roof, Hall failed to the get an approval from the Pheasant View Homeowners' Association. The group's architectural review committee denied Hall's request to install the four-by-eight-foot panels because they

"would not be consistent with the aesthetics" of the subdivision.

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Our reaction was initially: association from? Haven't they been paying attention? Don't they know America is in the middle of an energy crisis?

But after some considersome slack. Let's face it, Pheasant Canton's premier subdivisions, fea-3,600-square-foot they can save energy. homes like Hall's. The association has been charged

Previously homeowners associations have had to consider things like paint colors, flagpoles and what planet is the different types of shrubbery. But the fact is we as homeowners – whether we live in an association or not - are on the frontlines of the energy battle. Most of the energy we as individuals

ation, we'll cut use is in our home. Hopefully the association homeowners associations will come to realize this and View is one of rewrite their bylaws to allow members to make reasonable turing plenty of alterations to their homes so

with trying to keep it a desirable place to live - and maintain property values at the same time.

That's what this dispute is really about. The

"No, we're not going anywhere. We're trying to save money to go to Florida next year." Becky A'Hearn, 45, Canton

"No, because we're having a baby and that's a lot of money, too."

Lora Montgomery, 30, Canton



"No, because we don't go on vacation in the summertime. We wait until winter - less people and less kids."

Ted James, 82, Canton



"Not really, I'm a teacher (at Plymouth High School) and I feel pretty secure in my job. I usually go camping out east or out west with friends." Karen Ludema, 42, Ann Arbor

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Knew the rules

As a resident in the Pheasant View sub, I can certainly see what both parties are up against ("Association puts · up roadblock to man's effort at going green," Canton Observer). Association representatives work as volunteers and do their best at interpreting association bylaws.

Mr. Hall is justified in his desire to use technology to improve the energy efficiency of HIS home. However, it was his decision to live in the Pheasant View sub. Most residents of the sub look to the association representatives (again, these folks are volunteers) to enforce the bylaws (a thankless job, I'm sure) that ultimately retain not only the intended aesthetic look of the sub but property values, as well.

It is that aesthetic look that makes the sub a desirable place to live (and perhaps the reason Mr. Hall ended up here). Susan Henson

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Is the recession putting a damper on your summer vacation plans? (Asked at the Canton Public Library)



association is trying to protect the neighborhood. We understand that. It is commendable.

On the other hand, it's not like Hall is trying to paint his home purple. He wants to install some flat panels on his room that will be able to harness the everlasting, clean, cheap energy from the sun.

This is an issue bigger than the Pheasant View subdivision. Battles like this are probably going to play out in subdivisions all across the nation, as more and more people try to go green. It is something the federal government is pushing. Even Canton Township is taking steps down this road and has proposed installing solar panels at Summit on the Park.

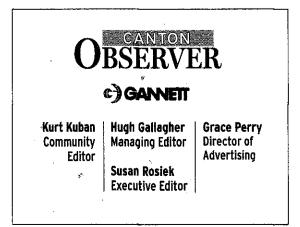
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At some point we as Americans are going to have to bite the bullet and start caring about what kind of future we are leaving our grandchildren and their grandchildren. In a way, you might say Dan Hall's fight against the Pheasant View Homeowners Association is a case study in America's efforts of going green.

Join the discussion What are the chances that General

Motors can avoid bankruptcy?

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Play a positive role

Just a quick note. I read the article in the Canton Observer regarding the resident that wants to add solar panels to his home to lower his energy costs. In fact, he is my neighbor and I have talked to him about the project. I think it is a great idea and good way for residents to play a positive role in preserving natural resources.

> Jeff Blake Canton

Canton

Fund DAV officers

As of May 7, the Veterans Service Organization's state funding has been slashed by 25 percent, which has put many service officers positions in jeopardy. These men and women are the front line for returning servicemen and women who have been disabled in the line of duty or through the trauma of combat.

Furthermore, the service officers through the DAV and other organizations are veterans themselves and have experienced the trauma of an injury. They understand how to effectively guide a returning Iraqi veteran, or former service member, through the paperwork that needs to be filed through the Veterans Administration. As the veteran's advocate, they work tirelessly to procure the needed benefits for the service member. These benefits include treatment at the VA hospitals and medical centers, and, earned compensation for those veterans. Many veterans return without the ability to take care of their families because of injuries sustained, and, they need to have their monetary compensation to pay for everyday living expenses.

These earned benefits are not comparable to anything else out there. It is not a handout. It is the opportunity to take care of their lost income and wages and help them to procure a new career too, when, they utilize vocational rehabilitation benefits. Compensation for military-induced injuries is not welfare.

It is imperative that funding is restored to the DAV service officers, and those that are with the American Legion and other veteran service organizations. For the veterans in the community it is important to ask to see how your group can assist by donating money to

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help keep the veterans service officers available. They are not getting rich off of what they make and many volunteer their time to help other veterans outside of their normal work hours.

As a veteran, or a concerned citizen, it is time to take action. Please ask your chapter, auxiliary, unit, or other organization to help fund the DAV service officers. They have always been there for our veterans, and it is time for you to be there for them.

> **Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin** past commander of DAV #51

volunteer service officer Canton

Give them thanks

I am writing to you today in the hopes that this letter may be printed in the Observer newspaper so it may reach the residents of Canton Township. Last week, my father was in an automobile crash of which he is very lucky to be walking away from. He sustained injuries, but none that cannot heal, thanks to the Canton Township Fire and EMS Department. If it were not for their strong work in extricating my father from the vehicle, he probably would not be walking.

He has sustained a C2 fracture that. with the help of wearing a collar for the next two-three months will heal properly. They were able to recognize the severity of the accident, and the increased possibility of injury my father could have sustained not only from the accident but also from the procedures needed to remove him from the vehicle. As a fellow paramedic, I know that any additional movement very well would have caused him paralysis. I am forever in their debt. I know they do not do this job for the glory. But, I also know they do get the thanks and support they deserve.

So, please, the next time you see them, even if it's just while they are at the store picking up something for dinner or outside testing a fire hydrant, you thank

them for what they do. The next time, it may be a member of your family they are called to help.

> **Jennifer Cespino** Beaufort, S.C. (formerly of Canton)

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Learn for ourselves

Last year was an eye-opening year when people nationwide had to make giant "course-corrections" in lifestyle. I believe many people came to the realization that it was about time. Not only "about time" in the sense of "about time to be making a change" to a simpler way of life like one our grandparents knew ... but about TIME.

Once people's disposable incomes were reduced and spending could no longer be the form of entertainment that it had come to be, other means of finding pleasure had to take spending's place. Some people began to look at the television as an annoyance, because its advertising-driven nature became a tease of things they could no longer buy. So the inexpensive entertainment television once provided (if you don't factor in the expensive spending that went along with television) fell by the wayside.

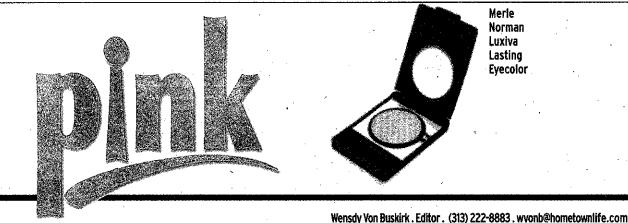
What to do with one's time then? Suddenly some of those people, now confined to their homes because travel was no longer affordable, began to notice that they wanted to and could make home improvements. For some of them do-it-yourselfing became a new form of entertainment - one with real rewards and a feeling of accomplishment. Some people even began to grow vegetables and fruits along with their families, as another new form of entertainment. Once again real rewards appeared, and that feeling of accomplishment.

Where those people had been feeling discontented with their lot, and always in need of making some new purchase of some manufactured thing, they now felt a sense of self-sufficiency and satisfaction. Life made simpler had been made fuller. Those were the lucky ones. I count myself among them, and give daily thanks.

Our grandparents could have told us this. But it seems we had to learn it for ourselves.

> **Kathy Browne** Canton

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Merle Norman Luxiva Long Wear Lipcolor

Makeup 'pretty charming' at Merle Norman studios

Love and nature combine this season to create romantic fashions with an organic flair. For makeup, sweet pastels blend with mineral tones to create a look that's timeless, wearable and beautiful. Merle Norman Cosmetics captures the all-out feminine trend with its Spring 2009 Color Collection, "Pretty Charming."

BEAUTY TO BEHOLD

Lids are aflutter in the ladylike classics of Delicate Pinks or softly shaded with the mystique of Berry Enchanting. For a dose of girliness, try the sweet pink and grey mix of Luxiva Eyecolor Duet in Ballerina/Lava. For those with violet tendencies, pick the regal pairing of Luxiva Matte Shadow Duet in Freesia/Grapevine. To add a touch of sparkle, top with Luxiva Crystal Eyes in Paparazzi Pink or Mauvie Star. Complete the eye effect with liner. Try Purely Mineral Eye Pencil in Platinum or Dusk. Go dramatic or dreamy — the conditioning formula gently defines lash lines and blends easily.

FLIRTY GLOW

A so-in-love flush makes the heart skip a beat. Sweep on Luxiva Purely Mineral



Cheeks in the cool pink shimmer of Coy or the blue-based mauve of Come Heather.

SEALED WITH A KISS

Lip colors take on hues of a more passionate nature. For a power pout, try Luxiva Long Wear Lipcolor in sweetly subtle Heather or rich Plum. The creamy base coat lasts for hours; layer with the clear coat for added moisture and shine. For a more velvety option, trace and fill in with dual-sided Satin Lip Pencil in blushing-nude Caramel Pink or lilac-laced Angel Mist.

NAIL THE LOOK

To finish the look, give fingers and toes a coat or two of Salon Formula Nail Color in ethereal Heavenly Pink or decadent Cranberry Rose.

The "Pretty Charming" Spring 2009 Color Collection is available now for a limited time only, at Merle Norman Cosmetic Studios.

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GAL PAL WEEKEND

LIVONIA — Grab the girls and book a Gal Pal Weekend at The Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia June 5-6, The package includes wining and dining at Andiamo of Novi; discounts and shuttles for shopping at Laurel Park Place mall; margaritas at On the Border; and a two night stay at Embassy Suites with complimentary happy hour cocktails, cookedto-order breakfast and a Saturday

morning champagne toast. Packages are \$189 per person and include a \$10 donation to Susan G. Komen Fund for the Cure. Embassy Suites is located at 19525 Victor Parkway. R.S.V.P. with

Rachel Boyd, (734) 462-6000.

