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## CONNECTION Kindergarten roundup

Parents of 5-year-old children (as of Dec. 1, 2011) are invited to register for kindergarten with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. March 14-18 at all P-CCS elementary schools (parents needing a different time should call their neighborhood school).

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records and two pieces of identification as proof of residency.

The district has gathered everything a parent needs to know and posted it at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us/registration](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/registration). Complete information about the registration process, forms, child care opportunities, transportation and health concerns can be found there.

Visit the registration webpage or call the Board of Education office at (734) 416-2701 with any questions.

## Pajama game

The Park Players presents the Broadway musical, "The Pajama Game," March 17-19 and March 25-26 at the Gloria Logan Auditorium inside Salem High School.

Featuring the songs "Hey There," "Steam Heat" and "Hernando's Hideaway," "The Pajama Game" is a musical based on the novel "7½ Cents" by Richard Bissell featuring a score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross.

The story deals with labor troubles in a pajama factory, where worker demands for a seven-and-a-half-cent raise are going unheeded. In the midst of this ordeal, love blossoms between Babe, the grievance committee head, and Sid, the new factory superintendent.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or at the door. All performances are at 7 p.m. Salem High School is located at 16181 Joy Road in Canton.

**Mother knows best**  
Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom.

Include a photo of your mom or, better yet, you and your mom. E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to [bkadrich@hometownlife.com](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com).

Include your first and last name and hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours. The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute To Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.



Dennis Bielskis and John Spencer at the site where the wall will be displayed.

## Canton to be first state stop for Vietnam wall

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In its first trip to Michigan, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall is coming to Canton's Liberty Fest in June, culminating the tireless efforts of local veterans and their supporters.

The V-shaped memorial — not to be confused with others such as The Moving Wall — will stand 6 feet tall and stretch 288 feet across ballfield No. 3 on the north side of Heritage Park.

The wall, three-fifths the size of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., contains 58,227 names of Vietnam troops who died serving their country.

### CRYING EYES

"When you see those names, it brings tears to your eyes and a lump to your throat to think of all these men and women who died," said John Spencer, a 66-year-old Vietnam veteran and Canton resident.

Spencer and Vietnam veter-

eran Dennis Bielskis, members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528, discussed the project on a cold, overcast Thursday morning as they stood near the Heritage Park site where the wall will stand.

"The people I've talked to are all excited about this," Bielskis said.

The traveling wall is expected to draw large crowds from across southeast Michigan. Bielskis said the wall comes to Canton 11 years after The Moving Wall was here for Liberty Fest.

An opening ceremony is expected to occur about 6 p.m. Thursday, June 16 — the second day of Liberty Fest. A closing ceremony is tentatively set for 5 p.m. Sunday, June 19, the day after Saturday night's festival-ending fireworks show in Heritage Park, west of Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Greg Welsh, the Florida-based wall manager, said Thursday he hauls the aluminum wall in a 32-foot trailer pulled by a Ford F-350 truck,

and the memorial is assembled on site.

"This is our first trip to Michigan since we built the wall," Welsh said.

### VETS FUNDRAISING

Veterans raised money to build the wall in 2005, and Welsh said it was publicly unveiled in April 2006 in Florida.

VVA Chapter 528 orchestrated the local effort, which Bielskis said comes 11 years after The Moving Wall made a local stop. Local veterans have raised the \$10,000 they need for the project, including a \$4,000 donation from the Canton-based America's Most Wanted Car Club, a Liberty Fest regular.

"A lot of their members come from the same generation we come from," Bielskis said.

Donations also came from VVA Chapter 528, the Plymouth-based Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and the Canton Veterans

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## Sheldon patch job comes ahead of rebuilding project

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Wayne County road-patching crews inched their way Thursday along pothole-riddled Sheldon Center, plugging car-rattling craters that residents and township officials say are among Canton's worst — and potentially most dangerous.

The stopgap measure comes as county and local officials move ever closer to an estimated \$5.2 million project to reconstruct the road from Canton Center to Joy Road and widen it from two lanes to five.

"Fixing that road can't happen soon enough," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "That road is in rough shape."

His remarks Tuesday during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting mirrored complaints of residents and workers who told the *Observer* in February that they fear damaging their vehicles every time they brave the crumbling road.

LaJoy's statements came as the township board declared its intent to issue and sell capital improvement bonds totaling as much as \$1.1 million to cover Canton's share of the project, with

Wayne County picking up the remaining \$4.1 million tab even as road-fixing dollars shrink.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said bids for the Sheldon Center project could be sought as early as April, amid hopes the work can potentially begin in June.

"It's definitely one of the worst roads in Canton," Faas said.

The project likely will not be finished until late 2012 and faces a seasonal shutdown next winter. Faas said the amount of work construction crews will complete this year "is really the big question."

Nonetheless, Tuesday's action by township officials indicated the project is, indeed, moving forward, albeit slowly for residents who live or work near the Sheldon Center/Sheldon Road area.

One resident, Chris Joiner, last month described the road as being "in horrible condition," though he has difficulty avoiding it because he lives in a subdivision adjacent to it.

Sheldon Center remains the biggest road project on

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crews were out patching Sheldon Center ahead of a multimillion-dollar reconstruction project to fix what many drivers say is the worst road in Canton.

## Achieve athletic director takes 'sliming' in stride

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



It's difficult to tell, but John Gendron is smiling under all that goo after getting slimed for a good cause at Achieve Academy Friday.

John Gendron learned a valuable lesson about being "slimed" Friday.

After the first few cupfuls, you hardly notice the rest.

Gendron, the athletic director and physical education teacher at Achieve Academy in Canton, learned that lesson the hard way, sitting still while some 80 students from Achieve, a K-7 school, dumped paper cups full of "slime" over his head. Clad in goggles and wearing a smiling grimace, Gendron sat through 'til the very end, when kindergarten Brynn LaFramboise put the finishing touches on the charity event.

Gendron volunteered to sit through the sliming for any

Achieve student who raised at least \$40 in the school's "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign, a charity fundraiser designed to raise awareness of heart disease and raise money to benefit the American Heart Association.

"It was not refreshing at all," Gendron said, though he may have been smiling when he said it. "It was grimy, but the kids really seemed to enjoy it, so it was cool."

Students raised \$6,601.50, some \$101.50 over the goal for the campaign. LaFramboise was the school's top fundraiser, gathering some \$300 in pledges. Some 80 students made it over the \$40 mark that allowed them to slime Gendron.

Students used their specialty class times — art, music,

physical education — to take part in the challenge, putting themselves through an obstacle course designed by Gendron, then jumping rope for a minute at a time in groups of three.

It was all designed to tie in the theme of the campaign — the importance of the heart — with fitness and how a healthy lifestyle sets you up for a healthier life.

"It was an opportunity for the kids to raise money for other kids who have heart problems," Gendron said. "It raises awareness of how important the heart is to you. It's the most important muscle, and the kids learn that while working for a good cause. They get to raise money to help other kids."

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**WALL**

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Memorial Association, among others.

Spencer chairs the traveling wall committee, and Bielskis serves as vice chair along with Al Dorey. Other committee members include Joe Agius, Gary Boucher, Bill Boudreau, Gordon Dorey, Ted Enright and Gary Pritchard, and they have had help from other supporters.

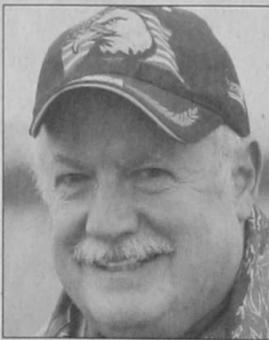
However, Bielskis said volunteers still are needed to help while the traveling wall is in town. To get involved, send

him an e-mail to dbielskis@att.net.

While the wall is in Canton, veterans expect to have an hours-long reading of all the names listed on the memorial, though a precise time isn't yet known. Because the wall elicits somber emotions among many people who see it, organizers decided to put the memorial on ballfield No. 3, on the far north end of Heritage Park.

"It's the farthest away from the festival carnival," Spencer said. "We're trying to keep it away from the noise."

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John Spencer, who chaired the committee to bring the wall to Canton, said, "When you see those names, it brings tears to your eyes and a lump."



Dennis Bielskis said "everyone I talk to is excited" about the Vietnam traveling memorial coming to Canton.

**Local groups are urged to apply for Giving Circle grants**

The Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle, a pooled fund of the Canton Community Foundation, is seeking to provide grants to organizations which will address the unmet needs of women and their families in the greater Plymouth-Canton area.

Giving Hope plans to award grants to qualified groups beginning in June. Grant proposal criteria are:

- The grant must be primarily for women and girls.
- Plymouth and Canton residents must be the majority of the population served.
- The grant is a one-time gift. It is not intended to be ongoing financial support.
- This grant should cover an issue not currently being funded by another agency.
- The proposed program should begin by the end of 2011.

There must be a way to measure the effectiveness of the program, thus the grant. Interim evaluation must be provided to Giving Hope within three months of beginning the program.

All organizations are encouraged to call the Canton Community Foundation at

(734) 495-1200 or e-mail rozy@att.net to verify eligibility to receive grants before submitting a complete proposal as well as to request the application form.

Interested organizations should submit a grant application by no later than April 1, 2011 to Giving Hope, Grant Committee at the Canton Community Foundation.

Organized in the fall of 2006, Giving Hope is a group of community women who are pooling their philanthropic dollars in order to make a difference in the lives of local women and their families.

In addition to grant making, Giving Hope has created an endowment fund for future granting and is educating women as to needs in this community. Giving Hope is now in a position to begin making grants.

Joan Noricks, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, is chairwoman of the Giving Circle grants committee. Other members include Katie Bovitz, Nancy Eggenberger, Dianne Neihengen, Lisa Rozum, Marion Rozum, and Olivia Scott.

**SHELDON**

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tap this year for Canton. Here's a recap, beyond the widening and reconstruction, of what it entails:

- The small east-west connector that runs between Sheldon Center and Sheldon Road will be widened from

two lanes to three to accommodate a new traffic configuration.

A small north-south stretch just south of where Sheldon meets Sheldon Center will be removed and turned into green space, and traffic on northbound Sheldon will be routed a little sooner over to Sheldon Center.

- A traffic light near Gallimore Elementary

School will be relocated further south to Sheldon Center and the east-west connector, providing what school officials have said is much-needed traffic relief near the school.

Faas has said area businesses will remain open during the project, though some driveways may be altered.

