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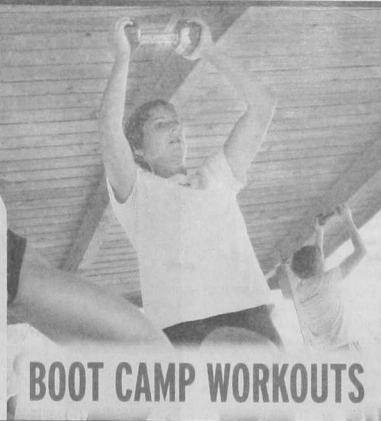
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Canton's Salute to Service program will be held on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, from 6-8:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7 p.m.

The focus this year will be on Korean War veterans. The Canton Cable Studio will be recording interviews with Korean veterans. Veterans who are interested in volunteering to be interviewed may contact Cable TV studio manager Dave Harris at (734) 394-5241.

Those who participate will be invited to the Salute to Service program and be honored during the program. They will receive a DVD of their interview.

The interviews will be compiled into a presentation for the Salute to Service program.

Job training

A group of Team Canton volunteers is launching a series of eight CREW (Canton Re-Employment Workshop) sessions to assist those individuals seeking re-employment due to a layoff, or simply exploring the possibility of making a job change.

The job training and networking support is led by volunteers with expertise in career development, human resources and the job search process.

The first session is 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building. The remainder of the workshops will be held every following Wednesday.

Participation is free, however if you plan on attending, please e-mail TeamCantonCrew@comcast.net at least a week in advance.

Election forums

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County will provide an opportunity for voters to hear from candidates for elected offices in the local area prior to the Nov. 2 general election.

The league will sponsor a candidates' forum for the 11th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, featuring incumbent Thaddeus McCotter of Livonia and Democratic challenger Natalie Mosher of Canton.

That forum takes place 8-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive in Livonia.

The LWV also hosts a candidates' forum for candidates in the 20th (Plymouth-Northville) and 21st (Canton) state House districts and the 7th (Plymouth-Canton-Northville and Downriver) state Senate district on Monday, Oct. 4.

The Senate forum takes place from 7-8 p.m., with Republican Patrick Colbeck and Democrat Kathleen Law invited; the race also includes independents John Stewart and Michael Kheibari. There is no incumbent in that race.

The House forum takes place 8-9 p.m. Republican Kurt Heise and Democrat Joan Wadsworth face off in the race for that seat, being vacated by Democrat Marc Coriveau, who decided not to seek re-election.

The forums take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, on Cherry Hill near Denton, in Canton.

Canton fills largest industrial void

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's largest industrial vacancy, a 1.1-million-square-foot building that once housed a Kmart distribution center, will be the new home for longtime Romulus-based W.F. Whelan Co., a global third-party logistics firm that stores and distributes goods exported and imported by air and sea.

W.F. Whelan, also licensed as a foreign trade zone where companies can avoid duties and taxes until products are shipped, plans a gradual move that Dennis Webb, chief business develop-

ment officer, said should be completed by February.

"We're very excited," he said. "This is an evolution for us."

Amid plans to invest as much as \$4 million in the Canton building, W.F. Whelan confirmed it will consolidate operations from two separate Romulus facilities into the former Kmart warehouse southwest of Joy and Haggerty. "We're kind of like a big family," Webb said. "This gets us all back under one roof."

W.F. Whelan has 50 full-time employees and a similar number of contract employees. Moreover, Webb predicted the still-growing, 36-year-old company will likely

add five to 15 workers a year after it settles into its new international warehouse, distribution center and headquarters.

"We are very excited they are coming to Canton," township Economic Development Manager Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz said.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said the former Kmart distribution center has been vacant for several years, though it was most recently used by Absopure Water Co.

"This is the largest industrial vacancy in Canton and one of the largest in western Wayne

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The old Kmart distribution center, Canton's largest industrial vacancy, will be the new home for longtime Romulus-based W.F. Whelan Co.



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The Hindu Temple of Canton marks a significant development for the metro Detroit Hindu population.

Temple opens with CELEBRATION

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Hindu Priest Shiv Kumar Bhatt washes statues of Hindu deities.

Esteemed spiritual leaders from as far away as India joined thousands of metro Detroiters in song, prayer and upbeat ceremonies that ended Sunday as the new Hindu Temple of Canton formally opened amid a three-day celebration of what many lauded as one of the nation's premier Hindu places of worship.

Temple chairman Manoj Sachdeva estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 people passed through the doors over the weekend. A huge crowd packed a vast prayer hall Sunday for what he hailed as "a history-making event" inside the \$8.3-million, 37,517-square-foot building on Cherry Hill east of Canton Center.

Outside, Hindus watched as priests and temple officials gathered atop the temple's roof and blessed the building by sprinkling holy water, some of it brought from India's revered Ganges River, onto two domes — one graced by the Hindu symbol of peace. "This is very, very exciting," said Jesal Shah, a temple trustee. "This makes me feel so satisfied and proud."

Colorful balloons and flower petals adorned the entrance area as Hindus and other visitors marveled at a new temple that

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District eyes plan to hike fund-raising

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A fund development hired to help the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools come up with a plan to raise money outside the general fund budget thinks there is money out there to be had.

The district's administrators and Board of Education, he said, just need to find the right way to tap into it. And the key, the consultant said, may very well lie with the board's ability to work with the exiting Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation.

Rich Howard of The McCormick Group said eight months worth of dialogue with the district's fund development committee determined this: There's a campaign out there that people will identify with and get behind; the district has to find it.

"The school districts that have collaborative relationships with their (EEF) are really the most successful," Howard told the board. "In order to have a successful fund-development strategy, there has to be accountability. We recommend you give that responsibility to a committee."

Under recommendations made by the fund-development committee in dialogue

with The McCormick Group, the district would put a development coordinator in place to work with the EEF, which would then collect information from a trio of committees:

- Annual fund-raising, which would handle annual giving campaigns, planned and corporate giving.
- Special events, such as employee drives, events fund-raisers and special programs, and
- An Alumni Committee, which would be charged with finding giving opportunities, special programs such as reunions and awareness building.

The board and the EEF would work together to find that one idea the community could rally behind.

"The board would work with the EEF in identifying a particular campaign, a concept that would resonate with the community," Howard said.


Howard pointed out some 100 groups, primarily sports boosters and other clubs, are already doing between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million in fund-raising in the district (the largest of those being the marching band boosters). The district itself is using fund-raisers such as door-to-door, special events,

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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

Chieftettes variety

The Canton Chieftettes Pom Pon teams present "Fame-A Variety Show" 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

Tickets are on sale now for \$6 and are available from Chieftette team members and parents or can be purchased for \$8 at the door on show day. For more information visit our website www.cantonchieftettes.com

Christmas auditions

Central City Dance in Canton is holding open auditions for its annual Christmas Spectacular Broadway Show on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Performers from all over southeast Michigan are welcome to try out. Auditions will be:

- Dancers: 11-11:45 a.m. ages 6-8; noon-12:45 p.m. ages 9-12; 1:30-2:30 p.m. ages 13 to adult.
- Singers: 2:45-3:30 p.m. for all ages.
- Gymnasts: 1-1:30 p.m. all ages.

Sponsored by Central City Dance in Canton for the last five years, the show includes more than 300 costumes in eight scenes and 100 performers showcasing some of the most talented dancers, singers, and gymnasts from area dance studios, community theaters, and colleges throughout south-east Michigan.

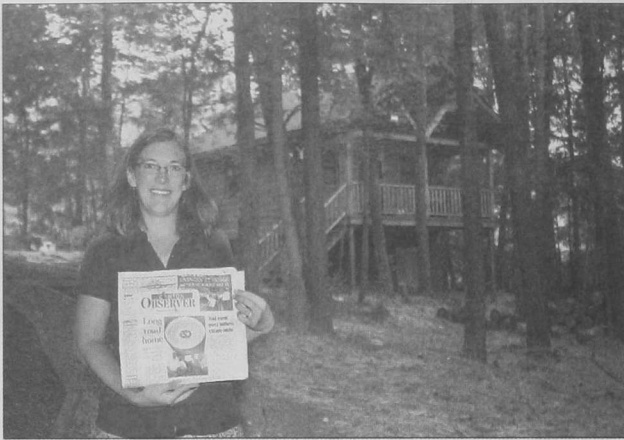
This year there are five shows, Dec. 16th-19th at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Additional information regarding the audition process can be found on the studio's website: www.CentralCityDance.com

BPW meets

The Canton Business & Professional Women meeting takes place 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton (in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road and west of Sheldon).

Guest speaker will be Marilyn H. Bell, Executive Director of the MICHPA (Michigan Purchase Health



Wish you were here!

Dannon McGuire poses with her son Hocking Hills, Ohio. Dan McGuire surprised his wife for the couple's 11th anniversary with a log cabin in the woods for a few days away without the kids (sons Chatham, Langdon and Emerson). The couple kayaked, hiked the caves and waterfalls and enjoyed the peace and quiet of being away from home.

Alliance). She will be talking about controlling health care costs.

Please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 9, by contacting June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or (313) 610-2561.

AAUW meeting

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women will host its monthly meeting on Sept. 16, at 6 p.m., at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon (just north of N. Territorial) in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature Lisa Noel, the branch's college delegate to this year's NCCWSL Leadership Conference. Noel will share information about the conference and describe its effects upon her life and future plans. AAUW is dedicated to advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW membership is open to all.

For more information, contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

Class reunions

• The Plymouth High School Class of 1970 holds its 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club. Cost

is \$25 per person.

For more information visit www.plymouthclassof1970.com or Cathwage@med.umich.edu or call Cathy Wagenschütz at (734) 453-7939.

• The Plymouth High School Class of 1955 holds its reunion 5-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Cost is \$45 per person. For more information, contact Terry West at twest@rose-moving.com or call (248) 473-8988.

Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 10-12.

The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail; 10-foot-by-10-foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. The jewelry vendor application deadline has passed. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfall-festival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 or cbrown57@comcast.net.

Mom 2 Mom

The Plymouth Canton

Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom sale 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 25, at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

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

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

Weekend festival

The annual Old St. Patrick Labor Day Weekend Festival takes place noon to 11 p.m., Sept. 4-5 at 5671 Whitmore Lake Road in Ann Arbor, and features music with Remix and Paradise bands, games for kids including petting farm, inflatable, rock climbing wall, toddler play area and more. Visit the Country Store, bid on Silent Auction and Gift Baskets, and enter the pie contest.

Visitors can also enter the grand prize \$5,000 raffle (with many more cash prizes) and a 50/50 raffle, enjoy a Saturday rib dinner or Sunday

chicken dinner. Admission is free.

For more information visit www.oldstpatrick-annarbor.com or call (734) 662-8141.

Ensemble auditions

The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Michigan announces auditions for new members, all voices: Soprano, Mezzo Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone or Bass. All must have the ability to read music and embrace music of the a capella choral tradition both sacred and secular. Musical periods include the Renaissance to current musical experiences both costumed and in traditional concert attire.

Auditions will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Weekly rehearsals are on Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at Orchard United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Charles Whitmore, Director, at (313) 254-1821 or e-mail chuckwhitmore@live.com.

Prison effects

Hope 4 Healing Hearts, a support group for those with incarcerated loved ones, hosts "Incarceration: Who is Affected?", a seminar with Envoy Stephen Johnson, correctional ministries director for the Salvation Army-Eastern Michigan Division, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland.

The talk will center on showing participants who is really affected when someone goes to prison. The public is welcome; the seminar is free, though donations will be gratefully accepted.

For more information, visit www.hope4healinghearts.com or e-mail Bonnie at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or call (734) 646-2237.

Check out Canton

The Canton Economic Development office and the Canton Public Library have teamed up to help the community "check out" Canton businesses.

"Check Out Canton" works like the library's very popular Museum Adventure Pass program. Local businesses supply special offers that patrons can check out from the library with a library card. Use the passes to save on goods and services throughout Canton.

Want to know what's being offered? Simply search the library catalog for "Check Out Canton" and you'll find a list of the businesses and their offers.

Businesses interested in participating in this program can call Canton's Economic Development office at (734) 394-5182.

Montessori openings

Plymouth-Canton

Montessori School is continuing fall enrollment throughout August. Preschool, kindergarten and extended day kindergarten programs are available for children between the ages of 3-6 years old. The school is located at 45245 Joy Road in Canton, and fall classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 8.

In addition to its preschool and kindergarten programs, PCMS provides before and after school day care, and a summer program that includes lots of arts and crafts, in-house presenters, science experiments, dramatic play, cooking, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories and games.

For enrollment information or to schedule a school tour, call (734) 459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org.

Preschool openings

Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, has openings for 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, and young 5-year-olds for the 2010-2011 school year. Check the school's website for information about preschool, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary programs, and call the school office to request a tour of the facilities.

Plymouth Christian Academy is located in Canton on Joy Road between Lilley Road and Morton Taylor/Main Street. For more information, check the website at www.plymouthchristian.org or call (734) 459-3505.

Tiny tots

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool has added a fourth class to the schedule. Parents can now register their 4-year-olds for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday PM class. The class time is from 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.; tuition is eight monthly payments of \$130. There are also openings for 3-year-olds in the Tuesday/Thursday classes.

To register, print off a registration form from the Salvation Army website, www.MISalPlymouth.org, and drop it off with a \$35 registration fee. For more information, call the preschool at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 15, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com



Last Concert is This Friday... Plymouth Music in the Air

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Friday, Sept. 3 in Kellogg Park...Lady Sunshine & the X Band (R&B)

Lady Sunshine was born to sing the blues. Born on a plantation near the Mississippi Delta in West Helena, Ark., Lady Sunshine grew up singing gospel music as a little girl. She is the consummate entertainer and that deep soulful southern hunger that drives her is apparent both on and off the stage through her heartfelt originals and down-to-earth demeanor. She moved to Ann Arbor in 1975 and began performing professionally in genres such as Blues, R&B, Gospel, Soul and Jazz. Although Sunshine lives in the heartland of the University of Michigan Wolverines, the chants of "Let's Go Blue" take on a whole different meaning for her.

The Rhythm Section, comprised of "Slick" Rick Humesky on guitar, Kito Pardo on drums, Larry Baulden on bass, and Tom (Fosdog) Fosselman on keyboards, is a rock steady groove machine with such a deep pocket that no matter what style is called for, they produce a groove that is authentic and precise.



The 'Xsatiabie Horns' are comprised of Patricio Padilla, David Maki II and Ken Ferry, powerful, air-tight horn phenoms accustomed to playing as a compact and symbiotic unit in addition to being virtuosic soloists in their own right. Their 'Phat' sound has been described as a fusion of the Memphis Horns, James Brown Horns, and Tower of Power Horns rolled into one unique and Xsatiabie package.

