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Hometown Newspapers will be giv-ing away five family four-packs to the advanced screening of How To Train Your Dragon 11 a.m. Saturday, March 20, at the AMC Livonia.

How To Train Your Dragon is set in the mythical world of burly Vikings and wild dragons, and based on the book by Cressida Cowell. The action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers.

The movie will be shown in IMAX-3D. Go to hometownlife.com to enter the contest



Anyone planning on walking the Michigan 3-Day for the Cure gets a chance to find out what to wear at a kick-off event March 20 in Novi.

#### Walk kick-off

Saturday, March 20, marks the 24-week training kick off for local Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure

Registered Michigan 3-Day for the Cure walkers - and anyone interested in walking - can get started at the event, which will feature staffers from New Balance conducting a footwear seminar and hosting a fashion show displaying the proper apparel to wear during the threeday, 60-mile journey.

The event takes place 9 a.m. to noon at Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, 44175 W. Twelve Mile in Novi. Registration is still open for the 2010 walk. For more information, visit The3day.org

#### Brandon speaks

David Brandon, the new athletic director at the University of Michigan, will be the speaker at Canton's Economic Club luncheon on Wednesday, April 7. The luncheon will be held at the Summit on the Park and begins at 11:30 a.m.

The Economic Club hosts semiannual luncheons. The luncheons were developed with the purpose of introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

The luncheon is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (734) 394-



#### **Magical night**

Hannah (from left), Riley, Sydney and Delanie Sielaff of Milan posed for photos with Elvis tribute artist Don "Tulsa" McLean at Sunday's "Magical Night with the Stars" event sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation at the Emagine Theater in Canton. The event allowed participants to walk the red carpet, pose with celebrities and watch the annual awards show on the big screen. For more photos and the story, please turn to Page A3.

# Homeowners march on township review board

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like hundreds of Canton homeowners, laid-off Yazaki designer Mark Logan believes the tax assessment on his house is too high.

Armed with real estate research he did on homes sales, Logan, 53, appeared Monday afternoon before the Canton Township Board of Review as it began a weeklong process of hearing appeals from homeowners seeking a deeper cut on their property taxes.

Logan and more than 300 other homeowners are expected to file appeals after receiving assessment notices the township mailed out in late February.

"I believe they did not lower my assessment enough according to the research I have done,' Logan said, after making his pitch to a Board of Review that considers appeals and notifies homeowners of its rulings.

Using sales data, Canton's assessing staff lowered the tax'I believe they did not lower my assessment enough according to the research I have done.'

MARK LOGAN, Canton homeowner



able value of Logan's home from \$103,750 last year to \$100,340 get \$170,000," he said. for 2010 - a \$3,400 drop hesaid isn't enough considering

falling property values. Logan said he estimated his taxable value even lower at \$92,500. Now, he is hoping for a favorable outcome from the Board of Review.

Pointing to the township's figures, Logan said he should expect to be able to sell his

house for \$200,680, or twice its taxable value. "I'd be lucky to

Canton Assessor Doug Shaw estimated that more than 300 homeowners will appeal their assessments — a number he said would mark a 20-25 percent drop from last year. He said fewer appeals are expected because virtually every hom-

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# Dad: Officer 'always wanted' to be a cop

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As slain Jackson Police Officer James Bonneau was growing up in Canton, he seemed destined for a career in law enforcement.

This is what he always wanted to do from early in life," his father, Marc Bonneau of Canton, said Tuesday after his 26-year-old son was shot and killed while responding to a domestic dispute in Blackman Township. "Police work just fascinated

Blackman Township Officer Darrin McIntosh

also was shot during the incident and was recovering in a hospital. As Marc Bonneau and

wife Amy grieved over their son's death in the line of duty, the father offered a suggestion for how he hopes James Bonneau will be remembered. "Td like to say as a hero,"

Marc Bonneau said, "but he was also just a goodnatured, kind man. He had the biggest heart. He was just a joy.

The father reflected on James Bonneau's childhood

in Canton, saying his son was active in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League baseball and high school

James Bonneau

Marc Bonneau recalled how his son played with G.I. Joes and always seemed intent on a law-enforcement career so he could help others. After graduating in 2002 from Canton High School, James Bonneau studied criminal justice at Schoolcraft College and Eastern Michigan

He applied for police jobs across the nation, but he wanted to stay in his home state of Michigan. He landed a job with the Jackson City Police Department about three years ago.

"We were fortunate to have him so close to us," his father, a Michigan State Police forensic technician, said. "This is really hard for us, but it was a joy having him for as long as we did."

Lt. Steven Rand of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department said the two officers were shot about 12:20 a.m. Tuesday, prompting return fire that killed 63-year-old Elvin Potts inside his home on Mitchell Street in Jackson.

Earlier, Potts had gone with a revolver to an apartment where authorities believe his estranged wife lived, and he had threatened to shoot up her place. Potts reportedly had been drinking.

Potts had left by the time Blackman Township authorities arrived, so they went to his house on Mitchell Street and called for Jackson city officers to meet them there, Rand said.

"They went to the door, something went wrong and the next thing you know, they were calling for help and shots were being fired," Rand said.

Potts fired several shots from his revolver, fatally wounding Bonneau and injuring McIntosh, who

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# Hate crime coalition drawing praise

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Canton is drawing accolades for creating a coalition to combat hate crimes and to offer support to residents who may become targets of violence simply because of their race, cultural heritage, sexual orientation or other factors.

Canton Police Lt. Todd Mutchler has initiated the Canton Response To Hate Crimes Coalition as a proactive measure and not in response to a specific

"I think it's definitely a good thing," Michigan Department of Civil Rights spokesman Harold Core said. "When there are people in the community who want to express hate or intolerance, the community itself has to speak louder than those who want to voice that hate or intolerance.

Mutchler has assembled a 14-member coalition represented by local police and fire departments, residents, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the NAACP Western Wayne County Branch, the gay-rights Triangle Foundation, Beacon Hill Church and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, among

Mutchler said the purpose is to send a message that hate crimes "will not be tolerated" in Canton, a community whose population continues to become more

According to FBI statistics for 2008, Michigan ranked fourth in reported hate crimes in the United States with 560 incidents, surpassed only by California, New Jersey and New York. However, Core said the state's high ranking may partly be traced to better reporting by victims and law enforcement

Canton's coalition, formed in October, already has made strides by developing a response plan that not only seeks to combat hate crimes, but also to educate the community and mentor both victims and perpetrators during the healing process, Mutchler said.

Canton ranks among the safest communities of comparable size in the United States, and Mutchler said efforts to form a hate-crimes coalition "falls

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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

#### Little Lambs open house

Little Lambs Christian Preschool hosting its open house on 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13.

Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year. The open house provides parents with an opportunity to visit the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program which includes the Handwriting Without Tears and Hands on Bible curriculums.

The school offers both social and academic programs for 3 year olds to young 5's with a low student/teacher ratio.

LLCP is located at 8500 N. Morton Taylor, just south of Joy

For more information call (734) 414-7792 or visit the Web site at www.pbcplymouth.org/ littlelambs

#### Mom-to-mom

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13 at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

The event features department-style shopping (grouped by boy or girl, then by size), spring and summer boys and girls clothing (newborn to size 10). sets for twins and triplets and multiples items, clothes, toys, baby gear, strollers, maternity clothes and a bake sale.

Admission is \$1, cash only, all sales are final (no strollers before 10 a.m.). For more information, e-mail pcmom@hotmail.com

#### Camp fair

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, March 11, 2010

Busy parents looking for a unique summer camp experience for their child or teen once school is out shouldn't miss Canton Leisure Services Annual Camp Fair on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Stop in the Grand Ballroom to learn about the wide array of camps that will provide a diverse and fun array of activities for your child throughout the summer.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to this free event. Don't miss this one-stop shopping opportunity for busy parents to plan a super summer



#### On display

The artworks of Plymouth Artist Tony Roko are on display at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill through March 29 in the Gallery@VT. Known for his bold and expressive art, this self-taught artist began his art career while working at Ford's Wayne Assembly Plant in vehicle production. Roko's works are intended to promote a harsh realism. The Gallery@VT is free and open to the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday and during public performances at the theater. For more information about this latest exhibition, visit cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5300.

for preschool children, youth, and teens. Enter one of the free raffles, enjoy some delicious treats, and take a turn on an

inflatable bouncer. Children can even try Nintendo Wii, or get their face painted courtesy of D&M Art Studio.

Many camps will fill up quickly. For more information on Canton Leisure Services Annual Camp Fair, visit www.canton-fun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

#### '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.

#### Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/ her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

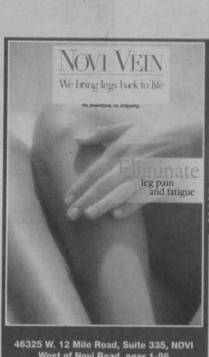
Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4

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Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

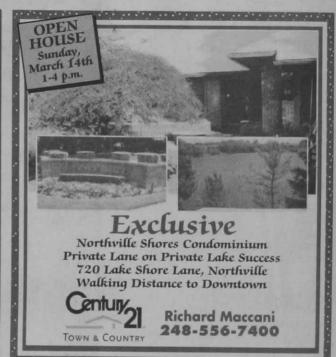
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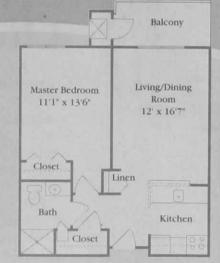
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# Red carpet ride

# Oscar event raises cash for food bank

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin were welcoming guests to Hollywood's biggest party Sunday - the 2010 Academy Awards - tons of folks were strolling the red carpet thousands of miles away at Canton's own Oscar shindig.

Canton's annual "Magical Night with the Stars" event drew enthusiastic crowds eager to walk the red carpet, have their photos taken with Oscar and enjoy a night of Hollywood entertainment without ever leaving the township.

Some 150 people turned out to watch party with Oscar at Canton's Emagine Theater.

"We had another great time," said Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks. "How often do you get to go out and do something like that, take over a theater, eat all the popcorn you want, schmooze with your friends. It's a unique event.'

The event, sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation, benefited Gleaners Community Food Bank, an organization that last year gave more than 30 million pounds of food to soup kitchens, shelters and pantries across southeast Michigan, including Canton-based Open Door Ministry. The event raised some \$5,000, according to Noricks.

"We wanted to help Gleaners because the food need is so great," citing a need that has grown as area families have lost jobs amid a grueling economic recession. "We've had a close relationship with Open Door Ministry, and the majority of their food comes from

Open Door Ministry, Noricks pointed out, has already seen a 48-percent increase in demand (the ministry serviced some 53,000 people in 2009). Other local beneficiaries of Gleaners include First Step, the Plymouth Salvation Army and Trinity Presbyterian Church, which also offers a monthly food

"It's scary to know there's that much hunger in this area," Noricks said. "That's why we chose Gleaners. We're seeing the demand going up, and the foundation thinks it's really important we pay attention to what kind of need is in the community.

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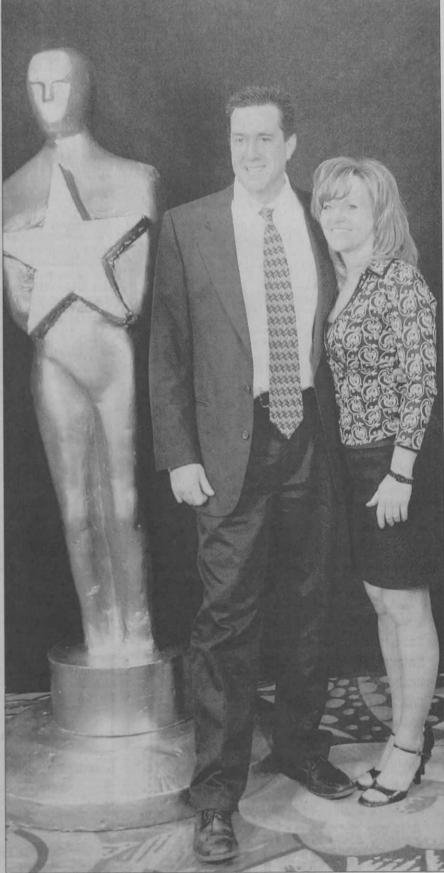
Bob Boyer and Sandy Konarske played Frankenstein and his bride at Sunday's Oscar Night event at the Emagine Theater.



James Demmer of Jack Demmer Automotive Group and the chairman of the Canton Community Foundation, speaks to the crowd in front of the big Oscar



Jim and Madelyn Cosens of Plymouth walked the red carpet at the Canton Community Foundation's Oscar Night event at the Emagine Theater.



Tina Smith and Mike Brownley of Canton pose with Oscar.



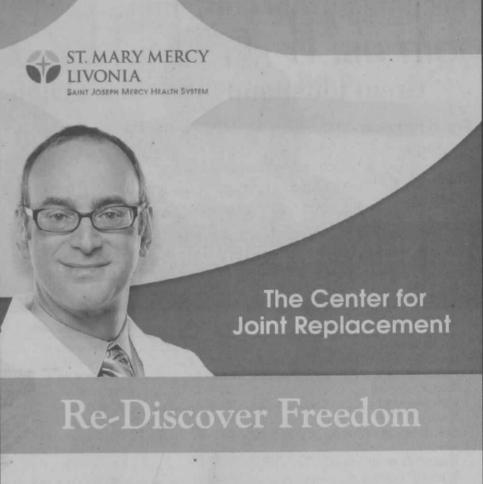
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# PUBLIC SAFETY

Canton chase suspects Intruder hides, spends night in Target bound over for trial

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BY DARRELL CLEM ORSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two defendants charged in separate high-speed chases that started in Canton are facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Robert Joseph McPartlin, 35, is facing trial for an incident that began about 2:30 a.m. Feb. 18 near I-275 and Michigan Avenue and ended in Oakland County, where authorities say he was captured after Michigan State Police used a tire-deflating device.

Brandon Merrill Henton, 23, is facing trial for a chase that began around midnight Feb. 17 near Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road, ending at a Van Buren Township house where authorities said they had to use a Taser to subdue him.

McPartlin was arrested amid accusations he led police on a high-speed chase after Canton officers tried to stop a 1999 Ford Mustang for a broken taillight and later learned that the car had been stolen from the White Castle on Ford Road in Canton, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

Canton police chased the Mustang toward Oakland County, where other authorities picked up the chase and ultimately stopped the car by using a tire-deflating device, Gajeski said.

McPartlin was ordered to stand trial following a two-day preliminary examination that ended Monday in 35th District Court. He was charged with unlawful driving away a motor vehicle, receiving and concealing stolen property, fleeing and eluding police, and being a fourth-degree habitual offender.



As Dostlin



Henton

McPartlin, jailed on a \$250,000 cash bond, could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if convicted, although he could potentially face an even stiffer sentence if found guilty as a habitual offender.

Gajeski has said the stolen Mustang was eventually stopped in the area of White Lake and Lake Grove roads in Oakland County.

Henton, meanwhile, was arrested following allegations he was driving a Mitsubishi Eclipse when he led authorities from Canton to Van Buren Township after officers tried to stop him for speeding, Gajeski has said.

