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Diversity meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meets Monday to discuss the district's diversity plan.

The meeting takes place 6:30 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 Harvey in Plymouth.

More information is available on the district's Web site at www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

Special show

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard team and Winter Drumline conduct a special performance for the community at large 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the gymnasium at Central Middle School, 650 Church in downtown Plymouth.

The PCMB Guard Ensembles, Winter Guard and Winter Drumline will all perform. The Winter Ensembles are comprised of students of Plymouth-Canton Education Park and the music program. The Winter Drumline is active in the 2010 competition season, where they have received numerous accolades for their show, "Program Two."

Winter Pee Wee and Junior Guard will also perform. Pee Wee and Jr. Guard are comprised of elementary and middle school students who participated in a special workshop hosted by the Winter Guard Program and director Jennifer Leseth.

Free market

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, was honored as a "free market champion" by the Telecommunications Association of Michigan.

"I am proud to be honored as a Free Market Champion by TAM, a leading advocate for free market principles," Patterson said. "As I am heading into my final months as a conservative in the Legislature, I can't think of a finer tribute from such a respected organizations."

The award was presented to Patterson on TAM's 75th anniversary.

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) 459-3333.



Dave and Kerry Brooks explain the donor registry.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Depending on a donor

Mother's life hinges on finding a bone marrow match

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bracing for a courageous struggle for her life, leukemia-stricken Canton mom Kerry Brooks has the same dreams of any good mother.

She wants to watch her son Brendan, 8, and daughter Sydney, 6, succeed in school, learn to drive, attend their proms, celebrate their high school graduations and lead happy lives.

"I have two small children," Brooks said, sitting at her dining room table Thursday morning with husband Dave. "I have to get better."

Her only hope is getting a peripheral blood stem cell transplant, and her church, St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church of Canton, has answered the call to help her and others like her by asking donors to give blood and register to become bone marrow donors.

Brooks was diagnosed in February with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and, more specifically, the rarer Philadelphia chromosome positive form.

According to the National Marrow Donor Program, more than 10,000 Americans each year are diagnosed with life-threatening blood diseases such as leukemia and lymphoma, and their best — and sometimes only — hope for a cure is a transplant from an unrelated donor.

Brooks, 45, spent two weeks at the University of Michigan Hospital in February and was released on the same day her 73-year-old mother, Beverly Walker, died after a long struggle with heart disease.



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Brooks had hoped this year would be better — that her family would get past its struggles and face a promising spring, a new beginning.

"I need a bone marrow transplant to be cured," she said matter-of-factly, braving the unknown. "This is what I've been dealt."

Brooks initially thought she had a sinus infection and that she felt tired because she was run-down from worrying about her mother. Yet her diagnosis brought a reality much more frightening.

Doctors have placed her on a pill form of chemotherapy that, for now, has put her leukemia in remission.

"So far, so good," she said.

Still, she and her husband have mustered the courage they will

HOW YOU CAN HELP

What: Blood drive to benefit Kerry Brooks

Where: St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton

When: 8 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 2

Who: Donors should be between the ages of 18 and 60, willing to donate to any patient and meet certain health guidelines.

Help: Appointments may be made by logging on to www.givelife.org, clicking on the "enter a sponsor code" tab and typing in CCU, or by calling Cathy Hulett at (734) 981-1333, Ext. 18, or Peggy Greene at (734) 637-8076.

need for a potentially long battle. They are doing everything they can to fight her disease. There's no other option.

"This is my wife," Dave Brooks said.

Kerry Brooks has a brother, but he wasn't a match for the procedure she needs. Despite her plight, she even managed to joke that her mother and father, Bill Walker of Westland, should have had more children so she'd be more likely to have a matching donor.

Nonetheless, Kerry Brooks, a 1982 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, has found an extended family through her church, which, along with help from the St. John Neumann Parish of Canton, has organized an American Red Cross blood

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Canton wants in on Google experiment

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton has indicated a potential interest in becoming a test site as Google, the popular Web-based search engine, launches an experiment it says will make Internet access better and faster.

Google plans to test ultra-high-speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations across the country.

"Canton is interested in being considered as a site, as we believe it will help market the community, appeal to high-tech companies and provide a very high-speed Internet option for our residents," Canton Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Canton hasn't committed to the project, because financial implications aren't yet known, but officials at least want the township considered as a test site for Internet service touted by Google as more than 100 times faster than what most people have come to expect.

Google says its networks will deliver more than 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections. The company also indicates its service will be offered at competitive prices to at least 50,000 homes and potentially up to 500,000.

Google has asked local governments to provide nominating information about their communities by March 26, and community groups and residents also may help.

To nominate Canton, simply log on to log on to www.google.com/appserve/fiber-rfi/public/options.

Another way is to log on to google.com, type in "google fiber optics" and look for the link that says "Google Fiber for Communities."

Township officials also have asked members of Team Canton — a group of community representatives recently assembled by Supervisor Phil LaJoy to find ways to help Canton and its residents — to take time to nominate Canton for the Google program.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Walking tall

Derek Affholter, with his mom and dad, Tricia and Matt Affholter, will be the special honoree for the 2010 Ann Arbor Arthritis Walk next month. Derek was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis as a toddler. For more on Derek and the walk, please see page A3.

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Former owners of funeral home will pay victims under plea agreement

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Christopher and Nancy Ziomek of Canton, who once owned the Ziomek Funeral Home on Wayne Road in Livonia, entered a no-contest plea Friday to one count of embezzlement of \$50,000 or more but less than \$100,000, a 15-year offense, before Wayne County Circuit Judge Daniel Hathaway.

A sentence hearing will take place on May 3 at 9 a.m. before Hathaway. As part of the plea, the Ziomeks have agreed to pay \$257,119 to 23 victims who were part of the court complaint, according to Wayne County prosecuting attorney Rob Spada. The Ziomeks will be placed on five years probation, but will follow strict



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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repayment guidelines or be subject to jail time, Spada said.

The Ziomeks must pay \$150,000 on the day of their

sentencing, then pay the remaining \$107,119.16 within nine months. Three payments of \$35,706.39 will be made every 90 days after the sentencing date.

A missed payment would subject the couple to a two- to 15-year sentence with the Michigan Department of Corrections, Spada said.

Spada expects the victims will be reimbursed through the court once the payments are made.

Spada called it an "egregious" case, but was pleased that the victims would get restitution under the agreement. "It's a great resolution to make the victims in this case whole," Spada said.

Prosecutors accused the Ziomeks of stealing as much as \$250,000 from customers who

prepaid for funerals and cremations.

Livonia Detective Dean Langley of the Livonia Police Department first received a complaint on the funeral home in November 2007. A man had purchased two prepaid funeral contracts, but later found that the funeral home did not have a pre-paid funeral and cemetery sales registration with the state of Michigan. Customers who had purchased the contracts were unable to obtain refunds, Langley said.

Langley investigated the case with state auditors from the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth Bureau of Commercial Services.

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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

Brandon speaks

David Brandon, the University of Michigan's athletic director and former CEO of Domino's Pizza, will be the guest speaker during a Canton Economic Club luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Cost is \$20. To register, call (734) 394-5185 by Friday, April 2.

Haiti aid

Several local music groups are coming together to play at the Concert for Haiti at the Village Theater in Canton at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 26.

The event is unticketed, but the groups are suggesting a \$15 donation per person at the door. The concert offers a wide variety of music, including Deep River Gospel Choir, Abigail Stauffer (singer/songwriter/folk), Misty Lyn and

the Big Beautiful (indie/folk), Lawn Care (rock/alternative/indie), and Juice (non-traditional percussion). Funds raised will be donated to the Honor and Respect Foundation and Yéle Haiti to benefit the long-term rebuilding and education in Haiti.

The concert is being headed up by Elise Butler-Pinkham, Outreach Coordinator for Group For Entertainment, Inc., who spent two years studying cello performance at Lawrence Conservatory in Wisconsin under the directorship of Janet Anthony.

Many local musicians have agreed to be a part of this concert. For concert updates and to make a donation by credit card, please check out the event blog at www.juiceontour.wordpress.com.

For more information, contact Elise Butler-Pinkham at ebutlerpinkham@groupfourentertainment.com or by phone at (248) 835-0544.

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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.

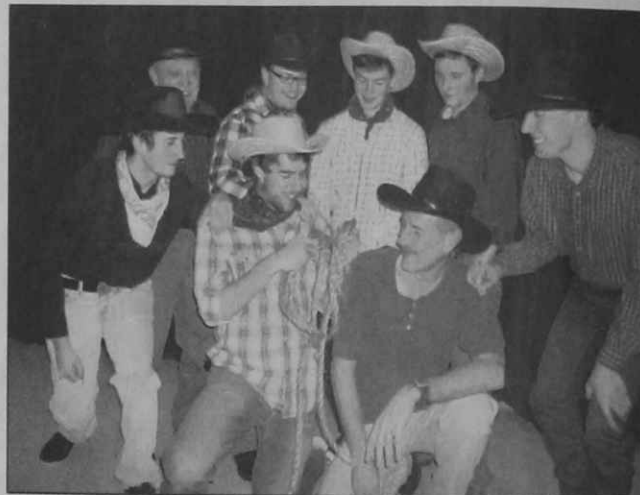
Coffee hour

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.



Going west

The Spotlight Players present, 'Oklahoma,' April 23 to May 2 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The show is an Oklahoma love story between Laurey and Curly and the downcast Judd Fry. It features a cast of local actors including Roy Sexton as Curly; Lauren London as Laurey; Linda Trygg as Aunt Eller; Jesse Brandel as Will Parker; Cathy Skutch as Ado Annie; Robert Doyle as Ali Hakim; Drex Morton as Ike Skidmore and Mike Cuba as Andrew Carnes, as well as familiar songs such as 'Oklahoma!' 'Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin',' and 'People Will Say We're In Love.' The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students under 19.

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

For more information or to obtain a complete list of what

will and will not be accepted, call (734) 326-3936 or visit www.waynecounty.com.

Damaris scholars

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

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

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

Applications can be downloaded at: www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf

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

For more information, contact Debra Madonna, (734) 377-0914, clarion@storytellerdesign.com.

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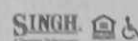
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Canton youngster fights back against arthritis

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It started as Derek Affholter was learning to walk.

His parents, Matt and Tricia, noticed he was limping. He would wake up in pain, unable to fully extend his legs. After watching him struggle for a few days, they got him to a doctor, who initially didn't think much of it.

It went on for a couple of weeks until the Affholter's got Derek to another doctor, who saw pretty quickly what was wrong. At 23 months old, Derek was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, a long-term disease resulting in joint pain and swelling.

"As soon as they saw him, they said, 'Yep, he's got it,'" Matt Affholter said. "It's a shock. You're concerned about what's going to happen as he gets older. Is he going to be able to play sports? Things like that worry you."

According to statistics provided by the Arthritis Foundation-Michigan Chapter, some 2.5 million adults and more than 10,000 children in Michigan live with arthritis. Derek deals



Tricia and Matt Affholter with sons Logan and Derek.

with his condition by taking three different medications every day and adhering to a strict physical therapy regimen that includes frequent visits to a physical therapist. In addition, Derek visits a

rheumatoid specialist and sees an ophthalmologist because his form of arthritis tends to affect the eyes.

As Derek tumbled around his living room wrestling with his 8-year-old brother,

Logan, it appeared that, for now at least, the treatment is working.