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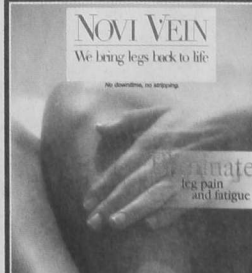
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The long-silent loading docks at the old Kmart distribution center near Joy and Haggerty could be busy again soon.

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County," Faas said, calling W.F. Whelan's move "awesome" for a township that has strived to lure companies to combat an economic downturn.

W.F. Whelan Co. began in 1974 in the Detroit Metro Airport international terminal as a small customs brokerage company for the automotive industry and its parts suppliers. The company later moved to a larger facility in Romulus, adjacent to the airport.

Webb said the firm now finds itself in need of an even

larger facility where it can continue to grow.

W.F. Whelan supplies some 36 automotive assembly plants each day, and Webb said the company also handles hundreds of products ranging from electronics to wine to feathers for pillows.

"We have even shipped human remains for people who moved here from other countries and wanted to go back to the old country to be buried," Webb said.

As a U.S. Customs broker, the company also clears freight for businesses.

Webb's brother-in-law Bill Whelan, company president, founded the business in 1974, and Webb's late wife,

MaryAnne, served as vice president and helped the company grow.

Webb cited the Canton location as ideal because it allows the company to expand while remaining close to Detroit Metro Airport, Willow Run Airport and the I-275 corridor.

Webb conceded that many companies have struggled amid an economic recession. Yet, he said W.F. Whelan does business amounting to more than \$50 million a year.

"We've really weathered the storm," he said. "We love the Canton area, and we're really looking forward to being part of the community."

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DISTRICT

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and government and corporate grants, to do the bulk of their fund-raising.

"This wasn't a surprising number to me, given the size of your district," Howard said. "You have an awful lot of things going on."

Opportunities exist, Howard pointed out, in planned giving, corporate giving, naming opportunities and among the alumni to raise money.

"We are coming up, thanks to the baby boomers, on the biggest transfer of wealth in our nation's history," Howard said. "There are opportunities

for fund development there."

Howard's research showed districts similar to Plymouth-Canton throughout the Midwest generally raise between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year, primarily through individual giving, which Howard said brings in "the big dollars."

"Philanthropy is trending down, really for the first time in our nation's history, for a number of different reasons," he said. "The good news is, people are still willing to support what's important to them."

That's where the EEF and the other committees would come in handy.

"The collaboration between the EEF and the board is a

positive thing," said Carole Cody, the EEF's executive director. "We can accomplish so much more together. We're here working for the same things as the board."

Whatever the final fund-development committee structure looks like, board members said it's up to them to make sure the district comes up with something the public wants.

"Some of these are exciting things," school board President Steven Sneiderman said. "We need something the community can get around. We haven't communicated well to figure out what would resonate. It's important to have a structure that will help us do that."

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Canton man held after domestic dispute

BY DARRELL CLEM
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A knife-wielding Canton man who barricaded himself in an attic after allegedly threatening to slit his mother's throat was taken into custody after township police forced their way into his hiding place, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The 22-year-old suspect was arrested for domestic violence around 8:30 p.m. Friday on Newburyport Drive, near Warren and Sheldon, ending an ordeal that Gajeski said began more than five hours earlier.

Township police initially went to the mother's house

about 3 p.m. Friday after receiving a report that she had come home, found her front door open and her car missing, Gajeski said.

A short time later, the suspect contacted his sister and told her that he had gone to his mother's house and taken a cell phone and her car, which he had crashed in Detroit.

Police began an investigation only to receive another call about 8:30 p.m. that the son had returned home and had become violent after the mother told him that she was calling authorities, Gajeski said.

"He had a knife, and he

threatened to slit her throat," the sergeant said, adding that while the son didn't use the weapon on his mother, "he assaulted her and shoved her around a few times."

The suspect then barricaded himself with the knife in the attic, according to police. Gajeski said officers surrounded the house, forced their way into the attic and took the suspect into custody.

"He surrendered," Gajeski said.

The suspect is now facing a charge of domestic violence, the sergeant said.

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Motel arrests

1 One woman was arrested for having heroin and another woman was cited for loitering following an incident that occurred shortly before 9 p.m. Saturday, according to Canton police reports.

A manager of the Motel 6, on Ford Road east of Haggerty, notified police after two Toledo women said they needed to get into a room to retrieve some of their belongings, even though the room wasn't in their names. A call also had been received from a man, apparently who had paid for the room, saying the women could go inside.

Police initially saw a piece of a marijuana cigarette in an ashtray, and further investigation revealed other marijuana and, in one woman's purse, heroin, needles and a spoon, according to police.

Officers also found certain items indicating that a possible act of prostitution may have occurred. Police seized a laptop computer.

Police arrested the woman who had drugs in her purse. The investigation was continuing.

Playscape vandals

2 A man who had taken his children to the Dodson Elementary School playground called police after he found the playscape area had been vandalized sometime prior to noon Sunday.

The school is located on the northwest corner of Beck and Cherry Hill.

The man found newspapers that had been burned near the

play equipment, and the fire had melted some of the coating from the floor of the structure, according to a police report.

The man also saw several condoms near the playscape, along with a pack of cigars.

Police advised the principal of the incident.

Windstar rip-off

3 A police officer on patrol in the Wal-mart parking lot off Ford Road was waved down by a man who said several items had been stolen from his 1993 Pontiac Windstar about 6 p.m. Sunday. He said he had left the vehicle unlocked.

The man told police items missing included his cell phone, a GameStop gift card,

his Social Security card, two Pioneer stereo speakers. He said he found his wallet in the parking lot but the contents, including \$23, had been taken.

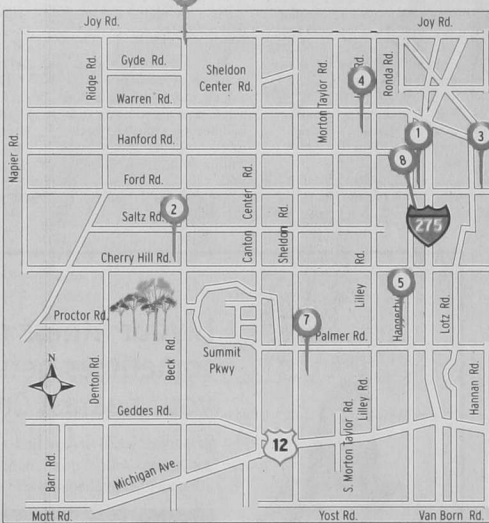
Buick boosted

4 A woman returned from an out-of-town trip to find that her 2006 Buick Rendezvous had been stolen from Foxthorn, southwest of Warren and Lilley.

The incident happened sometime prior to 8:30 a.m. Monday at Bainbridge Apartments.

The woman told police she believed she had locked the doors of the vehicle. She also said she had one piece of luggage and a child seat in the vehicle.

CRIME WATCH



Chair stolen

5 A man who lives on Strawberry Court, northwest of Haggerty and Palmer, told police someone stole a patio chair from his back yard between 3 p.m. last Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Friday. Nothing else was reported missing.

Money turned in

6 An honest woman turned over more than \$200 to Canton police after her son found it in the roadway at Joy and Beck roads, according to police reports.

The boy found the money on Aug. 25.

GPS taken

7 A man notified police after a GPS unit was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the driveway of his home on Roundtable, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon. The incident happened between 10:45 p.m. last Thursday and 8:50 a.m. Monday.

The man also told police that other items, including a pocket knife, were missing. He said his car had been broken into once before, earlier in the month of August.

Grill gone

8 A woman who had bought a new barbecue grill called police to report it was stolen from the back of her home on Maplewood, southeast of Ford and Haggerty, between 8:20 p.m. Saturday and 4:20 p.m. Monday.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Fleeing suspects bound for trial

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two male drivers are facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following allegations they fled from Canton police in separate incidents in August.

Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said no one was injured in either incident, though police said one chase reached speeds of 80 mph and ended on a Southfield Freeway ramp in Detroit.

Ronald Whaley, a 47-year-old Detroit, is facing trial after he waived his preliminary examination in late August in 35th District Court, according to a court clerk.

Whaley was charged amid allegations he led township police on a high-speed chase that began near Michigan Avenue and I-275 and ended on the Southfield ramp where he abandoned his Chevrolet Impala and was captured after a foot chase, Canton Detective Joe Voet has said.

The incident began about 10 p.m. Aug. 10 when Canton police attempted to stop the driver for a defective headlight, prompting a chase north on I-275 and east on I-96 where Livonia authorities deployed a tire-deflating device that eventually prompted the suspect to abandon his car, police said.

Whaley was arraigned the following day in 35th District Court on a felony charge of fourth-degree fleeing and eluding a police officer, along

with a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving.

Whaley, jailed with a \$25,000/10 percent bond, was charged as a third-degree habitual offender. Although the charge of fleeing and eluding is punishable by a two-year prison term upon conviction, Whaley could potentially face a longer sentence due to his status as a repeat offender.

In the other incident, 30-year-old Canton resident Reginald McIntosh, Jr., was ordered in late August to stand trial after he waived his preliminary exam stemming from an incident police said occurred shortly after 3 a.m. Aug. 11.

McIntosh was charged following allegations he fled from township police in the Sherwood Village mobile home park on Old Michigan Avenue, on Canton's south-east side.

McIntosh was arrested after police tried to stop a 1995 GMC Suburban when the driver failed to stop for a flashing red light on Michigan Avenue near Haggerty, Voet has said.

McIntosh is facing trial for fleeing and eluding a police officer, along with a misdemeanor charge of driving with a suspended license. He also was charged as a third-degree habitual offender.

A court clerk has said McIntosh was released after a \$3,000/10 percent bond was posted.

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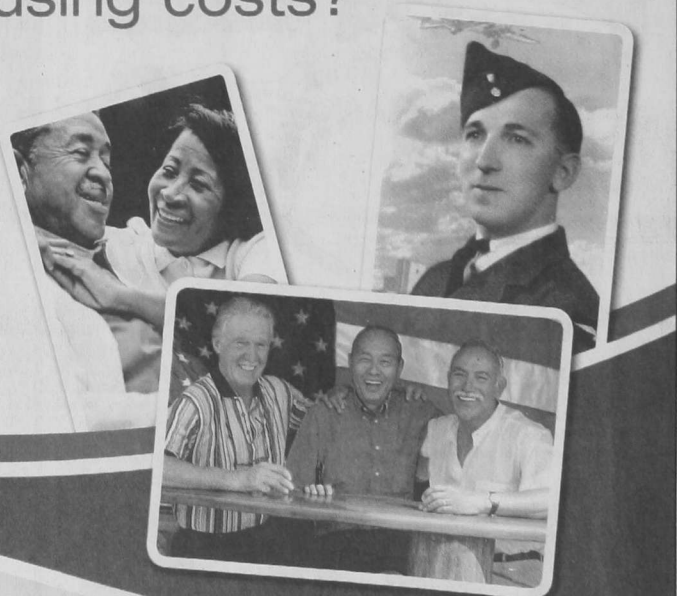
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replaced a much smaller, now-demolished facility, culminating a long journey for devotees who first gathered nearly 25 years ago in their own homes.

"This is everything to me," Canton resident Subrahmanyam Jayakumar said. "We have strived for this. This was our dream. This is a proud moment for us to have this beautiful place where we can worship in Canton."

Jayakumar and others also said the new temple is expected to attract visitors from far away — visitors they said will spend money in the local economy. A crew from TV Asia captured Sunday's celebration.

Inside the two-level temple, hundreds of Hindus sat on a carpeted prayer hall floor and applauded as curtains lining one wall opened to reveal decorated altars and statues of religious deities. Priests, temple officials and dignitaries from local government to Washington, D.C., lined up to light candles on a brass diya — a large ornament used to usher in special occasions.

Acclaimed singer Alka Bhatnagar came from California and performed devotional Indian songs as some Hindus sang along.

"I call that a grand opening,

for sure," Sachdeva said during a pause in the celebration. "It gives me immense pleasure to say that our temple construction project is now 100 percent complete."

Sachdeva, too, mentioned the potential economic impact the temple can have on Canton — home to many Indian people — and he nodded to local officials and said, "We hope that we have made you proud of us."

Religious leaders have hailed the temple as a place where Hindus and visitors can worship, dance, share laughs, practice yoga, nurture families, celebrate milestones and offer community events such as free health fairs.

"I'm proud to be part of this memorable journey," said Anurag Bajaj, temple president.

He alluded to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as he described how local Hindus had a dream to build the temple, and he paraphrased a famous quote from former President John F. Kennedy as he said, "Ask not what your temple can do for you. Ask what you can do for your temple."

Famed leader Param Pujya Shri Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj, followed by Hindus around the world and known for leading the Vishwa Jagriti Mission, came to Canton for the temple's grand opening, and he

spoke in Hindi to those who attended Sunday's ceremonies.

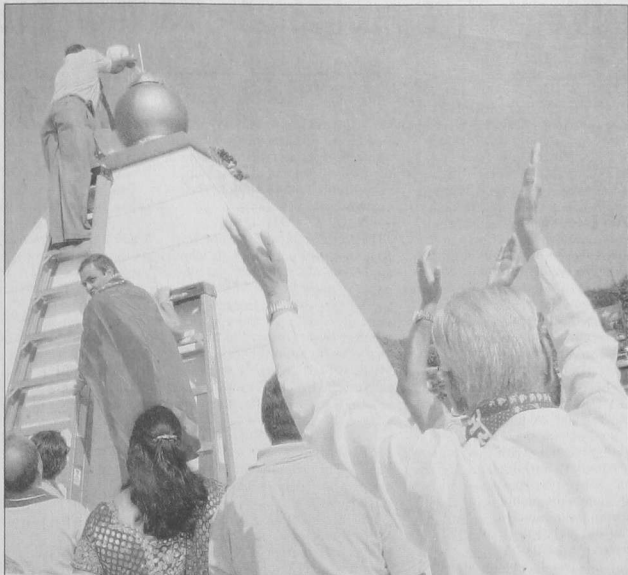
"People from Toronto and Chicago are here to try to woo him to visit their communities," said Jatin Desai, temple board secretary, underscoring the significance of the visit to Canton.

Other renowned leaders also joined the celebration, such as Swami Shri Atma Yogi Anandji, founder of the Bhagwat Gita Parivar Trust that helps train teachers and provide poor children with education, food and clothing.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, joined Sunday by other township leaders, described Canton as "very proud" of the new temple, which he said reflects an increasingly rich tradition of diversity in the community.

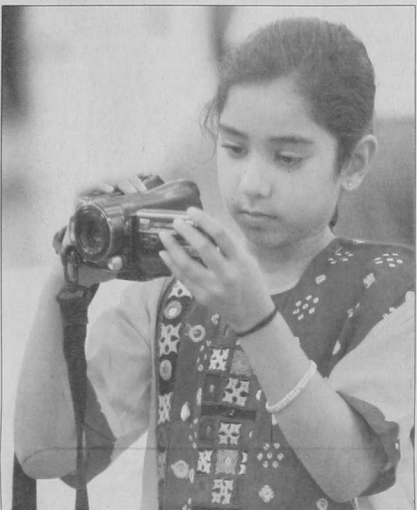
U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Michigan, among others, hailed the Hindu Temple of Canton as an important addition not just to Canton, but far beyond.