Police used a Taser to subdue him after he resisted arrest, Gajeski said.

Henton, who was jailed with a \$10,000 cash bond, was ordered to stand trial after he waived his preliminary examination last Friday in 35th District Court. He could face penalties ranging up to five years in prison if convicted of fleeing a police officer and resisting a police officer.

Not-guilty pleas had been entered for McPartlin and Henton at the time of their arraignments in 35th District Court.

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A man who told Canton police he is homeless and alcoholic apparently spent the night inside the Target store on Ford Road west of Morton Taylor Road after he hid inside a bathroom until the store closed, according to police reports.

A frightened employee phoned police after she arrived at the store shortly before 3:30 a.m. Monday and noticed a suspicious man in the front of the store. She had locked the doors after she entered.

Police searched the store and found the man sitting at a computer desk with a bottle of Listerine mouthwash on the floor near his feet. With a pistol drawn, an officer approached the man and ordered him to the floor.

Police said the man had a strong odor of alcohol, and he told them he drank from the Listerine bottle. He initially told them he had entered the store to apply for a job, but said he wasn't sure when he had entered.

The man was taken to Oakwood Hospital, where police said he was admitted for alcohol poisoning.

Further investigation revealed the man had entered the store Sunday evening and hid in a bathroom until closing. He had later tried to leave but couldn't because the doors were locked.

The man was cited for being a disorderly person and for simple larceny.

#### Disorderly conduct

2A man was admitted to a hospital for mental evaluation after police said he was seen acting strangely outside the Meijer store on Ford Road east of Canton Center around 12:30 p.m. Monday.



A woman phoned police to say she had seen the man walking through the Meijer parking lot, stumbling and brushing up against vehicles. She said he then walked toward the doors to the pharmacy area and slept briefly on an outdoor bench.

Police arrived, noticed the man was drunk and said he tried at one point to open a bottle of liquor with his mouth. Police said the same man had been in custody the day before for being drunk and disorderly.

Police patted the man down and found two bottles of liquor in his waistband. He was initially arrested for being disorderly and then taken to a hospital, where he was admitted for mental evaluation.

#### Storage heist

3A man contacted police after noticing that a stor-

age unit on Joy Road east of Haggerty was missing several items that belong to the Livonia Rotary Club, according to a police report.

The man told police several items appeared out of place and that an Easter Bunny suit was missing, along with several clear plastic tote bags.

The man told police the incident was believed to have happened between 12:01 a.m. March 3 and 11 a.m. March 4.

#### Speed demon

4 Canton police on patrol stopped a motorist after noticing a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Cherry Hill, just east of Haggerty, about 2:55 a.m. March 3.

Officers driving eastbound on Cherry Hill noticed the car traveling westbound, so they turned around and stopped the driver. The man at first denied he had any weapons, drugs or alcohol, but police ultimately found a pair of brass knuckles and were told by the suspect he was carrying them because he "had a beef" with some other men, according to police reports.

Police arrested the man for possession of a dangerous weapon in a motor vehicle.

#### Window damage

**5**A Canton man contacted police after he noticed the back passenger side window of his Honda Odyssey had been smashed and cracked sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. last Thursday.

The incident happened on Cranbury Court, northwest of Warren and Lilley.

Police checked the area and found another car that had a cracked window. A police report indicated the damage had been done by a BB/pellet gun.

#### Loose dogs

6A man was arrested for an outstanding warrant after Canton police initially went to his house on a report that he was allowing his dogs to run loose, according to a police report.

The incident happened about 3:30 p.m. on Old Michigan, southeast of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty, police said.

When police arrived, the man denied letting his dogs run loose. A background check was run on the man, who was then arrested for an outstanding warrant for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, third offense. The man was turned over to Michigan State Police.

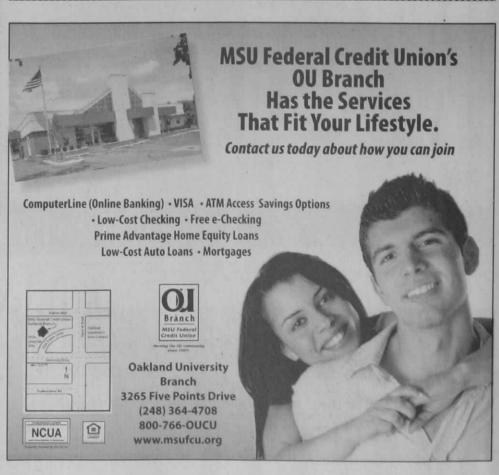
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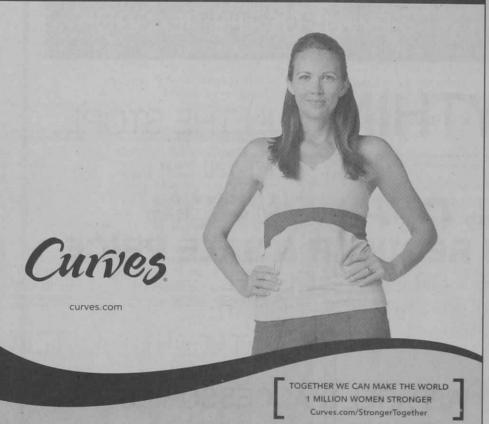
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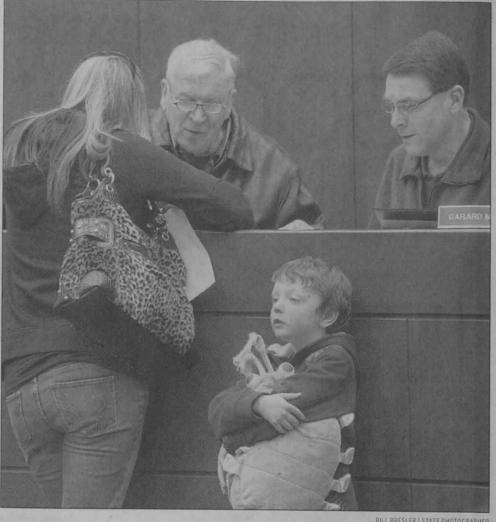
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Heidi Moser speaks with Board of Review members Donald Nash and Garard Markey. Five-year-old Xavier Gosser waits for mom to finish her presentation.

eowner has seen tax relief this

Although Logan has appealed his assessment, he still commended the township for the way it has handled the process, saying, "Canton has treated me with courtesy, respect and professionalism.

Shaw said one of his goals is for homeowners to be comfortable with the process - even if they aren't thrilled with their assessment notices.

By Monday afternoon, Board of Review secretary Courtney Dugger said the

number of homeowners coming in to appeal their assessments had dropped off since the morning. Tuesday evening, lines had formed again.

Homeowners who aren't satisfied with Board of Review decisions may file an appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal in Lansing.

Logan, meanwhile, took issue with the state for not allowing "distressed" properties, such as foreclosures, in calculating property assessments. Even though those properties can skew sales data, Logan said he still believes they should be factored in to

some extent. Township officials have said residential property values, overall, fell nearly 10 percent

during the last year as the housing market continued to reel from an economic reces-

Supervisor Phil LaJoy has said Canton is poised to lose \$5.2 million in revenues for a two-year period ending in 2011 - the majority of it from declining property taxes.

So, while homeowners will see property tax relief, township officials will be left scrambling to absorb the losses. Already, certain vacant jobs haven't been filled, and LaJoy said Canton has initiated a long-range budget-planning process to prepare for what may come.

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# Without service tax, HATE CRIMES school cut is \$265

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State Reps, Marc Corriveau, (D-Northville), and Dian Slavens, (D-Canton), dropped by Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting and did a variation on "good cop, bad

"We're here with sort of a good news, bad news thing," Corriveau told the board.

Slavens proceeded to present the board with a resolution applauding them for their work in recognition of School Board Recognition Month. That was the good news.

Corriveau got to play "bad cop," delivering the news that, unless Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to spread the sales tax to services not currently subject to the tax is approved and generates the \$554 million she said it would deliver, public schools are expected to take a \$260 perstudent cut in their state foundation grant.

"Michigan is still facing tough times, and your job isn't going to get any easier," Corriveau told board members.

Without the projected windfall, the school aid fund would fall approximately \$415 short, according to numbers presented by Corriveau. That projects to the \$260 slice in per-pupil funding.

"That's the number this board should plug into its calculators." Corriveau said.

The \$260 cut would be in the 2010/2011 school-year budget and would come on top of the \$165 the governor shaved off for the 2009/10 school year. That would mean Plymouth-Canton, which lost some \$3 million this year, would drop another nearly \$5 million in 2010/2011.

The news came as no surprise to Plymouth-Canton administrators, who built in a \$268 cut for 2010/11 based on information delivered at a conference in January, according to Jim Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business.

"The good news is that's what we put in our budget," said school board president Steven Sneideman. "We're hoping that changes, but ...'

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within that umbrella" of working to protect that reputation.

He said more than 20 hate groups have been identified in Michigan, and the coalition's goal has been to develop a response plan should potential problems arise here.

Hate crimes may involve an act as simple yet disturbing as scrawling racist words on cars, but also may entail burning crosses in yards or violent attacks. Core called it encouraging that communities such as Canton are taking the issue seriously and adopting proactive measures.

"Advocates for inclusion and diversity really have to be proactive, and I think this is definitely a positive," he said. "Canton or any community that builds these kinds of coalitions will benefit by sending a message of tolerance and inclusion.'

Core said such efforts may even have economic benefits, because companies view proactive communities as desirable.

Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek has commended Mutchler for initiating Canton's hate crimes coalition, whose mission statement supports "the dignity of the individual" and pledges to "work together to secure the right of every person in the Canton community to be free from hate crimes and/or bias-motivated incidents.

The mission statement notes that the coalition will serve as a liaison between law enforcement, community groups, schools, faith-based organizations and the Canton community at large partly by providing education. Canton Library Director Eva Davis already has offered the library as a place for education programs.

Mutchler talked about the coalition to Canton's elected officials during a study session last week, and officials such as Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin lauded the effort.

"I think this is a remarkably good idea," she said.

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underwent surgery and was expected to survive

Bonneau, who had received commendations for his police work, was shot in the chest even though Rand said he was wearing a bullet-proof vest. Rand indicated that vests aren't always fully impenetrable.

"Officer Bonneau did everything right," Rand said. McIntosh was shot in the leg,

he said. Bonneau had strong ties to the Canton community. Local officials said his grandfather, Robert Shefferly, formerly served on the Canton Township Board of Trustees from 1988 to 2004.

Canton Public Safety Director Patrick Nemecek also said Bonneau's sister once worked as an intern in the township police department's records bureau.

"This family has a lot of deep ties to Canton," Nemecek said. "We're going to offer any services and any support we can to the family."

Nemecek recalled how difficult it was when Canton lost one of its own police officers, Gordon "Lew" Stevens, in the line of duty in July 2003. Stevens was killed when he stopped to investigate an abandoned vehicle and his patrol car was struck from behind.

"We've been through this," Nemecek said, adding that local police offer their condolences to the Bonneau family.

We consider them part of the Canton family," he said.

Visitation for Bonneau will be 1-9 p.m. today (Thursday) at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, in Canton. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, in Canton

Bonneau's survivors include his sister, Emily (Rene) Bonneau-Rocha; brother Peter Bonneau; grandparents Jane Bonneau and Robert and Lorraine Shefferly: and his special friend, Rachael Maloney. Bonneau was preceded in death by grandfather David Bonneau.

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#### **OUR VIEWS**

# Conversation, not panel, is needed on high school course

If anything came out of the huge attendance figures at Tuesday's Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting, it's the idea that a conversation needs to be had as the district moves to implement its newest social studies course.

The question is this: How best to accomplish

At the center of the debate is the district's first course in African-American history and culture. The course, developed by Salem High School social studies teacher Carrie Chobanian, is designed to examine African-American history from around 1890 to the present. Students will "revisit key themes," such as empowerment, community, identity, the role of the church, citizenship, entrepreneurship, oppression and cultural expression, according to the course description.

It's a potentially politically charged course, as all discussion of racial conditions in this country can be. The board felt the best way to have that discussion was to empanel an advisory committee, a seven- to 12-member panel, at least a third of the membership of which would represent the African-American community.

The concern among some is that the course include the African-American perspective, and not just be a class about African-American history taught from a Caucasian perspective. And board members are right. As the course is developed, whomever develops it, input from experts other teachers, historians, parents, members of the African-American community - should absolutely be sought.

But that can be handled in a variety of other ways. A host of guest speakers can be used. Chobanian had spoken to people at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit about ways for students to work down there to gain that perspective, though nothing had been solidified because the course hadn't yet been approved.

Establishing an advisory committee to provide input on class materials and make recommendations on the direction and potential changes in the course steps outside the board's responsibility. Like the class itself, the advisory committee formed by the board — on which the board will have approval authority over one-third of its members - is a first-of-its-kind panel in the district. The only other piece of the curriculum with such a committee is the sex education course, and that committee is required by law.

While we understand the teachers' discontent over the formation of the advisory committee, we don't believe it indicates any mistrust or lack of belief in the quality of the district's teachers.

Rather, we think the inclusion of this panel is an overreaction to concerns raised over the potential sensitivity of the course. The safeguards the board seeks to put in place already exist in a variety of other forms. Parents have access to teachers and administrators. Administrators experts in the education of children - will oversee the content.

The fact the language in the committee structure was softened from "oversight" to "advisory," and a panel that would "make changes" lightened to "recommend changes" doesn't change the perception the board seeks to control the class. It doesn't embrace the spirit of the board's general attitude: Eyes in, fingers out.

Do we think establishing the advisory committee is an exercise in control for the board? Of course not. We don't believe it starts a "slippery slope" effect that will have the board overseeing the next new math course, for instance.

Social studies teacher Darrin Silvester spoke to the board at its Feb. 23 meeting, and said considering new curriculum is about risk and trust, and urged the board to trust its teachers. To be sure, we don't think the advisory committee is necessary. But trust goes both ways.

Maybe the two sides should remember that, and let the conversation begin.

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#### **COMMUNITY VOICE**

#### Do you support or oppose a ban on texting while driving?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I support it. It's distracting, and there are already enough distractions on the roads without using your eyes and hands to do something else."

John VanHouten Canton

"I support it. Nobody should text while driving." Sue McCabe

Canton



"I definitely think it should be banned, for sure." Shelly Stackhouse

Canton



"It should be banned because it causes accidents."

Mario Benedetti

#### **LETTERS**

#### Be counted

Michigan, like other northern states, has plenty of "snowbirds" - that is, residents who travel to warmer climates during the winter months. In this census year, it is critical that the snowbirds who call Michigan their usual residence answer the census form in their home state of Michigan.

Why is this important? Because Michigan can lose up to \$200 million in federal funds per year (\$2 billion per decade!) and may also lose a seat in the US House if snowbirds are not included in the

Michigan census.

The League of Women Voters, a partner of the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee, offers this solution: Snowbirds receiving a census form at their winter retreat should enter "0" for the number of people living at their winter address and then write only these words, "Usual residence elsewhere" so the person reading the form understands why "0" was entered

When they return to Michigan, they can fill out the census form that was delivered to their Michigan address OR wait until a census worker visits them at their Michigan home. There is no penalty for having a census worker make a home visit.

