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All Saints open house

All Saints Catholic School, located in Canton on Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads, hosts an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year.

Talent show

Band students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have planned a variety talent show for the local community Friday and Saturday, Jan. 29-30, at Salem High School on Joy Road in Canton. "Variety Is..." starts at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The "Variety Is..." event is a two-night talent show comprised of musicians, comedians, dancers, singers, and musical groups.

The PCEP Symphony Band performs on Friday, while the PCEP Wind Ensemble performs Saturday. The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band will conclude each evening with their 2009 show, "Beneath the Surface."

Daddys/daughters

If you know a young lady who's always wanted to be a "Princess for a Day," then here's your chance to make her dream come true.

Preparations are underway for Canton's annual Daddy-Daughter dance, which will be held Feb. 5-6 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

At this year's affair, dads, uncles or grandfathers can show off their little princesses at one of three scheduled dances: Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom, and Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. or Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m., both in the gymnasium. Dads and daughters will enjoy dancing, refreshments and the always-popular balloon drop.

Tickets are just \$9 for residents and \$12 for non-residents and must be purchased in advance and will not be sold at the event. Ticket sales end February 3 and each participant is required to have a ticket for entry. Tickets are on sale now for both residents and non-residents. Corsages for your date(s) can also be purchased for \$4.50 each in advance at time of ticket purchase. Semi-formal/dressy casual attire is recommended. Souvenir photos will also be available for purchase.

For more information, visit Cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Learning to cope with pain

Author hopes to help kids deal with loss of loved ones

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Tia Barbero needed a concept for a book while attending a writer's workshop, she thought of a young man she knew at West Middle School, a boy who emotionally shut down completely after the death of his father.

Barbero, a para-professional at the school, could relate. She watched her children deal with the death of her husband — their father — after he succumbed to cancer in July 2005.

The shared pain — and the aftermath of dealing with it — inspired Barbero to write *Dadsongs: Remembering a Loved One's Melody*, a children's book she hopes will help youngsters learn to deal with that kind of pain and loss.

"That student had no friends, didn't want to learn, and you couldn't even mention his dad to him," Barbero said. "Working with these kids, I've seen so many of them shut down."

Her own children — Francie, 25, Paul, 23, and Mary 22 (the couple had a fourth child, Claire, who died at 18 months old of a heart condition) — dealt with their father's death in their own ways. But their methods of grief control were helped greatly — by their dying father.

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AUTHOR APPEARANCE

Who: Author Tia Barbero
What: Book signing for 'Dadsongs: Remembering a Loved One's Melody'
When: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21
Where: Resurrection Parish, Warren west of Beck, in Canton



Tia Barbero wrote the book. Her son Paul Barbero did the illustrations.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tia Barbero hopes her new book can help children learn to cope with the loss of a loved one.

Command cops get 1-percent hike in new pact

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 16-member Canton police union will see pay levels inch upward after voting overwhelmingly to ratify a new three-year contract.

The Canton Command Officers Association, which represents 11 sergeants and five lieutenants, will receive 1-percent pay raises this year and next, followed by a wage freeze in 2012.

Salaries for CCOA members ranged from \$75,312 to \$82,958 before the contract became effective, retroactive to Jan. 1, township Finance Director Rick Eva said. Pay levels will range from \$76,826 to \$84,626 when the contract expires, he said.

The new pact, approved 7-0 Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees, comes as some metro Detroit communities have weighed concessions and layoffs amid budget shortfalls fueled by an economic recession and declining home property values.

Lt. Scott Hilden, CCOA president, said union members "tried to show leadership" by accepting a contract that reflects a tough economy, even though Canton hasn't yet faced the draconian budget cuts plaguing many communities.

"During our negotiations with the township, we all were aware of the economic times we're dealing with," Hilden said, adding that CCOA members have been "reasonable in our expectations."

Hopeful of an economic rebound in coming years, Hilden said the union then may seek larger wage increases that, at a minimum, keep pace with inflation.

Local officials said the new contract will allow the township to maintain a police force that has drawn accolades for its performance.

"It will not affect our service levels," Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek said.

CCOA members will receive a modest, \$200 increase in their gun allowance, and they will be able to collect partial pay for sick time they don't use. However, unlike police officers and firefighters, they will not be allowed to retire after 25 years on the job — unless they have reached the age of 50.

CCOA members had sought the same clause in their contract but didn't get it. Officials confirmed the current system allows a police officer or firefighter to retire, regardless of age, after 25 years.

Settlement of the CCOA contract means the township has reached bargaining agreements for virtually all township employees. The only agreement that still has to be completed is for the deputy police chief.

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Canton Express still seeks riders

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents who commute to jobs in Ann Arbor are hoping to stir interest and boost ridership on a bus line that makes two trips each week-day between the two communities.

Medical technologist Michelle Bensette, an employee of the University of Michigan Hospital's blood bank, parks her vehicle at Independence Park in the morning, rides the Canton Express to work and catches a return bus in the afternoon.

"I don't have to worry about parking, I save gas and mileage on my car, and I don't have to worry about driving in bad weather," Bensette said, getting off the bus about 4:15 p.m. Monday in Independence Park, on Denton south of Cherry Hill.

Bensette catches the bus five days a week "unless I have a day off," and she has gotten used to a bus line that started last August and drops her off at U-M Hospital.

Canton resident Ellen Han, a grants manager for U-M's National Public Radio station, Michigan Radio, often boards Canton Express shortly after



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michelle Bensette is a regular rider of the bus that runs between Canton and Ann Arbor. She says it saves gas and mileage on her vehicle, and she doesn't have to drive in bad weather.

7 a.m. and returns to Independence Park just before 6 p.m.

"I used to drive to work, but I heard about this

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AROUND CANTON

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Charity 'Whodunit'

United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency located in Canton, hosts their fourth annual charity event Friday, Jan. 29 at Genitti's-Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville from 6:30-10 p.m.

The evening begins with a seven-course family style Italian dinner followed by the audience participation whodunit *Mystic Madness*. Reservations are \$50 and can be purchased by contacting (734) 981-8820. Sponsorships are also available.

Proceeds from this event go toward United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care for patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. This fund is also used to provide emergency medications, food, clothing, medical equipment, and transportation for patients in need. With Michigan's struggling economy, these needs are greater than ever.

Slavens coffee

State Representative Dian Slavens (D-Canton) will hold a coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Big Boy restaurant at 45250 Ford Road in Canton, to meet with residents and listen to their concerns and ideas.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens can call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov.

Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her Web site at www.house.mi.gov/dslavens.

St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School hosts an open house Thursday, Feb. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. The school offers 3-year-old pre-school through fifth grade



Zonta scholars

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County awarded scholarships for the winter semester to two local women. Stephanie Bagwell of Livonia is a junior at Michigan State and is majoring in Zoology. She plans to continue her education and become a veterinarian. She works in a veterinary clinic and loves working with animals. Jamie Berlin of Canton is also a junior at Michigan State and seeks a degree in Forestry. She hopes to be able to manage forests and our ecosystems so they can better benefit us and the environment. Both students plan to take time out of their schedules during the semester to update Zonta about their studies and great aspirations for their future. The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County plans on awarding new scholarships for the Fall semester 2010 and will be looking for eligible candidates this Spring. Zonta International meets the fourth Monday of most months at Papa Vino's. For more information about Zonta or to attend a meeting, call Sally at (734) 464-3728 or visit www.zonta.org or www.zonta15.org/northwestwayne.

classes including all-day kindergarten and half-day Young Fives.

St. Michael Christian School provides a Christ-centered education using the Holy Bible, the Concordia Publishing House study series, and a weekly Chapel Service led by the Pastoral Staff.

St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720 or visit the school's Web site at www.stmichael-church.org

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their seventh annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 13. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Artists and crafters who

are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit, with photos as soon as possible. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 105 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. The most recent PCMB Art & Craft Ensemble had over 2,000 visitors.

"The Arts & Craft Ensemble has grown to be a high quality, well-attended event where only hand-made items are sold," said John Noss, president of the 2010 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our recent Holiday event had record-breaking attendance of over 2000 people, so we know the community is accepting of this show."

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9

a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 13. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

'Action' item

Area residents get a chance to lend a helping hand and volunteer for this year's Christmas in Action event Saturday, April 24. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to help provide repairs to needy seniors' homes in the Canton community from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Skilled services needed include, but are not limited to electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers, and others. Unskilled volunteers are needed for cleaning, yard work, and painting.

The day will start with registration from 7:30-9 a.m., and a continental breakfast at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Volunteers will then be shuttled to assigned homes and are encouraged to bring brooms, rakes, and shovels marked with their name, in addition to work gloves. Lunch will be provided.

For more information on Christmas in Action and the clean-up event scheduled for April 24, call (734) 394-5191 or visit cantonfun.org.

Pioneer Peace Project

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be showcasing the photographs of Pioneer Middle School students now through Feb. 24 in the Gallery@VT. This powerful exhibit is part of "The Pioneer Peace Project," a service learning initiative connecting students with each other and to their world.

As part of yearlong service learning project, eighth graders from Pioneer Middle School were challenged to explore the concept of peace from behind the lens. The photographs were taken when the students traveled to New York City this past April in collaboration with Todd Parr, professional artist and author of "The Peace Book," to spread a message of peace. While in the Big Apple, each student documented their experiences as a part of Behind the Lens III—a photojournalism project displaying photographs, poetry, reflections and art.

These dynamic black and white photographs illustrate the ideals of peace and the importance of the arts while contributing to part of "The Great Conversation," an exchange of ideas that has evolved over thousands of years and continues to examine who we are and what our purpose is.

This multi-media art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and

during public performances at the theater. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater.org.

Murder mystery dinner

The Roaring Twenties come to life at a "Funeral for a Gangster," a hilarious murder mystery dinner theater presented Feb. 13 and March 13 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The intimate setting of The Biltmore Studio has been transformed into Ruby's Coffee House where the hi-jinks unfold and where delicious food will be served.

"The show is set in the Roaring Twenties, and takes place at Ruby's Coffee House, a speakeasy run by Ruby Marzetti, one of three children of the slain gangster Vito the Gut Marzetti," said director Mike Cuba. "Ruby, her brothers Frankie Marbles and Joey the Lump, along with their new stepmother Lena, are trying to figure out who fingered Vito, and where he hid the key to his wealth."

Audience members will serve as mourners at the wake of mob boss Vito "The Gut" Marzetti, who was served a buffet while dining in a Chinese restaurant. Evidence unfolds as the wake commences, and it's up to the audience to solve the mystery.

The show includes dinner, music, puzzles and prizes for best costumes (optional, but fun!) and the best solution to the mystery. Local actors complete the 1920's ambience of Ruby's Coffee House: Rebecca Biber is the piano player Bella Ciao; Lisa Brawley is the Club Hostess; Kimberly Elliot is Lena Marzetti, the grieving, scheming widow; Rick Holland is Joey "the Lump" Marzetti, the rum-runner and enforcer of the family; Mike Martin is Frankie "Marbles" Marzetti, con artist and master of many parts; Maureen Paraventi is Ruby "Finger" Marzetti, former pickpocket and current owner of Ruby's Place, the speakeasy where the wake is being held; and David Zolotarchuk is Special Agent Farmer, of the FBI.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30, and the show starts at 7 p.m.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in the Biltmore Studio, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets, which are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or online at www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater, are \$45 each. Call Mike Cuba at (734) 812-0102 for more details.

AUTHOR

FROM PAGE A1

Chris Barbero, a recycling manager for Waste Management, learned in March 2005 he had lung cancer. While beginning treatments they weren't sure were going to do much good, Chris Barbero set about teaching his children — and his wife — how to cope with life without him.

Knowing his children were worried their family was going to change, Chris Barbero worked to let his kids know death doesn't necessarily keep families apart.

"When he was dying, Chris told us he's still going to be watching us," Tia said. "He said, 'We're still going to be a family and everything is going to be OK.'"

Music was always an important part of the Barbero home life. Chris, who was 51 when he died, played the guitar and the harmonica. "He played anything that squeaked," his wife said with a laugh. On their 20th anniversary, Tia made a CD of songs she wanted Chris to hear, music she said showed her husband how she felt about him.

While trying to help his youngest child, Mary, come to grips with his impending death, Chris worked with his daughter to make a similar CD for Tia, a CD to which his wife found it difficult to listen.

The CD helped Tia come to grips with everything, too.

"(Life) was a journey he and I shared together," Tia said. "It was inspiring to me because he was so courageous. At first, I didn't want to listen (to the CD), because it hurt too much. Then it became like he was speaking to me."

Making that CD smoothed the grieving process for Mary. When Tia wrote the book, she turned to another child, son Paul, to help put the finishing touches on it. Paul, who started out in the art program at Siena Heights then transferred to the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia, agreed to illustrate her inspiration.

Paul admitted his father's death "hurled me into a position where I had to block that out just to get by dealing with the day-to-day." When his mother first approached him, he hesitated — "I wasn't really on board" — but when she couldn't find the right fit, he agreed to do it.

"I hadn't faced (his father's death) head-on yet, and the book forced me to do that," Paul said. "It was hard at times because it stirred up emotions I needed to get through, but couldn't yet. (The book) forced me to do that."

As Chris' health worsened, the family drew on his own strength to help deal with everything. At one point, Tia asked him if he was afraid of dying.

His response: "I'm not afraid of dying, I'm afraid of leaving you." And then he worked until his death to help his family deal with it.

It's that spirit Tia tried to explain to readers in a letter she included in the back of the book.

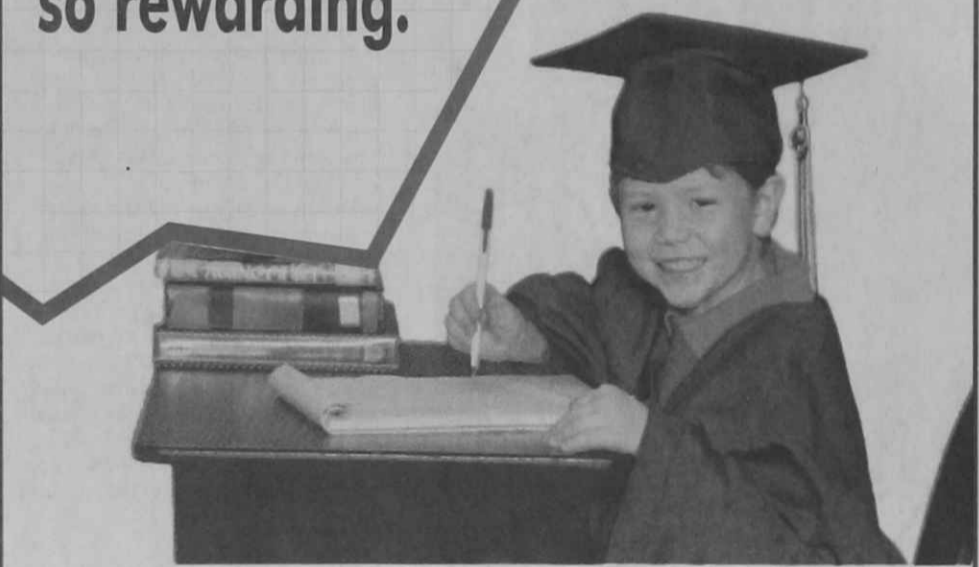
"I really felt like Chris was with me through this whole thing," Tia said. "His courage had to be conveyed to the readers."

While the book turned out to be a cathartic experience for Paul Barbero, he said he thought it provided the same benefit to his mother.

"It gave her an outlet, kept her mind occupied," her son said. "It made her feel good to help other people in the same situation."

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Demonstrators call for health-care action

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling on Democrats to "show some backbone," about 20 people braved icy temperatures Tuesday in downtown Plymouth to demonstrate for health-care reform.

The noontime rally drew people from Plymouth, Westland, Canton, Redford and Ann Arbor. It was sponsored by a coalition of organizations advocating national health-care reform, including MoveOn.org and the Service Employees International Union.

"It's time to show some backbone," organizer Anne Marie Hudak, of Canton, told demonstrators before they began circling Kellogg Park. "Now is definitely not the time to scale back or give up on health-care reform." Hudak said she had called the offices of Michigan Democratic Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow to leave messages about the rally.

The demonstrators, some with signs, walked around the park several times, sometimes chanting: "We're not stopping. Don't stop the fight. Health care is a human right."

Hudak, an electrical engineer laid off from automobile parts supplier Visteon Corp., said she favors the

so-called "public option," or public insurance plan, which is part of the House of Representatives' bill, but not the Senate's. "They aren't going to be able to reconcile the two," she said.

She expressed frustration with President Barack Obama, saying he has been stretching too far to try to win over critics while ignoring his base.

"When you're elected into office to do something, you've got to do it," she said.

Citing the results of polling, Hudak said last week's election of underdog Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate was not a rejection of health-care reform, which Brown has pledged to vote against, but a wakeup call to Democrats.

"It was a referendum on Wall Street, corporations, and (was) telling Obama and the Democrats to listen to their base," she said.