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# Energy grant brings solar program to Bird

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



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Tony Howe and Joe Cooke install solar panels on the roof of Bird School.

the turbine, the system was adjusted to add three additional solar panels.

The grant was approved at least in part because of the efforts Bird staffers and students put in while earning the Michigan Green School designation. Those efforts included:

- **Energy Management:** The district implemented an Energy Program during the 2009-10 school year that included regular audits and installation of motion sensors that automatically shut down most of the electricity when they sense no movement. The effort saved the district \$16,813 (22.49 percent) of energy costs from August 2009 to July 2010.

- **Recycling and teaching how to recycle:** Bird School recycles all printer cartridges, ink cartridges, cell phones, batteries, paper and magazines. A recycling bin is available in each room for classroom paper waste. A recycling bin is also available in both of the workrooms used by staff members.

- **Reusing and teaching how to reuse:** Bird School worked in conjunction with the Plymouth "Green Street Fair" during the spring of 2010 on a project called "Pop Your Lid." Students, parents and staff saved thousands of plastic lids, and reused the lids to create art work in the form of large flowers.

### LEARNING EXPERIENCE

- **Protecting the environment:** Bird School started a "Bird Habitat." As part of the school's Earth Day Celebration 2011, each grade at Bird School is adopting a part of a new bird habitat. Funding has been obtained for feeders, bird houses and bird baths to install and maintain in one of the Bird School courtyards. Teachers and children will be learning about the native Michigan birds, their needs, the reason for particular type of birdhouses or feeders, and the location and installation requirements of each house, feeder and bath.

- **Community Partnerships:** Bird School partnered with the Burroughs Corp. during the Green Street Fair and, as a result, Bird students were invited to attend an all-school field trip to Burroughs, where they learned that energy conservation and management, recycling, reducing and reusing are important in the work place. Bird School also has partnerships with Elmer's Glue Co., Abitibi and Cornell Backyard Birds Inc.

All of those learning opportunities were part of what excited the folks at The Green

Panel Inc., in approving the grant.

"I like the fact Bird School is going to educate the children about solar energy," said Agnes Pelosse, president of solar solutions, engineering and operations for The Green Panel. "Students are going to learn how to optimize the use of our natural resources."

### BIG BENEFITS

Other benefits of the grant include a trip to Bird from a 50-foot mobile learning center designed to teach students about renewable energy. All of Bird's students, as well as the sixth-graders from West Middle School across the street, will be invited to use it.

The school also gets a computer program housed in its media center that can calculate how much energy is harvested on a daily basis, then translate that into how much heat, cool air and/or lighting is provided by the solar array.

What Kelty liked best about the whole process was the teamwork everyone in the Bird community showed. At every step, she said, teachers, students and parents embraced the efforts. Administrators helped write a grant justification to the school board and even Pelosse has been a huge help, Kelty said.

"I'd like to give credit to the teachers, parents and students, because this was a couple of years of hard work on their part," Kelty said. "This was a total group effort."

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# Teen faces charges, victim in fair condition

BY DARRELL CLEM  
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Eight days after he was struck by a Ford F-150 truck and pinned against his own home, an 85-year-old Canton man remained in fair condition Friday as the 14-year-old driver accused of hitting him was facing charges, authorities said.

The victim, Earl Karrick, had undergone multiple surgeries for a broken femur, or thigh bone, after he was flown by medical helicopter to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, where his condition Friday hadn't changed from fair in several days.

Meanwhile, the 14-year-old boy accused of losing control of his mother's truck, after apparently driving it without her permission, was facing charges after Canton police turned him over to Wayne County juvenile authorities.

"He's facing several serious driving offenses," Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said Friday, adding that the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office would decide the appropriate charges.

Authorities were awaiting toxicology results to determine whether alcohol or drugs may have been a

factor in the crash, which happened about 4:15 a.m. Thursday, March 3.

Karrick's son, Bruce Karrick, has described his father as "a strong person" who was "in good spirits," though the son has acknowledged that Earl Karrick "is lucky to be alive."

Earl Karrick often awoke early and went outdoors, just as he did the morning the Ford F-150 struck him while traveling west on Westminister at Gloucester, northeast of Ford and Sheldon roads.

The alleged driver, a Canton boy, was accompanied by another 14-year-old boy who was released to his parents, Schreiner has said.

A Canton police investigation has indicated that the alleged driver took his mother's Ford truck without her knowledge, and Schreiner has said the mother has cooperated with police.

Police have said the two teens fled the scene after the accident. One was captured a short time later in a nearby commercial area, and the other was brought to authorities by his parents.

Both the house and the truck sustained heavy damage.

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## Heart and Sole

### German teacher puts varied background to good use

BY HELEN NIEMIEC  
CORRESPONDENT

Brian Sole teaches German at Canton High School, doing what he's wanted to do since working on his bachelor's degree. Somehow, a friendship with high school friends originally from Japan sparked an interest in another language and culture so different from the European tradition.

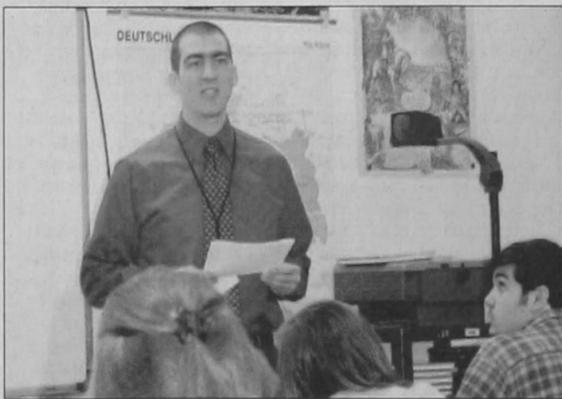
With German ancestors in his family tree, Sole said he took German in high school and went to college undecided whether to pursue a degree in physical therapy or a teaching degree in the German language. German ultimately won out.

"I enjoyed teaching and the German culture as well," said Sole, who spent a year in Germany, earning his master's degree through Middlebury College.

Since foreign language courses are on the decline in high schools, he also counts himself fortunate to have a position, even if it is part time. A full-time teacher would be needed if the number of Canton students taking German increased but, at the current level, a part-time teacher is all the district needs.

#### CURIOS SOLE

A year ago, he filled a one-year temporary position in the Northville Schools. He applied for that teaching spot from his home computer — in Japan. That's where his life had taken



German teacher Brian Sole, in his Canton High School classroom, has been from Lansing to Japan and back during a varied career.

him in his growing curiosity of that Asian country.

His interest in Japanese language and culture had sparked while in high school, and he took advantage of a study program in college that sent him to Japan for a semester. Liking what he saw, he was determined to return. Upon graduation from Wheaton College with his bachelor's degree, he applied for the JET (Japanese Exchange and Teaching) program. He was selected to teach English at a Japanese high school for a two-year period.

"It was team teaching. I was paired with a Japanese teacher," Sole said.

Calling it the experience of a lifetime, he also immersed himself in the culture and met a number of people. One of them was Mayumi Maezawa,

whom he courted and wed while in Japan.

Returning to the U.S., he spent three years teaching German and Japanese at the Lansing Public Schools. His wife earned a degree in music therapy at Michigan State University.

#### OFF TO JAPAN

With two young children and looking for a teaching job closer to his parents, Sole came up empty-handed. So the next step was to find a job near Mayumi's parents.

"There was an opening in Japan. In 2007, we moved there with the two kids," Sole said.

With both Brian and Mayumi working, they also took a strong interest in taiko drumming, a Japanese art form. The large drums have a taut cover and produce a higher



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton High School German teacher Brian Sole hits the taiko drums at the studio he and his wife run in Novi.

tone than expected from a percussion instrument that size. Taiko actually is the Japanese word for "drum," but covers drums in a range of sizes.

Asano Taiko, the best known manufacturer of taiko drums, happened to be in the Fukui Prefecture, where Mayumi's parents live. Sole asked the owner if he could learn the art at his studio. Mayumi had begun studying taiko there in 1998 and spent four months as a translator for the group from that studio during its tour of Europe and Israel.

"I actually didn't start drumming until the year before we left (to return to Michigan). We

noticed there was a real interest in it," Sole said.

When the couple's daughter, Karen, was getting ready to begin first grade, the Soles decided to return to the U.S. (son Kenji is three years younger).

#### BEATING THE DRUM

The couple, along with three other friends, opened the Great Lakes Taiko Center in Novi, offering classes and also serving as a site for their performing group. The group has played a number of festivals locally, including the Japanese festival in Saginaw.

"Most people who want to do music need to have a fall-back career. I want to teach

#### THE SOLE STORY

**Who:** Brian Sole  
**Hometown:** Walled Lake  
**Current home:** Plymouth  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree, Wheaton (Ill.) College; master's degree, Middlebury (Vt.) College  
**Occupation:** German teacher, Canton High School; co-owner of Great Lakes Taiko Center in Novi  
**Family:** Wife Mayumi Maezawa Sole; daughter, Karen, 7, and son, Kenji, 4  
**In his words:** "I think I'm a natural teacher. I enjoy sharing what I've learned. It's enjoyable to see young people learn and get excited by it."

language, but music serves as my fall-back," said Sole, who also said he clearly enjoys both careers.

The taiko studio is growing, but slowly, and by choice. Word of mouth and fliers about classes or performances is how the public is learning about it.

"It's growing at a manageable pace," Sole said. "That's what we were hoping for. We don't want to overload ourselves. We've got two small children and I'm teaching in Canton."

So have his German students become curious about the Japanese drumming and culture from Sole?

"A few students have come out for our performances. It's kind of unique to see your German teacher doing something like this," he said. Have any signed up for taiko drumming? "No, not yet," he said.

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Hospice has changed since Hall's grandmother died of cancer 20 years. "There was hospice available but it's grown," said Hall, a graduate of Schoolcraft College's nursing program.

Dorothy Bell-Ruth, a nurse practitioner and RN who has completed advanced education, has professional and personal experience with hospice. Her mother, Patricia, entered Four Seasons' In-House Hospice after breast cancer treatment. "My mom went through chemo and it exacerbated her Alzheimer's. She declined pretty quickly." In-House Hospice at Four Seasons provided support to Patricia as well as the family.

"Four Seasons takes over the management of the care," said Dorothy. "My mom had the PA (physician assistant) who treated her along with physicians. A nursing assistant came in several days a week just solely for mom."