Census forms are delivered to households, not to individuals. The form does not ask where you live, nor is there a place on the form to indicate a primary address if you respond to the form from your winter retreat. Every U.S. resident should be counted by the census once, at the residence where they live most of the year.

Counting Michigan snowbirds as residents of another state reduces Michigan's political influence in Congress, reduces the level of federal funding received by state and local agencies, and reduces the accuracy of the census data.

Help Michigan be counted correctly! Please circulate this information to your snowbird friends so that Michigan can receive all the resources it deserves!

Paula Bowman, President

League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

#### What's in a name?

The article described controversy over the "African-American History & Culture" course, the district's first course on "African-American History." The heart of the controversy, I believe, lies in

I've seen first-hand the educational weakness of many of America's youth they don't know many of the facts of American or the world history. History happened. It is facts. The history as "why" events happened depends on your viewpoint, then and now.

It's important to understanding history, but it's a fair statement to say that everyone who acted in history acted out of a conviction that they were doing what was right at that time. If we want to teach a part of history as not just facts, but facts which must include the historical viewpoints, then of course WWII history must include the then views of Nazis and Communists.

As shown on a recent news show, in

1939 Madison Square Garden was filled with an American Nazi Party rally - there were two sides then, to what we see as only one side now. If all history courses include detailed teaching on viewpoints of the events, especially what we now think of them, not much in the way of facts will be taught. It will be more a political course than a history course.

A participant in the discussion on the Plymouth-Canton course "was a little disturbed to hear a white teacher discuss an African-American course that was written completely from a white perspective." If it truly is a history course, as I (and Webster) understand the meaning of history, I'd suggest there are no perspectives on the facts

Facts are facts, including the perspectives then. Any black or white perspectives now are not necessarily those of then. If it is an African-American Culture History course, then it is a course with one point of view, prepared by whatever historians, black or white, an determine factually the American views at that time in history, and their evolution until now.

If anyone believes the facts in the text are wrong, challenge them. If it is a course on current Black-American views of their cultural past, then it likely needs a Black-American author, but that is not, strictly speaking, a history class.

What is the course title? What are you

Tom Salapatek Canton

#### ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometown-

 In response to the story, "Here comes the sun as solar dispute settled:"

desi2008 wrote:

"Is this really victory? Fourteen months fighting a legal battle with your neighborhood association to install solar panels on your own property? How many hours, how much distress, lost time with family, lost wages did he incur to win the right to spend \$5,000 on solar panels. Yes, this is still America, and a sorry condition it is being reduced to with over-reaching, litigation happy neighborhood associations.

"How many people would be discouraged by such prolonged agony of lawsuits, and not even bother with green solutions? As a businessman, each lost hour is lost wages to me. I certainly can't afford to waste my time fighting such battles with the authorities. FOURTEEN MONTHS? That's a crying shame!" B757blaine wrote:

"I am one of Mr. Hall's neighbors in the sub and I fully support him in his quest for energy conservation. The homeowners association overstepped on this one. His system was not an eyesore and did not detract from the overall appearance of the neighborhood. Last time I checked, this was still America - and you

should have the right to upgrade your own property as you see fit!"

 In response to the story, "Social studies course stirs controversy:"

Got-It wrote:

"Try as you may to speak for Ms. Davis, she does not share your opinion that a "white" (Caucasian) teacher has the ability to teach the course, even with proper training. Ms. Davis's quotes, ""If you have not experienced discrimination, how can you teach it?" and "... There is a perspective to the African-American experience that the Caucasian perspective can't bring."

"I ... voted for Ms. Davis in an effort to bring diversity to the School Board but, in reflection of her comments made will not do so again. I think her viewpoint is too blunt, myopic and perpetuates the stagnated racial tensions which have burdened SE Metro-Detroit for far too long

vickishields wrote:

"I'm Vicki Shields and I developed the curriculum for Ann Arbor Pioneer's African American Cultural Humanities (AC) and I have been having some awesome dialogue with Chobanian as she prepared to go after putting this course in place. Both sides have made some very valid points, but my fear is that you are not hearing what is behind Ms. Davis' opinion. The irony is you are doing exactly what she fears will be done if the class

is taught by someone White. Whether or not someone White can teach it is a valid concern. Just because someone is "nice", "hard-working" or even proposed and developed the course doesn't mean that they can automatically teach the African American experience and that's a fact. Does a White teacher have the ability, yes, with proper training. I must say that I was pleased with what I saw so far, but there are some things that are part of cultures and ethnicities that are not in books and need to shared from that group's perspective."

awareness2010 wrote: "There is much history and foundation that is acquired by family history/experience that is not found at a library, textbook, etc. For ex. An African American History class should never start at 1815's. Our history does not start at slavery. This will only further stir up already escalating racial problems within the Park. At this point in time, we need someone that can teach with the sensitivity and strong voice to assist with many questions/confusion that is happening with our kids being African American living in a white community. I am sure that any teacher can instruct/ repeat from a textbook, research etc., But we all know the best teacher is one that is experienced in that subject. This class is a major step to helping us with the escalating racial tensions within the park. Having a white American teach a class on slavery, etc. is not the right answer especially to high school

# Compelling reasons to file annual tax returns

recent press release caught my eye. In big, bold letters it said the IRS has \$40 million for Michiganians who have not filed their 2006 tax return.

My first inclination was that some company was provid-



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

ing a service, legitimately or illegitimately, to help people

recover money Throughout my years in the financial world, I've seen many companies claim they can help

people recover money from

the government. Although there are legitimate companies that do this, many are trying to scam consumers out of their hard-earned money. However, after reading the entire release I realized it was not issued by a company but the Internal Revenue Service notifying Michigan taxpayers of unclaimed refunds.

According to the IRS, they have more than \$40 million owed to over 42,000 Michigan residents who did not file a 2006 U.S. tax return.

There are many reasons why people do not file tax returns including that they may not have had sufficient income to require it. Many people believe if you don't have to file you shouldn't. However, many of those individuals could have had taxes withheld from their wages that they legitimately could receive back from the IRS if they had filed a 2006 tax return. In other words, even though they are not required to file, all they have to do is file their 2006 return to receive money back.

I always encourage people to file their returns even if they end up owing money — if for nothing more than it is the

In addition, when people don't file it weighs heavily on them. A huge burden is lifted once they file their returns.

Anyone who has not filed past tax returns - now is the time to do it. In order to be eligible for a refund the return must have been filed within three years of the due date. Therefore, if you did not file the 2006 tax return and you are eligible for a refund, the latest you can file and still receive a refund is April 15, 2010.

When completing the 2006 tax return don't forget the earned income credit for low and moderate income taxpayers. In addition, in 2006 taxpayers were entitled to claim a one-time telephone excise tax

For those who need forms and instructions download them from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or call the IRS at (800) taxform.

Unfortunately, 2006 is not the only year in which Michigan taxpayers are owed millions from the IRS. I have no doubt that there are similar numbers for 2007 and 2008.

There is no reason to let the IRS keep your money. It definitely pays to file those returns. Even if you don't get a refund and owe the IRS, I still recommend filing the return. If nothing else, the feeling of relief by being current with the IRS is worth its weight in gold. And don't forget that failing to file a tax return may disqualify you from certain government assistance pro-

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# Entrants on the money in Oscar contest

Congratulation to our Oscar contest winners!

This year's Oscar show pro-

duced a few surprises, but not enough to keep our readers from picking the winners. Eighteen entrants in

the Observer & Eccentric/ Hometown Newspapers Oscar Contest identified winners in seven categories and two tiebreakers.

The top three winners were

selected in a random drawing from all correct entries.

Top winner is Kelly Kolchuck of South Lyon, who receives a 12-month movie pass for two to Emagine Theatres. Second- and thirdplace winners are Matt Hoey of Farmington Hills and Catherine Carlton of Redford Township. Hoey receives four movie passes and a \$25 Emagine gift card, while

Carlton wins two movie passes and \$15 Emagine gift card.

The others who correctly answered all categories will receive an Emagine Theatre pass for two. They are Amanda Zopf, Mike Zopf and Lisa Hengtgen of Canton Township; Michelle Loiselle of Garden City, Denise Burke and Joe Stuve of Livonia, Bian Sachs and Belinda Abbott of Farmington Hills, Irene

Stanton of Highland, Kathryn Blackburn of Milford, Jav Hillard of Northville, Dorothy Deitch (last year's winner) of Southfield, David Kinney of Trenton, Roy Geiger of Galesburg and Paul Jarnagin of Colorado.

All 18 correctly identified:

- . Best Picture Winner: Hurt Locker Actor in a Leading Role - Winner:
- · Actress in a Leading Role
- Winner: Sandra Bullock . Animated Feature Film - Winner:
- Actor in a Supporting Role
- Winner: Christoph Waltz Actress in a Supporting Role
- Winner: Mo'Nique
- Director Winner: Kathryn Bigelow Tie Breaker Categories:
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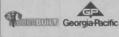
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# Salem can't stop Lever

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's too bad Monday's Canton-Salem Class A boys basketball district quarterfinal was a late afternoon tilt.

Canton junior guard Dietrich Lever deserved prime time for his spectacular all-around performance, the main reason why the Chiefs (15-6) ousted campus rival Salem 54-42 at Novi

High School. With an exhilarating mix of finger rolls and coast-to-coast layups, Lever scored 28 points - including 10 of his team's 12 in the second quarter. Lever also collected six assists and drove the Rocks crazy with seven steals.

Even with the game well in hand, Lever didn't stop.

He nearly jumped into Salem's bench to steal the ball and then had the presence of mind to - while suspended in mid air - blindly loft the ball over his head to a teammate to keep the play alive.

"I was just playing, I wanted to win, we haven't gotten past first round in a while at Canton," Lever said. "I just

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played my hardest to win the game and everything was going in so I just

"My adrenaline wouldn't let me

#### **MULTI-DIMENSIONAL**

Both coaches were definitely impressed by what they saw out of

"(He's) very instinctive, he's played a lot of basketball, he knows the game and he's got a feel for it," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy. "So a play like that (along the sidelines) is just, ... that's something he does already.

Reddy said Lever's speed, tenac-ity and pressure on the ball not only forced a number of turnovers and steals "he created shots by getting steals and transition points, whether he was scoring or someone else was scoring.

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Canton's Dietrich Lever (No. 3) goes to the Salem rack Monday night in Class A district boys basketball action at Novi. Trying in vain to stop him is Plymouth's Devonta Riley.

**GYMNASTICS** 

# **Finals next** for Canton

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Coach John Cunningham always knew this year's Canton girls gymnastics team was a special group.

But following his team's regional championship on Saturday, he knows it's "a special year" for the squad.

"This is only the second time in Canton gymnastics where we have gotten both conference and regional championships the same year," said Cunningham, following the Chiefs' win at the Canton-hosted regional with 144.775 points. The last occasion was in 1996.

Finishing second behind Canton was nemesis Northville (140.875) and Livonia Blue (140.0).

Next up for Cunningham and the Chiefs is Friday's team state finals in Rockford (near Grand Rapids). Six team members then will compete in Saturday's individual finals.

"On Friday you give all you can for the team and Saturday it's all about you," Cunningham said. "That's going to be cool, too. But we're preparing for both."

Cunningham noted that Canton will need to "pick off" one of three top teams Friday to make the preseason goal of at least a third-place finish.

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# Chiefs grapplers place at individual state finals

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Although Friday's Division 1 individual state wrestling finals did not produce a champion for Canton, head coach Cory Mancuso was proud of what his contingent did accomplish at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Four of his six participants were state placers, and at the top of the list were seniors Brent Winekoff - who finished second (silver medal) at 152 - and Donnie Watkins, again taking third at 140.

"Brent's goal was to win this tournament, but sometimes things don't always go your way," Mancuso said.

"The great thing for Brent is that he is going on to wrestle at college where he will set new goals for himself and have the opportunity to reach them.

Winekoff lost for the first time after 60 consecutive wins in the 152 final against East Kentwood's Deshawn Nelson. Even then, it was a very close 7-6 decision.

Watkins (55-4 for the season) won his first two bouts before dropping a 10-2 major decision to Clarkston's

"He was disappointed that he was not able to finish his career as a state champion, but being a four-time state placer is a great accomplishment," Mancuso said. "I was very proud of

him to come back and finish third after losing in the semifinals to the eventual champion (Dietz).'

Also wrestling his way to the medals podium was junior Anthony Abro, who took fourth place at 189 to finish the season 62-4.

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# This swimmer's all husiness

BY TIM SMITH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you see Ryan Boes at Friday's Division 1 boys swimming state meet, there won't be a giant "S" on his red swim cap.

But the 17-year-old Canton senior will have an almost super-human kind of day, competing at the Holland Aquatic Center with his Chiefs teammates and then rushing back to metropolitan Detroit later that day for a DECA business and marketing state competition.

"I'm pretty much going to have to hop out of the pool, get a shirt and tie on, get my suit on and get ready to drive the three hours to Dearborn," Boes said,

Boes, a co-captain with the swim team, will compete about 12:30 p.m. Friday in his event (200-yard medley relay) and with help from the Boes Chauffeur Service (actually parents Amy and Tim) - he'll make it back by 4 p.m. for the DECA

There, he will do a role play in front of judges, showing how well he can apply concepts learned this year in Canton's DECA chapter (where he is vice president) to real world business and marketing situations.

"The real kicker will be if we make the finals in swimming," Boes said. "Then I'll actually need to go to Dearborn and do my DECA event and then go back to Holland (by noon Saturday).

According to Ryan, he and his parents started trying to determine how to fit everything in as soon as the swim team qualified for the state meet.

We really sat down after I made them both and found out they were on the same weekend and kind of figured it out," he said, noting that swimming at the start of the meet helped immensely in being able to map ABLE TO DO BOTH

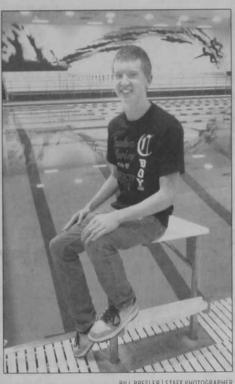
An event later on might have required Boes to "pick and choose" between swimming and DECA. "I think God was looking out for me.

But Amy Boes had no qualms that if anybody could figure it out it would be her second of three sons, because Ryan "can manage his time better than anyone I know. He plots everything down, he just can do it all."

Older brother Chad (a junior at Central Michigan) and younger brother Michael (a sophomore at Canton) are the same way, she said. There is one difference between the boys; Ryan is the only one to not play football at

"He wanted to go a different way, he found his niche in swimming," said Amy Boes, adding that it is a rare combination. "In his sophomore year he got into this DECA, and it's all for sales

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Canton senior Ryan Boes doesn't seem to mind carrying a heavy load, which includes varsity swimming, DECA, National Honor Society and a part**GIRLS HOCKEY** 

# Penguins: D2 champs

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Port Huron is a powerhouse girls hockey team, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins pulled the plug Saturday night at St. Clair Shores

Freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo's outstanding effort helped get the Penguins through regulation of the Division 2 Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League playoff final. And then, senior defenseman Jordyn Moore's goal at 6:33 of overtime finished a 1-0 shocker over the D2 regular season champion Lady Icehawks.