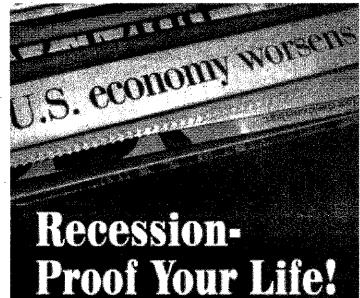
LOWE'S FUNDS MDA

At the conclusion of the 26th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign, Lowe's reported \$4.3 million in sales, nearly doubling the previous record of \$2.3 million raised by one retail grocery two years ago. The \$1 and \$5 Shamrocks donations have now raised more than \$200 million for Jerry's Kids.

Generous customers of the more than 1,600 participating Lowe's locations showed their commitment to the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign through donations starting at \$1. Several partners, including Lowe's, extended the program beyond the original March 17 deadline due to its overwhelming success. All money raised stays in local communities. Visit www. mda.org.







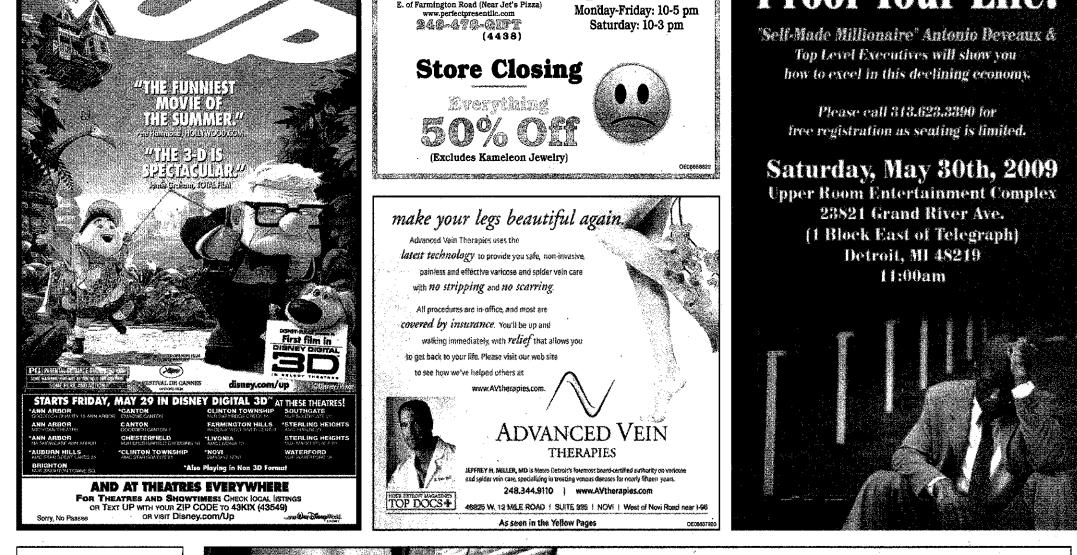
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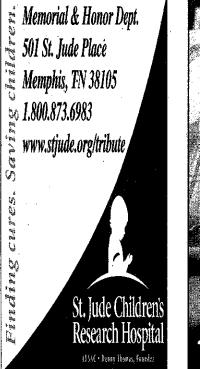
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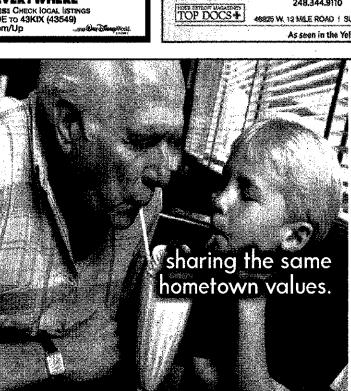
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Heroes honored Plymouth, Canton take

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time to remember

It was a day for family, a day for fun, a day to barbecue with neighbors and friends.

Most importantly, though, it was a day to remember.

In Plymouth and Canton, locals took the time to remember fallen heroes, military men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

In Plymouth, the annual Memorial Day parade, rescued by the fund-raising efforts of the Plymouth Lions Club, made its way down Main Street, led as always by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528.

The parade ended at Plymouth's Veterans Memorial Park, where Lt. Col. Ted Wells, a Marine Corps reservist who does his service at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, reminded spectators of the military men plate" to make a difference.

"Everyone who wanted to help out knew the dangers," Wells said. "They understood that one day we might be standing here in honor of them."

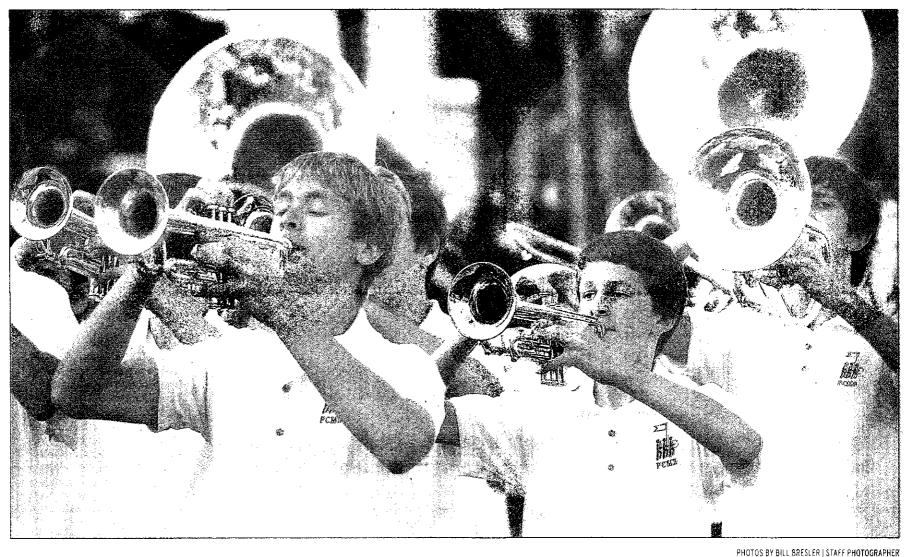
In Canton, John Spencer of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association read the names of Canton's servicemen and women lost in the Civil War, World War II, Vietnam and Iraq.

He said there was a good turnout.

"We had about 90 people out this year, which was better than last year when I would say about 60 showed up," Spencer said.

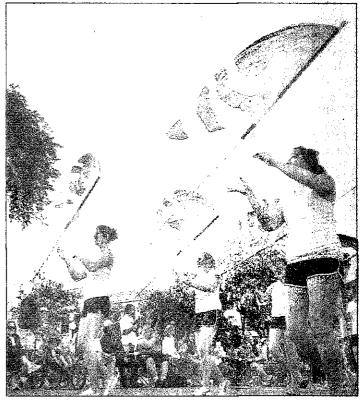
Jan Blumberg, mother of Trevor Blumberg, who was killed in 2003 in Iraq, laid the wreath at the Canton Veterans Memorial honoring all the community's lost servicemen.

"A lot of people there were former military people and their families. It's kind of a family of veterans," Spencer said.



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A final salute to fallen veterans at Canton's Veterans Day observance.

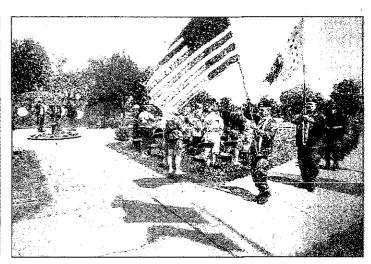


The Plymouth Canton Marching Band color guard.

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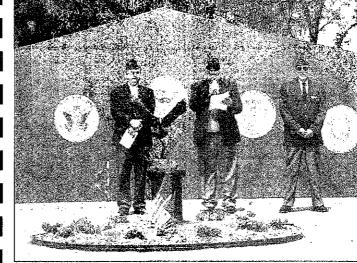
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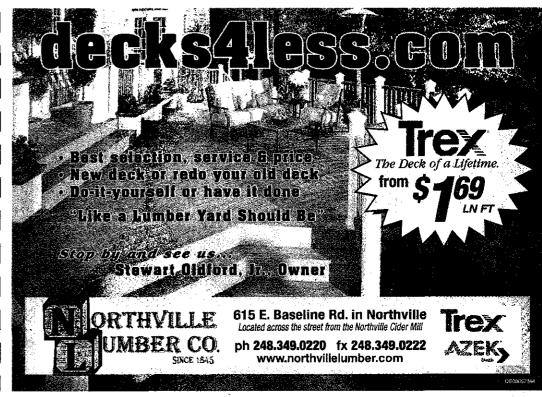
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Time to move on

But it has happened, I accept it, and once my last written word is printed in Sunday's Observer, I am determined to step into the next phase of my life a better person – not a bitter one – because I have. of what has transpired.

I will go forth with some incredible memories thanks to the countless number of amazing coaches, athletes, administrators and co-workers I've

been blessed to work with and write about the past five years.

I can't tell you how many times I interviewed a student-athlete for a "Prep Profile" article, then hung up the phone thinking to myself, "That kid is going to be a senator or a brain surgeon someday."

And it's easy to understand why so many of the local high school athletic programs are perennially among the best in the state once you get to know their coaches and athletic directors like

I won't mention them by name for fear of excluding someone, but they're winners not only because they know the X's and O's of their sport, but because they know how to inspire and lead in

good times and bad.

Unforgettable memories

I have held an Olympic medal, thanks to Allison Schmitt.

I have covered a Division 1 final football game at Ford Field, thanks to the Canton Chiefs.

I watched Plymouth's brand-new athletic program grow and flourish before my eyes.

And I have learned that it's possible to deal with life's most daunting adversity with courage, humor and class from a man I consider a true hero - the late Jeff Phillips.

I learned so much from my veteran

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Defense leads Plymouth to 1-0 triumph

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not this time, Northville. That was the message Plymouth's girls soccer team emphatically delivered to the Mustangs during Tuesday night's thrilling 1-0 Wildcat victory in a first-round Division 1 District showdown at Northville High School.

With the win, Plymouth (12-3-1) halted a string of three straight season-ending District losses to the Mustangs that dated back to the spring of 2006. Just as importantly, coach Jeff Neschich's team earned a ticket into Thursday's 7 p.m. semifinal clash against cross-campus foe Canton at Northville. Salem will battle Livonia Stevenson in the other semifinal set to kick off at 5 p.m.