"I do believe this is a landmark of national significance right here in Canton, Michigan," he said.



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Water from the Ganges River in India, mixed with local water, is poured on one of the domes of the temple.



Eight-year-old Archana Menawat records the special day.



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Library aims programs at senior citizens

The Plymouth District Library has put together a series of programs designed for the senior citizens the library serves.

Upcoming programs include:

- **MEDICARE 101**, Tuesday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. — Bettie Hughes of the Area Agency on Aging 1-C and the Senior Alliance is back after a very successful program several months ago. She will answer questions about eligibility, coverage and enrollment under each part of Medicare. Upcoming changes in Medicaid will be explained. Register for this free program by contacting the Library at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

- **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 21, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required. Attend either meeting or both.

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1 p.m. (spouses only on Sept. 14) — Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration required.

- **TO-DO LIST FOR CHILDREN OF AGING PARENTS**, Thursday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. — Ken Bloom, of Bloom Asset Management will help attendees prepare the financial and medical affairs of their parents. Discussion topics will include estate planning, man-

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ing required minimum distributions from investments, document and asset inventory, financial and medical arrangements. Sign up is requested, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or plymouthlibrary.org

- **DROP IN COMPUTER TUTORING**, Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — High school students will teach class participants to use a mouse, Windows, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Sorry, we do not offer training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows Vista or Windows 7, or other software programs.

- **LOW VISION INFO SESSION**, Thursday, Oct. 7, 1-3 p.m. — This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Caregivers or friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required — for more information contact Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

Camp Quality
Tech Tool Supply, LLC, announced Camp Quality Night with the Plymouth Whalers.

On Friday, Oct. 1, at 7:05 p.m., the Plymouth Whalers will play the Saginaw Spirit. But before that night arrives, the goal is to sell 3,000 tickets to the game. For each \$11 ticket sold, \$4 will go directly to Camp Quality

Michigan. In addition to selling 3,000 tickets, Tech Tool Supply would like to raise an additional \$3,000 through donations and the 50/50 raffle. By achieving this goal, a total of \$15,000 will be raised for Camp Quality.

On Oct. 4, Tech Tool Supply will celebrate its sixth anniversary and, as a way of giving back, Tech Tool Supply has decided to throw its first charity event for a great cause.

"Over the 12 years that I have been involved with Camp Quality, I've seen first-hand all of the amazing things they do for children with cancer and their families," owner Brent Hagood said. "I volunteered at their summer camp in northern Michigan for seven years when I was younger, and the atmosphere they create for the kids is wonderful. Camp Quality is a wonderful organization that is very close to my heart."

Tickets for this event can ONLY be purchased from Tech Tool Supply via:

- Phone by calling (877) 208-6657.
 - Visiting the local showroom
 - Mailing check to Tech Tool Supply, Attn: Rebecca Gillespie, 9060 General Dr, Plymouth, MI 48170
 - Online at www.TechToolSupply.com
- Donations are also being accepted by sending checks to Tech Tool Supply, Attn: Donations, 9060 General Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the conclusion of the event, ITTS will present Camp Quality Michigan with a check from all ticket proceeds and donations.

Walk away from investments you don't understand

I just got back from celebrating my parents' 60th wedding anniversary. When you think about it, 60 years of marriage is an incredible accomplishment. When my parents got married, the average car in America cost \$1,750, gas was 20 cents a gallon, and the average family earned about \$3,200 a year.

A lot has changed. One of the major changes over the last 60 years has been the explosion of investment alternatives available to consumers. It's sort of like TV channels. Back in 1950, if you were lucky enough to have a TV, you only had three channels available to choose from. Fast forward 60 years and there's an endless supply of TV channels.

Sixty years ago, investment options were few and far between. Choices included stocks (and there weren't many) or a savings account in the bank.

Today, investment choices are many.

As most people have learned, the fact that there are more TV shows and stations available doesn't mean that there is better quality. The same thing has happened in the investment world. Although there are substantially more investment options available, it doesn't mean that all these options are worthwhile.

I avoid over half the channels on my cable system and I believe that most investments available to people today should be avoided.

When it comes to choosing an investment, an investor must understand what he/she is purchasing. Understanding the investment means knowing the basics as to how one can make money, lose money and get money out.

If an investor does not understand these three elements, he/she ought to walk away from the investment. Too many investments are so complex that most are unable to answer the aforementioned three questions.

Understanding the basics doesn't mean one has to be an expert on the mechanics of the investment. The more you understand an investment, the better investor you will be.

The key for any investor is to make sure he/she selects investment vehicles in his/her comfort zone. There is nothing wrong with walking away from an investment because you do not understand it. I assume most Bernie Madoff investors wish they had followed that advice.

In today's world, there are literally tens of thousands of different investments. Obviously, no one person can be an expert in all of them. I've always followed the KISS method — which means "keep it simple stupid." "Some people are under the mistaken belief that if something is complex and difficult to understand, it must be worthwhile. I believe the opposite. If something is too complex for me to understand, then it's a sure sign that I should be looking elsewhere.

What is the right investment vehicle for you? It's hard to say, but my general view is that for most investors, mutual funds, bank products such as CDs, and certain types of fixed annuities are vehicles investors can understand and ones that offer the best opportunity for success.

A lot has changed over the last 60 years but one thing that hasn't is my parents' love for each other. Congratulations, mom and dad, on 60 great years and I look forward to many, many more years.

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



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

No Labor Day holiday trash pickup

Because of the Labor Day holiday, there will be no pickup of household trash, recyclables or yard waste on Monday in Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

Collections in both communities will be delayed by one day for the week; residents should have their trash, recyclables and yard

waste set at the curb on the day following their normal collection day.

In Plymouth Township, which has a five-day-a-week collection schedule, that means a Saturday, Sept. 11, pickup for households that normally have Friday pickup. In the city of Plymouth, in

which trash is normally picked up Monday through Wednesday, those with a normal Wednesday pickup will have their garbage, recyclables and yard waste picked up on Thursday, Sept. 9.

The regular collection schedules will resume for the week beginning Monday, Sept. 13.

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Meeka, a border collie and a star member of Rock and Roll K-9s, zips in and out of a row of humans.

Dog days

Robbin Ensor of Plymouth pushes Sophie, a pretty privileged pet.



Lyla, Brady and Remi are a fine trio of golden retrievers. They belong to Jill and Dale Millins of Farmington Hills.

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Pets the focus of 2nd Paws park event

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brian Howell had planned to get his wife, Melissa, a kitten for the couple's anniversary, though he hadn't done it yet.

So when the couple and their 12-year-old daughter, Samantha, saw a pair of kittens up for adoption underneath the Huron Valley Human Society tent at last weekend's Paws in the Park event in Heritage Park in Canton, the time seemed right.

The Howells, about to celebrate their 15th anniversary, adopted both kittens on the spot.

"It was a pretty spontaneous decision," Melissa Howell said. "We already have two cats, and we lost a third one last year (to cancer). We saw the two together and I said, 'We can't break up siblings.'"

The adoptions, which took place Saturday, were the first of the weekend for the Humane Society, one of the primary beneficiaries of the second annual Paws in the Park, which drew thousands of dogs and their humans to Heritage Park for the two-day

festival.

Paws in the Park featured entertainment, adoptions, education, food, contests and shopping for pet owners and their pets. Entertainment came in the form of acts such as the Pawsitive Vybe Frisbee Team and a high-energy performance by Rock n' Roll K9s.

All proceeds (totals weren't available at press time) went to HVHS.

"Events like this are extremely important" to the Humane Society's mission, said Jaci Nicols, HVHS' development director. "A lot of people don't realize we're the Humane Society for the Plymouth-Canton area. Getting out here is an important part of our outreach."

Lisa Kline of Grosse Pointe Park saw Paws in the Park advertised on-line and brought her collies, Shosti and Casso, to Heritage Park.

"We do a lot of activities with our dogs," Kline said. "This was a great chance to see other dogs, and hang out with our dogs. There's a lot of things the dogs can actually participate in."



Max and Trig are BFF's. Max is a rescue dog owned by Jean Reitmeyer of Wyandotte. Trig, a yorkshire terrier belongs to Sylvia Shimkus, of Flat Rock.



Duke, a german shorthaired pointer leaps for the toy thrown by his owner Jeff Ward in the Ultimate Air Dog Competition. They are from Linden.



Debbie Anderson, of Canton, and her husky mix Jack.

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Students are back to school next week.

Back to school

Help your child succeed, have a brighter future

More than New Year's Eve, the back-to-school season is when many families resolve to make changes for the better.

And why not?

The start of school is the best time to establish good habits that will help kids succeed in class.

After a summer of staying up late, spending too much time in front of the TV and computer, and eating too much junk food, children are ready for a little more structure in their lives.

School resumes Tuesday, Sept. 7, for Plymouth-Canton public school students.

Here are several common-sense tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and other child-advocacy organizations to help your child get off to a good start.

- Start the day off right by getting your children up in enough time to get ready without rushing and to eat a healthy breakfast.

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- Communicate with your child's teacher. Attend parent/teacher conferences.

- Spend time at your child's school. Attend your child's school musicals, plays and sporting events but also volunteer in the classroom or in your child's building. There are many opportunities outside of the classroom.

- Set a bedtime and stick to it. A well-rested child is able to concentrate better in class.

- Read with and to your child. Get your child a library card — it's the most useful school supply he or she will ever have. Besides checking out books for pleasure reading, students can get help with homework at the library and check out resources for projects. Librarians at the Canton Public Library, on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill Road, will be glad to sign your child up for a library card and share the wonder of books. Call (734) 397-0999 or visit www.cantonpl.org.

- Be supportive of your child's teachers and the school system.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

How do you feel about school starting back up?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I really want to go to school, so I'm happy. I go to Tonda (Elementary)."

Sarah Thoms
Canton



"I'm ready to go back (to Pioneer Middle School) and see my friends I don't normally get to see, and school can be fun."

Hannah Laho
Canton



"Excited because I'll be going to a new school (Slauson Middle School in Ann Arbor)."

Sara Hutson
Ann Arbor



"Happy because I get to go to a new school (Slauson Middle School in Ann Arbor)."

Casey Hutson
Ann Arbor

LETTERS

Free sports

One problem that I feel needs to be addressed is the fact that schools have you pay a lot of money for sports.

Public schools should have free sports because they are at public schools. Kids should be able to express themselves at school for free because they may grow up playing these sports for life and even go into the major leagues.

I do believe that if we give free sports to kids that they not only will be happier and more fit, but we would also have a lot more athletes in the community.

Bradley Christensen
Canton

Religious freedom?

Newt Gingrich and Sarah Palin have joined with the Tea Party types to express opposition to the so-called "Mosque at Ground Zero." Their only purpose in spreading this propagandist nonsense is to engender fear and hatred of Muslims.

Here are some facts you will not hear from the Tea Party. A few blocks from Ground Zero is a closed Burlington Coat Factory. This was purchased for a proposed Islamic Cultural Center which all are welcome to visit. This urban renewal project has the blessing of New York Republican Mayor Bloomberg. The Cultural Center is not a mosque and has no minarets. A few blocks from this proposed site exists a Mosque that has been in Manhattan for over 30 years.

Gingrich is quoted as saying, "the mosque

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at Ground Zero is akin to putting a Nazi sign next to the Holocaust museum."

How silly. Does this mean that no religious church can be built by the federal building in Oklahoma City? Timothy McVeigh, a devout Christian, blew up the federal building in Oklahoma City because he was angry with our government.

We either have constitutional guarantees of freedom of religion, or we do not.

According to Gingrich, Palin and their Tea followers, we do not.

Gerald and Dolores Maxey
Farmington Hills

Helping people

14 million people — six million of them children — have been affected by recent floods in Pakistan.

Food, clean water and health supplies are desperately needed.

I thought they did not need my help because their country had money to build and detonate a nuclear bomb. A picture is worth a thousand words and sure enough, next I saw a full color photo of something that caused me to stop and stare: A man walked a bicycle through water up to his waist.

It was brown, swirling water and there were other people around him and on the back of the bicycle was a little girl of about 10 or 11 years old screaming and crying. He walked with dignity though his next step might take him down into the swirling turbid water.

What prayers and hopes and terrors sprang in his mind as he walked with his daughter behind? At any moment some invisible germ or insidious disease could settle in her or on her and take her away forever. He must be praying to his God, I thought, because I was praying to mine for him and the girl and all of them.

There will be other disasters but this one is now. Who will supply them the materials to rebuild their industries, farms and tame the wild rivers?

It won't be us if we stand by and watch them die. Sometimes it pays to be nice. Why not donate to UNICEF or some other agency?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Costume party a 'Plum' event for fans of author Janet Evanovich

I've never been a "fan" in the sense that I'd wait in line to get tickets to see an act, or track their movements on the Internet, or write a fan letter.

Close as I've come was a couple of years ago, when I essentially hijacked a telephone interview with Barry Manilow another writer was setting up. OK, so it wasn't exactly "hijacked"; she wasn't all that interested and she knew I was a huge fan, so she willingly gave it over.



Brad Kadrich

I do have an autographed copy of one of Robert B. Parker's *Spenser* books, given to me as a present in honor of my fondness both for the books and the TV show (which starred Robert Urich. And I have occasionally had the opportunity to interview people I've admired (Alan Trammell, Richard Dreyfuss).

So my ears definitely perked

up a little when freelance writer Maggie Wunderlich told me about an upcoming appearance of one of my new favorite writers, Janet Evanovich. None of the men I know read Evanovich's "Stephanie Plum" novels, so I may be risking my Man-Card (although no one has stripped me of it yet in the wake of my fondness for Manilow). But I will likely be there when Evanovich, who has thus far penned 16 Plum stories, signs books at the Barnes & Noble on Haggerty in Northville Sept. 16. She's introducing a new series based on a character named Diesel introduced in the Plum "Between the Numbers" books she's written.

It's gonna be crowded, and Evanovich will only sign new copies of her books, including the Plum novels, but it should be a fun event.

However, it may not be as much fun as what the Canton Library has in store a few days earlier. From 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, the library hosts "Evanovich Fan Fun," a party to mark the author's foray into the local community (e-mail magwunderlich@gmail.com

for details). The kicker here is the library event is a costume party, with party goers being encouraged to attend dressed as their favorite Plum character.

The only other book-related event where I've seen people dress up was for the release of several of the Harry Potter books, so it'll be interesting to see whether this draws costumed fans. The most fun character to dress up as may very well be Vinnie, Plum's sleazy cousin who runs the bail bonds office for which she went to work when she lost her job as a lingerie buyer.