"When you hear about it, you wonder if you're going to be pushing your son around in a wheelchair," Matt

WALKING TO BEAT IT

What: 2010 Ann Arbor Arthritis Walk
When: Saturday, April 24
Where: Huron High School, 2727 Fuller Road in Ann Arbor, and through Gallup Park.
Why: To raise money and awareness to combat arthritis which, according to the Arthritis Foundation-Michigan Chapter, affects some 49 million Americans.

Affholter said. "But he gets to be all boy."

Derek's parents attribute that in large measure to support they've gotten from the Arthritis Foundation. Tricia e-mailed the foundation and got names of other mothers dealing with the condition, a group from which she says she's gotten a ton of support. The foundation, for instance, helped the Affholters find an eye doctor for Derek.

And next month, the family will again try to return the favor, supporting the foundation by walking (for the third year) in the annual Ann Arbor Arthritis Walk, but also by having Derek serve as the walk's honoree.

"I got a pamphlet in the mail and it caught my interest," Tricia Affholter said of the walk. "I wanted to show our support and help raise

money to try to find a cure."

The Affholters feel fortunate because Derek's condition was detected early.

"We were very lucky to catch it early ... we caught it in three months," Tricia said. "A lot of doctors don't pursue it because they aren't familiar with it. It's not the first thing they go to. They think it's growing pains."

The family also knows it could be worse. When he's on his medications, Derek is as active as any other youngster - "He's 100-percent boy," Tricia said, laughing - and seems pain-free.

"You realize there are a lot worse things a child can go through," Matt Affholter said. "It changes your lifestyle, but he still gets to be a boy."

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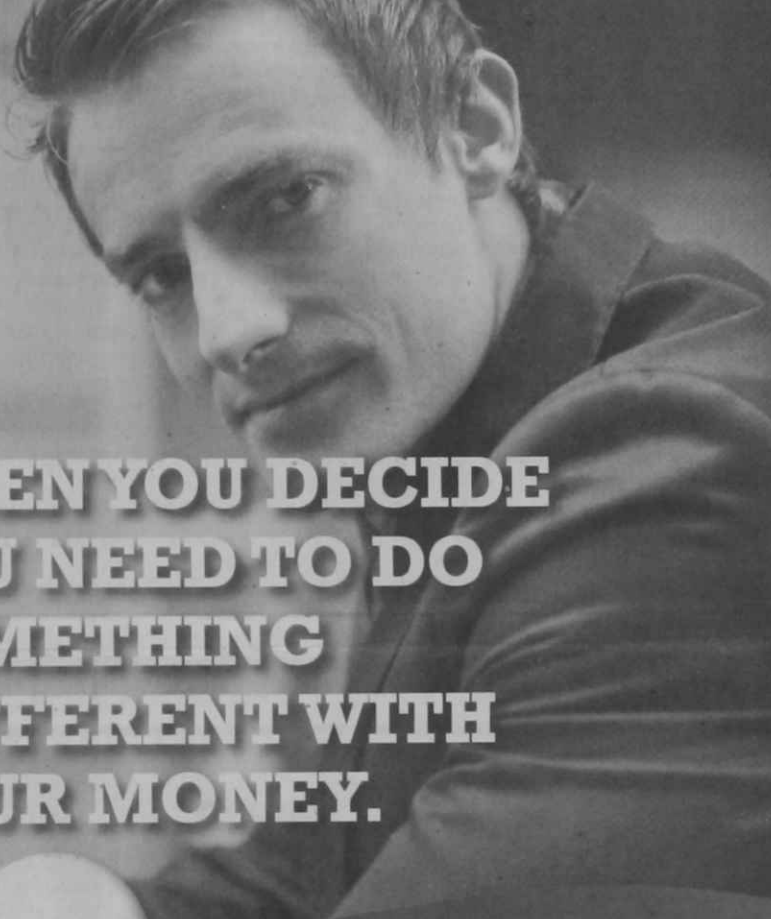
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EDUCATION

In any language

Workman event celebrates countries, cultures

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

On Friday, Workman Elementary showcased many different countries and cultures, during its fourth annual Celebration of Diversity celebrating differences while working together in unity.

"Diversity is critical to harmony and understanding of one another," said Sabrina Boykin, PTO President and the night's emcee.

As the guests arrived, they were given a language lesson, which turned out to be one of Prabha Bhat's favorite activities. "I liked learning all the different ways to greet [others] in different languages," said Bhat, who helped choreograph dances from India. Also, the first graders sang "Hello to all the Children of the World" as a way to further welcome about 300 guests.

Workman Principal Jim Burt warmly thanked the families for teaching their children tolerance, understanding and respect for people that are different.

For the next hour, the audience was thoroughly entertained and educated by lively cultural music, singing and dancing. Each group wore colorful and traditional dress and seemed to "transport" the audience to other lands and cultures.

In Ireland, they heard the Irish National Anthem, sung beautifully in Gaelic, and were stunned by the rhythmic pounding of Irish dancing. Next, England presented a fun "Spice Girls" remix and dance. Then, China brought on the Chinese New Year with a sweet song and dance, as well as colorful lanterns and umbrellas.

In Mexico, the audience was



Destiny Haywood, Taylor Boykin and Karly Patterson celebrate the African-American culture during Workman's diversity celebration.

further entertained by the "Mexican Hat Dance". Next, India's group performed classical dance with jazz fusion, folk dance and Bollywood modern dance. Then, the African American group performed a "Motown 50th Anniversary Review," which featured songs by famous Detroit singers.

In Japan, they watched the playful So-ran bushi dance, which is traditionally performed in Japanese summer festivals. The audience was then transported back to the USA, with a patriotic song by the 5th graders.

"Passports" were then distributed and the world tour continued. This time, the guests traveled to several classrooms for food tasting, as well as hands-on activities. Educational and cultural displays were seen throughout the school. Additional countries included Germany, Guatemala, Turkey and Syria/Lebanon.

Parent, Sangeetha Jeneja, said, "It's so surprising to see so much diversity in one place,"

said Sangeetha Jeneja, a parent. "The way it's presented here, you get to appreciate every single country - the foods, the colors and their customs and traditions."

Rosa Galvan, who helped with the group from Mexico, said she especially liked the customs, clothes and food from India. "I liked tasting the different flavors," she said.

Prabha Bhat especially liked the food sampling from Turkey, while Mary Kelso liked learning about the various African American heroes.

Organizers credited the success of the event to the "hard work and dedication of several staff and custodial members, parents, students and other volunteers." Also, several local businesses contributed. To all who helped in any way, the guests said: "Thank You," "Gracias," "xie xie," "Dhanyavad," "Danke schön," "Iyayraykere," "Shukur," "Balika," "Thuchi chea," "Maharabe," "Thenk Ye," "Boche," "Arigato."



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Adam Sun, Brian Yang, Joshua Zhe and Anna Wang do a dance at the fourth annual Workman Elementary School Celebration of Diversity.



Shirya Mohite, Liam Hurley, Teruki Gibeau, Sarah Kress and Momoka Kusaka celebrate the Japanese culture.

Easter Egg Hunt

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12:45 p.m. – Ages 7-9 and Ages 10-12

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Vacated spot set to serve up new eatery

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new restaurant employing 140 people is expected to open by early July in the former Don Pablo's eatery on Ford Road east of I-275, eliminating a longtime vacancy along Canton's busiest thoroughfare.

Hayden's Grill & Bar owner Brent Skaggs said Canton was chosen because of the township's demographics.

"It has an upwardly mobile feel to it," he said.

Hayden's is a new name for similar restaurants already located in Bay City and Saginaw, and it is part of the K&H Restaurant Group, LLC, which has been in business for 27 years.

Skaggs has described Hayden's as a casual, family friendly restaurant that offers patrons a choice of meals ranging from \$6.99 to \$20.

"We're very value-conscious," he said, although he said Hayden's decor will have "an upscale twist."

Skaggs and business partners are expected to redecorate the interior of the former Don Pablo's while leaving intact much of the exterior, except for new awnings, lighting and an outdoor patio area.

Just last week, the Canton Township Board of Trustees paved the way for the new restaurant and indicated support for eliminating a highly visible vacancy.

"We're very excited some-

one's moving in," Trustee Pat Williams said.

The project came on the heels of news that another shuttered Canton restaurant, the former Texas Corral Grill & Saloon, is being transformed into a new Japanese-style steak house and sushi bar dubbed Ichiban. Work already is occurring at that site, on Ford Road east of Sheldon.

Canton Downtown Development Director Kathleen Salla has said local officials are pleased to see new restaurants coming to town. "When you look at the list of restaurants Canton has to offer, we have a great variety," she said.

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ON CAMPUS

College of the Holy Cross

Joseph Todaro, a second-year student at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2009-10 academic year.

Todaro is the son of Jim and Vicki Todaro of Canton. He is majoring in chemistry.

Founded in 1843, the College of the Holy Cross is a selective, exclusively undergraduate college of 2,800 students known for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition.

Alma College

Alma College has named nearly 400 students, including three Plymouth-Canton Community Schools graduates, to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2009 Fall Term.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying

a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Local students included junior Maricatharine Eggenberger of Canton, a Plymouth High School graduate, and seniors Ashley Jennen of Canton, a Salem High School graduate, and Kelsey Bailey of Plymouth, who was graduated from Canton High School.

Lebanon Valley College

Aaron Amin of Canton, a sophomore at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., was honored at a recent ceremony to celebrate the success of new students at LVC who have been recognized as emerging leaders.

Amin was presented with the gift of a zippered pad folio that read on the cover, "LVC, Making a Difference," along with a formal "certificate of recognition." The honored students mingled with faculty and staff at a reception

with food and flowers in the atrium of LVC's Neidig-Garber Science Center.

LVC President Stephen C. MacDonald challenged the students to continue their success, telling them they were off to a good start, and he was expecting great things from them in the future. The students who won the award were nominated by faculty, administrators, coaches, and staff at the College.

Founded in 1866, Lebanon Valley College is a liberal arts and pre-professional college with an enrollment of 1,600 undergraduate students.

Elmhurst College

Jacob Whitecar of Plymouth was among the students named to the Elmhurst (Ill.) College Dean's List for the fall term of the 2009-10 academic year.

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Police investigating school fight

A 14-year-old Plymouth High School freshman was reportedly hospitalized at the University of Michigan hospital after a fight with a Canton High School freshman Wednesday afternoon.

Canton Township police were called to Canton High School around 1:15 Wednesday on the report of the fight between the two boys. The department's School Resource Officer took a report, and paramedics transported the injured student to Children's Hospital, where police say he is undergoing medical treatment.

Canton Police investigators are looking into the cause of the altercation, as well as waiting for a final determination on the extent of the victim's injuries.

Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said the district couldn't comment further on the incident because of the age of the students. Both students were initially suspended for four days. The Canton High School freshman was extended to a 10-day suspension, Ruggirello said.

Ruggirello said further disciplinary action could be taken following completion of the inquiry.

Canton Police said the case remains open.

Library programs tout energy initiatives

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Amid mounting interest surrounding Earth Day's 40th anniversary, the Canton Public Library has announced a series of programs that delve into alternative energy, gardening and artwork made from recyclable materials.

Cumulatively, nearly 200 people attended last year's series, described as "very popular" by Laurie Golden, the library's manager of marketing and communications. She said a similar turnout is expected in April.

Kim Brandow, adult reference librarian, attributed the growing interest in Earth Day programs to a heightened awareness of environmental issues.

"I think there are a lot of reasons why people are interested in environmental issues right now," she said. "One

person may be interested in growing their own garden for health reasons, while someone else might be interested for economic reasons.

"The same (is true) with alternative energy," Brandow said. "One person may be interested in it to save money, and another might be more interested in reducing their impact on global warming."

