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Small screen

Stephanie Hosko of Plymouth will be a guest on NBC's *Today* show today (Thursday). The segment featuring Stephanie, a student at All Saints Catholic School in Canton, airs at 2 p.m. on WDIV TV-4.

She is in New York as a finalist in the Jif "Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich" contest. Her sandwich — a "chick-enchita" featuring grilled chicken, sauteed red peppers, crushed pineapple, pineapple juice, lettuce and soy sauce, along with the requisite



Hosko

peanut butter, on a flour tortilla — finished in the top five in online voting that ended last month. At stake is a \$25,000 grand prize, with \$2,500 scholarships up for grabs for the four runners-up.

Stephanie will appear with Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb during an hour which is also scheduled to include an interview with former *Cheers!* star Kirstie Alley.

Faith grants

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has funds available under the Faith Stimulus Grant program to help the newly unemployed. Criteria for the funding are: proof of unemployment (letter of separation, documentation from state, bank statement showing automatic deposit of unemployment funds), and applicants must reside in the Plymouth Salvation Army's service area (Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Belleville). For more information, e-mail Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call the church at (734) 453-5464.

Arts advocates

The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage has appointed Linda Obrec as chair, ReGina Coles-Shamberger as first vice chair and Sharon Dillenbeck as second vice chair. Obrec replaces former Chair Herb Scott, who had served in this position with the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage since its inception. The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage meets 7 p.m. the second Monday of every other month at the Canton Township Administration Building. For more information, visit canton-mi.org or e-mail culturalcommission@canton-mi.org.

Remodeled IKEA ready with new look

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton-based IKEA has started rolling out its largest showroom remodeling project since the home-furnishing retail giant opened its doors four years ago on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty roads, store officials said Monday.

The massive effort comes as store manager Kelly Frieze said many people, despite a housing market slump, still want to spruce up their homes — especially if they plan to stay put rather than try to sell. "People still want to invest

in their homes," he said, as he and other store employees gave a tour of Michigan's only IKEA, a sprawling, 310,000-square-foot store that draws customers from across the state, Ohio and Canada.

The 300-employee store opened in June 2006 amid much fanfare after IKEA officials chose Canton for its Michigan location. Frieze said plans to remodel became more urgent late last year after a fire sprinkler system malfunctioned, causing flooding and forcing a temporary shutdown.

The remodeling project involves two-thirds of a second-floor showroom

where customers can see 10 new kitchen room settings equipped with the store's latest display layouts and merchandise designed to inspire home-improvement shoppers.

Store officials unveiled new kitchen room settings that workers had finished by last Friday, and kitchen manager Janet VanderLugt said updated dining room displays should be completed by late next week.

The store's Smaland children's play area is expected to reopen Saturday — an event that will include face-painting.

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kitchen manager Janet VanderLugt talks about features of the new kitchen displays at the Canton IKEA, which is undergoing its biggest remodeling since it opened in 2006.

Fosse's footwork

Park Players do stage shuffle in 'Sweet Charity'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Mackenzie Elliott thinks about playing the lead role in *Sweet Charity*, she knows it won't be too much trouble to capture Charity Hope Valentine as a person.

After all, Charity is an optimistic chatterbox who, despite being stuck in a dead-end job, still sees the good in everything. But the lead role in the Park Players spring presentation, which hits the stage this weekend, is also going to test Elliott's singing and dancing skills, something she hasn't really done much of in her previous Park Players experience.

"She's a lot like me," said Elliott, an 18-year-old Plymouth High

'SWEET CHARITY'

What: Park Players production of "Sweet Charity"

When: Thursday-Saturday, March 18-20; Friday-Saturday, March 26-27; 7 p.m.

Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium, Salem High School

Tickets: \$12

School senior from Plymouth who last appeared in *Noises Off*. "She's optimistic about life. Even when bad things happen to her, she's still ready to get going.

"She's so much like me as a person that that's not a stretch," Elliott

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mackenzie Elliott is Charity Hope Valentine in the Park Players production of *Sweet Charity*.



"Big Spender" is just one of the big numbers from the Park Players production of *Sweet Charity*.

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Nothing new as district aces MEAP tests

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some Plymouth-Canton scores went up, some were down when the state released the numbers for the annual Michigan Educational Assessment Program testing. But one trend remained consistent with the district's 2009-10 performance in comparison with previous years.

All of the district's scores are still well above state averages. Plymouth-Canton scores rose in eight areas of testing and dropped in five others, while six of the district's 24 schools reached the 100-percent plateau.

Schools hitting 100 percent included Gallimore Elementary (third-grade reading); Allen

PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS MEAP RESULTS

	Math		Reading		Science		S.Studies	
Grade	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
3rd	97.0	97.0	94.0	92.0				
4th	97.0	95.0	89.0	92.0				
5th	94.0	92.0	92.0	91.0	92.0	92.0		
6th	95.0	91.0	94.0	90.0			87.0	87.0
7th	93.0	94.0	91.0	90.0				
8th	88.0	89.0	91.0	88.0	87.0	89.0		
9th							87.0	89.0

Numbers indicate percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

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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

Good Friday breakfast

All men and boys are invited to an All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Friday, April 2, at 8 a.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon in Canton.

This community outreach event includes a powerful message by pastor Dave Woodby and son Zack. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under and can be obtained by calling the church office at (734) 459-3300.

Rose party

The Canton Lions Club hosts a "Millionaire's Party" April 15-17 at Rose's Restaurant.

All proceeds will benefit the Canton Lions Club and fund programs for sight- and hearing-impaired folks in Canton Township. The party runs 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. each night.

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

Egg hunt

Canton Leisure Services announces the annual "Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" and "The Easter Eggstravaganza," both on Saturday, March 27.

Start off the morning with a tasty pancake breakfast at the Summit on the Park Grand Ballroom, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188, from 9-11 a.m. The buffet, provided by Summit Gourmet by Continental, will run until 10 a.m. and includes pastries, a pancake bar, sausage, juice, milk and coffee.

Registration for the Pancake Breakfast ends 8 p.m. Sunday, March 21, and is required in advance of the event, as tickets will not be sold at the door. Registration fees are \$15 for ages 13 and up, \$10 for kids ages 4-9, and \$3 for children 3 and under. Children may not attend this event unless accompanied by an adult and all attendees are required to register for the breakfast.

The annual Easter

Eggstravaganza at the Heritage Park Playscape and Splash Pad, located on the east side of the Summit on the Park, will take place right after the breakfast from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., weather permitting. This festive event gives children 11 and under a chance to hunt for eggs and does not require registration. A \$5 suggested donation to the Canton Leisure Services Easter basket is greatly appreciated.

For more information on these events and everything Canton Leisure Services, visit Cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Coffee hours

• State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, will be conducting office hours on Friday, March 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Northville District Library. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St.

• State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, will hold a coffee hour 10-11 a.m. Monday, March 22, at the Canton Senior Center, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, to meet with residents and listen to their concerns and ideas.

Businesses or organizations interested in hosting an event with Slavens can call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov.

Waste day

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Redford Public Services Building, located at 12200 Beech Daly Road. This free event is open to Wayne County residents only.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected include household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, pharmaceutical waste (non-controlled substances only), solvents, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, mercury fever thermometers, smoke detectors, computer monitors, printers, scanners,



Hitting the stage

Student-run radio station 88.1FM presents 'My Dear Disco,' with special guests Good Luck Varsity and Serein at the Salem High School Auditorium Saturday April 17. Just a year out of college, the band has already put over 35,000 miles on their veggie vehicle. Canton's own Good Luck Varsity will also perform. Brothers Evan and Jordan Baker began Good Luck Varsity as a duo shortly after the break-up of their former band The Rising Tide. Opening the show is the Plymouth's Serein. The band got on the bill by winning the Salem Battle of the Bands. Tickets are \$10, \$15 at the door, and can be purchased at the station office at Salem High School. Tickets can also be purchased online at 881TheEscape.com. The show is at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m. All the profits from the show will benefit WSDP, the student radio station at Canton, Plymouth and Salem High Schools.

mice, keyboards, cell phones, fax machines, copiers, and televisions.

Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Items that will not be accepted include commercial waste, industrial waste, radioactive materials, explosives, ammu-

munition, shock sensitive materials, household trash, 55-gallon drums, refrigerators, microwaves or other appliances, tires, yard waste and concrete.

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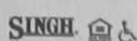
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Hamster inspires author's first children's book

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Inspired by a feisty little family hamster named Hamilton, Canton mom Suzanne MacDermid has penned her first children's storybook.

Judging by the reception she got when she read *Hamilton, My Great Life* to students in Karen Christensen's second-grade classroom at Dodson Elementary School, she just might have a hit.

It didn't hurt that MacDermid brought Hamilton in a colorful, plastic school bus, along with his house, train and other playthings. And when she lured him into her hand with a carrot, the youngsters giggled and watched in awe.

MacDermid's book even brought smiles to the faces of visitors George Dodson — a former educator for whom the school is named — and his wife Melba.

"That's a great story," George Dodson said, applauding. "I think it's going to be a best-seller."

MacDermid, a former Beaumont Hospital nurse who quit work to raise 8-year-old twins Lillian and John, wrote *Hamilton, My Great Life* after she started educating youngsters about hamsters at school, church, summer camps and her children's gymnastics class.

It's one of her many hobbies.



Author Suzanne MacDermid reads about Hamilton the hamster to Dodson Elementary second-graders.

She also has dabbled in song-writing, singing, puppetry and other pastimes that tap into her creativity.

Every time she did a hamster program, MacDermid had to go to the library and check out materials. So she finally decided to write her own storybook about Hamilton and how he interacts with her children. The story also is written to educate youngsters that hamsters were first traced to Syria, that they play at night and sleep during the day, and that their favorite food is a

mixture of seeds.

Her 24-page book, published through Xlibris Book Publishing Co. of Bloomington, Ind., is illustrated with pictures of hamsters and her children, along with drawings the twins made using colored pencils.

The story has a sad anecdote not mentioned in the book, however. MacDermid titled her story after Hamilton Star MacDermid — "he's the star of the book" — who became critically ill on the same day she recently received her author's

copy. He died two days later. "It was so bittersweet," she said. "I wanted to cry."



Hamilton pokes his head out of his train and wows the crowd.

Though the timing of his death couldn't have been worse, she has replaced him with Hamilton Snow MacDermid, named for the snow-white ring of hair around his otherwise light-brown body.

MacDermid's book sells for \$15.99 through Xlibris, but she has ordered 50 copies herself and plans to sell them at cost for \$12.

MacDermid's children like

watching their hamster roll around in a plastic ball and tease the family cats, Gracie and Mittens.

"He's fun to play with,"

Lillian said.

"He's really soft when you pet him," John said.

Perhaps most important, the story of *Hamilton, My Great Life* has a moral that closes out the book: "Find someone to love, and love them with all your heart."

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CRIME WATCH

Break-in happens as daughter sleeps

1 A Canton woman had quite a scare Friday afternoon after discovering someone had broken into her home while her 10th-grade daughter was upstairs sleeping.

The incident happened in a residential neighborhood southwest of Ford and Haggerty roads when the woman left home briefly to pick up her son from school.

The woman was only gone for 15 minutes, but when she returned she saw that someone had kicked in the front door of her home, ransacked her bedroom and taken several pieces of jewelry.

The woman, knowing that her daughter was sleeping, ran to her bedroom and learned that she was safe. The daughter hadn't heard the intruder.

Police searched the home but didn't find any suspects inside the house.

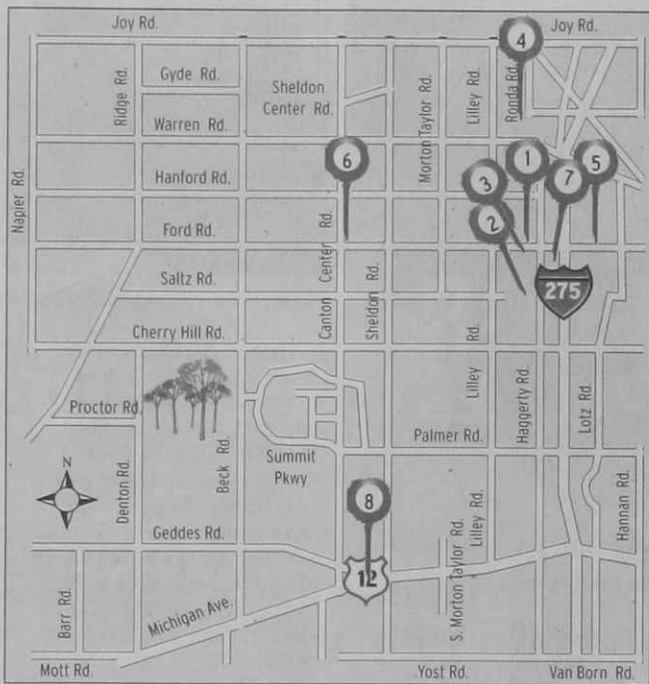
Prescription pilfered

2 A man told Canton police he was robbed of a prescription drug, Oxycodone, after he asked a friend to give him a ride to a pharmacy on Haggerty south of Ford.

The victim had been taking the drug after getting into a ski accident while visiting Mexico.

The victim said his friend and a second man he didn't know gave him a ride to the pharmacy, and after he picked up his prescription, he said the second man robbed him.

The victim told police he was sitting in the front passenger seat when the assailant reached over from the back seat and started choking him — first with his hands and then with a cane. The incident happened



while the driver was heading east on Cherry Hill, causing the driver to lose control of the car and hit a speed limit sign. The accident shattered the passenger side window.

The victim told police he was able to escape from the car near Cherry Hill and Newburgh in Westland, and Westland police responded when he called for help.

The incident was under investigation.

School vandalism

3 A Montessori school under construction on Haggerty south of Ford was vandalized between 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday, according to a Canton police report.

Police received reports that the dry wall had been damaged by what appeared to be a blunt object. The heat also had been shut off, the office was in disarray and water was found in the basement.

Initial damage estimates were between \$1,000 and

\$1,500.

Stolen wheels

4 Canton police were investigating reports of wheels being stolen off two vehicles while they were parked behind a business, MiiC America, northwest of Haggerty and Koppernick sometime during the week-end.

Police received reports the two vehicles, a 2008 Saturn Aura and 2006 Chevy Impala, were found propped up on blocks with all their wheels stolen.

Stolen car surprise

5 A woman who had recovered her stolen car from Detroit had quite a surprise when Canton police pulled her over, believing the car was still being sought as stolen out of Westland.