Paul Woolner, also of Canton, said he turned out to "make sure that we get health care for everybody."

"I don't know which way it's going to go," Woolner said.

After the demonstration, many who attended headed across Main Street to Panera to warm up with some coffee.

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Anne Marie Hudak of Canton wants Democrats to hold their ground on health-care reform. She was at the rally in Plymouth Tuesday.

First Step buoyed by federal dollars

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The job of creating a better life for battered women and children is going to be at least a little easier for the folks at First Step.

The western Wayne County group dedicated to providing education, advocacy and support services to victims of domestic violence is about to get some \$375,000 in federal stimulus money.

"We are encouraged by this funding," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "On behalf of our board, staff and hundreds of volunteers, supporters and, most important, the families we serve, we send a message of thanks."

Ellis called the crimes of domestic and sexual violence a "critical social problem," and hailed lawmakers who made the funding possible.

"These funds will assist families by providing housing and support services over a period of two years ... families will be able to remove themselves from the violence and begin the process of healing and rebuilding their lives," Ellis said. "We are extremely grateful to our leaders for recognizing that the crimes of domestic and sexual violence are a critical social problem facing so many families today."

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville), whose district includes Plymouth, Northville and a portion of Canton, hailed the signing of the new law that provides the money.

"Domestic violence is a social problem that affects all of us," Corriveau said. "In these tough times, it's

vital that we support organizations like First Step and their work on behalf of our residents here in western Wayne County. This much-needed funding will go a long way toward ensuring that domestic violence victims and their families receive the help they need. I commend my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for working together to help pass this common-sense plan into law."

The funding for First Step's Plymouth facility is part of a larger plan that provides \$4.9 million in federal economic stimulus funds to the Department of Human Services, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation. Under the plan, which was signed into law Thursday, nearly \$2 million will go to six community organizations in Michigan for transitional housing, support services and follow-up services for victims of domestic violence, including:

- Shelter, Inc. in Alpena — \$250,000
- YWCA of West Central Michigan in Grand Rapids — \$375,000
- YWCA of Kalamazoo — \$300,000
- Every Woman's Place in Muskegon — \$300,000
- Underground Railroad, Inc. in Saginaw — \$300,000

"We must do all we can to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault from tearing apart our families and communities," Corriveau said. "This funding will make sure that First Step has the tools they need to provide education and awareness to stop this devastating crime, and help victims rebuild their lives."

RIDERS

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through an e-mail that was sent out to university employees," Han said. "There's a group of us on the bus who have been talking about what we can do to help get the word out. I think potential riders just don't know about it. We're hoping that as more people know about it, they will at least try it."

Han cited several benefits to Canton residents, including "eliminating the stress of driving, saving money on gas and parking, reducing our carbon footprint" and not worrying about driving on

wintry days.

With help from a federal grant, the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority started the service in August and patterned it after a similar bus line with Chelsea.

Though departure and arrival times may fluctuate slightly due to traffic and weather, the scheduled times for leaving Independence Park are 6:05 a.m. and 7:17 a.m. weekdays, returning at 4:16 p.m. and 5:49 p.m.

The buses make stops in Canton's Cherry Hill Village and at numerous locations in Ann Arbor, including downtown and at U-M. For more information on routes, log on to www.a2express.org and click on Canton Express, or

call (734) 996-0400.

Fares include \$125 for a 30-day commuter pass with unlimited rides, and many employers have agreed to split the cost. AATA officials say this option is the most economical for regular riders.

Other options include \$40 for 10 rides within a year, with the bus driver punching the ticket each time a passenger boards, or \$5 for a single, one-way trip.

Neil Greenberg, an AATA spokesman, said officials hope to build ridership on Canton Express.

"There are days when we might carry 60 to 70 people, and some days when there might be 30 to 40 people," he said. "In general it seems to be

on kind of a cautious upswing, and we definitely have a core of loyal customers."

Even so, Greenberg said ridership has been "a little bit short" of what AATA had hoped. The authority worked out an agreement with Canton Township to allow commuters to leave their vehicles in Independence Park.

"The park-and-ride location isn't ideal," Greenberg said, "but it's kind of the best we could do."

He said efforts to find a parking location outside a business along heavily traveled Ford Road didn't work out.

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CRIME WATCH

Couple suspected in Penney heist arrested in Taylor

1 A couple suspected of a jewelry theft Dec. 26 at the J.C. Penney store on Ford Road in Canton has been arrested by Taylor police for a similar incident in that city, police Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The couple was arrested Monday night after employees of a store in Taylor recognized the suspects from surveillance photos that Canton police had released of the suspects.

The couple was facing charges in Taylor and was under investigation for the incident in Canton, Schreiner said.

Security breach

2 A man who lives on Deepwood, southeast of Lotz and Cherry Hill, told police last Friday he was contacted by his bank about a security breach. A bank representative asked him if he had made any purchases in Florida, which he hadn't.

The bank advised the man there had been a \$106 charge at a Walmart in Florida. He was advised to file a police report in order to be reimbursed for the fraudulent charge.

Small arms

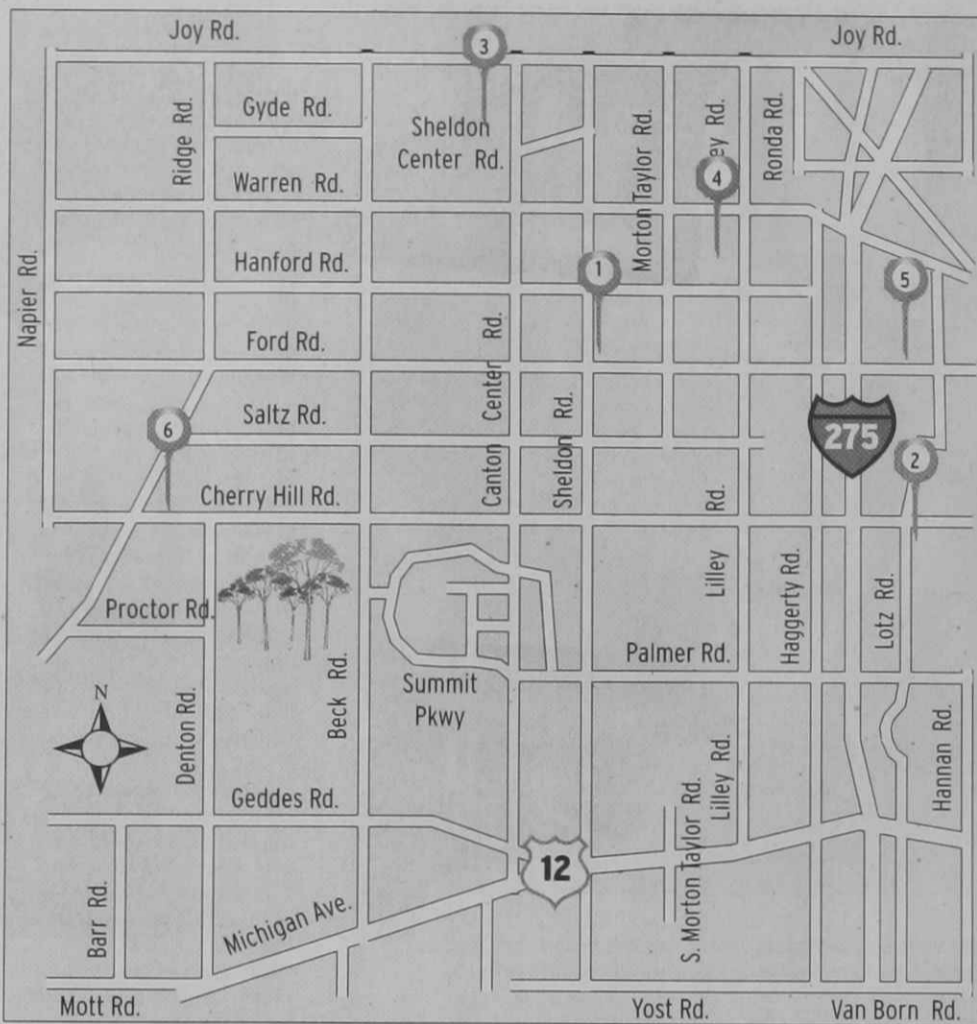
3 A bullet from a .22-caliber gun was found Jan. 21 outside Canton High School, according to a police report.

A police officer who was at the school was given the bullet by a school security officer, who said a student had found the bullet on a sidewalk behind the school.

The security officer took the bullet to the police officer, and a school official also was notified.

ID theft

4 A woman who lives on Hanford, southwest of



Warren and Lilley, indicated to police she wants to prosecute after someone used her identity to pay a bill prior to Jan. 22.

The woman received a letter from a debt collection agency stating she had an outstanding balance of \$1,487 in her name. She contacted the agency and was told it was linked to a DTE account at her address.

The company supplied the woman with a phone number used by the person who had set up an account. The victim told police it appeared the fraud was linked to a friend of hers who lives with a boyfriend at his parents' house.

The woman told police her

friend offered to pay her the money, but a police report indicated the victim planned to prosecute.

Car break-in

5 A woman told police that someone stole numerous items from her vehicle on Cambridge, northwest of Lotz and Ford, between 8 p.m. Jan. 19 and 11 a.m. Jan. 20. She said the stolen items included a GPS unit, a watch, sunglasses, a CD case and CDs, and a camera.

The woman told police she believed she had locked her doors, but officers didn't notice any signs of forced entry. The woman also reported hearing

a car alarm around midnight.

Police have repeatedly advised motorists not to leave their belongings unattended in their vehicles.

Necklace stolen

6 An employee of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, on Cherry Hill east of Ridge, reported last Thursday that a necklace had earlier been stolen out of a display case in the front lobby area. The necklace, which was for sale while on display, was valued at \$95.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Police nab suspect in car thefts, warn owners to conceal valuables

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton teen's arrest on charges he committed a string of thefts from local vehicles has led to warnings by township police for motorists not to leave their personal belongings in view.

Michael Ryan England, 19, is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court amid charges he broke into several vehicles and was captured after some of the stolen property was taken to a used sports equipment store.

It's not the first time Canton police have made an arrest for a crime they say could often be avoided.

"Number one, lock your car, and number two, make sure you take anything of value out of your car," police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said. "They're not going to steal what they can't see. If you have an alarm, use it, and if you hear the alarm going off, act on it."

Police have investigated far too many reports of laptop computers, purses and other personal belongings being stolen after the owners left them unattended in their vehicles, Gajeski said.

"Basically all you're doing is

advertising that you have something that somebody else doesn't have," he said, "and they're going to take it from you."

England was ordered to stand trial Friday after he voluntarily waived his preliminary exam in 35th District Court — a decision that averted testimony and resulted in his case automatically being sent to circuit court.

England, who is free on a \$10,000 personal bond, could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if he is convicted of four counts of breaking and entering a vehicle causing damage and four counts of larceny from a motor vehicle.

His arrest for incidents that occurred in December came after Canton police alerted local businesses to be on the lookout for stolen property. Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said the Play It Again Sports store on Ford Road notified authorities Jan. 10 after a suspect brought it items such as a snowboard and boots.

Police also found stolen stereo equipment inside England's house in Canton, Schreiner said.

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Macomb Community College student Steve Layne works on his Egyptian-inspired sculpture.

Snow cone, duels trump warm weather

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While an estimated 100,000 people visited downtown Plymouth over the weekend for the Plymouth Ice Festival, it was a restaurant in the city's Old Village Section that was drawing rave reviews.

Several thousand people trekked over to Station 885, a restaurant on Starkweather in Old Village, where volunteers made what they called the world's largest snowcone. The raspberry-, cherry- and orange-flavored confection, built in a giant cone of seven layers of cardboard, weighed in at 5,714 pounds, said restaurant general manager Paul Zajac.

Zajac estimated the restaurant served 2,400 individual snowcones from the giant cone.

"We just had a wonderful time and it was so great seeing the community come out," Zajac said. "It was just a wonderful event."

The restaurant documented the effort through video and still photography and independent witnesses and is awaiting confirmation from the publishers of the Guinness Book of World Records, Zajac said. The previous record was 4,650 pounds, he said.

The giant snow cone was one of several attractions that drew large crowds, particularly on Friday and Saturday, when temperatures were still low enough to provide for good ice-carving. The dueling chainsaws carving competition, which took place on the band-shell stage in Kellogg Park, was particularly riveting.

The only downside to the festival was caused by Mother Nature, who brought temperatures nearing 50 degrees to town on Sunday, forcing festival organizers to cancel student carving competitions and a concert by the popular Steve King and the Dittlies.

That was bad news for Melissa Ritthaler, who made the trek from her Taylor home for her first ice festival visit.

"I figured they'd be a little melted," said Ritthaler, who brought her 6-year-old son, Adam. "We'd never been here before, and we thought it would be fun to see. I was still excited to come."

Staff writer Brad Kadrich contributed to this report.

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Robert Costanza tops the snow cone with some of the 90 gallons of syrup.



Jim Shields, left, a nationally recognized ice sculptor, came back to share his talents and advice with students. He offers advice to Macomb Community College student Sean Ess.



The crew - (from left) Kevin Larsen, Paul Holt, Rick Fite and (far right) Robert Costanza - bests the old snow cone record of 4,600 pounds.



Jeff Lao smooths his sculpture. Michelle Klucka stands back from the torches. They are students at Henry Ford Community College.



Local carver Jim Burr won the first round competition with his steam locomotive.



Local pro carver Ted Wakar of Canton offers advice to Brandon Billiau of Westland.



Jack Leyden of Plymouth and Alex and Grace Boatright, of Romulus, watch the college carving competition.



Doug Ganhs of Oakland Community College judges sculptures.

Canton Strictly Business



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Texas Corral will reopen as a Japan-style eatery, the Ichiban Steak House.

Japanese eatery moves into vacant saloon spot

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A shuttered Canton restaurant on Ford Road east of Sheldon will be transformed into a Japanese-style eatery, an architect and local officials confirmed.

The new Ichiban Steak House will replace the former Texas Corral Grill & Saloon, eliminating a vacancy along the township's key commercial corridor.

"It should be a good offering," said Jeff Goulet, the township's community planner.

Project architect Jerry Wu said the 9,000-square-foot

restaurant is expected to open sometime in spring and offer menu items ranging from steak to seafood to a sushi bar.

Wu said the Canton site was chosen because of the visibility of the Ford Road site and because restaurant owners believe the township has the demographics to support a Japanese-style steak house.

The restaurant is expected to employ 15 to 20 people.

Although the owners have submitted the name Ichiban Steak House to Canton officials, Wu said the name ultimately could be changed before the restaurant opens for business.

The new eatery replaces the old Texas Corral that closed

about two years ago. It also means one less vacant building in Canton's Downtown Development Authority district, which local officials have worked to keep vibrant despite an economic downturn.

DDA Director Kathleen Salla said the restaurant will be a welcome addition to the Ford Road corridor.

"We are excited about that, and it's a great location," she said. "When you look at the list of restaurants Canton has to offer, we have a great variety. This will complement what we already have on Ford Road."

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BUSINESS MILESTONES

Vintner's Valentines

Vintner's Canton Winery, winner of 19 awards, WineMaker Magazine Competition, hosting "An Icy Affair," Friday, Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m. at the Winery, located at 8515 N. Lilley in Canton.

Taste three ice-styled wines and enjoy decadent chocolate fondues. Admission to this adult-only (21 years and older please) event is \$15.

Guests will have the opportunity to taste Vintner's Canton's White Ice, Raspberry Ice and Bello Bacio. Vintner's Bello Bacio and Raspberry Ice Wine were 2009 WineMaker Magazine Gold Medal Winning dessert wines.

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Vintner's Canton Winery is a full service Winery located at 8515 N. Lilley Rd. in Canton, featuring more than 30 styles of wine made on premise. Vintner's Canton also offers free, private wine tasting parties as well as, open wine tasting during Winery hours.

A Family Affair Catering located within Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth,

can meet any catering needs from small intimate gatherings to larger events including weddings, showers, anniversary parties, reunions and offers both on site banquet facilities, off site catered events, individual meals to go, tailgate to go, corporate lunches, and entrées, appetizers, and dishes to go.

For reservations call the winery at (734) 354-9463 or visit www.vintnerscanton.com or www.afacatering.com.

Valentine's surprise

Craving a little romance this Valentine's Day? Then reserve a steamy date at your local White Castle Restaurant. Between 5 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 14, you and your valentine can enjoy a romantic candlelit dinner complete with special menus, table-side service and themed decorations. Reservations are filling up quickly and can be made by calling (248) 477-1450, Ext. 10, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

"Since we first offered reserved Valentine's Day seating in 1991, this has become an annual tradition for many couples," said Jamie Richardson, vice president of corporate relations. "It's been a huge hit because a lot of our loyal customers - fondly known as 'Cravers' - either met in a White Castle Restaurant or have other enjoyable memories they like to celebrate here."

This year, White Castle will make Valentine's Day truly unforgettable by snapping a complimentary digital photo of each couple that can be viewed later from the White Castle Web site at www.whitecastle.com

White Castle expects demand for reservations to be even greater this year as Americans continue to seek ways to get more romance for less cash. "At White Castle, you can indulge your special some-

one's craving for a romantic dinner without breaking your budget," Richardson said.