Library officials are asking people to mark their calendars for this year's programs, which are free and don't require registration.

Some programs are geared toward children, some toward teens and some toward adults.

Here's a closer look at what's being offered:

- **Earth Day Mural Art.** Children in kindergarten through eighth grade can create art for inclusion in the library's Action for Earth S.N.A.P. (Share, Nurture, Act Preserve) mural. All supplies are provided for the program, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 18.
- **Recycled Crafts.** First- and second-graders can bring their own pop bottles, margarine tubs, cardboard and other recyclable materials — and art supplies will be provided — so youngsters can turn ordinary materials into artwork. The program runs 5-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.
- **How To Become a Master Gardener.** Anita Callendar from the Wayne County Master Gardener Association will lead the class 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.
- **A Michivore Life.** Tom Bloomer, co-founder of Michivore, a program that promotes local food producers, will head up a class 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. According to the library, the class aims to "turn your taste buds on to the pleasures of

eating Michigan-grown fare."

- **Energy Alternatives.** YpsiSolar's Dave Strenski will explain alternative energy options for homes and businesses during a seminar scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22.
- **Scrapbox Fun.** Children ages 3 to 6 can create unique, imaginative art from recycled materials 10-11 a.m. Friday, April 23.

Brandow said Earth Day programs have spurred interest because they are diverse and attract people with a variety of interests.

"It appeals to people on many different levels and for many different reasons," she said.

For more information, log on to the library's Web site, www.cantonpl.org or call (734) 397-0999.

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Teams works to smooth W-W transition

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As a part of the 21st Century Schools Committee, Shawn Maxwell helped craft the recommendation that ultimately led to the closing of six Wayne-Westland elementary schools and a shift to a K-four/five-six elementary program.

Now she is a part of making the change a smooth and seamless process for parents and students who will change schools this fall as part of the district's Transition Team.

The parent-driven panel is meeting to come up with

ways to provide parents with the information they need and activities that will make them feel welcome at their new school this fall. The Wayne resident has children attending Taft-Galloway School which is taking in from Vandenberg Elementary in the southeast area of the school district.

"I was very pleased with the first (committee) meeting," said Maxwell. "A lot of parents showed up, it was more of a parent-based meeting. They had a lot of suggestions."

But Maxwell also is pleased with what has already begun

happening in her neighborhood school. Vandenberg youngsters and their parents are being invited to participate in events at the school, like a recent activities night.

"You couldn't tell which kids were from where," Maxwell said. "People from the closing school came there because they want to help their children with this transition."

Maxwell's comments are music to the ears of Wayne-Westland school officials who are three months into planning the transition which will start with the end of the current school year.

The district's Web site at www.wvcsd.net already includes a Find Your School geofile, allowing parents to type in their address and see which schools their children will attend from kindergarten through 12th grade. There's also a Transition Team icon to click on that takes parents to a Web page, explaining the purpose of the team, informa-

tion on school start and end times for 2010-11 and schools that will get parking lot and playground improvements and a preference sheet for fifth-sixth-grade world languages and music.

The district worked with Wayne RESA to create geocodes for 40,000 homes in the school districts. For people new to the district or wondering where to go sign up their youngsters for kindergarten, the file provides a quick answer.

"There's even been questions about where kids would go for kindergarten roundup," said Deputy Superintendent Charlotte Sherman. "They'll do it at their new schools. They'll be there with their next year administrators."

Seven administrative positions will be lost with the closings. Three, however, will move to new positions funded by the federal ARRA funds to work on improving student achievement and

teaching methodology. They'll work through the summer to prepare for the talented and gifted program.

The district is dealing with the logistics of packing and moving furniture and supplies from schools that are closing to the 11 K-four elementaries and two five-six buildings. The technology items have all been inventoried and determined where it will be moved to, and some teachers have already begun packing up such things as lesson plans and supplies that won't be needed until next year.

"The teachers packed themselves in the 1990s when we closed buildings and they did it in the 1970s," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "They've been cooperating and we believe we will pull this off effortlessly. It's all in the best interest of the district and the children."

Baracy added that the Wayne-Westland Education Association also has been

"very cooperative and understanding" in working out the placement of teachers for 2010-11. The hope is to have a majority of the staff placed by the end of April.

The Transition Team also is planning and sharing activities with the schools to make the change "comfortable and exciting for the children and the staff." Activities like open houses, Taft-Galloway's recent family activities night and PTA get-togethers are being planned.

"Some schools have already borrowed from what was heard at the meetings," Baracy said. "If the team wants district-wide activities or they want to share with the other schools, we'll get the information and plans from them and help them carry it out, but they'll give us the information."

"This is all about what we can do to help the children and parents transition Through this in a positive way," he added.

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'Action' item

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

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

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Tankers impress at finals

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Led by All-American hopefuls from Canton and Salem, the Plymouth-Canton district's high schools made a splash at the Division 1 state boys swimming and diving finals in Holland.

Canton's Victor Zhang and Salem's Adam Seroka finished 2-3 in the 200 individual medley with times of 1:54.15 and 1:55.56, respectively – both good enough for All-American consideration.

"Right now he's ranked 57th in the nation," said Chiefs head coach Dave Le. "So it's a pretty good chance that he'll qualify for All-American status."

Zhang also finished fifth in the 100 backstroke (53.23), to earn All-State honors for a second event.

As a team, Canton placed 22nd out of 35 teams with 31 points.

"It was a nice ending to the season," Le said. "We worked hard all year and it definitely paid off at the end of the season, both at the conference meet and state meet. We made a very good showing at both meets."

For the Rocks, head coach Chuck Olson was satisfied with the overall performance, 13th place with 64 points.

Seroka and Matt Collingwood collected All-State honors for the 500 free, with Seroka finishing second (4:40.66) and Collingwood sixth (4:44.12), Olson said.

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Canton's Sara Schmitt (No. 40) drives around Detroit Renaissance's Arrice Bryant during Friday's Class A girls basketball semifinal at Breslin Center. In the background for the Chiefs is Kari Schmitt.

Phoenished!

Canton's great run comes to end at Breslin Center

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It took a rising Phoenix to snuff out Canton's championship dreams.

But the Chiefs' girls basketball team gave Detroit Renaissance a battle Friday afternoon at Michigan State University's Breslin Center before falling 50-47 in the Class A semifinal.

"Renaissance is a very good team," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski from the Breslin podium,

flanked by dejected players Kari Schmitt and Alyssa Cottrell. "Our kids competed and gave everything they had, we just came up a few plays short and they made some good plays down the stretch."

The heart-wrenching defeat meant both teams left the floor with identical 24-2 records. Canton's only other loss also was to Renaissance, in overtime.

"Canton was an awesome opponent tonight, and I give all kinds of credit to them, they played their hearts out,"

said Phoenix head coach Diane Jones. "We threw all of our defenses out at them and they handled that pressure and they hit shots, especially in the first half."

"... I was really proud of my girls for stepping up and playing under the stress and continuing to battle back and handle their pressure at the end."

The game's wild conclusion was fitting for a game of back-and-forth runs

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Canton sophomore point guard Robyn Mack puts defensive pressure on Phoenix junior guard Elizabeth Badgett.

Community-minded Whalers win off ice, too

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Legend has it that Plymouth Whalers winger James Livingston got the attention of teammates in the locker room this season and led them in an impromptu rendition of *Happy Birthday* for a young fan.

Livingston's only been with the team since midseason, yet he quickly bought into the "Whalers way" of doing things to connect with the Plymouth and Canton communities.

That is just one example of why the Ontario Hockey League franchise is becoming more and more entrenched in the Plymouth-Canton region, to the tune of a 30 percent increase in actual attendance in 2009-10.



During the second half of the season, there were a handful of sellouts and crowds were in the 3,100-3,200 range. Big crowds are expected for the first round playoff series with Sault Ste. Marie (which began Friday).

"I think everyone here would say it's been a team effort," said Denise Ronayne, the team's director of sales and marketing. "We've hit all the cylinders at the same time and it's really across the board (as to how).



"Everything from the right promotions at the right time the right place ... and the combination of the right players on the ice."

VALUE-PACKED

Popular promotions such as \$5 Fridays and 4-for-\$44, both being continued for the series with the Greyhounds,

'These 300 or 400 kids go plodding through the locker room, and they stop whatever they're doing and pay attention to those kids.'

DENISE RONAYNE, Plymouth Whalers

are taking root and garnering word-of-mouth buzz.

"Our \$5 Friday value has really caught on with the fans," said Pete Krupsky, director of communications. "And that's been a big thing."

Of course, there's the so-

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BRIANNA HARRIS



Who: Brianna Harris, junior co-captain, Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team.

Miscellany: The 16-year-old, whose parents are Gregory and Rolanda Harris, carries a 3.6 grade-point average and also is a varsity athlete in girls soccer (1st team all conference, honorable mention all-state) and volleyball (2nd team all-regional).

Captain's job: "It is to lead their team by example and to be the eyes and ears of the coach on the court (and) to encourage and support their teammates."

Leadership style: "I'm very intense and I might come across



really strong but the girls know it's all out of love for them and the game. I try to help and encourage in any way I can.

Why her?: "I would think because they see that I'm a leader and can lead this team and because I'm very committed and know a lot about the game."

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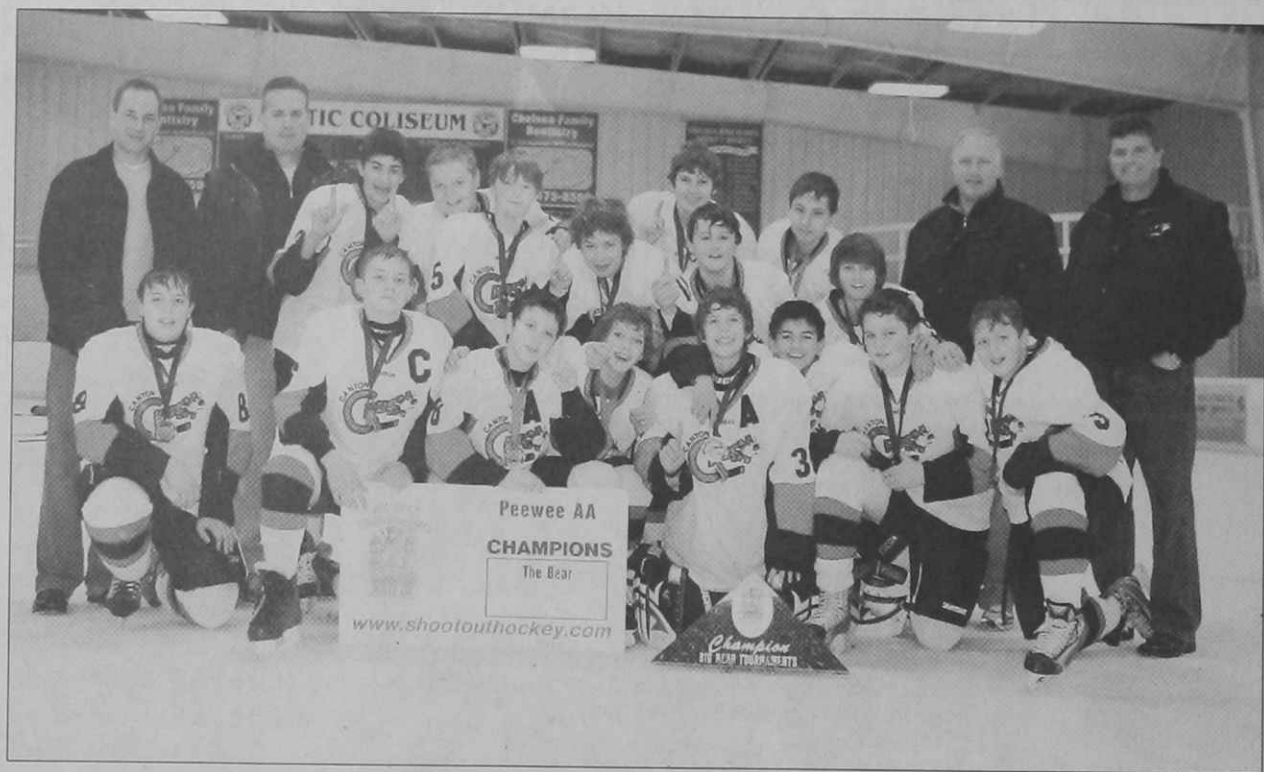


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Crush-ing the competition

The Canton Crush PWAA Travel Hockey Team recently won the Big Bear Tournament, defeating teams from Gilmour, Ohio, Kensington Valley and West London, Ont. Canton goalies Andrew ‘Rozy’ Rozenbaum and Lewis Campbell each recorded shutouts, leading the team to the championship game. Members of the Crush include: (back row) Rick Barr, Cam McCausland, Colin McCausland, Scott Bazner, Jake Smith, Dylan Smith, Nick Glud, Andrew Jossey, Eric Locke, Justin Barr, Dennis Smith and Joe Mitchell; (front row) Ben Chafin, Joe Nevalo, Jared Merandi, Lewis Campbell, Andrew Rozenbaum, David Mitchell, Noah Willer and Tommy Kiddle.