Dorothy is a big proponent of palliative care and hospice. "I work in a critical care unit and often that is the course of action that needs to be taken," said Dorothy. "It's a wonderful program. When we can't cure, we can provide comfort. At a certain point in illnesses, there's nothing more we can do medically. We need to make them comfortable."

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Lacrosse teams from across Michigan will compete from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is free for spectators and food and beverages will be available for purchase. The event is co-sponsored by the Plymouth and Salem High School Boys Lacrosse teams.

Table sellers invited

In anticipation of their April 9 Mom2Mom sale benefiting the Autism Collaborative Center, the Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

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a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally.

Heise is available to meet with residents on March 14, and every second Monday of the month, at the following times and locations:

- 10 to 11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville;
- 1 to 2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne; and

• 3 to 4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free (855) REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

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The next new volunteer training is fast approaching, and will take place at the office in Canton. Contact Justine Galat, volunteer coordinator, to apply for an interview at jgalat@cchnet.net or (888) 983-9050.

Hung jury sends driver to new trial

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 38-year-old driver charged with negligent homicide will have a new trial amid allegations he struck and killed an Inkster man who was pushing a car that had quit on west-bound Michigan Avenue near Hannan.

The defendant, Abimael Laureano of Lincoln Park, faces a new trial July 11 after a hung jury in Wayne County Circuit Court failed to reach a verdict Tuesday following deliberations that spanned two days.

"They couldn't come to a decision," Canton Detective Tim Wright said.

Laureano, if convicted, could face two years in prison for allegations he caused 18-year-old Lance Lorenzo McKay II's death following an accident that occurred on the night of April 21, 2010.

Laureano was charged with negligent homicide following accusations the car he was driving struck McKay from behind while McKay was

pushing a disabled vehicle.

A cousin who was helping McKay push the car survived with minor injuries.

Wayne County Circuit Judge James Callahan set a new trial after a jury was deadlocked after trying to reach a verdict, following a trial that began March 2 and ended Monday.

McKay died after he was airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

A Canton police officer came upon the two-vehicle crash that occurred about 9:40 p.m. April 21 of last year. McKay received aid at the scene before he was flown to U-M Hospital.

Canton police have said McKay died about 1:20 p.m. April 23, two days after the crash. An accident investigation team from the Canton Police Department had responded to the scene.

At the time, Canton police issued a statement indicating there was no indication that alcohol played a part in the accident.

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# Plymouth-based Habitat links homeowners to jobs

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With Michigan's economy hitting its homeowners especially hard, Plymouth-based Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is piloting a way to put them into jobs that can keep them in their houses.

About half of the 30-some owners the local Habitat chapter has helped buy houses during its 16-year history lost jobs during the Great Recession, and many are having trouble keeping up with their no-interest mortgages, said Alice Dent, the executive director.

Now, Habitat is lining up jobless homeowners with a staffing agency that can sometimes put them to work almost immediately. So far, they're being sent to area quality-control jobs, the demand for which has seemed to pick up with the resurgence of the auto industry.

"This is a lot easier than pulling a foreclosure on a homeowner," said Dean Jabara, a member of the Habitat chapter's board of directors. "That makes us sick to our stomachs."

## JOB FAIR

Jabara is also the managing director at the staffing agency, Bingham Farms-based D Diversified Services, with which Habitat is working. He wants other Habitat chapters around the state to adopt similar programs.

"This should work in every county, wherever there's a Habitat, all across the state," he said.

Jabara, Dent and several others gathered at the Plymouth Habitat office on Wednesday for a miniature job fair for Habitat homeowners and their family members.

Nellie Logwood, who bought a Habitat house in Inkster in 1997, is working part time at a bagel shop but is hoping to get hired through Diversified. "I need more work to keep my monthly obligation on my mortgage payment," she said.

Logwood returned to school after buying her Habitat house, earning a degree in family life education. It was the pride and security of being a homeowner that motivated her, she said.

"After I got the house I said, 'I want to do better,'" said Logwood, who had moved from public housing. She hopes to one day work in her field, and she's trying to obtain state certification.



Habitat for Humanity director Alice Dent said the jobs program is paying Habitat in more ways than just money.

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Nellie Logwood is searching for work.

Logwood's son Artiff was also at Habitat on Wednesday, hoping to find work.

## SUCCESS STORIES

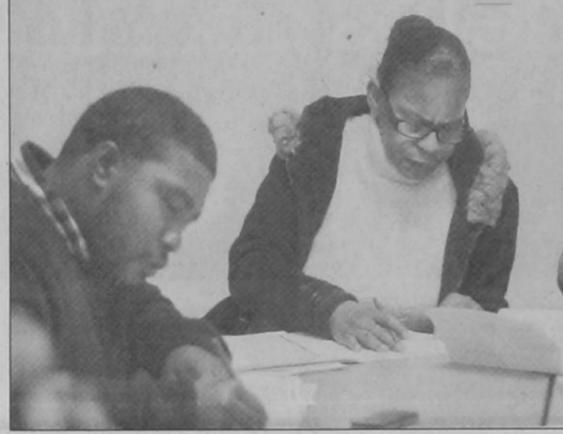
Deborah Finley of Ann Arbor was trying to land an office job. She works as a

home health care aide, but her hours have been cut to just five a week, she said.

Jocelyn and Mariah Thomas, who are, respectively, Finley's daughter and granddaughter, are two of the program's success stories. Both have found



Beth Patton, human resources manager for MTZ Global.



Deborah Finley and Robert King are both searching for work.



Dean Jabara and Gerald Spann Jr. are with D Diversified Services.

**'I'm a firm believer that we can't change the world but we can change someone's world.'**

BETH PATTON, human resources manager, MTZ Global

Township and Mariah in Livonia.

"It was a blessing that the opportunity to diversify came up for me," said Jocelyn Thomas on Friday. She inspects and packages automotive parts. "I like what I'm doing right now."

Jocelyn Thomas, who will soon mark her 12th anniversary as the owner of a Habitat home, also in Inkster, had been out of work for about two years. She has some catching up to do on her mortgage, she said.

"Now that I do have employment, yes, it's really going to help me stay in my home," she said.

Her daughter Mariah works at MTZ Global in Livonia, also on quality control. Beth Patton, MTZ's human resources manager, said Mariah is motivated and dedicated.

The relationship with Habitat and D Diversified has been fruitful, she said. "I'm a firm believer that we can't change the world but we can change someone's world," Patton said.

Dent said the jobs program is paying Habitat homeowners more than money, it's giving their confidence a boost, lifting them from the depression that can come with joblessness and providing a positive example for their children to help break a cycle that often leads to poverty.

"It's a dream come true for them," Dent said. "Gainful employment."

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# First Step's Ellis receives 2011 ATHENA Award

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Judy Ellis admits she's usually not speechless. But that's how she found herself when she learned she was the Women of Westland's 2011 ATHENA Award recipient.

"I'm extremely touched to receive this, it couldn't have happened at a better time," said Ellis, the executive director of First Step, an agency working with the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in western Wayne County and Downriver. "It's a very powerful reminder of what I have done and what I am doing."

Ellis received her award at the Women of Westland's seventh annual Chocolate Fantasy Ball Feb. 5. She was nominated by her associate director, Theresa Bizoe, who credited Ellis with taking First Step from "a small agency founded in Westland to a thriving non-profit meeting the needs of women and children throughout Wayne County."

Along the way, she "has touched the lives of nearly 200,000 women, children and men who have come through the door of First Step for help," said Bizoe.

"Judy has spent her career helping women and their children overcome adversity," she added. "She has worked to provide supports and resources to help victims of violence to transform their lives. She has mentored hundreds of staff, many of who have had long and successful careers with First Step and in service to the community."

#### LEADING THE WAY

Ellis started with First Step as a volunteer when the agency was housed in small house next to Nankin Mills. At the time the vice president of her father's real estate company, she gave that up to work as executive director of First Step. She helped to build it into \$2.4 million program with offices in Plymouth,



Mary Denning (right) of the Women of Westland congratulates 2011 Westland ATHENA Award winner Judy Ellis, the executive director of First Step.

Redford and Wayne and programs in cities like Westland and more than 45 staff members, as well as a new shelter scheduled to open next month.

Along the way, she has been recognized as an Alternatives for Girls Role Model and Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council. She received the Wayne County Council Against Family Violence Spirit Award and 2003 SHERA Award from the Michigan Collation against Domestic Sexual Violence for demonstrating outstanding leadership in the work to end violence against women in Michigan.

As the winner of the McGregor Fund's Eugene Miller Fellowship, she is preparing to take a six-month sabbatical to study vicarious trauma. Her goal is to set up a program at First Step to help the staff deal with the secondary trauma they experience while working with victims.

"If you don't work through the trauma, you can have symptoms yourself," said Ellis. "We have to help them so they can be healed and not feel that they have to leave the field after a few years. Listening to their clients and bumping up against the barriers the victims hit, they can have their own sense of and feelings of hopelessness."

Ellis decided she wanted to change things for women when she was in real estate and saw where women weren't. Very few women were vice presidents of a company and she found she had to work harder to gain the confidence of the people she worked with.

#### MAKING CHANGES

In the early years at the helm of First Step, she was one of very few female CEOs of nonprofits and found herself bumping up against a wall. A founding member of Zonta of Farmington/Novi Area, she credits Beverly McAllister and Carol O'Malley from Oakwood

Healthcare with helping her "find her way."

"This has never been a job," said Ellis. "I felt I had something to offer and that this was where I was supposed to be and where God wanted me to be because I have a talent for making the world a better place for women."

After 30 years with First Step, Ellis knows that the time will come to hand her "baby" off to the next generation. It is, she said, "now a teenager" and she has a wonderful staff that can carry on her work. She plans to start her sabbatical within the next week, but will be back for the opening of the new shelter next month.

For now, though, she is savoring her award. ATHENA International didn't know she loves crystal and her award, with its crystal orb, in a place between her dining room and kitchen that fills the area with the crystal's colorful refractions. "To get an award for it, it's very surprising," she added. "I do what I need to do, it's nice to get thanked for it."

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## Allocation is foundation of diversified portfolio

**Q:** Dear Rick: I've been investing for about five or six years and have followed your advice about using mutual funds and building a diversified portfolio. My current allocation is 50 percent in a couple of bond mutual funds and the other 50 percent in stock funds. In the stock funds I have 60 percent in large company U.S., 20 percent in small company U.S., 5 percent in real estate and 5 percent in international. Do I have enough invested internationally? Currently, the 5 percent is invested in large company international. Does it make sense to continue to have a real estate fund in the portfolio? I also would appreciate any other suggestions. I consider myself an average-risk investor and I am looking long term. I don't think I will need the money for at least 15 years.