The woman was advised to contact Westland police and notify them that the car had been found.

Canton police noticed

the Chrysler Sebring and stopped it in the area of Ford and Lotz roads, near the Home Depot store. The car still was listed as being stolen.

Police had the woman exit the vehicle at gunpoint, but she told them that the car was hers and that it had been recovered in Detroit.

Local authorities checked out the woman's story and found it to be true.

Intrepid thief

6 A woman who works at the Meijer store on Ford Road east of Canton Center told police her 1999 Dodge Intrepid was stolen from the store parking lot between 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. March 10. The woman told police she discovered the car was missing when she left work.

Valuables stolen

7 One man's misfortune should send a message to other fitness center patrons: Make sure valuables are securely locked.

A man told police he placed his blue jeans in a locker at Lifetime Fitness on Haggerty south of Ford while he was exercising 5-6 p.m. March 10.

When he returned, he found his BlackBerry phone, driver's license and Turbo tax card had been taken. Fortunately, his car keys had not been taken.

Rear window

8 A woman told police someone broke out the rear window of her car while it was parked near Michigan Avenue west of Sheldon between 10:30 p.m. March 10 and 6 a.m. March 11. The woman told police she wasn't having troubles with anyone and didn't know who might have caused the damage.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports

Coalition deals with underage drinking

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Adam Harrison, 17, a senior at Plymouth High School, doesn't drink.

"My escape, I watch *American Idol*," Harrison told a gathering at Plymouth A.M. Rotary Tuesday morning.

He's youth coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Changing Alcohol Policies & Perceptions Coalition. As part of National Alcohol Awareness Month, several town halls are being held in Plymouth and Canton this week and next.

Harrison said drinking occurs when parents are out of town but also when they're home. "The availability for siblings and uncles is so easy," he said of those who buy alcohol for teens.

His life has been impacted by drinking. A debate tournament in which young people could stay overnight was canceled when a teen got drunk. Harrison recalled a bad New Year's Eve party at which a friend became ill from alcohol.

"I'm not a drinker, but I still am affected by it," said Harrison, who lives in Plymouth and Canton. Most local young people do drink, he said, and he's often a designated driver.

Lt. Al Cox, city of Plymouth acting police chief, acknowledged the problem of underage drinking. "The time of year tends to affect it," Cox said, adding children as young as sixth grade have been found drinking locally.

"They wound up going into the court system," Cox said.

Older youth, 18-20, are more likely involved with drinking and driving, such as a recent crash at Ann Arbor Road and Main Street. "Alcohol is a drug whether

people want to accept it or not," Cox said. "They mimic what their parents do."

City police have a lot of sting operations and there's not a lot of selling of alcohol to underage decoys. It's usually someone the young person knows who provides the alcohol, Cox said.

"I've been to middle school house parties, middle school house parties where the parents are there," he said.

"People need to know who their kids are hanging out with."

The coalition, which is currently compiling data on local substance abuse, will have a community meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Plymouth City Hall commission chambers on Main in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-4343 for information on the meeting, open to those of all ages.

"You let them know where you stand, you let them know this is a big deal," Cox said of underage drinking. Young people need to know they can call for a ride if necessary. Some families have a code word so teens can "save face" with peers and still get out of a bad situation.

Jeanne Knopf DeRoche of Plymouth Township is an organizer through her DeRoche Group. "It's a perception that this isn't going on," she said of underage drinking. Some adults think of their own younger days drinking, and that young people will be fine as long as they don't drive.

"We just don't have good data which is one of the reasons for the coalition," she said, noting the difficulty of gathering data in Plymouth-Canton schools.

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Coin drive helps families in Haiti

After watching the news about Haiti, Ryan Triolet decided he wanted to do something for the families that lost everything. So Ryan, a fourth-grader at Miller Elementary School in Canton, decided to do a spare change collection at his school. And, wanting the winning class to be rewarded, Ryan began seeking out pizzerias to sponsor a pizza party for the class that collected the most money. "He wrote up a proposal to

present to student council, and then asked me to drive him to a few local pizzerias so he could request that they sponsor the pizza party," said Ryan's dad, Bill. "He made his pitch on his own, complete with hand-shake and a written request. I was quite proud." The salesmanship worked - Hungry Howie's on Ford and Sheldon agreed to donate six pizzas for the winning class. After pitching the idea to the

student council, posters were made and milk jugs were placed for each classroom. Ryan made several announcements to the school and completed the collection in just under two weeks. Even a snow day couldn't stunt the fund-raiser's success. Ryan brought the milk jugs home on a Friday and the Triolet family (including his 7-year-old sister, also a Miller student) spent hours sorting, counting, and rolling more than 14,000 coins

including 13,000 pennies. According to his dad, Ryan "especially enjoyed finding 'treasures' in the mix of coins," including coins from France, Mexico, unknown Arabic Countries, the Netherlands, India, and even a couple Detroit People Mover tokens. The grand total was \$1045.78. Michigan Educational Credit Union supplied the rolls and cut a check for The American Red Cross for Haiti relief.



Miller Elementary fourth-grader Ryan Triolet used milk jugs to collect more than 13,000 pennies to help families devastated by the earthquake in Haiti.

Woman suffers injuries in fire

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 62-year-old woman suffered minor smoke-inhalation and burn injuries Saturday evening during a fire inside her residence at Canton Place, a senior citizen high-rise building southwest of Ford and Sheldon roads. A burning candle ignited some papers and started a fire that was contained to one first-floor apartment, Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher said. Fire department paramedics took the woman to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where she was being treated. The woman "was talking to firefighters at the scene," Rorabacher said. Canton's emergency dispatch received a 9-1-1 call shortly before 7 p.m. about the first-floor fire at Canton Place. "First-arriving firefighters reported smoke visible in the hallway," Rorabacher said in a statement. "Upon entering the apartment, firefighters found that the sprinkler system had extinguished the fire." The woman was inside the apartment when firefighters arrived. No other injuries were reported. Due to the sprinkler system dousing the flames, Canton firefighters didn't have to use any additional water, Rorabacher said. "Fire damage was confined to the apartment of origin, and some adjacent apartments received minor water damage," the fire chief said. "Only the occupant where the fire started was displaced from her apartment." Damage estimates were not immediately available.

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and Workman elementaries (third-grade math); Bird Elementary (fifth-grade math); and Dodson and Isbister elementaries (fourth-grade math). The highest jump was a four-point increase for sixth-graders on both the reading and math tests. Four of the district's five middle school (Central, Discovery, East and Pioneer) increased their reading scores, and all five schools were better in reading. The biggest decline was a three-point drop in fourth-grade reading. Mike Bender, the district's director of secondary education, said the scores show the progress being made. "It certainly reflects the job the kids and teachers have done," Bender said. "We're particularly proud of the parents, for continuing to make achievement a priority. When everyone's working together it leads to tremendous success." The Plymouth-Canton scores top the state averages in every category, some of them by a large margin. But Bender said the district is always looking for improvement as it moves toward a federally mandated 100 percent in all area requirements coming in 2014. "We're in the process of analyzing results at each grade level in each subject," Bender said. "We continue to look at ways to strengthen our students' performance."

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IKEA

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a balloon animal artist and, from 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, fire engine and safety demonstrations by the Canton Fire Department.

Changes to the bedroom department are expected by mid-May, along with an expanded Swedish food market area.

Founded in 1943 in Sweden, IKEA now has more than 300 stores in 37 countries, including 37 in the United States. Canton store officials focused on remodeling the kitchen display area first as warmer weather approaches.

"Spring is the best time for kitchen remodeling," VanderLugt she said. "It's the perfect time to buy a kitchen."

Not everyone wants to buy an entire room, however. Some shoppers, such as Detroiters Kavel Hudson and Jessica Velez, visited the store Monday just to browse for merchandise they might want.

"It's my first time here," Hudson said, while Velez was a return customer.

"I like the prices and the quality of the products," she said.

In all, Frieze said, IKEA sells some 9,000 items ranging from a 25-cent dog bowl to entire room furnishings costing thousands of dollars. Customers can get in-store help redesigning a room, such as in the store's new kitchen planning studio.

Pulling out a kitchen drawer where recyclables can be separated and stored near a sink, Frieze said IKEA also has made strides to become more "green" as an increasing number of customers seek to become more environmentally friendly.

As IKEA touts its remodeling efforts, store officials also announced a grand re-opening of sorts for Saturday, March 27. Among the highlights, according to store officials:

- Raffles, gifts and Swedish food sampling will be offered.
- From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.,



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Smaland is the area where parents can leave the kids and shop in peace. Store manager Kelly Frieze says it will reopen on Saturday.

Joe "The Appliance Doctor" Gagnon of 1600 WAAM AM radio will host a live morning radio show from the kitchen area.

• Starting at 11 a.m., the Eastern Michigan Improve Troupe of Upside Down Frown Productions will provide entertainment by "living" in the new kitchen room settings.

• In an IKEA meatball chef contest, customers who sub-

mitted their own recipes will have them judged by celebrity chefs, with a chance to win a refrigerator and have a recipe prepared as a lunch special in the store restaurant April 3-30. The top 10 entries will present their dishes to the judges on March 27.

For more information about the Canton IKEA or its promotions, log on to www.IKEA-USA.com/Canton.

PLAYERS

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added, "but the singing and the dancing ... it's tough to synchronize everything."

She gets her chance heading up the cast of some 55 actors, including a Park Players record six freshmen, that tackles a play Park Players director Kristen Quesada has long wanted to try: a Bob Fosse production. Cy Coleman did the music, Dorothy Fields wrote the lyrics and it's based on Neil Simon's book, but Quesada likes the idea of taking on Fosse, the legendary choreographer and director.

"I've always wanted to do something 'Fosse,'" said Quesada, in her eighth year directing the Park Players. "It's a really cool style of dance. It's highly stylized jazz. All the musical numbers intrigue me."

Quesada said the large cast provides "lots of opportunities" for an ensemble cast, and the play has "a lot of big dance numbers." That meant find-

ing actors who could act, sing and dance — "This cast really needed a lot of triple threats, kids who could do all three," Quesada said.

But the key to the production will be Elliott, who Quesada said is up to the challenge of making Charity — a 1960s dance hall hostess stuck in a dead-end job yet still convinced she can find Mr. Right — believable "as the heroine you really want to win."

"We had to find someone who captured that innocence," Quesada said. "Mackenzie has that."

Musical director Cathy DePentu said the music for *Sweet Charity*, while not particularly difficult, still provides a challenge for the musicians down in the pit.

"It's great music, and it's a great book, and it's characteristic sounds of the '60s," DePentu said. "The 'Fosse' in this play, though, comes through in the dancing."

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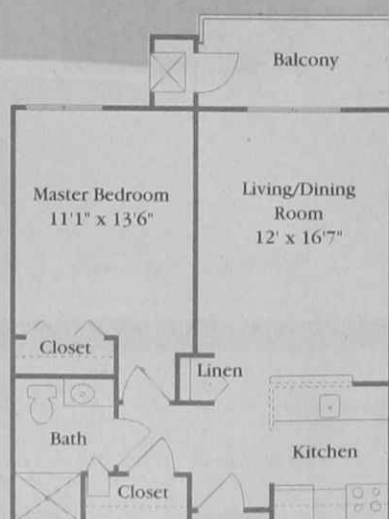
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Comic guild brings 'Sally' to stage

The Comic Opera Guild continues its series of American Musical revivals with this production of Jerome Kern's 1920 hit, "Sally."

Originally opening to rave reviews, the show ran on Broadway for 507 performances. Performances at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton are scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, April 8-10, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 11, at 2 p.m.

"Sally" tells the Cinderella story of an orphan dishwasher who gets a chance to dance in a Ziegfeld ballet. Considered one of Kern's best shows, it features several of his enduring songs, including "You Can't Keep a Good Girl Down," "The Church around the Corner" and "Whippoorwill." "Look for the Silver Lining," the show's biggest hit, became permanently associated with the original Sally, Marilyn Miller.

Marilyn Miller was featured on silver screen version of the show in 1929, which also

starred the famous comedian Joe E. Brown. Several plot changes of the play were made in the film version. The Comic Opera Guild has incorporated the best of both versions in its revival.

Reserved seating tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors and youth, except on Thursday, April 8, when all seats are \$15. Tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$15 per person. To get tickets online, visit www.CantonVillageTheater.org and click on Box Office or call (734) 394-5460.

Tickets can also be purchased in advance at Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. To view the 2009-2010 performance schedule, visit Cantonvillagetheater.org and click on Season-At-A-Glance.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information about this performance, visit Cantonvillagetheater.org.

Schoolcraft forum talks Michigan's recovery

Attitudes in Michigan need to change before the state can move forward from its economic struggles.

At least that seemed to be the consensus last week at an economic job symposium conducted at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech School in Livonia. The symposium was sponsored by the 11th Congressional District Democratic Organization.

"The mindset in Michigan has to change in order to move forward," said Dr. Soji Adelaja of the Land Policy Institute-Bio Economy. "We need to point assets in the right direction and become a more knowledge based economy."

Adelaja said 95 percent of Michigan residents believe the auto industry has to come back, a statistic he said runs contrary to studies showing a more knowledge-based economy is needed here.

"However, the auto industry could lead us into having the best public transportation system in the country," Adelaja said.

Ron Dzwonkowski, Detroit Free Press associate editor, moderated the forum and talked about how the broad middle class in Michigan grew for most of the 20th century.

"Before the year 2000,



Dr. Soji Adelaja told the audience at last week's economic symposium that the 'mindset' in Michigan has to change before the state can move forward.

Michigan was 18th in per capita income; eight years later it is 37th in the nation," he said. "What made us prosperous in the past, won't in the future."

Other Michigan statistics given by the panel included indications the most prosperous states are in the north. Though the state is 34th in the country for its universities, speakers pointed out, but only 20 percent of the population in metro Detroit have a four-year degree, compared to 55 percent in other major

metropolitan areas with successful economies. Successful cities, speakers said, need to broadly diversify their employment, similar to Chicago and Minneapolis.

"High tax industries provide good economies," said Lou Glazer, president of Ann Arbor-based Michigan's Future. "Minnesota has one of the highest taxes in the country, with the lowest unemployment and best economy, while Mississippi has the opposite. We cannot have a

Mississippi structure and want Minnesota's economy."

There was a common concern voiced by the audience regarding the slice of population in metropolitan Detroit that came from three or four generations of auto assembly workers. Many of them are between the ages of 35-55 years and not able to retire yet.