I've had my head shaved, been knocked off the ledge in a dunk-tank, offered to work in a variety of jobs around the various towns in which I've worked. I've never yet agreed to appear in a costume.

Maybe it's time.

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Leaders 'cautiously optimistic' on home sales

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Home sales dropped sharply nationwide in July, but local experts are somewhat more optimistic.

Single-family home sales were at their lowest level since 1995 in July as the lift provided earlier in 2010 by tax credits disappeared, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Sales of existing homes in July fell 27 percent from June levels and were off by 25.5 percent from July 2009, NAR reported. Sales of single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.83 million units in July from a revised 5.26 million in June.

Pam King, associate broker, Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth, said, "I think that we saw a slight difference due to that. It was expected. However, business is going on. There's actually more activity than I've seen in a while."

School starting has an impact, King said, with some families wanting a new home before Labor Day.

As far as people putting homes up for sale, "I think that's more attributed to the fall, people being done with summer. We are probably more stable I think than we have been in a while," said King, Realtor of the Year in 2006 for the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

King added that "prices are maintaining."

"I'm a little more optimistic. We're on our way back. I think the stabilization is the most important thing."

King and many colleagues in the real estate field would like to see another incentive program from the federal government. "Everybody derives a benefit from that," she said.

Local government leaders are feeling the pain of the economy, but also hold out some hope.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok said his community is holding its own in home sales, and national surveys and figures don't always apply.

"I think we're certainly seeing homes turn over here in the city. Property values, while they have declined from several years ago, are certainly stabilizing. We're hopeful for the future," Sincok said.

Downtown Plymouth is hanging in there with few vacancies. A key "in these very tough economic times is a very vital downtown and Old Village community. They offer the walkability that is so important. I



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think that's a key element to our success," Sincok said. "We have a very active and vital downtown."

Sincok believes the key to a brighter economic future "is the vitality of our overall community."

Schools in Plymouth-Canton having success is a critical element, as people look for that when relocating, Sincok said. "You have to have the schools to match it and clearly here we have the school system to match it." Municipal finance continues to be a challenge, he acknowledged.

Nationally, the soft sales pace is likely to continue for a few months, according to the NAR's chief economist Lawrence Yun. Overall sales for 2010 are still on track to register around five million because the first half was strong, he said.

"To place in perspective, annual sales averaged 4.9 million in the past 20 years and 4.4 million over the past 30 years," Yun said.

As mortgage rates remain at historic lows of 4.56 percent in July, and home prices are low across the country, addition of jobs could spur increased home sales.

The national median existing home price in July was \$182,600, up 0.7 percent from July 2009.

Housing supply at the end of July rose 2.5 percent to 3.98 million existing homes

for sale, or a 12.5-month supply at the current sales pace. That's up from an 8.9-month supply in June.

"What I'm hearing is that real estate agents are staying busy," said Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, adding "prices, however, are at the level of the early to mid-1990s."

"Things are not butterflies and roses, but they're definitely better than they were last year," West said. "A slight decline from five or six years ago. It's definitely better than last year."

Quicken Loans recently moved from Livonia to downtown Detroit, but West noted that announcement came in the fall of 2007, allowing for planning. Other businesses are coming in, West said, and "We have seven colleges in Livonia which serve 43,000 students." Higher education is a hook for continued economic growth in Livonia, he said.

West sees a pent-up economic demand from the last few years. "People weren't sure about their jobs last year. People feel better about their lot at work." There are lot more home improvement projects this year, West said.

As of June 30, Livonia's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent. "Livonia's typically lower because we have a generally diversified economy," he said.

Holiday show brings Broadway style home

With a ticket to the Central City Christmas Spectacular, local residents don't have to leave their own back yards for a taste of the Big Apple's Broadway.

Sponsored by Central City Dance in Canton for the last five years, the show includes more than 300 costumes in eight scenes and 100 performers showcasing some of the most talented dancers, singers, and gymnasts from area dance studios, community theaters, and colleges throughout southeast Michigan.

This year there are five shows, Dec. 16-19 at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The directors of the Christmas Spectacular, Tim and Tamara Smola, along with Erin Kearney, collaborated with Marcy Pocklington, who at one time taught at the dance studio, to write the production that takes Santa Claus around the world starting in the North Pole and ending in Canton.

"We wanted something that would be an alternative to the 'Nutcracker,'" Tim Smola said. "We wanted to produce more of a Broadway-oriented show. There was no real outlet for people who were doing Jazz and Tap. It brings the community a whole other genre of dance."

Actually, Central City Christmas Spectacular incorporates ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, Irish dancing, gymnastics and singing featuring longtime favorites, that promise to evoke the holiday spirit, such as "Up On The Housetop," "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" and "Jingle Bells."

"It brought back childhood memories for me," Smola said. "I've heard a lot of people say it reminds them of Christmas's growing up and decorating their Christmas tree. There's something for the whole family. There's action and there's time where it is very serious and it takes on sentimental tones and times when you're rolling off your seat laughing."

This year there's an entirely new cast and changes have been made to the choreography to hold the interest of loyal patrons who attend the show every year.

Wayne Kurtycz, community care pastor of Northridge Church in Plymouth, has two of his three daughters involved in the Central City Christmas Spectacular. Kate, 12 and Claire, 7, will both perform in the production. Their sister, Hannah, 14, has been involved in the past.

"It builds their confidence being in a production like that," Kurtycz said. "And they keep progressing with their dancing ability. It helps them in other areas of life. When they see success they think if I can excel here, I can do the same with my math homework and it goes into the academics just like sports does."

Showtimes are 6 p.m. Dec. 16-17, 2 and 6 p.m. Dec. 18, and 2 p.m. Dec. 19. Tickets will be sold at the Central City Dance, 8004 Sheldon Center, through Dec. 13. Call (734) 459-0400 for more information.

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'Heads-up' play lifts 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On a night with plenty of collisions and physical play going after 50-50 balls, it was a very creative and savvy play that gave Plymouth a 2-2 tie with Salem in a Monday night matchup of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys soccer rivals.

Plymouth senior Andrew Yoder's nifty header of a Caleb Divens corner kick, with 15:08 left in Monday's second half, enabled the Wildcats to earn the draw. The goal came just 3:18 after the Rocks took a 2-1 edge.

"On the corner, we try to bend it into the goal," said Yoder, who also scored Plymouth's first goal. "Get a bunch of guys in there and try to get a head on it."

"That's what happened, I just finished it."

According to Salem head coach Ed McCarthy, that there even was a corner kick to begin with was a bit unfortunate.

A long ball skipped through sophomore goalkeeper Erick Beas and he couldn't retrieve it before it reached the back line.

"Certainly that's one we would like Erick to pick up so not have the corner," McCarthy said. "They were very dangerous on that corner, getting into the box with lots of bodies."

"Erick got his hand on the corner to punch it, but the Plymouth player was right there to re-direct it into the goal."

McCarthy, however, credited some outstanding stops by Beas earlier

in the KLAA crossover for helping keep the Rocks in the game.

"They (Wildcats) probably should have had another goal or two tonight," he said. "He (Beas) took a sure goal away from them."

BACK AND FORTH

The Yoder header capped off a second half where the teams (both now 2-1-2) traded markers.

In the first half, Salem senior Brandon Barfuss scored on a penalty kick, and that's how the match stayed entering the second half.

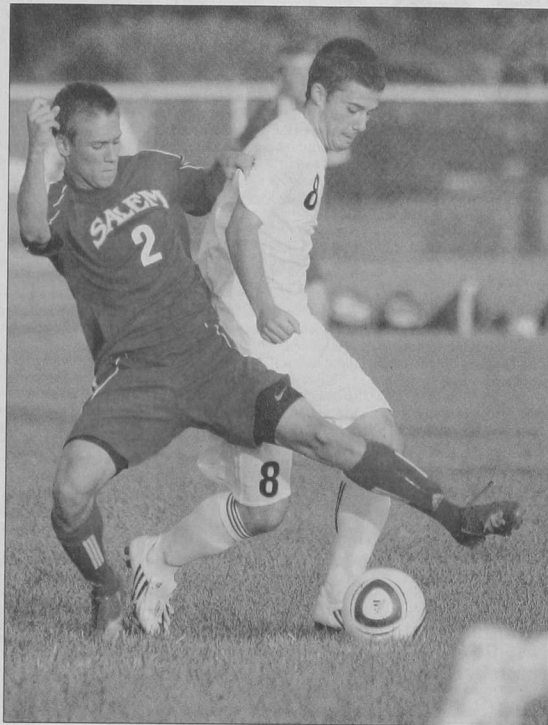
Then, with about 33 minutes to go, Plymouth co-captains Yoder and Nick Russ combined for the equalizer. Russ took a shot that Beas got in front of, but Yoder was there to chip in the rebound.

"That was a nice bang-bang play with them, putting pressure on the defense and making a turnover happen," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "And then finishing well, it was a good play."

That's how the physical game remained until speedy Salem junior forward Jake Pascarella made it a 2-1 Rocks lead with 18:26 left.

Senior Andrew Roth started the play with a through ball up the middle. Pascarella corralled the pass, deked the Plymouth defenders out of position and ripped a low shot inside the left post behind Wildcats senior goalkeeper Kyle Brindza.

"He's one of the best players in the conference," McCarthy said about



Battling for a 50-50 ball Monday night are Salem's Jake Pascarella (No. 2) and Plymouth's Andrew Yoder. Both players scored for their respective teams.

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Talented trio is back for Salem

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All signs point to up for Salem's volleyball team in 2009, looking to rise to the top of the KLAA Central standings and make a postseason impact.

The Rocks finished 21-5-1 last season, but still have Nicole Merget, Kerry MacDonald and Jillian Sommerville to spearhead a strong unit.

Merget (6-4), who again will be tri-captain, brings firepower to the front row — something she will take with her to Division 1 Jacksonville State in 2011. She can get the job done whether at middle blocker or outside hitter, however her coach wants to use her.

"Nicole is an explosive player and one of the best attackers in the conference," said newly married Salem head coach Amanda (Suder) Nies about Merget. "I expect big things from her."

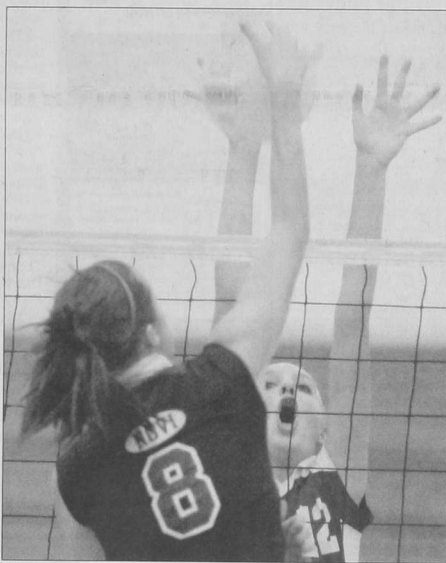
But wait, there's more. Another four-year starter and tri-captain is MacDonald, a setter who will be Salem's offensive quarterback. "She shows great leadership and overall knowledge of the game."

Middle blocker Sommerville enters her third season with the Rocks, and is the team's third captain.

According to Nies, "she is a very good blocker and her attacking has really improved. She is ready to go and has worked hard all off-season to improve her game."

OTHER WEAPONS

The Rocks aren't just a triple-threat team, however, with sophomore outside hitter Abigail Dworzanin.



One of the KLAA's major forces last season was Salem's Nicole Merget (facing camera), who is back to lead the Rocks during her senior year.

VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW – PART 1

"She will be playing somewhere in our starting lineup," said Nies, adding that Dworzanin "brings a lot of experience and consistency" for only being a sophomore.

Also expected to slam the ball over the net for points is senior outside hitter Kerstin Johnson, a returning starter.

"I am excited to see her as a senior really step up into the role

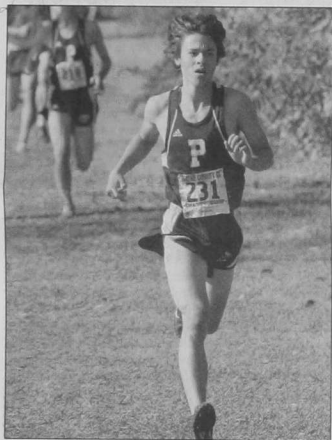
as a lead player," Nies said.

Stellar returning defenders Lauren Aschermann, Alli Morrison and Madeleine Vala (all seniors) are in the mix to shut down KLAA opponents.

Their coach has plenty of confidence in all three players to do just that.

"She (Aschermann) should be the anchor to our defense ... Alli (Morrison) has improved so

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Plymouth All-Stater Joe Porcari will pick up where he left off, at the front of the pack.

Plymouth harriers eyeing next step

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The big boys are back, which means Plymouth should pose a major threat on the cross country courses this autumn.

Wildcats head coach Jon Mikosz actually doesn't have everybody back from last year's KLAA South Division championships, with the graduation of standouts Warren Buzzard and Matt Neumann.

But Mikosz has enough to go for a repeat, not to mention give it a go for the Kensington Conference

CROSS COUNTRY – PART 1

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Last run for vets on Canton squad

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

This season is the swan song for several veterans on Canton's girls cross country team, led by senior Bianca Kubicki.

That's as good a competitive carrot as any for the Chiefs to go after this fall in the KLAAs South Division.

"We are a senior heavy team who would like to wrap up a good high school career with one final push at a good season," said Canton head coach Eric Pahl.

Kubicki is a returning multiple state qualifier, and Pahl said he anticipates receiving another stellar season from her. "She should lead a competitive team again this fall."

Joining her as Canton pacersettlers will be senior Rachel Rohrbach and junior Emily Southern.

All three have done a lot of work over the summer and



(have) come into the fall season in good shape and ready to have a fine season," Pahl added.

But the Chiefs won't only have that trio to expect good things from. Canton's deep roster includes seniors Abigail Gorzalski, Chelsea Smith, Andrea Rapson, junior Katie Grimes, sophomore Ellen Grimes and freshmen Anna Gorzalski and Jessica Siegler.

All of those runners, especially the Gorzalskis and Siegler, "have been working hard and hope to provide some depth," Pahl said.

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PREP GRID PICKS

Week 2
Thursday, Sept. 2

Riverview Gabriel Richard (1-0) at Lutheran Westland (0-1), 5 p.m.
Plymouth Christian (0-1) at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett (0-1), 5 p.m.
Howell (1-0) at Plymouth (1-0), 7 p.m.
Birmingham Groves (1-0) at North Farmington (0-1), 7 p.m.
Pinckney (1-0) at Livonia Churchill (0-1), 7 p.m.
Salem (0-1) at Walled Lake Central (0-1), 7 p.m.
Hartland (1-0) at Livonia Franklin (1-0), 7 p.m.
Belleville (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1), 7 p.m.
Grand Blanc (1-0) at Canton (1-0), 7 p.m.
Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (0-1) at Livonia Clarenceville (1-0), 7 p.m.
Milford (1-0) at Wayne (0-1), 7 p.m.
Brighton (1-0) at Westland John Glenn (1-0), 7 p.m.
Livonia Stevenson (0-1) at Waterford Mott (0-1), 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3

Dearborn Edsel Ford (1-0) at Redford Thurston (0-1), 7 p.m.
Dearborn Fordson (0-1) at Garden City (0-1), 7 p.m.
Farmington (1-0) at Rochester Adams (1-0), 7 p.m.
Southfield (1-0) at Farmington Harrison (1-0), 7 p.m.