**A:** In reviewing your situation, I believe changes are needed. The first change I suggest is in the overall allocation of the portfolio. You are 50 percent equities and 50 percent fixed income. Generally this type of allocation calls for a conservative, short-term investor. You are a moderate, long-term growth investor and the overall allocation (50/50) does not match your situation.

I suggest a 60/40 split between stocks and bonds or even a 70/30 split. I've always been a believer, and all the independent studies confirm, that the key for a successful portfolio is to have the right allocation. Remember, in establishing an allocation, age isn't the relevant factor. It's what you are trying to achieve as an investor that is the key.

You are correct about your international exposure. We no longer live in an American economy, we live in a world economy and that's why it's important to have a portion of your portfolio allocated to international companies.

In your situation, a good target allocation for inter-



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

national investing would be about 20 percent of your entire portfolio.

It is no longer sufficient to have only one international fund investing in large foreign companies, you need more. Similar to investing in the United States, your portfolio of international funds should be diversified. My recommendation is to have three different types of international funds. I suggest approximately 10 percent of the portfolio invested in large company international, with 5 percent each in small company international and emerging market funds. These three funds will work together to provide you with the appropriate international exposure you need.

Whether you should retain the real estate fund, my answer is yes. Real estate is a good diversifier. I recognize what has happened to the real estate market, however, have you seen how some of these funds have performed? When we think of real estate, we tend to only think about the residential market, which is completely different than the commercial market.

One of the most important elements of a successful portfolio is the right allocation — it is the foundation of a portfolio. Always make sure that the allocation of your portfolio is adapted to your individual situation.

Good luck!

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# Comcast helps City Year volunteers navigate career paths

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Brandon Graves has dedicated a year of his life to helping others find their paths. On Friday, he got some direction that will help him continue down his own.

Graves, a 2010 graduate of Detroit's Old Redford Academy, is a volunteer for City Year, a nationwide non-profit that puts trained young people into schools with high proportions of at-risk students. But on Friday, he joined more than 60 other City Year volunteers at cable television provider Comcast's Plymouth Township office for its seventh annual career day. Comcast is a City Year corporate partner.

The program offered workshops in resume-writing and interviewing, the chance to go through mock interviews, and advice from Comcast human resources employees and recruiters. There were also talks by, and question-and-answer sessions with, top Michigan Comcast executives.

"It's showing me a lot of things that I did wrong on my resume," said Graves, taking a break from the resume workshop Friday morning. "It's the



Comcast's director of customer care Renita Butts (at podium) leads a panel discussion with panelists Teresa Lucido, director of sales, Comcast Spotlight; Joe Popp, senior director of finance, Comcast; Derrick Williams, director of inbound sales, Comcast; and Jeff Freyer, vice president of Comcast Business Services.

difference between landing a job and not landing a job."

"It's kind of demystifying a little bit," said Allison McElroy, deputy executive director of the City Year Detroit chapter, of the talks by Comcast executives. Participants learn the execu-

tives didn't just land in those jobs, McElroy said, but may have started in the call center or as a cable installer.

Patrick Paterno, director of public relations for Comcast's Michigan region, said career day participants are getting tips from the very people at

Comcast who scout for talent and read resumes on a regular basis. "That, to me, goes a long way," he said.

Graves plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall and begin studying communications. He wants a career in either broadcast-



Brandon Graves, a City Year volunteer at Bow Elementary in Detroit, during Comcast's seventh annual career day for City Year workers on Friday. Graves is planning to attend Central Michigan University this fall.

ing or social work, with his City Year experience prompting him to explore the latter option, he said.

City Year volunteers encourage, tutor and mentor their students, supporting both classroom and extracurricular activities and serving as the role models that many children don't have at home or in their neighborhoods, McElroy said. City Year's Detroit chapter currently has 71 volunteers at seven different Detroit schools.

Mentor to a classroom of seventh-graders at Bow

Elementary, Graves said he wants to show children the right path. "A lot of my friends, growing up, didn't do that," he said.

Paterno said he sees Comcast's career days for City Year volunteers as part of a larger effort to keep young people in the state. "We are trying, as a corporate citizen, to make that happen," he said.

Comcast guarantees every City Year volunteer an interview for a job for which he or she is qualified.

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## Giving Hope offers seminar on assaults

With prom season rapidly approaching, Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle is hoping to get the attention of young people 21 and younger.

To do it, they're presenting an educational seminar, "Sexual Assault: Does It Happen Here?" at 6:30 p.m. April 6 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The group has assembled a panel of experts to discuss the subject, including:

- Charise Anderson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County

- Judith Barr, Associate Director of First Step
  - Sara Boritzki, Canton Police Officer
  - Nancy Laws, Associate Principal, Salem High School
  - Lisa Diebel, Life Management Educator, Plymouth High School
- The seminar fits in well with the mission of the group, established in 2006, which is to address the unmet needs for women and their families in the greater Plymouth-Canton communities.

"Because we are encouraging

people 21 years old and younger to attend, no admission fee will be charged to anyone 21 or younger and no alcohol will be served," said Cynthia Kabza Vercruyse, a member of Giving Hope's advisory board. "As the seminar is being held ... immediately before prom season, we believe that this topic is particularly timely."

Members of Giving Hope will be charged \$10 to attend, as will guests over 21.

RSVP's are requested by March 30 and can be made by calling (734) 495-1200.

## Village Theater hosts Twain exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill presents a mini-exhibition of first-edition novels by Mark Twain, with more than 200 first printings of Mark Twain's works from Robert Nelson's collection on display.

The mini-exhibition has been set up so that visitors to The Village Theater can get an up-close look at these works, which have been featured in Ken Burns' PBS Series, "Mark Twain." Books included in the display range from Twain's first novel to those published long after his death, spanning the full career of this popular author.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, known by his nom de plume as Mark Twain,

was one of America's greatest novelists who drew upon his real life adventures along the Mississippi River to create stories that have entertained audiences for generations. Visitors to The Village Theater can also view a signed book once owned by Twain himself, as well as a few editions that are considered so rare that only a handful are left in the world. Stop by to see novels and short story editions, as well as books of humor, travel and philosophy mostly printed between 1876-1896. In addition, newspapers and magazines articles profiling this rare collection will also be on display.

Sunday visitors can also take advantage of Spotlight

on Youth's production of "Tom Sawyer" at 2 p.m. and enjoy a glimpse into American history with these first edition works by Mark Twain. Relive the classic adventures of this mischievous young boy as he plays hooky from school, leads a gang of boys, is sweet on Becky and Amy, terrorizes his cousin Sid and Aunt Polly, lazes with Huck Finn and leads the kind of life every boy dreams of on the Mississippi River. Tickets are still available for \$15 and can be purchased online at [cantonvillagetheater.org](http://cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460.

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# Local woman prepares to swim the English Channel

It's the Mt. Everest of open water, and Farmington Hills swimmer Jenny Birmelin can't wait to tackle it.

The 33-year-old math teacher at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield will swim at least 21 miles across the English Channel this summer, after being approved by the Channel Swimming Association for a solo crossing.

The feat could land her in the record books, too. Based on records kept since the first solo swim in 1875, Birmelin is set to go down in the history books as one of only a few hundred Americans, and possibly the first Michigan woman, to successfully solo swim the 21-plus mile English Channel.

The English Channel is considered by many to be one of the most physically demanding swims in the world. In fact, there have been half as many swimmers to make the English Channel swim than climbers to summit Mt. Everest.

Birmelin's swim is scheduled for Aug. 19-27. The exact day of her swim will be determined while she is there and is based on weather conditions, water currents and tides.

The English Channel swim starts near Shakespeare's Cliff (between Folkestone and Dover, England), and finishes near Cap Gris Nez (between Boulogne and Calais, France).

She anticipates completing the swim in 13 hours.

## LIFELONG SWIMMER

While this feat seems unattainable by most, this goal is a natural evolution of Birmelin's amateur swimming career.

From Snoopy-themed swim suits to Speedos; swimming is a way of life for Birmelin, who has been swimming 27 of her 33 years.

When she was just six years old, her mom enrolled her in the Birmingham Blue Dolphins "pre-team."

"I was so proud of my first bathing suit. It was red with Snoopy dog houses and rainbows," she said. "I put on that suit for swim practice in the



Jenny Birmelin and her dog, Sophie.

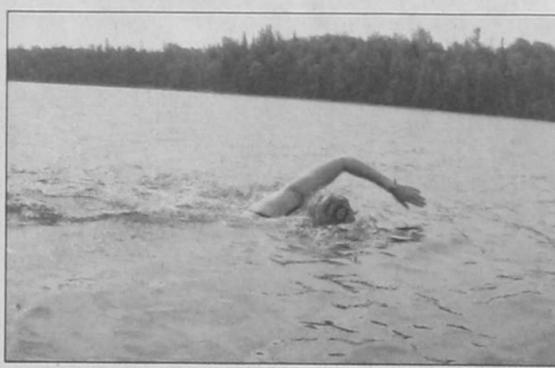
morning and didn't take it off until past dark when the swim club closed for the day. I even told my mom that I would someday get married in a white Speedo."

Birmelin went on to swim at Harrison High School, Michigan State University and has taught swim lessons, and coached, for years. Since college, Birmelin has been competing in masters swimming meets and serves as the volunteer vice president of swimming for her masters swim club, the Ford Athletic Swim and Triathlon Club.

Her prognostication of being married in a white Speedo came true. Well, almost. Birmelin met her husband at a Michigan masters swim meet in 2003. He proposed in 2005 and surprised her with a white Speedo. They were married on Lake Huron in 2006.

## ENGLISH CHANNEL

The idea of swimming the English Channel first surfaced in the summer of 2009. Birmelin and a few long-distance swimming friends thought it would be fun to swim the English Channel as a relay. As time commitments and the high financial obligation required by both the training and trip to England



Jenny Birmelin, during a long-distance, cold water swim.

became realized, several friends were unable to make the commitment. Yet they encouraged her that if she was willing to spend the money and time training to swim a relay, she should just swim solo.

She thought, "why not?"

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With her on most of her training swims is her supportive husband, Noah, and her swim dog, Sophie, a golden retriever who is ready to swim at any time. Noah will be part of her cheering section and support crew on her swim

from England to France.