"Community colleges must increase access and affordability for all, including those who have lower skills and need more training," said Mike Hansen, president of Michigan Community College Association. "Colleges have seen a remarkable increase in enrollment in the past few years, with some programs having waiting lists, due to lack of space."

Mark Gaffney of Michigan AFL-CIO said many of that population have sustained injuries that prevent them from working in physical jobs again.

"The recession in Michigan was largely caused by federal trade and manufacturing policies, therefore many of those people need government assistance to survive," Gaffney said. "It's going to take Michigan years to recover, therefore, unemployment extensions should be done a year at a time, and not a month at a time."

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OUR VIEWS

Dispatch study a good idea

In Canton, as in communities all over the state, township officials are concerned about shrinking revenues and declining property values and, ultimately, the condition of their budget.

In Livonia, Mayor Jack Kirksey said the city's 2011 budget will require "significant operational cost cutting and broad-based employee give-backs" to create a savings that best meets the needs of residents and employees.

So it's probably a good thing the two communities, divided by geography but united by common budget problems, are planning to at least explore the potential for creating a consolidated central dispatch system to handle 9-1-1 calls for their police and fire departments.

Using federal stimulus dollars, the two communities plan to hire a consulting firm that is expected to issue a feasibility report possibly by late summer. Some 14 companies submitted bids, and officials from both Livonia and Canton interviewed the top four to come up with the one they want to hire.

Amid declining property tax revenues and cuts in state-shared revenues, Canton and Livonia are among Michigan communities seeking ways to trim costs while still providing the level of services that residents have come to expect.

Right now, Canton and Livonia are the only communities in the discussion. But there have been talks about other "regionalization" plans. For instance, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer — in his first term and again now in his second stint — is a huge proponent of the concept. He's been instrumental in talks involving the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the Northvilles, Canton, Livonia and Westland about finding a way to save money with a workable regional plan. Those talks haven't gone anywhere yet, but it doesn't mean they won't. Dwyer is pretty persuasive.

In the meantime, Canton and Livonia go it alone. The feasibility study is a good idea, especially since it's being paid for with federal money (the study will be funded by a \$74,000 federal grant and a \$500,000 stimulus grant for equipment and other resources has been approved, although it can only be spent if the two communities move to a consolidated 9-1-1 dispatch). And, as noted by both Canton and Livonia officials, there's nothing to preclude other communities from joining in.

It's great that local communities are trying to find ways out of the hole into which the dragging state economy has dropped them. But Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson and Canton Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr both sounded the most important note: Quality of the service, and the safety of the residents, must be the top priority.

Hopefuls should run to serve state

Former Govs. John Engler and James Blanchard were in Livonia recently, offering advice to current and future state leaders.

The two former political adversaries agreed that Republicans and Democrats must work together to turn Michigan's economy around.

Blanchard said candidates should run because they love Michigan, not just themselves.

"Make sure you want to serve," he told them.

These are wise words. We hope everyone running for — or considering running for — office takes them to heart.

On the local level, state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, is giving up his 20th District seat to run for the state Senate. Incumbent Democrat Rep. Dian Slavens of Canton faces a challenge, and the seat Corriveau is vacating is up for grabs.

As clearly evidenced every year, come fall, when the state's budget is set, the state can't afford politics as usual any longer. The state faces a projected budget deficit of \$1.5 billion next budget year and high unemployment for at least another two years, among other problems.

Elected officials must work together to find ways to balance the budget but still provide essential government services.

That means state lawmakers must be willing to lead by example and do their share to cut costs.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you support or oppose a proposal to lower the state sales tax from 6 percent to 5.5 percent but spread it to other services such as haircuts, dry cleaners and auto-repair labor?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I oppose it. Overall, it's going to raise taxes. It's not a tax cut."

Dale Covert
Canton



"It would be a benefit to the community at large, so I would be in support of that."

Katie Allen
Canton



"It's probably not a bad idea. If it helps state services, I think it might be a good thing."

Martin Ciupek
Westland



"I like the way it is now."
Marianne Camilleri
Canton

LETTERS

Great Gattos

I would personally like to thank Greg Gatto, his son, Anthony, and the late Mary Gatto, for the years of good food and service to the city of Canton. They own and operate the Roman Forum.

My favorites have been their veal Parmesan, chicken dinners, Greek salad and pizza. Greg's courteous interaction with the customer has been and will be long remembered.

I've seen three steak restaurants, two Chinese restaurants, the Donut Scene, Johnson's Family Restaurant, The Clock and many others come and go. When I call in for a pizza, they recognize my voice.

Thank you again for your dedication and hard work.

Karla Walkley
Canton

Good Samaritan

I wanted to relay a very positive experience I had with a driver who stopped on the southbound Ford Road exit ramp of I-275 as I crashed through a fence and hit a tree on Feb. 22, that very snowy day.

Although several people stopped and the Canton police came right away, this young man whose name is Joe, and is being deployed to Iraq for a second tour of duty, stopped and went out of his way to make sure that he waited with me until the state trooper came to take the report, and the tow truck came. He helped me find my cell phone and said that if I couldn't reach my husband he would be glad to give me a ride from the dealership, where my car was being towed.

He followed through by contacting me an hour later to see if I was all right and needed a ride home.

This soldier who will put his life on the line in a dangerous country, not knowing what his future will hold, still had the sensitivity and concern to make sure that my needs were taken care of.

So often we ignore goodness in fellow human beings and only focus on the negatives; hopefully you will print this and "Joe" and his family will know what a great person he is.

Sandy Lopez
Northville

Band needs you

There exists a wonderful opportunity for students who will be attending the Park, and even for district eighth-graders as well. This exclusive circumstance does not exist anywhere else in the nation. The 305-acre Park campus sites three separate high schools totaling over 6,200 students and nearly 300 staff.

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Approximately 40 marching band seniors will be graduating in June. Their time with the band has come to a close yet each of them will take his or her place in the annals of the phenomenal history of the program. Many will actually miss those "band camps" they participated in every summer. They will look back on their years each knowing that they were part of a great group of individuals who

came together and performed as a unit and who put their heart and soul into making the most of their time with the band.

Returning members anxiously await the new season and what the 2010 show will be. They look forward to being with friends and having sectionals to hone their musical talents. Parades in Plymouth and Canton will showcase the band's early accomplishments. The 200+ hours of practice throughout the summer will plant and nurture the seed that blossoms in fall competitions in Downriver, Ypsilanti, St. Louis, Canton, Detroit, and the National Championship in Indianapolis.

Last year, the marching band was 178 strong, approximately 2.87 percent of the student population. A band of 200 members would require 3.22 percent of the students and 4 percent would field some 248 marching members; and the sound they would produce would be stupendous!

The marching band is looking for new members. Not necessarily to "replace" those who graduated, but new student musicians (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, and even eighth-graders) looking to become part of this marching corps. The Plymouth Canton Marching Band is holding two more meetings — Thursday, April 22, and Wednesday, May 19 — for students, and their parents, who are interested in joining the band. Students will be able to speak with band members and get a firsthand account of what it's like to be part of the marching band and to play in stadiums in front of thousands of people. Parents will also be able to ask booster members questions that they may have.

Think about becoming part of the Plymouth-Canton tradition. Think about becoming part of the Plymouth Canton history. Think about becoming part of the 22-time MCBA Flight 1 State Champion. Think about becoming part of a 20-time Bands of America National Finalist and three-time national champion. Think about becoming a member in your Plymouth Canton Marching Band.

Carl Katarfiasz
Canton

Just like Troy?

I have been a resident of Canton since 1995. I have seen the township grow by leaps and bounds.

I only hope our supervisor, Phil LaJoy, and the trustees take a page out of the book regarding the tax issue Troy just voted on. If we aren't careful, the same thing could happen here.

That would be devastating.

Nancy Austin
Canton

Let sun shine

Almost 200 years ago, James Madison wrote, "A popular government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy; or, perhaps, both." His words remain a call to action today.

Given the gravity of the issues facing our nation, the need for public access to governmental decisions and policies that affect all Americans is greater than ever. Access to this information allows citizens to hold their government accountable at the local, state, and national level.

Whether it is to track how federal stimulus dollars are being spent or to attend a local

government meeting where land use or school funding decisions are being made, "sunshine laws" afford us access and create government transparency.

However, these laws are only as good as we, the people, demand that they be. During his first year in office, President Obama has made a commitment to creating a more transparent, participatory and collaborative federal government.

Now, it is our responsibility as residents of Canton and Wayne County to ensure that this same commitment is made here.

March 14-20 is Sunshine Week (held around Madison's birthday), a national initiative to promote the importance of open government and freedom of information. I encourage everyone to attend a local government meeting or visit the Web sites of Canton and Wayne County to learn more about what our government is doing.

As members of the League of Women Voters, we are continuously answering Madison's call to action: we are working to keep our community fair, vibrant and strong — starting with having an open and transparent government.

Paula Bowman, president
League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County

Protect home values

I have been a resident of Canton Township for almost 40 years. When I moved from Taylor to this community it was filled with farms and more animals than people and was a peaceful and kind community.

Over the years I've lived here, it turned into a booming community with more vacant houses on every block, ambulance and fire trucks blaring sirens on Lilley Road all times of the day and night, and now I open my mail and see how much my property has lost in value because of the economy.

I am a retired autoworker that now lives on a fixed income. The house I've spent my life savings on to keep updated paying taxes and being a good neighbor, keeps losing net worth and the people I elected to represent me keep telling me that it's not their fault I'm losing money every year on my house, yet they continue to let this township grow and build places that seem to become vacant after a year of trying to make it here.

It's time our elected officials spent more time on our needs instead of bowing down to the companies that want to keep making this community more and more like the big cities in this state that are in ruins. We need their help now to make sure we don't lose any more money on the properties we bought here.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

Flags flying

On driving down Ford Road through Canton Monday, March 8, I noticed many American flags.

However, since this was the day that the governor had advised to fly the flags at half staff in honor of the young man from Canton who had lost his life serving his country, hardly any were. Especially prominent was the large flag on Ford Road at the entrance to Kroger and Belle Tire.

Can't there be some kind of notice put out or do people just not care?

Earl Richards
Canton

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The winning essays along with a photo of the winner will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Hometown Newspapers*.

You can check credit report for free; fix errors

I was doing some research online and what caught my attention was the number of ads for credit reports.

In the past, a credit report was only important when you were thinking of obtaining credit (i.e., applying for a credit card or mortgage.) Fast forward to today and you will find that credit reports are used for much more than obtaining credit. Credit reports have been used to determine auto insurance premiums. I don't know what credit has to do with whether you are a good driver, but the reality is it does factor into the equation in determining your premium.

In addition, more employers have been using credit reports in making hiring decisions. In fact, I recently read where a man was explaining that he obtains credit reports on the women he dates because he doesn't want to marry anyone with poor credit. It's sometimes hard to figure out why someone's credit report enters into the equation, but it does. Because credit reports are used so often and for a variety of different reasons, it is important to occasionally check on the status of your report.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

There are three main credit-reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. These are all independent of each other, which means just because one company may show your credit report as clean doesn't mean the others will. Therefore, it is important to review your credit report with all three companies.

Several years ago a federal law was passed which requires the credit reporting bureaus to provide consumers with a free credit report once every 12 months. It is this law that has caused some confusion.

There are many ads on television and online offering free credit reports. The commercial I've seen the most is by FreeCreditReport.com which is owned by Experian.

Although many of these companies are legitimate, they offer a service at a cost. Typically, the free credit report is used to get you to sign up for other services.

Then there are other companies that are not legitimate. They are either trying to trick you into signing up for a service that you don't need or, worse, some are attempting to steal your identity.

The one place you can be assured is on the up-and-up is AnnualCreditReport.com. This is the only place that you can go where the three credit bureaus are required by law to provide you with a free credit report.

In using AnnualCreditReport.com you are allowed one free report every 12 months from the three credit reporting bureaus. The question is do you obtain them at once or do you spread them out getting one report every four months? I see solid reasons for both strategies. By receiving all your credit reports at once it does allow you to compare all three reports at once which you cannot do if you spread the reports out over

time. On the other hand, if you do spread the reports out over a four-month period, it may allow you to catch some erroneous information that has been placed on your credit report.

I really do not know which strategy is better than the other. I think whatever one you use is fine. The key is to just do something.

Take advantage of the law and obtain your free credit reports on a year-by-year basis. Obviously, I am very skeptical of free products. However, you can be assured that when you go to AnnualCreditReport.com you actually can obtain your credit reports for free without strings attached.

Good luck!

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

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Breslin beckons

Poised Chiefs win Class A quarterfinal, reach Final Four

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Oozing confidence and poise, the way Canton's girls basketball team gets off to fast starts is almost becoming a science.

And the Chiefs followed the "lesson plan" perfectly Tuesday night, getting out to a 6-2 first-quarter lead and rolling from there to a 53-36 victory in a Class A state quarterfinal against Midland Dow at Davison High School.

The victory moves Canton (24-1) into the state semifinal game against Detroit Renaissance (23-2) slated for 1 p.m. Friday at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. It's the school's first Final Four appearance since 1994.

Against the Chargers, it was junior forward Kayla Bridges providing the early spark. Bridges scored six quick points as the Chiefs went up 8-4 midway through the opening frame.