Last week

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PLYMOUTH

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and Division 1 regional titles — and hopefully qualify for the state meet as a team.

"This team has the potential to be better than the team of last season," Mikosz said. "Any

time you lose guys like Warren Buzzard and Matt Neumann it always hurts.

"But we have a good group of young guys and a few freshmen that have been impressive."

Runners with previous experience also are impressing him, but that's not a surprise given the abilities of senior co-captains Joe Porcari (All-State), Justin Heck and junior Derek Gielarowski, among others.

Porcari placed 24th at last year's state meet and Mikosz predicted he could reach the Top 5 this season.

"Joe is looking stronger and more determined than I have ever seen him," Mikosz said. "He could end up being the best runner in school history if he can keep up this level of

training."

Heck (an All-Stater in track) could also excel. "He has been working more in the offseason than he has his whole high school career, so I am hoping that translates to better times."

Meanwhile, the coach is looking for Gielarowski to have a breakout year, bringing with him his success in track & field (which Mikosz also coaches).

"He showed in track that he can compete with the top guys in the area," Mikosz said. "And now as a junior I think he will be at the top level by the end of the season."

The Wildcats return three others who Mikosz said "have come a long way from last cross country season" in juniors Jimmy Maciag and Garrett Neumann and sopho-

more Brandon Dalton.

"Jimmy was our fifth guy most of the season last year so we are looking for him to step up this season," Mikosz said. "Brandon Dalton broke 5:00 in the mile during track season and for a freshman that's pretty impressive."

"Garrett is kind of a wildcard. He has had some injury problems in the past that have kept him from reaching his full potential but seems to be firing on all cylinders."

Senior co-captain Dylan Noble is another important team member while senior Stephen Balaze, juniors Nick Eiben, Evan Johnson and freshmen Liam Cardenas and Max Rogowski also could help the Plymouth cause.

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Salem boys have opportunity

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Geoff Baker doesn't know yet how his Salem boys cross country team is going to fare in the KLAAs Central Division. But he does know there are a lot of youngsters who want to make a good impression on the veteran coach.

"There's a wide-open opportunity," Baker said. "Our top seven could change every meet all season long. But that's OK." Baker is banking on a solid sophomore class, led by Steven McEvilly and possible No. 4 runner Mike Karizat, to augment senior co-captains Jimmy Daniels and Andy Rabe.

Other promising newcomers include sophomores Alex Creekmore, Mason Mills, Max Koval and Kyle Winter. They will be joined by junior Dan Remski and senior Tom Patterson.

"Hopefully, by the end of

the season they'll learn how to become better runners," Baker said. "We're looking at definite improvement as we reach the (state) tournament phase."

Daniels, Rabe and McEvilly (who excelled as a freshman, typically finishing races between 17-18 minutes) will be the team's leaders and go-to guys.

"Jimmy's a four-year runner, we have high expectations for him," Baker noted. "Andy Rabe is in his second year, and he's worked hard over the summer. We're looking for good things out of him, as well."

Daniels and Rabe had personal bests of 17:32 and 18:09, respectively, in '09.

As for McEvilly, whose personal best last year was 17:09, the sky is the limit.

"Steve was one of the better freshmen we've had here in a while," the coach continued, adding that who knows what McEvilly can accomplish by

his senior year. Actually, McEvilly's 17:09 mark was the third best in school history by a Salem freshman.

Baker emphasized that in order for the Rocks to improve on last year's 3-3 record, they will need to continue working hard and stay away from the injury bug.

"2009 was an OK year," Baker said. "We're definitely looking to improve and staying healthy is the key."

Meanwhile, a deep junior varsity (assistant coach Steve Aspinall estimated there are over 30 runners, including 15 sophomores on the overall roster) ensures the athletes will continue to challenge each other for spots on the varsity.

Salem is participating in today's Lutheran Westland Time Trial and will then gear up for the KLAAs conference meet slated for Saturday, Sept. 11 at Willow Run.

Rocks won't falter in quest to stay on top

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They take nothing for granted, even spots in the lineup. So regardless of their undeniable talent and determination, members of Salem's girls cross country team refuse to let up.

And with that, the Rocks should again be a major factor in the KLAAs Central Division and Kensington Conference before all is said and done in 2010.

"I've got probably 12 kids fighting for seven spots," said Salem head coach Dave Gerlach, starting his 15th year at the helm. "That kind of depth is going to be our strength."

"We're going to have that intersquad competition, each kid's going to be pushing another kid on the team." They'll get that chance beginning Thursday at the Lutheran Westland Time Trials at Nankin Mills, the official launch of the season.

Having lost only graduate Jordyn Moore from the '09 team, the '10 team has plenty to offer going forward as it looks to match or exceed what Gerlach said was "the most successful season in Salem girls cross country history."

Salem finished 5-0 in dual meets, second at the Division 1 regional and eighth at the D1 state finals.

One constant, of course, is the extraordinary Victoria Tripp. She will be a senior this season, coming off a junior year that featured a personal best of 19-minutes, 05.9-seconds.



BILL BRESLER (STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Two of the area's top returnees include Salem's Victoria Tripp (left) and Canton's Bianca Kubicki (right).

Tripp placed 31st in Division 1 — one spot short of All-State status.

"I know our attitude is the same, if not better," said Gerlach, during a recent interview. "Our goals have changed a little bit, because we were eighth in the state and conference champs. Our goal is to stay there."

"Once you've won something like that, once you've been that high in the state, the hardest thing to do is stay there. Now you have a bulls-eye on your back."

Besides Tripp, there are returnees such as juniors Autumn Burin, Kelly Kerwin, sophomores Shannon Flynn and Ade Jepperson at or near the front of the line, plus senior co-captains Kara Booms and Mariam Mroueh.

Freshman Kayla Kavulich "should make an immediate impact" and step into the spot formerly held by Moore.

Junior Amanda Beyer, sophomore Madison Goodpasture, sophomore Alexis Foley and senior Phoebe Van Hoof bring varying levels of varsity experience and should contribute.

EXTRA HELP

According to Gerlach, having Booms and Mroueh in leadership roles will be like having assistant coaches out on the trails.

Both seniors relish that responsibility, getting as much out of themselves and their teammates as possible while watching out for any sour attitudes.

"With Mariam and I, we really try to make sure that it's going to be fun and everybody's enjoying themselves," Booms explained. "It is a fun sport, that is the point."

"But we need to show them (younger athletes) that you can still have fun while working hard. They're starting to get the hang of it."

Booms said because Gerlach isn't "always there when we're stretching or especially out on the roads, he doesn't hear the kind of talk that will go on sometimes."

"That's when Mariam and I really have to say that's not the attitude we need right now."

Mroueh said the captains try to make sure teammates understand what is expected of them.

"We do definitely have the bulls-eye on our back and I don't think a lot of people realize that as much as they should," Mroueh said. "We want to make sure everyone's on their toes and where they should be."

Golfers pumped to play

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As prep girls golf teams take to the courses for another season, Canton is deeper and more experienced than campus counterpart Salem.

But there are similarities: Golfers from each team are enthusiastic and ready to improve during the 2010 season; the Chiefs and Rocks are being guided by new coaches — Tom Alles and Ryan Nimmerguth, respectively.

EMERGING CHIEFS

"As a first-year girls coach I have been impressed with all of the girls effort," Alles said. "They practice well and are willing to put in the work necessary to make improvements in their game."

"... Our team has good chemistry and they are a lot of fun to coach."

Leading the Chiefs are varsity returnees Ariel Alber, Mary Elizabeth Winther, Kaylie Lobb and Paige Osler. Alber and Winther are seniors while Lobb and Osler are juniors.

Meanwhile, out of four freshmen on the team, Alles said Kelsey McDougall has emerged as a potentially key contributor.

He added that his varsity golfers have been averaging in the low 50s during nine-hole practices at Hilltop Golf Club and several have the chance to lower that into the high 40s as the Chiefs strive to be competitive in the KLAA South.

Canton is opening conference play this week, with matches Monday against Wayne Memorial and Wednesday against Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs defeated Wayne 203-292 at Hilltop Golf Course, with solid outings by McDougall (49), Osler and Winther (51 each) and Adams (52). Alber and Lobb scored 54 and 55, respectively.

"I believe the more matches we play the better we will become as a team," Alles said.

YOUNG ROCKS

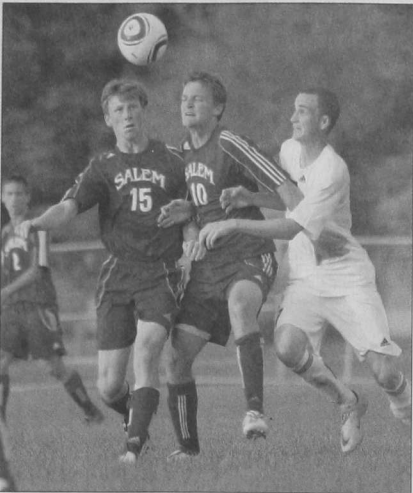
At Salem, Nimmerguth takes over the coaching reins with an inexperienced roster to work with. But he sees plenty of promise.

"I am confident the girls will be able to mesh as a team," Nimmerguth said. "I can already see that they get along with each other well and they like to face the challenge that golf brings them each day."

Despite the overall youth, Nimmerguth will lean on seniors Liz Mazorowicz, Ewa Zajac and sophomore Gabby LeBlanc to help the Rocks stay in the KLAA Central hunt.

Other golfers include senior Kristin Schultz, junior Mackenzie Brown and sophomores Katherine Vena and KaLaya Thomas.

Rounding out the roster are freshmen Lindsay Brown, Kaylin Janiczek, Christine Li and Amanda Bennett.



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Plymouth's Joe Klonowski (right) tries to barge in on Salem's Joe Stephan (No. 15) and Dan Adsit (No. 10) during Monday night soccer action.

SOCCER

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Pascarella. "So his ability to create opportunities out of nothing, just with his speed and aggressiveness, will continue to be a strength for us."

"I couldn't be happier with his progress so far the first five games of the year."

Neschich said he thought there were two Plymouth defenders back on the play, but Pascarella "is an awfully quick kid."

That set the stage for Yoder to score and enable both PCEP

rivals a chance to come away with something on a hot, humid evening.

"It beats losing, but we want to win that one," Neschich said. "But I thought our defense was strong most of the night ... (and) our midfield play was good. It was a good effort."

Also good was how the Wildcats did not let Salem's brief lead get them down.

"That (bouncing back) was nice, you've got to like that," Neschich said. "It was nice to see a lot of the guys step up and really fight for position tonight."

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VOLLEYBALL

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much in the off-season," Nies said.

Vala is a strong defensive player and passer. "I would like her to step into a front row position as well. She has the skills to take her there."

The 15-team roster brings plenty of strengths and "different options" to the party.

"I am very excited to see how this year's team develops the whole season long," Nies said.

Adding depth to the Rocks will be senior Mary Ganich and seven juniors — Katie Vincent, Kara Hewett, Katie Heitmeyer, Bree Berberet, Leslie Rodriguez and Quinn Fillingier.

WLC TOURNEY

Salem did get the year started by going 5-6 at Saturday's Walled Lake Central Invitational, losing 20-25, 24-26 to Petoskey in the semifinals.

The Rocks did muster victories over Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Northern (in three games) while splitting a pair with the host Vikings.

As will be the case all year, Merget was outstanding with 66 kills (including 25 in the deciding game against Northern) along with 23 defensive digs and four blocks.

MacDonald chipped in with 107 assists and 32 digs while Somerville had 10 blocks and 20 kills.

Vala and Dworzanin collected 35 and 33 digs, respectively.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Thursday, Sept. 2 Ply. Christian at University (Liggett), 5 p.m. Grand Blanc at Canton (PCEP), 7 p.m. Howell at Plymouth (PCEP), 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.	Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m. (Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.) Madonna vs. Lewis-Clark St., 2 p.m. Madonna vs. Embry-Riddle, 7 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Friday, Sept. 3 Temperance Bedford Inv., 8:30 a.m.	Saturday, Sept. 4 Schoolcraft at Owens (Ohio) Tourney, 3 p.m. (Embry-Riddle Tourney, Daytona, Fla.) Madonna vs. Wayland Baptist, 11:30 a.m. Madonna vs. Oklahoma Baptist, 4:30 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Sept. 2 DeLaSalle at Salem, 7 p.m.	WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Sept. 4 Lakeland (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m. Madonna at Holy Cross (Ohio), 6 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING Thursday, Sept. 2 Tecumseh at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.	BOYS TENNIS Thursday, Sept. 2 Plymouth at Churchill, 4 p.m. Salem at Northville, 4 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Friday, Sept. 3	Saturday, Sept. 4 Madonna at Roberts Wesleyan, 5 p.m.

Netters looking for more success

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys tennis team made a big statement last season, collectively and individually.

The Wildcats captured its first-ever KLAA South crown. Standout No. 1 singles player Aaron Zhang then rolled to the Division I state finals — the first Plymouth netter to do so.

As satisfying as 2009 was for the squad, and head coach Tom Kimball, this season could follow that successful script.

"Most of the starters have played varsity matches last season," Kimball said. "So I am very confident with the experience and leadership I have on this team."

Zhang, entering his junior year, and senior Matt Dwan (No. 2 singles) look primed to pick up where they left off, leaving KLAA opponents in the dust.

"Both are high level tournament players who can hit winning shots from nearly any part of the court," Kimball said.

Seniors John Lopus and Ian Fleming are slated for the other two singles spots, filling vacancies left behind by players who graduated.

"Both of these guys have worked hard in the off-season and should have great results in their singles slot," Kimball

said.

The top four positions in the doubles lineup for the Wildcats will be comprised of seniors Kyle Brzezinski-Kevin Standifer (No. 1), senior Drew Leist-junior Josh Heinze (No. 2), sophomore Akash Yerakola-senior Mitch McKinstry (No. 3) and sophomore Cameron Earls-junior Josh Postel (No. 4).

Kimball will fill the fifth doubles slot by rotating from among several other players, helping them gain important experience.

The coach said the team as a whole should benefit from last year's division title and then facing other division champs during KLAA crossover matches.

"If we continue to work hard and play smart," Kimball said, "we have a great chance to reclaim that division title again this season."

Salem preview

Over in the always-tough KLAA Central, Salem's challenge will be to hang in there against teams such as Novi and Northville.