Senior forward Liz Koet's rebound goal 10 minutes into the second half held up thanks to an air-tight defensive effort by the 'Cats



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior Zane Birchler slides home with one of Canton's 15 sixth-inning runs in its 20-0 triumph over Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon. Birchler went 2-for-3 with three runs scored.



GAME WRAPS

On Tuesday at University Liggett, Plymouth Christian Academy's girls soccer team — the No. 2-ranked team in Division 4 – advanced to the second round of the District tournament with a tension-packed, 2-1 doubleovertime shootout triumph over Liggett.

Plymouth Christian struck first when Brooke Williams converted a penalty kick. Liggett answered a short time later to even the contest at 1-1.

"The second half was very tough and physical and both teams did very well in keeping the other from scoring," noted PCA coach Nathan Yates.

Following a pair of scoreless 15-minute overtimes, both teams scored on two of their first five shoot-out attempts, which led to a second shootout round. The Eagles eventually prevailed when freshman Amy Zinn scored the only shoot-out goal.

The Eagles advanced to Friday's District championship game against Lutheran Westland.

Bucks edge Invaders

The Michigan Bucks survived a physical battle on Memorial Day to escape with a 1-0 soccer win over the Indiana Invaders in South Bend.

Following Saturday's 3-0 victory over Cincinnati at the Canton Cup, the Bucks capitalized on a first-half penalty kick from captain Kevin Taylor as the difference in a game that featured more than a half dozen yellow cards and two red cards to the home side.

The Bucks escaped with only a yellow card to Taylor, but did see head coach Dan Fitzgerald sent off in the first half following a brief verbal disagreement with the referee. The result brings the Bucks record to 2-1-1 (seven points) in the USL's Premier Development League, but leaves them out of the 2009 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup after Chicago beat Ft. Wayne 1-0 on Saturday to claim the Great Lakes Division berth to the nation's oldest soccer tournament. The Bucks return home Sunday, May 31, to host the Toronto Lynx at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas. Game time is 7:30 p.m. For more information, www.buckssoccer.com.

and out-of-this-world goal-keeping by sophomore Marissa Williams.

"This feels good," said Williams, moments after she stopped an estimated 20 Mustang shots. "In practice the past week I was talking to our seniors — we have eight of them about how they've always drawn Northville in the first or second round of Districts and how they've never beaten them. It feels good to finally do it, especially for the seniors."

Williams' most remarkable save came with 1:31 to play when Mustang forward Mallory Weber managed to dribble within eight yards of the net. The threat was wiped out when Williams lunged to her left to suffocate a hard, rising shot launched by Weber's right

leg. "On a play like that, goalies are supposed to stay near post to cut down the offensive player's angle and make them cross-over," explained Williams. "I started cheating a little bit toward the post and fortunately for me that's where she went with the shot."

Koet was understandably ecstatic moments after one of the biggest victories in her standout varsity soccer career.

"I've been waiting four years for this!" the game's lone goal-scorer said while flashing a million-dollar smile. "To beat a state-ranked team like Northville; this is huge.'

Koet described her goal better than any ESPN play-by-play announcer could.

"McKenzie Hengesh crossed the ball, Kelly Dobbs went for a header and their goalie

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Liz Koet (left), pictured in a game earlier this month against Westland John Glenn, scored the only goal in the Wildcats' 1-0 victory over Northville Tuesday night.

JEDDE Chiefs visit home 20 times in pre-District romp

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER-

Long ball, small ball, curve ball, fast ball – you name it and the Canton baseball team executed it to near perfection Tuesday afternoon in its pre-District contest against Livonia Stevenson.

The Chiefs will be riding a tidal wave of momentum into Saturday's District tournament at Plymouth thanks to a resounding 20-0 whitewashing of the Spartans, who finished 11-19.

The most impressive of Canton's 18 hits was Alex Dixon's lead-off, intothe-wind home run in the top of the fourth inning that cleared the 355 sign in left-center field by the length of a Winnebago.

But just as damaging to the Spartans were five Canton hits including three bunt singles - that never left the infield.

"We lost a couple of games during our seven-game losing streak (earlier this month) because we couldn't get a bunt down," said Canton coach Mark Blomshield, whose team will take a 22-11 mark into Saturday's District semifinal clash against Livonia Churchill. "So we started spending more time in practice on bunting. We told them no one on this team is too good to bunt.

"The kids have to believe that it's an important part of the game. Today, they did the best job they've done all year."

Canton starting pitcher Kevin Delapaz was nearly flawless on the mound. The junior left-hander nohit the Spartans over the first five innings by keeping them off-balance with an unpredictable blend of sharp-breaking curve balls and mittpopping fast balls.

Delapaz was lifted for Dixon to start the bottom of the sixth after the Chiefs nearly short-circuited their scoreboard with a 15-run sixth frame during which they sent 19 batters to the plate.



Canton's Nick Sweda (10) is congratulated by Tim Hemmelgarn after he scored a run in the Chiefs' 20-0 win Tuesday afternoon.

"Our game plan going in was to build a lead with Kevin in there and have Alex come in and throw, too," said Blomshield. "We didn't want to take Kevin out if it was 2-1. When we scored 15 in the sixth, it was a perfect time to make a pitching change because we want Kevin ready for Saturday."

The closest Stevenson came to producing a hit was in the bottom of the third inning when the speedy Josh Strautz laid down what appeared to be a perfect bunt between the mound and first base.

However, Delapaz - despite the fact the momentum of his delivery took him away from the ball - was able to retire Strautz by gloving the ball while lunging toward first and flipping it with his mitt to first baseman Cody Blakita.

"I'm not sure if there's anybody else who could have made that play," said Blomshield. "It was unbelievable."

Delapaz struck out six and walked just two. His efficiency was reflected by his five-inning pitch count: 60.

Dixon chalked up two K's and a walk in his lone inning of work. Jeff Sorensen suffered the loss for the Spartans, yielding four runs in three-plus innings.

"We were short on pitching, which is one reason we had a tough year," said Stevenson coach Rick Berryman. "We had three sophomores starting on the infield, so it's a young group. We just have to find some kids who can pitch."

Junior third baseman Andrew Tidwell paced the Chiefs' hit parade by going 4-for-5 with three runs scored and an RBI.

Dixon (3-for-4, five RBI) came within a triple of hitting for the cycle.

Canton senior center fielder Nick Sweda had a prototypical game for a lead-off hitter, reaching base four times (twice after getting hit by pitches), scoring twice and laying down a slick sacrifice bunt in the fourth.

Other offensive standouts for the winners were Zane Birchler (2-for-3, three runs, two RBI), Tomilenko (2-for-4, three RBI, run), Blakita (2for-4, two RBI, two runs) and senior catcher Dan Stoney, who went 2-for-4 with three RBI and three runs.

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Bucks blank Cincy

Two University of Michigan stars, Mauro Fuzetti and Julian Robles led the Michigan Bucks by heading home goals during the first half en route to a 3-0 win Saturday over the Cincinnati Kings before a crowd of 1,200 as part of the Canton Cup Soccer Tournament.

The Bucks (1-1-1) evened their PDL record with the shutout win.

As in the first two games of the season, the Bucks dominated time of possession during the first half, but for the first time took a more direct approach toward goal.

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The Bucks started the scoring in the 32nd minute when Dave Hertel (Michigan State) crossed a ball into the 6-yard box where Fuzetti headed home his first goal of the season. The Bucks would continue to press late in the first half when U-M teammates Robles and Fuzetti hooked up right before halftime.

Fuzetti's corner kick cleared the back post to the tall defender, who buried a perfect header in the side netting for a 2-0 Bucks lead.

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By David Graham

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David Graham is the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan.



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Salem baseball team preps for District tourney by winning Eagle Invitational

Salem's baseball team will be fine-tuned heading into Saturday's Division 1 District tournament thanks to its championship effort at Saturday's Eagle Invitational at Eastern Michigan University and Tuesday's 6-5 triumph over always-tough Southgate Anderson.

The three wins boosted the Rocks' record to 23-10.

Tuesday's victory over the Titans included late-game tension that should help the Rocks come Saturday. With the game knotted at 5-all, Dave Loos laced a one-out single. Heath Parling walked and Kyle Powell singled before Sam Ott ripped a game-ending, bases-load single.

The rally made a winner out of one-game reliever Joe Posler, who pitched a scoreless Eagle Invitational, Salem seventh.

"(Southgate coach) Dave Fast and I are good friends and we always try to schedule a scrimmage at the end of the season if both of our teams have a bye in the pre-Districts," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "Well, this year it turned out we both had points left, so we play a game that counted. It's good for our kids to play competitive teams like Southgate Anderson right before the District tournament."

The Rocks outhit the Titans, 7-6. Ott added a solo home run to his game-winning hit. Drew Grabowski rocked a three-run tater in the bottom of the third.

At Saturday's 12th Annual

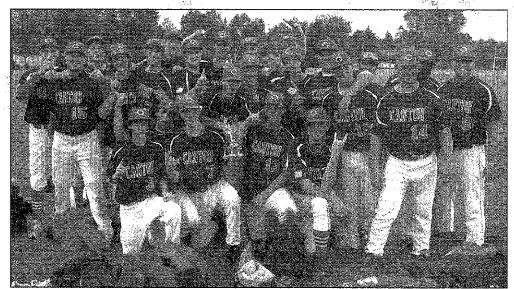
ousted North Farmington 12-4 in the opener before edging Ypsilanti Lincoln, 3-1, in the title tilt.

Leading the Rocks' 14-hit attack against the Raiders was Kyle Powell, who went 4-for-5 with three runs and three RBI. Grabowski also swung a hot stick, going 2-for-4 with three ribbies and a double. Loos and Chris Kordick contributed two hits a piece.

Ott earned the win after scattering eight hits.

In the championship game, Posler tossed an eight-hit complete game. The hard-throwing senior walked two and struck out four. Powell led the winners'

offensive attack with two hits and two RBI.