The victory advanced PCS (13-9) up the rung into the Division 1 play-

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Battling it out for a rebound during Monday's district game are Salem's Jake Peterson (No. 32) and Canton's Paul Baumgart (No. 5). Peterson scored 18 points in his prep finale.

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Canton senior forwards Brandon Duffey and Kevin Weisz had good efforts, with eight points each.

Salem head coach Bob Brodie congratulated Lever in the hallway by the two teams dressing rooms following the contest, and couldn't help but praise an opponent.

"When you're determined like that you can handle the ball and shoot it like that, take care of it and dish it to teammates, it's tough to stop," Brodie said. "He's not one-dimensional, he's got a complete game. Defensively he causes you fits, too.'

#### **EARLY DEFICIT**

Brodie lamented falling behind 15-2 in the first 5:30 of the game, as his squad repeatedly missed makeable shots.

It was 17-8 after the quarter (with Salem hitting just two of 17 shots from the floor) and 29-21 at halftime. In fact, the Rocks managed to stay within 7-12 points the rest of the

But the damage was done. "I just told the kids, against good teams like that, we gave away a lot of easy baskets early, transition baskets," Brodie said. "And at the other end we were getting good shots, they

just wouldn't fall. "All of a sudden you dig yourself into a 10- or 12 point deficit and it's hard to dig out

of that hole. Lever's great performance aside, Reddy said it wasn't the best defensive game his team has played this season.

"I still don't think we rebounded it well enough," said Reddy, whose top player on the boards was Paul Baumgart, with five. "Salem was still getting second and third shots. But we did a pretty good job of making them shoot contested shots most of the time.'

#### JOB WELL DONE

Meanwhile, Brodie also had some good words for senior center Jake Peterson, who scored 18 points and pulled down seven rebounds in his final game for Salem (10-11).

"Jake, we've ridden his shoulders all season long," Brodie said. "He's a tough player for us offensively and he's very unassuming. He doesn't say much, he just goes ahead and does his job.

With Peterson leaving, the Rocks will be a relatively young returning group in 2010-11.

"We've got a lot of potential coming up," Brodie said. "But as I told the players in there you're just potential right now, you've got to improve, you can't stay the way you are.

"If you stay the way you are it's going to be the same

Other Salem players of note Monday included junior guard Devonta Riley, junior forward Zinoviy Pelekh (six points each), junior power forward Ethan Walsh (four points, five boards, four assists) and sophomore forward Tyler Stewart (six points, three assists).

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# Hard-working Canton Cheer enjoy success

Canton Cheer enjoyed a strong third-place finish at the recent Division I state competitive cheerleading districts, highlighting a promising second year for the

Canton also placed 10th at the subsequent regionals at Sterling Heights Stevenson against a tough 24-team field, just missing the cut for the state finals. and as a result did not move on to the state finals.

"The judges look for teams that perform their rounds cleanly, with strong skills," explained coach Allison Lewis. "We performed all three rounds clean-

"In round 1, we had tight, strong motions, high jumps and strong voices. In round 2, all skills (back handspring, heel stretch, back walkover and 2 jumps) were performed cleanly with great timing. In round 3, we had solid stunts and strong tumbling.

Canton tallied 753.5460 points at districts, hosted by Wayne Regional, including 222.4 for the first round, 225.6460 for the second and 305.5 for the

At the subsequent regionals, the team registered 223.2/226.6820/306.6 for a total of 756.4820.

Lewis said Canton Cheer's overall work ethic and dedication led to improved skills.

They have been motivated from the start of the season to build our program and set new standards for Canton Cheer," Lewis noted. "This attitude has lead to improvements in all areas of cheerleading. We have tighter motions, more tumbling skills and stronger stunts.



The Canton competitive cheerleading squad performs a routine during recent state regionals at Sterling Heights Stevenson. Canton finished 10th out of 24 teams. following a third-place finish at the Wayne Memorial-hosted districts. Members of the team include seniors Cassie Caballero, Rachel Countegan, Aquilah Henderson, juniors Jessica Langdon, Rachel Michalik, Jalilah Muhammed, Rachel Nowak, Marissa Woodard, sophomores Christina Bradley, Danielle Carrier, Amanda Druckenmiller, Brigette Poirier, Lecie Scott, Hannah Wojcik, freshmen Emily Farhat, Anna Holthus, Heidi Payter, coach Allison Lewis and assistant coach Dorothy Brown.



The Canton girls gymnastics team and head coach John Cunningham (back row, right) celebrate winning Saturday's regionals.

He said Grand Ledge and Troy Athens go into the finals having completed outstanding regionals of their own while Farmington nad their usual 146-ish.

"And those are the teams that are ahead of us,' Cunningham said. "I told you at the beginning that we've got a '3' on our shirt. The goal is to be third. And so we have to pick off one of those top teams.

The Chiefs will be "pretty relaxed" going to the finals because they have competed against those teams either at the Rockford or Canton invitationals earlier this

#### **READY TO GO**

They were somewhat tense at the regionals, he emphasized. "I think they're going to be much better going into states, where they know what they have to do

and they understand the competition.'

Cunningham said he is working with the girls this week both for the team and individual finals.

Six girls qualified at the regionals, including senior Robyn Piwowar and freshman Alex Fideler (Division 1 all-arounders with scores of 36.675 and 35.975, respectively); Ayana Lewis and Mallory Hudak (Division 2 all-arounders with scores of 35.675 and 34.775, respectively); Brooke Granowicz (D2 balance beam, 9.05) and Kali Pierce (D2 floor exercise,

Lewis took first in the D2 all-around and Cunningham said "she has a shot at being a state champion."

He added that Piwowar's showing puts her in the top-five in the state while Fideler managed to qualify despite having a fall on vault and beam. Hudak and Granowicz tallied their best showings on the beam all

#### **GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGIONALS**

TEAMS: 1. Canton, 144,775; 2. Northville, 140,875; 3.

#### **CANTON STATE QUALIFIERS**

(Division I) Robyn Piwowar, 36.675, 2nd; Alex Fideler, 35.975, 6th. (Division 2) Ayana Lewis, 35.675, 1st; Mallory Hudak, 34.775, 6th

BALANCE BEAM: (D2) Brooke Granowicz, 9.05, 5th. FLOOR EXERCISE: (D2) Kall Pierce, 9.05, 5th.

#### TOTAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

D1) Piwowar, 36.675, 2nd; Fideler, 35.975, 6th. (D2) Lewis, 35.675, 1st; Hudak, 34.775, 6th; Marina Milad, 33.8, 16th: Brooke Gran wicz 33.025 (perso best); Brittany Granowicz, 32.825; Nicole Lasecki, 32.325.

(DI) Piwowar, 9.35, 2nd; Fideler, 8.55, 8th. (D2) Lewis, 8.9, 1st; Hudak, 8.8, 4th; Pierce, 8.65 (10th); Milad, 8.425; Hakala, 8.4; Brooke Granowicz, 8.225; Lasecki, 8.2; Emily Lang, 8.2; Brittany Granowicz,

(OI) Fideler, 9.45 (personal best), 1st; Piwowar, 8.4 (9th). (D2) Lewis, 9.3, 1st; Milad, 8.3, 10th; Brittany Granowicz, 7.85; Brooke Granowicz, 7.65; Lasecki, 7.65; Lang, 7.6; Hudak, 7.4; Hakala, 7.05.

(DI) Piwowar, 9.35, 3rd, Fideler, 9.00, 5th. (D2) Hudak, 9.25, 1st, Brooke Granowicz, 9.05 (personal best), 5th, Lewis, 8.825 (8th), Milad, 8.725 (Ith), Brittany Granowicz, 8.45, Lasecki, 7.8; Pierce, 7.2

(01) Piwowar, 9.575, 2nd, Fideler, 8.975, 8th. (02) Hudak, 9.325, 2nd, Pierce, 9.05, 5th; Lasecki, 8.65 (personal best), 19th; Lewis, 8.65; Brittany Granowicz, 8.375, Milad, 8.35; Hakala, 8.35; Brooke

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"He wasn't having his best day of wrestling on Friday during the early rounds," said Mancuso, "but (he) kept wrestling hard and found his way onto the podium when it looked like he was beaten in the blood round."

Mancuso said Abro defeated Tomas Gomez of Southgate Anderson by one point after trailing by three points with six seconds left in the match.

Senor Keith Zech placed seventh at 160, enabling him to place for the first time. Zech (49-11) won a 5-1 decision over Oxford's A.J. Logan and also prevailed 3-1 (in OT) against Dearborn's Dino Berri.

"Our goal for Zech this year was to get him on the podium and that is what we were able to accomplish," the coach said. "Not too bad for a three-sport athlete.'

Although junior 215-pounder Ben Poirier could not tally a win at the Palace, he did finish with a strong 47-16 record and something to build on for next year.

Ben Poirier had a great season," Mancuso said. "Unfortunately he was unable to get a win at the state tournament. But it was a great accomplishment for him to be able to make it to states after not making it out of districts the previous

"He will be back next season with even more confidence."

Canton's sixth representative at the finals was senior Waleed Faraj, who went 1-2 at 125 to end the season with a 39-21 record.

"He lost two hard-fought matches," Mancuso added. "Waleed had a tremendous wrestling career at Canton being a three-time state qualifier and one-time placer (8th)."

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# Despite loss, Penguins getting noticed

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hot on the heels of the biggest game in team history, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins took Cranbrook-Kingswood down to the wire Tuesday in a Division 1 state girls hockey playoff quarterfinal.

But unlike Saturday night, when the Penguins edged Port Huron to win the D2 playoffs, the magic ran out at Detroit City Arena as the Cranes skated to a 2-1 victory.

Cranbrook-Kingswood (19-3) built an early 2-0 lead but had to hang on over the final two periods while PCS peppered goalie Colleen Jacoby — outstanding with 33 saves.

With freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo (20 saves) pulled for the extra attacker, the Penguins finally got on the board with just 44 seconds remaining.

A shot from the left point by senior defenseman Jordyn Moore was stopped by Jacoby, as was a rebound try by forward Jenny Fedon. Finally, senior defenseman Shauna Siebert swept the puck in while falling to the ice.

PCS (13-10) was unable to threaten for the equalizer after that.

"We had a little bit of a slow start and that kind of hurt us at the end of the game," said Johnson, finishing her first year as coach in excellent fashion. "If we had 17-minute periods it probably would have been another story.

We really took it to them starting the middle of the second period and just ran out of time."

Cranbrook-Kingswood opened the scoring in the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League contest with about eight minutes to go in the first. Sydney Sakwa finished a centering feed from Caley Chelio

Sakwa then batted in a rebound just 24 seconds into the second period for a 2-0 Cranes lead.

But that seemed to wake up the Penguins, who wound up firing 19 shots on Jacoby — who displayed a quick glove hand all night.

Siebert was outstanding, with a handful of top-quality shots that she just could not get past the goalie.

"All three of the seniors (Moore, Siebert, defenseman Kara Bongiovanni) played a fantastic game," Johnson added. "I think they realized this could be the last game and they went all out and they proved to everybody they deserved to be here and it wasn't a fluke."

Bongiovanni arrived at the arena on crutches after injuring her foot late in the upset win over Port Huron at St. Clair Shores Arena, but still managed to compete.

"She played very well for not being 100 percent," Johnson said.

In the third period, the Penguins continued to press Jacoby while their goaltender, McAdoo, kept the score close with a sparkling glove save against Sakwa with about three minutes to go.

The Penguins, by winning the D2 playoffs, moved up into the D1 single-elimination tournament. Both the championship and strong showing against Cranbrook-Kingswood bodes well for the future of the program.

"I've already gotten a few e-mails from girls who are interested," Johnson said. "... that big win on Saturday will go a long way for us I think in the history of the Penguins."

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It was a happy scene Saturday night for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team, following a 1-0 overtime win against Port Huron in the Division 2 playoff final. Recording the shutout was freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo (front and center).

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offs, which began Tuesday night at Detroit City Arena. (Cranbrook-Kingswood edged the Penguins 2-1, see related story.)

First-year head coach Mary Beth Johnson said her team was up to the challenge of facing Port Huron — a team that romped PCS 7-0 early in the year.

She pointed to how her team defeated Detroit Country Day on Thursday in the D2 semi-final, despite McAdoo being sick. Backup goalie Ellexus Montoya (only one previous game all season) stepped in and the Penguins prevailed

8-3.

"Nothing has been easy for us this year, but the girls have proved that they can take on adversity and pull through as a stronger team," said Johnson, whose coaching leadership turned the program around. "Having Ellexus play in net Thursday night was the best thing that could have happened to this team.

"The girls knew what had to be done to win the game against Country Day with our backup goalie in net."

Then with a nothing-tolose attitude Saturday night, and the diminutive McAdoo playing flawlessly in net, the Penguins never gave in to the Lady Icehawks (who came into the game with a 19-1 record).

McAdoo made 25 shots, including several in the closing

seconds of regulation, displaying the poise of a junior or senior.

That led to the winner.
Defenseman Shauna Siebert
sent a pass over to Moore, who
cut across the front of the goal
and roofed the puck over the
Port Huron goaltender's right
shoulder.

When Moore hit the twine with her shot, Johnson said gloves and sticks flew into the air and her players celebrated in a big pile in the middle of the ice.

Johnson pointed to an excellent penalty kill, spearheaded by Mallory Rojo, as instrumental in the victory. The Penguins were called for four penalties, while Port Huron only needed to kill off one.

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The Plymouth-Canton Unified girls figure skating team has excelled at several competitions this season. The team, including skaters from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, includes (listed alphabetically): Summar Abdelnour, Samantha Amado, Caitlin Baumer, Emily Buck, Danielle Cecil, Danielle Desilets, Alex Feschenko, Kylie Hakala, Reagan Hurley, Natalie Jordan, Pooja Kamani, Amy Kolarik, Katie Kowalski, Lauren Larsen, Shelby Locklear, Stephanie Lyle, Alexa Macari, Lindsay Magaldi, Alli Morrison, Amelia Peer, Ellita Perez, Amanda Pinko, Diane Postel, Leah Przytulski, Valeria Reyna, Breanna Schnur, Brooke Siepierski, Madison Smith, Lauren Taylor, Freya Thodesen-Kasparian and Marissa Ziegler. Co-coaches are Barb Miller and Suzie Smith with Ellen Kolarik the manager/advisor.

# Unified figure skaters making strides

Could there be some future Olympian figure skaters in the making?

A first-place finish by the B Team in spins highlighted an all-around fine showing by the Plymouth-Canton Unified girls figure skating team on Feb. 17 at Farmington Hills

Plymouth-Canton brought three subteams (A, B, C) to the competition, representing girls with different levels of exper-

Those teams did as follows: A Team (moves, 2nd; jumps, 5th; spins, 7th), B Team (moves, 4th; jumps, 8th; spins, 1st); C Team (moves, 5th; jumps, 5th; spins, 2nd).

Final standings were determined by a combined score of those three elements for all three-sub-teams.

Team A and C tied for third and second

place, respectively (both with Hartland) while Team B finished fourth.