But Rocks head coach Bill Nelson has plenty of talented, seasoned players of his own, who could make life miserable



Aaron Zhang
Plymouth



Brett Foster
Salem



Brock Foster
Salem

BOYS TENNIS PREVIEW

for those rivals.

Senior Jacob Scott will handle No. 1 singles duties, followed by those outstanding senior twins (Brock Foster and Brett Foster) at No. 2 and No. 3, respectively.

Salem's very formidable singles lineup also includes senior Dion Walker at No. 4.

Keeping with the program, Salem's doubles lineup likewise includes plenty of upperclassmen who can get the job done.

Returnees Josh Perrin and Michael Keum are penciled in for No. 1 doubles while Zenik Pelekh, Greg Selewsky, Cody Hazen and Tyler Foley are all returning seniors who will be thrown into the doubles mix.

A pair of younger players expected to help out in doubles are Alek Zultowski and Vishnu Rajendran.

Canton's boys tennis preview ran in Sunday's Observer.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls on the Run

Late registration is ongoing for Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit, an affiliate program of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. Girls on the Run is a life-changing, experiential learning program that uses running to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

During the 10-week season, girls in grades 3-8 meet twice a week with trained coaches who lead them through fun games, uplifting workouts, and themed discussions on topics like dealing with body image and the media, resisting peer-pressure, making healthy decisions, and contributing to their community.

The season concludes with all girls completing a service project in their communities and running or walking in a special, non-competitive 5k event for Girls on the Run participants and their families.

The 20-lessen program costs \$105.00 and is open to all girls in eligible grades at participating schools.

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Registration and health history forms are available at the Plymouth YMCA with additional signups now being accepted in person, by fax or by mail at the Plymouth YMCA. Registrations will not be accepted at schools or by coaches. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadeloit.org.

YMCA youth programs

The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of youth instructional programs this fall, having the focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Programs — open to YMCA members and community members — include Parent/Child Soccer, Preschool and Youth Soccer, Preschool and Youth Basketball, Intro to Volleyball, Preschool T-ball, Tiny Tikes Sampler and Club Kickball. All will run between Sept. 20 and Oct. 25.

There will be morning and evening classes available. Ages vary by program but there is something for children ages 2-12. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 734-453-2904 or visit www.ymcadeloit.org.

Co-ed soccer leagues

YMCA Co-Ed Soccer leagues are forming for children ages 4-10 with sessions from Sept. 20 to Oct. 30. Fundamentals in a safe and fun environment will be the focus.

Planned are one practice and one game per week on Saturdays.

The program cost is \$64 for program members or \$96 for community members.

MU hosts golf fund-raiser

Early registration is still open for Madonna University's annual Scholar-Am Classic to benefit the student scholarship fund, Friday, Sept. 17, at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

The Early Birdie rates (including golf, lunch and dinner) is \$175 per individual and

\$700 per foursome. Those who sign up early can have two strokes shaved off their foursome's score and also golf with a Madonna scholar, professor, dean, board member or coach.

A busy fun day is planned. The schedule is as follows: 11:30 a.m., check-in; noon, lunch at clubhouse; 1 p.m., shotgun start; 5:30 p.m., cocktails and raffles; 6 p.m., dinner and awards.

For more information, contact Alan Pinon (734-432-5556, apinon@madonna.edu) or Ann Cleary (734-432-5421, acleary@madonna.edu).

Whalers making waves

After a trial run in 2009-10, the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers will return to WSDP-FM (88.1) "The Escape" as their radio home for the upcoming season.

"The Escape" — an award-winning radio station located at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — will begin covering the Whalers this year with a special broadcast during Plymouth's first preseason game against Windsor at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, during "The Clash at the Coliseum" in Chelsea.

The station will resume its broadcast schedule with coverage of the Whalers' season opener, set for Thursday, Sept. 13, in Windsor.

Pete Krupsky remains Whalers play-by-play voice, with Sean Baligan providing analysis of home broadcasts. Also, WSDP will carry the bulk of the Whalers games this season with a minimum of preemptions. All regular season and playoff games will be streamed online at www.plymouthwhalers.com.

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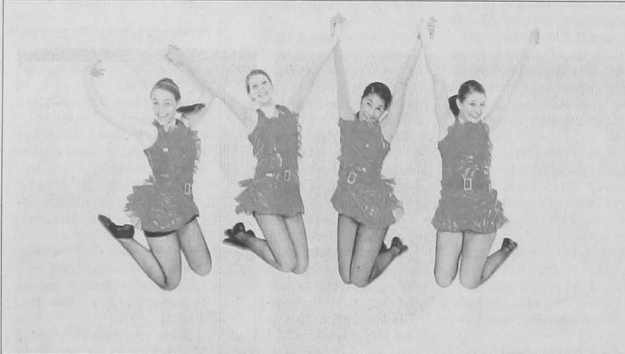
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Central City: Central City Dance Center is a family owned and operated dance center. We opened the studio in 2002 with a commitment to provide unique performance opportunities, outstanding customer service and quality dance instruction to the community.

We offer a wide variety of dance classes catering to all ages and skill levels. You will find classes in all genres: Ballet, Broadway-style Tap, Jazz, Contemporary/Modern, Hip Hop, Hawaiian & Tahitian and even Yoga & Zumba (an energetic and fun Latin-style aerobic exercise). But where we excel is in our specialized preschool project program, specially designed to engage children, ages 3-4, unlocking their creativity and enthusiasm for movement. Specialized movement activities are taught each month focusing on key elements.

Adults (and the young at heart) also love to dance. We accommodate them by providing many adult only classes such as Contemporary, Hip Hop, Tap, Yoga and Zumba. Some of the adults also choose to join our performance teams, where they compete against other regional dance teams to win the title. Of course, it's all in good fun!

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Central City: We wanted to offer something different and unique to our personalities and philosophies. We saw so many dance studios doing the same thing — competing weekend after weekend. Competition has its place in the dance community. It teaches children to reach for their full potential while performing and having a good time; however, competing can be limiting and also devastating if you are the team that doesn't "win." We instill an ideology that far surpasses the practice of performing through competition alone. By "giving back" to the community our students learn valuable skills such as

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Business name:

Central City Dance

Name and title: Tim and Tamara

Smola, owners/directors

Hometown: Canton

Business opened: Aug. 22, 2002

Number of employees: 20

Hours of operation: 4-9 p.m.,

Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. Saturday

Business specialty: Dance

education and performance

Business phone and website:

(734) 459-0400;

www.CentralCityDance.com

self-esteem, confidence, and integrity, preparing them for any career path that they choose.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Central City: Canton is a great community to raise a family. Our family moved to Canton before it became developed and have watched as programs organized by the DDA (Downtown Development Authority), the Commission for Arts, Heritage & Culture, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce have grown and thrived. What better place to open a business?

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Central City: We offer lessons to young adults with special needs. This group of students (with personal challenges) was the hit of our recital last year. It is a fairly new program, but has taken off from the onset. We are proud to be able to offer this unique class to young adults. We are home to Canton's Christmas Spectacular, a popular event for young and old. We are a husband and wife team... able to share our love and passion for dance with each other not only at our office but in our home too.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Central City: So many area dance studios have closed and new ones have opened. We feel honored and blessed that we have had so many supportive families and students attending our

studio. The team spirit and support for one another is palpable upon entering. You feel a sense of warmth, friendliness, enthusiasm and excitement. We have expanded our business twice since first opening and we are looking to expand again in the near future.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Central City: I can't lie... it has presented challenges and we have had to offer financial assistance to some of our customers. We also have a few families that assist us with our productions to help defray the costs of lessons. In other ways it actually has helped to increase our clientele. When families are faced with tough times they seek activities for themselves and their children that are fun and make them feel good; what better way to feel good than to dance.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Central City: Unfortunately we are losing much of the small town business charm that used to exist in the 1940's & 50's. Being polite is very important. My advice would be to be passionate, be honest. Integrity and good old-fashioned friendliness will place your business to places you may have not even dreamed of.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Central City: To continue to provide the community a dance center that is fun, creative, enthusiastic and innovative.

To continue to employ a great staff of professional dance educators as well as bring in professionals from L.A., N.Y. and across the country to teach master classes to all students enrolled in our programs.

Learn from any mistakes that might we may have made in the past. It's better to "let go" of negative people in your business rather than to try to please them. In addition to teaching choreography to our students we are also creating a positive place for them to learn. A positive place where students can go to feel good about themselves and what they are learning.

CHAMBER CHAT

Franchising seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce sponsors an Educational Seminar on Franchising featuring four franchise experts discussing "Futures in Franchising 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, in the chamber board room, 45525 Hanford.

The event will feature financing expert Dennis Murphy, franchise attorney Kelly Hayes, franchising consultant Terry Coker and Dan Foss, vice president of financial services for southeast Michigan franchisor, Children's Orchard and Newcomers.

Admission is free; reservations are requested by phone or e-mail. Contact Terry Coker at (734) 459-4121 or tcoker@eAuth.com

First Fridays

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's First Friday Club meets 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford in Canton.

The event, sponsored by Molly Maid and Showroom of Excellence, is an opportunity for one-on-one networking in a small group setting. Limited to 10 members/1 member per business category. Participants should bring business cards, flyers, etc., to share with the group. The third member to make a reservation will be asked to bring bagels or donuts.

To make a reservation, call (734) 453-4040 or e-mail admin@cantonchamber.com.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority will present the biannual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Sept. 16, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The expo runs 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 50 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is proudly sponsored by L. J. Griffin



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Funeral Home, Inc., and Sign-A-Rama, both located in Canton.

Eat with Phil

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts "Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The cost for breakfast is \$10 (advance member registration) \$20 (nonmember) and includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages and guest speaker presentation. This breakfast is open to the public.

The breakfast will feature guest speaker Phil LaJoy, Canton Township supervisor. Topic of discussion will be "Canton Happenings" and what he sees as Canton's future.

"Breakfast with Phil LaJoy" is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Xuereb Snow PC and PNC Bank. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Diversity award

Canton resident Lawrence G. (L.G.) Almeida, a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., is a recipient of CORP magazine's Salute to Diversity award. The diversity winners were selected in three categories: Diversity Focused Company, a company that clearly defines and monitors diversity success and demonstrates how diversity efforts add value to the company; Diversity Business Leader, an individual who is a diversity role model or top officer of a minority-owned business; and Diversity Champion, a nonprofit or community orga-



Almeida

nization that creates or promotes special programming, education or other initiatives that focus on diversity. Almeida was named in the Diversity Leader category. All award winners were honored at the Salute to Diversity event at the MGM Grand Detroit and are featured in the July/August 2010 issue of CORP! magazine and online Sept. 2 at www.corpmagazine.com. Almeida has a prominent leadership role in Michigan's Asian American community.

In April 2009, Almeida was appointed to the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission

for the State of Michigan by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. He serves on the executive board of the Commission as Secretary. Almeida is also a past member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs, Assistant Regional Governor of the Central Region for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and a Past President of the Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association.

Almeida earned his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, where he was a published member of the Law Review, and a B.S. in chemical engineering from Purdue University. Additionally, he holds an L.L.M. in intellectual property law from The John Marshall Law School.

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From music to wine tasting, art to a kiddie carnival, Arts, Beats & Eats will offer something for everyone Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6, in downtown Royal Oak. Hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5 and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 6. Admission is \$3, with children under 3 admitted free. Admission is free until 5 p.m., Sept. 3.

Parking at 10 downtown lots and structures and three nearby lots will be \$15. Parking also will be available for \$10 at Royal Oak High School, located on Lexington Boulevard, off Crooks, north of 13 Mile, and Hazel Park Raceway, located off Ten Mile, east of Dequindre and will include a shuttle. On-street parking meters will not be available during the festival.

The festival, with its 10 stages featuring national and local music bands, 130 renown artists from across the country and food from local restaurants, is moving to Royal Oak after a successful 12-year run in Pontiac. Organizers hope for a turnout of approximately 450,000.

The "arts" portion of the festival will feature fine artists and their ceramics, drawings, fabric, leather, glass, graphics, jewelry, painting, metal, photography, and other media. The music line-up will include country, alternative, rock, classical, soul, R&B, jazz, blues, folk and more, from such musicians as Sponge, WAR, Kansas, Clint Black, Howling Diablos, Candy Band, The Twistin Tarantulas, The Mydolls, American Mars, The Polish Muslims, Blackthorn and Thornetta Davis. For a full music line up visit www.artsbeatsseats.com.

THEATER STAGE

Not all of the stage entertainment at the Arts, Beats & Eats will be held outdoors.

Stagecrafters at the Baldwin Theatre, on Lafayette between Fourth and Fifth streets, will open its doors for "a taste of a lot of different performing arts," for the first three days



Carolyn Striho, a Farmington Hills resident and leader of the Carolyn Striho Band, will perform at Arts, Beats & Eats in Royal Oak.

of the Sept. 3-6 festival, according to Linda Zublick, president of the Stagecrafters board of directors.

The 372-seat main auditorium will be open 11 a.m. -7 p.m. Sept. 3-4, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 5, for live performances. The festival's \$3 daily admission covers the indoor performances, Zublick said.

"Our building is right inside the festival boundaries," Zublick said. "We look at it as an opportunity to expose ourselves to new audiences. Stagecrafters is excited to offer a chance to come inside and see some great entertainment."

Performers from the Royal Oak-based Detroit School of Rock and Pop will take the stage for performances, 1-5 p.m. each of the three days at Stagecrafters. The first two days of performances at Stagecrafters will conclude with actors from Stagecrafters' fall play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, performing a scene at 6:30 p.m.

"We'll offer a sneak peek," Zublick said, referring to the fall Shakespeare play.

The rest of Stagecrafters' cultural programming will be held outdoors on stages at the southern end of the

festival, according to Lisa Konikow, AB & E art director.

Acts from a diverse range of groups will perform day and night throughout the four-day festival, including the Detroit-based Mosaic Youth Singers, InsideOut Literary Arts Project and the Matrix Theatre, which will perform a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

WINE, FOOD

Fifty-three restaurants will offer food and tastes, with no item costing more than \$5. The Robert Mondavi



Karen O'Daniel of Plymouth will be among the artists exhibiting their works at Arts, Beats & Eats in downtown Royal Oak. This is O'Daniel's piece, "After Atkins."

Discover Wine Tour will be on hand, giving tastings of California wines. The tour will include the Essence Station, designed to help novice wine-drinkers recognize the subtle aromas and flavors of wine. The tour will include cooking demonstrations with local chefs and wine experts.

Ford Motor Company will exhibit its latest vehicles, offer contests and give festival patrons, age 21 and older, a chance to test drive a Ford Fiesta.

Arts, Beats & Eats expanded its children's activities this year. Kids will explore their talents with hands-on art projects at the Creative Arts Studio of Royal Oak Arts & Crafts tent. The Kids Stage will feature dozens of performances geared to youth and a kiddie carnival will offer ten rides.