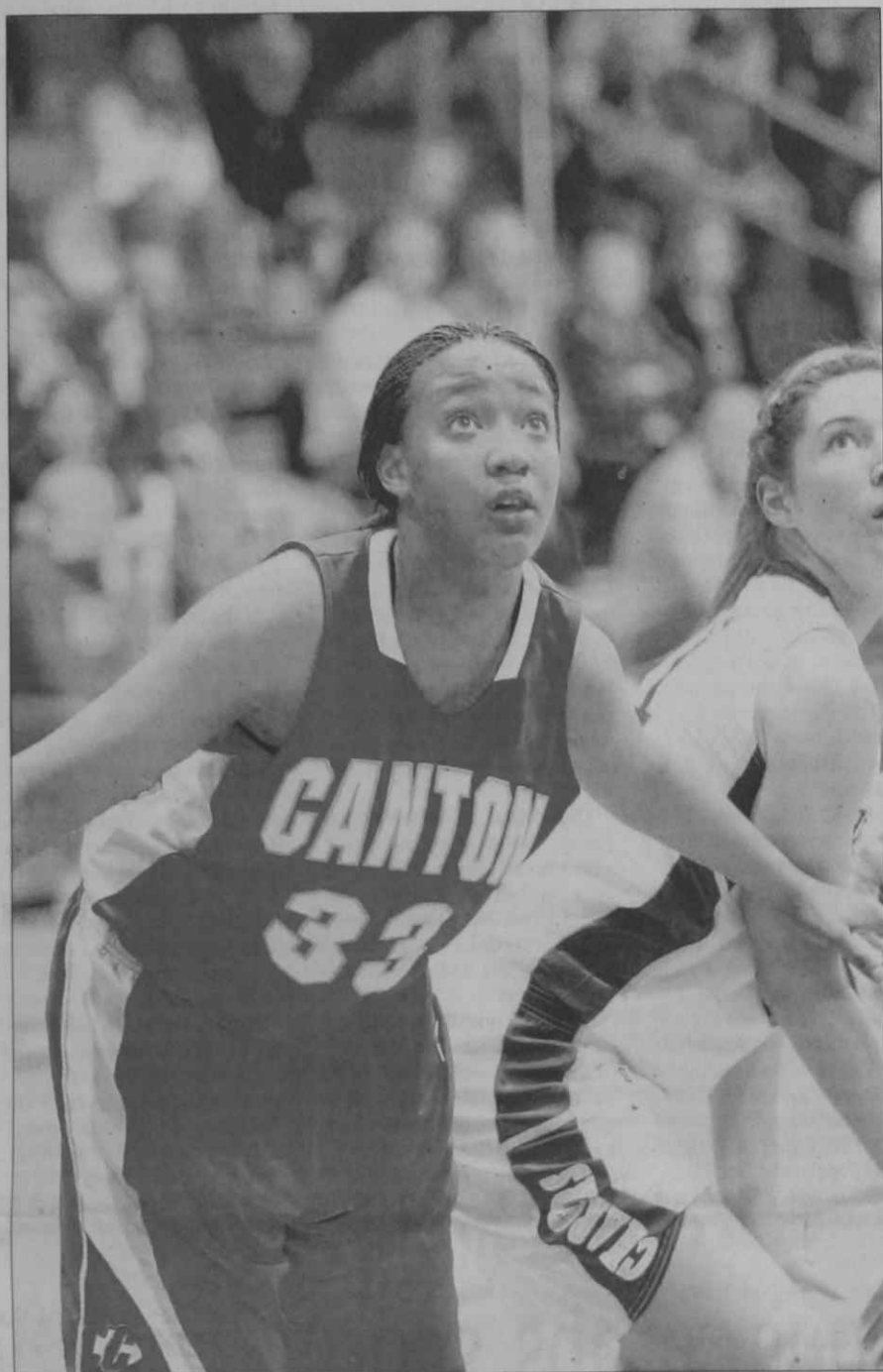
"You always have the mentality that you want to set the tone early and let the other team know you want to win as bad as they do," said Bridges, who tallied eight points and four rebounds for Canton (24-1). "So I just thought coming out as hard as I did with all my team set the tone for the game."

By the time the first frame ended, Canton's lead was up to 16-6 following strong, to-the-hole moves by junior forwards Kari and Sara Schmitt and a sweet jumper from the corner by junior forward CarolAnn Sexauer.

Despite foul trouble, with Canton getting whistled 10 times to Dow's four at one point during the first half, the Chiefs never wavered. It didn't matter that Kari Schmitt (11 points, four boards, three steals) sat the entire second quarter after receiving her second foul.

Canton still held serve during the stanza, outscoring Dow 9-8 to go up 25-14 at halftime.

The way the officials called the game did not rattle Canton, however.



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton junior forward Kayla Bridges helped get her team going Tuesday night against Midland Dow.

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PCA drops regional

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite some poor shooting, early foul trouble and a case of "turnover-itis," Plymouth Christian Academy led 10-9 after one quarter of Monday's Class D regional boys basketball semifinal at Hillsdale College.

But then came a 16-0 run by Camden-Frontier. As might be expected, that was too much

for the Eagles to bounce back from as PCA lost 64-52.

"It's always a good experience when you win the district and you go to the next round and you have a chance with 32 teams," said PCA head coach Mike Doyle. "But that second quarter's always been our bugaboo quarter. I even tried to mix it up, call a time out, change our defense and everything. It just didn't work."

PCA (13-8) led 14-11 with about six minutes left in the first half, following a layup by senior guard Don Mullett (six points).

But Redskins' senior forward Nick Balbo followed with back-to-back putbacks to put Camden-Frontier (14-9) in front and things went downhill fast.

"We got bad shots and when we take bad shots the other team gets out and runs," Doyle said. "It's tough, it really is."

Also hurting PCA's chances was getting beat in the rebounding department to the tune of 2-to-1 for the evening.

According to Camden-Frontier head coach Gary Morrison, noting that the win was the program's first in the regionals in nearly a decade, it was essential to keep the Eagles from getting into a half-court game.

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SIDELINES

Wydryck lauded

Tabatha Wydryck, a 6-foot-1 junior guard for the Madonna University women's basketball team, earned honorable mention accolades for the 2010 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II All-America women's basketball team.

Wydryck, a Wyandotte native who averaged 11.1 points and 8.2 rebounds this year, is the second Crusader in as many seasons to receive such an honor joining 2009 third-team selection Kim Olech (Plymouth).

A first-team Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pick, Wydryck ranked in the top 18 in steals per game (3.07), total steals (89) and defensive rebounds per game (6.8).

She helped MU to a 14-15 overall record and a berth in the WHAC title game.

Haldane saluted

Madonna University junior Sam Haldane was selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's Pitcher of the Week in baseball (ending March 14).

Haldane, a transfer from Lake Land Community College (Ill.), went 1-0 for the No. 21-ranked Crusaders last week, throwing a complete game against Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.).

The St. Thomas, Ontario, native struck out a career-high 10 batters while allowing just three hits in a 4-0 win to improve to 1-1 on the year.

Salem Baseball Camp

Baseball players can choose between Saturday, March 20, or Saturday, March 27, for the Salem Baseball Skills Camp.

Go to www.rocksbaseball.com for more information and a registration form or call Pat at (734) 516-5530.

Saberettes Kids Clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a Kids Pompton Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 20 at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14. Pre-registration is now open on the www.pompons.plymouthwildcats.com Web site. You may also contact Saberette parents Lisa Krahel at lisalynn1509@aol.com or Lori Schroeder at wearefamily@aol.com.

Flag football

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

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.plymouth.mi.us.

Graves signs cager

Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves announced the signing Monday of 5-foot-10 forward Kayleigh McCollum of Muskegon Catholic Central to an NAIA letter-of-intent.

McCollum averaged 13.1 points and 6.8 rebounds per game this season for the Crusaders.

The three-year letter winner has scored 642 career points and pulled 334 career rebounds as Muskegon CC captured two River Valley Conference titles, a pair of Class C districts and one regional crown.

She has also earned four letters in soccer where she was selected All-Conference, All-District, All-Region, All-Area and All-State as a junior.

Heavy 'medal' for Canton gymnasts

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about icing on the cake. An outstanding season by Canton's girls gymnastics team couldn't have gotten any better at last weekend's state and individual state finals.

But it *did*, as freshman Alex Fideler won a MHSAA state championship Saturday at Rockford High School in

the balance beam. Fideler's mark of 9.65 did the trick, giving Canton its third-ever individual champion (following Kately Gilles and Alyssa Kelley, both on vault in 1995 and 2006).

"She (Fideler) beat the girl that had the highest all-around score ever in state meet competition," said veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham, referring to Grand Ledge's Alexis Byington. "... To beat her in the event was a tremendous accomplishment."

Byington tallied 38.85 all-around points, nipping Canton's Fideler (fifth, 37.45) and junior Robyn Piwowar (ninth, 36.9).

"In order to do that at state meet, you have to be totally solid, focused," Cunningham said. "... (it was an) absolutely solid routine, it was beautiful."

Also outstanding was Piwowar, who finished third in vault (a personal best of 9.6).

"Robyn's third-place finish

'She (Fideler) beat the girl that had the highest all-around score ever in state meet competition. ... To beat her in the event was a tremendous accomplishment.'

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, Canton coach

in vault also was exceptional," Cunningham said. "In her three years she's been fifth, fourth and third on D1 vault. And again, Alexis Byington is at the head of that pack. She was untouchable."

FIVE MEDALISTS

Fideler and Piwowar were all-stars for the Chiefs in Division 1. But also making All-State in Division 2 were Canton's Mallory Hudak, Ayana Lewis and Brooke Granowicz. All brought home medals, the criteria for being named All-State.

Lewis had an outstanding day, finishing fourth in two events and fifth in two others.

The only Chief not to medal was Kali Pierce, who sustained an injury during Friday night warmups but still competed.

"This crew took 15 medals," said Cunningham, proudly. "Of the six girls I took, five of them medaled in the individual finals. And Kali Pierce probably would have medaled had she not sprained her ankle in

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B3**



WALT DMOCH

Showing intense concentration during a game this season is Plymouth Whalers goalie Matt Hackett, who is a key to how his team does against Sault Ste. Marie.

Whalers-Soo could be special

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Special teams and goaltending figure to be the keys to the first-round Ontario Hockey League playoff matchup between the Plymouth Whalers and Sault Ste. Marie.

Veteran Plymouth head coach and GM Mike Vellucci said his team will need to excel both on the power play

and penalty kill against the Greyhounds — also strong in those areas.

Speedy, hard-working forward Tyler Brown could be a key player for Plymouth's penalty killing hopes.

And between the pipes, the Whalers Matt Hackett and Robin Lehner of the Greyhounds could put on

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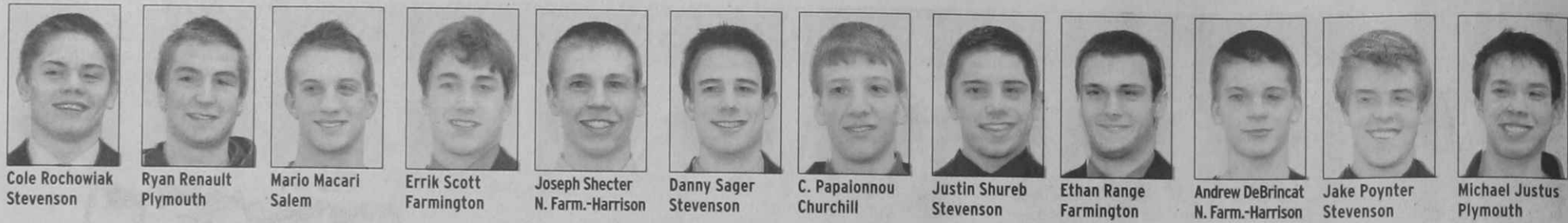
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enough of a clinic to bring a smile to the face of Plymouth goaltending guru Stan Matwijew.

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All-Observer icers a cut above the rest

FIRST-TEAM
Cole Rochowiak, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The third-year senior and captain finished with a team-best 39 points on 17 goals and 22 assists with a plus-34 for the KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference and overall KLAA champions.

"He was our leader both on and off the ice," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said of the All-KLAA pick. "He is a player who loves the game of hockey and thrives on challenges. He was our team leader in plus-minus and had four short-handed goals. He was a joy to coach."

Ryan Renault, Sr. F, Plymouth: One of the key reasons why Plymouth finished 19-6-1 overall and finished in a tie for the KLAA South title was the play of Renault, an all-conference senior forward who had a knack for being in the right place at the right time to put his laser shot to work against opposing netminders.

Wildcats coach Paul Fassbender said Renault's consistency, not to mention numerous multi-point efforts, enabled him to finish with 15 goals, 22 assists and 37 points — leading Plymouth in scoring for the second consecutive season.

Mario Macari, Sr. F, Salem: The gifted senior co-captain led the KLAA South co-champion Rocks in every offensive category, with 17 goals, 25 assists, 42 points and a plus-22 mark.

"Mario was used in every situation this season including power play and penalty kill," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenschlager about the all-conference selection. "This is the second year in a row that Mario has been one of our most consistent offensive play-

2009-10 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY FIRST TEAM
Cole Rochowiak, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Ryan Renault, Sr. F, Plymouth
Mario Macari, Sr. F, Salem
Errik Scott, Sr. Def., Farmington
Joseph Shecter, Jr. Def., N. Farm.-Harrison
Danny Sager, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson

SECOND TEAM
Christo Papaionnou, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
Justin Shureb, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Ethan Range, Sr. F, Farmington
Andrew DeBrincat, Jr. Def., N. F.-Harrison
Jake Poynter, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
Michael Justus, Jr. G, Plymouth

THIRD TEAM
Adam Rosen, Sr. F, N. Farm.-Harrison
Mike Woynick, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill
Nick Elliott, Jr. F, Farmington
A.J. Rosales, Jr. F, Canton
Justin Bauer, Jr. Def., Plymouth
Steven Manser, Sr. G, Salem

FOURTH TEAM
John Strauch, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Kraig Andrews, Sr. F, Farmington
Jake Otto, Soph. F, Liv. Churchill
Josh Jarvela, Sr. F, Salem
Riley Hoernschmeyer, Sr. F, Canton
Michael Brown, Sr. G, N. Farm.-Harrison

COACH OF THE YEAR
David Mitchell, Liv. Stevenson

HONORABLE MENTION
Churchill: Steve Klisz, Mike Kulek, Scott Hamill; Franklin: Anthony Crechiolo, Jacob Wirgau; Stevenson: Tim Pruchnik, Jacob Vert; Canton: Kyle Korte, Garrett Bryden, Matt Rodgers, Jimmy LaFontaine; Plymouth: Zach Gambrell, Pat Smialacz, Evan Swieczkowski; Salem: Mark McGee, Garrett Berg, Matt Hull; Farmington: Zach Massa, Mitch Hall, Tim Rogers, Matt Gutknecht, Tim Pattison; North Farmington-Harrison: Scott Newel, Justin Parolo, Ryan Arndt, Justin VanValkenburg.

also had seven goals, 17 assists and a plus-16 rating.

"Errik has one of the hardest and accurate shots of any player I've had as a coach," coach Mark Vellucci said. "Night in and night out, he was our best defenseman, and his leadership will be missed. He's a young man with great character."

Joseph Shecter, Jr. Def., N. Farm.-Harrison: A three-year varsity player and a team captain, Shecter was a major reason the Flyers did so well (16-7-2) and won a share of the OAA Red Division championship. He played in all situations and was a key member of the power-play and penalty-kill units. Shecter had four goals and 20 assists.