Skaters from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools comprise the unified team, coached by Noreen Desilets.

The skaters showed steady improvement from the first competition in December.

Earlier in the season, at the second District 3 competition, Plymouth-Canton's A Team had excellent performances in moves (2nd place) and jumps (4th), helping it finish in a fourth place tie with Ann Arbor Huron.

Meanwhile, the B Team's first-place showing in spins highlighted its overall second place finish. The sub-team also took second in the moves category.

Plymouth-Canton's co-coaches are Barb Miller and Suzie Smith with important help from manager/ advisor Ellen Kolarik.

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# Whalers tune up as playoffs near

The Plymouth Whalers came into last weekend determined to get into good habits and set up positive momentum for the playoffs. Mission accomplished.

The Whalers defeated the Saginaw Spirit, 4-0, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before a sellout crowd of 3,662 Saturday night at Compuware Arena. On Friday, Plymouth shut out the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 3-0.

Plymouth improves to 38-25-0-2, good for 78 points and fourth place in the Western Conference playoff race. The Whalers have a five-point lead on fifth-place Sault Ste. Marie (34-25-1-4, 73 points) for the final playoff spot that assures home ice in the first round of the upcoming OHL playoffs.

Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett stopped 31 shots for his second straight shutout while Tyler Brown (13th), Austin Levi (3rd), Austin Mattson (3rd) and Robbie Czarnik (15th) scored for the Whalers, with Czarnik adding two assists and Tyler Seguin three assists in the victory. (Seguin scored on Friday for his 100th point of the season.)

"I've never done this before," Hackett said about consecutive shutouts. "Tonight was the same thing as last night - our D did their ich and that made my job easy."

did their job and that made my job easy."
While Hackett and the Plymouth blue liners did their job, the Whalers offense

pelted Saginaw goaltender Tadeas Galansky with 51 shots.

Galansky with 51 shots.
Galansky played well and the Whalers

finally took a 1-0 lead at 14:39 when Czarnik went wide right wing in the Saginaw zone and snapped a shot towards the net, where Brown redirected the puck over Galansky's shoulder.

"I saw Czarnik wheeling into the (offensive) zone," Brown said of his goal. "Using my speed, I went across the middle and made sure I took away the D. So I crashed the net and tried to screen the goalie."

Plymouth took a 2-0 lead at 14:41 of the second period with an excellent elemental play. Center AJ Jenks – who excelled on face offs – won a draw in the Saginaw zone from Jordan Skellett and sent the puck quickly to the right point to Levi, who wired a shot over Galansky's shoulder at 14:41.

The Whalers kept coming and scored at 17:21 of the second period to take a 3-0 lead. Seguin moved to the high slot and took a shot on Galansky, who made the save with traffic in front of him. Mattson tapped home the rebound just outside the Saginaw blue crease. Plymouth led, 3-0, after forty minutes of play.

Czarnik scored the only goal of the third period, tapping home a rebound from the left side of the Saginaw net for his third goal of the weekend at 15th of the year.



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The much-decorated Canton varsity jacket says it all about multi-talented, success-driven Ryan Boes.

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and marketing and business.

"He's just excelled in that. And he also wanted to excel in swimming. So to do them both is just phenomenal.'

She then grinned as she mentioned that Ryan has several other irons in the fire.

Those include being a National Honor Society member, managing the Canton school store (he is in advanced marketing) carrying a 3.8 grade-point average and finding time for a girlfriend. "He amazes us.

Oh, yeah, he works part time for A&A Calibration in Livonia on flex time, of course.

"I currently go to school, then go to swim practice and if I have National Honor Society meeting I go to that or DECA, and then I'll go to work," Ryan Boes said. "And after that I go home and hopefully I have enough time for homework."

Being an organized go-getter with leadership skills is

something that he said really came to fruition over the past two years.

"I really think it just evolved with the start of my junior year," Boes said. "Over the summer between my sophomore and junior year I got my first part-time job and from then on my junior year just went crazy with all the clubs I started becoming involved in.

"I was really just forced to be able to manage it because of all I do. I had to learn a sense of how to prioritize.'

And he's always been a competitive guy, at least during high school. That helps him excel now in swimming (he earned All-Observer second team last year) and perhaps in the future in the business

"It's just the drive, you've got to be motivated, you have to want to do it," Ryan summed up. "You just have to have that want, that hunger, that desire. I think that goes for anything

That's a pretty good sales pitch if there ever was one.

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# **Sharp Saberettes**

Hard work and dedication paid off as the Plymouth Varsity Saberettes recently placed second at the Mid American State Competition at Eastern Michigan University. They finished second in the large Class A division against 39 high school varsity teams, a source of pride for Saberette parents. The Plymouth Saberettes are as follows: (front row, from left) Jillian Covault, Katie Justice, Kirsten Engstrom, Nichole Finch, Jennifer Turner, Laura Krahel and Lauren Uhlian, coaches Maria Herandez and Trisha Ward; (middle row, from left) Lauren Turner, Kimberlin Butler, Emma Buckele, Lauren Fisher, Chelsea Schroeder, Katie Shelton and Anjelica Janevski; (back row, from left) Allison Santori, Christina Dreyer, Kendall Torp, Holin Pardikes, Lindsey Martin, Dominica Convertino, Hayley Wakefield, Megan Laporte, Kirstie Liakos, Kelly Connely, Tiffany Granowicz, Holly Runyan and Danielle Gomerick.

# Canton defeats Hartland, in 'Sweet 16'

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton took another postseason step Tuesday night, earning a 58-34 victory over Hartland in a Class A girls basketball regional semifinal at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The win moves the Chiefs (22-1) into the regional final, 7 p.m. Thursday, against 21-3 Ann Arbor Huron.

"They're a great team," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski. "It'll be a battle. They're athletic and quick It's the regional final, so both teams are going to play hard." The Chiefs did just that

against the Eagles (17-7), taking leads of 18-13 after one and 28-21 at halftime before really opening up a big lead thanks to a 17-4 third frame.

Scoring 15 points and grabbing five rebounds was junior forward Sara Schmitt, while twin sister Kari Schmitt chipped in with 14 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two blocks.

Other Canton helpers were CarolAnn Sexauer (10 points), Kayla Bridges (7 points, 6 boards) and the defensive

trio of Robyn Mack, Melanie Pickert (back after missing districts) and Alyssa Cottrell.

Samulski said those three were very effective against Hartland sophomore point guard Bailee Maggert, holding her to just one point along with five first-half assists.

"They have a real good point guard (Maggert) who gets things going on the pen-etration dribble," he said. "Once she gave it up we made sure she didn't get it back. We did-a better job on her (in the second half).

Hartland's top scorers were Shelby Maggert and Jill Cartland, with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Canton now advances into the so-called "Sweet 16," teams still in the hunt for a state championship.

"We keep saying 'One more win, one step closer," Samulski said. "We're down to 16 teams, the 'Sweet 16."

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#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON **COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Card Key Security System for the High School Educational Complex. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Ms. Hunter in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2741.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. EST., on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Bidders this is a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting. Any and all technical and pre-bid questions should be directed to Harry Lau in the PCCS Maintenance Department (734) 416-2970.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope to the E.J. at HS Complex Bid) 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 2:00 p.m. EST., Tuesday, March 30, 2010 where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed bids will not be accepted. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids; as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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# Plymouth Christian Academy 'D' makes grade

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Strong defense out of the gates keyed Plymouth Christian Academy to a 57-34 girls basketball win over Camden-Frontier in Tuesday's Class D regional semifinal at Wyandotte Our Lady of Mt Carmel

The Eagles (10-11) put the clamps on Camden-Frontier scoring threat Morgan Warfield, allowing her to score just eight points in the first half - when PCA built a 37-13 advantage.

Although Warfield finished with 25 for the night, most of her points came after the contest was decided.

"Jenna Abraham did a great job on her in the first quarter with Bri Harris, and so did Karen Windle," noted Eagles head coach Carol Gerulis.

At the other end of the floor, Windle, a freshman guard, helped the cause with 20 points along with five rebounds and four steals while sophomore forward Kristin Malcolm tallied 17 points and 15 boards.

When they're freshmen they realize the 'bigness' of it," said Gerulis, referring to how well Windle played.

Also contributing were Harris (5 points, 8 rebounds) and senior Michaela Wheeler (5 rebounds, 4 assists)

The Eagles will vie for the regional championship 7 p.m. Thursday against Lenawee Christian, also at Mt. Carmel.

#### District title

Plymouth Christian defeated Class D

district host Washtenaw Christian 64-21 Friday night to capture the district championship.

Scoring 14 points each for the Eagles were senior Brooke Purcell and Malcolm, who helped spark PCA to a 31-12 halftime edge.

They also played strong in other areas. Purcell tallied seven rebounds and three steals while Malcolm chipped in with eight boards and two blocks.

Also making key contributions were junior guard Harris (7 points, 6 steals, 4 assists) and senior Jessica Soblesky (5 assists, 3 steals).

"It was just a great game, everybody scopred and played very well together as a team," Gerulis said. "I'm very proud of them... they put two really good games together back-to-back."

#### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bid for Bid Package #25A: Interior Signage at Salem High

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection and pick-up (1 set per company) at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 (248) 427-8400. They can also be viewed at; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills. Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI. Bid Division description includes:

#### Bid Division 122: Interior Signage

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Bid Package Documents should be addressed in writing to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00300) and the Proposal Execution Form (Section 00400). The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted

Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m. EST, Wednesday, March 17, 2010, where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. The Board of Education for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district

This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack 16-Under AAU travel boys basketball team are scheduled from 6:30-to-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 at West Middle

School (Ann Arbor Trail near Sheldon Road). For more information, call (313) 570-7819.

#### Flag football

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Summer NFL Youth Flag Football Registrations (for grades 3-8) now through April 16 at the recreation office Monday-Friday, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural

Center, 525 Farmer St. For more information call 734-455-6620. Check out more program and registration information, including Spring Classes which are now open for registration, at www. ci.plumouth.mi.us.





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Five-year old Sydney Hamilton and her mom Nichole Hamilton meet Canton Waste Recycling's talking trash can. He's a pretty friendly



# Home expo draws vendors, crowds

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When Dean Varton's dad ran the family's heating and cooling business, his customers were mostly word-of-mouth and his marketing instincts were more "old-school.

When dad retired and turned over the family business, Dean decided to take things in a new direction. So, for the first time in more than 30 years in Canton, Varton Heating and Cooling was at the semi-annual Home Improvement Expo. And the expo helped enough the business was back last weekend.

"Dad was old-school, we're more the new generation, Dean Varton said Saturday, pointing out the business now has a Google directory and a larger Internet presence. "We're trying to see where to best spend our marketing money. Last year, the expo was successful, and hopefully this year's will be, too.

The Expo, hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division. the Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, drew ore than 120 vendors, a fact that brought Gary Trader of Canton out on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon.

"We're just looking for someone to do some cement work and a roof," Traer said. "We found one, and we're going to get an estimate.

Canton Township officials said some 5,000 people strolled through the Summit on the Park over the two-day expo, up some 20 percent from the usual attendance. Workshops sponsored by Home Depot and others were popular attractions, and the presence of three radio stations over the two-day event



Pete Dryovage, owner of Michigan Pete Landscaping, talks with Bob Genna of Canton



Bob Boutet of Canton learns about kitchen remodeling options from Darrell Smith of GraniteClad.

provided extra exposure. A solar display by Mechanical Energy Systems of Canton was also popular.

"A few people said they heard about it on the radio and decided to come over to the event," said John Weyer, Canton's building official. "The workshops were wellattended, and we got a lot of good comments about the solar display.

Greg Barnett of Barnett Roofing & Siding, Inc., a mainstay at the expo since its inception, said he expected another good bump from the company's presence.

"We get a lot of business from it," Barnett said. "It's a good opportunity to get leads and turn them into sales.'

It's not just locals who benefit from the expo. Best Cellar, a basement waterproofing and refinishing firm from Milbury, Ohio, had one of the more than 140 tables at the expo.

"We go to all of the home shows, RV shows, gun shows wherever there's a crowd," said Marrie Whited, who does marketing at various shows for the company. "This company has an A+ certification through the Better Business Bureau, and we get a lot of business at shows like these because of that reputation."

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#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

#### Chris Hall, president of Canton-based RepairClinic. com, an online appliance parts retailer, has been invited to speak on the topic of "Ethics and Entrepreneurship, Wednesday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the College of Business, Eastern Michigan University for the annual Ethos "I feel very strongly about this topic," said Hall, who believes in personal integrity and strives

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chris Hall, president of RepairClinic.com, speaks this week at Eastern Michigan University.

job placement.

The initiative goes 9 a.m. to noon both days, and features:

· Innovative Resume Writing: In this course, clients learn what a resume is, what the acceptable formats are, the importance of action words, how to narrow career objectives by efficient job source tools, how to prepare a "scannable" resume, the importance of removing "digital dirt" and how to write an effective cover letter. Students also learn the importance of first impressions, how to create job tracking tools, and how to research salary requirement information.

· Value of Self-Promotion: In this course, clients learn how to create a 30-second value statement, how to portray a healthy self image, how to be assertive, and how to enhance self esteem.

· Interview Techniques: In this course, students discover the true purpose of an interview, learn to differentiate between Behavior Based and Traditional interview questions, how to prepare, and "do's and don'ts" that could mean the difference between getting hired and being passed over.

 Networking: In this course, students learn the benefits of networking, how to prepare for networking, the perfect time to network and proper etiquette. Students are also introduced to the impact of personal online networking. Whether in cyber space, on the golf course, at the bar or at the mall, our clients will understand how to meet, greet, and grow their perspective business through interpersonal interaction.

Sensible Business Consulting Group's training site is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. Visit www.sensiblebusiness.org or contact (734) 620-9461 for more information.

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#### 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 Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema, 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 Homestyle, 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 Guide advertising 2010, a "Detroit Tiger Suite" comes with 18 tickets and 3

The Visitor Guide publication is being redesigned to serve the visiting public, Canton residents, and shoppers from neighboring communities, and it will come out twice a year.

The Spring/Summer guide will be in homes May 2010. If you are interested in being part of the Shop Canton Guide please contact Sherrie Pryor at (734) 740.0606 or e-mail spryor@newmoonvisions.net

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# Open rehearsal appeals to families

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Elizabeth and Lisa seem content to perched on the same chair as their mother Kristin Hoy while she rehearsed with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble.

At six years old, the twins aren't quite ready to sit quietly through a concert, so Family Night, held Monday, March 8, was the perfect way for Kristin and her husband Bob to introduce them to the music. Elizabeth was especially thrilled about "mom letting me come."

"I wanted to share my love of music with my children, for them to meet my friends, to see what mommy does," said Kristin Hoy of Farmington.

"At a concert they have to behave themselves but here they can roam around until 7:30 when I take them home for bedtime," said Bob Hoy.

Lisa and Elizabeth ran around excitedly until jazz band director Riccardo Selva took command of the evening's open rehearsal. Once he started to speak, the girls respected the hush that came over the room. This was the last time the ensemble would practice before performing at the Collage Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus.