Travel Extravaganza

Find travel values, exclusive offers, rock-bottom pricing and travel experts to meet and talk with at the Travel Extravaganza 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. Enter to win a three- or four-day cruise aboard Royal Caribbean International. Some of the participating vendors will be Royal Caribbean International, Apple Vacations, Carnival Cruise Lines, Delta Vacations, Universal Orlando, Cayman Islands Department of Tourism and much more. For more information, contact Brookside Travel at (248) 344-4747.

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Summer Concerts

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority is soliciting bids for concert promotion services for the Friday night Music in the Air concerts in Kellogg Park this spring and summer. The bid information and packet is on the City of Plymouth Web site: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. The bid deadline is Feb. 1 at 2 p.m.

CHAMBER CHAT

February luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its February Networking Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Feb. 3 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) \$30 (Non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

February's luncheon will feature guest speaker Mario Impemba, the play-by-play announcer for the Detroit Tigers on Fox Sports Detroit. Impemba captured his own Michigan Emmy in June 2006 in the "Sports Play-by-Play" category. He is also a graduate of Michigan State University. He joined FOX Sports Detroit after seven seasons as the radio and fill-in television play-by-play man for the Anaheim Angels.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Impemba speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

February's Luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Schoolcraft College. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance agents, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open



Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema will be the special guest at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner/auction April 17 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Inc.

Annual auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announces its annual Dinner Auction, to be held Saturday, April 17, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"This is always such a fun event. We have Silent, Live, and Raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Take Me out to the Ball Game" is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our Baseball Fans."

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 400 attendees and featured over 250 prizes from categories such as Home-style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New in 2010, a "Detroit Tiger Suite" comes with 18 tickets and 3 parking passes. Also up for auction is 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States American Airlines flies.

The auction will also feature special guest, former Detroit

Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema, who pitched for the Tigers from 1977 through the 1984 World Series.

The Canton Chamber Auction takes place April 17 at Burton Manor in Livonia from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the Live, Silent, and Raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.

First Friday Club

The First Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the chamber off.

This is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. Registration begins Thursday, Jan. 21. To make your reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com.

Rose's fund-raiser

Rose's Restaurant hosts a Canton Chamber of Commerce fund-raiser 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Join us for dinner and the chamber will receive 15 percent of the net purchase. You must bring the donation flyer (found under "forms" at www.cantonchamber.com) for the chamber to receive the donation.

Rose's Restaurant is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

Texas Hold 'Em

Rose's Restaurant is the site of a Texas Hold 'Em tournament to benefit the chamber 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 25-27 in a smoke-free environment at the restaurant, located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

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'Sole' sisters

Teammates raising funds to fight leukemia

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

The mission of the Leukemia & Lymphoma society is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma - and improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

It's a cause very much on the minds of Michele Lundberg and Melissa Israel, who bill themselves as Canton's "Sole Sisters" as they prepare to walk a half-marathon in May to benefit LLS. The Sole Sisters share in the LLS mission and, unfortunately, know first-hand about fighting a blood cancer. About a year ago, Lundberg was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"It was quite a shock, as you can imagine," said Lundberg, who is currently in remission and cancer-free. "But I was fortunate enough to have insurance to get the medical treatment I needed, without the added worry of how to pay for it. I'm so thankful for all the love, prayers and support from so many friends and family."

Because of Lundberg's heart-wrenching experience, she said she "wants to give back and especially help people who don't have the same blessings I had." She formed "Team Molina" with Nancy Wanchik, of Farmington. Wanchik is a fellow cancer survivor, as well as her boss at Molina Health Care of Troy.

Soon, Lundberg's co-workers, Kym Ford and Sheronde Battle, both of Detroit, and her sister, Melissa Israel, joined the team to show their full support. Israel is an elementary teacher in Novi, as well as the author of Heaven Sent, a picture book which helps children cope with the death of a loved one.

Team Molina began their training in November, through Team in Training, for the



Annette Bennett (from left), Brian McCabe, Carol Pershing and David Rizzo took part in a fund-raising euchre tournament at the Northville Sports Den earlier this month.



Members of Team Molina (from left) Sheronde Battle, Michele Lundberg, Melissa Israel and Kym Ford are raising money to fight leukemia. Team member Nancy Wanchik is not pictured.

Cincinnati Flying Pig half-marathon in May. Since then, they've met at Kensington Park, in Milford, for weekly training walks/runs. So far, the worst they've endured was walking seven miles, in sub-freezing

temperatures, at eight in the morning. The women encourage one another as they trudge forward in their training.

TNT is the largest worldwide endurance sports training program for anyone who wants to

participate in half-marathons, marathons, hiking adventures, triathlons and 100 mile bike rides. In exchange, participants raise money to benefit LLS.

When someone joins TNT, they "become part of a team that is saving lives one mile at a time." Their work isn't limited to the half-marathon. Lundberg and Israel helped raise funds at a charity euchre tournament earlier this month at the Northville Sports Den. Not only did supporters play for a cure, but they also bid on a wide range of silent auction items and a 50/50 raffle.

Northville Sports Den donated 10 percent of all food sales. Organizers proclaimed the event "a huge success," with several tables of ongoing euchre games and a large turnout. An estimated \$1,500 was raised to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

To help Canton's Sole Sisters, and the rest of Team Molina, visit Team Molina's page on the TNT Web site, www.team-intraining.org or call (800) 456-5413 or (248) 581-3942.

Tire theft ring busted

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Investigators from several law enforcement agencies arrested several suspects Monday and Tuesday who investigators believe comprise a tire theft ring.

Two search warrants were expected to be executed by Wednesday as the investigation continues, according to Lt. Bill Darnell of the Western Wayne Auto Theft Task Force. Investigators believe at least two shops bought the stolen tires from thieves for \$300-\$800 for a set of four tires and rims. The shops would then sell the tires to shops that refurbished them and then those shops would sell the tires for \$1,000-\$4,000 back to the insurance companies as those companies paid the claim, Darnell said.

The system worked as one big circle, Darnell said. Victims would find their tires stolen, then file claims with insurance companies. Insurance companies required used or refurbished tires instead of new ones, Darnell said. Shops that would install the tires on the victim's vehicle would install stolen, refurbished ones.

"It's a vicious circle of 'supply and demand,' where essentially the insurance company is buying back its stolen tires and rims,"

Darnell said. Livonia was hit with scores of tire thefts in 2009. Darnell added that the thieves operated all over western Wayne County and Oakland County, including Canton, Redford, Westland, Southfield and other communities.

The raids are the result of an undercover operation started eight months ago by the Western Wayne Auto Theft Task Force, Detroit Police Department, the FBI and officers from the Livonia and Southfield police departments.

Investigators are looking at charging the shop owners with continuing a criminal enterprise.

Darnell credited Mike Riley, a Livonia police officer, for assisting in the investigation. "He's run with this case," Darnell said. "He was the one who handled all the paperwork on it."

Darnell said insurance companies could decrease the automatic demand for the refurbished tires by installing new ones. "They could buy new ones," Darnell said. "(The tire thefts) are still going to happen, but they are creating a market of the refurbished tires."

Darnell expected prosecution of individuals would begin in several weeks.



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John Jeannotte, of Bob Jeannotte Pontiac Buick GMC, stands with a 2010 Buick LaCrosse. Jeannotte was misidentified in a photo that ran in Sunday's Observer Newspaper.



Local business makes mark at auto show

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Detroit's Big Three were well represented at the recent North American International Auto Show with displays showcasing some of their newest technology and most popular cars. Interactive displays gave people a change of pace, but people were there to see the cars — and each automaker brought plenty.

"The mood is definitely better than last year and that is without a doubt," Lyle Otremba, vice president of sales and marketing for Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive, said prior to the public opening. "From the people manning the stands from the car companies to the people in the industry viewing the exhibits, you could feel it. Everything is much more positive."

Cooper-Standard, which is a leading global automotive supplier, also had its mark on several vehicles with products that will likely go unnoticed by the general public.

The business is a major supplier for the 2011 Cadillac CTS-V Coupe, 2012 Ford Focus, 2011 Ford Lincoln MKX crossover and 2011 Ford Mustang GT. The products on these vehicles range from door seals and heater hoses to fuel lines and various belts.

"Certainly we take a lot of pride in what we have out there," Otremba said.

He also said he hopes the public gets the same kind of positive vibe he got, and thinks attendees will notice all the new options in cars that consumers didn't have before.

The majority of the cars on display were actual vehicles available to the public. There was still a fair share of concept vehicles and electric cars of the future, but they did not dominate the scene.

"It isn't the same old Detroit, the same old industry," Otremba said. "There is a lot of technology ready now."



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Cooper-Standard Automotive in Novi was well-represented at the North American International Auto Show, with parts inside this 2012 Ford Focus.



This 2011 Ford Mustang features several products from Novi-based Cooper-Standard Automotive, including fuel lines, belts and hoses.

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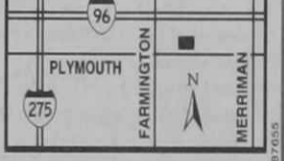
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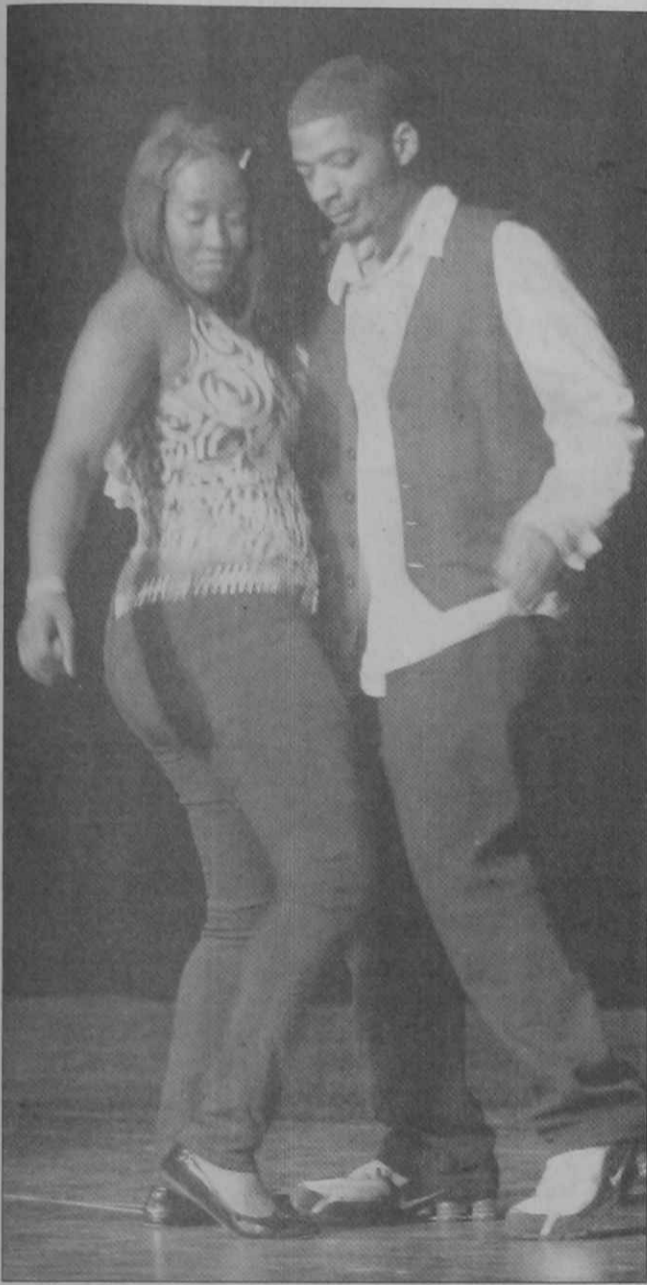
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Groups get message across as schools celebrate diversity



Chynna Christian and Marcus Smith Jr. danced across the stage during their celebration of diversity performance.

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

Plymouth High School senior Marvic Malaban thinks "it's important to expose people to different cultures and lifestyles so they accept those differences and learn to live together," which is why Malaban was among the co-facilitators for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's 10th annual Celebration of Diversity Friday and Saturday.

Malaban facilitated the event with Canton High School seniors Heba Ansari and Heidi Nguyen-Tran, advised by Canton math teacher Stephanie Edgerton.

"It's about bringing awareness to issues that are still here, even in the 21st century, like racism, and lack of tolerance," Ansari said, drawing agreement from Nguyen-Tran, who added, "It brings groups together to mingle and, hopefully, to accept each other and that leads to more diversity."

In addition to Diversity Council, other club participants included the Spanish American Latino Student Association (SALSA), Peace Club, Gay Straight Alliance, Muslim Student Association, Break dancing Club, African American Student Association, Asian Pacific American Club and the Indian American Student Association.

Each of the nine clubs brought its own unique diversity message as they performed in the Salem High School auditorium. The performances included memorable skits and narratives, ethnic and popular dances, native dress, meaningful videos and passionate singing. Also,



Rujal Parikh, Kishan Sutariya, Isra Haider and Fatima Ansari are ready to take tickets at the door to the auditorium for P-CEP's 10th annual celebration of diversity.



The Salsa Club isn't just about dancing, but making friends with people who have common interests.

donations were collected for Haiti relief. More than 350 tickets were sold for this popular event.

"It showcases all of the different cultures and is a great way to bring awareness to the community," said Shirley Shue, a Canton senior with APAC.

APAC's mesmerizing ribbon dance "combines elements of our tradition and today's modern dancing," said Linda Yang, another Canton senior.

Karen De La Rosa, a Plymouth senior with SALSA, danced to the Latin beat and said, "I want people to know about all the different dances, but it's not about dancing. It's about making friends because we're all different races and dancing unites us."

AASA performed impressive Caribbean dances, as well as Gospel dances with a hip hop flare. Miyon Redman, a Canton junior with AASA, said, "I want people to understand that African Americans



Backstage, cofacilitator Heba Ansari asks for quiet.

are not all about shaking their behinds and giving negative feedback, as sometimes seen in the media. We can reach deep down into our heritage and to our tradition and actually look good and respectful."

Cassidy Creech, a Canton junior with GSA, said, "We don't expect any special treatment. We just want to be treat-

ed equal and we want safety in the schools for all students."

By the end of the nearly three-hour show, not only was the audience thoroughly entertained, but the diversity message resonated in the crowds.

James Dong, a Canton sophomore, said, "I'm pretty impressed with the show and really enjoyed MSA's airport skit," said Canton sophomore James Dong. "I think of how people can be and I want to be more accepting to diversity."

Caitlin Berdijo, a Plymouth sophomore, said, "I learned more about each culture and, especially with the different skits, about different stereotypes and what I can do to change it. This show makes me want to change the way I act and stop things, if I see other people acting the wrong way."

Peace Club summed it up with their message that "in acceptance, there is peace."

Some can do their own tax return; heed tax pro's background

As tax information begins to show up in the mailbox, the issue everyone needs to address is how best to prepare a 2009 tax return.

In today's world there are more options than ever before. In the past, you either did it yourself or you paid someone to prepare a return. Today, with technology, there are additional options. In weighing the options, know that you are ultimately responsible for your tax return. If you file a tax return that is incorrect, you are liable to pay any additional taxes, interest and potential penalties. Because the consequences of filing an incorrect return are substantial, it is important to make an informed decision about how to prepare your 2009 tax return.

The first decision to make is whether to hire a professional. As far as I am concerned, not everyone needs a professional tax preparer. There are many situations where you can do your return on your own, particularly, these days with the help of a software program. For someone willing to take the time and follow instructions, he/she can prepare a return.

To prepare a return, pay attention to detail. If you're not the type who pays attention to detail maybe you should not prepare your return. After all, preparing your return is more than just putting numbers on a page and adding them up. I recognize there are people who still

prepare their return by hand without the assistance of a software program. Except in a very few cases, I don't recommend this method. If nothing more, there is a greater chance of mathematical error when you complete your return by hand as opposed to using a software program.

For individuals who make less than \$57,000 a year and who want to do their return, use the IRS free file program. Go to www.irs.gov and click on "free file." The beauty of this program is you're not using IRS software but rather, you can choose from numerous software providers such as Turbo Tax and H&R Block. The IRS has sponsored this program for a number of years and it has proven to be successful.

If you're the type of person who either doesn't pay attention to detail or just doesn't want to complete the return, seek the assistance of a professional. Look for a professional who stays current with the changing tax laws. In addition, you want someone who will stand behind their work if there are problems with your return.

That doesn't mean you need a certified public accountant to prepare your tax returns. However, you don't want someone preparing your return who doesn't have any qualifications.

In addition to CPAs, enrolled agents are a group of individuals with continued education requirements who are generally qualified to prepare tax returns.

I have no problem with some of the national companies that prepare tax returns because they generally do have education requirements for preparers. However, the more complex your return,

the more I would lean toward a CPA or an enrolled agent.