"Joe is just a great all-around player," coach Ken Anderson said. "Defense was his first job, to get that done. When we needed him to come up and close the gap in the offensive zone, he was able to do that without hurting his defensive game."

Danny Sager, Sr. G, Liv. Stevenson: The senior played in 25 of 27 games posting a record with 19-4-2 with a 1.92 goals-against average (with five shutouts).

The All-KLAA selection also had a save percentage of 92.

"Danny is a tremendously hard worker both on-and-off the ice," Mitchell said. "He grew up a great deal this season learning how to 'slow the game down.' He was confident and calm in every situation that he was put in. His play, as the backbone of our team, was no doubt a huge reason for our success and having the record we did."

SECOND-TEAM
Christo Papaionnou, Sr. F, Liv. Churchill: The three-year varsity player and team MVP finished

with 17 goals and 20 assists (37 points) with a plus-19 for the KLAA South Division co-champions.

The All-Kensington Lakes selection had only 10 minutes in penalties.

"Christo really worked hard in the off-season and it really paid off — he had a very good senior year," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He played in every situation. He made the guys he played with better players."

Justin Shureb, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson: The junior was the Spartans' top sniper with 21 goals to go along with 16 assists for 37 points.

The All-KLAA honoree ranked second on the team in plus-minus (32) and took only eight minutes in penalties all season.

"Justin is a tremendous worker who is tenacious at both ends of the ice," Mitchell said. "Justin's speed puts an enormous amount of pressure on opposing teams. He played and excelled in all situations."

"He's a tireless worker at both ends of the rink and never takes a shift off. As a coach you could always count on Justin to bring his best effort to the rink night-in and night-out."

Ethan Range, Sr. F, Farmington: Range, who was a three-year varsity player and two-year captain, was one of Farmington's leading scorers with 30 points on 10 goals and 20 assists. He had a plus-12 rating.

"Ethan is one of the best character leaders I've had the privilege to coach," coach Mark Vellucci said. "He was the heart and soul of the team. He never took a shift off. His passion and dedication for the game of hockey is something I'll sorely miss. He has great character and is a fine young man."

Andrew DeBrincat, Jr. Def., N. Farm.-Harrison: Another outstanding junior defenseman for the Flyers, DeBrincat has played alongside Shecter for three varsity seasons to become one of the top defensive duos in the OAA and area.

He had six goals, 14 assists and a plus-20 rating.

"Andrew has the great ability to slow the game down in hectic situations, to settle it down to our pace," coach Ken Anderson said. "I know he's going to make the right play, the smart play. He and Shecter were defensive partners throughout the year, and they played off each other so well."

Jake Poynter, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior was the Spartans' top blueliner and finished fifth in scoring with four goals and 22 assists for 26 points.

The All-KLAA selection had a plus-minus of 29, tied for fourth on the team.

"Jake had an unbelievable year for us on the blueline," Mitchell said. "He was our leading scorer defensively while consistently playing against the opponent's top players or top lines. Jake seemed to get stronger as the season went on. He played and excelled in all situations quarterbacking the power play unit and playing often on the penalty kill. He was a huge reason for our goals-against (1.81 average) and as consistent as a coach could ask for in a defenseman."

Michael Justus, Jr. G, Plymouth: Steady and at times spectacular, Justus provided strong netminding all season for the Wildcats. He finished with a 12-5-1 record in 18 games, giving up just 2.66 goals per outing and stopping nearly 90 percent of the shots he faced.

Fassbender said Justus "was one of the reasons we were as strong as we were" and is looking forward to what the youngster can do for the squad as a senior. Justus was an All-KLAA selection.

COACH OF THE YEAR
David Mitchell, Liv. Stevenson: The third-year coach guided the Spartans to the Division 1 regional final and a 21-4-2 overall record.

Mitchell also led the Spartans to a clean sweep of all three titles in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association — Central Division, Kensington Conference and KLAA.

"This is one of the hardest working groups of young men that I have ever been associated with," said Mitchell, who is 56-14-9 overall. "They dedicated themselves on-and-off the ice, in the classroom and in the community. They accomplished a majority of the goals that they had set for themselves. This team was not only successful on the ice, but they had a team G.P.A. of 3.29 and put in countless hours of community service."

"Everybody associated with Stevenson hockey had a great deal to do with our success. It was everybody, from our phenomenal assistant coaches, to our outstanding support staff, to our supportive parents and students that made this year special. It was a wonderful group, which made for a great year, one that will be looked back on with gratification and built upon by future Spartan hockey teams."



David Mitchell
Coach of Year

Sequin grabs scoring co-title in finale

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On the surface, it seemed strange that Plymouth Whalers' head coach Mike Vellucci would pull goal-keeper Scott Wedgewood in the final minute of a game his team trailed 4-0 — giving his team a 6-on-4 manpower advantage, too.

But with just 25 seconds to go in Sunday afternoon's regular season finale, forward Tyler Sequin's wrist shot from the left circle high into the Saginaw net took away any such thoughts.

His top-shelf, power-play blast gave him a share of the Ontario Hockey League's scoring championship with Windsor's Taylor Hall.

"It's not about (individual) points," said Sequin following Saginaw's 4-1 win at Compuware Arena. "But in that type of game, the game was kind of over, everyone was trying to give me the puck and I knew I only had one shift there."

"It was five or six minutes, I was exhausted, but finally got a little bounce my way and it was nice."

Earning assists on the goal were forwards AJ Jenks (Walled Lake Central) and

Robbie Czarnik (University of Michigan), who finished the regular season with 63 and 49 points, respectively.

It's fitting that Sequin and Hall would finish with 106 points, since it is widely speculated that they will be the Top-2 picks in June's National Hockey League Entry Draft in Los Angeles.

"He (Sequin) wanted it, we tried to get him the points if we could," Vellucci said. "He worked hard for it all year and deserved it."

The shared scoring title is the third in OHL history and the first since Jack Valiquette and Rick Adduono each scored 135 points in 1973-74.

Meanwhile, Sequin said he didn't think being blanked in the finale would have had an adverse effect going into Plymouth's first-round playoff series with Sault Ste. Marie (the first games are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, both at Compuware).

"I think either way we were going to turn the page," Sequin said. "Our mentality going into this game was that we didn't want bad habits created. But we didn't get too many good bounces our way."

"They (Spirit) worked hard ... they had to win. But now we're going to try to turn the page, forget about this game and look forward to next weekend."

Plymouth finished in the fourth seed of the OHL Western Conference with 79 points (38-27-1-2) while Saginaw clinched sixth (34-27-4-3) with 75 points.

SPIRIT MOVES UP
The Spirit had a lot to gain Sunday, which began with Saginaw and Erie tied at the bottom of the playoff picture. Thanks to the win, rather than going up against conference leader Windsor (106 points or London (101 points), the Spirit will visit third-place Kitchener (91 points).

"We didn't want to be in the eighth hole, no disrespect to London or to Kitchener," said Saginaw head coach Todd Watson. "But I don't think anybody in our league wanted to be in that eighth slot. We just wanted to get out of that."

"We're glad to do that, but now as you look forward it presents a new set of problems."

Watson's squad (including defenseman and Canton native Joe Underwood) finally is healthy, however. It also boasts goalie Edward

Pasquale (outstanding with 34 saves against the Whalers) and top forward line Jordan Skellett, Ivan Telegin and Josh Shalia.

Telegin scored two goals Sunday and assisted on another while Skellett (one goal, one assist) and Shalia (three assists) also were a collective pain in Wedgewood's side.

Saginaw took a 1-0 lead in the first when Telegin battled home a rebound and then padded that advantage to 3-0 in the second on markers by Vincent Trocheck (unassisted) and Telegin.

Vellucci said he used the game to rest some key players, some nursing injuries. "We sat a couple guys out, just wanted to get through with no injuries and put a decent show on for our home crowd that was sold out."

On the plus side, defenseman Michal Jordan returned to the lineup and played well, after missing several weeks due to injury.

"He did great, it was a good game to get him back in and get game tested," Vellucci said. "He didn't have any pain issues so that was very good."

WHALERS

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Lehner, meanwhile, wasn't far behind in those categories (2.80, .918, 27-13-0-3).

On the offensive side, the Whalers tout forward Tyler Sequin, who shared the OHL scoring title with Windsor's Taylor Hall (each with 106 points).

But there are other strong forwards such as AJ Jenks

(Walled Lake Central) and mid-season pickups Robbie Czarnik (University of Michigan) and Phil McRae.

For the Greyhounds, winger Brett Thompson is third in the league with 21 power play goals.

It all points to a very competitive series; each team won three games in the regular season series.

The first game is 7 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena, with Game 2 slated for 7 p.m. Saturday (also at Compuware).

The Whalers are extending the \$5 Fridays promotion for the playoff opener and did not raise ticket prices for the first round (\$15, \$11, 4-for-\$44 deals).

Big crowds are expected, with Sequin an obvious drawing card. He is touted as the first or second pick in the upcoming NHL draft.

The playoff series schedule is as follows (all games begin at 7 p.m.):

- Games 1-2: Friday-Saturday at Plymouth;
- Games 3-4: Tuesday-Wednesday, March 23-24 at Sault Ste. Marie;
- Game 5 (If necessary): Friday, March 26 at Plymouth;
- Game 6 (If necessary): Sunday, March 28 at Sault Ste. Marie;
- Game 7 (If necessary): Tuesday, March 30 at Plymouth.

All games will be broadcast online at www.plymouthwhalers.com.

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Watching to see if a free throw falls Tuesday night is Canton senior forward Alyssa Cottrell (No. 12), who contributed to her team's victory over Midland Dow in the Class A state quarterfinal contest.

CHIEFS

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"This is a pretty level-headed group, they have great poise and they've done a great job all year figuring out how the game's going to be called and adjust from that," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski. "They've played in a lot of big games. Even though we're fairly young, they were all there last year, they have a lot of experience. "They compete all the time and I think that's big." Dow head coach Bob Wellman, whose team made the quarterfinals for the first time, knew what had to be done to stay in the game. But Canton's physical play and efficiency frustrated the Chargers, who made 21 turnovers. "Tonight we didn't move the ball well, we got caught standing around," Wellman said. "They did great job on Becca Mills inside, we didn't find the open girls and we didn't hit shots. "We just, against their pressure, we didn't play the way we can play."

STRONG STARTS

One thing the Chiefs do on a regular basis is come out strong both for the first and

second half, which is something Samulski preaches. It happened again Tuesday. "It's just focus and being ready to play," he said. "They knew it was a big game and they've been focused and ready all 25 games." True to form, Canton really took control in the third with a 19-9 quarter. Kari Schmitt hit a jumper off a feed from Sara Schmitt (20 points, eight rebounds, three steals in an outstanding all-around game) to signal her return to the game. The Chiefs did need to hold off a charge by Dow junior center Becca Mills (10 points, 11 boards) during the third. She scored back-to-back buckets to make it 31-20 and then stole the ball, only to miss a layup that would have sliced the Canton lead to nine points. Sara Schmitt then collected one of her three offensive rebounds and deposited a nice, five-foot hook shot from the side of the lane to give Canton a 33-20 edge. Sophomore guard Robyn Mack then showed her calmness under pressure, with a power move through the paint for a bank-shot followed by a jumper from the corner and all of a sudden it was 37-21. In the final minutes of the

third, karma seemed to help the Chiefs. Sexauer was called for a questionable foul, but she swiped the subsequent end-bound pass under Dow's basket. She then tallied a layup, making it 40-21. Canton controlled the tempo in the fourth, working the ball around the perimeter and eating up time. The Chiefs also drew plenty of fouls and iced the game with some good free-throw shooting. Both Sexauer and Mack registered six points to augment the Schmitts and Bridges. Chipping in with nine points and six rebounds for Dow was junior forward Sarah Arent while also scoring nine was junior guard Shelby Thompson. Now, Samulski and the Chiefs will prepare for the bright lights of Breslin. "I think they'll be OK," Samulski said. "They'll come in, compete and get after it and we'll see what happens." Bridges, meanwhile, said it hadn't sunk in yet about reaching the Final Four — one of the team's top goals this season. "At the beginning of the year we always talked about how we wanted to be there (Breslin), our No. 1 goal," she said, smiling. "And we're going to be there now."

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GYMNASTICS

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warmups on Friday night." Canton, meanwhile, finished fourth at Friday's team finals with 145.000 points (second best this season for the Chiefs). Cunningham said that was the best his team could have expected to finish because of the strength of the opposition. Again winning the title was Grand Ledge, with 150.225 points, followed by Farmington (149.100) and Troy Athens (148.225). Trailing the Chiefs with 140.750 points was Northville. "We were in the middle, nobody was within five points of us from the bottom," Cunningham said. "And we were three points away from Farmington, we were three points away from (Troy) Athens. "It was an excellent finish, ... I couldn't have asked more of



The latest state champion for Canton's girls gymnastics team is freshman Alex Fideler, shown from earlier this season.

the girls. It was a team effort. You start with 80 teams, you go to 12 teams and your fourth." The team and individual performances underscore a bright future for the program. According to Cunningham, the lone gymnast who will be

graduating in June is Hudak. But junior Cathy Huang, who missed the season after sustaining a knee injury, is expected back in 2010-11.

MHSAA GIRLS GYMNASTICS INDIVIDUAL FINALS RESULTS
March 13 at Rockford H.S.

DIVISION 1
Vault: 1. Alexis Byington (Grand Ledge), 9.825; 3. Robyn Piwowar (Canton), 9.6 (personal best); 18. Alex Fideler (Canton), 9.25.
Uneven parallel bars: 1. Byington (Grand Ledge), 9.875; 6. Fideler (Canton), 9.3516.
Balance beam: 1. Fideler (Canton), 9.65 (personal best); 8. Piwowar (Canton), 9.4.
Floor exercise: 1. Taylor Tepper (Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills), 9.575; 5. Piwowar (Canton), 9.425; 10. Fideler (Canton), 9.2.
All-around: 1. Byington (Grand Ledge), 38.85; 5. Fideler (Canton), 37.45; 9. Piwowar (Canton), 36.9.