Whalers stumble in playoff opener

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

That wasn’t what the Plymouth Whalers had in mind for their 2010 Ontario Hockey League playoff opener.

Plymouth clawed back Friday from an early deficit to take a 2-1 lead about eight minutes into the third on a Tyler Seguin goal only to give it right back to the Greyhounds — who skated off with a 3-2 Game 1 victory in the Western Conference first round series.

Sault Ste. Marie came out flying, helped by eight minutes of Plymouth penalties, to go up 1-0 in the first period on a goal by Dominic DeSando. The Greyhounds outshot Plymouth 20-8 and didn’t have a bigger lead due to the excellent work of Whalers goalie Matt Hackett.

“I think our guys were a little tentative off the get-go, we kind of sat back and wondered what they’d do,” said Plymouth assistant coach Brian Sommariva. “The 5-on-3 didn’t help. But there really wasn’t an explanation for us. Our play in the first period was purely unacceptable.”

That lead held up throughout the second period and it wasn’t until early in the third that Plymouth came to life.

Sparkplug winger Ryan Hayes forced a turnover along the right half-wall near Plymouth’s blueline and took the puck deep into Soo territory.

He fed a cross-crease feed to center Phil McRae for the tap-in near the left post for the tying goal at 2:23.

The suddenly fired up less-than-capacity crowd at Compuware Arena really had something to cheer about just 5:34 later.

Plymouth winger Tyler Brown sent the puck to linemate Robbie Czarnik in the Soo zone and, from the left wing, he found Seguin cruising between the circles.

Seguin snapped Czarnik’s pass under the crossbar past Greyhounds netminder Robin Lehner to put Plymouth up 2-1.

The exhilaration didn’t last long because a bad break behind the Whalers goal enabled Jordan Nolan to tie the contest at 9:59. Plymouth’s defensemen were behind the net, with one of them

losing his stick, and Nolan fired the puck toward the net from behind the red line.

It banked in past Hackett, who was brilliant with 41 saves.

“The guy threw it at the net and ultimately it hit something and went in,” Sommariva said. “You really don’t fault the goalie in a situation like that.”

Hard work by the Greyhounds led to the winning goal with just 2:48 left in the third.

Tomas Rachunek dug the puck out from behind Plymouth’s goal and centered a pass in front to Daniel Catenacci who made no mistake.

Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci pulled Hackett with under a minute to go, but the Whalers were unable to send the game into overtime.

Although Sommariva said the team’s overall performance wasn’t something the coaches would be too pleased about, “don’t take anything from the way the Soo played tonight. They played very hard and they played well.”

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WALT OMOCH

Plymouth newcomer James Livingston (No. 26) didn’t need much time to figure out how important the community is to the Whalers and vice-versa.

not just about Tyler.

“Tyler Seguin has a lot to do with it (attendance/interest growth),” Krupsky said. “But he has a lot of help from his friends. I would argue that Matt Hackett is just as popular in the community if not more popular with some people, than Tyler Seguin.

“I would argue that Ryan Hayes has a lot of fans, too. He’s up for our Humanitarian of the Year for the league.”

Krupsky stressed that each player has his own cheering section. “A lot of it has to do with the fact they’re out so much in the community.”

Another reason for the Whalers forging a bond with the community is many players attend high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — where the team is featured on student radio station 88.1 (The Escape).

“Half our players go to school at the campus, and there’s the radio station airing our games,” Ronayne said. “We’ve always had a great relationship with the district itself, we see each other as partners contributing to each other’s success.”

GOOD HOCKEY HELPS

Yet Ronayne knows that all the promotions, bargains and community presence in the world only go so far.

The quality of play in the OHL is essential to the mix, something families, high school students and even National Hockey League fans discover after visiting Compuware.

“If you love hockey you get what you need,” Ronayne said. “If you understand hockey you’re totally rewarded. We have eight kids right now that have been drafted already.”

Those NHL prospects and media “beacon” Seguin certainly boost the Plymouth Whalers’ profile.

Whether all that turns casual fans into season ticket holders remains to be seen, of course.

“The one thing we can do, you can say what you are,” Ronayne summed up. “But until people come here and you prove what you are, that’s where the rubber hits the road.”

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called “Seguin Effect” — the correlation between the stunningly talented forward Tyler Seguin and rising interest in the on-ice product and overall family friendly experience at Compuware Arena.

Seguin is touted as one of the top two picks in the upcoming NHL Entry Draft and finished in a tie with Windsor’s Taylor Hall for the OHL scoring title.

Big-league scouts routinely visit Compuware to watch him; national (*The Hockey News*) and local publications write about him.

But Seguin finds the time to interact with just about anybody who comes his way, including school kids and their families.

“He (Seguin) helps us on several levels,” Ronayne noted. “Clearly (with) national attention. We wouldn’t have those articles. XM Radio was interviewing him earlier. We wouldn’t have that kind of exposure.

“That doesn’t necessarily translate into (fans) in seats. But he is a regular kid who will sign a regular autograph for any kid just like any player.”

And for any skeptics, there are hundreds of kids who are paraded through the Whalers locker room after every game. (Ronayne estimated 10-15 groups attend every game.)

They come in with their Whalers posters and come out with those being adorned with autographs from Seguin, net-minder Matt Hackett and the rest of the squad.

Following the March 14 regular season finale against Saginaw, Hackett greeted a little boy in the corridor who stood shorter than his goalie pads. Everybody, including the moms and dads, always leaves with beaming faces.

TIME FOR THE KIDS

“It’s amazing (because it’s) going on 9:30 at night,” Ronayne said. “But I give those players so much credit because whether they win or lose, no matter what ... it’s not even discussed.

“They just give back. Somebody did it to them, gave them an autograph or signed a poster for them. These 300 or 400 kids go plodding through the locker room, and they stop whatever they’re doing and pay attention to those kids.”

Youth teams from Plymouth-Canton and other communities all over southeast Michigan also skate before OHL games or during intermissions and meet the Whalers as part of the deal.

Krupsky acknowledged the impact of Seguin on overall interest in the Whalers. But it’s

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Schade said it felt like his team pushed itself

400 freestyle relay: 12. Salem (Collingwood, Noah Santer, Max Mills and Seroka), 3:16.67.



Salem sent six to last weekend's Division 1 state boys swimming and diving finals in Holland. Pictured (from left) are Jeremy Wellman, Max Mills, Matt Collingwood, Adam Seroka, Noah Santer and Chad Newton.

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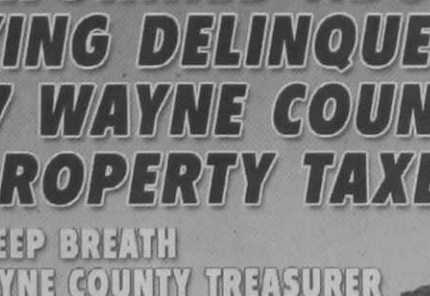
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and frantic play all over the court from the opening tip. Detroit Renaissance hit back-to-back treys just moments after Canton sophomore guard Robyn Mack (11 points) put the Chiefs up 43-41 with just under two minutes to go.

FAN-DEMONIUM

When Mack drained her jumper from the left corner, just inside the three-point line, the Canton-crazy "Reddy Zone" went mad with excitement — perhaps anticipating a victory and a repeat trip to Breslin for Saturday's final.

But Renaissance didn't fold under the pressure, and Phoenix junior guard Elizabeth Badgett (20 points) sank a three-ball from the right corner to put Renaissance back in front.

After Canton could not control the ball at the other end, senior guard Kenyah Dorsey — in the game to keep Mack from going "north-south" to the hole, said Renaissance

head coach Diane Jones — nailed another trey from the opposite corner.

That deflated the Reddy Zone and meant the Chiefs needed to somehow win a free-throw contest in the final minutes to have a crack at sending the hard-fought game to overtime.

"I thought that was a big part of the game and then after that we sort of got into a free throw thing from there," Samulski said.

Canton still had a chance, with Mack's banker cutting the deficit to 47-45 with 46 seconds to go.

Badgett, fouled at the other end, made her first free throw but missed the second to briefly stir thoughts of a game-tying triple for the Chiefs. But senior forward Lorreal Jones pulled down the rebound and drew a foul.

"Lorreal's a great athlete and we wanted to double her on that side," Samulski said. "She did a great job timing it as soon as it (free throw) hit the rim she flipped in and that gave them two extra possessions."

Canton dodged that bullet when Jones missed twice and



Red-clad Canton fans came out to Breslin Center in droves to root on their Chiefs at the Class A girls basketball semifinal.

got the ball back only to miss one field goal and lose another ball out of bounds as the Phoenix closed it out.

HANGING IN THERE

Although both teams

enjoyed scoring runs in the first half, the biggest lead of the day was Renaissance's 14-7 edge in the opening frame following another Badgett trey.

Canton showed it wouldn't disappear, as senior guard Lindsey Winters hit her first of two triples in the opening half and junior forward Sara Schmitt (12 points, seven rebounds) started a 10-0 run with a layup to make it 15-12 after the first.

In the second, twin sister Kari Schmitt (also with 12 points, seven rebounds) started it off with a bucket and the Chiefs went ahead on a layup by junior guard Melanie Pickert.

Winter's second triple, from beyond the top of the arc, gave Canton a 20-15 advantage with 5:45 left in the half.

Renaissance then went on an 11-3 run to go up 26-23 and Canton needed a pair of clutch jumpers by junior forward Kayla Bridges to take a 27-26 halftime lead.

The third quarter was an offensive struggle for both teams, with Canton managing just one field goal (a jumper by Mack).

There were turnovers, scrums and miscues (a Canton throw-in under the Phoenix backboard was picked off and taken the other way for two). But the contest remained tight; Renaissance led 34-31

with one frame to play.

Canton hung around in the fourth, although Renaissance built a 39-34 lead on a Badgett layup.

Then the Schmitt twins each scored and Mack's layup evened things at 41-41 with 3:10 left. Mack connected again to put Canton ahead, in

what would be a last hurrah.