Cheering - and worrying - in Michigan will be her 94-year old grandmother, who Birmelin affectionately calls "Iron Granny."

To prepare for the English Channel, Birmelin was required to prove her ability to swim long distance in cold temperatures. Her six-hour qualifying swim was completed Sept. 25, 2010, in a chilly 59-degree Lake Huron near Tawas City.

A "Pool Party" fundraiser to help offset expenses is set for Saturday, March 19, 6-8 p.m. at the Farmington Family YMCA, located at the corner of Farmington Road and 12 Mile. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Read more about Jenny Birmelin's quest to conquer the English Channel at [www.jennybirmelin.com](http://www.jennybirmelin.com).

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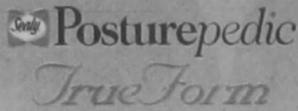
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## Pressure cooks PCA

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy had hopes of moving on to the Class D boys basketball regionals, but Detroit Westside Christian Academy had other ideas.

On Friday at PCA, Westside Christian parlayed defensive pressure and a high-octane offense into a 62-37 victory in the Class D district final.

"Our shooting percentage really, really hurt us," PCA head coach Keith Anleitner

said. "It was 19, 20 percent. But Westside Christian played a swarming defense."

An indication of such was the Eagles were outbounded 45-25.

Alex Huber led PCA (7-14) with 15 points, while Mick Noel, Eric Jipping and Drew Ibach each tallied six points.

Jim Cross was the top scorer for Westside Christian (16-6) with 20 points.

Despite the loss, first-year coach Anleitner said the season was one where much progress was made learning the new offensive system he brought in to start the year.

"We had a great season, with a lot of sophomores and juniors," he said. "I'm looking forward to next season because they know the system now and that's going to help us out a lot."

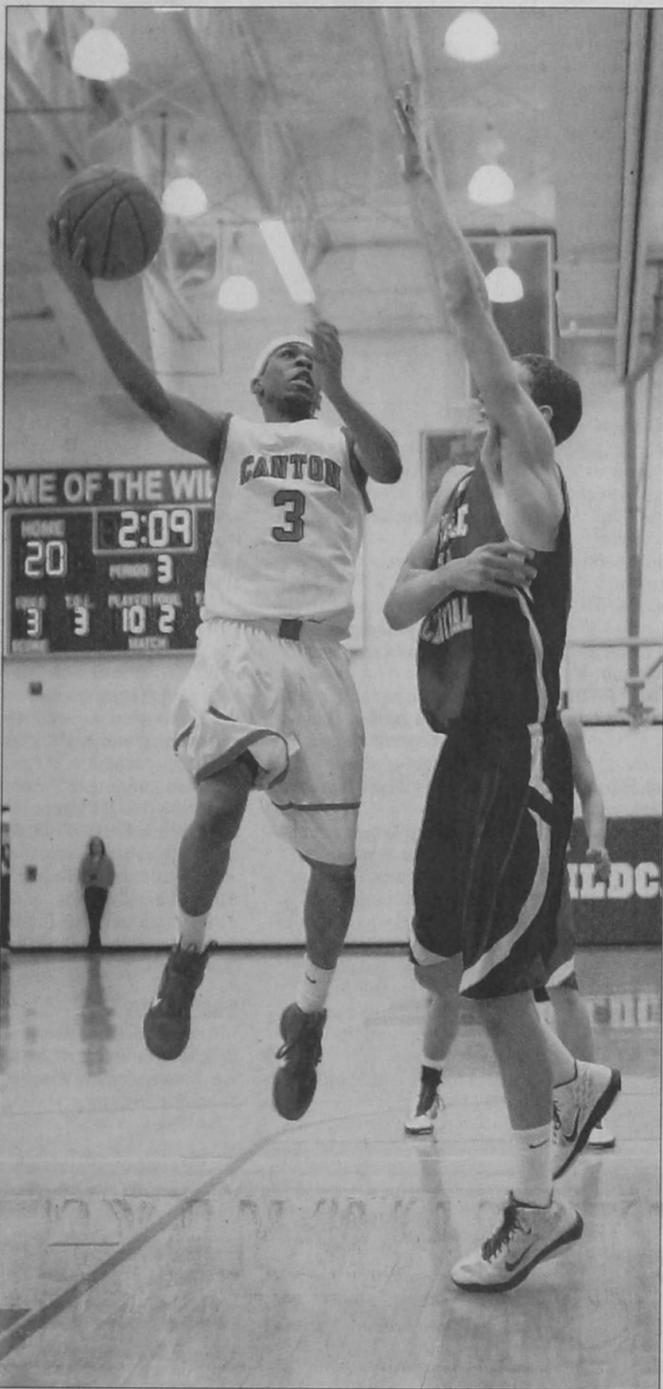
### Semifinal success

The Eagles reached the district final thanks to Wednesday's 63-46 win Wednesday over Huron Valley Lutheran in a Class D semifinal.

Top performers for PCA included Noel (23 points), Eric Jipping (16 points, 10 rebounds), Huber (12 points, including three treys), Ibach (six rebounds) and Daniel Mullett (five boards, four assists, three steals).

The Eagles built a 32-22 halftime lead and maintained a comfortable margin the rest of the way.

## Canton loses to CC, Lever era ends



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton senior guard Dietrich Lever II (No. 3), in what would turn out to be his final prep game, attempts a field goal attempt over a Novi-Detroit Catholic Central player Friday night.

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On a night neither team could throw the basketball into the ocean, Friday's Class A district championship game ironically came down to shooting proficiency.

When the rope-a-dope boys basketball tilt at Novi High School had concluded, the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks walked off with a 43-38 victory over Canton — with CC senior forward Brandon Tammaro draining 6-of-6 from the charity stripe in the final minute.

That came just moments after the Chiefs (who finished 16-6) missed two foul throws that would have given them the lead at 38-37 with 1:45 remaining.

"They made plays down the stretch and we didn't," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said.

"(Tammaro) was at the line and went 6-for-6. Those were big-time free throws at crunch time and that was probably the difference."

That ruined Canton senior point guard Dietrich Lever II's one-man offensive show, denying him the chance to extend his prep career.

Lever scored all but two of his team's 14 first-half points (CC led 15-14 at the break) and finished with 25, adding to his Canton school points record.

### TOUGH ENDING

"I didn't want to lose yet, I wanted to keep playing," Lever said. "We had good chances at the end, the ball just didn't go our way."

"We had a great effort from everybody, it just didn't go our way in the end."

Also playing his final Canton game was senior forward Ben Spreitzer, who missed some of the second half due to an injury. Like Lever, he took the loss hard, sitting at the bench with his head in his hands.

It was a strange game in that the Chiefs were just a shot or two away from taking a late lead — despite missing numerous uncontested shots (as did the Shamrocks, to be fair).

"I think CC's really good, they play in a tough league, they have some tough kids," Reddy said. "That obviously had something to do with us not scoring as much as we'd like to."

"But we had some decent shots that we missed. I don't think we shot a very high percentage."

Canton chipped away in the first half after falling behind 12-5, tying the game at 12-12 on a jumper by Lever with 4:10 left in the second stanza.

The Chiefs finally broke out on a coast-to-coast layup by Lever, made possible by junior Kyle Adams' block near the Canton bucket.

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## SIDELINES Gym dandies

Plymouth girls gymnasts also will be going to the state finals this weekend, along with Park rivals Canton and Salem.

Junior captain Reagan Engstrom (vault, balance beam) and sophomore Jane McCurry (floor exercise)



Engstrom

qualified for the individual finals to take place Saturday. It is Engstrom's second

time qualifying on vault and her first time on beam while McCurry set a school record this season on floor with a 9.3 score.

"Both are highly talented young ladies," Plymouth coach Pam Yockey said.

Although Plymouth will not be joining Canton and Salem at Friday's team finals, the Wildcats also have had plenty of success, and set a new school record with a 134.8 tally.

"We could not have done it without the skill of sophomores Sarah Uhlman and Jane (McCurry) and freshmen Brenna Connelly and Katie Salanga," Yockey noted. "Jessica Luibakka, our senior all-rounder, consistently was a counting event scorer at every meet. We will miss her."

### Girls lax tryouts

The Canton varsity girls lacrosse team will hold tryouts from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 18, at Discovery Middle School.

For registration details, go to [www.eteamz.com/cantonchiefsgirls](http://www.eteamz.com/cantonchiefsgirls) lacrosse or contact coach David Bower at [davidkbower@gmail.com](mailto:davidkbower@gmail.com).

This is the first season that Canton will have its own varsity and junior varsity girls lacrosse teams (as will Plymouth and Salem). Up until the 2010 season, there was a combined varsity team featuring players from all three schools.

## Chiefs sink Marlins for Class A regional crown



JOHN KEMSKI

Looking for a teammate to pass the ball to Thursday night is Canton senior Kari Schmitt (No. 25), being closely guarded by Farmington Hills Mercy junior Sarah Benson.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's Robyn Mack was genuinely surprised to learn she shot free throws so well Thursday night in such a big basketball game.

The junior guard had a game-high 15 points, which included 8-of-11 foul shots, as the Chiefs defeated Farmington Hills Mercy and won a Class A regional championship, 47-35.

"Oh! Oh, really!" Mack said. "I was just trying to attack and get the foul. Usually, I'm a pass-first person, so they were giving me the lane. I was just taking it and getting fouled."

"I stepped up to the free-throw line and made them. Usually, I make them in practice and, when we get to the game, I miss. Luckily, today I made them in the game."

Mack accounted for one-third of Canton's made free throws as the Chiefs won the game at the foul

line (24-of-35).

That statistic is indicative of Canton's success at playing a half-court game in which it attacked the basket and rebounded well.

"If we had opportunities to drive past them, we did," Mack said. "If we drove past them and somebody else was open, we passed it to them and were able to get open shots (and draw fouls)."

Senior forwards Kayla Bridges and Kari Schmitt scored 12 points apiece for the Chiefs (23-2), who will play Midland in a state quarterfinal game at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Davison.

Bridges contributed six free throws to the total, Schmitt and her twin sister, senior forward Sara, four each.

"We're aggressive; we pound the ball inside," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "We either want to make layups or our free throws,

Please see **CHIEFS, B3**



## CHRIS KREBS



**Who:** Chris Krebs, co-captain of Canton's varsity boys swimming and diving team.

**Miscellany:** The 17-year-old Krebs, son of Jim and Mary Krebs, carries a 4.0 grade-point average. He also is in the National Honor Society and qualified for the 2010 MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award.