Compiled by Sharon Dargay and Steve Kowalski

Show mixes Shakespeare with Cole Porter tunes

Spotlight Players will kick off its new season Sept. 17 with Cole Porter's *Kiss Me Kate*.

Memorable songs by this classic American composer include *Wonderbar*, *So in Love*, *Always True to You in My Fashion*, *Too Darn Hot*, and *Brush Up Your Shakespeare*.

Kiss Me, Kate, which won Tony awards when it debuted in 1948 and when it was revived in 2000, tells the story of Fred and Lilli, a once married pair of actors now rehearsing Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. When flowers from Fred are sent to the wrong amour — fireworks abound.

Barbara Bloom of Novi is directing the show, which features husband and wife team, Scott and Susan Behrehs of Northville in the lead roles.

"Cole Porter is one of those songwriters whose work you know without realizing it. He's just everywhere, and his magnificent lyrical powers are in full command for this, his most successful musical," Bloom stated. "Whether quipping on the Bard or, fittingly, commenting on the heat, Porter manages to be sophisticated, affectionate and biting all at once."

Kiss Me Kate is a family show that offers a show within a show — dual love stories and a taste of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

The cast includes Olivia Rhoads from Plymouth as Lois/Bianca; Jerry Carney as Harrison Howell; Tim Chanko as Gremio; Jacob Eliett as Nathaniel/Ensemble; Michele Fraser as Bar Maid/Ensemble; Ray Fraser as Gangster 2; Dee Morrison in the Ensemble; Tracey Neil as Haberdasher/Ensemble; and Linda Pohl in the Ensemble, all from Canton; Linda Trygg as Cab Driver/Ensemble, Jan

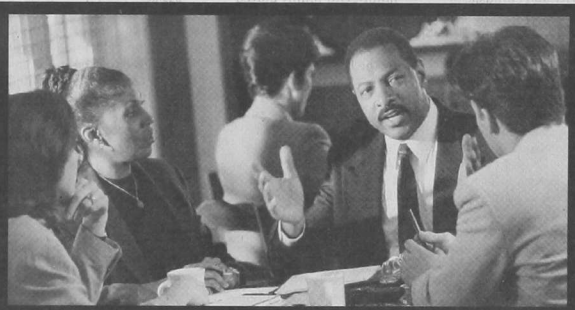


Scott and Susan Behrehs of Northville rehearse for Spotlight Players' production of 'Kiss Me Kate.'

Larente as Soloist/Ensemble, and David Zolotarchuk as Paul, all from Westland; Austin Tranchida of Garden City as Horenio; and Jesse Brandel as Bill/Lucentio and Kyle Coykendall as Gregory/Ensemble, both from Farmington Hills.

Performances are at 8 p.m., Sept. 17-18, and 24-25 and at 2 p.m. Sept. 18-19 and 25-26 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill, Canton.

Buy tickets by calling (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or visit online at www.spotlightplayersmi.org. Tickets also are available at the door. Cost is \$18.00 for adults and \$16.00 for seniors and students under 19.



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Time/Date: Various show times

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Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Cowboy Bill Martin, Sept. 1-4; Chad Daniels, Sept. 8-11; Marc Ryan, Sept. 15-18; Doug Williams, Sept. 22-25; Ira Proctor, Sept. 29-Oct. 2
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com
Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Dave Landau, Sept. 2-4; Mike Green, Sept. 9-11; Brian McKim, Sept. 16-18; Jackie Flynn, Sept. 23-25; David Alan Grier, Sept. 30-Oct. 2
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Time/Date: 8 p.m. Oct. 7-9
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
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Congregation appoints new school director

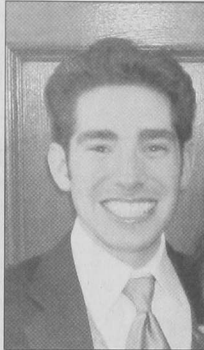
Joshua Goldberg is the new director of the Manny and Natalie Charach Religious School at Congregation Beth Ahm.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State University in speech communication, with a minor in Near Eastern Studies. He is taking courses toward a master's degree in Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Goldberg's background in Jewish education includes 11 years of experience teaching religious school, focusing on such topics as Hebrew language, Jewish history, Torah, Kashrut, and the Holocaust.

He has served as a vice president of the young adult B'nai B'rith Impact Michigan Group and is currently a trustee of the B'nai B'rith Great Lakes Region.

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Goldberg

at 5075 West Maple, just west of Inkster, in West Bloomfield.

For more information about religious school, call Goldberg at (248) 851-6880 or e-mail jgoldberg@cbahm.org



Picnic fun

Newburg United Methodist Church plans a church and neighborhood picnic at 11:30 a.m., following the 10 a.m. worship service, on Sept. 12. Participants will find food, fun, fellowship and games for children on the church lawn. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information call (734) 422-0149.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

SEPT. 2-15

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Time/Date: Auditions by appointment only; rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, beginning Sept. 13
Location: Westminster Church, on West Outer Drive, east of Greenfield in Detroit

Details: The group plans auditions and will begin preparing for its fall concerts

Contact: To schedule an audition,

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Grief Share

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m., Sundays, beginning Sept. 12

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This 13-week seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. "The Effects of Grief," "Your Family and Grief," and "Stuck in Grief" are just three of the topics that will be discussed. Workbooks will be provided. There is no charge for the program, but a \$15 donation is suggested to help cover costs.

Picnic

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Bible class, 11 a.m. worship, followed by picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12

Location: Livonia Church of Christ,

15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Bounce House for the kids and other children's activities as well as lots of food

Contact: (734) 427-8743

Prayer service

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Unity World Day of Prayer involves people of all faiths joining in prayer for the health and well-being of the world, as well as for one another.

Contact: (734) 421-1760; www.unityoflivonia.org

Rediscovering Catholicism

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.,

Mondays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18

Location: St. Aidan, 17500

Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Discussion of Matthew Kelly's book, "Rediscovering Catholicism." Participants will follow the author's study guide of

questions for reflection, as the group reads selected passages of the book. A limited number of free books are available. Participants can pick one up from the church office when they register for the discussion group.

Contact: Register by calling Nancy at (734) 591-9164, or e-mail to nna-jokas@hotmail.com

Schedule change

Time/Date: Sunday morning

Eucharist is at 8:30 a.m. (non-singing) and 10:30 a.m. (singing). Sunday School for adults and children is 9:30 a.m.

Location: Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: The church resumes its regular worship schedule on Sept. 13. A new priest, the Rev. Wayne Knockel, will start the regular service schedule.

Contact: (734) 591-0211

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Capuchins celebrate peace at prayer service

The Capuchin community will hold an interfaith prayer service to celebrate International Peace Day, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel, 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit. Security and lighted parking will be available.

"We invite everyone to come and celebrate peace," stated Brother Larry Webber, a Capuchin friar and director of the Solanus Casey Center. "We will be using prayer, song, and dance to energize our spirits. We want a world for our children without war, violence, greed, genocide and famine. This is a step towards that hope. Everyone will be invited to light a candle for victims of violence."

Peace flags will be available to churches or community centers that RSVP before Sept. 10. The flags can serve as a constant reminder to visualize and pray for world peace. To reserve a flag, call Brother Larry at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 130.

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes.

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Farmington Hills

(bet. Drake & Halsted)

(248) 848-1750

10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School

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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 248-437-2011, Ext. 247 or e-mail: dhart@dnps.com

RELIGION

FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

Sunday school

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday school, Sunday, Sept. 12

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, just west of Newburgh in Westland

Details: Music, crafts, games and fun kicks off the new season of Sunday school. Activities are designed for kids age 3 through fifth grade, but Sunday school is offered to individuals of all ages who are curious about God and Jesus' teachings; no prior experience necessary. An additional activity is designed for young adults and adults

Contact: (734) 722-1735

SEPT. 16-30

Drug, alcohol talk

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30

Location: St. Joseph Parish multi-purpose room, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Alcohol and drug discussion is designed for abusers, family members, anyone interested in the topic. Theresa Lilly, author of "Addiction of a Loved One," and James Balmer, president of Dawn Farms in Ypsilanti, are the speakers. There will be time for questions and answers and refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 349-3127

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. **Contact:** Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday

Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Learn Oigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine – a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions

Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

Contact: (734) 846-4615 for information

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 9 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture reading

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study

Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday

and 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Location: 26701 Joy

Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning

Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey

Contact: (313) 274-3820

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Crafters wanted

First United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 23

Location: Eight Mile and Taft in Northville

Details: 3rd Annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at the church. A great opportunity for local entrepreneurs and artists to showcase their talents and products to hundreds of local customers. Booking now

Contact: For details and to reserve a place, e-mail to Pat Breslin at fumbcbaar@gmail.com. Learn more about Village Banking at www.FINCA.org

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: Oct. 22-23

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Applications are being accepted for the annual fall craft show. Rental spaces are 8- by 5-feet and can be reserved for one day at a cost of \$20 or two days for \$30. Tables an additional \$5

Contact: (734) 464-0990; download an application at www.riverside-parkchurch.org

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Oct. 9

Location: 555 South Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Looking for crafters and vendors to participate in a fall craft sale

Contact: (734) 721-5023

St. Thomas a'Becket

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Accepting applications for handmade crafts only for 20th annual Christmas Craft Show

Contact: craftshow@abecket.org or (734) 844-1232

Fellowship dinner

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals

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

Food Bank

New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to

personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food

Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single-Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends

Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net

Support

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling

Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com, or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Riverside Park Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care

Contact: (734) 367-4220, www.riversideparkchurch.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware

of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members to lose weight and keep it off

Contact: Margaret at (734) 838-0322

Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous

Contact: (313) 387-9797, www.oa.org

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. praise/worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts)

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free

Contact: Child care, call (248) 374-7400. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

Thrift store

St. James Presbyterian

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: (313) 534-7730

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more fully in their lives

Contact: (734) 637-7618

Tree sale

Time/Date: Through 2010

Location: Oakland Baptist Church, on Beck Road just south of 10 Mile

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Details: The church is selling trees for \$200. Trees will be planted on the church property. Purchasers can dedicate what they buy in honor of someone they know, or a member of the church or former member. Dedication plaques are available for each tree

Contact: The Rev. Tim Whyte, after 5 p.m., at (248) 882-4041 or Roxie Sinclair at (248) 437-0832

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., week days

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: (248) 851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

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SUMMER HARVEST

Readers share their vegetable garden recipes, photos

Sometimes the simplest things in life are the most satisfying.

Take the humble cucumber, for example. It's easy to grow and can be a cinch to prepare. Just ask Tim Sayers.

"This is my second year of growing cucumbers in my back yard. My neighbor, Lou, taught me how to do it the best way. He used to live on a farm and has grown vegetables all his life," said Tim, whose mom, Rachel, e-mailed his comments to the *Observer* after we asked readers to share their vegetable garden photos and recipes.

The Roosevelt Elementary School third-grader and Livonia resident has a tasty — and easy — recipe for preparing cucumbers straight out of the garden.

"I like a fresh-picked cucumber with just a shake of garlic salt on thick, peeled slices. It makes a fast snack that I can quickly prepare myself."

Valerie and George Schultheis of Garden City kept it simple this year, too. They grew tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and lettuce with the help of their German shepherd, Ghost.

"My husband, George, marks the hole for planting and Ghost digs the hole to the right depth. He's quite the little helper if you exercise a little patience," Valerie wrote in an e-mail. "We're working with him on weeding — wish us luck."

Tom Przebienda's green thumb touches both flower and vegetable gardens on his property in Livonia. He doesn't have any advice on using canine muscle to dig the soil, but he does suggest putting the trowel aside if it's a sunny, hot day.

"You do much better on a cool or cloudy day," he noted. Don't be too hasty to



Tim Sayers of Livonia shows off the cucumbers he grew.

store the gardening implements as summer wanes and cool weather arrives. Vera Lucksted, a member of the Beautification Committee for Farmington, said there's still time to plant a fall harvest of veggies, including radish, turnip, beet, cabbage and lettuce.

"Use a row cover to keep moisture and temperature even," she suggested.

If you're hungry for more than Tim Sayer's cucumber snack, try one of these recipes:



Cherry tomatoes grow in Vera Lucksted's garden in Farmington.



George Schultheis of Garden City watches as his dog, Ghost, gets ready to dig in the garden earlier this year.



Terry Smith shows his 13-foot tall tomato plant in Livonia.

SLOW ROASTED TOMATOES

Vera Lucksted suggests using cherry, grape and pear varieties.

Rinse tomatoes and remove stems.

Toss tomatoes with olive oil to coat lightly.

Spread tomatoes on cookie sheet (with an edge) sprinkle liberally with kosher or sea salt and fresh cracked pepper.

Roast in a pre-heated oven at 225 degrees for 3-5 hours, stirring every 45 minutes. Twenty minutes before you remove from the oven, turn the heat to 375 and finish the tomatoes at the high temperature. Toss with your choice of cooked pasta and sprinkle with cheese. Serve hot or cold.

TOMATO, ONION, AVOCADO SALAD RECIPE

Valerie Schultheis offers this recipe and says if you are making it for a potluck, slice the onions ahead, but plan on cutting and assembling on site, right before serving. Do not refrigerate the tomatoes or you will destroy their flavor and make their texture mealy.

3-4 fresh large tomatoes, sliced
1/2 red onion, sliced
2 avocados, peeled and cut into bite-sized chunks

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 garlic clove, minced
2 teaspoons dried oregano
Red wine vinegar (a good, strong red wine vinegar)

Extra virgin olive oil (the best quality)

Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Place a layer of sliced tomatoes on a large serving platter. Arrange the slivers of red onions and the chunks of avocado over the tomatoes. Sprinkle with parsley, garlic, and oregano. Drizzle red wine vinegar and olive oil over the platter. Sprinkle with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Serve immediately. Do not refrigerate.

TOM'S DILL PICKLES

This is one of Tom Przebienda's favorite recipes

25 pickling cucumbers

1 gallon of water

1/2 cup of vinegar

1/2 cup of kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon allspice

1 bunch fresh dill

2 heads of garlic

Bring the first five ingredients to a boil, allow to boil 5 minutes and let cool.

Use a 2-gallon crock. Place a layer of dill and garlic in the crock, followed by a layer of cucumbers. Continue layering in that manner until the crock is full. Pour the liquid that was used to boil the cucumbers into the crock. Cover with a plate to hold the cucumbers down. Wrap with plastic wrap. Check in about a week. They should be ready to eat.

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This three-bedroom colonial, listed at \$279,900, is at 42107 Lakeland Court in Plymouth Township. It's of brick/cedar and has a finished basement, along with a two-car attached garage.



This colonial, listed at \$259,900, is at 34123 Trillium Court in Livonia. It's of brick/vinyl with four bedrooms, a finished basement and an attached two-car garage.



This colonial, listed at \$200,000, is at 29125 Ramblewood Drive in Farmington Hills. It's of brick and includes a three-car attached garage and four bedrooms.