BOB STAPLES

Red-letter day in Bay City

Canton's baseball team is pictured after it captured the Bay City "Tune-Up" Tournament Saturday. The Chiefs won the first game, 5-1, over Bay City John Glenn, which entered the day as the No. 9-ranked team in Division 2. Dane Staples earned the win on the mound, yielding just two hits in five innings. Offensively, Canton was led by Dan Stoney, whose triple plated two runs, Kevin Delapaz (2-for-3) and Nick Tomilenko (2-for-3). In the title game against Birmingham Groves, the Chiefs won 6-5 in 10 innings. Delapaz knocked in Andrew Tidwell with the winning run in the 10th. Pacing the Chiefs' 15-hit attack were Cody Blakita (4-for-5), Seth Tschetter (2-for-5) and Tidwell (2-for-4, two runs).

Salem kickers rock Redford Union

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Redford Union's girls soccer team found itself behind the "8" ball early and often during Tuesday night's Division 1 District opener against visiting Salem.

Led by an offensive explosion that was ignited by junior forward Brett de Bear, the Rocks rolled to an 8-0 decision. The red-hot Rocks (9-5-3) will battle Livonia

Stevenson in a District semifi- smart decisions leading to nal match-up set for Thursday at 5 p.m. at Northville High School. A win would vault Salem into Saturday's noon final against the winner of Thursday night's Canton-Plymouth showdown.

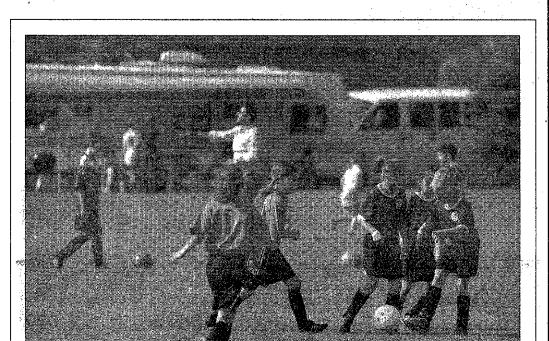
"We wanted to start fast and create lots of chances and the girls did just that," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Our outside mids and defenders did a great job of showing composure and making very

quality possession, and things progressed from there."

de Bear registered two goals and two assists.

Kristina Klusek continued her sizzling play with a pair of net-finders.

Abbi Giaier, Emily Lundh, Tabitha Mann and Kaylyn Brzys added single goals. Notching assists were Lundh (two), Brzys, Madeleine Vala, Lauren Jones and Lauren Ascherman.



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Soccer City, U.S.A.

Multiple soccer games, recreational vehicles, parents, kids and vendors turned Canton's Independence Park into a bustling town of its own Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the 27th Annual Canton Cup was held. Pictured above are the CSC Blue Jays and the Plymouth Tigers squaring off in a girls under 9 yellow division battle. For complete Canton Cup results, see Sunday's Observer sports section.

fumbled it," she said. "I was right there so I followed through and shot it - just like we work on so much in practice.

"After we scored that goal, I thought, 'Now, let's just play defense." Koet's wish came true

- especially during the game's final 20 minutes when the Mustangs' relentless pressure was repelled time and time again by Wildcat defenders Meeghan Hughes, Katie Moss, Jessica Heck and Katie Krajewski. "Our defense did an awe-

some job all night," said Neschich. "Northville has a strong, fast team and it

took everything we had to keep them at bay.

"This was a nice win, although it's not as big of an upset as some people might make it out to be because the two teams' records were pretty similar and we both played a tough schedule."

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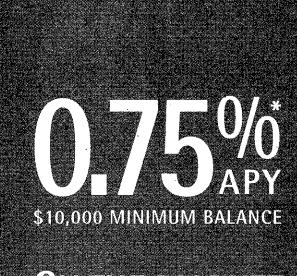
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Salem golfer medals at KLAA meet

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

(CP)

Northville, the state's topranked team in Division 1 boys golf, withstood a stiff challenge to capture the inaugural **KLAA Kensington Conference** Tournament Tuesday at Salem Hills

The Mustangs carded a fourplayer total of 301 to stave off a bid from runner-up Salem (307) and third-place finisher Livonia Churchill (308) for the team title.

The Mustangs boasted five All-Conference (top 18) players led by senior Wes Gates' 74, who was co-runner-up, followed by Trevor Grigg, 75; Steve Brown and Eric Goebel, 76 each; and Alex Bernstein, 77.

Salem got a boost from Eric Duprey, who earned individual medalist honors with

a 72. Teammate Alex Murray also made All-Kensington Conference with a 75.

Churchill, 6-4 during the KLAA's South Division dual match season, pulled off the biggest surprise as senior Matt Charnley and junior Adam Yarber each shot 75, while senior Dan Bostick added a 78.

"This is by far our best effort of the season," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "The guys played really well today. I'm hoping we are peaking at the right time of the year. I would love for them to shoot 308 on Friday (regional at the Lakes of Taylor). That would put us right in the hunt for a spot at 'states.'

Seniors Kevin Robinson and Erik Newman each added 80s for the Chargers, while Ryan Cioch contributed an 81.

The course today was playing fast." Worley said. "The

GOLF RESULTS

greens were just firm and fast enough not to give up any really low rounds. It was a pretty fair test. Guys who could play the bump-and-run today had better opportunities to shoot a good round."

Canton, the KLAA South Division champ at 10-0, was led individual co-runner-up Andrew Rickerman, a senior. who shot 74. Teammate Zach Conrad, a junior who earned Division 1 district medalist honors last Thursday at Tanglewood G.C., added a 79.

Other All-Conference players included Novi's Brent Womack (76) and Nick Hansen (77); Plymouth's Justin Bauer (77); Westland John Glenn's Andy Myers (77); South Lyon's Kyle Gordon (79); and Livonia Stevenson's Christian Debay (79).

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MHSAA DIVISION 1 BOYS DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT May 21 at Tanglewood G.C.

TEAM STANDINGS (top 6 qualify for regional): 1. Northville, 320 strokes; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 325; 3. Canton, 326; 4. Livonia Churchili, 327; 5. Plymouth, 338; 6. Dearborn, 344; 7. Garden City, 348; B. Livonia Franklin, 349; 10. Salem, 350; 11. Westland John Glenn, 355; 12. Wayne Memorial, 393. TEAM-BY TEAM RESULTS

Northville (320): Trevor Grigg, 39-39-78; Steve Brown, 38-42-80; Wes Gates, 41-40-81; Alex Bernstein, 31-40-81; Brandon Cameron, 43-40-83. Stevenson (325): Christian Debay, 40-39-79; Drew Mossoian, 39-82-81; Dan Dufour, 39-42-81; Tom Cullum, 39-45-84; Adam Giordano, 46-38-84, Canton (326): Zach Conrad, 39-36-75

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(medalist); Andrew Rickerman, 39-43-82; Jeremy Lindibauer, 42-41-83; Brendan Muir, 45-41-86; Dominic Boneil, 48-46-94. Churchill (327): Kevin Robinson, 39-41-80: Matt Charnley, 40-41-81; Adam Yarber, 39-43-82; Dan

Bostick, 48-36-84; Erik Newman, 40-46-86. Plymouth (338): Justin Bauer, 40-40-80; James Bryan, 40-44-84: Trevor Birdwell, 44-42-86: Andrew Overmeyer, 44-44-88: Ryan Bauer,

47-44-91 Dearborn (344): Evan Bowser, 40-41-81; Kosta Ramirez, 42-42-84; Daniel Dent, 43-42-85; Nathan Taschler, 48-46-94; Patrick O'Brien, 47-48-95. Garden City (348): Ron Pummill, 42-39-81 (rq);

Nick Walker, 41-41-82 (ro); Mike Downey, 46-43-89; R.J. Wright, 53-43-96; Jared Cusmano, 49-52-101. Salem (350): Josh Perrin, 43-39-82 (rq); Adam

Inspiring passage

Powers, 43-42-85; Brandon Duprey, 47-44-91; Eric Duprey, 47-45-92. Franklin (349): Chris Grund, 43-42-85 (rg):

Jimmy Johnson, 42-44-86; Jordan Chisholm, 45-43-88; Jacob Wirgau, 46-44-90; Doug Nagy, 46-50-96. John Glenn (355): Andy Myers, 41-40-81 (rq); Josh Duprie, 45-43-88; Alex Rochette, 42-49-91; Tim

Boes, 41-54-95; Conner Monroe, 53-46-99. Edsel Ford (373): Tom Prato, 41-47-88; Chris Wech, 47-4 3-90; Robert Neff, 48-46-94; Greg Barbour, 47-54-101; Nick Lyscas, 52-57-109.

Wayne (393): Kevin Sample, 41-44-85 (rq); Jacob Smith, 48-41-89; Zachary Williamson, 49-55-104; Jarret Williamson, 62-53-115; Shane Schooley, 56-67-123

(rg): additional individual regional qualifier.

Canton's Christy VanEsley high-fives Heide Lucke after she scored a run in the Chiefs' win over Stevenson Tuesday afternoon.

Canton softball team withstands Spartan rally to win pre-District

Canton's Christy Van Esley lays down a bunt during the Chiefs' 5-4 victory over Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon at Plymouth.

Winning pitcher Amy Dunleavy helped her own cause with a two-run triple in the third inning Tuesday as Canton held off Livonia Stevenson, 5-4, in a Division 1 pre-District game at Plymouth

The Chiefs improved to 30-6 with the win while the Spartans' season ended with a 16-15 mark. Dunleavy stuck out 11, walked

one and allowed eight hits. Kaitlyn Mattson walked twice

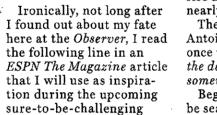
and added an RBI single, while Sam Partain went 2-for-3 for the victorious Chiefs.

Losing pitcher Laura Deacon allowed six hits, walked four and struck out six in going all seven innings

Offensively, Deacon doubled twice, while Katie Bone went 2for-3 for the Spartans.

Stevenson trailed 5-0 through three innings before rallying for three runs in the top of the fourth and one in the seventh on a Becca Zarros RBI single.

But Zarros was left stranded at first with two outs.



is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.' I have fallen, tripped up by a combination of factors that were well beyond my

control.

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But I am determined to rise again in the face of a nearly invisible job market.

The French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupery once wrote: "What makes the desert beautiful is that somewhere it hides a well." Beginning Monday, I will

be searching for my well. Thanks for reading my stuff the past five years. It's been a blast.

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Chiefs football camps

The Canton High School football program will host three camps next month.