**Captain's job:** "A good captain has two jobs. The first is to set a good example for the other team members at practice, at school and at competitions by working hard. The second job of a captain is to motivate his

team, so they can compete at the highest level."

**Leadership style:** "For the most part, I am a quiet leader; however I usually try and give a short speech before every meet."

**Why him?** "I think my teammates chose me as captain because I am a hard worker. I have only missed three practices over four years."

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Admission is free for spectators and food and beverages will be available for purchase. The event is co-sponsored by the Plymouth and Salem boys lacrosse teams.

Plymouth softball clinic

The Plymouth High School Varsity Softball team is hosting a softball clinic on March 26 at the Plymouth softball stadium.

Times are 9-11:30 a.m. for advanced players and 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. for beginners and fees are \$40 per person (which includes lunch and a T-shirt).

The deadline to register is March 21. Call (734) 397-2733 or go to plymouthsoftball@gmail.com or http://softball.plymouthwildcats.com/ for more information.

Salem baseball clinic

The Salem High School Varsity Baseball team is having their 20th annual baseball clinic on March 26 and April 2

for ages 7-15.

Coach Dale Rumberger and the varsity players run a three-hour session of skill drills and techniques.

The cost to participate is only \$25, which includes a T-shirt, the clinic and a snack.

For more information, send an e-mail to salemrocksbaseball@gmail.com or visit the Web site, www.rocksbaseball.com.

MU softball 8-0

The 17th-ranked Madonna University women's softball team is off to an 8-0 start following a pair of wins Monday over Concordia (Neb.) University, 5-3, and Jamestown College (N.Y.), 2-1 in eight innings at the Reitan Complex in Tucson, Ariz.

In the win over Concordia, senior Ashley Shay's 2-run double keyed a 5-run inning in the bottom of the fifth.

Hallie Minch was the winning pitcher as Concordia fell to 3-2.

In the win over Jamestown, pitcher Jess Irwin improved to 12-0 on the year with a 12-strikeout performance, while Arielle Cox collected two hits in the victory.

MU won the game in the top of the eighth when Minch led off with a single and later scored on a wild pitch.

# Whalers' Brown perseveres, lands NHL pact

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On a wall inside the Plymouth Whalers locker room are rows and rows of framed photos — all of players who graduated from the Peter Karmanos-owned OHL team to a spot in "The Show."

And now, there is a pretty good chance more room will have to be made for several current Whalers with ties to National Hockey League clubs. The latest is forward Tyler Brown, who recently signed a three-year entry level contract with the Philadelphia Flyers.

"It's a dream come true," said Brown, following a recent game against Windsor. "My buddy said it's no longer a dream. It's a goal now, to make it to the next level."

"I'm going to work all summer and try to prepare for next season and hopefully crack the lineup there."

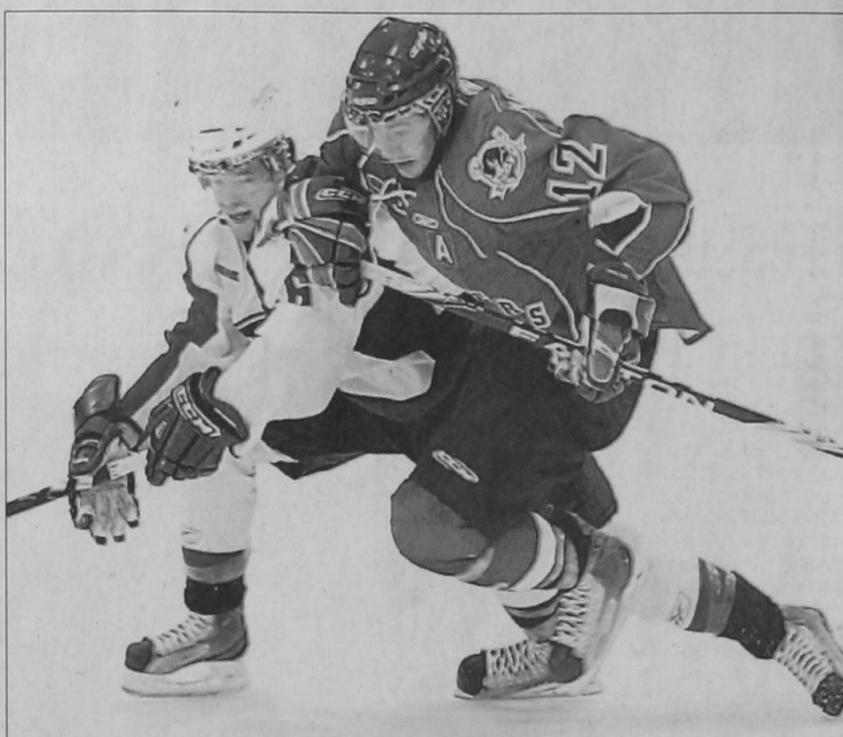
Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci was thrilled that the hard-working, fast-skating Brown finally hooked on with a NHL team.

"It's awesome, he deserves it, he worked hard, he persevered," Vellucci said. "He was a late draft for us and he's playing overage this year. He deserves it, so all the power to him."

Brown did not get drafted when he became eligible in 2010. But he hoped to get a contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins, who invited him to a rookie training camp last fall.

MAKING STRIDES

But when the Penguins did not pursue the Ontario native after the season started, he got



Tyler Brown of the Plymouth Whalers (No. 12) gets the jump on Windsor defenseman Ryan Ellis (No. 6) during a recent game at Compuware Arena.

WALT DMOCH

down to honing his offensive skills.

From the start of the Whalers season, it looked obvious that the time with the Penguins indeed helped his development as a scorer and playmaker.

Last season, he tallied 14 goals in 66 games. This season, through 62 games, Brown's ledger is pretty impressive — 25 goals and 32 assists.

"I had a couple teams looking at me at the start of the season, but I guess they just didn't follow through," noted Brown, hosted by a Canton billet family the past two years. "But during the season I've been playing for the points and stuff and Philly came out of nowhere and the deal I couldn't pass up."

"So I took it and I couldn't be any happier."

The fourth-year Whaler, who just turned 21, smiled when asked what he thought about joining the tradition-rich Flyers.

"They've got a great history, (the) Broad Street Bullies back in the day," Brown said. "They've been a great organization ... I'm looking forward to getting there and meeting everyone and having a good career."

Brown joins other Plymouth players with NHL connections: goalie Scott Wedgewood (New Jersey), defenseman and Farmington Hills product Austin Levi (Carolina), forward Jamie Devane (Toronto) and center Robbie Czarnik (Los Angeles).

WHO'S NEXT?

Another overage player who Vellucci would like to see follow Brown's lead is winger James Livingston.

"I think it's a great message (to other players)," said Vellucci, about how hard work earned Brown a belated reward. "And I think a guy like Livingston deserves one too."

"He's been phenomenal the last two months and if he keeps working like that he'll get one too."

Livingston, who has 21 goals and 29 assists in 57 games, said Brown's contract indeed gives him some hope.

"I'm nothing but proud for him, I couldn't be happier for the guy," Livingston said. "He works his tail off every game and hopefully if someone sees me, that could be my fate as well. So we'll see what happens."

They might have to find a second wall for those photos if this keeps up.

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# Salem runs out of gas in districts

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's bid for a Class A boys basketball district title pretty much got tripped up at the charity stripe on Wednesday night.

The host Rocks lost 64-53 to Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in a close battle that swung the Shamrocks way in the second half.

The teams played to a 16-16 tie after one quarter and went to the halftime break deadlocked at 28-28. But in the third quarter, the Shamrocks began to wear down the Rocks — who lost senior power forward Ethan Walsh to a knee injury in the second quarter.

"It was a physical game and they were bigger and stronger," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "And we lost Ethan Walsh early in the second quarter with a game-ending knee injury which hurt us a lot."

Also hurting Salem's chances was a lopsided edge to the Shamrocks in the free throw department.

Catholic Central drained 19 of 27 foul shots while Salem managed to hit just five of eight tries.

"It wasn't until late in the fourth when they were shooting free throws that it (the deficit) spread as we were trying to dig out of an eight-point deficit," Brodie said.

The Rocks closed the gap to one point with two minutes remaining. But then Kyle Cooper (29 points) hit a triple to put Salem in a bind.

Brodie said another reason for the defeat was Catholic Central's advantage on the glass. The Shamrocks out-rebounded Salem 38-22



Salem's Tyler Stewart (No. 21, left) goes up for the basketball along with an unidentified Novi-Detroit Catholic Central player on Wednesday night.

"which also told he tale of the game. We needed everyone to play well to beat a team of this caliber."

Tyler Stewart (15 points, four assists), Zinovy Pelekh (15 points) and Grant Bettner (14 points) all reached double figures for the Rocks, who finished the season with a 14-8 record.

"(It was a) tough night, but the kids fought valiantly and overall had a nice season," Brodie added. "... (They) can be

proud of how well they played, being in every game until the end except once."

Had Salem prevailed, it would have set up a district final against Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rival Canton (who defeated Novi 50-42 on Wednesday).

Instead, the Shamrocks and Chiefs will play 7 p.m. at Novi Friday night for the district championship.

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JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's varsity girls basketball team defeated Farmington Hills Mercy Thursday night to win the Class A regional championship. Team members, shown with their trophy, are: (back row, from left) Kayla Bridges, Rachel Winters (No. 10), CarolAnn Sexauer, Jesse Larner, Gabby Malec, Kari Schmitt, Paige Aresco, Kiara Schneider; (kneeling, from left) Sara Schmitt, Robyn Mack, Emma Samulski (coach Brian's 4-year-old daughter), Melanie Pickert and Shannon Perry.

## CHIEFS

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and that's what we've been stressing all year.

"We defend, rebound, make easy shots and get to the free-throw line. I thought the kids did a good job that. All the credit goes to them for doing that."

### WINNING WITH PATIENCE

The Chiefs dominated the offensive glass in the first half; they got nearly every 50-50 ball and a lot of rebounds. That helped them establish an early lead, and they were up 22-13 at halftime.

"Once they get the lead, they have that ability to be very patient in the half court," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "That's their style. They're going to go inside first and score or get to the free-throw line. They don't take a lot of outside shots."

"Our goal was to mix it up defensively because, if you lock in on any one defense too long, they'll start to pick you apart. They adapt to whatever you do. In terms of a half-court

game, I think they're about as good as you get at both ends of the floor."