"Tonight we opened regular rehearsal for show and tell," said Selva, director of jazz studies at the college. "We have grandparents and parents who want their children to experience the music. We have lawyers, teachers, manufacturing workers, all affected positively by a music teacher and they're still playing."

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

Selva started playing saxophone at age 12. He continues to teach and perform after earning his Doctor of Music degree in saxophone performance from Northwestern University in Illinois in 2003. He has years of experience in music ministry and wrote his dissertation on the Saxophone in Sacred Music. Selva taught woodwinds and coordinated the band program at Our Lady of Humility School in Illinois before moving back to Michigan. His goal is to expand the jazz studies program and attract more credit students along with those from continuing education.

On March 24, Selva plays saxophone as part of the



Collin Richter (right) of Canton rehearses alongside his trumpet teacher Bill Steele of Plymouth. In the background is Tim Kalvaitis of Livonia



Riccardo Selva directs the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble open rehearsal on Monday night in the Forum building on campus.

faculty spotlighted in the Noon Recital Series in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center.

"The jazz ensemble opens up doors. It's a great opportunity," said Selva. "In April we're going to record student arrangements at Studio A in Dearborn and have our Up Jump Spring Concert, and in July play the Michigan Jazz Festival.

#### BLUES COMPOSITION

Selva composes music as well and encourages students to do the same. Ron Toth,



Lisa (left) and her twin sister Elizabeth Hoy look on as their mother Kristin rehearses with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble. On the right is Nino Biundo.

trombone, wrote "Blues for Nate" for his grandson who was born with a heart defect. Surgeons at C.S. Motts Children's Hospital were able to correct the problem. One part of the piece mimics the

Blues is because when he was born he turned blue,' said Toth. A West Bloomfield resident, Toth's played with the jazz band 10 years. "Rick encouraged my composition. I love music, love jazz. As an amateur musician I enjoy the band because of the selections - Stan Kenton, Count Basie, Thad Jones.

Travis Strickland finds it refreshing not to play trumpet in a symphonic setting. The 19-year-old South Lyon musician is taking jazz

ensemble as a credit class. He's played trumpet since he was in fourth grade in Vermont.

"It's fun," said Strickland. "You get to play with certain

#### SIDE BY SIDE

Collin Richter, 15, was sitting in on the rehearsal at the invitation of Bill Steele, his trumpet teacher and member of the jazz ensemble. Steele sat next to the Canton High School student and whispered instructions about playing the music.

'He was excited about coming," said Richter's father, Steve. "He was in marching band at East Middle School and joined the jazz band at Canton." Tim Kalvaitis espe-



Nino Biundo talks with Elizabeth Hoy of Farmington at Family Night.

cially likes the selections he's able to play on his trumpet. The electrical engineer joined the band last September, He's played trumpet since 1976 when he was in sixth grade in

a Pinckney school. "I moved back from the East Coast after 20 years looking for someplace to play,' said Kalvaitis of Livonia. "I like the music, like to play. The concert band or classical is a different style of music. This is Big Band.

#### ON SAXOPHONE

Nino Biundo, an automove engineer, was in a downriver community band when he heard the jazz ensemble needed a saxophone. Biundo began playing the instrument when he was in fourth grade in 1988. He travels every Monday night from Taylor just to rehearse with the band.

"Jazz is more free, artistic as far as your interpretation of the music," said Biundo who has two children, ages 4 1/2 and 3. They are still too young to come to Family Night but Biundo believes it's important to expose children to the music.

"It's good to get kids involved at an early age to get hooked," Biundo said.

Before long it was 7:30 p.m. But before the Hoy girls

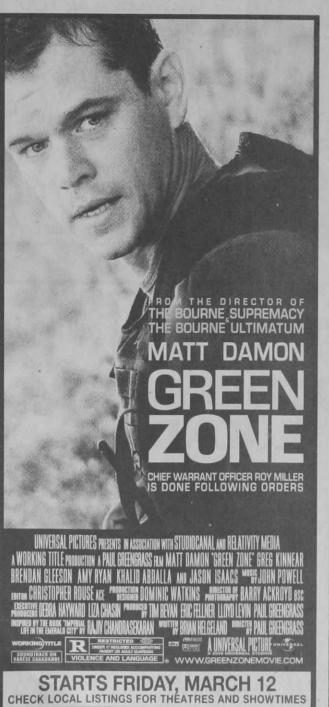
left Selva asked them if they liked mom's solo. He showed them the difference between a baritone sax and the tenor their mother was playing. They giggled when Selva asked the trombone to play a long, gliding note characteristic of the instrument.

Kristin was excited to have her daughters come,' Selva said. "She e-mailed me they were fascinated with watching and listening and seeing the band in action. They were really inspired to play an instrument. Kids don't have the opportunity to sit next to a musician play ing professionally, to experience real people playing real instruments and a lot of schools don't even have jazz programs.

The Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble performs at the Collage Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13. Selections include Manteca and Birk's Works by Dizzy Gillespie, Tickletoe by Lester Young, and Watermelon Man by Herbie Hancock.

Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 students with ID, \$3 children under age 12 and senior citizens.

For more information about the Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble, e-mail rselva@schoolcraft.edu or call Selva at (847) 721-7299.



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Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through March 21 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville Details: "Under the Influence" exhibit showcasing the influential artistic relationship between teachers and students at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. The exhibit illustrates that art is not done in a vacuum Coming up: Dollmaking class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. Registration is available now Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www. northvillearts.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill Time/Date: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday-Friday, through March 29 Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Works by Plymouth resident and self-taught artist Tony Roko on display

Contact: (734) 394-5300

#### **AUDITIONS**

University of Detroit Mercy Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 29 Location: 4001 W. McNichols. Detroit; in Studio 164 in Reno Hall Details: Non-equity auditions for the theater's 2010-2011, 40th season. Provide a recent headshot, resume and two monologues: one classical and one modern. RSVP at the theater's Facebook page; search "UDM Theatre Company" on Facebook

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Greenfield, Dearborn Details: Michigan Lesbian and Gay Comedyfest with Jessica Kirson, Gloria Bigelow, Jamie Pierce and Roxanna Ward; tickets \$30 in advance and \$30 at the door

Contact: www.comedyfest.org, (313)

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Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road,

Details: Sheila Kay, March 10-13; Jay Black, March 17-20; Myq Kaplan, March

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Time/Date: Brooklyn native Brian Soolaro, March 11-13; Bret Ernst, who appeared in the movie "Beer League," and hosted MTVs "Wrestling Society X," March 18-20

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedvcastle.com

#### CONCERTS

Time/Date: Caravan of Thieves, (gypsy jazz) March 11; Joe Henry, (mixed genre) March 12; Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players, (rock music for kids) March 13; The Band of Heathens (country and Americana) March 13; Lehto & Wright



"Chloe" by Tony Roko. The Plymouth artist is showing his works through March 29 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

(folk rock) March 14 Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.

**Detroit Institute of Arts** Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Location: 5200 Woodward Ave Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m. Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjm-

Magic Bag

mullen@yahoo.com

Time/Dates: The Mega 80's, March 12, 20; Satin Peaches, The Fake Take, March 19; The Killer Flamingos, March 26

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale Contact: (248) 544-3030, www. themagicbag.com

Music Hall Center for Performing

Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit Details: Wilson "Chembo" Corniel Jr. & his Latin Jazz Quintet play the "Jazz Cafe": tickets are \$27 (plus \$3 preservation fee) available at Music Hall Box Office or at www.ticketmaster.com Contact: (313) 887-8500



Actor Alan Alda will be on hand with violinist Arnold Steinhardt March 20 at Seligman Performing Arts Center, in Beverly Hills.

Seligman Performing Arts

Time/Date: 8 p.m., March 20 Location: 22305 West 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills

Details: Violinist Arnold Steinhardt will be joined by actor Alan Alda for an evening of conversation and performance entitled "A Celebration of the Bach Chaconne." The discussion and concert is presented by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. Tickets are \$43 - \$75; students \$25 Coming up: The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presents Steven Isserlis, on cello and Dénes Várjon, on piano, 8 p.m., March 27, in a program that consists of sonatas by composers Barber, Dohnanyi, Schumann and Chopin. Tickets

range from \$43-\$75; students pay

Contact: (248) 855-6070

Plymouth Coffee Bean Company Time/Date: Spotlight on female performers, hosted by Jeni Lee, March 13; Steve Mullan & Scott P. & Mike Bernmudaz, March 14; The Skinny Raccoons, with Justin Erion, March 20

Location: 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth

Contact: (734) 454-0178

Schoolcraft College Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, March 19 Location: Presentation Room at VisTaTech Center on the campus. located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia Details: Emmanuelle Boisvert on violin and Pauline Martin on piano perform music by Beethoven, Bloch, Grieg and Corelli; admission \$20. \$10 for students

Contact: Schoolcraft Book store at (734) 462-4409 or www.scboxoffice.com

Token Lounge Time/Date: Noon-2 a.m., Wednesday, March 17 Location: 28949 Joy Road in Westland

Details: St. Patrick's Day bash with Paradime The Gorilla Funk Mob, Hush, Street Justice, U Stylez, Abrasive Method, Mu, Phathom, Cancer, Pony Boy and Knox Money. Also on hand will be DJ AMF, DJ PDog and DJ K-Fresh to provide sounds from the turntables all night. Token Lounge will be transformed into "Pair O'Dimes" Irish Pub and will offer Irish cooking and bagpipes. Cover is \$5; 21 and older are welcome

Contact: www.thetokenlounge.

Trinity House Theater Time/Date: Michael McDermott with John D. Lamb, 8 p.m., March 12, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Jill Jack with Luke Brindley, 8 p.m. March 13, tickets \$15, \$12 for members; Brooks Williams and Beaucoup Blue, 8 p.m. March 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers: Annie and Rod Capps, 8 p.m., March 20, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Gemini, 8 p.m., March 27, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers Location: 38840 West Six Mile,

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www. trinityhouse.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 7;30 p.m., Saturday, March 13

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton

Details: "Tchaikovsky

Spectacular" featuring guest composer Kristin Kuster. The orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5" and will play side-by-side with students of the Celebration Youth Orchestra on William Walton's "Crown Imperial March." Rounding out the evening will be a command performance of Kuster's, "Iron Diamond," which was commissioned by the Symphony for its 60th anniversary in 2005. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students

Contact: For tickets, contact the Symphony office at 774 N. Sheldon, in the Plymouth Arts Center; (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

#### FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays Details: Jazz for Kids Program Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www. bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward,

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www. dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March

Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak Details: Admission is \$11 for

adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. Wild Winter Weekends offer crafts, entertainment, educational experiences March 6-7 Contact: (248) 541-5717

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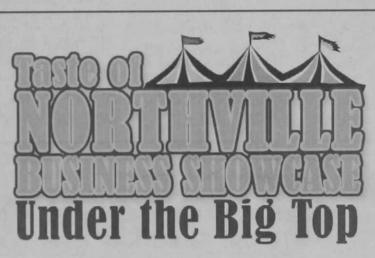
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# Christian singer creates music to glorify God

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Jake Doby's country rock band is as much about ministry as it is music.

'We're doing this for God and for glorifying his name. It's about Jesus, not about me being famous or making money," said Doby, 31, a Plymouth resident. "It's about getting the word of God out and telling our stories about how God helped our lives, about the good work done for us by having faith.

Doby, who struggled with alcohol abuse for 10 years, says God helped him kick the drinking habit a year and a half ago. He also credits divine intervention in finding the other Christian musicians who form The Jake Doby Band and in the creation of the group's first CD, Man on a Mission.

"We hammered these songs out in a hurry," said Doby, who founded the band last fall. "It was meant to be - it all came together so fast. I believe God was working the whole time."

Doby, a Canton High School graduate, wrote the song lyrics while in treatment at Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac, nearly two years ago.

"I wrote the songs and then put them on the shelf," said Doby, who has sung all his life, in choirs and at church.

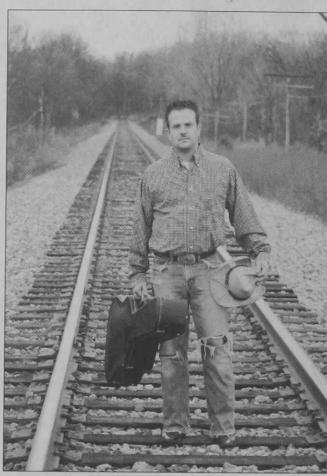
#### CHANCE MEETING

A cook by trade, he was applying for a job at a restaurant when he noticed an old friend he had met through Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) eating lunch there. The friend played guitar and wrote music. They talked about Doby's song lyrics and decided to get together. Now a member of the Jake Doby Band, the friend, Joe Walker of Northville, wrote music to Doby's lyrics.

"Looking back on it now it was God's plan that I wasn't going to find a job. I believe God was really working to push me to do this," Doby said.

Danny Boyle of Plymouth had battled addictions for 20 years before becoming sober. He joined the group as lead guitarist, followed by Courtney Barrells of Madison Heights on bass and Mike Swiecki of Wyandotte on drums.

'It came together rather quickly. We'd rehearse the songs and they sounded really



Jake Doby, from cover art on the Jake Doby Band's "Man on a Mission" CD.

Some of the songs focus on recovery from addiction; all of them are about Jesus, Doby said. "They are songs about being saved and reborn."

He'd like to use his experiences with addiction, recovery and faith to help others, particularly high school students who are thinking about drink-

#### STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL

Doby said he quit going to church as a teen-ager and began drinking before age 21, continuing to party while at Eastern Michigan University, where he was studying journalism. He spent several years after college in and out of AA and jail, for drunk driving offenses. It wasn't until he went to Grace Centers of Hope that he began to put his struggles behind him and started pouring his thoughts into song

"I wish everyone could have what I do, because I know there are a lot of people out there struggling like I was," he said. "I'd love to be an example for them. I'm supposed to use

my experience and strength and wisdom from what I've done to help others and hopefully, it will."

#### **UPCOMING GIGS**

The group will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 6, at Blessed Hope Church, 1706 Fort Street, Lincoln Park. The performance is free and open to the public.

They'll celebrate the release of their new CD with a concert on Sunday, March 14, at Living Word Church, 46500 North Territorial Road, Plymouth; (734) 207-9673. The event will start with food and fellowship at 5 p.m. A youth praise band, "Unashamed" from Flat Rock, will take the stage first, followed by the Jake Doby Band at about 7 p.m. Copies of Man on a Mission will be available for purchase. Admission is free, although free will donations will be accepted.

The CD also may be ordered via e-mail at thejakedobyband@gmail.com. It costs \$8. Visit the band's Web site at www.jakedobyband.com

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@ hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226, Attn: Sharon Dargay, Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. Feel free to send a related photo in jpg form. For a complete listing online, go to hometownlife.com.