"In basketball and life, that's what this is all about," Samulski said. "Every bounce doesn't always go your way. Every shot doesn't go in all the time. Both these kids and the entire team, they'll go to college, have great careers there and go get jobs. They're not going to get every job they apply for."

Kari Schmitt said playing in Breslin Center "was a good experience" and didn't create any more jitters than a team would normally have.

According to Cottrell, a senior, having a large, enthusiastic student cheering section behind the Canton bench made the trip to MSU all the more special.

"I don't think anyone realized we were good enough to make it to the Final Four," Cottrell said. "To have people finally come here and recognize that we made it to the Final Four, (that) we can come here and compete with the team that's now going to play in the finals, it felt good to have our school behind us."

Renaissance was set to face East Lansing in Saturday's final.

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Melanie Pickert eyes the basket Friday as Detroit Renaissance guard Elizabeth Badgett defends.

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NEIGHBORS

Family shares its knowledge of healthy foods in seminar

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

Dr. Art Weaver is a living example of the lessons he teaches in his Better Living Seminars.

"I've been a vegetarian the past 86 years. My parents were vegetarians. There are all kinds of studies that show less animal product and more fruits, vegetables, nuts and grains that one eats, the less cancer, diabetes, constipation, hernias, obesity one has.

"When you add it all up, there's no question it gives you a significant health advantage."

He'll talk about the latest studies that showing a link between eating animal products and the increased risk of heart disease, cancer and other illnesses during a Better Living Seminar on plant-based diet and nutrition, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, March 28, at Metropolitan Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, Plymouth. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Register by calling (248) 349-5683.

Doctors, dieticians and a certified fitness trainer will offer information on nutrition, exercise, cooking demonstrations, as well as a full vegetarian meal.

The seminar, which Weaver has produced for more than 40 years, comes less than two weeks after Gov. Jennifer Granholm issued a proclamation announcing Saturday, March 20 as "Meatout Day." After a backlash from livestock producers, the dairy industry and the Michigan Senate, which wanted the proclamation rescinded, Granholm also designated the date as "Michigan Agriculture



Natalie, 85, and Art Weaver, 86, on a recent trip to Egypt.

Day," including animal products. A group of meat lovers had planned to celebrate Meatout Day by serving meat and dairy products during a cookout on the Capitol lawn.

But Weaver, a Northville resident, has no interest in eating "dead animals" grilled or prepared any other way and through his years of study, remains firmly convinced that less meat consumption means better health.

"If I asked you if you want a pan of fried worms, you'd probably say no. But I'm sure in some places in the world, they'd think that's great," he said, adding that growing up vegetarian makes it easier to stay with a plant-based diet. Baby steps — eating one meatless meal a week and adding more fruits and vegetables — can help acclimate meat-eaters to a vegetarian diet.

TASTY AND EASY
"There are several things to con-



vince people of. Number one is that it indeed is healthier. And I'll quote several studies that all are convincing that the less meat one eats, the better off they are," he said. "Number two is that they have to see it's tasty. No one will eat stuff they don't enjoy.

And number three is that it's economical and easily accomplished." Weaver's wife, Natalie, 85, and daughter-in-law, Jeannie Weaver, a certified fitness trainer who teaches exercise classes at the Plymouth academy, will demonstrate cooking

techniques. Dr. Weaver's daughter, Ellen Higgins, a registered dietitian who now works in the radiology department at University of Michigan Hospital, will talk about eating more fiber without experiencing pain from flatulence or cramping.

FAVORITE DISHES
Higgins also is a lifelong vegetarian, as are her children and grandbaby. She said meat-eaters often envision the plant-based diet as "a whole plate of vegetables," but don't realize that grains and vegetables can be shaped into meatballs, lasagna, "meatloaf," and other favorite dishes.

"They have the preconceived idea that it's not going to taste good," she said. Or they believe it will cost too much or demand too much preparation time.

"I stopped at Randazzo's and came home with nine bags of fruits and vegetables for about \$22. There was so much variety. People ask me how I can afford to buy blueberries year-round. It's because I'm not putting my money into meat and junk food."

She said the move toward a plant-based diet starts with a change in mind-set. Instead of planning an entire meal around a meat entree, consider the animal product as a "condiment" to be added sparingly to the main plant-based entree.

Jeannie Weaver also recommends learning one meatless recipe each week.

"The best changes are going to happen as an evolution, not a revolution," she said. "I'd never tell someone 'you need to quit eating meat right away.' You've got to increase your fruits and vegetables."

Donate clothing, goods at the Detroit Zoo

The Salvation Army is collecting gently-used clothing and household goods from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., today, Sunday, March 21 and Saturday-Sunday, March 26-27 at the Detroit Zoo, located at 10 Mile and Woodward, in Royal Oak.

Contributions to the Salvation Army can

be made without entering the zoo admissions gate. A tax receipt will be available upon request at the time of donation.

Donations to The Salvation Army's Thrift Stores generate total funding for the organization's Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center's 180-day residential

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Upon successful completion of a State-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, the Secretary of State waives the riding skills test required for a cycle endorsement. However, a short written test required for license endorsement will be given at the Secretary of State at the time of endorsement application. A more extensive test also will be given as part of the course.

The fee for each course is \$25. For more information on the Motorcycle Safety Program, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/ces/motorcycle.asp or call (734) 462-4448.

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NEW DRUGS AND OLD DOCTORS

Today, news of medication travels fast. Internet headlines, twitter, television advertising and instant messaging mean that individuals with arthritis can learn that a new medicine is available the instant it arrives on the pharmacy shelf.

Such speed creates problems for physicians. Advertisement tells the patient that this new product works wonders in the treatment of arthritis. The physician who would prescribe the drug has the responsibility to know the new drug's risks and likelihood of benefit. Solid information on these questions can be elusive.

First, a new drug, even if thoroughly tested, has data on only a few patients. Furthermore, the volunteers recruited to test the new medication are usually otherwise healthy. New drugs are rarely evaluated in an environment of multiple conditions and a myriad of other medications.

In contrast, doctors in general practice see patient who not only have arthritis but who carry additional medical problems such as heart failure, hypertension, diabetes or asthma. Unwanted interactions of new medicines and chronic maladies well may occur.

The medical literature is slow to reveal these side effects because of the time required to gather data and prove the risks that accompany the new drug. In addition, few patients over age 70 are included in new drug testing, thus a doctor may not be aware of special precautions that he needs to take before using the drug for the elderly individual.

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Passports, please

Travel the world through music, dance and food Thursday, April 1 at Schoolcraft College's ninth annual Multicultural Fair.

"We have a lot of people from campus — students, faculty and staff — and we have members from the community all getting involved," said Josselyn Moore, a co-coordinator of the event.

"We'll have two dozen tables with cultures or countries non-stop between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. There's a lot of color and music and sound and things on display, people wearing traditional dress, sampling food and ethnic snacks."

Moore said local restaurants donate much of the food. The Census Bureau will be on hand and performers include an African Drum and Dance troupe, Brazilian Athletic dancers, Irish dancers, a Mariachi band and more.

Last year the event drew between 2,500-3,000 individuals.

It's free and the public is welcome.

"At the door people will be given a passport and they can go to each table and get it stamped with a flag of each country. It's like they are travelers who have come to travel the world."

The fair will be held in the DiPonio room in the VisTaTech Center. For more information call (734) 462-4400.

Moms and teachers

If you're a mom who had children at Livonia Adams Elementary School or a staff member who worked there, mark Tuesday, March 30 on your calendar for the third annual Livonia Adams Elementary Mom and Teacher Reunion.

"It's been growing every year. The first one was small and the next year we had a few more people and this time we're getting a better response," said Sharon Culbertson, one of three moms who organize the event.

"Someone asked why not dads, but they usually don't want to come to things like this. Basically, it's the moms. It's a big talkfest."

Teachers, including some retired staff members, have attended the events, too.

The organizers, including Culbertson, Kate Turner and Pam Geraci, had children at the school at various times within the past 14 years.

The reunion will include dinner, starting at 6 p.m., at One Under Banquet Center, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia. Pop and desserts are included.

For questions or to RSVP call Culbertson at (734) 261-0068 or e-mail her at rsculbert@sbcglobal.net

— Sharon Dargay



Christa Cipparone, Transition Center coordinator, Cathy McCardell, assistant director of Enrollment Services, Cheryl Hagen, dean of student services and Stacey Stover, director of the Transition Center.



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Honorees Emeshe Young, (left) Rick Bame, Kim Andrews, and Carol Koenig with Stacey Stover, director of the Transition Center at Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

Students 'pay it forward' by sharing stories

The Transition Center at Schoolcraft College recently honored four students for sharing their stories with guests at the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow.

The event raises funds for scholarships and grants to help nontraditional students — including adults who are in the process of making a career change — pay for college costs.

"It's heart warming to hear students share their stories," said Stacey Stover, Transition Center director. "They're all on funding of some sort, either a special population grant based on circumstances or they are getting endowment money. We pick a few so

people can hear their stories. The students do it as a pay-it-forward. We have one student who sends a donation every year and comes to the dinner, too."

This year's honorees were:

- Carol Koenig of Redford, a single mother who lost her job because of the economy, but now studies office information systems, and has found a new job.

- Kim Andrews of Westland is a single parent with two daughters. She's a former union electrician who's now studying to be a nurse.

- Rick Barne of Canton is a former banker who rose through the ranks in business even though he didn't have a college

degree. He lost his job and is seeking a new career in nursing.

- Emeshe Young of Canton is a single mother who also is studying nursing.

Stover said 268 Transition Center supporters attended the fund-raiser.

In 2008-2009, the Center funded students with total awards of more than \$50,000 in endowment scholarships and almost \$90,000 in special population's grants.

Its staff of 42 volunteers also helps students navigate the process of starting or returning to college.

"Basically we're here to help people who need extra assistance," Stover



Vice President of the Livonia City Council Terry Godfroid-Marecki, (left) with Livonia City Mayor Jack Kirksey, and Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway Jeffress, at the Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow.

said. "We're now seeing a lot of people who have lost their jobs."

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<p>ASSEMBLER</p> <p>You will assemble small components of rubber and metal parts. Manual dexterity and ability to count extremely important! Stand for long periods of time. Ability to lift up to 30lbs. Microsoft office skills required. Non-automotive (small units) assembly experience required.</p> <p>Rate of pay is \$8.75/hr. with full benefits.</p> <p>Full-Time Mon-Fri, 7 am-3:30pm.</p> <p>Located near 10 Mile and Grand River.</p> <p>Resumes will be accepted until 5 pm, Wednesday, 3/22/10. EOE</p> <p>FAX: 248-426-5631 E-mail: hr@acecontrols.com</p>	<p>Auto Sales - Used Cars</p> <p>Needed immediately. Auto sales exp. required. Great pay plan, benefits & 401K. If you are looking for a dealership that provides a great atmosphere, a place to build clientele and grow, we are that place.</p> <p>See Al Donomme or Tom Morgan at Gordon Chevrolet or call: (734) 427-6200</p>	<p>SALES REPS</p> <p>\$440/wk + Commissions No experience necessary. Apply at: www.TruGreenJobs.com EOE/M/F/D/V/AA</p>	<p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT, PT</p> <p>for OB-GYN office located in W. Bloomfield. Approx 12-15 hrs/wk. Exp. req. Email: mwh101@gmail.com</p>	<p>MEDICAL ASSISTANT</p> <p>Experienced, 24-28 hours per week in Livonia. Fax resume: 734-464-9797</p>	<p>WAIT STAFF</p> <p>Full & Part-Time</p> <p>Apply at: Starting Gate 135 N. Center St., Northville</p>	<p>CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT</p> <p>Duties include: clerical work, some billing, taking patients to rooms and learning x-rays. Requires good communication skills, friendly & outgoing personality. Must be mature & responsible & have computer skills. 20 hrs/wk. Mon-Wed-Fri. 2:45-7:30PM. Sat. 8:45am-1:30pm. 27527 Joy Rd. Westland. Call mornings Mon. Tues. Wed. & Fri. 734-522-5501</p>	<p>CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT</p> <p>Duties include: clerical work, some billing, taking patients to rooms and learning x-rays. Requires good communication skills, friendly & outgoing personality. Must be mature & responsible & have computer skills. 20 hrs/wk. Mon-Wed-Fri. 2:45-7:30PM. Sat. 8:45am-1:30pm. 27527 Joy Rd. Westland. Call mornings Mon. Tues. Wed. & Fri. 734-522-5501</p>	<p>WAITSTAFF & BARTENDER</p> <p>Exp'd. Apply in person: Shark Club 42070 Ford Rd., Canton.</p>	<p>Help Wanted-Sales 5120</p>

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REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965
45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960
50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960
50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy

(Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehr@aol.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City East Class of 1964
Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen

Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweet1t2001@yahoo.com.