This time of year, a variety of lowlifes come out of the woodwork. They claim to have the inside scoop on how to avoid paying taxes, either by taking a variety of non-existent deductions or claiming certain income as not taxable. Bottom line is it is your responsibility to make sure that you do not hire these shady characters. Just as you wouldn't go to an incompetent doctor, you need to avoid incompetent tax preparers.

I know some people believe the best tax preparer is the one who is most aggressive and not afraid to push the envelope when it comes to completing your return. My definition of the best tax preparer is a little different. Yes, I want them to identify any and all deductions. However, when it comes to being aggressive, I want to make that decision, not them. In other words, I don't want the tax preparer taking an aggressive position without consulting me. After all, I am the one who is ultimately responsible for my return. I want to be involved in making all decisions.

We are at the beginning of tax season so there is plenty of time to decide how you're going to do your 2009 return. My advice, don't automatically do what you did last year. Take your time and make the right decision for this year. Good luck!

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth Housing Commission is revising its approved FY 2009 Agency Plan. It is available for review at the Commission's Office located at 1160 Sheridan Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170. The Commission's hours of operation are Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. In addition, a public hearing will be held on March 17, 2010 at the Commission's office at 5:30pm. Everyone is invited.

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CANTON POLICE AUCTION

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be on Tuesday, February 2nd at 10:00 am. The auction will be held at 6375 Hix, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, the starting is for towing and storage.

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EXTRA SPACE STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 15, 2010 @ 9:30 AM; TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48187.

McMillon, Patricia	B40	10x15	13" TV, microwave, skateboard, 8 plus boxes, 6+ bags, ficus tree, couch, golf clubs, misc. household goods.
Stopchinski, Claud	E196	10x10	Fridge, microwave, vacuum, bedroom set, faux tiffany lamp, 2 pole lamp, mountain bike, misc. outdoor furniture, misc. household goods.
Gibbons, Hano	F218	5x10	8+ totes, 6+ bags, small animal cage/crate, stereo speakers, misc. household goods.
Beattie, William	I324	10x15	Full mattress & box springs, twin mattress & box springs, Spiderman razor style scooter, bedroom set, washer, dryer, 4+ totes, 6+ boxes, misc. household goods.
Kurtycz, Rene	J346	10x10	Pool skimmer, fishing nets, sewing machine, Halloween decorations, crutches, skis, 4+ totes, 15+ boxes, misc. household goods.

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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE
AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at **STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI** on **February 6, 2010 at 10:00 am**, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. **CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.**

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Unit #412 - ERIC HAARZ, 243 E. ANN ARBOR TRAIL, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Leather chair, (2) footlockers, foot stool, headboard and frame, framed paintings, suitcase, rocking chair, wood chair, metal shelving, miter saw, video camera, metal tripod, books, misc. plywood, 2-step ladders, misc. boxes, and other misc. items.

Unit #557 - DAVID HICKLING, 9050 MARLOWE, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
Coffee table, (2) end tables, golf club bag 2/irons only, xmas tree, misc. garden tools, mechanics tools, washer/dryer combo, microwave, gas oven, small step ladder, hand truck, misc. cds, (12) misc. boxes, and other misc. items.

Unit #328 - VALERIE CLARK-BROWN, 41151 WINDCHASE, CANTON, MI 48188
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OUR VIEWS

Blight plan protects people and property

Banks and other owners of foreclosed homes in Canton will be notified by letter in early February of a new, local ordinance forcing them to register the properties, receive inspections and fix any exterior problems cited by the township.

We think it's a good idea, an effort to protect residents, particularly children, and property values which, in this kind of economy, should be protected as much as possible.

Under the new ordinance, property owners will have a 30-day window to register foreclosed properties, pay a \$110 inspection fee and start repairing dilapidated swimming pools, tattered fences, damaged roofs and other problems that pose safety hazards and lead to neighborhood blight.

The new rules pertaining to vacant properties comes after the Canton Township Board of Trustees, in a sweeping decision, voted unanimously to approve the ordinance, which became effective last week. Canton officials also wanted to make it clear they aren't targeting the homeowners who lost the homes; the rules apply to banks and other entities who take over foreclosed homes.

Officials have said Canton has an estimated 1,075 homes in some state of foreclosure, or about 3 percent of the township's 35,000 homes. The first wave of letters will be sent only to the owners of about 400 houses that already are vacant.

Property owners will not face interior home inspections, although they still are expected to document any significant issues. Owners who refuse to register foreclosed homes or make necessary repairs could potentially find themselves in court. Moreover, the township would move to fix the houses and pass on the costs to the legal owners.

We agree with Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, who believes the ordinance is needed to keep neighborhoods safe and to help protect property values as much as possible amid a sour economy.

Anytime a house becomes vacant, the property owner will have 30 days to register it with the township, pay a \$110 annual fee and fix any problems.

Here's the good thing about the action the board took: Trustees are going to take another look at it in a year. As Supervisor Phil LaJoy correctly points out, that re-examination will give officials a chance to see how the ordinance is working, where the glitches are and how best to fix them.

If the ordinance is working, there's no sense fixing something that isn't broken. If it needs tweaking, a one-year check provides just such an opportunity.

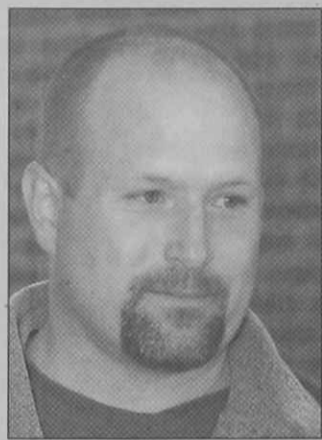
Caccamo's right: It's the township board's responsibility to protect its residents and to bolster township property values, to the extent it can.

This ordinance is an effort to help do just that.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think the groundhog (known as Punxsutawney Phil) will see his shadow on Feb. 2, signaling six weeks of winter weather?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I would have to say yes. I'm a big snowmobiler."
Dean Aulinskis
Canton



"I'm going to say no."
Lisa Brennan
Canton



"Yes, because it's going to be sunny out."
Dominick Abate
Canton



"I really hope not."
Rebecca King
Canton

LETTERS

Corporatist states

All doubt, as if any really existed, about whose corner the Republican Party stands in has now been removed. Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority leader from Kentucky and long an opponent of the people, was unabashedly giddy, almost unable to contain his joy.

Now the downtrodden, beleaguered corporations would finally, after all these years, be able to emerge from the darkness and fully claim the final most important blessing of full citizenship in this democracy, one that they so richly deserve and have been denied: freedom of speech. John Boehner, Republican from Ohio and House Minority leader, similarly elated and obviously moved, in a cracking voice stated as tears seemingly welled up in his eyes, "It's high time, this a victory for the First Amendment."

They were acting as if some grand initiative that would really help humankind like "peace in our time" or "an end to disease and poverty" had been achieved instead of what really had happened. The Republican leadership and most of their brethren were celebrating something really monumental: the facilitating of the entire hijacking of the electoral process by big money, the corporations of America and, yes, the rest of the world. So much for "We the People" and "one man, one vote." Welcome to the Corporatist States of America!

According to Republicans, some solace for Dems should be that organized labor will also benefit from this new degree of enfranchisement, knowing full well that this will more likely be the death knell for unions. The expansion of the so-called "right to work," the subsequent in-sourcing of foreign-based auto companies and suppliers without requiring that they pay the going rate in wages and bennies, and the outsourcing of American jobs is already killing one of the few advocates for the people's interests and the interests of the middle class that still exists, big labor.

Today unions represent only 10 percent of American workers and miss the clout they once enjoyed that enabled them to boost wages, benefits and working conditions for all Americans, not just those in unions. Thanks to Republican-based facilitation, labor now lacks the resources needed to defend itself against the corporatist-funded electoral onslaught.

This is a conservative Republican gift that will keep on giving, courtesy of Reagan and the Bushes and the justices they appointed.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Serve the people

Let us not forget that the reason Scott Brown won the Senate election in Massachusetts was because of the PEOPLE. The Republicans are talking of "their" victory. The Republicans wanted nothing to do with the tea partiers at first. They played no hand in motivating the grass-roots campaign, it was the anger of the American people fed up with Washington spending and wasting our tax dollars and destroying our freedoms.

It wasn't just Republicans; the activism was by conservatives, liberals and moderates that came together for a common cause. That cause was to slow and/or stop Washington bureaucrats from destroying our country.

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Massachusetts is a Democratic state with 67 percent of the registered voters being blue. Scott received 52 percent of the vote, meaning that 15 percent of those who voted for him were Democrats and independents.

Even as Scott was moving ahead in the polls, Nancy Pelosi was again working behind closed doors to find a way to pass this massive health care plan before Scott would have a chance to vote against it.

The lies coming out of Washington contributed to the tea party movement and made sure it stayed in play when Obama promised numerous times that "health care plan negotiations would be televised on CSPAN" and Nancy promised "the most transparent administration ever."

We were let down not just by this administration, but the Bush administration as well with his lies and mistruths and his spending practices. The move by the Republican Party away from its conservative roots was a mistake. We warned them, but as usual they didn't listen, as was evident by nominating McCain in last year's election. They are listening now.

We cannot give up and let our guard down: There are far too many liberals in key positions in DC that are hell bent on destroying our constitution and our way of life. Obama's cabinet (czars) are full of people that have never spent a day actually working for a living as the rest of us do and have no clue on how to create a private industry job or how to "stimulate" the economy.

We need to replace these people with ones that understand what it means to "tighten the belt," to eat at a fast food palace as opposed to a steak house and that government is meant to serve the people, not to impede the people.

My hat is off to Scott Allen, president of the Fourmidable Group, for giving one of our soldiers, Michael Novack, and his family a place to stay while in town. This story by LeAnne Rogers in the Sunday, Jan. 24, edition helps renew our faith in Americans.

In addition to stories like these, we also can look to the outpouring of dollars and aid being collected and sent to Haiti shows what this country is made of.

So many countries look down on us for our way of life, yet when troubled times hit, Americans are the ones that always respond generously. We are also the ones these very countries look to in times of trouble and need.

With all that is happening in our nation's capital, it's good to know that the good people of this nation are still the same, regardless of what pressures are put upon them.

Phil Solarz
Westland



Gov. Jennifer Granholm at a meeting with officials from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Letter to Granholm

Dear Gov. Granholm: I'm writing you in regards to the decision to forfeit the continuance of the Michigan Promise Scholarship. As an American citizen who believes in the free market system, I would never ask or expect a fellow taxpayer to finance my higher education. However, I cannot overlook a few things that are troubling to me.

1. The irony is uncanny; it encompasses and solidifies the popular belief that words mean nothing to politicians. Actions speak louder than words and what we see is a broken promise.

2. In 2008, tax incentives were created for films to come to Michigan that cost taxpayers \$127 million per year. The scholarships cost \$100 million per year. Are you saying that it's more important for short-term jobs than an investment in knowledge for Michigan's long-term future?

3. The Michigan Promise Scholarship was initiated in 2007 on the basis as an investment in our future. I find the priorities in the budget that trump the scholarship troublesome and inexcusable.

Welfare spending in 2010 will reach \$7.9 billion. Thomas Jefferson said "the best way to help the poor is to make them uncomfortable in their poverty." All this does is perpetuate the cycle instead of solving the problem.

I'm 21 years old and I work two jobs in an effort to pay for college. Your actions are rewarding those who would rather not work than those who would. Your written apology in this matter is not acceptable or enough. I'm requesting that you reinstate the Michigan Promise Scholarship and decrease welfare spending in fiscal year 2010 by at least 10 percent so that you can renew our trust in our leaders and, truly, invest in Michigan's future.

David Herbeck
Livonia

Is Kennedy's cause dead?

The late Sen. Edward (Ted) Kennedy served in the U.S. Senate for 47 years being second only to Michigan's Sen. John Dingell. Sen. Kennedy said many times that universal health care was the "cause of his life."

It's very sad that the year following Sen. Kennedy's death, any type of concrete health care reform is dead in the water. In addition, his successor, Scott Brown, is a Republican to the right of Sen. John McCain who defends waterboarding as a interrogation technique.

At least he did speak respectfully of Sen. Kennedy in his acceptance speech.

Linda A. Koch
Milford

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Program helps autistic students One Bead at a Time

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Joe De Marsh is helping students with autism "one bead at a time."

The teacher at Berger East in Garden City started a unique entrepreneur program in which his students create beaded jewelry that they sell to the public.

The jewelry makes perfect gifts, or favors for weddings, showers and parties.

Making it offers students with severe behavior issues a valuable lesson.

"It's teaching them a skill that they normally wouldn't be able to get. It's something they can do after they leave Berger. They can make the jewelry and sell it," DeMarsh said.

DeMarsh started as a teacher at the Berger School for Students for Autism three years ago, and quickly noticed the students enjoyed stringing beads.

"A lot of the students who normally wouldn't do the other work that was provided would sit and string beads and I think they found it

relaxing," he said. "I thought what if we did it for a purpose? I didn't know if they could, but I thought what if we try?"

DeMarsh went out and bought a batch of beads and jewelry findings with his own money. When he brought them into class the students were delighted. They began making necklaces, bracelets, earrings, keychains and magnetic lanyards for ID badges.

"I had a few students who could do their own designs, they could actually see shapes and patterns. It was just amazing to us to watch them. With other students we would make pattern boards and have them follow," De Marsh said.

The craft quickly became a business. "We came up with the name started selling to just the people in the school," he said.

From there, the program has grown.

BUSY BEADING

DeMarsh's students, ranging in age from 18-26, have provided beaded keychains as gifts for the celebrity models in the Redford Suburban League's Annual Fall Fashion Show, which ben-

efits Berger School.

"They've also created favors for weddings, tailoring keychains to fit each theme by using different color beads and charms ranging from snowflakes to inspirational words.

Each keychain — which can also be used on flash drives, or to decorate the zippers of backpacks or handbags — is packaged with a special card to create a meaningful gift.

"The couple writes something on the front and we have our story on the back," he said.

DeMarsh attended two weddings where One Bead at a Time favors were offered at each place setting, and saw firsthand how appreciated they were.

"Of all the weddings that I have been to this is the first wedding favor that I have seen taken with nothing left behind," he said.

SHARING PROFITS

The students also have sold their work at the Acorn Shop in Wayne, but since it recently closed they are looking for another venue. Most of their business has been word of mouth.

All the money raised through sales of the jewelry returns to the program to replenish supplies and pay students for their work.

At the end of the year each student receives their share of the profits as a gift card for Target. DeMarsh said the best part of the program is that students can continue to make the jewelry after they leave Berger School, and sell it to earn money for their themselves.

Audrey Bantom said her daughter Kyra, 21, loves making jewelry at Berger so much they bought her a bead set for Christmas.

"It keeps her mind focused for one thing," Bantom said. "She has a steady hand for it and she's learned patience."

Bantom has sold Kyra's jewelry to family and friends as well as at the local beauty shop.

"As a matter of fact I have people asking me when they're going to make some more," Bantom said. "We love Berger. She's been there since she was five and she's come a long way."

To find out more about One Bead at a Time, e-mail demarsj@gcity.k12.mi.us.

MALLS & MAINSTREETS

Spring Trends from Saks

TROY - The season's runways revealed three prevailing themes for Spring 2010: Safari Accents, Feminine Frills and Purity of Design. Safari Accents is all about animal prints, military jackets and pops of bright color. Fringe detailing on long-strap bags and sandal booties round out your safari-ready gear.

Feminine Frills is all about ladylike accents like pleats, ruffles, bows, a soft muted color palette, sheer layered fabrics and floral prints on ready-to-wear and accessories. Mini-bags and lace-detailed shoes are the perfect touches to complete this look.

Purity of Design puts the emphasis on body conscious cuts. Think asymmetry, cutouts, banding, geometric shapes and the continuation of the strong shoulder. Whether you go bold in

animal prints, dainty in ruffles, or alluring in a one shoulder-baring dress, don't forget about these must-haves for the season, all available at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection in a wide range of styles from the world's top designers.

- **The Shirt Dress:** Wear a shirt dress and achieve the chic simplicity of a button down shirt without worrying about the bottoms. Opt for a belt if you want a more contoured silhouette.

- **Shorts:** From short shorts to slim Bermuda lengths, shorts are your staples for work days, week-ends and even those evening cocktail parties.

- **The Sporty Jacket:** Trenches, parkas, anoraks, fitted zip-fronts, and military styles. A range of options to keep you stylish and prepared for those unpredictable Spring days.

- **Sandal Booties:** Power dress-

ing for your feet is no longer for the winter. Make way for this sandal/boot hybrid for spring and summer. Slip on a pair with a stacked heel or stiletto, but don't let your feet be caught without them.

- **The Long-Strap Bag:** Pick one with a very long drop and wear it three ways: across the body, over the shoulder or with the strap tucked inside to create a clutch.

- **Global Jewelry:** Go for large, unfinished stones like coral, turquoise, and amber. Mix with layered gold tone chains to make a multicultural statement. Layer and stack for maximum impact.