Canton seemed well on its way to winning when it scored the first nine points of the third quarter. Mack made the team's only three; Kari Schmitt scored from the wing, and Bridges sank four straight free throw to make it 31-13.

But the Marlins had some success with their defensive pressure, scored 18 of the final 23 points and got within five at the end, 36-31.

Janelle McQueen, who led the Marlins with 14 points, scored 10 in the third quarter, including a pair of triples.

For the game, freshman Candice Leatherwood added eight points, seniors Lauren Reinhold and Abbey Lovat five apiece.

"We knew they were going to make some kind of run at us," Samulski said. "We knew they could shoot the ball. I thought we defended well and buckled down when we needed to and got after it."

Canton reasserted itself to start the fourth. Sara Schmitt and Mack made one free throw each around a basket by

Kari Schmitt to push the lead by back to nine, 40-31. The Chiefs iced the win with their half-court passing and foul shooting.

"We made a nice run and had the tempo going our way," Morris said. "You have to give them credit; they weathered the storm. After they went up six, we had a couple good looks to get it to four and didn't do that."

Mercy made 5-of-10 free throws and shot 38 percent (13-of-34) from the floor with four threes. Canton made 11-of-43 field goals for 26 percent.

"It's no surprise they did what they did," Morris said. "Brian knows that's a special group he has there. I'm real proud of our kids. They competed hard as they have all year."

"Our execution just wasn't good enough to beat an outstanding team like Canton that is so well-coached."

"It's a great group," Samulski said. "We have five seniors and Robyn. Those six have played in a lot of big games. You don't have to say a whole lot to them. They know what has to be done to take care of business."

# PCA girls bow out in regionals

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian's varsity girls basketball team just couldn't score enough down the stretch Tuesday night to keep the season alive.

The Eagles lost 46-39 to Southfield Christian in a Class D regional semifinal at Oakland Christian, unable to keep their opponent down after a low-scoring first half (PCA led 16-11 at the break).

The teams were tied 27-27 entering the fourth, but PCA sputtered down the stretch — getting outscored 20-12. Charity Godbold scored 23 points for the victors.

"I thought we just seemed to struggle in this game," PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said. "We never really got into a good flow offensively. (But) we played well defensively as a team."

Probably the best defender

for the Eagles was sophomore Karen Windle (seven rebounds, six steals), who Gerulis said "worked very hard on defense for us and distributed the ball well."

But the defeat marked the end of the PCA careers of seniors Brianna Harris and Bethany Hale.

Harris scored six points and pulled down five rebounds in her PCA finale while Hale chipped in with two points.

"We will miss our two seniors next year," Gerulis said. "Bethany Hale and Brianna Harris were both a huge part of this team's success."

The Eagles finished 17-5, winning their division in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference and going on to win a district title. PCA's last loss was its only loss to a Class D school all season.

"I am very proud of my team, they had a great season,"

Gerulis added. "It was hard to end on a night when the team as whole didn't have their best game."

Now the team will flip the script and look toward 2011-12. Two freshmen who will play a key role next season, Jenny Malcolm and Emily Gerulis, each scored 12 points and registered 11 rebounds against Southfield Christian.

"Jenny Malcolm and Emily Gerulis stepped up and both had very strong games on both ends of the floor," the coach said. "They certainly didn't play like freshmen (Monday) night."

Also having a solid game in defeat for PCA was Jenna Abraham, who scored five points.

"We are very young now and I expect great things from this group of kids," Carol Gerulis said.

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## CANTON

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Then came Tammaro's first clutch moment. Just about 20 seconds after CC junior David Racey had to leave due to an elbow injury following a hard fall at one end of the gym, Tammaro scored a layup off an inbounds pass and hit a foul shot to make it 15-14 Shamrocks at the break.

Catholic Central, with key treys from senior guard Shea Kettner (12 points) and junior forward Matt Doneth (11 points), opened up a 28-22 advantage going into the final quarter.

During the third quarter, Canton junior forward Terrell Sewell (six points) provided an offensive spark, scoring on a pair of putbacks to keep the Chiefs somewhat close.

Lever went to work again, scoring his team's first six points in the fourth to cut the margin to 30-28 with 4:40 remaining. One of his buckets was a nifty spinning drive and layup.

Adams delivered a clutch triple — a shot from beyond the top of the arc that rolled around the rim before dropping — to keep the teams close at 33-31.

Two free throws by junior forward Paul Baumgart (four points, six boards) made it

35-33 with 3:01 on the scoreboard, but Kettner answered with a layup.

Canton pulled to within 37-36 with 2:10 left thanks to another hard-nosed play by Sewell. He rebounded a missed free throw and scored on a layup.

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Moments later, however, Canton missed at one foul line and Tammaro calmly went to work at the other.

According to the 6-4 senior forward, there was no place he'd rather be than standing at the free-throw line with a district title at stake.

"I shoot free throws before practice every day for a half-hour and make as many as I can," Tammaro said. "When I went up to the line I was the only person that wanted to be there."

Tammaro (11 points) also made a key three-point play late in the first half to give CC a 15-14 halftime lead.

"Tammaro made that big two-and-one at the end of the half," Dyer said. "And then he came down and made the six layup."

"I'm really proud of his effort. He's a football player, a Division 1 (college) signing and he didn't have to play basketball for us. But he did and he earned his stripes tonight."

Despite the final outcome, Reddy praised his team for

winning 16 games, finishing at the top of the KLAA South Division (albeit with Plymouth) and going to the district final.

He also couldn't leave without saying a few words about Lever, who left the gym floor with moist eyes and arm-in-arm with junior teammate Miles Felton.

"He's probably the best guard to play at Canton, ever," Reddy said. "He's going to be the all-time leader in points, assists and steals. So his legacy is cemented."

**CANTON 50, NOVI 42:** On Wednesday night, Canton's varsity boys basketball team defeated Novi in a Class A district semifinal.

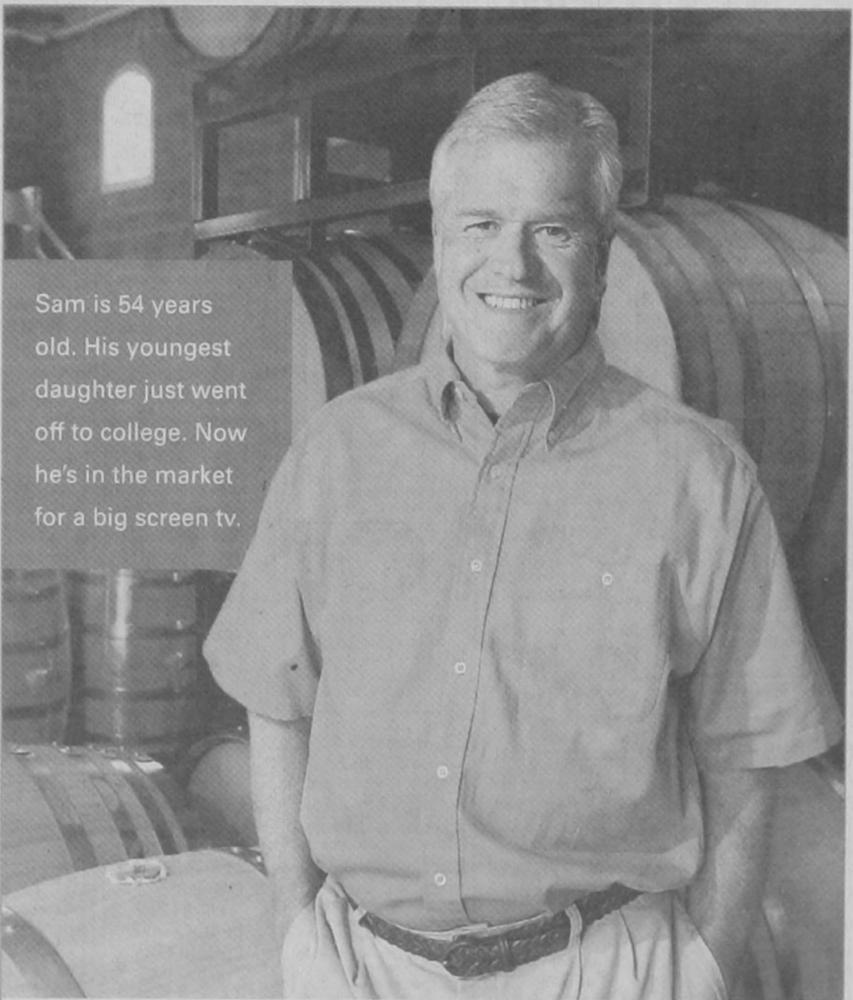
Scoring 23 points was senior guard Dietrich Lever II while junior forward Paul Baumgart tallied 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Brady Sheldon scored 12 for the Wildcats, who finished 18-4 for the year.

"We did a great job of playing our pace and not letting Novi speed the game up," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "They are really good three-point shooting team and we did a great job of making them shoot a contested shot."

Helping the Chiefs (16-5) was a 29-17 edge in the rebounding department as well as only turning the ball over seven times.

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Smiles abound amid participants of the 30-hour marathon last year.

### DANCE MARATHON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

**What:** The largest student-run nonprofit organization at the university raises funds for families with children in pediatric rehabilitation at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Its major fundraiser each year is a 30-hour dance marathon.

**When:** The dance marathon starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 26 and runs to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 27

**Where:** The Indoor Track and Field Building, 1150 S. State Street, Ann Arbor

**Details:** The public may cheer the dancers on during the event or make donations, but must also stand on their feet when they visit. No chairs are available during the 30-hour event. Dance teams engage in a variety of activities during the overnight marathon. The event culminates in a massive line dance performed by all participants

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involved in Dance Marathon of the University of Michigan, (DMUM), the largest student organization on campus.

Joshi, a biomechanical engineering major, joined the group his freshman year after attending an information session with his roommate. The two now are co-chairs on the executive board, a central planning team for the event.

### BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS

"I liked the dynamic of everyone there and what they stood for. And I liked the social aspect," he said.

The organization enables new students to make friends quickly on the big campus. Joshi said some of his closest friends are DMUM members.

Gortat first heard about DMUM while she was at



Students chart up how much money was raised at last year's dance marathon.

Franklin. A best friend's brother was involved in the organization and a DMUM representative talked about the event at a Michigan Association of Student Councils conference that Gortat attended.

The psychology-business major signed on her freshman year. This year she is co-captain of a dance team.

"The great thing is you can become as involved as you choose to be," she said.