On June 8-11, the Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades 7-9 will be held each night from 5-7:30 p.m. at the varsity stadium. The cost is \$35. For more information, call Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

On June 15-18, the Canton Chiefs Wing T/3-4 Football Camp will be held for kids in grades 10-12. The camp, which costs \$30, will run from 2-5:30 p.m. June 15 and from 5-8 p.m. the other three days. For more information, call Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691

On June 22-25, the Canton **Chiefs Fundamental Football** Camp will be held for kids in grades 3-6. The camp, which

costs \$75, will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

SPORTS BRIEFS

HVS swap meet

High Velocity Sports in Canton will host a Swap Meet on Saturday, June 6, from 1-4 p.m. The event is open to the community. A \$2 per-person donation 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 HVS staff will supervise children ages 4-12 while their parents shop.

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

Canton cheer camp

The Canton High School cheerleading team will be hosting a summer camp for kids in grades kindergarten through eighth grade on June 22 from 8:30 a.m. (check-in) to 4 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$50, which includes the clinic, lunch, an afternoon drink/snack and a Canton Cheer sports bag.

There are discounted rates for families with two or more siblings attending.

The registration deadline is June 1. Call (734) 765-1998 or send an e-mail to carriers@ comcast.net.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

MAY

Clothing donations wanted

Donations of clean, used clothing are being accepted through May 30, at Memorial Church of Christ, Five Mile. Leave donations at the east door or call (734) 464-6722 to arrange pickup or to volunteer to pack on May 31. Charitable tax receipts are available. On Sunday May 31, at 1 p.m. volunteers will pack up the lightly-used clothing for shipment to Ukraine, Honduras, Kosovo, India, and Niger by Master Provisions, a group that supports missionary activities through clothes distribution in those countries. Last year, more than four tons of clothing were shipped from Livonia.

Church food pantry

Trinity Church is holding another food pantry for May, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, west of Beck, Plymouth. Recipients must reserve a pickup time in advance by calling (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. through Thursday, May 28. Pickup day is Saturday, May 30.

Yard sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia. For information, call Mary at (248) 471-1322. There will be starter plants, children's toys and miscellaneous household items for sale.

Lost innocence vigil

Shared Hope International is kicking off a National Awareness Campaign to End Demand for child sex slavery in America with a candlelight vigil 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Rd., north of I-96, Livonia. Members of the church and Shared Hope International are collaborating to raise awareness about child sex trafficking occurring here in Michigan and across our nation. If possible, wear a red shirt for unity and come at 1 p.m. to learn more about trafficking.



ARLENE LENORE LENOX

Funeral Services for Arlene Lenore Lenox will be held Friday, May 29, 12:00 noon at Zaagman Memorial Chapel, 2800 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI with Rev. David Fernlund of Algonia Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am-12 noon prior to the services. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Ste. 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5783.

BLAIR MORTON

Born January 14, 1944. Passed from this life, surrounded by his loving family at home on May 24, 2009 after a long courageous battle with cancer. Survived by his loving wife Ellen Tomasovich. Proud father of Ian, Nicole and Danielle. Also survived by hls brother David (Jackie) Morton, and many family and friends whose love and support have been invaluable. The family suggests donations to the Salvation Army. Please sign Blair's online guest book at: www.rggrharris.com.

GLENN LELAND WHITE

Formerly of Livonia. Born October 16, 1929, died May 22, 2009. LJ Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, MI



LAWRENCE BOSTON May 24, 2009, age 74 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Patricia. Dear father of James (Linda), Patricia (Patrick) Harkins, Sandra (Tom) Kava, Mary (Dennis) Russ, Anne (Kevin) O'Haire. Grandfather of 12 & I great-grandchild. Brother of Helen Brulez. Services were held at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, Livonia. Arrangements by Manns-Perguson Funeral Home, 734-425-1800.

MARGUERITE NELLIE RAWLINS, Age 92, May 25, 2009 of Wayne,

Beloved wife of the late David Earl Rawlins, Loving mother of Dorothy Rawlins, Mary Rawlins, Alice Davis, Paul (Dee Dee) Rawlins, Donna (Eric) Pregitzer, David (Valerie) Rawlins, Jr., Norma Rawlins and Richard Rawlins. Sister of Zoe. 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral Service 12 PM Friday at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation 3-9 PM Thursday. Share a memory at www.rggrharris.com

MICHAEL DENNIS MCGINNIS

Age 66, of Novi, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2009. He was born September 18, 1942 in Lima, Ohio, the son of Jack D. and Inez Jane Ackerman) McGinnis. Dear brother of Peggy L. McGinnis of Hartland. Michael had retired as a general foreman for Detroit Diesel. Services will be Saturday, May 30 at 1:30 p.m. (visitation 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.) at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association. Please visit the family's on-line guest book at www.macdonaldsfimeralhome.com.

TERESA ROBBINS

Died May 21, 2009. She was born March 13, 1948. Preceded in death by father, Edward Weinhandl. Survived by husband, James Robbins, son Jimmy and wife Alina; brother David Burt; sister Marie Wiens (Gary); sister Dianne Horton (Chuck); sister Denise Erickson (Mike); sister Laura Lodin, Teresa served on the Westland School Board. She was active with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Auxiliary. Spear headed Protection and Preservation of Sassafras Trail Avid gardener. Baloved wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend. Will be greatly missed by all. Memorials in lieu of flowers preferred to Westland Humane Society or John Bolde Food Depot at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, MI.



TATOM, JENNIFER L. (nee SCIANNA)

Age 39 May 25, 2009. Beloved wife of Tom. Loving mother of Michael, Samantia and Kelsey Dear sister of Carrie (Al) Silveri and Dino. Cherished daughter of Aldino and the late Marcia Scianna. Visitation Thursday 2 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (biwn Sheldon & Beck). Funeral Service Friday 1 PM at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to U of M Cancer Center for Melanoma Research. To leave a message of condotence, please visit vermeutentuneralhome.com



WILLIAM S. THOMAS

Age 86, May 22, 2009 Member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and VFW Post #6695. Beloved husband of Angela. Dearest father of Mary (Gordon) Hooper, Diane (Rick) Kelley, Charles Thomas, Angela K. (Timothy) Frost and son-in-law Michael (and the late Barbara) Keith. Also leaves 18 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

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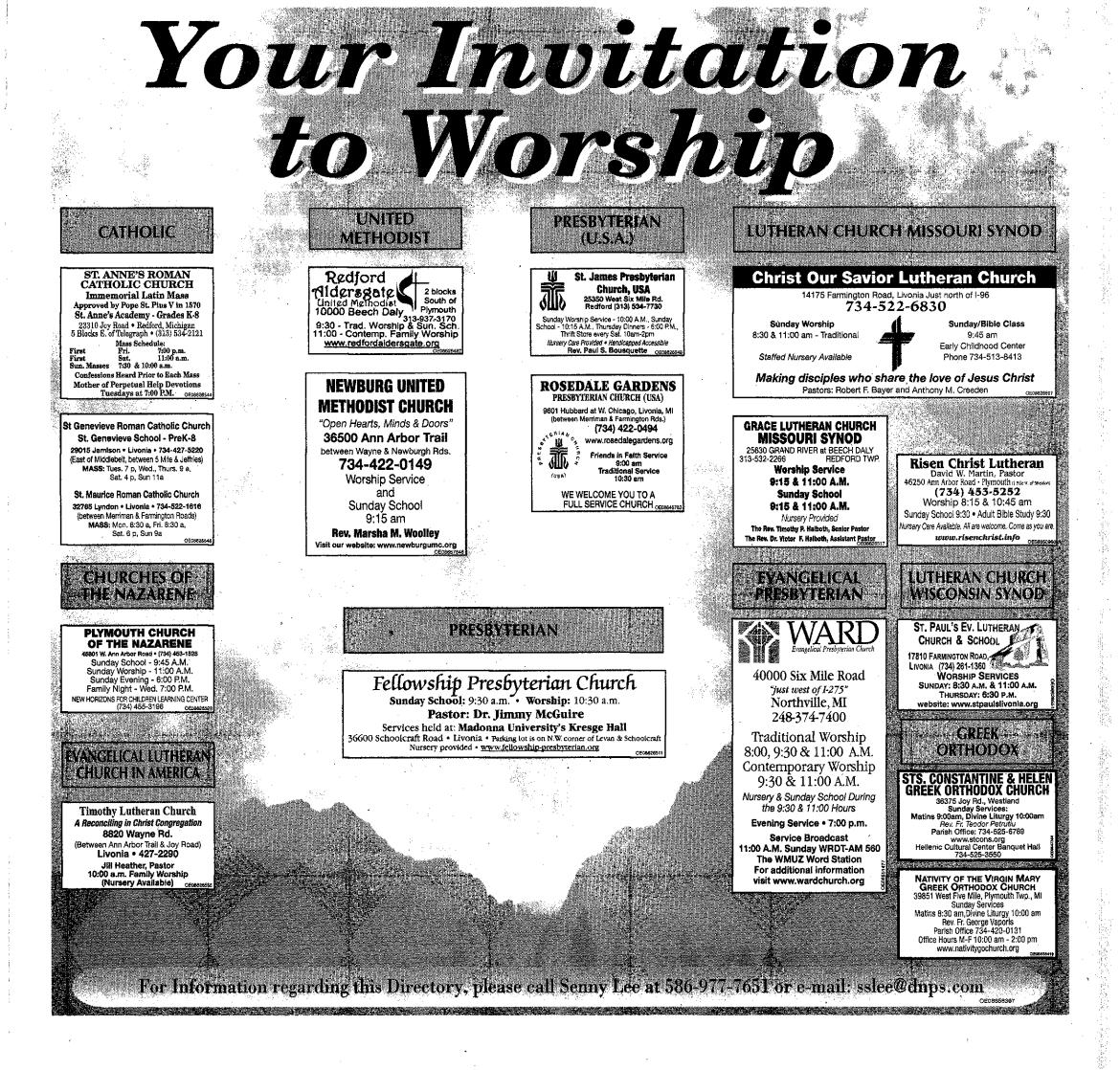
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HELEN McKENNA May 24, 2009, Age 95. Wife of the late Patrick. Helen was a woman of "true grit". In her youth, she had to pass up a scholarship to Pratt Institute in New York to work as a secretary to help sustain her family during the Depression. Within two years after she and Patrick McKenna were mar ried in 1937, he quit his job at Detroit Gray Iron and went into the wood pattern business for himself. Helen man aged the office and the finances. They worked as a team complementing each other in their strengths until Patrick's death in 1953. When his business that had been converted to defense work during World War II closed in 1946, they produced wood caudy cane Christmas ornaments until Patrick could restart his business once again. His death from an auto acci dent came just as he had reestablished his contacts in the automotive field. Helen, at the age of 39, took over the business and with help of some of Patrick's friends in the industry made McKenna Industries a success. She sinartly invested her profits and finan cially supported her parents who lived into their 90's. She also helped her children and grandchildren through tough times. Helen believed family comes first and that is the way sh lived her life. She was a great socializer and an excellent ballroom dance Her impression of Marlene Dietrich singing "Falling in Love Again" at Ridgedale Players was a huge hit. She was a woman of courage and determination. She often said "laugh and the world laughs with you; cry and you cry alone." That's "true grif". Loving mother of Michael D. and the late That's "true grif". Loving Patricia. Dear grandmother of Patrick and Daniel Grant, Gael Giles, and Mick, Brian and Stephanie McKenna. Great grandmother of Courtney and Meghan Gowan, Grant Giles and Mickey and Aisling McKenna. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave., (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 10a.m. until funeral service at 1:00p.m. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association.