Garden City West Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-72 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Oak Park High School Class of 1980
30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1960
50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Gerogeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.

St. Suzanne
The West Grands Catholic Youth Organization at the Detroit parish school plans a July 10 reunion and is looking for participants. Call Rose at (248) 437-6621 or Sharon at (734)

522-7924

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1968
6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner and cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ameritech.net, or Bill Ziemba at (248) 689-6216, lziemba1968@aol.com.

Wayne High All classes
Reunion banquet, 5-10 p.m., Friday, May 14 at Wayne Tree Manor, Wayne. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767 or www.waynehighalummi.com.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1985
25-Year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person before Aug 1. Includes appetizers and entertainment. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985, P.O. Box 871023, Canton, MI 48187 or contact Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopen-west.com or (734) 748-8904 for more information.

Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

GARDEN & NATURE

At English Gardens

- Nancy Szerlag tells you how to grow your best garden ever at 10 a.m. at the West Bloomfield store and 4 p.m., in Dearborn Heights. Both sessions are Saturday, March 27.
- Ashton Ritchie, Scotts Company, will share 40 years of lawn care tips and tricks and answer all your questions about weeds, bare spots, shade and other lawn problems, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 27 at the Dearborn Heights store and 3 p.m., Sunday, March 28, in West Bloomfield.
- Faith Savage, of Goldsmith Seeds will talk about the emotions colors evoke and the "feel" of your garden as you bring color to life, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 27, at the West Bloomfield store.
- Learn how to grow beautiful roses at a free in-store presentation, 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 31, at all locations.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Kathy Browne, Master Gardener, will talk about how to use edible wild plants in the home landscape and will show a short video with examples of gardens and containers, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. (734) 464-7915

KENSINGTON GOLF COURSE OPENS

Kensington Metropark golf course opened Wednesday, March 17. The 18-hole golf course that covers 6,345 yards with a par of 71 is open, course conditions permitting. Winter rates are in effect: \$13 regular, \$10 seniors (62 and over) plus cart rental of \$7.50 per person. Spring rates are: with cart, 18 holes for \$25, 9 holes for \$18; Senior rate is 18 holes for \$20, 9 holes for \$15; without cart, 18 holes for \$18, 9 holes for \$13; senior rate is 18 holes for \$14, 9 holes for \$10. Regular golf rates are: weekends/holidays, 18 holes for \$26, 9 holes for \$17; weekdays, 18 holes for \$22, 9 holes for \$14; the seniors (62 and over) and juniors (17 and under) rate is 18 holes for \$15, 9 holes for \$11. Power carts for 18 holes are \$14 per person and \$11 for seniors and juniors (weekdays only). Power carts for 9 holes are \$9 per person and for seniors and juniors (weekdays only), \$7.50 per person. Hand carts are \$2 per person. Golfers can save with discounted rates offered weekdays from 11 am to 3 p.m., and weekends from noon to 4 p.m. Call the course for details.

Super Golf Day will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at Kensington Metropark: \$10 per player, includes cart, foursomes required. This offer excludes leagues. Regular golf course hours are 9 am until dusk daily with hours extending as daylight increases. Tee times can be reserved up to two weeks in advance and golfers are advised to call in advance of tee time to confirm course conditions. Golf accessories, beer, wine and food are available at the golf starter building. Coolers are not allowed on the course.

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is only \$25 annually for regular admission, \$15 annually for seniors or \$5 daily. The daily permit offers a \$4 coupon, good that day only, off greens fees.

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks operates eight regulation and two par-3 courses. For additional information or to schedule tee times, contact Kensington Metropark at (800) 477-3178, (248) 685-9332, or (800) 23-GOLF-4; or go to www.metroparks.com.

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MARCH 21-24

Canton Christian Fellowship Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 23-25
Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Winter revival, "Exposed and Accountable: Preaching that Builds Lives!" with the Rev. Otis Moss, III
Contact: (734) 404-2480
Faith Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., March 21

Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance
Contact: (248) 988-6715; www.detroitlutheransingers.com
Hosanna Tabor Lutheran
Time/Date: Through March 31
Location: 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran is collecting gently worn footwear and donations for Soles4Souls, Inc., a national charity that ships shoes to individuals in need, whether they are victims of a natural disaster or living in extreme poverty. A collection box is stationed at the Orangelawn covered church entrance. A \$1 donation per pair of shoes helps defer shipping costs.
Contact: (313) 937-2424
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian

Church
Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., March 21, 28 and April 11, 18, 25
Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., March 28 and April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund.
Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494
St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in

Plymouth, the Rev. Charles White will share the story of his conversion from the Baptist faith to Catholicism.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or see the parish Web site at www.livoniastmichael.org
St. Robert Bellarmine
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 21
Location: Southeast corner of Inkster and West Chicago Roads, Redford
Details: St. Robert Bellarmine Choir presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois; free admission
Contact: (313) 937-1500
St. Theodore Catholic Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, March 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast, sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club; pancakes; French toast; ham; sausage; scrambled eggs; applesauce; tea; coffee; milk; juice; cost is \$3 adults and \$1.50 for children ages 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421
South Lyon Church of Christ
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., March 21
Location: 21860 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon
Details: Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus will perform
Contact: (248) 437-3585 or southlyoncoc@hotmail.com
Trinity Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, March 22-24, call to reserve a pick-up time for the church's food pantry on March 27
Location: 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 459-9557

West Bloomfield
Details: "Beginnings of Judaism" a free weekly lecture series on DVD with Isaiah Gafni; topics for March 24 "The End of Days - Messianic Eschatology" and "Other Lands, Other Jews - The Diaspora." No program on March 31
Coming up: Congregation Beth Ahm's fund-raiser to honor and thank outgoing President Chuck Kessler, begins with Mina and afternoon service, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Seudah Shlishit and dinner hors d'oeuvres follow at 7 p.m.; Ma'ariv and a Musical Havdalah at 8:15 p.m.; followed by dinner and dancing to the sounds of The Skye Island Band. Casual attire/ blue jeans; tickets are \$75 per person. RSVP by March 24 to (248) 851-6880.
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.
Congregation B'nai Moshe
Time/Date: Mincha and Ma'ariv services at 6 p.m. Seder begins at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, March 30
Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield
Details: Congregational Seder on the second night of Passover will include Seder plate, matzo, gefilte fish with red horseradish, salad, roasted chicken, roasted potatoes, sweet baby carrots, sheet cake and fresh fruit with wine, grape juice, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Cost is \$37 for adults, \$20 for children 4-12 and no charge for age 3 and under. Reservations - and requests for special dietary restrictions - by Monday, March 22.
Contact: (248) 788-0600
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 28
Location: 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills
Details: Free Palm Sunday brunch
Contact: (248) 553-3380
St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: Palm Sunday service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., March 28; prayers, 6:40 p.m. and Mass, 7 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, March 29-30; Prayers, 11:40 a.m. Mass, noon, Wednesday, March 31
Location: 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland
Contact: (734) 721-5023

Congregation B'nai Moshe
Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m., Thursday, April 1
Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield
Details: Passover buffet including assorted soups and salads, grilled chicken and chicken tenders, meatloaf and fish, mashed potatoes and French fries, fresh vegetables, homemade desserts, fresh seasonal fruit with coffee, tea, juice and soft drinks. Adults \$29, children ages 5-11, \$18, children ages 0-4, no charge. Pre-paid reservations only by Thursday, March 25 with cash or check preferred to: Elite Kosher Catering, 6800 Drake Road (between Maple and 14 Mile Roads) in West Bloomfield
Coming up: RSVP by Monday, March 29 for the "The Magic of Passover," a free Passover program for families with preschoolers, 10-11:30 a.m., Monday, April 5. The program includes a magic show by Steve Zieman, as well as storytime, songs, crafts and Passover snacks.
Contact: (248) 592-0200 or (248) 592-0830 for Passover buffet; (248) 788-0600 for "Magic of Passover" program
Faith Lutheran Church
Time/Date: Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m., April 1; prayer, noon and service, 7:30 p.m., Good Friday, April 2; Easter vigil service, 7:30 p.m., April 3; Easter celebration service, 10 a.m., with breakfast served 9-10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 4
Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 421-7249
Kingdom Builders Christian Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., April 6, 13, 20 and 27
Location: 23310 Joy, Redford
Details: Workshop for couples who are married, engaged or in a serious relationship. Learn to communicate better, respect each other and lessen stress on the relationship. Great for couples at every stage and any age. Dinner and child care provided; pre-registration needed for child care. \$40 per couple for all four weeks. Couples must attend all four sessions.
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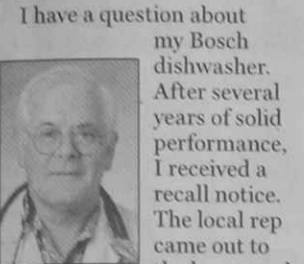
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Can a replacement part improve performance of an appliance?

I received an e-mail from Aaron which prompted today's column and it is proving rather difficult to get an answer to define the change in his product's performance. Here is his e-mail:



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I have a question about my Bosch dishwasher. After several years of solid performance, I received a recall notice. The local rep came out to the house and replaced the suspect component — the electronic piece that the buttons and LED display are part of. After he left, I noticed that the cycle times seemed to be longer. On the wash cycles, it's hard to be precise, since the unit adjusts cycle time based on the incoming water supply temperature. However, on the rinse cycle, the change is quite obvious. The cycle was always seven minutes in length, regardless of water temperature. I was a regular user of the rinse cycle, when it was only seven minutes. Now the rinse cycle is anywhere from 22 to 44 minutes, and I don't use it at all.

NEW PART

I had the rep back out at it, and he simply replaced the part with a new one, which made no difference. When I pointed that out, he called Bosch and was patched into someone in India. They argued

for a while, and in the end my rep got angry and ended the phone call. I have given up on having the local rep make further attempts. I am an engineer working in the automotive industry, and I have a hunch about what's going on with my service part. For service parts in automotive, certain electronic modules need to be programmed at the dealer for the specific application. The hardware is the same, but the software is modified according to the application. This avoids the dealer stocking several different part numbers. Is this practice also common with appliances? If so can the Bosch unit be programmed by flipping some switches, or pressing/holding certain keys in sequence? I watched the tech take the unit apart and am confident I could get back into the unit to set any switches if I needed to.