- **Showpiece Belts:** For Spring, these usual accents command a wardrobe on their own. Pick bold colors with hardware details. Changing your silhouette is a cinch: wear them high and lady-like or low slung for added

attitude.

- **Crystal Clear:** Look for clear embellishments on ready to wear and accessories in the form of Lucite, PVC and crystals, from simple detailing to entirely see-through bags and shoe soles.

- **Asymmetry:** If you haven't embraced the one shoulder, here's your second chance. Bare the other shoulder completely or meet halfway with a thin support strap.

Bridal showcase

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Stretch run lifts Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For most of Tuesday night, young Salem gave campus rival Canton reason to worry as the Rocks led for much of the first three quarters.

But the more-experienced Chiefs woke up in the nick of time and parlayed Salem miscues into points down the stretch, earning a 45-37 KLAAs crossover boys basketball victory.

"It's a game of runs, and when you're young (like Salem) like that, you kind of break down once in a while," Rocks head coach Bob Brodie said. "A team like Canton they showed some moxie, and they've got that guard (Dietrich) Lever who handled the ball real well and recognized things."

Lever scored six of his game-high 19 points during Canton's 16-7 fourth quarter, wiping out a 30-29 Salem lead after three quarters.

Scoring 11 points and tallying seven rebounds for Canton (7-4) was senior forward Kevin Weisz (11 points, seven rebounds).

Salem sophomore guard Tyler Stewart helped keep the Rocks in the game with three triples among his 13 points. Adding 10 points for Salem (6-5) was senior center Jake Peterson, while junior guard Devonta Riley scored six.

Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said one reason his team might have been slow out of the gate was players

are taking their first-semester finals this week.

TIP OF THE HAT

"This week is tough in general, because it's finals week," Reddy said. "We have some pretty good student-athletes. But our energy wasn't real good until the fourth quarter."

"Credit to Salem, they did a great job, they played their tempo and did a good job passing and catching and scoring around the rim early, slowing us down."

The Chiefs didn't give up their pressure defense, however, and that eventually wore down the Rocks and led to the fourth-quarter turnaround.

"(Stewart) got away from us a couple times," Reddy said. "But we did a better job pressuring the ball and keeping people in front in the fourth quarter."

That defensive attention prompted several key Salem turnovers that Lever and his teammates took advantage of at the other end of the floor.

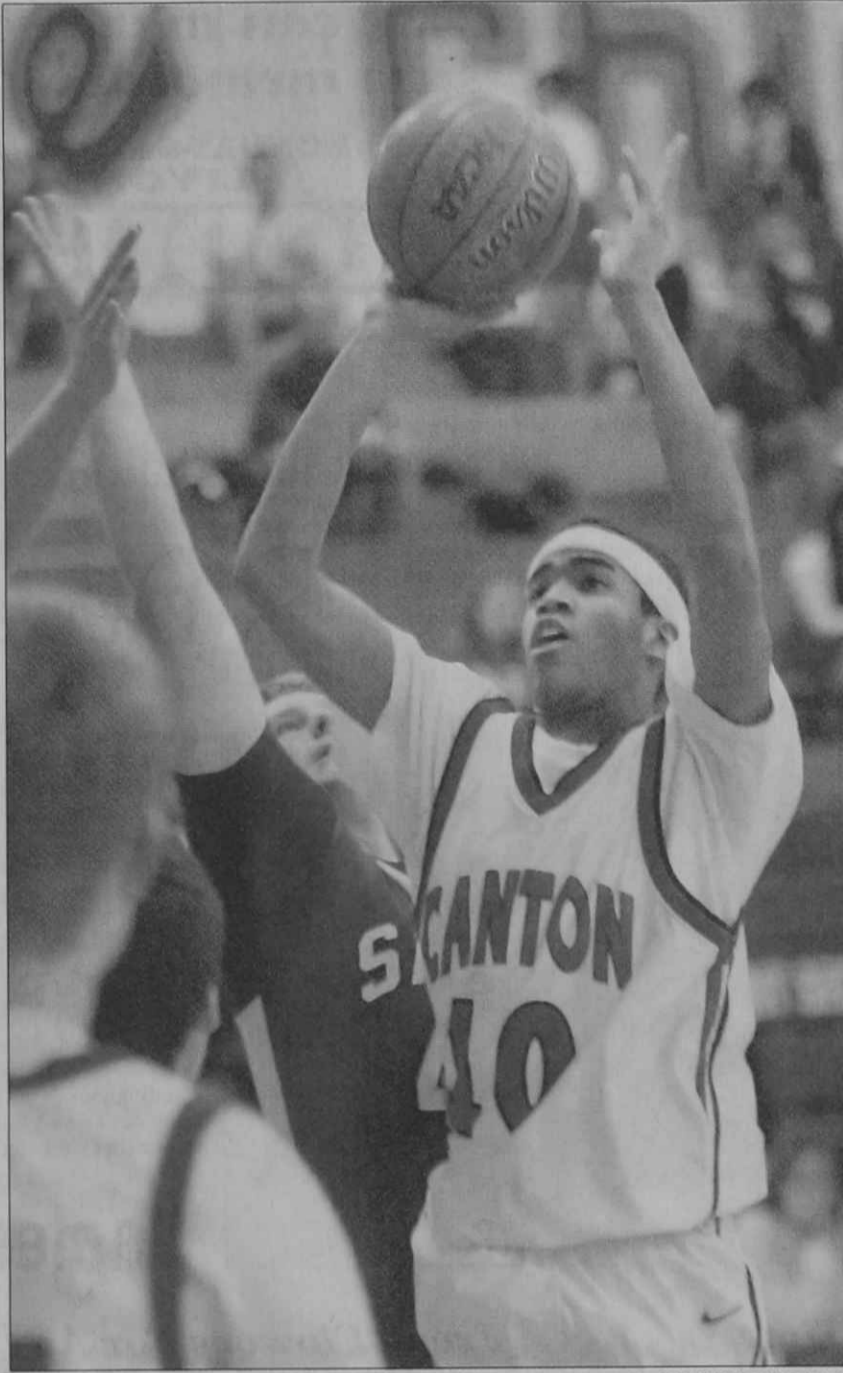
"That's good pressure defense by Canton, they put a lot of heat on you the entire game," Brodie said. "It disrupts you and eventually wears on you. We've got to deal with that better."

ANSWER TIME

Earlier, however, the Rocks gave Canton fits.

Salem, trailing 21-20 at the inter-

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Canton's Brandon Duffey (No. 10) puts up a shot Tuesday night despite defensive pressure from Ethan Walsh of Salem.

Silver lining in loss

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth girls basketball head coach Ted Sturdivant prefers to look at the bright side of things, particularly after games like Tuesday — a 70-35 loss to visiting Novi.

Sturdivant pointed to the how sophomores Taylor Birman, Katelyn Watson and Rachael Hille were sparkplugs against the Wildcats. Watson, in particular, is beginning to nail down the starting point guard spot.

"We got a lot of energy from our sophomores," Sturdivant said.

But Novi (10-1) took early control of the KLAAs crossover with a 20-5 first quarter.

"We weren't able to shut down their outside scoring and we couldn't handle their pressure as well as we should have," said Sturdivant, whose team dropped to 3-8 overall. "And that caused a lot of turnovers."

Plymouth committed a ton of those, for sure, giving the ball up 30 times.

"That's way too many turnovers if you want to win," he said.

There were a couple of other bright spots for the Wildcats. Senior forward Stacey Klonowski tallied 15 points and six rebounds, while senior forward Danielle Desilets chipped in with six points.

Plymouth next hosts Livonia Franklin at 7 p.m. Friday, followed by another home game at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Wayne Memorial.

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'We got a lot of energy from our sophomores.'

TED STURDIVANT, Plymouth coach



Plymouth's Taylor Birman (32) is one of the bright spots for the Wildcats.

Observerland field sets sights on defending champs

BY DAN O'NEARA
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're wondering who the favorite is to win this year's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament, you need only look to last year's results.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, with five defending individual champions returning, appears to be a consensus pick to retain the crown.

Livonia Churchill High School will serve as host for the 19th annual event, which begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5.

CC has won the tournament a record seven times since it was started in 1992, but the Shamrocks went six years without a championship until last year.

Their main competition for the team title will likely come from Canton and Westland John Glenn.

In a Division 1 statewide poll by michiganrapper.com, CC is third, Canton fourth and Glenn eighth. The Rockets were runners-up last year, and the Chiefs finished fourth behind Salem.

"CC has way too much talent for any of the other Observerland schools to unseat them," Canton coach Cory Mancuso said. "They have the opportunity to recruit kids to come to their school and wrestle. The Plymouth-Canton schools do not have these same advantages. I'm not sure anyone will beat them for a very long time."

CC's returning champions are sophomores Todd Melick (119) and Alec Mooradian (125), senior Charlie Joseph (130), junior Justin Melick (135) and senior Mike Kinville (215). All won at

MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 19th annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational.

When: Saturday, Jan. 30 (First round action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals starting at approximately 5 p.m.)

Where: Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

Admission (all day): \$5 (family discounts available).

Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, North Farmington, Garden City Redford Union, Belleville, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Pats winners: Catholic Central (1993, 96, 99, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2009); Franklin (2005, 06, 07); Stevenson (1994, 95, 97); Canton (2001, 08); Salem (1998); Churchill and John Glenn (2004); Farmington (1992).

lower weights last year; their current competitive weights are in parentheses.

Including those five, the Shamrocks have four others who are ranked among the top 10 at their weights in the state. They are freshman Kenny Bade, the No. 1 wrestler at 103, sophomore TJ Fagan (103), senior Doug Eldridge (140) and senior David Knuth (285). Mooradian also is ranked No. 1.

"In my opinion, the team that is the healthiest among the top teams will

win," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "CC is obviously the team to beat, but we're up for the challenge."

CHIEFS ON ROLL

Mancuso believes the Chiefs, who are 22-5 in dual meets, have their best team in the history of the program. The Rockets, who are 25-6 overall, are 3-0 in the KLAAs South Division and the Chiefs 2-1.

"We're in good shape as a team right now," Mancuso said. "We are definitely a better team than we were a year ago. We're consistently changing line-ups," Polk said of the Rockets, "but we're steady and should be ready to battle with the best by the end of the season if all falls into place."

There will be two other returning champions on the mats Saturday. Both are from Canton — Donnie Watkins and Brent Winekoff, who was the MVP of the upper weights last year when he won at 145.

Winekoff is ranked No. 2 in the state at 152 this year. Watkins won the 135-pound title and is fourth in the state at that weight, right behind CC's Justin Melick.

Other area wrestlers who have state rankings are Glenn's Steve Wakeford (112), Josh Austin (119), Anthony Pavlich (130) and Dustin Gajowski (285). Canton's Keith Zech (171) and Josh Abro (189), Plymouth's Alec Breckenridge (112), Salem's Nick Kim (112), Churchill's Curtis Castleberry (171), Farmington Harrison's Andre Sanders (119) and Kevin Beazley (160) and Lutheran Westland's Justin Palka (130).

As a group, Farmington's three

schools are having their best season collectively in nearly a quarter century.

North Farmington has a 19-1 dual record, leads the Oakland Activities Association White Division and won the Farmington city meet Friday.

Competing with the aforementioned Division 1 powers Saturday will be a tall order for the Raiders, however.

"I think this year's tournament will probably be the most competitive since I've been coaching," North's Tom Seremet said. "There are probably four or five teams there that are clearly better than we are to be honest."

Harrison (17-5) has several wrestlers who should do well, according to coach Jim Stuef, who said the Division 2 Hawks will use the tournament to assess the state of their team.

Sanders (119) and Beazley (160) have 32-2 records; James Roberts (135) is 30-5 and Evan Doyle (112) 22-8.

"Kevin, Andre and James have a chance to do well at Observerland, and Evan Doyle is no slouch either," Stuef said. "We have a whole bunch of kids with a chance to place, but those three have the best shot at being in the finals."

"Then you have the kids from Canton. A lot of those kids will give everybody a go for their money. Canton, John Glenn and CC are all tough Division 1 teams with individuals we haven't seen yet."

"It's great competition. It will give us a good idea for the district and regional coming up. We have to wrestle some good teams here, so we can kind of gauge ourselves. It will be a good indication of where we stand."

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Razor sharp Sharks

The Plymouth Razor Sharks, of the Plymouth Canton Hockey Association, recently completed a four game sweep to win the Rock 'N Roll Cup Hockey Tournament in Cleveland. After defeating three Ohio teams in the preliminary rounds, the Razor Sharks edged the Rochester Racers 3-2 in the championship game. Scoring the winning goal was Ethan Fitzgerald while David Cook was named tournament MVP. Members of the team include: front row (from left) Mitchell Gonzalez, Steven Sisolak, Austin Foes, Nolan Kerwin; middle row (from left) Matthew Cusumano, Andrew Pascaris, Ethan Fitzgerald, Alex Remski, Max Chumley; back row (from left) coach Tom Remski, Tom Kowalkoski, head coach Chris Hoehn, David Cook, coach Steve Kowalkoski, Jay Andrusiak, Erik Liubakka and Amanda Hoehn. Not pictured is coach Lee Cook.



Canton Crush cruises

The Canton Crush Pee Wee AA Travel Hockey Team won the Rock 'N Roll Classic Cup Tournament in Cleveland recently, defeating squads from Hatfield, Pa., Woodhaven, Geauga Lake, Ohio and Chicago. The Crush won the semi-final game against the Geauga Lake Leafs in overtime and went on to defeat the Chicago Hawks 4-3 in the finals, scoring with 4.5 seconds to go in the third period. The tournament MVP was captain Joe Nevalo. The Crush includes: front row (from left) Ben Chafin, Joe Nevalo, Jared Merandi, Andrew Rozenbaum, Noah Willer, Tommy Kiddle; middle row (from left) Lewis Campbell, Andrew Jossey, Jake Smith, David Mitchell, Justin Barr, Scott Bazner; back row (from left) coach Dennis Smith, coach Cam McCausland, coach Steve Willer, Nicholas Glud, coach Joe Mitchell, Colin McCausland, Eric Locke and Dylan Smith.

Schoolcraft women's team keeps rolling

Five players scored in double figures Saturday as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team rolled to its 20th straight victory without a loss in a 90-30 romp at Macomb Community College. It was the Lady Ocelots' seventh straight 20-win season and their 37th consecutive MCCA Eastern Conference victory. Schoolcraft has now won 69 of its last 71 conference games. Angela Burrell and Kimberly Bee each tallied 15 points for Schoolcraft, which is now 10-0 in the conference and ranked No. 1 in the latest NJCAA Division II national poll. The Lady Ocelots, who shot 54 percent from the field (34-of-63), also got 13 points from Antania Shepherd. Emelda Chew and Amber Avery chipped in with 11 and

10, respectively. Avery also had a team-high 13 rebounds to go along with six assists and six steals. Bee also pulled down nine rebounds. Macomb (8-10, 4-6), which was outbounded 58-33 and committed 26 turnovers, got nine points from Chanequa Hills. **MADONNA 75, UM-DEARBORN 74:** The first career triple-double from junior Tabatha Wydryck along with a clutch free throw from junior Katie Mount was just enough Saturday as visiting Madonna University (7-11, 3-3) held off a pesky University of Michigan-DeARBORN (1-19, 0-6) for a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph. Wydryck scored 19 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and handed out a career-high 10,

assists in producing the first triple-double by a MU player in over five seasons. "Honestly I had no idea I had it until you guys told me after the game," said Wydryck, a 6-foot guard from Wyandotte (Riverview Gabriel Richard). "As a team we did not play up to our potential. A game like this is not a success for us, we should have done better. Even though the numbers show a good game, it could have been a lot better." Sophomore Heather Goodwin added 15 points while a pair of freshmen, Shantelle Herring and Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) contributed 15 and 13 points, respectively. Kim Lackowski posted a double-double of her own in the loss for the Wolves with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Megan Robinets added 16 points, while Katie Gulliver and Candace Cobb added 13 and 12, respectively.

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Canton icers flip power switch

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Better penalty killing and a six-goal second period lifted Canton's varsity boys hockey team to a 7-1 drubbing of host Walled Lake Western Tuesday night. The Warriors actually led 1-0 after the first period, scoring against Canton sophomore netminder Spencer Craig. But the floodgates opened in the middle stanza, with junior forward AJ Rosales scoring twice and setting up two others and senior forward Riley Hoernschmeyer scoring and assisting on a pair. Tallying the other Canton goals were junior forward Phil Baciak, sophomore forward Duggan Tear, junior defenseman Jimmy LaFontaine and (in the third) junior forward Matt Rodgers.