DIVISION 2
Vault: 1. Brooke Madzia (Troy Athens), 9.575; 5. Ayana Lewis (Canton), 9.3 (personal best); 19. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 9.0.
Uneven parallel bars: 1. Samantha Kohl (Farmington United), 9.3; 8. Lewis (Canton), 8.825.
Balance beam: 1. Kohl (Farmington), 9.45; 5. Lewis (Canton), 9.375 (personal best); 9. Brooke Granowicz, 9.075; 14. Hudak (Canton), 8.95.
Floor exercise: 1. Amanda Lumley (Farmington), 9.6; 4. Lewis (Canton), 9.375 (personal best); 7. Hudak (Canton), 9.275.
All-around: 1. Madzia (Troy Athens), 37.55; 4. Lewis (Canton), 36.875 (personal best); 16. Hudak (Canton), 34.9.

Canton's Scero, Irwin to lead MU

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Expectations remain high this spring with the return of nine letter winners, including two All-Americans and two All-Conference picks, for the Madonna University women's softball team. The 2010 Crusaders are ranked No. 14 in the NAIA Coaches preseason poll after going 53-11 overall and earning a berth in the NAIA Nationals. MU captured the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title (25-3 record) and postseason tourney in 2009 under coach Al White. Junior right-hander Jess Irwin will toe the mound once again for the Crusaders after going 33-9 with a 1.62 earned run average. The Monroe native fanned 423 batters in 256.1 innings a year ago en route to NAIA All-American

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honors. Irwin has a capable back-up in sophomore right-hander Hallie Minch, a Garden City grad who finished 20-2 with a 2.29 ERA. Senior second baseman Brittney Scero (Canton), another All-American, leads the infield after hitting a team-best .383 a year ago. Also back is All-WHAC first baseman Cat Sidor, a senior from Livonia Churchill who hit .315 with a team-high 48 RBI. Junior Kelly Lesko (.297) also returns to the infield as does sophomore Amanda Straub. All-WHAC outfielder Ashley Shay (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) will also see duty behind the plate after batting .350 a year ago. The outfield returnees also

include junior Tara LaMilza (.353) and senior Rachael Kethe. White recruited seven newcomers — including six freshmen. Amber Rafko (Monroe) will split time between infield and catcher, while Arielle Cox (Monroe Jefferson), Erica Landess (Carleton Airport) and Katelyn Hamann (Westland/Divine Child) will vie for infield time. Shoring up the outfield will be sophomore Kiley Thornton (Ida), a transfer from Owens Technical Community College (Ohio); Krista Messer (Taylor Kennedy), Ali Robinson (Farmington High) and Katie Rankin (Farmington High). Livonia Franklin's Natalie Sanborn and Messer will add depth on the mound. MU doesn't play its season opener until Saturday, April 17 against Siena Heights.

Eagles' district streak hits 3

BY TIM SMITH
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When Mike Doyle took over the Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team in 2007, the Eagles had won just three districts in two decades. Following Friday's 57-40 victory over Class D district host Saline Washtenaw Christian in the finals, PCA equaled that 20-year output in just three short seasons. "Three district championships in a row," noted Doyle. "Just, ... wow, what a journey." Doyle praised his team (14-7) for regathering itself in the second half and overcoming the Wildcats' home-court advantage. "Washtenaw played the most inspired game I have seen any opponent play against us all season," Doyle said. "In the first half they hit open shots, got to every loose ball and did what they wanted on offense. The home crowd really got behind their team and it showed." Actually, PCA rolled out to a 21-16 lead after the first quarter. But Washtenaw Christian came back with a strong second frame (13-4) to take a 29-25 lead into halftime. Some adjustments during the break paid off for the Eagles, however. "We changed our defense in the second half to try to get a few deflections and steals



Plymouth Christian's varsity boys basketball team celebrates last week after winning the Class D district championship. The Eagles, coached by Mike Doyle, include (listed alphabetically) Jordan Allen, Travis DeKruyter, Matt Dodson, Riley Groenewoud, Chad Ibach, Eric Jipping, Joshua Johnston, Donald Mullett, Mitchell Noel, Daniel Ross and Ethan Walker.

and to change the pace of the game," said Doyle. But PCA could not turn those plays into points until Doyle inserted Matt Dodson (9 points) into the game, who promptly "hit three three-pointers to put some distance between us late in the third quarter." The Eagles crept ahead 41-35 entering the fourth and didn't let up, with contributions across the board. Sealing the win with four consecutive foul shots in the final minutes was Mick Noel (9 points). "We won with balance with nine players scoring and playing together on defense in the second half," Doyle added.

"I've said all along it is tough to defend our team because we have such good balance." Playing another excellent game for PCA was Eric Jipping, who sank eight of 16 shots from the floor and finished with 18 points. Tanner Goss and Justin Troost registered 19 and 10 points, respectively, for the Wildcats (7-16). Plymouth Christian's district title means the Eagles will travel to Hillsdale College for a Class D regional quarterfinal against Camden-Frontier. The tip-off is set for 6 p.m. Monday.

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HOOPS

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"We knew we had to not let them get us into a half-court game," Morrison said. "We wanted to push the ball, we wanted to run up and down the floor." The Redskins came out strong and pushed the ball down the court, leading to numerous points in the paint — along with drawing plenty of PCA fouls in the process. The energetic Balbo (16 points, 11 rebounds) had a lot to do with that, right from the outset. "In the timeouts and pre-game warmup he's taking control," Morrison said. "He's just like a sergeant out there in charge of his team, pumping everybody up. Everything coming out of him is positive (and) that spreads." A layup by PCA senior Riley Groenewoud with just 10 seconds to go in the half snapped the Redskins' huge run, making it 27-16 at halftime. **LIGHTS OUT** But although sophomore center Eric Jipping (10 points) converted a couple field goals in the opening minute of the third, any momentum coming

out of the intermission was brief. The Redskins still enjoyed a 20-14 scoring edge in the frame to take a 47-30 advantage into the fourth. Camden-Frontier drained four triples in the third, two by senior guard Brady Nusbaum (eight points). "That's some of the best shooting we've had in the last two, three weeks," said Morrison, whose team advanced to Wednesday's regional final against Taylor Baptist Park. A snapshot of what kind of night it was for the Eagles came in the fourth quarter, with PCA already down 54-39. Sophomore guard Gunnar Fink — who lived up to his name with two treys among his 20 points — missed both free throws. But it was Balbo to come away with the rebound and he followed with a putback. Camden-Frontier's balanced attack also featured nine points and seven rebounds from senior center Kurtis Tyler, with senior forward Wade Clevenger scoring eight.

TOPS FOR PCA

The top PCA scorer was senior forward Ethan Walker, with 11 points while senior guard Josh Johnston tallied

eight points. Johnston scored two buckets, including a trey, in the final minutes to cap off his prep career. Chipping in with seven points was freshman forward Mitchell Noel. The loss didn't sour things for Doyle, who coached the Eagles to their third consecutive district championship. "This year was supposed to be a rebuilding year," Doyle said. "That's what everybody said anyway. We did our best and we competed." Doyle praised Canton Agape Christian transfers Mullett and Walker who "played great, they've been a blessing all season. And Riley Groenewoud (first-year PCA varsity player) comes out as a senior and he's the glue that holds the team together." A lot of talented youngsters are on their way to the varsity squad, and the coach already will have a group of solid returnees in Mullett, juniors Travis DeKruyter, Matt Dodson, Noel, freshman Donald Ross and Jipping. "He's fun to watch because he's just a little bit of what he's about," said Doyle, about the 6-4 Jipping. "Whenever I yell at him I have to remember he's only a sophomore."

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Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

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Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Zimm's: Stay focused, and don't waste time on things you cannot change. Be honest.



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New hire

Clark Construction officials announced Ray Melvin of Canton has been hired as project superintendent.

Melvin is a 38-year veteran of the construction industry, serving as Senior Project Superintendent, General Superintendent, Project Superintendent, Field



Melvin

Supervisor and Project Engineer. Clark Construction officials hailed "his vast experience including oversight responsibility for personnel

in multiple market sectors including industrial, research and development and office projects."

Melvin has a bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Clark Construction Company was founded in 1946 and is ranked as one of the top 400 CM firms in the nation by Engineering News Record. The firm is headquartered in Lansing and maintains a southeast Michigan office in Southfield.

Retooling America

On April 5-6, Sensible Business of Canton hosts a "Retooling America Initiative" at its Training Facility in Westland.

The purpose of Retooling America Initiative is to help displaced workers find success in gaining employment in a challenging market. The goal is to prepare candidates to meet potential employers as well as to gain access to counseling and services hosted by Sensible Business Consulting Group, LLC. This workshop

is FREE to assist displaced workers in 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.

CHAMBER CHAT

After hours

The Super Bowl of Canton will host the Canton Chamber of Commerce's March After-Hours Mixer with Molly Maid being a Presenting sponsor.

The Mixer takes place Thursday, March 18, 2010. Come and join the Chamber for this great networking event and meet many local business people. The Super Bowl of Canton is located at 45100 Ford Road. The Mixer is free to Chamber members and only \$10 for non-members.

Guide advertising

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

Customers will hold on to this portable full color 6-by-9 pocket magazine. It will include a full color fold out map of all color blocks, restaurant guide and coupons. It will be delivered to 30,000 Canton Homes as well as 30,000 homes in neighboring communities. We will increase the total print run to 80,000. It will also be available in hotels, visitor rest areas, Canton Township and Canton Chamber of Commerce. Deadline for advertising is March 23.

Recycle for free

Scrap Dog Recycling hosts a one-day free event, "Businesses Recycle for Free," 2-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the Canton Chamber of Commerce parking lot, 45525 Hanford Road.

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Ribbon cutting

Health Plus Pharmacy of Canton hosted a ribbon-cutting Thursday, March 4, to announce their grand opening. Health Plus Pharmacy of Canton is located at 49650 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Chamber members and local residents.

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Annual auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce announces its annual Dinner Auction, to be held 7 p.m.-midnight Saturday, April 17, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

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

a lot of possibilities for all of our Baseball Fans."

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

The auction will also feature special guest, former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema, who pitched for the Tigers from 1977 through the 1984 World Series.

Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the Live, Silent, and Raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. This year's auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.



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Shop, eat, pamper yourself during Diva Day

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Nothing says "diva" better than a sparkling piece of fin-ger bling.
Or an armful of bright pink roses and head-turning tan-ki-ni.

Add a free feather boa, food, and special drinks, and divas will discover their own little paradise Saturday, March 27 in downtown Plymouth.

The 2nd Annual Diva Day, offering discounts, giveaways and fun for women will run 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

"It's a day to be pampered," said Terri Fry, events manager for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. "We get boas for the ladies. Last year they were pink. This year they are tur-quoise. The restaurants have special drinks and appetizers and shops will have drawings for gift certificates or baskets. Some put out snacks and sam-ple-sized stuff."

"It's a nice day for women this time of year. They are ready for spring."

Come early for one of the free 500 feather boas. Last year they were distributed by noon.

But if you miss that give-away, a string of Mardi Gras beads or princess crown from Genuine Toy Company, 550 Forest, might be just what you need to complete your Diva attire.

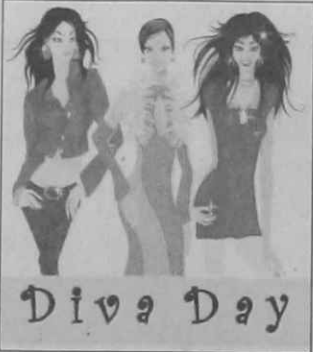
"We're still trying to put together a giveaway," said Charles Dare, co-owner. He opened the shop in August last year and underestimated the crowd for Ladies Night Out, which is held every autumn, figuring a toy store wouldn't draw many women.

"We got swamped. We were really busy. People were coming in and finding the store. We're trying to be better prepared for city events," he said.

The store sells puzzles, board games, craft kits, dress up items, science kits and retro toys.

But Dare said divas might be more interested in mood rings, "bling rings" and costume jewelry.

"They are fun and retro."



Plymouth Chamber of Commerce sponsors its 2nd Annual Diva Day, Saturday, March 27.

PINK FOR DIVAS

Sarah Klatt, one of the co-owners of Magnolia, fresh flower market, said her store will have "a lot of food" on hand, along with a sale and free drawing with purchase.

"We're very excited to have it again. It was great for us last year and the women who came in enjoyed it and the extra freebies. They had a good time," Klatt noted.

Although turquoise is the official Diva Day color this year, Klatt said she'd opt "hot pink roses" as the perfect diva flower.

What does a diva wear? Rachelle Fanelli, owner of Sunny J's, says it's all a matter of personal taste.

"One person might say a matching bra and panty set. Someone else might think a chemise is sexy," said Fanelli, who sells swimwear and lingerie. "People are hooked on the tankini. Once some women discover it, they never go back to a one-piece. It gives you the confidence to go out and wear it."

PERFECT FITTING

Fanelli said many of her customers consider "every day is Diva Day" at Sunny J's because the store's niche is custom-fit-ting and sizing swimsuits.

"We make them feel good about themselves."

And isn't that what being a diva is all about?

Other stores, restaurants and salons participating in Diva Day are: All Dressed Up, Basket Kreations, Brass & Iron Bed Shop



Shoppers received pink feather boas during the first Diva Day. The first 500 women who attend this year's event will get a free turquoise boa.

& Gift Boutique, Candy Trail, Creatopia Pottery, Dearborn Jewelers, Gabriel's, Genuine Toy, Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, Home Sweet Home, Jill Andra Young

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Wilcox Consignment, Merle Norman, Salon 550, 1999 Tavern, 336 Main, Compari's, E.G. Nicks, Ironwood Grill, Sean O'Callaghan's, and The Rock Bar & Grill.

Comedy documentary release in time for laugh fest

The Jim Dudek film, *Detroit International Comedy Festival* — which made its debut at the Imagine Theatres in January — was released for home viewing on Tuesday, March 16.

This mixed performance and documentary style independent film captured what the 2nd annual 2009 comedy festival was all about, not only for the audi-ence, but also for the come-dians. It shows the best 44 standup comics from the U.S., Canada and England onstage, backstage and off-stage.

The DVD is being released at this time to create excitement for the 3rd Annual Detroit International Comedy Festival "Laugh Detroit" which runs March 21-27, 2010, at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak.