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 17

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Beginnings of Judaism," a free weekly lecture series on DVD with Isaiah Gafni. Topics for March 17 are "Sectarianism - Pharisees and Sadducees" and "Out of the Caves - Discovery at Qumran." Topics for March 24 are "The End of Days - Messianic Eschatology" and "Other Lands, Other Jews - The Diaspora." Contact: Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931

The Corners Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday,

Location: 2075 Walnut Lake Road, west of Inkster Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Rabbi Joshua Bennett and Julie August present "Mussar and Spiritual Change." Mussar is a 10th century Jewish philosophy which advocates reaching God through correct ethical thought and action. Once only available to Jewish scholars, it has recently been translated into a modern idiom and made accessible to the public

Contact: RSVP to Michael Abramsky (248) 644-7398

Felician Sister House Chapel Time/Date: 9 p.m., Sunday, March 14 Location: On the Madonna College campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia Details: Bethany Suburban West singles group annual Lenten Mass Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Time/Date: 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14 Location: 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia Details: Benefit concert for "hearts, hands and voices," a worship and music camp for children, which will run Aug. 9-12 at the church. The concert includes performances by the children involved in the Monday night hearts, hands and voices fine arts program, the Festival Adult Choir, soprano Barb Myers and organist Michael Burkhardt Contact: (734) 427-1414

Little Lambs Christian Preschool Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 13

Location: 8500 N. Morton Taylor, just south of Joy, Canton Details: Open house with opportunity to visit the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program, which includes hands-on Bible curriculum. "Handwriting Without Tears," and other social and academic programs

for children, age 3-5. Contact: (734) 434-7792 or visit www.pbcplymouth.org/littlelamb Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian

#### Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., March 14, 21, 28 and April 11, 18, 25

Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music, A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., March 28 and April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life: April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund

Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494

St. Aidan Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, March

Location: 17500 Farmington Road,

Details: Janene Ternes, commissioned spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion LLC., will present "A Lenten Evening of Reflection - Praying with Body, Mind and Spirit: Continually Renewing Our Faith." She'll share her inspirational story and lead participants in a variety of prayer experiences using music. movement, scripture of the season, and guided meditation. Basic movements, which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation, will be taught. Contact: To register or for more

information call (734) 425-5950 St. John Church

March 13 Location: 23225 Gill Road, near downtown Farmington

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m., Saturday,

Details: "Re-Imagining the Word of God in Drama & Storytelling" workshop for middle and high school students. Led by award-winning actor Hunter Barnes (visit markhisword. org). Cost is \$5

Contact: Eric Stenson at the church office at (248) 474-0584

St. Joseph Parish Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, March

Location: 830 S. Lafayette, South

Details: A panel discussion on domestic violence will include Joyce Hyttinen, director, Office for Catholic Social Action, Domestic Violence Education and Action with the Archdiocese of Detroit: Samantha Lederman, psychotherapist specializing in ways to end the cycle of abuse and break free from repression; and Cristy S. Cardinal, director of prevention at HAVEN in Pontiac. Question and answer session after the presentations; refreshments will

Contact: Elaine M. Young at (248) 719-6855

St. Matthew's United Methodist

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, March 15 Location: 30900 Six Mile Road,

Details: The career team at this career resource workshop works one-on-one with job-hunters to help build a network of contacts, evaluate skills and potential markets. and provide honest feedback and encouragement. There is no charge for this workshop Contact: (734) 422-6038

St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March

Location: 3003 Hannan, Wayne Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance Contact: (248) 988-6715; www. detroitlutheransingers.com

St. Thomas a Becket Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., March 14-17 Location: 555 S. Lilley, at Cherry Hill,

Details: Dynamic Parish Lenten Mission with Passionist priest, the Rev. Melvin Shorter; "A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem"

S.S. Peter and Paul Orthodox

Contact: (734) 981-1333

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, March 14. Location: 750 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Details: Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit presents a Lenten Vespers service. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at the service; refreshments served after-

Contact: Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmitc02@ameritech.net. Temple Beth El

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14

Location: 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El holds its 22nd Annual Party Planning Showcase. Metro Detroit vendors representing invitations, photographers, videos, musicians, bakers, caterers, venues, and more will be on hand to help plan Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings and other parties. Free admission, free parking, raffle, samples and prizes

Contact: (248) 865-0617 press 2

Canton Christian Fellowship Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 23-25 Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton Details: Winter revival, "Exposed and Accountable: Preaching that Builds Lives!" with the Rev. Otis Moss, III

Contact: (734) 404-2480 Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering will demonstrate new holi-

day recipes for Passover. Recipes will be available to take home. The event, sponsored by Congregation Beth Ahm's Sisterhood, costs \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. RSVP by March 15 Coming up: Beth Ahm's Seniors will

host a Continental Breakfast and Musical Program featuring singer and entertainer Robin Beck at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 21; breakfast is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Burton Visotzky also will present a program, "Tidbits for Your Seder: Legends NOT in the Haggadah," 3

Please see CALENDAR, NEXT PG.



#### STANLEY JOHN DOWN

Age 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 3, 2010, surround-Wednesday, March 3, 2010, surrounded by family at Select Specialty Hospital-St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. His death resulted from complications caused by a fall inside his home. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, he was the dear father of Pamela Down (Charles Pfeffer), Jacqueline Mines, Deborah Belz-Rubis (Roger), and Candice Koda (Philip), proud and loving grandfather of Andrew Belz (Sabrina), Jennifer Koda, Kimberly Koda, and adoring great-grandfather of Juliana Belz. He is also survived by sisters, Marion Dohring and Patricia McCormick, a sister-in-law, Donna Jean Nagel and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by his friends who enjoyed his sense of humor and love of life. A devoted cat owner and an avid animal lover, he will be missed by his neighbors' pets who enjoyed his treats or a day of pet-sitting. In accor-dance with his wishes, a private observance was held. Arrangements entrust-ed to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Downtown Farmington www.thayer-rock.com

#### HERBERT C. SEEGERT

Age 74, of Plymouth, March 8, 2010. Husband of Lois. Father of Scott (Margaret) and Jeff (Beth). Brother of Esther Eichstaedt. Grandfather of Brad, Shannon, Jason, Corson, Kiernan and Isabella. Son of the late Fred and Lillian. Visitation Wednesday 2-9PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. In state Thursday 10:30AM until 11:00AM funeral service at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth MI 48170. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

#### JOHN M. THOMAS

Age 62, formerly of Farmington, passed away March 6, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington



ROBERTA VOLINSKI

Age 86 of Plymouth, formerly of Wayne, March 8, 2010. Loving mother of Geri (Harold) Galfano, Diana O'Brien, Suzette McCord and Bridget Volinski (Alexander Petniunas). Dear Proud grandma of 8, and great grandma of one. Roberta was proud of her 40 years with Ford Motor Company and U of M Hospital as a Data Entry Person. She was involved in the early ears of computer technology at Ford Motor. Private cremation services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. To share memories please visit

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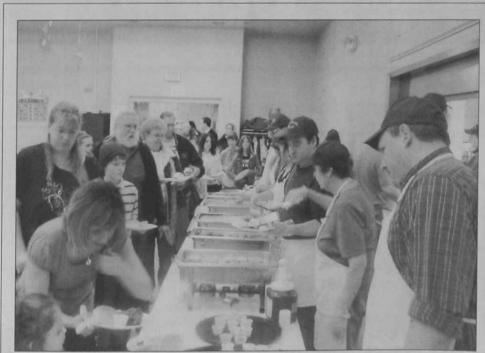
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#### **Lenten fish**

Bustling lines on both sides of the serving table were the order of the day at St. Michael the Archangel Parish's first All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry of the 2010 Lenten season. According to project chairman, Mark Steinhauer of Livonia, 50 volunteers served more than 631 meals in 2-1/2 hours, using 360 pounds of hand-dipped Atlantic cod, 180 pounds of macaroni and cheese, and more than 125 pounds of cole slaw. The dinners continue 4:30-7 p.m., every Friday, through March 26 in the school cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

# CALENDAR

p.m. Sunday, March 21. In this free program, open to the public, he'll explore how post-biblical Jewish texts - Talmudic, medieval, and modern sources from the rabbinic literary genres known as midrash and aggadah - have enriched the understanding of the Passover Seder, a central ritual of the Jewish tradition

Contact: Jody Grossman at (248) 851-7643 or e-mail to jsg12345@aol. com about the Passover recipes; call Mel Mogill at (248) 2588 about the senior breakfast and musical program

Faith Bible Church Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 20

Location: 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: Rummage sale with house-

hold Items, electronics, toys, furniture and much more. All proceeds will support the FBC Brazil Mission

Contact: Aaron Walters (248) 426-0096

Faith Lutheran Church Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., March 21 Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance Contact: (248) 988-6715; www. detroitlutheransingers.com

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., March 20 Location: 30149 Ford Road, in Garden City

Details: Monthly Breakfast Meeting of Bethany Singles

Contact: Kathy at (734) 513-9479 Livonia Church of Christ

Time/Date: 9-11:30 a.m. Location: 1531 Merriman, Livonia **Details:** Senior Caregiver Solutions Expo is designed for those caring for aging loved ones as well as those who are approaching the time when they may need care. The free expo will include a special presentation entitled "Planning from a legal perspective for yourself or an aging parent" from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Vendors will be on site to answer all your questions about home care, elder law, financial planning/estate planing, construction (home modifications) and medical equipment Contact: (734) 427-8743

#### St. Matthews United Methodist

Time/Date: Early bird admission at 8:30 a.m., regular admission 9 a.m.noon, Saturday, March 20

Location: 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Details: Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples offers more than 35 tables of infant and children's clothing at its Spring Clothing Sale, as well as large items such as furniture, strollers, car seats, and toys; bake sale and refreshments available; early admission \$2, regular hours admission, \$1

Contact: (734) 422-6038 is the church's phone number St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24

Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, the Rev. Charles White will share the story of his conversion from the Baptist faith to Catholicism. Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207

livoniastmichael.org St. Robert Bellarmine

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 21 Location: Southeast corner of Inkster and West Chicago Roads, Redford

or see the parish Web site at www.

Details: St. Robert Bellarmine Choir presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois; free admission Contact: (313) 937-1500

South Lyon Church of Christ Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., March 21 Location: 21860 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon

Details: Metropolitian Detroit Youth Chorus will perform Contact: (248) 437-3585 or southlyoncoc@hotmail.com

#### MARCH 25-31

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, March

Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Details: The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band of Lutheran High School South, St. Louis, Mo.; free will donation will be accepted

Contact: (734) 522-6830, Ext. 103 Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday,

Location: 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield

Details: Free, community-wide Jewish values play group, designed especially for preschoolers and their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Kinder Kesher meets twice a month and is open to all families in the metro Detroit Jewish community. Each 90-minute session features songs and stories, structured activities, snack and a Jewish value theme. Advance registration

required Contact: Amy Newman at (248) 851-8820 or e-mail relschool@cbahm.org

#### ONGOING

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, hash browns, 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 interde-

nominational 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 icook59@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

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Larry Hoxey Contact: (313) 274-3820 St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

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Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

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Location: 25350 West Six Mile, Redford

Contact: (313) 534-7730

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Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

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# Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with traditional Irish fare

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St. Patrick's Day lasts just 24 hours but Sam Khashan, coowner of Sean O'Callaghan's pub in downtown Plymouth, has been planning for months.

"There's a lot of prep that goes on - the band, the staffing - but it's what we do," says Khashan, who co-owns the business with his brother, Kevin. "We're a true Victorian Irish pub.

"Tomorrow we're having a mural painted on the window. The staff has St. Patrick's Day Tshirts. We're getting geared up.'

They have to be ready by 7 a.m., Wednesday, March 17 when the tavern opens, four hours earlier than usual.

"We do it every year and believe it or not people are standing outside the door, ready to go. By 11 a.m. and noon, a line starts to form outdoors.

The que starts even earlier at Claddagh Irish Pub in Livonia. "We will be open at 6 a.m. and will serve beer beginning at 7 a.m.," said George Barker, man-

Radio station 97.1 The Ticket will kick off activities by broadcasting its morning show on site. A live band, Belfast Gin, from Kalamazoo will perform

"They're just wonderful," Barker described the band, adding that other Irish music performers are slated for Friday-Saturday, March 12-13.

Marlarkey's in Westland won't open quite as early as some other establishments, but is expanding its space to accommodate all the entertainment it will offer on St. Patrick's Day.

"Blackjack, a local rock band will be on at 9:30 p.m. We're opening the building next door for that," said Megan Dettore, Marlarkey's manager. "Then on the regular side of the bar, we'll have DJ Larry D. He'll be on at 7:30 p.m."



Afternoon entertainment includes bagpipers, Irish dancers and duelling pianos.

Dettore said the tavern tried opening one year at 7 a.m., but found a 9 a.m. start works

"We usually have a line outside the door, but not until around II a.m.," she added.

Here's more about the St. Patrick's Day celebration at a sampling of area pubs:

· Sean O'Callaghan's Pub, 821 Penniman, Plymouth, (734) 459-6666: Breakfast will be available in the morning, including Scotch eggs, a variety of breakfast sandwiches and a corned beef dish. A limited menu, featuring Irish dishes, will be available in the afternoon and evening.

The Galway Celts, a band from Ireland, will perform Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, as well as on St. Patrick's Day. The first 100 customers in the door on March 17 will receive a raffle ticket for the pub's "Pot o' Gold" contest. Five prizes will be given away at 10 a.m. The first is \$500.

· The Claddagh Irish Pub, 17800 Haggerty, Livonia; (734) 542-8141: Breakfast will be served until 10 a.m.. The tavern's Irish menu will be available after 10 a.m.

• Marlarkey's, 35750 Warren Road, Westland; (734) 421-0746: The pub will serve Irish

stew, corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches and turkey sandwiches and will feature green beer, along with Irish beers

 John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub & Restaurant, 33338 Grand River Ave., Farmington: (248) 474-5941: The pub will open at 10 a.m. and feature music by Shawn Riley Band from noon-5 p.m. and "Free Beer: from 6 p.m.-midnight. Admittance is restricted to age 21 and above.

The special menu includes Cowley's Potato Soup, potato skins, Irish spring rolls, crispy chicken salad, chicken tenders, The Cowley Burger, chicken sandwich, hot corned beef sandwich, fish and chips and corned beef and cabbage, served from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. or while supplies last.

· Doyle's Irish Tavern, 860 Fralick, Plymouth; (734) 207-9656: The pub will open at 10 a.m., with a menu featuring bangers and mash, corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew. Bagpipers will perform.

· O'Malley's Bar & Grill, 15231 Farmington Road, Livonia; (734) 427-7775: Opens at 9 a.m. and will serve Irish fare, including corned beef and cabbage, shepherds pie, and Irish stew. Breakfast also will be available. Bagpipers and Irish dancers will perform.

# St. Patrick's Day Cooking: Save a Pint for the Kitchen

St. Patrick's Day celebrations are filled with dancing, green decorations, and Irish food and beer. This year, try something new and save a pint

Traditional St. Paddy's Day favorites, like Irish stout and corned beef and cabbage, can be combined to make a delicious dish even better. Because beer pairs so well with beef, it's only natural to cook with beer.

"Beer adds great flavor to the corned beef brisket, and can be used in other slowcooked or braised dishes also," says Dave Zino, executive chef for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Braising and stewing are excellent cooking methods when preparing beef such as pot roast, brisket and beef for stew. Typically, you'll want to start by browning the meat in a bit of oil to caramelize and bring out rich beef flavors. However, corned beef brisket does not require browning.