ENERGY USAGE

My reply: My first thoughts on your problem may indicate that the manufacturer is meeting certain energy standards of today on yesterday's products. I know that this has been done with replacement components having to do with water consumption such as washing machines. There are strict guidelines set by the U.S. Energy Department to ensure that appliance makers save energy and water usage on major home appliances.

As a sideline, recent headlines indicate that the energy usage labels posted on products are not being truthful. More to come on that subject.

If this is the case, it seems odd that an increase in time on the rinse cycle from seven minutes to 22 could save energy. But, last year when I attended a service meeting where a manufacturer's representative was taking apart a new model dishwasher of the future, he pointed out that this particular dishwasher was going to save a ton of energy and water during its lifetime. He told us that the length of run cycle on this dishwasher was going to be three-four hours and it made me wonder how such a long run cycle could cost less than the normal one of, lets say 90 minutes.

In the appliance industry, service technicians are taught the basics of replacing certain parts for certain problems. There is no way that we even come close to the high technology developed in the automobile of today. My argument against all of the electronics installed on appliances today is the cost factor of replacement parts creating an obsolete product. Appliances were created to make it easier on the homemaker of America. They are not required to have anti-lock brakes, etc. Then again, who knows what the future holds for the appliance world. I'll soon write about the washer of the future that uses only one gallon of water to wash a full load. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmlr.com.

Women get job search help

For a number of years now, Southfield-based Jewish Vocational Services has been offering a Women To Work program. Its goal is to help women who've been out of the workplace, often with family responsibilities, return to paid employment.

The next information meeting will take place 9-11 a.m., Thursday, April 15. The program starts Tuesday, April 20, and consists of 10 sessions from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, except for the final session which will be on Friday, May 21.

All meetings are held at JVS, 29969 Southfield Road.

Charter One Bank's funding provides the program free of charge.

"It's been extremely popular, and we've had larger groups than previously," said Judy Richmond, JVS Women To Work coordinator. The need within the community for assistance in conducting a job search is great, she said.

Job hunting strategies, interviewing,

resume writing and networking to be covered. "There is an assessment that's done, a computerized assessment," she said. The assessment helps participants to focus on a particular area of employment.

Use of the Internet in job searching is covered, a necessity today "more so than ever," she said.

Also covered are areas such as stress management, success in the workplace and financial literacy.

Men may attend the Women To Work sessions, although the program is really geared more for women. It used to be called "Displaced Homemakers."

JVS will be closed for Passover March 30-31, and April 5-6. Richmond will be off the rest of the week of March 30.

For information on Women To Work, call Richmond at (248) 233-4232.

- By Julie Brown

MORE MILESTONES

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Myron and Carol Hopper celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 19.

The life-long Plymouth residents were high school sweethearts who attended Plymouth High School together and married in 1960.

They have two children, Shawn, of Plymouth and Nicole (Scott) Wright of Plymouth. Nicole and Scott's children are Brendan, Evan and Caroline.

Myron is semi-retired barber of McMullen's Barber Shop in downtown Plymouth and Carol is a homemaker and grandmother.



Myron and Carol Hopper of Plymouth

MAY WEDDING PLANNED

Gary and Sue Leadford of Canton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynn, to Steven Joseph Yanosik.

The bride-to-be graduated from Canton High School in 2002 and earned a bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences in 2006 from the Honors College at Michigan State University. Jessica is a fourth year medical student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and will graduate in June 2010. She will specialize in anesthesiology.

Her fiancé, son of Al and Candy Yanosik of Caledonia, is a 2002 graduate of Caledonia High School. Steve holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University and is employed by American



Leadford-Yanosik

Electric Power in Columbus, Ohio.

Jessica and Steve met their freshman year at MSU.

A May 2010 wedding is planned at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

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Sports section

MILESTONES

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Jamie Wilson and Jason Michael Cohen, both of Livonia, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michelle St. James of Allen Park and Mike and Dawn Lewkowicz of Harland, is a 1993 graduate of Hartland High School and a 2001 graduate of Washtenaw Community College. She is employed as a veterinary technician at Veterinary Care Specialists,

Milford.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Linda Cohen of Plymouth, is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 2000 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, with a bachelor of science degree. He works for Cohen's Professional Lawn Service.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at Cobblestone Farm, Ann Arbor.



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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

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.

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CLARE ANNETTE NEBEL JOHNSON

Wife of James D. Johnson, born April 14, 1926 at home in Gladstone Michigan to George Thomas Nebel and Isabel Mercier Nebel. Clare grew up in Gladstone Michigan moved with her brother to Garberville, California in 1943 to live with her Aunt Ann and Uncle George while her parents worked in a munitions factory in Oregon. Graduated from Garberville High School, completed Nurses training at St. Lukes in Chicago, Illinois and become a Registered Nurse. Re-met her childhood friend James in Ann Arbor Michigan and married September 9, 1950. Raised her family in Livonia, Michigan and North Olmsted, Ohio, later moving to Northville, Michigan. Survived by her husband, James; children Kathleen Johnson (Rob) Bartshe, Stuart (Julie) Johnson, Karen Johnson and grandchildren Audrey (Aaron), James, Helen, William, Michael and Christine. Also siblings Vicki Frantz, Priscilla (Jack) Fisher, Tom (Grace) Nebel, brother-in-law John Beahan and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her sister Kathryn Beahan and brother-in-law John Frantz. She was a talented artist of oils and watercolors and enjoyed cooking, sewing and knitting. She cross-country skied winters and golfed summers with her husband, James. Clare passed away February 17, 2010, memorial service will be held for the family April 17 at the Livonia Radisson Michigan Room from 1-3 and visitation is 3-5. Donation may be made to Heartland Hospice of Ann Arbor and to Alzheimer's Research.

DOROTHY MACK-HARNER

March 17, 2010. Age 87 of Wayne-Westland. Loving mother, homemaker & nurse. Beloved wife of the late Bernard (Ben) Harner (1960) & the late Dewey Mack (1999). Loving mother of Carol (Jerry) Smith of Canton, Lori Clark of Howell, Rick (Cynthia) Harner of Traverse City & Dennis (Sue) Harner of Gainesville, FL. Dear sister of Nancy (John) Floyd of Stewart, FL. Also survived by ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and many nieces & nephews. Dottie was born April 1, 1922 in Sunbury, PA to Richard & Triffie Peifer and was one of nine children. A memorial mass will be held at 11 am Saturday, March 20 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. The family will be available at the church at 10:30. Cremation rites to be accorded in keeping with Dottie's wishes. Arrangements handled by the Uht Funeral Home. www.uhtfh.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. Santeiu & 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.

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

KEVIN NORMAN OSTROWSKI

Age 47, of Plymouth, MI, died March 16, 2010 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, MI. Kevin was born Dec. 22, 1962 in Detroit MI. Kevin was an avid outdoorsman, loved carpentry work and cooking for friends and family. He is survived by his mother, Janet Callan (Leonard Wiczorkowski), of Lachine, MI., his father Norman (step-mother Margaret) Ostrowski, of Lady Lake, Florida, one brother, Kenneth (Phyllis) of Newport, MI, one sister, Jenise (Charles) Hunley of Plymouth, MI. One niece and nephew, Kaitlyn and Cody, grandmother, Helen Andrews and special friend, Sherri Jones, of Plymouth MI. At Kevin's request cremation has taken place, no services will be held.

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.

MARY BUNKER

Age 79, March 12, 2010, of Garden City. Beloved wife of 50 years of Thornton 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.

WILLIAM S. LORIMER

75 of Birmingham and Clarkston died 3/19/10 was the loving husband of Bernadine Lassaline Lorimer and deceased wife Patricia Dyer Lorimer. Survivors include 25 grandchildren and 6 children: Dan, Meg, Amy, Julia, Mike and Betsy. However, the number swells to hundreds if listing the people that looked to him as a father figure. Bills artistic talents and solid reputation as a custom Builder spanned over 50 years. He was a naturalist who always had time to listen and provide guidance for those in need. A memorial mass will be held Tuesday 3/23/10 at 11am at St. Daniels in Clarkston, 7010 Valley Park Dr. 248.625.4580. Afterwards there will be a gathering at their home. In lieu of flowers, donations can go to www.landtrust.org/donations

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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

WILDA EARLINE KANE

Kane, Irlene, age 76, of Brownstown, March 17, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Dearest mother of Vanessa Fults, Melissa (Mike) Harview, Mark Kaljian and Shanta (Bill) Sagert and step-mother to Richard Kane, Joseph (Kathy) Kane and the late John (Kathy) Kane. Dear grandmother of Joseph Sagert. She was preceded in death by her mother, Hazel Smith. Funeral service is Sunday, 3:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation is Sunday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Entombment at Michigan Memorial Park. michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com



WILLIAM O. BARTEL

Age 84, of Livonia, passed away March 18, 2010. Loving husband of 57 years to the late Annabel. Beloved father of Jill (Ronald) Ritzler, Gordon Bartel, Gary (Bernadette) Bartel. Preceded in death by sons William R. and Timothy Lee Bartel. Proud grandfather of Courtney Bartel, Matthew (Jennifer) Ritzler, Jonathan Ritzler, Sarah (Jonathan) Mitchell, Bradley, Steven, Mark, Becky and Adam Bartel. Great grandfather of Rachel, Christian, Emma and Mara. Mr. Bartel served in the United States Army during WWII receiving a Purple Heart and 3 Bronze Stars. He enjoyed farming, collecting model trains, but most of all he loved spending time with his family. Funeral service Monday 11:00am from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia with visitation beginning at 10:30am. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Sunday 2-9pm. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church or to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

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Detroit Medical Center executives get new roles

Two top Detroit Medical Center (DMC) executives, Mary Zuckerman and Timothy J. Ryan, recently received new job titles and responsibilities.

Zuckerman of Livonia has been appointed executive vice president, chief operating officer. She joined DMC in 2004 and is responsible for all hospitals operations and numerous corporate functions including construction, revenue cycle,

laboratory, retail pharmacy, nutrition services, radiology, customer service, the chief nursing office and certificate of need. Before joining the DMC, she spent eight years with Wayne County, the last two serving as the deputy county executive. Zuckerman earned a master's degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree from Winona State University.

Ryan, of Royal Oak has been appointed senior vice president, chief business development officer. He will oversee physician recruiting, practice management, sports medicine, international services, and physician contracting, among other duties.

Before coming to the DMC in 2007, he was president and CEO of Detroit-Macomb Hospital Corporation and senior

vice president of St. John Health. He holds an M.B.A. degree and a law degree from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in finance from Kalamazoo College. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

"Mary and Tim's proven track records for system-wide improvements and getting results positioned them for their new leadership

roles," said Michael Duggan, president and CEO, Detroit Medical Center.

The Detroit Medical Center operates Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper University Hospital, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Hutzel Women's Hospital, Kresge Eye Institute, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Sinai-Grace Hospital, and DMC Surgery Hospital.



Zuckerman

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"Parenting with Love and Logic" for parents with elementary age children, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in Classrooms 1 & 2. The program uses a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. The fee is \$10 per person, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information or to register. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Autism conference

Registration is underway at www.asdboards.com for the Second International Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders - including Autism, Asperger's syndrome, AD/HD,

RAD and OCD - which runs March 26-28 at Troy Metropolitan Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy. The American Medical Autism Board and Dr. Phillip DeMio, present the conference, which will cover such topics as: toxins in the environment, recovery stories, unique effective therapy techniques for improving your child's outcome, immunological treatments for yeast, viruses, and other pathogens, implementation of special diets, biomedical treatments for behavioral problems in adoptive children and much more. Cost is \$179 for three full days, or \$79 for any one general session day. Extra charges may apply for health care providers seeking additional course and AMAB credits.