View obimary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Chamber Music Society closes season with virtuoso pianist



Yefim Bronfman place at the

Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills (the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads), on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

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The program includes: Tchaikovsky Dumka, Op. 59; Tchaikovsky Sonata No. 2 in G major (Grand Sonata), Op. 37; Berg Piano Sonata, Op. 1; Schumann Arabesque, Op. 18; and Prokofiev Piano Sonata No. 2 in D minor, Op. 14.

The evening also includes a Pre-Concert Talk by Steven Rings, Assistant Professor of Music, University of Chicago, who will discuss the concert repertoire. The Pre-Concert Talk is open to ticket holders at no additional charge.

For more than 30 years,

Yefim Bronfman has been recognized as one of the world's most brilliant pianists. His commanding technique and exceptional lyrical gifts have made him a stand-out as an orchestral soloist as well as a highly regarded solo recitalist and chamber musician.

Born in Tashkent, in what is now Uzbekistan, in 1958, Bronfman immigrated with his family to Israel in 1973. As a teenager, he toured with the Israel Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein and Zubin Mehta before coming to the United States in 1976. He made his North American debut with the Montreal Symphony in 1975 and his New York Philharmonic debut in 1978. In 1989, he became an American citizen.

Recent highlights of his busy career include performances with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Kirov Orchestra, Vienna Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic, Israel Philharmonic and St. Petersburg Philharmonic, as well as with symphony orchestras in all major American cities including Boston,

Philadelphia, Los Angeles and others.

Also within the past few years, he premiered a new concerto written for him by Esa-Pekka Salonen; completed a recital tour of Europe with mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kozena and a duo recital tour of the United States with pianist Emanuel Ax; recorded all the Beethoven piano concerti, as well as the Triple Concerto with violinist Gil Shaham, cellist Truls Mork and the Tönhalle Orchestra Zurich under David Zinman; and completed a recording and concert tour with flutist Emmanuel Pahud.

Among his many awards are a Grammy for Best Instrumental Soloist in 1997, for his recording of the thee Bartok concerti with Esa-Pekka Salonen and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, as well as the 1999 Avery Fisher Prize, one of the highest honors given to American instrumentalists.

A member of the Artistic Advisory Board of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, Mr. Bronfman's muchanticipated performances are always a highlight of the CMSD season.

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the Museum's website at www.plymouthhistory.org/

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

Focus: HOPE Gallery: "Focus on the Mission" teen photograph exhibit, May 28 through July 30, Focus: HOPE Gallery. Opening reception, 6-9 p.m. May 28. Second floor, Center for Advanced Technologies, 1400 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit.

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

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(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: 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.susannehilberrygallery.

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

Cancer survivor stages singing debut in Southfield

Southfield resident and Hodgkin's Lymphoma survivor Marcus Weatherspoon will be making his local singing debut to raise money for his Man and Woman of the Year campaign to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The event, "Life is a Cabaret," will take place Thursday, June 4 at Arturo's Jazz Theater & Restaurant, 25333 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"I just believe that my life has a calling and there's something so deep inside of me that wants to entertain and wants to perform," says Weatherspoon. "I can't leave here until I've done it. I can't leave here until I'm sitting across from Oprah and she's interviewing me. I refuse to die until that happens."

The event will feature the song styling of Weatherspoon, who will perform at the 170-seat jazz theater. WDRJ-AM gospel station 1440 will be in attendance to hear the local musician.

All proceeds will be donated to LLS and Weatherspoon's Man of the Year Campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to provide support and a cure for blood cancer patients like LLS's Boy and Girl of the Year, Alex Wiser and Paige Malewicz.

Man and Woman of the Year participants work as a team to raise funds for the LLS mission, which is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

Individual efforts are also tracked as the top fundraising man and woman from the team will be named as "Team Anchors" and will be recognized in a national advertisement in USA



Weatherspoon

Today. The advertisement will also feature photographs of the top man and woman fundraiser in the nation.

In April of 2008, Marcus Weatherspoon received news that nobody wants to hear: He had cancer. It was Stage 4 (out of five) Hodgkin lymphoma and it had spread to his throat, chest, stomach and pelvis.

He was told by doctors that surgery was not an option because of the severity of his tumors. Weatherspoon would have to fight to stay alive and accomplish his dreams. Eight months later, in December, he received

news that his cancer was gone. "I believe that if you give up mentally, physically, your body is going to give up. I just chose not to go that route," says Weatherspoon.

For more information about the Man and Woman of the year program, visit www.lls.org/ mi; or contact Miriam Imerman at (248) 581-3884 or miriam.imerman@lls.org.

Hodgkin lymphoma is a type of blood cancer that affects the immune system. It can strike in people in their twenties or thirties. There were about 8,220 cases of Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosed last year in the United States. It is considered to be one of the most curable forms of cancer with a five-year survival rate of 86 percent. For more information about Hodgkin lymphoma or other blood cancers, contact the Michigan chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (248) 581-3900 or www. lls.org/mi.



to the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals baseball game at Comerica Park on Monday, July 6. The tickets are in the upper deck behind the first-base dugout. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.

The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends. The \$40 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip luxury coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum.



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LIVONIA -- The Make-A-Wish Foundation is partnering with Baskin-Robbins for a 'FunRaiser' to raise money for their Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, a three-day, 300-mile bicycle ride from Traverse City to Chelsea. Baskin Robbins will donate \$1 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation from each ice cream cake they sell June 1-July 25. They aim to sell 5,000 cakes, raising \$5,000 for the Wish-A-Mile.

To kick off the program, Baskin Robbins will host an event 3-9 p.m. Monday, June 8 at the Livonia location, 17138 Farmington Road. Local media and Make-A-Wish representatives will join customers to enjoy entertainment, their favorite Baskin Robbin's flavor and an additional \$5-off coupon on any ice cream caké purchased that day, including pre-orders. Visit www.baskinrobbins.com.

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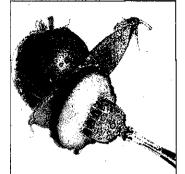
CANTON - Now is your chance to showcase your "pot-luck" favorite at the Spice Up Your Summer's Cook Off competition featuring "Summertime Sides and Appetizers" 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the Canton Farmers Market.

Five categories include appetizers, salad, veggie, fruit, and pasta. Participants are asked to bring a prepared version of their dish to the competition, provide a list of ingredients, and supply all of their own ingredients and cooking utensils for on-site preparation. Great prizes will be awarded for the most succulent sides and appealing appetizers, with the top three moving on to compete at Liberty Fest 2009. Entry fee is \$15; \$10 for Canton residents. To Enter by June 1, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

NEW DINING AT TWELVE OAKS

NOVI – Tin Fish, A&W and Sanders will open later this year at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The original Tin Fish in Fair Haven has offered a casually elegant waterfront experienc on Anchor Bay since 2001. A second Tin Fish opened just last year at Clinton Township's Mall at Partridge Creek. Tin Fish's theme will revolve around fish and water and will provide a truly unique, fun atmosphere for dining and entertainment. A&W also will open this fall - the perfect time to raise a



Showcase your "pot-luck" favorite at the Spice Up Your Summer's Cook Off competition featuring "Summertime Sides and Appetizers" 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7 at the Canton Farmers Market.

frosty mug of the world's number-one selling root beer. While the mixed-fresh-daily blend of herbs, spices, barks and berries remains a proprietary secret to this day, more widely known is the tasty brand of all-American food that A&W has served up since 1922. A&W will be located in the mall's Lifestyle Café Food Court.

To further sweeten the offerings, longtime Detroit-area favorite Sanders will open a flagship store at Twelve Oaks Mall by this fall. Since its first soda fountain opened in 1875, Sanders has tempted customers with its famous candies, fudge toppings and baked goods as well as desserts, including its popular ice cream sodas and hot fudge cream puffs. The new Twelve Oaks store will not only offer these signature treats, but will also be the first Sanders location to bring back — by popular demand - Sanders' vintage sandwiches, soups and light morning fare.

Twelve Oaks Mall is located at the intersection of three major highways, I-96, I-696 and I-275, at Novi and Twelve Mile roads in Novi.

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 Date Nights, buy one entree Eastern cuisine like hummus, tabbouleh, shish tawook and

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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 City."

COMERICA CITYFEST '09

DETROIT -- Comerica Cityfest 2009, formerly Tastefest, will dish up something to satisfy most anyone's summertime gastronomic desires July 1-5 in Detroit's New Center area. Taste tickets are \$10 for 16. Portion prices are two to five tickets for taste size, six to 10 tickets for sampler size and 11 to 14 tickets for meals.

Participating restaurants include Finn & Porter, Eastern Flame, Marwood Inn, Redwood Grill, Mozart Catering, Aw...Shucks, Bogartz Café, Centaur, Chan's Café, Clubhouse Tavern, Damon's Grill, Happy's Pizza, Harbor House, Kola's Food Factory, Lazybones Smokehouse, The Melting Pot of Troy, Motown Kabob, New Center Eatery, Pizzeria Venti, Rice Bowl Fresh Asian Eatery, Union Jacks, Unique Creations, and Waves Inn Fish Supreme.