Braising is used with large cuts of beef that are cooked whole, like corned beef brisket. When braising, the meat is simmered slowly in 1/2 to 2 cups of liquid such as beer or water to ensure moist and fork-tender results, for about 3 to 31/2 hours, depending on the size of the roast.

Stewing works best with cubes of beef. When stewing, the cubed meat is simmered for about 1% hours to 2% hours in enough liquid to cover the meat and other ingredients such as vegetables, resulting in forktender meat and a delicious

Chef Dave also notes beer can serve as a substitute in many recipes. "Beer can also be used in place of wine in recipes and is especially good in beef stews and chilis," he says.

For mealtime inspiration and more beef cooking techniques, flavor pairings, storage guidelines and cooking tips, visit BeefItsWhatsforDinner.com.

CORNED BEEF WITH RED CURRANT-MUSTARD SAUCE

Total recipe time: 6 to 10 hours Makes 6 to 8 servings

1 boneless corned beef brisket with seasoning packet (2-1/2 to 3 pounds)

3 ribs celery, cut into 3-inch pieces 2 medium onions, cut into quarters 2-1/2 cups water, divided

1 bottle (12 ounces) beer I pound green cabbage, cut into thin

1 pound red-skinned potatoes, cut into

2-inch pieces 6 to 8 baby carrots, trimmed, or 4 medium carrots, cut crosswise into thirds 2 tablespoons butter, melted

Chopped fresh parsley (optional) Red Currant-Mustard Sauce

1 jar (12 ounces) red currant jelly

3 tablespoons country Dijon-style mustard



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with corned beef.

1. Place celery and onions in 4-1/1- to 5-1/1-quart slow cooker; top with corned beef brisket. Sprinkle contents of seasoning packet over brisket. Add 2 cups water and one bottle of beer. Cover; cook on high 6 to 7 hours, or on low 9 to 10 hours, or until brisket is fork-tender. No stirring is necessary during cook-

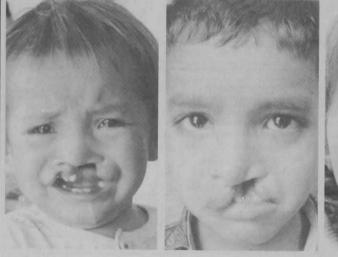
2. Meanwhile, place cabbage, potatoes and carrots in 2-1/2-quart microwave-safe dish; add remaining cup water. Cover; microwave on high 15 to 18 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring or rearranging once. Drain; remove and discard cores from cabbage wedges. Add butter; season with salt and pepper, as desired. Toss to coat; keep warm.

3. Prepare Red Currant-Mustard Sauce. Place jelly in medium microwave-safe bowl. Cover; microwave on high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes or until melted, stirring once. Whisk in mustard. Cover; microwave on high 30 seconds. Stir; keep warm.

4. Remove brisket and carve diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve with vegetables and sauce. Garnish with parsley, if desired.

Story courtesy Family Features; recipe from The Beef Checkoff

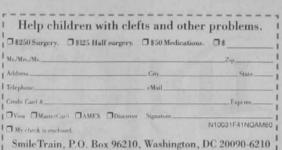
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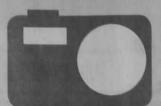
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# Simple repairs, projects boost curb appeal

OSE STAFF WRITER

Building pro Harry Jachym of Plymouth Township agrees with a recent study on resale value and remodeling.

"Curb appeal's a big thing when it comes to selling houses. Anything that'll just make it look better," said Jachym, who teaches construction technology at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. He's been retired almost two years from teaching residential construction in the Livonia Public Schools.

Despite a slow market and a slight decrease in the resale value of most remodeling projects, Realtors report that the smartest home improvement investments may also be some of the least expensive. Results from the 2009 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report show that small-scale exterior projects are the most profitable at resale, according to estimates by Realtors who completed a recent survey.

On a national level, eight out of the top 10 projects in terms of costs recouped were exterior replacement projects that cost less than \$14,000. Certain types of door and siding replacements, as well as wood deck additions all returned more than 80 percent of project costs upon resale. A steel entry door replacement - a new addition to this year's list - recouped 128.9 percent of costs, followed by upscale fiber-cement sliding replacements at 83.6 percent. Wood deck additions recouped 80.6 percent of

Jachym recommends washing siding in the spring, along with painting. "Concrete tends to sag and heave in the winter months," he said.



"Generally, winter tends to be harder on a house." That's particularly true in our part of the country with its freeze and thaw cycles. Those damage siding, shingles and gutters, he said, with ice tending to lift as it expands.

The 2009 Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report compares construction costs with resale values for 33 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 80 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 12th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed in cooperation with REALTOR Magazine, as Realtors provided their insight into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets.

On a national level, the project

with the biggest improvement from 2008 was the attic bedroom addition, recouping 83.1 percent of remodeling costs compared to 73.8 percent in 2008. The only other interior project that landed in the top 10 was a minor kitchen remodel with 78.3 percent

costs recouped. Other exterior projects in the top 10 include midrange vinyl and upscale foam-backed vinyl sliding replacements, which returned more than 79 percent of costs. In addition, several types of window replacements
— midrange wood, midrange vinyl, and upscale vinyl - all returned more than 76 percent of costs upon sale.

Similar to last year's report, the least profitable remodeling projects in terms of resale value were home office remodels and sunroom additions, returning only 48.1 percent and 50.7 percent of project costs.

Jachym noted costs typically double when a contractor's needed; some simple projects can be do-it-yourselfers for many, and homes suffer damage from neglect or lower property values if not maintained.

Jachym powerwashes their family deck on low pressure in the spring, and makes sure windows are clean. "If I didn't get around to painting in the fall, I certainly get around to it in the spring," he said.

Picking up trash is needed come early spring, and Jachym does pruning as a garden pro told him the best time for that is "when your shears are sharp." Jachym's wife is the gardener, and he also appreciates the flowers and foliage at their home

The Jachyms have been in their home almost 24 years, having bought it new. They were recently trying to sell their daughter's home built in 1937. "That takes a little more work," he said of such a sale. He added not to be discouraged from buying an older home as many have charm and often superior construction techniques.

Tim Parker, general manager of Plymouth Nursery, agreed that curb appeal counts, if the "first impression is a well-maintained landscape.

That initial good feeling lets a potential buyer know the rest of a home's been maintained, said Parker, a Pinckney resident. "Just some elbow grease to clean up the debris," he recommends for spring.

Perennials can be bought for \$5-6, he added, noting the geranium Rozanne offers summerlong color.

The National Association of Realtors Web site contributed to this report.

# Be leery of free legal advice

Q: Our management company is pressing us to hire this attorney who she says gives free advice. She said she gets along well with him. At present our attorney has done a good job for us but, at least on paper, appears to be more money. What do I tell the other board members who are asking me for direction?

A: The old adage that "you get what you pay for" certainly applies in the



case of a lawyer who "gives free advice." Obviously, a similar old adage that "he who charges least knows best what he is worth"

applies in this case. A lawyer is responsible for the advice that he or she gives and should be reasonably compensated for it and that is what his or her profession allows him or her to do. If he or she gives away free advice, chances are that while it may be a good marketing item in the long run, it is not best for a client who may not be able to have the lawyer provide it in writing and be held responsible for it. Moreover, free advice results in a lawyer shooting typically from the hip as opposed to doing the initial research and/or analysis necessary to give a reasoned opinion. I would tell your association to keep the lawyer that they have and not look for "discounted items" that may

#### Q: We are close to being foreclosed upon and I am wondering if you have any tips?

end up being a bad bargain.

A: First, do not ignore the problem and contact your lender once you realize that there is a problem. Keep communication open with your lender and do not ignore mail or calls. You should learn about your rights from an experienced real estate lawyer, as well as your options for foreclosure prevention. You may wish to contact a HUD-approved housing counselor. You obviously have to prioritize and/or re-evaluate your spending. Use your assets to help with additional income but avoid foreclosure prevention companies. Be aware of foreclosure recovery scams and ask you lender to restructure your loan and defer payments until you can get caught up. You may also wish to consider a short sale, but in any event, have a knowledgeable real estate person assist you.

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.

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4891 Cecelia Ann Ave	\$80,000
5026 Mystic Ridge Ct	\$275,000
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8004 Bywater St	\$105,000
3743 Thomas Ct	\$120,000
Farmington	
35453 Heritage Ct	\$65,000
22630 Maple Ave	\$126,000
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20917 Meadowlark St	\$183,000
Farmington H	ills
28618 Balmoral Way	\$135,000
27820 Berrywood Ln	\$45,000
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29620 Nova Woods Dr	\$154,000
25698 Pebble Ct	\$265,000
	\$169,000
34864 Pennington Dr	
29784 W 10 Mile Rd	\$196,000

21586 Woodcrest Ct	\$205,000
Franklin	
31075 Briarcliff Rd	\$415,000
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921 Absequami Tr1	\$225,000
2440 Freeman Dr	\$190,000
3064 Talon Cir	\$130,000
Lathrup Village	
27627 Eldorado Pl	\$130,000
Milford	
479 Ravineside Dr	\$269,000
Northville	
49690 Deer Run	\$55,000
Novi	
2211 Austin Dr	\$15,000
45083 Bartlett Dr	\$290,000
42661 Faulkner Dr	\$225,000
30223 Viewcrest Dr	\$227,000
30263 Viewcrest Dr	\$215,000
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60 E Oakwood Rd	\$154,000
1213 Fountain View Ln	\$153,000
170 Great Pines Dr	\$335,000
185 N Baldwin Rd	\$125,000
686 Oneta St	\$80,000
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Rochester	
1231 Welland Dr	\$335,000
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1540 Colony Dr	\$148,000	
990 Dahlia Ln	\$207,000	
794 E Bluff Ct	\$198,000	
1855 Greenbriar Dr	\$390,000	
169 Grosse Pines Dr	\$275,000	
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2853 Woodford Cir	\$235,000	
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26106 Cornell Dr	\$314,000	
23288 Shinnecock Dr	\$430,000	
Southfield		
27070 Arlington Dr	\$80,000	
27050 Berkshire Dr	\$130,000	
22455 Chatsford Circuit St	\$145,000	
24826 Pierce St	\$100,000	
29315 Southgate Or	\$40,000	
Sylvan Lake		
2694 Island Ct	\$150,000	
Troy		
1215 Chaucer Dr	\$185,000	
3081 Dominique	\$250,000	
1133 Foxboro	\$98,000	
5600 Houghten Dr	\$140,000	
61 Melanie Ln	\$375,000	
4647 Rivers Edge Dr	\$478,000	
Walled Lake		

	\$148,000	114 Dekalb St	\$133,0
	\$207,000	152 Sandy Ln	\$105,0
	\$198,000	3410 Sutton Ln	\$355.0
	\$390,000	Waterford	
	\$275,000	172 Ascot Ave	\$150.0
	\$70,000	7338 Breeze Ln	\$134,0
	\$144,000	331 Dover Rd	\$87.0
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	\$40.000	1591 Furnwall St	\$315,0
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7014 London Ct
43551 Lyme Ct
6807 N Beck Rd
47511 Parkgate Ct
481 Queens Way
40060 Rolling Green Ct
45355 Rudgate Rd
2129 5 Brookhill Ln
45900 S Stonewood Rd
45390 Seabrook Dr
43919 Somerset Sq
45677 Spinning Wheel Dr
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on Ct	\$111,000	19029 Norwich Rd	\$121,000
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k Rd	\$145,000	29832 Orangelawn St	\$115,000
gate Ct	\$310,000	31628 Saint Martins St	\$120,000
s Way	\$109,000	19646 Stamford Dr	\$166,00
ling Green Ct	\$154,000	9128 Stonehouse Ave	\$210,00
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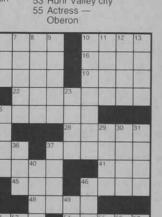
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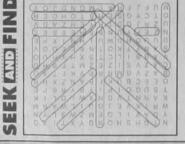
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By Dale Buss

February marked the first month since August 1998 that Ford Motor Co.'s monthly sales topped those of chief rival General Motors Co., providing an unexpected jolt in a month when the broad industry was handicapped by severe winter weather in the northeast regions of the country -- and by the spillover from Toyota's safety-recall debacle.

Total U.S. auto sales for the month were 779,743 units, an increase of about 13.5 percent from year-earlier sales of 687,182, when the American automotive market was at the very bottom of one of its biggest slumps ever. And the February pace represented a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 10.4 million units, a number at the upper middle of most SAAR projections

"The good underlying news is that the industry hasn't gone into reverse in terms of its recovery," said Jessica Caldwell, senior industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "At the beginning of the month there was weak retail performance, but when Presidents' Day [sales] came around and there were good deals out there, we saw strong sales even stronger than history would indicate.

Especially for Ford. The long-time No. 2 U.S. automaker became No. 1 again for at least a month, decades after the last time that Ford was the nation's most

prolific vehicle producer and about 12 years since a strike was crippling GM. and opened the door briefly for Ford to assume the top spot.

Ford's sales increased by 43 percent over February 2009 and by 22 percent over January of this year. Car sales were up 54 percent versus a year ago; utilities were up 39 percent; and trucks were up 36 percent. Ford brand sales rose 46 percent in February; Lincoln sales increased by 19 percent; and Mercury sales were up 24 percent.

"The strength of our new products and Ford's leadership in quality, fuel efficiency, safety, smart design and value are resonating with customers," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service.

Edmunds.com's Caldwell agreed "They've got a balanced portfolio of products; they're not putting all their eggs in one basket." She also noted that GM now is down to only four core brands, just like Ford's stable (including Volvo for now). "That equals the playing field." Strong fleet sales also boosted Ford

It also helped Ford that Toyota had pretty much left the field in February. Toyota's overall U.S. sales were down nearly 9 percent - almost 11 percent for the Toyota division, which has borne the brunt of the bad news about recalls. Over all three of its brands, because of



Fusion were one big reason that Ford surpassed GM's overall totals in February.

The Lincoln MKZ is helping Ford lead a resurgence in the luxury-car market.

the publicity and lost momentum in its dealerships, the company sacrificed about 18,000 sales in February compared with typical levels, estimated Bob Carter, the Toyota division general

But Toyota also announced what Carter called "the most far-reaching [incentive] program that Toyota has ever conducted," beginning immediately and extending through April 5. It includes zero-percent loans or hugely discounted lease prices on a range of models that covers about 80 percent of Toyota's business

"It's aggressive," Carter said, "but rather than just discounting our vehicles, it shows our long-term confidence in the value of the Toyota

For the moment, only GM said right away that it would also offer a new round of incentives: zero-percent financing on models that account for about 55 percent of its volume, but not on any of its hot new sellers such as Chevrolet Camaro and Equinox.

The succession of storms in the



and mid-Atlantic affected every automaker to some degree, of course, but GM seemed to make the point that its business might have been hurt worst. GM sold 14 percent more vehicles during February than a year earlier, largely on the strength of extremely

Northeast region for Chevrolet were customers from showrooms - or outright shut dealerships -- while Chevy's retail sales rose in every other region of the

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And, said Ford's Czubay, "Consumer confidence seems to have reached a plateau.'

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