APRIL

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"Pet Preparation for Baby," 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 8, in classrooms 1 and

2, will educate dog and cat owners about common behavior problems - and strategies to prevent them - when a new baby is brought into the home. Topics covered are what to expect from your pet, how to prepare for success, simple tips on an easy transition and how to anticipate and prevent potential behavior problems. Registration is required. Fee is \$10 per person. Call (734) 655-1159 for more information, or to register. Register online at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

"HeartSaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR), 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Learn CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. To register, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

Web site, call center offer radiation exposure information

Beaumont Hospitals has launched a radiation safety call center and a radiation safety Web site to help consumers assess their risk to radiation exposure and learn how to reduce it.

There are many diagnostic medical tests that involve radiation exposure, including X-rays and computed tomography scans.

People with medical conditions requiring frequent medical imaging, and children, are at greater risk of harm from radiation exposure.

The call center is staffed 24 hours a day by registered nurses, specially trained and supported by Beaumont's radiation safety experts. The center's toll-free phone number is (888) 388-MYCT (6928).

The radiation safety Web site, with questions and answers on radiation safety, comparisons of radiation doses for various diagnostic tests and a radiation tracking wallet card, can be accessed at www.beaumont-hospitals.com.

Beaumont will also be hosting a Web chat with radiation safety and imaging experts noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 24. Go to www.beaumont-hospitals.com to participate in the chat.

"In general, the risk of developing cancer from radiation exposure is not a major concern when compared to the benefits of medical imaging procedures," says Dr. Duane Mezwa,

corporate chief of diagnostic imaging, Beaumont Hospitals. "By asking questions and making wise imaging choices, patients can reduce their radiation exposure when they require medical imaging, especially higher dose exams such as computed tomography."

"New CT technology, such as the Siemens Somatom Definition Flash CT, significantly reduces radiation exposure for a CT chest scan from an average dose of 8-20 millisieverts (a measurement of medical radiation) to less than 1 millisievert," Mezwa said. "The reduction in radiation exposure is especially beneficial for people with chronic medical conditions requiring frequent imaging, trauma patients, heart patients and children."

The three Beaumont hospitals are currently the only hospitals in Michigan with Flash CTs.

Radiation exposure may also be reduced when technologists use special "gating" techniques to lower tube voltage during CT imaging tests. In June 2009, a Beaumont-led study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that radiation exposure for heart CTs can be cut in half using these techniques with no effect on image quality. Beaumont cardiologists are leading a statewide collaborative research study of CT heart scanning that includes hospi-

tals throughout Michigan.

In addition to using radiation for diagnostic testing, it is also used in therapies to treat certain cancers through a medical specialty called radiation oncology.

Beaumont radiation oncologists have pioneered new treatments and technology for pinpoint accuracy in targeting cancerous cells, while protecting adjoining healthy tissues and organs from radiation exposure. One of these inventions is Omnibeams, that combines CT imaging and robotic technology with a linear accelerator, a machine that treats cancer with a radiation beam. Invented and patented by Dr. Alvaro Martinez, chairman of Radiation Oncology, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Omnibeams' real-time imaging allows the radiation beam to be precisely targeted and automatically adjusted to account for movement in a patient's internal organs, changes in patient positioning or breathing.

"It's very important that patients with cancer research their treatment options," Martinez said. "If radiation oncology treatment is recommended, they should choose a center that treats a high number of patients and one that's involved in clinical research, because such centers have greater expertise and can offer the latest treatment advancements."

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30 Jobs that Earn \$30 an Hour

Imagine someone walking up to you at the top of every hour and handing you a \$20 bill. You'd be earning approximately the same amount of money that the average American does. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national mean for hourly wages is \$20.44.

That said, wouldn't it be nice to earn more than the average? Not that a \$20.44/hour gig is anything to sneeze at, but a bigger paycheck is never a bad thing. At least it's fun to daydream about having more money in your checking account. That's why we play the lottery, after all.

We've put together a list of jobs that earn at least 10 dollars more than the national average just to give you an idea of how some people are earning their nice paychecks. Indulge your curious side and take a look at these 30 jobs that earn between \$30 and \$39 per hour.

1. Postsecondary communications teachers

teach courses on different types of communications (journalism and advertising, for example) at universities and colleges. Hourly pay: \$39.96

2. Postsecondary education and library science teachers

teach education and library science courses at universities, colleges and other higher education institutions. Hourly pay: \$39.91

3. Purchasing managers

make purchases on behalf of organizations in order to get needed supplies at the best rates. Hourly pay: \$39.80

4. Environmental engineers

study environmental problems, such as air and water pollution, and they design solutions that governments and the general population can put into practice. Hourly pay: \$39.72

5. Postsecondary chemistry teachers

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6. Animal scientists

study the life cycle and related biological matters of farm animals. Hourly pay: \$39.02

7. Chemical engineers

are involved in the production of chemicals and in troubleshooting any problems that arise in their manufacturing. Hourly pay: \$38.88

8. Industrial production managers

oversee the planning and production of manufactured goods. Hourly pay: \$38.60

9. Physician assistants

work under a physician's guidance to provide health-care services to patients. Hourly pay: \$37.84

10. Medical and health services managers

oversee and manage the business needs of entire health care facilities or departments. Hourly pay: \$37.82

11. Postsecondary education administrators

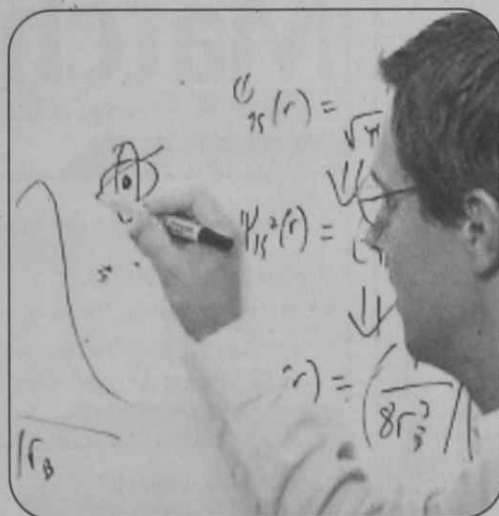
are responsible for managing the everyday operations of educational facilities. Hourly pay: \$37.51

12. Operations research analysts

study issues relating to management and operations through engineering and other scientific methods. Hourly pay: \$36.57

13. Postsecondary art, drama, and music teachers

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14. Food scientists and technologists

analyze the composition and properties of food. Hourly pay: \$35.43

15. Nuclear technicians

work with scientists on research and experiments relating to nuclear physics. Hourly pay: \$35.23

16. Construction managers

oversee the building of construction projects, from the planning stages to the budgeting. Hourly pay: \$34.77

17. Set and exhibit designers

construct sets for theater, television and film productions. Hourly pay: \$34.16

18. Market research analysts

conduct research on different markets to estimate the business potential for an organization's marketing and promotional efforts. Hourly pay: \$33.79

19. Civil engineers

design and oversee the construction of large-scale public goods, such as bridges, dams and airports. Hourly pay: \$33.06

20. Nuclear medicine technologists

work with radioactive materials and equipment used in procedures related to nuclear medicine. Hourly pay: \$32.56

21. Architects (except naval)

design buildings, homes and other structures for various clients. Hourly pay: \$31.61

22. Speech-language pathologists

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23. Chemists

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24. Training and development managers

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26. Medical scientists

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27. Kindergarten teachers (except special education)

work in elementary schools instructing kindergarten classes. Hourly pay: \$30.13

28. Technical writers

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29. Ship engineers

supervise the operations of a ship, from the equipment maintenance to electrical issues. Hourly pay: \$30.04

30. Dental hygienists

perform some dental care on patients and instruct them on other preventative care habits. Hourly pay: \$30.01

*Salary information based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Mini John Cooper Works Convertible: Small Package, Big Fun

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Have you ever asked yourself what kind of car you would buy if the only consideration was how much fun it was to drive? If you didn't have to worry about whether you could fit the kids' car seats in the back, or if the trunk could hold two weeks' worth of groceries, or if you had to drive cross country for the family vacation, what would you buy? The 2010 MINI John Cooper Works Convertible might make it onto your short list.

This is not a car for the practical family man (or person, to be politically correct), unless you have a minivan or an SUV in the garage next to it. Living up to the MINI name, the rear seat is almost useless, the trunk won't hold much more than your briefcase and you wouldn't be able to take enough supplies for long trip, but it is a ton of fun to drive. And you will get noticed, too.

The MINI JCW Convertible just looks like a small race car; it should have a number painted on the doors. The sloped, round single-lens headlamps highlight a front end that evokes a spirit of European race cars going back to the 1960s. The MINI, though, is taller than those classics, with large wheel cutouts and a more muscular rear section. Foglamps are standard, as are 17-inch alloy wheels.

If you've never been inside a MINI cabin before, it will take some time getting used to. The speedometer sits in the center of the dash between the driver and passenger; the tachometer, on the other hand, sits directly in front of the driver, where you might expect the speedometer to be. That probably

shows what MINI thinks should be your priority, right? Watch the tach and worry about the speed later.

The speedometer is quite large and also holds the fuel indicator – not a gauge, but a series of lights that go out as you use more fuel. The audio system controls (most of them, anyway) are housed in the speedometer display, as well. And that leads to one of the few complaints I have with the MINI layout – it's one of the most counter-intuitive audio systems I have ever used.

The knob housed in the speedometer display within easy reach is not the volume knob, but the tuner knob. And turning the knob doesn't allow you to go through the range of radio stations, but instead takes you from one preset to the next; not exactly helpful if you're in a strange area and trying to find a station to listen to.

The volume knob is actually located underneath the separate CD player, which itself is located under the speedometer display. Why the two knobs aren't both in the display, one on the left end and one of the right side, I'll never know. But it takes some getting used to.

The sound itself is fine, and you can order Bluetooth and an iPod connection cable to control the device through the audio head unit (\$500). Audio controls are also located on the steering wheel.

Below the CD player and audio controls are two cup holders, but there is no real storage to speak of, except for the glove box. Other controls, for the power windows and such, are silver flip switches that are set up

in two rows, one below the console and one near the top of the windshield just below the convertible top.

Air-conditioning is standard, as are remote keyless entry, power windows and tilt steering. The standard seats are cloth, six-way manual adjustable, but leather is available. The seats provide good support and are fairly comfortable. There's plenty of head room, which is unusual for convertibles. Of course, you can always put down the power soft top for the ultimate in headroom. It's fairly simple to do and can actually be done while driving, as long as you're driving under 18 mph.

The MINI JCW Convertible is powered by a turbocharged 1.6-liter 16-valve inline 4-cylinder engine. It's rated at 208 horsepower and 192 lb.-ft. of torque, which is more than enough for a car this small to really take off. It's mated with a six-speed manual Getrag transmission; the combination makes it really fun to blow through the gears. There is a "sport" button in the cabin that adjusts the gas pedal map to a more sporting configuration, and adjusts the steering system set up with higher steering forces and enhanced precision.

The suspension system consists of MacPherson struts up front and a multi-link system in the rear. It provides plenty of road feel while still taking the sting out of most bumps along the road. Electronic Power Steering is standard, and enables you to actually program various steering setups. The MINI is easy to maneuver and

The back seat of this MINI is useless, but driving the car is so much fun.



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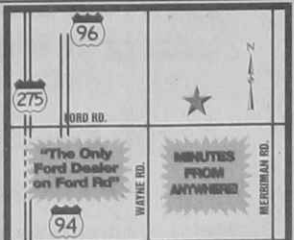
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