Desserts will be provided by Good Girls go to Paris Crepes, The CupCake Kitchen, Trenton Ice Cream, Canopy Cheesecake Co., Casey's New York Style Ice, Sweet Potato Sensations, The Chocolate Gallery Café and the Funnel Cake Place.

Beverages will be served by Barefoot Wine, Doubletree Guest Suites mobile coffee house, Town Pump Tavern, and more.

Call (313) 872-0188 or visit www.comericacityfest.com or call 313.872.0188.

SIVE 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 from the prix fixe menu and get another for half-off, champagr 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) 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 multi-unit 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 Jumbo Burgers. For more information visit www.jawsjumboburgers.net or call Craig Ellis, (248) 259-1326.

MEIJER SCORES NUTRITION METRO DETROIT

- NuVal, a scientifically-based food scoring system, launched in all stores in the Midwestbased Meijer retail chain. The NuVal Nutritional Scoring System gives all food a Score from 1 to 100; the higher the score, the higher the nutrition. All NuVal scores are provided on the shelf, making it easy for consumers to compare the overall nutrition of the foods they buy at a glance. The inventor of the "one-stop" shopping concept, Meijer operates 185 supercenters in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. Consumers visiting their local Meijer will see thousands of items with the trademark NuVal blue hexagon, which contains the NuVal score. Scored categories include salty snacks, milk, yogurt, vegetables (fresh, frozen and canned). cereal, bread, cookies, and crackers, among others. Visit www.nuval.com.

May 1st through June 21st

Reservations Recommended



f you're a wine aficionado, have concern about the environment and plan to vacation Up North, do visit one



of Michigan's most popular wineries, Left Foot Charley, located in The Village of Grand Traverse

Left Foot

Charley came

in 2007 as the

first Michigan

winery to open in an urban facility,

a former Michigan state hospital campus, currently under develop-

ment as a mixed-use project in a

Michigan Tax-Free Renaissance

Zone. Jen and winemaker Bryan

Ulbrich, LeftFoot's owners, reno-

facility for its modern winery

menu.

GREEN FOOT

vated the former hospital'slaundry

operations, classy tasting room and

winebar, with a nifty small plates

After only two years at the

Traverse City location, Left Foot

Charley has raised the environ-

mental concern bar by sporting

a green foot. "In calendar year

2008," Bryan Ulbrich said, "we

(750mL each) for complimentary

Those bottles went from the

bottling line to the tasting room

to the recycling bin outside. They

turned into asphalt. The bottles

had a closure and a label. All that

cost a lot of money and created a

greater carbon footprint for the

winery."

were picked up, crushed and

tasting and wine served by the

went through 2,000 bottles

glass (\$5) at the wine bar.

on the scene

Now, wine for tasting on premise is drawn from a tank outfitted with nitrogen gas or carbon dioxide gas taking the place of the wine and keeping the remainder fresh.

Delicious new 2008 wine releas-

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Island View Vineyard, SI8 and

es from Left Foot Charley..

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"All this has been a learning curve," Ulbrich adds. "We're now planning to use 300L refrigerated tanks behind the tasting bar. They have a nitrogen line running to them under a pressure of 5psi." Wine on tap? You could say that.

GROWLERS FOR TAKE OUT

Locals and visitors alike can fill a standard growler with a shelf life in the refrigerator of two weeks - such as a stay Up North. Growlers can be returned for a refill. They're rinsed with 160degree water (same as the rinser on the bottling line). Danger of something impacting growler cleanliness is eliminated.

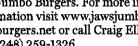
GOING INDEPENDENT

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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.

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Thursday, May 28, 2009

Canton Strictly Business

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Charles (Chick) Bricker, Jr., of Kramer-Triad Management Group, an Associa company in Ann Arbor has been awarded the first-ever Managers of Excellence award. The award was established by Reserve Advisors, a national provider of reserve studies and transition studies, to recognize community association managers who are industry leaders.



Bricker, a Group and joined the company in

president at 1999 as a port-

Plymouth resident. is a vice Kramer-Triad Management

folio manager. He has more than 40 years of experience in business and community management and has continually pursued professional development opportunities, such as his CMCA, AMS and PCAM accredita-

tions through the Community Associations Institute (CAI). Hella-Mercedes partnership Hella will supply Mercedes-Benz with the world's first continuously adjustable headlamps. Available as an option in Europe on the

company's 2010 Mercedes E-Class models, the new system adjusts a vehicle's headlamps to traffic conditions and provides drivers with the best possible road illumination without blinding oncoming vehicles.

"Jointly developed by Hella and Daimler engineers, the Mercedes' 'Intelligent High Beam Assistant' system uses a camera mounted on the

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windshield to detect oncoming traffic or vehicles traveling ahead," said Steffen Pietzonka, vice president of Marketing for Hella Lighting. "The headlamps are controlled so that the light cone ends before reaching other vehicles."

The "intelligent high-beam assistant" automatically switches to high-beam when the road ahead is clear. As soon as vehicles are detected within 2,600 feet, the equipment adjusts the range of the headlamps within milliseconds. High- to low-beam adjustments are activated once the driver reaches 35 miles per hour.

SKF appointments

Plymouth-based SKF announced several new appointments within its global Car Business Unit, a part of its Automotive Division. The appointments strengthen SKF's global automotive account management and better focuses its resources on strategic growth.

Jason Stocker is appointed global account manager for General Motors Corp., and will continue to be based in Plymouth. Previously, Stocker served as account manager in the Car Business Unit in the U.S.

Jean-Pierre Collognat is now responsible for Global Business Development, Ball and Roller Screws, and will be based in Chambery, France, in July. Prior to this, Collognat was manager of business development for Car Powertrain and Steering, North America.

Jean-Sylvain Migliore is appointed global account manager for Renault Nissan. He previously was a business engineer in the Car Business Unit, and will continue to be based in Montigny, France. Invescor hire Christl Heidtman of

Plymouth has joined Invescor, Ltd. as a Licensing Specialist. Heidtman brings over four years of licensing experience to Invescor, and is responsible for researching and tracking changes in licensing regulations

on a national

and state-by-

Heidtman also

assists agents, registered

tives, and firms

nationwide in

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resolving life settlement licensing issues.

Heidtman joins Invescor from AAA - The Auto Club Group, where she managed insurance continuing education requirements for approximately 3,000 captive agents in eight states, and supported licensed employees with inquiries regarding pre-licensing requirements, appointments, and renewals.

Heidtman is an active member of the Securities and Insurance Licensing Association (SILA), and has an Associate (SILA-A) Designation.

Heidtman earned a Bachelor's of Accounting degree from DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio, graduating Cum Laude in 1998, and holds a Travel Certificate awarded with valedictorian honors from the Travel Education Institute in Southfield, Michigan in 2001.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A Shark Club offers affordable menu along with charity games

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

Michael Mazza: We offer a plea sent atmosphere for you to enjoy food, drink, and sporting events. Our broad menu. generous portions of food, a full service bar puts us above. the rest. We offer a value menu from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday with 12 items for \$5.99 that include soup or fries. Our corporate events are sectioned off for your group to enjoy your choice of our full service buffets, or just come in and play billiards and arcade games. We have the best charity casino in the area, with players able to come in every night and play Texas hold-em or blackjack. We were able to provide \$100,000 to the charities in the last year. Observer: How did you first decide

to open your business?

Michael Mazza: I wanted to open a comfortable and fun atmosphere that people could come in and enjoy sporting events, and have food that is not your average bar food. Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Michael Mazza: It was up and coming when we moved in.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Michael Mazza: The size (12,000 square feet) can accommodate many events. Observer: How has it changes since you moved in?

Michael Mazza: With the current economy, we are striving to keep things fun with



Shark Club manager Kim Holtz in the charity poker area.

THE CANTON SHARK CLUB

Address: 42070 N. Ford Road Your name: Michael Mazza, owner Your hometown: Clarkston Business opened when?: 1995 Number of employees: 30

Your business specialty: Corporate parties, sporting events, charity poker

Business hours: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-2 a.m. Sunday (kitchen open until 1 a.m. every night)

Business phone/Web site: (734) 844-7665, sharkclubcanton.net

the charity casino, and trivia (Friday starting at 9 p.m.) Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner? Michael Mazza: We really want people to know that we

are not a "pool hall." We are a fun sports bar that has all the things you need for a fun night out. Billiards is just the second part of what we can show you. Go on our Web site for valuable coupons at sharkclubcanton.net.



Glenda's Garden Center LIVONIA NOVI

On the move

Doctors Éric Broad and Karen Siupik of Broad Family Chiropractic (BFC) have officially moved their locallyowned wellness/chiropractic clinic to its new location at 43423 Joy Road in the Coventry Commons Plaza between Remax and H&R Block. The move was precipitated by BFC's continued success with families in the community and service additions to support the steady stream of new and continued customers. "We were fortunate to find a space that would allow for continued expansion, as well as take advantage of the Joy and Morton Taylor intersection we have grown to enjoy," said Broad. With the recent move to the new location, services and treatments have once again expanded to include massage therapy, reflexology, accupuncture, and custom orthodics. BFC will be hosting a re-grand opening BBQ and public open house on Saturday, June 6. The clinic is also offering current specials now through the end of June for massage (\$25 half hour massages) and chiropractic exams (\$45 complete chiropractic exams, including x-rays). For more information call (734) 354-9900.

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Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the Plymouth Observer by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

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Green designation: win-win for industry, buyer

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

Realtor Peter Maxfield knows more than a little about the environment.

Maxfield, an associate broker with **RE/MAX** Four Seasons in Whitmore Lake, is among industry pros to earn the Green Designation from the National Association of Realtors.

"Michigan I think is in a good position to be very conscious of this," the Pinckney resident said. The area's long been attuned to the environment, he said, and Gov. Jennifer Granholm is talking about battery production and energy-related jobs.

More than 2,700 Realtors have completed the National Association of Realtors Green Designation Core Course and more than 1,250 NAR members have received NAR's Green Designation. NAR's Green REsource Council anticipates that 3,000 Realtors will have earned the designation by the end of the year.

Thus far, the NAR Web site shows relatively few such Realtors from Michigan, but that's expected to grow. Maxfield took training through the RE/MAX satellite network. "That was a good thing we could do it that way," he said.