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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
Contact: Greg Grobis at grobisgj@udmercy.edu or at (313) 993-3273

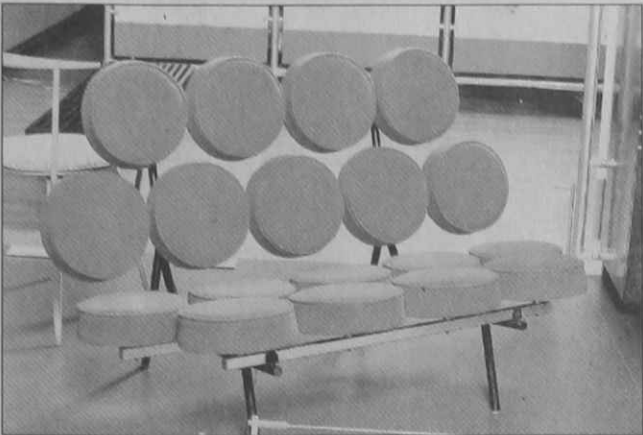
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JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

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, Livonia
Details: Jay Black, March 17-20; Myq Kaplan, March 24-27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Bret Ernst, who appeared in the movie "Beer League," and hosted MTVs "Wrestling Society X," March 18-20; 3rd Annual International Comedy



"Marshmallow" sofa is on display in the "Good Design Stories from Herman Miller" exhibit through April 25 at Henry Ford Museum.

Festival - Laugh Detroit, March 21-27
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark
Time/Date: Grant-Lee Phillips, March 18; John Oates, March 19; Jer Coons, March 20; The Boxcars, March 21; The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, March 22; Sweet Talk Radio, March 23; Adrian Legg, March 24; Altan, March 25; Paul Thorn, March 26; South Memphis String Band, March 27; Gemini, March 29; The Fabulous Thunderbirds, March 29; Celtic Crossroads, March 30; Bitch, March 31
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

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: Host is Cathy Fitzpatrick and featured performers are Alex and Maggie Zakem on March 20. 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, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag
Time/Dates: Satin Peaches, The Fake Take, March 19; The Mega 80's, March 20; The Killer Flamigos, March 26
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Plymouth Coffee Bean Company
Time/Date: 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
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Seligman Performing Arts Center

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
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Trinity House Theater
Time/Date: Brooks Williams and Beauoup Blue, 8 p.m. March 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Annie and Rod Capps, 8 p.m., March

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
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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. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Card Key Security System 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
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ROBERT BROOKES

Age 67, formerly of Westland, died March 12, 2010. Retired gas linesman from Consumer's Power Company. Survived by wife, Joan; children, Michael (Catherine) & Cathy, all of Redford & Mark (Dawn) of Roscommon; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren & their grandfather, Andy Sambrone of Redford. Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon 989-275-3600

MARY BUNKER

Age 79, March 12, 2010, of Garden City. Beloved wife of 50 years of Thorton M. "Ted" Bunker. Loving sister of Virginia McNut, Jean Foster, Robert Armentrout and Richard Armentrout. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Memorial contribution may be made to Angela Hospice.

BETTY JEAN BURKHART

March 14, 2010, age 78. Beloved wife of Donald. Dear mother of Lee Burkhardt, Joyce (Kevin) Abraham, Denise (Mark) Bair and Susan (Al) Bednarski. Also leaves six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Services will be held on Thursday at 11am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

GERALD CREWDSON

Age 65, of Novi, March 15, 2010. Gerald was a proud Army Veteran. He retired from Ford Motor Co. after 38 years. He is survived by many cousins. Funeral Friday 11 AM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Visitation Thursday 2-8 PM. www.thayer-rock.com

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MARGARET I. KOENINGER (nee BERG)

March 10, 2010, age 85. Beloved wife of the late Pastor Leonard J. Koeninger and loving mother of the late Pastor Philip J. Koeninger and baby Paul Koeninger. Survivors include her daughter Kristine Wolfe, grandchildren Katherine and Mark Tiefert, Scott and Lindsey Wolfe, Abigail Wolfe and sister Catherine Thomas. Visitation will be at 10am, Saturday, March 20th, immediately followed by a noon Memorial Service at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman, Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution suggestions may be found at: www.schrader-howell.com.

FLORENCE T. DUNEC

Age 91, March 12, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Joseph. Loving sister of the late Joseph "Ed" Nycek, Mitchell Nycek and Sylvia Fary. Dearest aunt of Mary Ann Dixon, Fran Braum, Toni Hill, Frank Fary, Vince Fary, Pat Fary, Anita Moseley and Ken Nycek. Also survived by brother-in-law Frank Fary, Sr. Second mother and great aunt of many. Her great and great-great nieces and nephews were her joy. Visitation Friday 3-8pm with a 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (bet. Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10am until 10:30am Mass at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh (just south of 5 Mile), Livonia. In lieu of flowers memorials suggested to Angela Hospice or St. Edith Church.

BEVERLY A. HINSCH

Age 72, formerly of Livonia, Michigan, passed away Friday, March 12, 2010 at her home in Bonita Springs, Florida. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 31, 1937 the daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth (nee Franke) Corner. Beverly attended Wayne State University and was a proud member of the Delta Zeta Sorority. She was also an avid bridge player. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years James E. "Jim" Hinsch; sons, James Hinsch Jr., Robert Hinsch; daughters, Kathryn (Ben) Hinsch, Debra Renauer; brother, Charles; sisters, Betty Lou Corner, and Dorothy (Mike) Kotzan. Also surviving are her two granddaughters, Morgan and Renee Renauer. In accordance with her wishes funeral services will be private. Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home (239) 992-4982 Family Owned Since 1978

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Youngsters collect eggs at the annual event at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville.

Churches plan egg hunts, kids' Easter programs

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bring on the Easter Bunny. It's nearly time to play hide and seek with goody-filled plastic eggs at local churches.

Eager egg-hunters will find 8,000 of them hidden around the grounds at the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene's annual Easter Eggstravaganza, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 3. The church is located in Northville at 21260 Haggerty, but draws a lot of children from across the street in Livonia and Farmington Hills.

"People come from all over, really," said Lisa Harris, a church secretary in charge of hospitality. "We have repeat people come just for the egg hunt because it's so fun and popular. We always draw new guests who have never been to the church."

"Last year we broke our record with 420 children. Over 1,000 people attended when you count the adults."

The church has sponsored a hunt for 15 years as an outreach to the community. Youngsters, age 1-11 hunt in separate groups according to

their ages. Eggs are strewn on the lawn in plain view for toddlers and hidden outside around the church for older children.

Participants bring their own baskets to collect eggs. The church also has decorated bags on hand for those who forget to bring their own containers. All eggs include goodies and some can be redeemed for prizes.

"At the end there's a lunch and there's always a really nice message," Harris added.

Hot dogs, chips, cookies and beverages will be served while youngsters watch a special show from Big Blast Ministries.

"Some years we've had puppets and we had a yo-yo group that came and gave a special message regarding Easter and the Lord. It's always entertaining with a colorful and upbeat message."

The church is accepting online registration through March 31 at dfcnazarene.org. After that registration is accepted at the event.

Here's a sampling of Easter egg hunts at other local churches:

• St. Paul's Presbyterian

Easter Fun Day runs 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 27, at the church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. The event will include games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more for children ages 3 to 13. The event is free and open to the public. (734) 422-1470

• Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia, holds its hunt, rain or shine, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27. The event is aimed at toddlers through age 10. Register by Monday, March 22 by calling (734) 421-7359.

• Bethel Baptist of Livonia offers an egg hunt for children who attend noon Good Friday services at the church, located at 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. The event, for youngsters, sixth grade and younger, begins at approximately 1 p.m. (734) 525-3664.

• St. Michael, 7000 Sheldon, Canton, plans an egg hunt, along with crafts and stories, for children up to fifth grade, beginning at 9:30 a.m., April 3. Non-parishioners may attend, but should call (734) 459-3333, so the church can get an accurate count.

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Easy home entertaining

Keep your party simple yet chic with these hostess hints

Hosting get-togethers at home can be stressful with all of the elements to consider — the invitation, the décor, and most importantly, the food and beverages. Planning the perfect party can overwhelm even the most seasoned hostess, but there are easy solutions for making your event memorable without becoming inundated.

Jen Isham, entertaining expert and finalist on *The Next Food Network Star*, offers her suggestions for hosting a hassle-free social gathering:

- Chances are that your guests won't recall the design of your invitations or the color of your cocktail napkins, so use an eco-friendly electronic invitation with an appropriate theme and stick with matching monochrome plates and flatware. That leaves you time to focus on the factors that will stick in their minds most — the cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.
- If you're not exactly a master mixologist but still want to wow your guests with drinks, try serving Godiva Liqueur on the rocks. Isham notes, "This simple drink can be prepared before guests arrive so that they have a beverage in hand within minutes of arriving. Try chilling the bottle beforehand, then just add ice when they enter the party." Your visitors will undoubtedly be grateful for the warm (or cool) welcome.
- Once guests have arrived and mingling has commenced, you'll have a bit of time to use your creativity behind the bar. Your arrival drink can easily become the beverage du jour with some festive garnishes.
- "Try using melted chocolate or different colored sugars to rim glasses of Godiva Liqueur over ice," suggests Isham.
- Moisten the rim of the glass and fill a shallow bowl or plate with your garnish of



Greet guests with a glass of flavored liqueur.

- choice.
- Hold the glass sideways and dab the rim into the garnish while slowly turning so that only the outer edge is covered.
- Then simply add ice, using tongs, and pour liqueur into the glass for a tempting and festive drink.
- Consider stocking up on all varieties so your guests can have their pick of chocolate, white chocolate, mocha and caramel flavors. For those who are looking to go above and beyond in delivering the perfect cocktail presentation, use different forms of ice and glassware to provide variety.
- When it comes to planning party food, the trick is to keep it simple.
- No-cook appetizers are a perfect no-fuss option for entertaining, which leaves more time for socializing with guests. Isham says, "Assorted nuts, cheeses, olives and preserved fruits in silver or gold bowls make for a lovely and chic appetizer spread with no time wasted slaving away in the kitchen." For an upscale hors d'oeuvre that still saves time, try Isham's Bruschetta Bar with Toppings Trio recipes.
- Rather than serving buffet-style in your dining room, Isham suggests using all areas of the house with food and



Photo courtesy of Fotolia
Bruschetta with Kalamata Tapenade Topping

beverage stations. This will lead to your guests mingling and moving about so no one has the chance to be a wall-flower.

- Another way to encourage guests to get to know each other is to organize carpools according to neighborhood. This not only will forge new

friendships but also promotes having designated drivers so everyone will get home safely.

It is, in fact, possible to entertain with ease and still keep it chic — just remember to focus your energy and creativity where it matters and keep the rest simple.

BRUSCHETTA BAR WITH TOPPINGS TRIO

By Jen Isham

Toast slices of baguette in the oven. Toppings can be added to bruschetta before serving or can be displayed in bowls for guests to top themselves.

KALAMATA TAPENADE TOPPING

1 jar kalamata olives (drained and pitted)

1 jar capers (drained)

2 cloves of garlic

3 anchovies

1. Blend to a rough paste.

2. Top toasted baguette slices with mixture and serve on decorative plate.

HERBED MUSHROOM TOPPING

1/2 tablespoon butter

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 cups sliced mushrooms (any variety will work, mix varieties if you choose)

2 garlic cloves, chopped

1 small shallot, chopped

3 sprigs fresh thyme

Crumbled goat cheese

Salt and pepper to taste

1. Heat butter and olive oil in sauté pan and sear sliced mushroom, garlic, shallots and thyme sprigs until browned on each side.

2. Top toasted baguette slices with warm mushrooms and crumble goat cheese on top.

BALSAMIC RED ONION TOPPING

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 red onions, sliced thinly

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

Coarse black pepper

1. Heat olive oil in sauté pan and cook onions down over medium high heat until soft.

2. Turn down heat to medium, add balsamic vinegar and sugar.

3. Stir constantly until vinegar is thickened.

4. Top toasted baguettes with onion mixture and garnish with coarse ground black pepper.

Courtesy of Family Features

CITY BITES

Go Gluten-free

Plymouth — Hiller's Markets will hold its largest-ever Gluten-Free Foods Fair 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at its Plymouth location, 15455 Haggerty.

The event is designed to educate and enlighten the public about the benefits of embracing a gluten-free lifestyle and the cuisine options available at Hiller's Markets' seven stores. Two dozen vendors will be on hand with samples of gluten-free fare.

"The fair is a great way for people to taste a wide variety of menu items before purchasing the products," says Michelle Fuller, co-president of Tri-County Celiac Support. "It really saves time and money."

Celiac disease prevents individuals from digesting foods containing gluten and other related proteins found in wheat, barley and rye.

New gluten-free foods are constantly added to Hiller's Markets' shelves and all items are clearly labeled in every aisle of its stores. The family-owned chain now carries desserts and sweets made by Rumi's Passion, and authentic pizzas, chicken strips and Italian entrees made by G.F. Cucina. Both companies are local to Michigan.

"We want our valued customers to also know that Hiller's Markets will take back a food item if they don't like it and give them store credit," said Lynn Lederman, Director of Community Services at Hiller's Markets. "We also like to remind our shoppers that they may be able to get a tax deduction or rebates if they are on a gluten-free diet."

Hiller's Markets are located in Ann Arbor, Berkley, Commerce Township, Northville, Plymouth, Union Lake and West Bloomfield.



Gluten-free products at Hiller's Market

appetizers, followed by five courses, wine and dessert.

The chefs will include Milos Cihelka, formerly of the Golden Mushroom, Steven Allen of Steve and Rocky's, Joseph Beato of Restaurant Via Nove, Brian Beland of Country Club of Detroit, James Bologna of The Townsend Hotel, Kevin Brennan and Jeffrey Hammer of the Detroit Athletic Club, Randy Emert of Great Oaks Country Club, Michael Green of Lochmoor Country Club, Gerald Matthes of Give Thanks Bakery, Brian Polcyn of Forest Grill and Cinco Lagos, Charles Rachwitz of Rocky's, and Daniel Vallone of Tam O'Shanter Country Club. Chef Milos chairs the annual event.

The dinner admission price is \$125 per person of which \$75 is tax deductible. Proceeds from this annual fund-raiser help Community Living Centers of Farmington serve developmentally disabled adults through its seven licensed group homes, one apartment training site, one senior home and two independent living programs. The non-profit organization currently cares for 116 adults with more than 94 trained staff members.

Call Barb Schuler at the CLC office at (248) 478-0870 for more information or to make a reservation. A group discount is available for parties of 10.

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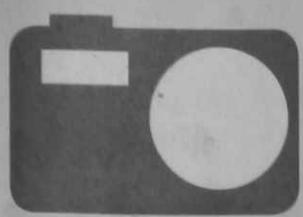


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Home show pros: 'Go green' here to stay

BY JULIE BROWN
Q&A STAFF WRITER

"Think Green" was front and center at the recent Canton Home Improvement Expo.