Hoernschmeyer finished with three assists in the KLAAC crossover tilt. "We came out a little slow," said Chiefs head coach Jeremy Majszak. "Whether it was the late night, finals, whatever it was, maybe they were looking past Walled Lake Western. "But we came out flying in the second." Majszak said his team continues to play well following the Christmas break, going 6-2 with the victory and featuring a balanced attack. "We've had five or six kids with 10 points," said Majszak. "AJ, Riley, Jordan Smith, Kyle Korte. Alec Gilo actually has been really tearing it up lately (with) five goals over the last four or five games." Canton also is tightening its defensive belt, and against the Warriors killed off all five penalties. The PK had been a

bit of a concern recently, the coach said. "We're working on staying out of the box," Majszak continued. "We've been limiting the amount of penalties we take. "But for a while, the past five games, except the Plymouth game (Jan. 19) all of the goals scored against us were all on the power play. But we had five penalties tonight and they went 0-for-5 which was really nice to see." Craig and sophomore Ryan Bazner (who played the third period) split the goaltending duties Tuesday. The Chiefs host Northville 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Canton Arctic Edge in the team's final regular season home game. It will be Senior Night.

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Piowar sparks Canton gymnasts

Canton junior Robyn Piowar placed first in all four events as well as all-around standings Tuesday night to pace the Chiefs to a double-dual girls gymnastics victory over Brighton and Howell. The Chiefs (6-1) tallied 140.9 points while Brighton took second with 130.55 points. In third place, with 129.65 points, was Howell. "It was a good meet, but we were depleted a little bit," said Canton head coach John Cunningham. "This was an exam day and a lot of girls were either studying or left

early from the meet." Even so, his team had an excellent day, especially Piowar, who finished first all-around with 37.2 points. She won the vault (9.25), uneven bars (9.05), balance beam (9.5) and floor exercise (8.55). Canton freshman Alex Fidele (35.2) was second all-around and placed second both in uneven bars (9.15) and floor exercise (9.15). Fidele tied for sixth in vault at 8.4 with sophomore teammate Ayana Lewis. Lewis and Canton senior

Mallory Hudak were the fourth and fifth all-around scorers, with 34.35 and 33.4 points, respectively. Lewis took third in uneven bars (8.75) and sixth in balance beam (8.4) while Hudak's 8.9 was good for third in floor exercise. Meanwhile, junior Kali Pierce — fifth in beam (8.45) and floor exercise (8.85) — and freshman Nicole Lasecki also were productive. Lasecki earned fourth in beam (8.55) and fifth in vault (8.45). The Chiefs square off with Plymouth on Monday.

Whalers double up Petes, 4-2

Center Tyler Seguin figured in on all four goals, goaltender Matt Hackett stopped 45-of-47 shots and the Plymouth Whalers won the battle of special teams Saturday night en route to a 4-2 victory over the Peterborough Petes. With the win, before 2,653 at Compuware Arena, Plymouth (28-20-0-1) moved into second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division and fourth in the OHL Western Conference. Peterborough dropped to 23-22-1-2. Seguin, who leads the league in scoring with 79 points, tallied a goal and three assists against the Petes — coming one night after he potted two goals and two helpers in a 5-1 victory in Mississauga. Against Peterborough, besides Seguin's 34th goal

of the year, the Whalers received goals from AJ Jenks (game-winner and 16th of the year), Joe Gaynor (11th) and Robbie Czarnik (9th). Jamie Doornbosch (10th) and Justin Larson (11th) replied for Peterborough. Peterborough took a 2-1 lead after one period, but Czarnik tied the game at 4:24 of the second period, accepting Tyler G. Brown's feed and scoring from the right wing with a hard shot inside the far post. "We always talk and Czarnik's one of my closer buddies on the team," Seguin said after the game. "He's got great hands, great skill. That goal proved it." Then the Plymouth penalty killers did their part, stopping a 5-on-3 Peterborough power play. Hackett made his best stop of the hockey game dur-

ing the Petes' two-man advantage, robbing Brett Theberge from the right wing side of the crease. Later in the period, Jenks gave the Whalers a 3-2 lead at 15:33 of the period with a power play goal, snapping a shot from the high slot past Peterborough goaltender Jason Missaen, who was screened by Gaynor. "We've been really good on the power play lately," Seguin said. "We took advantage of our opportunities. (The Jenks goal) was a really good play." Peterborough outshot Plymouth, 15-11, in the third period, but Gaynor scored the only goal into an empty Petes net at 18:54. Plymouth hosts Brampton Friday and London Saturday, with both games starting at 7 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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| <p>BOYS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 29
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Washtenaw Acad. at Ply. Christian, 8 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 28
Huron Valley at Luth. South, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Jan. 29
Franklin Road at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
Washtenaw Acad. at Ply. Christian, 6:30 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Birm. Marian, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 29
Salem at Northville, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 30
Northville vs. Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 2:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Ladywood vs. Cranbrook at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Jan. 30
Observerland Inv. at Churchill, 9 a.m.</p> <p>BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Jan. 28
Salem at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Jan. 28
Salem vs. Canton
Plymouth vs. Northville at Super Bowl (Canton), 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Jan. 29
Ladywood vs. F.H. Mercy at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 30
Clarenceville Open Doubles at Country Lanes, 8 a.m.
Tri-County Invitational at Five Star Lanes, noon.</p> <p>GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Jan. 28
Livonia Red at Salem, 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Thursday, Jan. 28
Clarenceville, Lutheran Westland at Lutheran Northwest, TBA.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 30
Northville Invitational, 9 a.m.
Stevenson Invitational, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 30
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 30
Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.</p> <p>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 29
Brampton vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Jan. 30
London vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.</p> <p>TBA - time to be announced</p> |
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Salem center Jake Peterson (No. 42, right) tries to thwart Canton's Dietrich Lever (No. 3) from taking it to the basket.

Canton bowlers take second

The Westland John Glenn boys bowling team hauled in its second tournament title trophy of the season by seizing the fifth annual Wayne County Tournament held Saturday at Cherry Hill Lanes.

The Rockets defeated KLA Central Division rival Canton for the crown in the best two-of-three elimination finals under a Baker game format of alternating shots, 215-211 and 166-146.

Glenn reached the final with a 214-145, 180-138 win over qualifying leader Flat Rock Woodhaven. The Rockets also scored victories over Salem, 244-216 and 247-214, and Dearborn Divine Child, 191-188, 177-177 (lost roll-off), and 242-181.

Glenn placed fourth among 20 schools in the qualifying block with regular games of 968-1,030-966 and Baker sets of 426-425 for a grand total of 3,777.

Woodhaven was first with 4,139 followed by Flat Rock (3,983) and Canton (3,857).

Glenn's top individual singles performer was senior Kyle Hamlin, who placed eighth with a 678 series on games of 214-261-203.

Sophomore teammate John Cleavenger was next in 23rd with a 634 on games of 208-213-213.

Other Glenn scorers included Chris Harper, 46th (191-190-174-555); Josh Duprie, 71st (191-185-376); Steve White, 107th (191); Jordon Hornes, 110th (187).

Meanwhile, Wayne Memorial was seventh 935-903-1,104 (regular games) and 487-400 (Bakers) for a 3,693 total. Riverview ousted the Zebras in the opening round, 214-134, 168-192, 202-184.

Wayne was led by Elliot Arnold, who was 13th overall with a 649 series on games of 200-216-233.

Mike Gabriel was next in 32nd with a 588 series on games of 183-191-214. He was followed by teammates Zack Huffman, 85th (183-172-355); Jeremy Brown, 89th (175-171-346); Scott Franklin, 101st (227); and Kellen Collison, 102nd (217).

Salem's Ryan Clark and Flat Rock's Brandon Zurawski tied for high game honors with 279 each. Woodhaven's Kurt Domke rolled a high series of 727.

Wayne County girls

Taylor Kennedy captured the girls championship by defeating Southgate Anderson in the finals, 197-171 and 216-148.

The Eagles ousted Wayne Memorial in the semifinals, 180-158 and 179-155. The

Zebras, sixth in the qualifying block with a 3,113 total, defeated Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 155-201, 156-153 and 183-162, and Flat Rock, 186-170 and 193-192.

Wayne's Tiffany Markham was ninth in singles with a 567 series on games of 186-177-204. Teammate Brianna Evert was 31st with a 492 series.

Southgate ousted the Glenn in the quarterfinals, 156-153 and 188-170.

The Rockets, runner-up in the qualifying block with a total of 3,229, downed Riverview Gabriel Richard their opening match, 169-141 and 171-148.

Glenn senior Natalie Brown placed sixth overall in singles and had the tournament high game (258) in a 587 series.

Junior Khiry Sparks 155-188-214 for a 557 series (13th overall) and Senior Alysson Kassab 156-181-187 for a 524 series (23rd overall).

Livonia Ladywood, ninth in the qualifying block with a 2,949, got a 231 game and a 560 series from Kerry LaValley, who was 10th in singles.

Teammate Jessica Stamper had a high game of 210 and a 506 series (27th overall).

Northville's Jessie Sammut posted the high series with a 621.

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mission following the Chiefs' 5-0 run to end the half, had a strong third quarter and took a 30-26 edge with 1:45 to go when Stewart nailed a rainbow trey from beyond the top of the arc.

"He can shoot the basketball," Brodie said about Stewart. "He has the capability of taking it inside or shooting the basketball (outside). He has a nice touch for a sophomore."

But just seconds after

Stewart's triple, Canton's Weisz answered with one of his own to bring the Chiefs within 30-29 after three.

In the fourth, two free throws by Lever put Canton in front to stay. Following with layups were Weisz and senior guard Hayatt Ali to give the Chiefs a 37-32 lead with 5:20 remaining.

The closest Salem would get was 37-35 following another Stewart 3-pointer.

Reddy now will get his team ready for a big KLA South contest Friday night at Wayne Memorial. "It should be a real good game and hopefully we have a lot more energy than we

did tonight."

Salem will visit South Lyon East on Friday.

Wildcats fall

Despite 14 points each from Mike Nadratowski and Brennen Beyer, the Plymouth varsity boys basketball team dropped a 53-48 decision Tuesday night to Novi in a KLA crossover.

Scoring 19 points for Novi (9-2) was Samar Ozeir.

Plymouth fell below the .500 mark with the loss at 5-6 entering Friday's game at Livonia Franklin.

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCHES
PINCKNEY 22.5, PLYMOUTH 7.5
 Jan. 21 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Plymouth scorers: Kyle Webb, 215-192-407; Justin Thompson, 164-181-345; Brandon Congdon, 169-149-318; Andrew Fraser, 130-159-289; Antonio Spinale, 151; Rob Korstjens, 142. **Team totals:** 820-832-1,655 (1.5 points).
Baker games: 190-162-352 (6 points).
Pinckney scorers: Brandon Sheppard, 190-203-393; Tony Paradise, 181-181-362; Tim McDonnell, 187-157-344; Alex Regan, 166-167-333; Joe McDonnell, 124-192-316. **Team totals:** 848-900-1,748 (18.5 points).
Baker games: 143-184-327 (4 points).

CANTON 16, SOUTH LYON 14
 Jan. 21 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Canton scorers: Casey Bindas, 193-213-406; Ross Terrasi, 213-183-396; Andrew Klein, 214-180-394; Billy Keppen, 180-204-384; Trevor Cummins, 177; David Blythe, 169. **Team totals:** 977-949-1,926 (12 points).
Baker games: 166-174-342 (4 points).
South Lyon scorers: Jared Chomiere, 200-213-413; Freddie Rlagrose, 193-210-403; Gordon Gelorneur, 184-216-400; Jon Bandy, 179-180-359; Tim Harper, 167; Thomas Marcus, 147. **Team totals:** 903-986-1,889 (8 points).
Baker games: 167-182-349 (6 points).

GIRLS DUAL MATCHES
CANTON 20, SOUTH LYON 10
 Jan. 21 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Canton scorers: Allison Fries, 197-179-376; Cheryl Cosby, 153-120-273; Jackie Polaski, 158; Ashley Cade, 132; Lauren O'Bradovich, 123; Kelsey Joseph, 93. **Team totals:** 749-688-1,437 (10 points).
Baker games: 213-185-398 (10 points).
South Lyon scorers: Ally Meyette, 190-123-313; Rachael Caskey, 124-187-311; Kacie Allen, 148-157-305; Toni Cadena, 151-122-273; Kenzie Warner, 120; Lieren Jaques, 105. **Team totals:** 733-694-1,427 (10 points).
Baker games: 141-179-320 (0 points).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Are you a Bad Bowler?

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton might be your place if you are. The facility is hosting a 12-week "Bad Bowlers Club" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through March. The program is for beginning or low-average bowlers.

Teams of four (any combination of men and women) may participate in a pressure-free environment. The cost is \$9.95 per person per week. Call (734) 459-6070 for more information.

Football inductees

Longtime Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Rick Coratti and former Wayne Memorial standout Al Slamer (Holt) will be among those honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame induction and banquet Saturday, March 27, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with the social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by induction ceremonies at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be University of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez.

To obtain tickets, call Gandalf Church at (269) 963-0865. For more information, call Larry Merx at (845) 837-9438; or e-mail lmerx@maxpreps.com.

Plymouth rec offerings

Registration is continuing throughout January for two spring programs being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department. The recreation office is located at 525 Farmer St. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Programs include the following:
 • Spring Youth Soccer: Register at the recreation office during business hours (Monday through Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m.) the entire month of January. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

• Spring Lacrosse: Registration for youngsters in grades 3-8 continues all month at the rec office from noon to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Roster space is limited and the program will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lacrosse coach wanted

Applications are being taken by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department for a boys seventh- and eighth-grade lacrosse coach. Lacrosse experience as a player or coach is preferred, but not mandatory. Contact recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, or e-mail him at sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Coaches, please call

Coaches of high school teams for the winter season are reminded to send in results to Tim Smith, Plymouth-Canton sports editor, in order to spotlight the achievements of local student-athletes. Call (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Please provide as much detail as possible as well as your team's current record. Deadlines are 11 p.m. both Tuesday nights for the Thursday edition and Friday evenings for Sunday's paper.

Join PCLL spring leagues

The Plymouth-Canton Little League is holding walk-in spring registration for five leagues available to residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Twp, Canton and Canton Twp.

The signups will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The leagues include the following: T-Ball (ages 5-7), Coach Pitch (ages 6-8), Minor League (ages 7-10), Major League (ages 10-12) and Junior League (ages 13-14). Early registration is encouraged as the teams fill up fast.

For more information, go to www.ply-canton.com.

canll.com.

Plymouth soccer signups

Plymouth Soccer Club is holding spring registration through Jan. 29 at the City of Plymouth Recreation Office during business hours (Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Those who are interested are invited to download forms or e-mail a password to do on-line registration at www.ci-plymouth.mi.us.

Ice shavings

Plymouth Cultural Center is hosting drop-in hockey sessions through March 31, from 4-5:20 p.m. Tuesdays. Fees are \$5 for skaters except for the first four goalkeepers to sign up (they can play for free). Full equipment is required and participants must be age 14 or older.

The Cultural Center (525 Farmer) also features open skating and "Sticks & Pucks" through March 31.

Open skating is 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 4-5:50 p.m. Sundays. Fees: adults, \$5; under 16 and over 55, \$4; skate rental, \$2.

For "Sticks & Pucks" all skaters must pay \$5 and wear full equipment for the sessions, 2-3:50 p.m. Monday-Friday, also until the end of March. Parental supervision is required for participants under age 16.

Call 734-455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for more information.

Football tutorials

Popps QB Tutor will offer instruction for quarterbacks and wide receivers from 2-3 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 7, 21, 28; March 7 and 14 (Session VII), at Center Court, located at 7171 N. Haggerty, Canton.

The cost is \$150 per session. Sessions are limited to 16 quarterbacks and 16 receiver. Walk-ins, when space available, are \$35 per date.

For more information, e-mail Richard Popp at: theqbtutor@yahoo.com.

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JAN. 28-FEB. 3

All Saints Catholic School

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: On Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads in Canton
Details: Open house; registering now for the 2010-2011 school year
Contact: (734) 459-2490, www.all-saintscs.com, or asc9@hotmail.com

Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Details: Concert Choir and Honors Choir from Lutheran High School Westland will sing for the worship services

On radio: Listen to the church's pastor, Rev. Anthony Creeden, offer a message titled "Gifted" on "The Lutheran Hour," Sunday, Jan. 31. The show is broadcast weekly on more than 800 radio stations including WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 a.m.; WRDT (560 AM) at noon; WPOS (102.3 FM) at 7 a.m. and on XM Satellite Radio dial 170 at 1 p.m.
Contact: (734) 522-6830

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Kids' service starts at 6

p.m. and adult service begins at 6:15 p.m.
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Friday night Shabbat services will mark Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees. Services will be followed by a kosher catered Shabbat dinner and Tu B'Shevat Seder. The Tu B'Shevat Seder explores traditional and contemporary themes of protecting the environment and repairing the world - ideas with roots in Biblical teachings about respect for the natural world, medieval Jewish mysticism, and 21st century environmentalism. Prepaid reservations are a must for dinner. Cost for dinner is \$20 for adults, and \$12 for ages 4 thru 10. RSVP for the dinner by Wednesday, Jan. 27

Contact: Reserve by phone at (248) 851-6880 or e-mail director@cbahm.org Assistance is available to help cover the cost of dinner. For more information call Rabbi Steven Rubenstein at (248) 851-6880 ext. 17 or e-mail ravsteven@cbahm.org

First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The deacons at the church offer a wellness seminar in response to the poor economy that is creating anxiety, depression, stress and desperation in many people. Paul Melrose, executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, will discuss how to work through this difficult time and relieve stress. The focus will be on ways to understand emotional and physical responses and to explore coping skills, including faith.
Contact: (248) 474-6170



Blackthorn will perform Jan. 29 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 29
Location: 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: Blackthorn Irish band performs at a World Youth Day fund-raiser. Light hors d'oeuvres also will be served. Tickets are \$150 for a table of 10 reserved in advance or \$20 per person at the door.