He was able to complete training with the residential industry elective at an international convention in Las Vegas. Maxfield, in real estate 10 years, hasn't taken the commercial training as his work is primarily residential.

"Realtors build communities and understand the importance of green homes and buildings," said NAR President Charles McMillan, a broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Dallas-Fort Worth. "Consumers recognize the relationship between green properties, cost savings and healthy living and are looking for Realtors to help them find the home that fits their needs."

According to a recent NAR survey, 90 percent of recent homebuvers thought energy efficiency was a very important consideration when searching for a home, and the demand for green buildings and environmentally sensitive home features is growing. According to the National Association of Home Builders, the green homes market is expected to increase to 10 percent by 2010. Realtors who have earned NAR's Green Designation are prepared to help consumers and clients in their search for environmentally friendly properties and work to incorporate green principles into their own practice.

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carpooling and combining short car trips.

Winter heating bills have also prompted interest in energy efficient, Maxfield said. He noted there are many designations, some government-sponsored. The training is helpful in understanding what designations mean.

Maxfield said tests can now be done to see how energy efficient a home is, as compared in the past to asking a seller for electric and gas bills. He sees importance in such things as a home's position on property, the overhangs, and is it sustainup to speed as to what's happening in this whole field," said Maxfield, who hopes other area Realtors will complete the training for the designation.

He sees both economic and ecological considerations, such as use of recyclable materials and good building practices. "It's taking hold." Maxfield lives in a rural area with some animals, and has considered a windmill for his own property. "You get a respect for the farmers that have been working the land." They do their jobs as minimally as possible.

core course and six-hour elective course in either residential, commercial, or property management. Nearly 300 courses are currently scheduled across the United States and Canada in 2009. Consumers can now find Realtors with this designation in the "Find a Realtor" section at www.realtor.org. For more information about the Green REsource Council and the designation, visit www. GreenREsourceCouncil.org.

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"NAR's Green Designation increases the value Realtors add to the transaction," said McMi "By arming themselves with the tools and training necessary to seek out, understand and market green properties, our members become a positive force for creating sustainable and energy-efficient communities."

to ensure fair housing

0: I am on the board of a condominium association and I am wondering how often the government will inspect to see whether, in fact, we maintain the 80/20 ratio with respect to senior citizen exemptions under the Fair Housing Act.

A: HOPA regulations require routine procedures for verifying compliance with the 80 percent occupancy standard on an ongoing basis. It is recommended that



regular surveys of an age restricted community's residents be made. Initial information regarding residents may be obtained in conjunction with sales contracts, but the composition of the community's

residents must be independently verified on an ongoing basis at least every two years. Issuing, by way of example, a community identification document or card for each occupant provides an effective method of capturing age data for the community.

Q: I am interested in buying a condominium but understand that there have been additional Fannie Mae requirements effective March 1, 2009. Do you have any information on that?

A: Yes. Almost all new changes to the FMNA guidelines present more stringent requirements making it harder to obtain lender approval. Some of the big highlights are as follows:

• Projects with excess sales/ financing structures are ineligible to get a new loan. This can include sellers paying abatements for HOA dues, mortgage interest payments, and builder/developer contributions - any payments that can help and often entice buyers to get in the property only to find out later that they cannot afford it.

• Second, projects with excessive non-residential space (more than 20 percent) - space devoted to nonliving areas — are ineligible.

• Third, projects where a single entity owns more than 10 p

Maxfield saw increased interest in energy issues last year when gas prices went up., "When it hits the pocketbook it really hits their attention," he said. People became interested in

adie. "Let's say you want to get off the

electric grid," Maxfield said. There are options such as solar cells and windmills in the varied field which covers a lot of ground.

He acknowledged not all that's needed can be learned in a three-day course, and everyday work in the field reinforces training. "It really gets us

with the excesses we're learning to live without," the local Realtor said. Tax credits are available for those going "green" in Michigan, he added, a particularly strong consideration if you're planning to stay in a home. "It's so valid on so many levels," Maxfield said.

"Perhaps some of that has to do

he said.

Realtors and affiliate members of NAR obtain the designa-

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.

of the project are ineligible. Additionally, at any time, 15 percent of all association dues cannot be more than 30 days past due. Essentially, the master policy of a condominium generally covers community property of a condominium such as hallways, shared courtyards, etc. However, for personal property, "improvements and betterments," and property within the walls of a condominium, hazard insurance is needed and is now required which is commonly referred to as an HO6 policy.

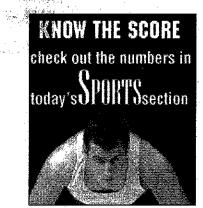
• Additionally, previously only 51 percent of the project needed to be conveyed or under a legal contract. Now, in order to get Fannie Mae approval, 70 percent of the project needs to be presold to meet guidelines.

 Also, condominium projects with 20 or more units require fidelity insurance.

• Finally, and perhaps the only less restricted change to the guideline, is a project eligibility review serve (PERS), which allows lenders an additional avenue to submit condominium projects to Fannie Mae for eligibility review.

You are best advised to consult with an attorney and your potential lender before considering a purchase of a condominium.

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



Investors

A program on how To Buy and Sell Property Faster and More Efficiently by Implementing Systems To Save Time and Make More Money. Presented by Brad Zitzner, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, June 11, at 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www. REIAofOakland.com)

BIA

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.

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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.

BRIEFS

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. 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 statement.

Topics in this training 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.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Building Training on Tuesday, June 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construction and Development Services LLC presents great tips on making your homes more energy efficient, durable and environmentally sustainable. The training is required for all builder members of Green Built™ Michigan. The cost is \$65 per member and \$85 for nonmembers of Green Built[™] Michigan. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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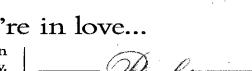
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Canton 248-851-1900 3 BR 2.1 BA HOME W/LARGE FENCED BACKYARD Overlooks nature preserve. Wood floors in foyer, dining rm, kitchen & half bath. Master suite w/master bath & large WIC.

(29067155) \$200,000 \$539,900

Milford Shows like a model! On 3 park-like acres w/ pond & fountain. Upgrades galore! Granite kit, SS appl, maple firs, formal DR, lib 2/ FP, MBR, fin LL w/o, patio,

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Spacious Updated 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Ranch Newer windows, furnace & H/W. Granite, oak cabiets, ceranmic firing. Mstr ste w/wic & full ba. Lots of storage. All appl's. Novi schools, cloe to x-ways & mall.

\$155,000

3 car garage on large lot in prestigious neighborhood. Gorgeous landscaping to provide private back yard, paver patio, & beautiful views from every window. (29064420)

South Lyon

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Walled Lake 248-684-1065 Enjoy over 100 frt ft on all-sports Commerce Lk. Water views from all rooms plus canal front at ear. 3 BR Ranch w/ neutral decor and many updates!



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Canton 734-455-7000 PREMIUM CUL-DE-SAC LOT W/TREED BACKDROPI Shows like model! Newer kitchen bamboo flooring t/o 1 st fir, gas FP, garden tub, sep shower, true dbi drive, decorator colors, etc. So much home for the money!



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Hartland 248-437-3800 Beautiful Rolling 2.57 Acrest 50x24 pole barn w/concrete fir, Öpen fir plan, nat. fireplace in GR. Fin. W/O bsmt w/wet bar, wood burner accessable. Fresh paint & carpet in main

ing area

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Highland 248-684-1065

Stunning Cobblestone beauty, stately home w/ custom quality t/o. Approx. 1 acre. Upgrades & unique details. Dual stairways, terrace, 3,600 sq.ft. 4 BR/4.5 BA.



248-684-1065 Highiand A wonderful home on 2.35 acres. Attached in-law apartment. 1st floor living! 2 kitchens, 4 BR, 3 BA, attached garage, barn/garage w/ loft & heat

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248-684-1065 Milford Luxury riverfront condo in downtown Milford across from Central Park! Craftsman style inspired with fin w/o. oak cabs, granits ctops, HDWD firs, deck.



Milford 248-684-1065 3,411 sq. ft. ranch on 4+ wooded acres close to Kensington Park. Huge pole barn, built-in swimming pool, super condition & waiting for

you and your horses.

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On 2.5 wooded acres. Hdwd firs. Designer Thomasville hickory, granite & slate kit. 22x16 cedar deck. Covered front porch. New SS appls. 27x20 mstr. Lg WIC. W/O.



Milford 248-348-6430 \$60,000 In Updates! 3 acres in Milford with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Great house for

\$249,900



248-348-6430 Novi immaculate 5 bedroom Novi Cape Cod. Open floor plan w/volume ceilings, 1st flr mstr ste. Great rm, frml dining, hearth rm. Screened porch. Beautifully fin LL w/fam rm, oak bar





248-348-6430 Novi Large Novi Condo with Basementi 3 BRs,1,5 BAsl 1,300sqft+I Find bsmtl Novi Schools. Assoc fee includes gas, water, pool, tennis usage. Home Warrantyl All appliances included! Lots of Storagel



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Admired Historic Cape Cod in the City of Plymouth! Designed by GM Bldg architect. 1st time marketed in 45 years! 5 bedrms/5 baths. ectacular wooded acre! (28172722) \$599,000



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South Lyon

This Home is Meticulous! New concept in contemporary w/versatile fir plan & vaulted ceilings. Too many upgrades & improvements to list. Beautiful backyard setting. Must See!

248-437-3800



Outstanding Townhouse Condol Private setting w/great view of McHattle Park. Features living rm w/lrg front window, updated kitchen, dining area w/doorwall leading to deck. Prof. dining a fin h (29062812) \$129,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Ready To Move in Ranch style condo w/open fir plan. Features 2 BR, mstr br 2/2 closets. 2 full

baths, or m w/gas fp.dining rm w/doorwail to deck. Home is handicap accessible

Spacious 1852 sq.ft. home on .62 wooded lot w/ access on private all-sports Watkins Lake. Open fir plan. Maple kit, GR w/ FP & walkout! 2 car gar; C/A & more!

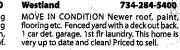


Westland 248-348-6430 Totally Updated Maintenance Free Home New roof, updated BA, new win, carpet, 6 panel doors, steel DRs, ceramic tile in foyer, HWH, all applis, shed, 2 car gar & a patio w/a retractable awning.



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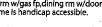




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