"The big thing is proper insulation on a house," said Patrick Elliott of Livonia, project manager for Canton Construction. He was among vendors at the March 6-7 event at Canton's Summit.

"With the proper insulation, you can really cut your heat bills," he said. You need to look at your home as a whole system. Proper ventilation is needed to avoid condensation, which can lead to mold and attendant health problems.

"People are so much more aware of energy conservation," Elliott said. For roofs, certain materials reflect the sun away, lowering costs.

Not all can afford to go fully green, he said, but when the time comes to, for example, replace a furnace, being green comes into play. Windows are also important part of energy conservation, Elliott said.

The Expo, in its ninth year, was presented by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Marni Carnahan of Belleville was busy representing Sherwin-Williams Paint Co. on Michigan Avenue in Canton. Paint has Volatile Organic Compounds, she said, or VOCs.

"Basically, it's the odor," Sherwin-Williams has some low and zero lines, which don't compromise on quality.



Sherwin-Williams also has tools for painting made from recycled materials. "So you could go green for your entire project, which everyone should," Carnahan said.

She agreed "green" won't go away: "There's a huge demand for it right now. Being green is very big."

The "green" paint is top of the line and washes well, she said. Oil-based paints are being phased out, with Sherwin-Williams ahead of the game in Michigan.

Carnahan's pleased with response to a free decorator service with purchase of a \$75 gift card. "That's taken off really well," she said.

In a nearby room at the Summit was Lori Mounts of Redford, designer with Long Kitchen & Bath Designs of Northville. Mounts said fixtures and cabinets are now made more with the environment in mind.

"A lot of people are going green," she said. "Some have been there for years." Solvents used are friendlier to the environment "as well as to the consumer."

Faucet components now mean minimal lead content, she added. "Delta's starting to do it and so is Moen."

Mounts believes green is here to stay, much like organic food. "It's really for our health and for our planet,"

she said.

At Long, business is good with countertops, mirrors and faucets being replaced. More customers opt for partial work ("They're freshening") with fewer full remodels other than those caused by leaks.

"I think people are tired of being afraid of spending money," said Mounts, who hopes that continues.

Jason Benward of Canton and Sam Stukel of Plymouth were representing Horton Plumbing & Remodeling of Plymouth. Their remodeling work is going strong, including bathrooms, kitchens and basements.

"Everyone's trying to go green lately, eco-friendly," Benward said. Low-flow toilets are best for that.

"You will recoup it in your water bill," he said of cost. "And they flush better." Low-flow toilets are now higher with better design, for less strain on the back and knees.

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Long Kitchen & Bath Design is at 190 E. Main, Northville 48167, (248) 349-0373, lmounts@longkitchenandbathdesign.com, www.longkitchenandbathdesign.com.

Horton Plumbing & Remodeling is at 1382 S. Main, Plymouth 48170. It's at (734) 455-3332, www.hortonplumbing.com, jasonbenward@hortonplumbing.com.

Accurate credit report vital

Q: Do you have any credit tips which can help me in regard to my credit report?

A: Make sure that there are not any errors on your credit report. It is also important to make sure that your report is up to date and accurate.

You should obtain a copy of your credit report and review the accuracy of the information. Under federal law, you are allowed one per year from each of the three major

reporting bureaus; log into www.annualcreditreport.com for more information. But be careful of making large purchases right before applying for a home loan, and, if you cannot make a payment on time, contact the lender to make other arrangements before it is too late. Do not fall victim to scams that claim they can remedy your credit as only time and consistent timely payments can improve your credit report. You may not wish to unnecessarily apply for a new credit card and/or cancel long-standing credit cards which may adversely impact on your credit score.

Q: Do you have any homeowners' insurance tips that I might be able to pass on to my mother who owns a house but wants to cut back?

A: The Insurance Information Institute warns against cutting homeowners' insurance during hard economic times. Being underinsured can cost you more in the event that you have to make a claim. Also, one should be wary of insuring a house for its real estate value rather than the cost of rebuilding. You should not select an insurance company by price alone, nor should you drop flood insurance. If you are a renter, neglecting to purchase renters insurance is a bad idea. You should obtain a knowledgeable insurance agent who is familiar with your situation and who can advise you on exactly how much insurance you should get and what type, particularly, if you are in a condominium where the insurance has to be complimentary to that held by the association in order to ensure full coverage.

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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			8177 Slaghorn Trl	\$225,000			18200 Roseland Blvd	\$122,000			Rochester Hills	428 Lange Dr	\$150,000	
			Commerce Township				18714 San Diego Blvd	\$237,000			3205 Avalon Rd	\$123,000	3463 McClure Dr	\$130,000
			1920 Bass Lake Rd	\$111,000			18791 Sunnybrook Ave	\$53,000			1784 Blue Grass Dr	\$380,000	4697 Pier Dr	\$495,000
			2380 Bevin Ct	\$220,000			18240 W 11 Mile Rd	\$75,000			3746 Connors Dr	\$50,000	3771 Rainfree Dr	\$162,000
			4775 Driftwood Dr	\$395,000			Millford		2223 Crystal Dr	\$128,000			660 Robinwood Dr	\$104,000
			1694 Point St	\$191,000			1796 Brookbury Dr	\$356,000			3697 Edinborough Dr	\$275,000	329 Scottsdale Dr	\$173,000
			2865 Ravinewood Dr	\$228,000			3900 Debate Ct	\$200,000			199 Grosse Pines Dr	\$240,000	6576 Tamarack Ct	\$330,000
			Davisburg				732 Manor Dr	\$103,000			3547 Hogan Cir	\$330,000	3233 Troy Dr	\$120,000
			11760 Clark Rd	\$131,000			11770 Red Oak Ln	\$118,000			3583 Hogan Cir	\$50,000	792 Wesley Dr	\$295,000
		Farmington				181 W Washington St	\$140,000			772 Lake Forest Rd	\$157,000	Walled Lake		
		Auburn Hills				1457 Lantern Ln	\$80,000			145 E Bay Dr	\$130,000			
		3707 Eaton Gate Ln	\$191,000			22324 Roberts Dr	\$55,000			2665 Long Meadow Ln	\$210,000	2611 Kingstowne Dr		\$44,000
		815 Hathaway Dr	\$191,000			1002 Whitegate Dr	\$332,000			74 Longford Dr	\$100,000	207 Spring Park		\$91,000
		366 N Vista	\$73,000			Northville				2384 Longview Ave	\$135,000			
		3555 South Blvd	\$165,000			Novi				69 Manor Way	\$89,000	4195 Aquarina St		\$320,000
		Beverly Hills				25923 Arcadia Dr	\$405,000			2995 Pheasant Ring Dr	\$278,000	2616 Bonita Dr		\$117,000
		30627 Banbury Ct	\$217,000			45053 Bartlett Dr	\$82,000			1197 Pine Ridge Ct	\$93,000	37 Coleman Dr		\$54,000
		32463 Sheridan Dr	\$115,000			28201 Carlton Way Dr	\$115,000			2069 Saint Andrews Dr	\$228,000	6636 Doyon Dr N		\$110,000
		Birmingham				39985 Crosswinds	\$105,000			3151 Salem Dr	\$240,000	3909 Iris Dr		\$120,000
		1274 E Lincoln St	\$365,000			50641 Drakes Bay Dr	\$175,000			793 Snowmass Dr	\$270,000	2680 Lacota Rd		\$125,000
		909 Fairfax St	\$285,000			41645 Hampshire St	\$182,000			969 Stag Ridge Rd	\$205,000	684 Ledyard St		\$25,000
		764 Lakeview Ave	\$640,000			28038 Hopkins Dr	\$125,000			106 Stonetree Cir	\$220,000	6445 Monrovia Dr		\$103,000
		1113 N Old Woodward Ave # 4	\$130,000			41683 Juniper Cir	\$116,000			590 Ten Point Dr	\$150,000	1311 Nokomis Way		\$156,000
		932 Pierce St	\$255,000			51135 Luke Ln	\$292,000			644 W Bluff Ct	\$155,000	2974 Nottingham		\$140,000
		411 S Old Woodward Ave	\$185,000			26377 Mandalay Cir	\$490,000			336 Willow Grove Ln	\$82,000	4109 Oceana Ave		\$89,000
		1500 Villa Rd	\$104,000			25483 Sullivan Ln	\$280,000			366 Wimpole Dr	\$185,000	1291 Ridgemoor Dr		\$135,000
		Bloomfield Hills				30233 Viewcrest	\$224,000			South Lyon		West Bloomfield		
		160 Kirkwood Ct	\$280,000			Oakland Township		619 Lyon Blvd	\$125,000			1806 Allendale Ave	\$180,000	
		1025 Stratford Pl	\$179,000			4414 Carriage Hill Ct	\$267,000			Southfield		7396 Barrington	\$127,000	
		Bloomfield Township				5350 Keswick Ct	\$560,000			18555 Bainbridge Dr	\$85,000	1700 Cedar Rdg	\$188,000	
		1289 Atkinson Ave	\$34,000			3706 Tremonte Cir S	\$225,000			24749 Harden Ave	\$69,000	5123 Chestershire Ct	\$140,000	
		3755 Brookside Dr	\$491,000			2118 W Gunn Rd	\$955,000			19047 Middlesex Ave	\$49,000	5425 Kingsway Ct	\$170,000	
		6181 Indianwood Trl	\$325,000			Oxford		15833 New Hampshire St	\$75,000			6792 Lee Crest Dr	\$167,000	
		5025 Kings Gate Way	\$320,000			143 Broadway St	\$123,000			28206 Red Leaf Ln	\$62,000	6580 Ridgelyfield Cir	\$70,000	
		752 Robinwood Cir	\$190,000			1030 Cross St	\$211,000			30690 Red Maple Ln	\$105,000	4409 Rolling Pine Dr	\$235,000	
		3711 Thornbrier Way	\$200,000			760 Doral Dr	\$77,000			17570 Roxbury Ave	\$85,000	4475 Rolling Pine Dr	\$540,000	
		2930 W Hickory Grove Rd	\$495,000			1081 Iroquois Trl	\$181,000			27676 Sutherland St	\$80,000	7319 Silver Leaf Ln	\$152,000	
		1559 W Long Lake Rd	\$150,000			1910 Lakesview Dr	\$230,000			Troy		White Lake		
		310 Westwood Dr	\$450,000			518 Linhart St	\$135,000			24629 Templar Ave	\$80,000	8826 Cooley Lake Rd		\$130,000
		Clarkston				1990 N Baldwin Rd	\$74,000			3716 Acorn Dr	\$285,000	8104 Kenwick St		\$62,000
		9232 Allen Rd	\$188,000			166 Spezia Dr	\$74,000			1755 Austin Dr	\$175,000	1845 Ladd Rd		\$315,000
		1879 Deerhill Dr	\$270,000			Rochester		820 Garnet Ct	\$235,000			151 Wabasso St	\$80,000	
		9745 Ellis Rd	\$198,000			765 Miller Ave	\$115,000			2551 Avalon Dr	\$122,000	864 Wolverine Dr		\$280,000
		10250 Ellis Rd	\$72,000			803 Plate St	\$19,000			2901 Devonwood Dr	\$415,000			
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		3926 Clair Dr	\$373,000											
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		2465 Holland St	\$108,000											
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		1490 Miller Rd	\$155,000											
		599 Oakland St	\$62,000											
		2922 Saturn Dr	\$150,000											

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34081 Ann Arbor Trl	\$90,000	12063 Landers Dr	\$275,000	Giving back	
32175 Balmoral Dr	\$290,000	9298 Mayflower Dr	\$168,000	Jeanette Schneider, VP/regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan and Eric Miller, Franchise Sales consultant, received an award from Children's Miracle Network. The award recognizes that agents have raised over \$100 million in personal donations toward the charity and its work with ill and recovering children. The Southeastern Michigan region supports the RE/MAX Communication Station Preschool at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and has been affiliated with the hospital since 1992. The preschool is the first hospital-based program in Michigan specifically for children with speech and language difficulties. The program is designed for children ages 3-6. Every year, RE/MAX agents and offices make donations to Children's Miracle Network through a variety of ways. Some agents contribute a	
27433 Buckingham St	\$105,000	50955 N Territorial Rd	\$95,000		
17675 Chase Blvd	\$185,000	174 Pinewood Dr	\$58,000		
8929 E Deborah Ct	\$55,000				
28860 Five Mile Rd	\$174,000	18260 Brady	\$41,000		
19751 Flamingo Blvd	\$74,000	14415 Fenton	\$77,000		
18564 Gilman St	\$164,000	26622 Kenneth Ct	\$73,000		
39007 Grenada St	\$163,000	17465 Lennane	\$70,000		
15132 Houghton St	\$145,000	19771 Macarthur	\$74,000		
16559 Middlebelt Rd	\$70,000	24567 Orangelawn	\$46,000		
29875 Minton St	\$28,000	16681 Ryland	\$60,000		
32924 Perth St	\$160,000	14412 Salem	\$60,000		
33825 Richland St	\$116,000	13041 Tecumseh	\$70,000		
29366 Terrence St	\$175,000	15419 Woodworth	\$21,000		
28036 W Chicago St	\$103,000				
42488 Corina Dr	\$140,000	27950 Ann Arbor Trl	\$120,000		
48933 Rainbow Ln S	\$280,000	1240 Easley Dr	\$87,000		
42285 Sunnydale Ln	\$205,000	31266 Fernwood St	\$67,000		
		34636 Hazelwood St	\$124,000		
		36673 Hazelwood St	\$138,000		
		38549 Lorus Ave	\$69,000		
		7505 Melvin Ave	\$110,000		
		948 Mitchell Dr	\$173,000		
		1246 Portland St	\$105,000		
		390 S John Hix St	\$78,000		
		2025 S John Hix St	\$77,000		
		32651 Sandra Ln	\$78,000		
		33285 Winchester St	\$76,000		
Northville					
42488 Corina Dr	\$140,000				
48933 Rainbow Ln S	\$280,000				
42285 Sunnydale Ln	\$205,000				
Plymouth					
336 Adams St	\$133,000				
44429 Albert Dr	\$124,000				
287 Arthur St	\$262,000				
1378 Carol Ave	\$173,000				
12755 Essex Ct	\$292,000				
12211 Hillside Dr	\$300,000				
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