Contact: Buy tickets through the church's Office of Youth Ministry at (734) 453-0326, ext. 243

Holy Trinity Lutheran

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30
Location: 39020 Five Mile, west of Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Musical evening of family entertainment features local senior entertainer Jack Bailey. Sing and dance to music. Admission is free. Refreshments provided. A free will offering will be taken for Haiti Disaster Relief.
Contact: (734) 464-0211

Power Centre Church International
Time/Date: Noon-midnight, Saturday, Jan. 30
Location: 16650 Sumpter Road in Belleville
Details: Artists united in prayer, poetry,

dance and song will perform at Hope for Haiti, a 12 hour marathon. The public may watch the various musical groups, dance troupes, and poets in concert. Admission is free; donations will be collected with all profits going to Haitian relief.
Contact: (734) 697-7421

St. Aidan Church

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31
Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Pasta dinner fund-raiser to benefit the earthquake victims in Haiti. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Relief Services. \$10 for adults; \$5 for children, 3-12; under 3 is free. Menu includes three kinds of pasta dishes, beverages, salad and rolls and desserts.
Contact: www.myclassiccatering.com

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia

Details: WXYZ-TV reporter, weekend anchor, and former host of "Sunday Sports Update", Vic Faust, is the guest speaker at "Why Be Catholic," a new program series. Faust was joined the evangelistic fundamentalism movement during his teen years. He shares the story of his return to the church, along with his wife and three young children, and the new insights he has found for living a Christian life in a secular world. No admission charge
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 207

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 29
Location: 40000 Six Mile, at Haggerty, Northville
Details: John Tesh will perform at a celebration of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's 75th anniversary. Tickets are \$35 for general admission and \$75 for the VIP reception, starting at 6 p.m., that includes food and drink, valet parking, preferred concert seating and a silent auction.
Contact: Order tickets online at www.lssm.org or by phone at (313) 823-7983, or mail orders with checks, payable to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, 601 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214, Attention Development

FEB. 4-10
Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will hold an organizational meeting for its 2010 Apostles Build program. The program brings together any interested religious organizations in the community to sponsor and help build a Habitat for Humanity home. Clergy, outreach directors and other lay leaders interested in involving their congregation in this local outreach program may attend.
Contact: Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to blichtenberg@hotmail.com

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 28
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: 78th Annual Inter-Congregational Men's Club Dinner with guest speaker Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. Cost is \$54 per person and will include kosher dinner catered by Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering. Advance reservations are required.
Contact: Members of local synagogues and temples may contact their Men's Club or Brotherhood by Feb. 1 to make reservations and advance payment. Others may make reservations through Beth Ahm by calling Ron Jedwab by phone at (248) 788-3068 or by e-mailing him at dannydldad@comcast.net or by mailing a check in the amount of \$54 per person (payable to Cong. Beth Ahm Men's Club) to: Beth Ahm (ATTN: Ron Jedwab / Men's Club), 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield MI 48132

First United Methodist Church of Wayne

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Feb. 5
Location: 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: A dinner fund-raiser for Haiti will include mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert, for a free will offering. The money raised at the dinner will go to United Methodist Committee On Relief, which works with many denominations to help the Haitian people. Everything - from paper plates to pasta - for the dinner fund-raiser is donated by the church and all proceeds will benefit Haiti. Helping Haiti comes naturally to the church. It sends school supply kits, hygiene kits, blankets and other items to the island nation every year.
Contact: (734) 721-4801

FEB. 11-17

First United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Friday, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 26
Location: 3 Town Square, across the street from the Wayne post office, in Wayne
Details: 4th Annual Fish Fry offers choice of baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverages, for \$8. A child's portion will be available. Fresh pie will be offered by the women's group for \$1 per slice. The money raised goes to help needy families during the holiday season
Contact: (734) 891-2523

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Feb. 12
Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner includes a salad and ice cream bar. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 4-10 and under 4 free. Prince of Peace also will collect health kits for Haiti. Items include: soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb.
Contact: (248) 553-3380

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Lutheran Choralists will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal
Contact: (734) 522-6830

FEB 18-24

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Lutheran Choralists will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal
Contact: (734) 522-6830

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

BREAKFAST

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia
Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children
Contact: (734) 261-1455

CLASSES/STUDY

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5
Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel,

(248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.
Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home

Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday
Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Bible study
Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study
Contact: (248) 374-5920

CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton
Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

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DR. RICHARD ALLEN CHASE

Age 68, of South Lyon, passed away on January 25, 2010 at his home, surrounded by family. He was born on August 18, 1941, in Dearborn, to the late John and Jenelle (Lewis) Chase. Dr. Chase was a Chiropractor in the Plymouth community for 30 years. He is survived by his beloved wife Alice (Comport) Chase; children: Rick (Katie) Chase and Candi (Joe) Chodacki; grandchildren: Rebecca, Abigail, John, Lane, and Tristan; and his sister Charlene Nippa. A memorial gathering will be held on Jan. 30, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com.

Rosemary Bannon Finn

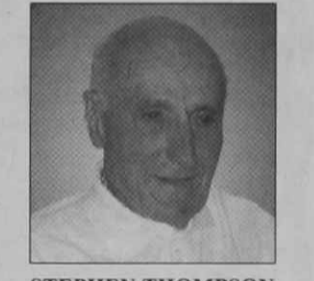
Age 74, Jan. 20, 2010. Funeral was Jan. 23 at St. Colette Church, Livonia. Donations can be made to Food For The Poor (Haiti Relief), 6401 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073. Online condolences at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



BESSIE LUE PENDEREL

Age 97, January 24, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Rowland. Dear mother of William F. (Diane) and Richard A. (Carolyn). Sister of Roger Kiper of Bloomington, IL. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Funeral Service at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday 11 AM. Visitation Thursday, 1-8pm. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Share a memory of Bessie at: www.rgrharris.com

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STEPHEN THOMPSON

January 25, 2010, age 94, of Birmingham, formerly of Plymouth and West Bloomfield. Born November 23, 1915 in San Francisco. He was raised in Alexandria, Egypt. After returning to the United States, he graduated from Detroit Central High School and Detroit College of Business. He married his high school sweetheart, Judy Weldgen and they were married for 67 years. He served as a Captain in the US Army Air Corps in France as an air traffic controller during WWII. After the war he returned to Detroit and founded Villaire, Inc. and operated the company until he retired in 1980. Stephen was a gourmet cook and faithfully prepared all the meals for his family throughout his life. He was fluent in several languages. Stephen and Judy enjoyed traveling the world for over 40 years. He was a dedicated health enthusiast and worked out every day of his life. He was a loving caregiver for his wife during her battle with Alzheimer's and was at her bedside when she peacefully passed away on February 6, 2009. After her death he moved to a high rise apartment building in Birmingham to be near his daughter. He was always an avid reader and joined the Birmingham library. He leased a new car, continued to enjoy cooking for himself, going out for dinner and working out. Rain or shine, he walked daily in downtown Birmingham and made many new friends. He had a remarkable personality and was always ready to engage in spirited conversation. No matter where or what Stephen was doing, he always kept and carried his sense of humor. He enjoyed an active and full life until he became suddenly ill. He passed away peacefully with family at his side and the devoted care of Beaumont Hospice. On January 25, Stephen joined his late wife, Judy in heaven with God. Beloved husband of the late Justine "Judy" (nee Weldgen). Dear father of Stephanie VanHellemont and Ronald S. Thompson (Susan). Loving grandfather of Ronnie S. (Kristy), Katie, Joey, Trevor, and Megan and Julian VanHellemont. Also survived by his pet friend, Niki. Memorial Mass Saturday 11am at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon Rd. at Woodland in Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. A Celebration of Life luncheon will follow at The Community House after the Mass. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-459-055. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

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Farmington Hills native helps bring Emerald City to Detroit's Fisher Theatre

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER



Stephen Simowski (left) of Farmington Hills with fellow ensemble members Mark Chandler and Beau Hutchings holding Adam Jepsen, the Scarecrow, in "The Wizard of Oz."

Stephen Simowski plays five characters in his first national tour with a major musical production. But theater-goers who see the Farmington Hills native in *The Wizard of Oz* during its two-week run at Detroit's Fisher Theatre, may not recognize all of them.

"This is the 70th anniversary of the *Wizard of Oz* and that has been so cool for us. There has been so much celebration over the original film. The play does a nice job of staying faithful to the story that people know and love while at the same time adding fresh inspiration, such as the jitterbugs and crows.

"The jitterbugs are creatures that come out and dance with Dorothy and her friends until they're wiped out, so the flying monkeys can collect them. The jitterbugs were part of the film, but at that time swing dancing was too risqué and they were cut out."

As a member of the ensemble, Simowski also portrays a poppy, a crow, a citizen of the Emerald City and a member of the witch's guard, called a "winkie."

"In this production the poppy field is dancers and we portray flowers. The most fun is doing the crows because we're there to sing and dance back-up for the Scarecrow. The most challenging thing about the show is because we do so many roles during the production, it's nonstop."

Simowski has gotten accustomed to the fast-paced action, the quick costume changes and endurance-testing physical movements since joining the tour in September 2009. Fresh out of college with a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater from Syracuse

University, Simowski, 22, auditioned for the musical in March 2009 and was called back for a final audition in July 2009.

By that point his performing credits included *Fiddler on the Roof* and *A Christmas Carol* at the Syracuse Stage, a venue associated with the university, and summer stock at the Merry-Go-Round playhouse in upstate New York.

He spent his last semester of college in New York City, auditioning and learning the ropes from other working actors.

Simowski's excited to be back in Michigan and working at the Fisher Theatre Jan. 29-Feb. 15.

The North Farmington High School grad started taking dance lessons when he was 8 and studied at several dance studios. He performed in Farmington community musicals, attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp and got involved in acting and singing in high school. Frequent trips to the Fisher Theatre also left an impression.

"We used to have season tickets. My parents would take me downtown. I remember seeing tons of stuff at the Fisher Theatre, which is incredible because we'll be performing there."

Tickets for "The Wizard of Oz" are on sale at the Fisher Theatre box office, all Ticketmaster locations, by phone at (800) 982-2787, and online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.broadway-indetroit.com. The Fisher Theatre is located at 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit.

CALENDAR

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Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers.

Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or

Kristen at (734) 542-0767

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FILTER

Local post-grunge rockers release CD

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER



Zak Stelmaszek of Canton wants to sell a thousand CDs next month.

"If we can do that, I think there will be some notice by an Indie label or bigger label," said Stelmaszek, 32, who plays guitar and pens original songs for Fifth Way, a "post grunge" band that's set to release its first CD, *No Boundaries*.

The CD release party and performance is set for 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Magic Bag Theatre, 22920 Woodward, in Ferndale. Tickets are \$8 and available in advance from the Magic Bag box office or online at Ticketmaster.com. Local bands The Wall Clocks, Forest Wade and Core Effect will open the show, which is open to ages 18 and over.

"We should have some people from the industry at the show," Stelmaszek said. "I know some scouts from different labels should be there. We're keeping our fingers crossed."

The group recorded *No Boundaries* at Rustbelt Studios in Royal Oak over the past two years. Collectively, that's almost as long as Stelmaszek, Tim Gossman, 32, of Waterford, Adam Trahan, 32, of Rochester Hills, Dave Reingardt, 37, of Fenton and Nicholas Cole-Klaes, 18, of Garden City have played together as Fifth Way. Separately, they have logged years on the local music scene.

"I played with Tim in a band called Courtesy Stitch five years ago," said Stelmaszek, an electrical engineer who works for ESG Automotive Inc. in Southfield. Stelmaszek, an upper peninsula native, learned to play guitar at age 11 when his uncle handed him the instrument and some music books. He has played in bands ever since.

"Courtesy had already released a CD independently. We had some good shows. But I started writing new songs and things weren't clicking for that band and it was a long commute, to Ortonville."

RECORDING TOGETHER

Stelmaszek continued to play in cover bands and still plays a few weekends a month with Cruzin' Jupiter. He met up with Gossman and Trahan professionally again a little over two years ago at Rustbelt Studios.

"I didn't know where it would go, if it would be a full-blown band and have pro-



Fifth Way's new CD, "No Boundaries"

fessional records. I wrote and Adam wrote. We didn't have a bass player or drummer. We had studio musicians fill in for that."

Trahan discovered Cole-Klaes through a Web site. He joined the group and re-recorded all the bass tracks for the CD. He's studying bass in college and commutes from Chicago, Ill., to gigs in southeastern Michigan.

They auditioned a half dozen drummers and liked Reingardt, but weren't sure about his electronic drum set.

"We weren't too keen on electronic. We're trying to stay with true analog music style — not over processed. He proved to use he could play. He found a different drum set and brought it in."

INFLUENCES

Stelmaszek describes the band's sound as "a little heavier than Pearl Jam" influenced by Nirvana, Alice in Chains, Soundgarden and Pearl Jam.

"Our writing technique is crafted from a guitar riff that Adam or I come up with.

Then we try to create a verse and chorus and we take it to Tim who has been successful in writing lyrics on top of it."

The group plays mostly in southeastern Michigan and has performed at the Magic Bag several times. They've also played at Machine Shop in Fling, Harpo's, the Crowfoot in Pontiac among other venues.

"If we were a travelling band we could get out and play more," said Stelmaszek, who is married and has a teenaged stepdaughter, as well as three daughters, ages 10, 8 and 3. "I'd like to try and expand in Michigan and out of state. Maybe set up shows in Traverse City and towards the northern region, and expand south."

No Boundaries is available from the Fifth Way Web site at www.fifth-way.com. The group also is submitting one of its songs to the Fox Rocks contest, hoping to win a chance to open for Bon Jovi in March at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Fans can vote at Fox2's Web site, myfoxdetroit.com. For information about the CD release concert, call the Magic Bag at (248) 544-3030.

Fifth Way is Adam Trahan (left), guitar; Dave Reingardt, drums; Tim Gossman, vocals; and Zak Stelmaszek, guitar. The band will release its new CD, "No Boundaries," Jan. 30 at The Magic Bag Theater in Ferndale.

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Time/Date: Through Jan. 30
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Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7
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Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
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Eat heart healthy with Go Red for women campaign

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Joy Blumenau Beby guarantees that no one will be hungry after attending the Go Red Girlfriends Cooking Class at Henry Ford Hospital's West Bloomfield campus.

"Don't eat before you come," advises Blumenau Beby, supervisor of the hospital's demonstration kitchen. "We're gearing up for this wonderful class. It's a demonstration with generous tastings."

The class at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5, is among many events that make up this year's Go Red For Women campaign, which launches next week and runs through February.

The American Heart Association program aims to raise awareness — during American Heart Month — of the ways women can battle heart disease. The campaign gives women tips and information on healthy eating, exercise and reducing risk factors through smoking cessation, weight maintenance, blood pressure control and blood cholesterol management. More American women die of heart disease than any other illness, according to the American Heart Association.

"This is the first time we're partnering in the demonstration kitchen with Go Red," said Blumenau Beby. "The Henry Ford Health System has been involved with the American Heart Association for many years. Henry Ford is a huge supporter of the heart walk."

She said the hospital will partner with the American Heart Association on another cooking demonstration before the walk in May.

"One thing we do in the demonstration kitchen is focus on fresh. We always focus on fresh from local farmers. When you do that you don't have to worry about cholesterol and sodium."

Chef Frank Turner will prepare heart healthy foods during the upcoming class in the 86-seat kitchen. Participants will receive a recipe book, a full meal and samplings from the Great Lakes Tea & Spice Kiosk.

Cost is \$39 per person. Register by calling (248) 325-3890 or e-mail to www.ck@hfhs.org.

Here's a sampling of heart healthy recipes from the American Heart Association:

RED AND GREEN BELL PEPPER BOATS

Serves 8; 3 pieces per serving
Flavorful toasted almonds and zesty lemon-pepper contrast nicely with crisp bell pepper pieces in this festive appetizer.

- 1 medium green bell pepper
- 1 medium red bell pepper
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- 4 ounces low-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon salt-free lemon pepper seasoning blend
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

Cut each bell pepper in half lengthwise; discard the stems, ribs, and seeds. Cut each half into six pieces. Arrange the pieces with the skin side down on a decorative serving platter. Set aside.

In a medium skillet, dry-roast the almonds over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes, or until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Transfer 1 tablespoon of the almonds to a small plate and reserve for garnishing. Process the remaining almonds in a food processor or blender for 15 to 20 seconds, or until finely ground.