Homes priced at \$200,000-\$299,999 begin to sell

Third in a four-part series.

BY JULIE BROWN
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Realtor Phyllis Puty of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel in Northville is pleased business is picking up. "All of them," she said of price categories showing improvement, adding it's a great time for deals.

"First-time buyers are still at an advantage because of the prices," Puty said, agreeing recent federal government incentives have helped move first-time buyers off the fence. Those shopping in the \$200,000 to \$299,999 range can get a lot in a home or condo in western Wayne County or the Farmingtons.

Puty has recently sold homes in that range, as well as others. A larger home listed at more than \$400,000 sold in 2½ weeks. "So there are people looking and relocating back to

Michigan in that price range," she said.

Realtor Bart Patterson has also seen the trend of businesspeople and professionals moving into higher-end homes. Patterson is vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic, with offices in Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi and Milford.

An analysis of sales data for May 8 to Aug. 8 of this year was done by Realcomp II Ltd. of Farmington Hills, the state's largest Multiple Listing Service. The analysis of residential and condo sales was done by marketing manager Fran Green.

For homes/condos priced at \$200,000 to \$299,999, Realcomp II data showed: 25 Plymouth homes on the market, four sold in the past three months; 26 Plymouth Township homes on the market, 16 sold in that time; 98 Canton homes on the market, 56 sold in that time; 63 Livonia homes on the mar-

ket, 27 sold in that time; one Redford home on the market, none sold; nine Westland homes on the market, two sold in that time; two Garden City homes on the market, none sold; four Farmington homes on the market, one sold in that time; and 138 Farmington Hills homes on the market, 56 sold in that time.

Puty of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel sold a home for \$135,000 in Livonia in two

to three weeks. "If it's priced right and in good condition, it'll sell," she said. "That's important — priced right."

Gary Reggish, broker/owner of Remerica United Realty of Novi, said there are 13 high-end Livonia properties for sale shown in a recent computer search at his office. Those 13 Livonia properties averaged \$433,822, said Reggish, president of the Farmington-based Western Wayne

Oakland County Association of Realtors. The highest was listed at \$742,000.

The Livonia properties averaged 119 days on the market: "That's awesome," Reggish said of the time in which those homes sold.

In the \$200,000-\$300,000 range, there were 61 active in Livonia with a garage and basement, he said. You likely wouldn't give your Realtor that large of a spread in price, Reggish said, but would work within a smaller range.

"That's not a lot for people" to buy in Livonia, Reggish said, relative to Livonia's population. "Sixty to 70 buyers is not a lot of people moving."

"Now's the best time to sell, because inventory's low," he added. "You're going to sell quickly. We need product on the market."

As you move into the \$200,000-plus category, you see amenities like granite countertops and hardwood floors, he said. Those homes

had sold for \$500,000-\$600,000 in 2005, Reggish said.

"You couldn't build a house for what you can buy these resale homes for today," he said.

Reggish found 31 homes at \$200,000-\$300,000 listed for sale in Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Livonia had about double that, but also a larger population, he said.

"That's low, low inventory. This is a time to capitalize on that opportunity, be able to move up," Reggish said.

He and Realtor colleagues are concerned about appraisal issues forcing the lowering of home prices. "There shouldn't be an issue with that property appraising," he said of an example of three houses identical to another being appraised at \$200,000, the fourth at \$190,000.

"We're not short of buyers," he said. "We have to get the guidelines loosened up on these appraisals."

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 17-21, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton
 8327 Alton St. \$80,000
 1543 Brookdale Dr. \$180,000
 7165 Camelot Dr. \$138,000
 770 Cherry Grove Rd. \$140,000
 45372 Danbury Ct. \$277,000
 2174 Fairway Cir. \$127,000
 47177 Gastonbury Dr. \$264,000
 48530 Greenwidge Ln. \$257,000
 1443 Herford \$250,000
 8016 Labana Ct. \$335,000
 43904 Leeann Ln. \$143,000

Garden City
 28820 Balmoral St. \$86,000
 474 Belton St. \$71,000
 490 Belton St. \$82,000
 33012 Hennepin St. \$25,000
 6710 Mansfield St. \$80,000
Livonia
 15373 Deering St. \$135,000
 11241 Garden St. \$109,000
 9021 Harfel St. \$58,000
 19233 Meadowridge Dr. \$102,000
 10029 Middlebelt Rd. \$215,000
 33605 N Hampshire St. \$148,000
 15743 Oakhill Ct. \$245,000
 39142 Pinetree St. \$129,000

Northville
 29678 Ravine Dr. \$114,000
 12051 Star Rd. \$113,000
 16869 Carriage Way. \$110,000
 16953 Courville Dr. \$350,000
 47228 Curtis Rd. \$183,000
 45739 Riviera Dr. \$400,000
Plymouth
 40446 Cove Ct. \$259,000
 48703 E Hillcrest Ct. \$300,000
 703 Karmada St. \$110,000
 42489 Lakeland Ct. \$95,000
 478 Leicester St. \$157,000
 40731 Newport Dr. \$75,000
 9232 Northern Ave. \$230,000
 51274 Northview \$263,000
 49265 Pine Bluff Ct. \$393,000
 51313 Plymouth Ridge Dr. \$462,000
 49411 Plymouth Way. \$109,000
 42506 Schoolcraft Rd. \$96,000

Redford
 26443 Five Mile Rd. \$40,000
 17718 Doran St. \$53,000
 9146 Hazellton \$86,000
 13468 Marion \$55,000
 16761 Neagunee \$125,000
 8914 Sioux \$75,000
 18641 Summer \$40,000
Westland
 1546 Ashby St. \$90,000
 19321 Elmwood Dr. \$65,000
 35845 Booth St. \$74,000
 380 Brookfield Dr. \$51,000
 32741 Grandview Ave. \$100,000
 35019 Hazelwood St. \$52,000
 29052 Manchester St. \$25,000
 624 N Karle St. \$100,000
 34064 Standish St. \$103,000
 8511 Terri Dr. \$75,000
 1592 Treasured St. \$112,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of May 17-21, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
 2780 James Rd. \$88,000
 1990 Jotham Ave. \$79,000
Beverly Hills
 31602 E Bellview Trl. \$375,000
 31384 E Rutland St. \$174,000
 17311 W 14 Mile Rd. \$127,000
Birmingham
 993 Bird Ave. \$300,000
 1233 Emmons Ave. \$350,000
 680 Linden Rd. \$493,000
 1877 Maryland Blvd. \$175,000
 755 N Glenhurst St. \$311,000
 1336 Ruffner Ave. \$142,000
 411 S Old Woodland Ave. \$500,000
Bloomfield Hills
 126 Barden Ct. \$450,000
 1062 Stratford Ln. \$700,000
 711 Westview Rd. \$186,000
Bloomfield Township
 1920 Bayou Dr. \$310,000
 2820 Berkshire Dr. \$235,000
 4451 Chamberlain Dr. \$203,000
 2155 E Hammond Lake Dr. \$593,000
 1037 Norminster End. \$593,000
 2455 Park Ridge Dr. \$183,000
 1220 S Timberview Trl. \$140,000
 4309 Stony River Dr. \$550,000
Clarkston
 6676 College Park. \$425,000
 6416 Glenview Dr. \$135,000
 5288 Parkway Dr. \$120,000
 9131 Perry Lake. \$325,000
 661 Sun Valley Dr. \$225,000
Commerce Township
 9422 Arbor Way. \$246,000
 5545 Benwood Ln. \$240,000
 2255 Fairgrove Ct. \$254,000
 2251 Ivy Hill Dr. \$415,000
 3392 Ledgewood Ct W. \$365,000

Davidsburg
 5328 Birch Ln. \$220,000
 12200 Rattalee Lake Rd. \$140,000
Farmington Hills
 24023 Merrilyn Ct. \$140,000
 23151 Ashley St. \$83,000
 21351 Boxwood Ct. \$162,000
 35257 Caryn St. \$169,000
 21475 Cranbrook Dr. \$190,000
 29915 Foxgrove Rd. \$240,000
 21330 Hamilton Ave. \$82,000
 35073 Knollwood Ln. \$134,000
 26788 La Mura St. \$172,000
 29616 Middlebelt Rd. \$62,000
 29814 Newberry Ct. \$177,000
 31002 Pine Cone Dr. \$247,000
 29985 Pipes Ln. \$196,000
 28030 Ridgebrook Rd. \$171,000
 30831 Rockdale Ave. \$190,000
 38403 Saratoga Cir. \$108,000
 28152 Secluded Ln. \$275,000
Lake Orion
 529 Centin Dr. \$245,000
 430 Glen Ct. \$145,000
 495 Knollwood Dr. \$169,000
 3365 Leewood Dr. \$154,000
 3600 Park Meadow Dr. \$389,000
 916 Sherry Dr. \$55,000
Milford
 30872 Artesian Dr. \$170,000
 550 Heritage Dr. \$325,000
 205 Hickory St. \$138,000
 2100 W Dawson Rd. \$151,000
Northville
 1050 Abbey Ct. \$289,000
 2132 E Glen Haven Cir. \$59,000
Novi
 2214 Austin Dr. \$59,000
 45095 Bartlett Dr. \$84,000
 45101 Bartlett Ln. \$110,000
 24693 Bashian Dr. \$65,000

Oakland Township
 310 Bridlewood Dr. \$163,000
 5565 Murfield Dr. \$825,000
Orchard Lake
 4427 S Bay Dr. \$270,000
Oxford
 634 Elder Road. \$171,000
 545 Newman Road. \$126,000
Rochester
 1648 Boulder Ct. \$250,000
 200 N Alice Ave. \$349,000
 706 Parkdale Rd. \$128,000
 604 Renshaw St. \$122,000
 825 W Fourth St. \$142,000
Rochester Hills
 290 Antoinette Dr. \$179,000
 207 Arlington Dr. \$158,000
 2192 Bretton Dr. \$325,000
 1425 East Way. \$100,000
 3071 Farnall Ct. \$255,000
 3835 Greenwood Dr. \$319,000
 3063 Maple Ridge Ct. \$340,000
 3679 Merriweather Ln. \$335,000
 1164 Olympia Dr. \$316,000
 895 Star Ridge Rd. \$220,000
South Lyon
 22133 Brookfield. \$205,000
 58798 Carriage Ln. \$252,000
 1350 Coach House Ln. \$380,000
 1047 Equestrian Dr. \$187,000
 917 Hidden Creek Dr. \$182,000
 923 Wood Run. \$220,000
Southfield
 28514 Brentwood St. \$27,000
 21525 Duns Scotus St. \$103,000
 29561 Fairfax St. \$20,000
 15916 George Washington Dr. \$82,000
 15988 Harden Cir. \$110,000

Troy
 1610 Brentwood Dr. \$118,000
 1773 Brentwood Dr. \$110,000
 4214 Cherrywood Dr. \$150,000
 6761 Forest Park Dr. \$179,000
 6506 Glydebourne Dr. \$360,000
 2795 Lanerang Dr. \$105,000
Walled Lake
 2117 Hidden Meadows Dr. \$78,000
 435 Leon Rd. \$134,000
 3065 Terry St. \$81,000
 2352 Trevor Dr. \$203,000
Waterford
 2678 Campbellgate Dr. \$107,000
 2775 Chrysler Ave. \$68,000
 4020 Lanette Dr. \$54,000
 1835 Manse Rd. \$57,000
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 2840 N Williams Lake Rd. \$55,000
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 5650 Recreation Dr. \$230,000
 7232 S Tratham Ct. \$122,000
 7253 Simsbury Dr. \$235,000
 7239 Westchester. \$123,000
White Lake
 9500 Bonnie Briar St. \$235,000
 8215 Filmore Ct. \$237,000
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 835 Suggen Rd. \$190,000
 584 Union Lake Rd. \$72,000
 8272 W Huron Ct. \$140,000
Wolverine Lake
 5200 Widgeon Ln. \$75,000

Atty. switch cause: hard to discern

Q: We have had an attorney representing us in a construction defect case against our condominium developer for several years. Now, the board has decided to retain another attorney and has given us no real reason why. How can we get the real reason?

A: You may not be able to get the real reason from the board as it may not want to share that with the co-owners. On the other hand, I would think that a responsible board would want to advise the co-owners as to the reasons why they chose to change counsel in the middle of the case, which

generally results in additional fees being incurred by the association, and, to some extent, a lack of continuity in the prosecution of the case. The board, based on my experience, may or may not have been operating in good faith, as many times, one person on the board may decide to retain a friend or acquaintance who he or she thinks may better suit the interests of the association, sometimes for self-serving reasons. On the other hand, if the case is not being handled properly, the board has a responsibility to retain new counsel.

Q: We contracted to build a home, but we are not able to close even though it has now been built because of a change in our financial circumstances and our advanced age, making it impossible. These changes included reduced income, losing health benefits, the inability to sell rental property, the diminution in value of our present home and other liabilities. We drafted our own contract and there is nothing in there about acts of God keeping us from renewing on the contract. Do you think we have any basis, however?

A: Probably not based upon recent decisions from the Michigan Court of Appeals. In a recent case, the court said that while "a supervening event's lack of foreseeability may produce impossibility sufficient to distinguish liability under a Purchase Agreement, subsequent events which in the nature of things do not render performance impossible, but only render it more difficult, burdensome or expensive will not operate to relieve the party of its contractual obligations." While the court may find it lamentable that a near retirement age couple have to tap into their savings or retirement accounts prematurely, that is not sufficient to relieve them of liability. You should have done, and what we tell our clients to do, is to add contractual safeguards or contingencies, e.g., a financing contingency or a sale of home contingency, or limiting damages in the amount of default, e.g., a deposit to avoid liability. The contract may also contain a force majeure clause identifying circumstances beyond the control of the parties which permit contract termination. Potentially, loss of income may be included in a force majeure clause, or other financial securities may be identified as conditions that permit contract termination but that obviously has to be in the initial purchase agreement which underscores, once again, the need to retain good legal counsel before entering into any contract.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$995 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$249.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmmeisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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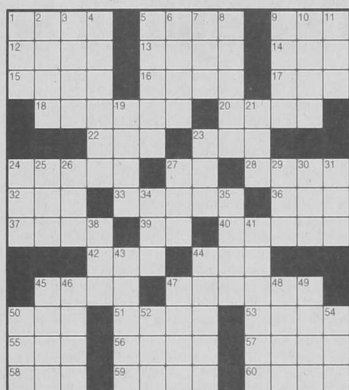
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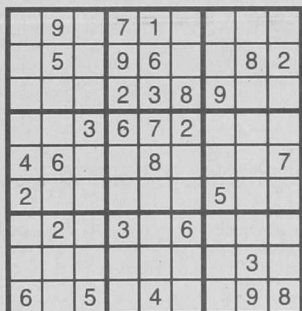
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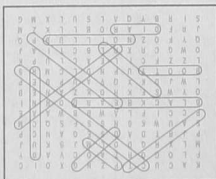
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