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, lemon pepper seasoning blend, and lemon juice with an electric mixer for 1 to 2 minutes, or until creamy. Add the ground almonds and beat for 10 seconds, or until combined. Spoon the mixture into a piping bag fitted with a wide star or round tip. Or snip the corner off



Pepper Boats

a resealable plastic bag (a plastic freezer bag works well) and spoon in the mixture. Pipe about 1 teaspoon of the mixture onto each bell pepper piece. Garnish with the sliced almonds.

Nutritional analysis per serving: calories 57, cholesterol 8 mg, total fat 4.0 g, sodium 43 mg, saturated fat 1.5 g, carbohydrates 3 g, trans fat 0.0 g, fiber 1 g, polyunsaturated fat 0.5 g, sugars 1 g, monounsaturated fat 1.5 g, protein 2 g; dietary exchanges — 1 fat.

BERRY-TOPPED PUDDING PIE IN MERINGUE-NUT CRUST

Recipe courtesy Alton Brown

Serves 8; 1 slice per serving

- Canola or corn oil for pie pan
- 2 large egg whites
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup walnuts or pecans, finely chopped
- 1 small package fat-free, sugar-free instant lemon or vanilla pudding mix, prepared with 2 cups cold fat-free milk

12 ounces fresh berries or other fruit, sliced if needed

¼ cup fat-free frozen whipped topping, thawed (optional)

Preheat the oven to 300°F. Pour a small amount of oil onto a paper towel and lightly wipe the bottom and side of an 8- or 9-inch pie pan.

In a large mixing bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites, vanilla, cream of tartar, and salt on medium speed until foamy. With the mixer still running, gradually add the sugar in a slow steady stream, until stiff peaks form. The peaks shouldn't fold over when the

beater is lifted. Very gently fold in ½ cup of the nuts.

Using a flexible spatula or rubber scraper, spread the meringue over the bottom and up the side of the pie pan and onto the lip of the pan, but not over the edge of the pan. Sprinkle the bottom the pan with the remaining nuts. Bake for 50 minutes, or until the meringue is firm and lightly browned. Transfer to a cooling rack and let cool completely, at least 2 hours.

Using the package directions, prepare the pudding. Spread over the cooled crust. Arrange the fruit decoratively over the pudding. Top with the whipped topping. In warm weather, meringues will get gummy after a few days, so it's best to serve this dessert within 24 hours.

Nutrition analysis per serving: Calories 169, total fat 6.5 g, saturated fat, 0.5 g, polyunsaturated fat 4.5 g, monounsaturated fat 1.0 g, trans fat 0.0 g, cholesterol 1 mg, sodium 223 mg, carbohydrates 25 g, sugar 18 g, fiber 3 g, protein 5 g; dietary exchanges — ½ fruit, 1 other carbohydrate, 1 ½ fat

SALMON WITH CILANTRO PESTO

Serves 4; 3 ounces fish and 1 tablespoon pesto per serving

Vibrant orange salmon fillets get a double dose of crunchy almonds, one in the pesto and one in the topping.

- 4 salmon fillets (about 4 ounces each), rinsed and patted dry
- ¼ cup sliced almonds (for topping)
- ¼ cup loosely packed fresh cilantro
- 3 tablespoons fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds (for pesto)
- 2 tablespoons shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt-free garlic-herb seasoning blend

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil or lightly spray with cooking spray. In a food processor or blender, process the cilantro, broth, 2 tablespoons sliced almonds, Parmesan cheese and seasoning to make pesto. Process ingredients for 15 to 20 seconds, or until slightly chunky.

Place the fillets about 2 inches apart on the baking sheet. Spread the pesto evenly over the top of the fillets. Sprinkle with ¼ cup almonds. If you prefer a fancier presentation, after spreading the pesto over the salmon, slightly overlap the almonds on the fillets to resemble fish scales, then bake as directed. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories 206, cholesterol 66 mg, total fat 9.5 g, sodium 129 mg, saturated fat 1.5 g, carbohydrates 2 g, trans fat 0.0 g, fiber 1 g, polyunsaturated fat 3.0 g, sugars 0 g, monounsaturated fat 4.0 g, protein 28 g; dietary exchanges — 3 ½ lean meat.



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Red Cross offers winter home safety tips

The American Red Cross wants everyone to be prepared and safe when Ole Man Winter comes knocking on the door. "Heating the home is expensive and one of the leading causes of home fires," said Scott Conner, Red Cross senior vice president for Preparedness and Health and Safety Services. "We have steps people can follow to cut their risk of starting a fire in their home, and to cut down on their heating bills."

USE ALTERNATIVE HEATERS SAFELY

First, never use your stove or oven to heat your home. Never leave alternative heaters unattended — turn off space heaters or extinguish the fireplace before going to bed or leaving home. Keep all flammable materials and potential fuel sources — including but not limited to newspapers, matches, bedding, clothing, carpets and rugs — at least three feet away from heat sources such as space heaters, fireplaces and stoves.

Place your space heater on a hard, level, nonflammable surface. Do not put space heaters on rugs or carpets, near bedding or drapes, and keep children and pets away. Look for a space heater model that shuts off automatically if the heater falls over.

Keep the fire in your fireplace by using a glass or metal screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs. Never leave fireplaces unattended. Be sure to have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and furnaces professionally inspected once a year.

BE PREPARED

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home. Check them once a month by pressing the test button, and replace batteries as necessary.

Make sure both your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working properly, and practice your home fire escape plan so every member of your family, including young children and elderly, can get out quickly and safely. Your escape plan should include at least two routes out for every room in the home, and a meeting place outside your home.

REDUCE YOUR HEATING BILLS

Some experts are predicting that most of the country will see temperatures below normal this winter. The Red Cross offers these suggestions on how to get your home ready for the cold weather.

- Simple solutions —
- Turn down the thermostat and put on a sweater. You'll be surprised at the savings on your heating bill.
- Close off any rooms you aren't using and close heat vents or turn off radiators in those rooms.
- Make sure heat vents aren't blocked by furniture.
- If you can, buy heavy curtains to help keep cold air out of your home, even in the kitchen. Open them during the day to let the sun help warm your house, and close them at night. Use "fabric snakes,"



or old rugs in front of windows and doors to help eliminate drafts.

• If you have a wood burning fireplace, use it to cut down on your heating bill. Make sure you close the damper when not in use or heat will escape through it. If you can seal off the fireplace when not in use, do so.

• Turn off vent fans in the kitchen and bathroom as soon as the job is done.

• Set your ceiling fans to blow air down.

Insulate — Drafts mean cold air is leaking into your home. Use either insulating tape or caulking strips to surround your windows and door moldings. You can also cover windows with plastic sheeting. If you have storm windows or storm doors, get them up to keep the cold out.

Cold air can even seep into the house through outlets, so insulate your light switch and outlet plates with foam pads.

Additional insulation tips:

- Cover your hot water heater with insulating material. You'll use less energy to heat the water.
- Prevent frozen pipes — when the weather is very cold outside, open cabinet doors to let warm air circulate

around water pipes. Let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe — even at a trickle — helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing. Keep the thermostat set to a consistent temperature.

• If your home sits above ground and some of your pipes are exposed, wrap them to save on energy and prevent freezing.

• Turn off any outside faucets, drain your hose, and cover the faucets. Use caulking or weather stripping around all pipes where they enter the house — yet another way to eliminate drafts.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org or join our blog at <http://blog.redcross.org>.

Talk to pros on New York market

Q: I know that the economic slowdown has affected New York City, but I am interested in buying a condominium unit in the upper east side area of New York and am wondering what you would suggest that I do.

A: As you may know, initially most of the high-rise living units were co-ops in New York but that has changed

dramatically. Indeed, many co-ops have been converted to condominiums and I note that there is now construction of condominiums in the upper east side, near

the East River and not far from the bridge that goes to Queens and LaGuardia Airport. The prices have slipped somewhat and there are possibilities for negotiations. Another area that is hot in terms of development is the Soho area depending upon where you want to live in New York City. You are best advised to consult with two or three different Realtors initially to find one who best suits your interests. It is also important that you retain an attorney as you well have to have one at your closing should you purchase real estate. An attorney may also be able to give you some insight into the operation of the condominium association and/or the developer, so, you are best advised to retain a condominium-wise attorney, not just a real estate attorney.

Q: We are thinking about moving to suburban New York City and are wondering what you can tell us about areas in Connecticut.

A: Obviously Connecticut has been a suburban playground for New York workers for many years. A number of lovely cities intersect the Merritt Parkway and Route 15 to cities like Stamford, Norwalk and West Port, all of which are near Long Island Sound and are within a one hour to one and one-half hours of driving to Manhattan. These communities are also serviced by rail commuter services and while the prices are steep, relatively speaking, they have evened out and, in some instances, bargains are obtainable. Again, you are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate expert.

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

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of October 12-16, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	899 Chase Way Blvd	\$150,000
	3937 Forester Blvd	\$92,000
Beverly Hills	32660 Bellvine Trl	\$175,000
	15621 Buckingham Ave	\$230,000
	20040 Old Coach Rd	\$170,000
Bingham Farms	31990 Bingham Rd	\$240,000
Birmingham	2120 Avon Ln	\$285,000
	2400 Devon Ln	\$345,000
	1968 E Melton Rd	\$173,000
	950 Shirley Rd	\$600,000
	1843 Stanley Blvd	\$485,000
	575 Vinewood Ave	\$320,000

Bloomfield Township	5411 Lane Lake Rd	\$284,000
	522 Newburne Pointe	\$129,000
	3255 Pebble Ln	\$165,000
	2673 Plum Brook Dr	\$215,000
	276 S Williamsbury Rd	\$199,000
Clarkston	6680 Deer Ridge Dr	\$185,000
	3835 Klais Dr	\$250,000
	5083 Maybee Rd	\$135,000
	5256 Ridge Trl N	\$290,000
Commerce Township	2188 Briar Ct	\$253,000
	8216 Dickert St	\$114,000
	4256 Driftwood Dr	\$215,000
	5004 Greenview Dr	\$215,000
Davidsburg	6861 Tamcyn Dr	\$225,000
Farmington	23509 Stonehouse Ct	\$250,000
Farmington Hills	36911 Kenmore Dr	\$295,000
	31134 Sturbridge St	\$210,000
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1357 Marina Pointe Blvd	\$340,000
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23547 Highmeadow Dr	\$275,000
25731 Mulberry Ln	\$265,000
45334 Roundview Dr	\$245,000
23267 Willowbrook	\$165,000
Oakland Township	
4246 Bold Mdws	\$249,000
5360 Old Mill Rd	\$555,000
Oxford	
1181 Fox Ct	\$169,000
1792 High Pointe Dr	\$159,000
206 Oxford Lake Dr	\$153,000
2911 Seymour Lake Rd Unit 6520	\$620,000
Rochester	
519 E University Dr	\$53,000
1388 Pebble Ridge Dr	\$450,000
Rochester Hills	
655 Fieldstone Dr	\$145,000
3332 Fulham Dr	\$225,000
1790 Jason Cir	\$218,000
2362 Lassiter Dr	\$182,000
3140 Longview Ave	\$97,000
1665 Northumberland Dr	\$186,000

323 Torrent Ct	\$172,000
979 Wexford Way	\$130,000
712 Whitney Dr	\$186,000
1852 Willowood Rd	\$128,000
146 Wimpole Dr	\$160,000
South Lyon	
1147 Fountain View Cir	\$80,000
26301 Great Plains Dr	\$45,000
26335 Great Plains Dr	\$45,000
24179 Martindale Rd	\$215,000
Southfield	
19442 Dorset St	\$70,000
28219 E Larkmoor Dr	\$115,000
15970 Harden Cir	\$87,000
29235 Rock Creek Dr	\$39,000
25465 Saint James	\$93,000
Troy	
3449 Balfour Dr	\$490,000
3750 Beach Rd	\$190,000
3923 Boulder Dr	\$226,000
3793 Gatwick Dr	\$307,000
2104 Lancer Dr	\$340,000
2728 Lovington Dr	\$60,000
2680 Roundtree Dr	\$45,000
3406 Upton Dr	\$170,000

301 W Big Beaver Rd	\$325,000
Waterford	
3465 Alisa Ln	\$105,000
3039 Dixie Hwy	\$151,000
4574 Elizabeth Lake Rd	\$128,000
1382 Fieldcrest Dr	\$65,000
4358 Heatherstone Dr	\$159,000
3557 Lakewood Dr	\$355,000
4710 Meigs Ave	\$45,000
1429 Parkcrest Dr	\$26,000
4836 Rossiter Ave	\$56,000
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3221 Bloomfield Shore Dr	\$345,000
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1650 Killarney Ct	\$77,000

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 5-8, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	43587 Abbey Cir	\$246,000
	4444 Hunters Cir E	\$70,000
	1945 Knollwood Dr	\$92,000
	7005 Poppleton Rd	\$250,000
	47625 Torrington Dr	\$5319,000
Garden City	28651 Barton St	\$66,000
	32990 Barton St	\$86,000
	28438 Block St	\$50,000
	33511 Bock St	\$66,000

31960 Bridge St	\$53,000
32665 Dover St	\$115,000
7089 Helen St	\$100,000
Livonia	
37317 Bennett St	\$177,000
14640 Bredin Ct	\$113,000
18586 Comstock	\$1200,000
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Investors

Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (exit 37 from I-75). Matt Bezanson, of Sherlock Homes Inspection Ltd., will speak on home inspections. There will be a free Investor Educational Forum at 6 p.m. or dinner in the dining room with other members and investors. Registration is 7 p.m., member presentation 7:15 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. For information, visit reiawaynecounty.org.

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a free 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. The office is at 36642 Five

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BIA

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industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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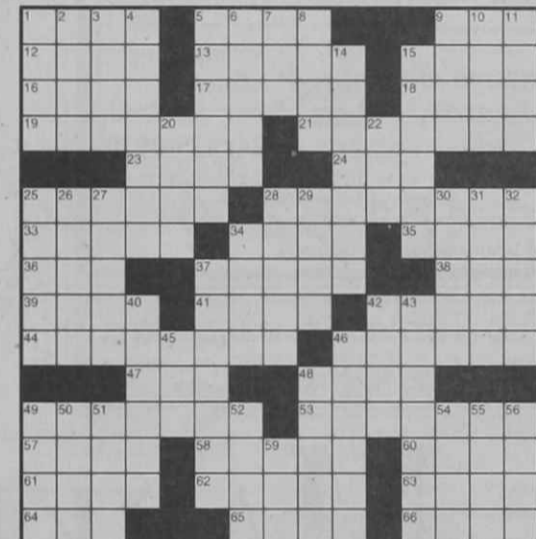
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- 2 Tub in the fridge
- 3 — unto itself
- 4 More ragged
- 5 Thing
- 6 The "March King"
- 7 Aberdeen kid
- 8 PTA and WHO
- 9 Spunk
- 10 Rozelle or Sampras
- 11 Blurred out
- 14 Stations, as troops
- 15 Nahaatl speakers
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- 27 Hindu kingdom
- 28 Punches
- 29 Box

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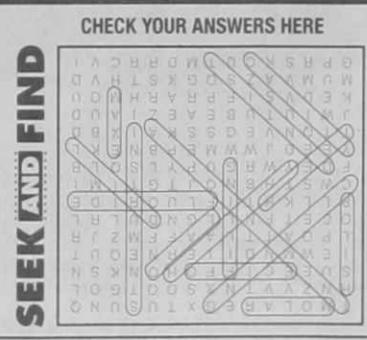
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Auction Sales (7060)

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214-Yakemia Glaster, 225-Sylvester Williams, 303-Terry Allen, 343-Mohamad AL-Nabusi, 354-Tanika L. Winans, 356-Ernest L. Chambers, 426-Andrea Denise Chestang, 494-Leon Dillard, 516-Shemeria Claxton, 602-Mark Kim Mckenney, 609-First Step Construction, 707-Bobby Humphries, 729-Duane Lewis.

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7100 Estate Sales (7100)

PLYMOUTH: Lg. Estate Sale, Thurs-Sat. Jan. 28-30, 9-5. 13844 Emrick.

Garage Sales (7110)

LIVONIA: Auctions We Must Go! 28135 Eight Mile & Middlebelt, 248-661-8220 Sat. Jan. 30th, 7pm. Dolls, metal toys, Beatles, Elvis, Marilyn, Kiss, Hummels & P.M.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS (7160)

BDRM SET: Dresser w/mirror, chest of drawers, night stand, cream laminate w/gold poles & trim, \$250. SOLD

BEDROOM SET: King size, antique white - trimmed in light blue, 9 pieces, \$995. 313-971-5127, 313-862-3372

FURNITURE: Grandfather clock - 7ft. Chickering Grand Piano - 6ft. complete dining room set. Call for apprt. (Livonia) 734-812-2012

KITCHEN SET: oak table with removable glass top, 4 ladder-back chairs, 54" length by 24" wide, \$300. Canton area. 734-495-1675

MATTRESS: New queen pillow-top mattress. Can Deliver. \$200 (734) 444-7277

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