Last year her team was paired with an elementary school-aged youngster who used a wheelchair. This year, her new team keeps in touch with an 18-year-old who has cerebral palsy.

"We try to get to know him throughout the year. We write



U-M students perform a line dance at last year's dance marathon.

letters to him and we see him at the family events."

### BOOSTING SPIRITS

That personal connection helps boost morale as the marathon stretches into its final few hours.

So do the myriad activities that keep students busy. Throughout the night they

learn portions of a line dance that comes together at the end of the marathon. They can shoot hoops, study, rub tired feet, eat, stretch, visit the morale-boosting spirit tent, watch performances, meet with their families and compete in team activities.

"There are no chairs in the building and no clocks. No one can have phones. It makes the time go by faster. While you are there it doesn't feel like 30 hours," Gortat said.

Joshi said staying awake for long time periods is "normal" for college students.

"It's more mental than physical, really," he said. "But just knowing you're doing it for a child who struggles every day with simple tasks, it's nothing compared to that."

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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office, staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

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In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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# Find fish dinner, more on Fridays at local churches

The Friday menu at Our Lady of Loretto, a Catholic congregation, claims the church serves "The finest fish fry in Redford" during Lent.

Parishioner Murry Muscat offers even higher praise, saying the annual tradition creates "the best fish fry dinners on earth."

But don't mention that to Ray Johnson, chairman of St. Genevieve Church's fish fry. He says the Livonia church serves "delicious and affordable meals" at its all-you-can-eat Lenten dinners.

"We have added a few items this year including fish nuggets and steamed vegetables," Johnson wrote to the *Observer*. "We also offer a different seafood special every week. This special is prepared in our separate grilling area and features either Salmon or Shrimp."

But what about the table setting?

"One of the things that really sets us apart is that we use china plates and real silverware, with servers who continually bus tables," says Mark Steinhauer, chairman of St. Michael the Archangel's annual fish fry in Livonia. "The last guy in line gets a table and place setting as tidy as the first folks did."

Whether you like baked or fried, cod, salmon or shellfish, china plates or paper, you're likely to find something that pleases your palate at a church dinner Fridays during Lent.

Here's a sampling of local dinners:

- Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford: 4-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent. It offers seven different dinners, ranging from \$4 for macaroni and cheese and \$5 for a fish sandwich to \$8.50 for shrimp with cocktail sauce, dinner roll, fries and coleslaw. The menu also includes orange roughly, salmon, clam strips, a seafood platter and combination dinner. You just want fish & chips? The two-piece dinner is \$7 and one-piece is \$5.75. Both come with fries, cole slaw, tartar sauce and dinner roll. The church's a la carte menu includes pierogies \$4; clam strips, \$3.50; breaded shrimp, \$1.50; batter-dipped fish, \$3 and pizza, \$2. Diners can order sides, such as onion rings, hush puppies and clam chowder and a variety of beverages. (313) 534-9000

- Sts. Constantine & Helen Church's Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, west of Wayne Road, Westland: 5-8 p.m. every Friday in March and April. The buffet dinner features fried and baked cod and fried calamari. Cost is \$8.95 for adults and \$4.95 for children under 10. (734) 525-3550

- Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton, west of Inkster Road and south of Ford Road, in Garden City: 4-7 p.m. all Fridays of lent,



including Good Friday, April 22. Fish may be ordered fried or baked. All dinners include fries or baked potato or macaroni & cheese and a choice of salad or cole slaw, along with a roll, coffee, tea or milk. A one-piece fish dinner costs \$5.25; two pieces are \$6.75; three pieces are \$7.75; shrimp dinners and combo dinners are \$8 each. The church also offers pizza, french fries,

baked potatoes, salad and mac & cheese as sides. Dessert and pop also are available. (734) 425-6720

- St. Genevieve Church, 28933 Jamison Ave., Livonia: 4:30-5 p.m. is senior early bird; 5-7 p.m. is regular serving time, every Friday before Good Friday. The church offers all-you-can-eat fried and baked fish. Each meal includes New England Clam

chowder or soup of the day, baked potato or French fries, coleslaw, roll, punch, and coffee. The menu also includes macaroni & cheese, cheese pizza, and a weekly seafood special. A selection of soda pop and desserts are sold extra. A different seafood special is available each week and includes scalloped potatoes, vegetable medley a bowl of soup or chowder and cole slaw. Both dine in and carry out meals are available. Prices are \$6 for the senior early bird; \$10 for weekly specials; \$8 for all-you-can-eat fish for adults; \$7 for seniors; \$5 for children, 12 and under. (734) 425-4420

- St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia: 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays of Lent except for Good Friday. All-you-can-eat Atlantic cod is fried or baked and hand-dipped in a secret-recipe batter. It's accompanied by macaroni and cheese, fries, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, and choice of beverages. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and take-out orders, and \$4 for kids, 3-11. Children under 3 eat for free. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

- St. Raphael, 31530 Beechwood Street, west of Merriman, north of Ford Road, in Garden City: 4:30-7 p.m. or until sold out. Good Friday hours are 3-7 p.m. or until sold out. The menu includes hand-battered premium Icelandic haddock.

Dinners include choice of potato — fries or mashed — cole slaw, and roll. Coffee, tea or milk included with dine-in orders. Prices are \$8.50 for fish, shrimp or combo dinners; \$7 for fish sandwich plate; \$3 for a slice of cheese pizza meal or \$4 for a two-slice meal. Pop, bottled water and iced tea also available. (734) 427-1533

- St. Robert Bellermino, located at W. Chicago and Inkster Road, in Redford: 4-7 p.m. or until dinners run out, every Friday during Lent. The menu includes all-you-can eat cod and fries dinners which include a choice of fried or baked fish, fries or rice pilaf, cole slaw or vegetable, dinner roll and beverage for \$8. Seniors, 60 and older pay \$7 and children under 12 pay \$4. Weekly specials are \$10. The mac & cheese dinner, which includes a vegetable, cole slaw and a beverage, is \$6. A la carte pizza and mac & cheese also is available. Carry-out dinners don't include a beverage. (313) 937-1655

- Ss. Simon and Jude Parish, 32500 Palmer, Westland: 4:30-7 p.m. Fridays of Lent excluding Good Friday. The menu includes baked or fried fish or shrimp dinners; choice of fries or baked potato, cole slaw, dinner roll, dessert and beverage. Grilled cheese sandwiches and mac & cheese also is available. Adults pay \$7, children under 10 pay \$5. (734) 722-1343.

## REUNION CALENDAR

### Belleville High School Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail [BHS.1971@yahoo.com](mailto:BHS.1971@yahoo.com). If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

### Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on

sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at [Fordson71Reunion.com](http://Fordson71Reunion.com).

### Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its

50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at [billmustangs@msn.com](mailto:billmustangs@msn.com); (734)595-4927 or Nancy at [woloni@aol.com](mailto:woloni@aol.com); (248) 529-6461.

### Detroit Cody Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail [codycomef61@gmail.com](mailto:codycomef61@gmail.com). Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

## Caution: Near tragedy caused by a recalled refrigerator

I think you would have to hire a guy like Geoffrey Fieger to get a new refrigerator from the manufacture. In 2009 Maytag announced a recall of some 1.9 million of their refrigerators which fall under different brand names, Jenn-Aire being one of them.

A few days ago my wife Valorie received an e-mail that informed her that the air pressure in one of her car's tires was low and that was followed by a warning on the dashboard telling

her the same thing. For an old fellow like me it is beyond belief that all of this can be done. How do they do these things and isn't it amazing? How is it that an appliance manufacturer can't do the same when it comes to products that fall under the recall list?

It is reported that there are currently in American homes 195 million major home appliances that have been announced as being defective and possible fire hazards. That number is staggering and most homeowners don't even know they have a defective product in their house. Like the following e-mail I received, they may find out the hard way.

Janis writes: "My friend told me of your recent show and the discussion about refrigerator fires. We have just finished the last of the clean up and painting caused by a Jenn-Aire refrigerator. It was a recall list ... the relay switch was faulty. We woke up at 5 a.m. one morning to find black smoke in the living room and kitchen and family room. Not knowing what the cause was, we immediately called the fire department and they honed in on the refrigerator. It took

four strong firemen to pull it out of the wall and we began to clean. I have been cleaning much more than I thought, as the black soot is so staining. My home insurance has covered the cost of clean up, duct cleaning, wall washing and painting and carpet cleaning. I have been cleaning the interiors of cupboards and contents and the removal and replacing of all the art work etc. for the painters and cleaners. I want a new refrigerator and the Jenn-Aire people told me there was a recall and that is that. Can I get anything from this? I don't know if the refrigerator will survive this breakdown. I would appreciate your opinion, thank you. Janis."

### MY REPLY

I think you would have to hire a guy like Geoffrey Fieger to get a new refrigerator from the manufacture. In 2009 Maytag announced a recall of some 1.9 million of their refrigerators which fall under different brand names, Jenn-Aire being one of them. The relay which is connected to the compressor is catching fire and it is possible to ignite the wall behind the refrigerator. In that case it would have been much worse than what you are going through. You might not have sent me this e-mail. The shame of all this is that homeowners across this country

did suffer tragedy from this problem but we will not hear about it. Law suits will go on, Maytag will pay damages and others will suffer the same consequences for years to come. It's as if the manufacturers use the famous line from the movie, "Gone with the Wind." Frankly Janis, I don't give a damn!

Now, if I built an appliance it would be called a GAGNON refrigerator and I know that many homeowners throw away the registration card rather than send it in, so I would invent something as simple as a beeper with a red light the blinks whenever my appliances were to be discovered with a life-threatening safety defect. I would hit a button at the factory which would in effect make every home aware, "We have a problem."

Now, if I was a judge in our country's court system, I would tell an appliance company president that he is responsible for so many fires and so many deaths and so much damage every year that he will spend the next 20 years locked up in prison. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [appldr@twm1.rr.com](mailto:appldr@twm1.rr.com).

## Kids can mark St. Patty's Day, too

Everyone is a little Irish come St. Patrick's Day, and children are no exception. While kids can't indulge in some of the spirits-induced revelry that accompanies the festivities this holiday, there are many things little ones can do to have a good time on St. Patrick's Day.

Dress in green: Encourage kids to dress and accessorize in all shades of green. For even more flair, they can use face paint to draw shamrocks on their cheeks and hands.

Crafts: From paper four-leaf clovers to homemade lepre-

chaun hats and belt buckles, children can get in the spirit by fashioning crafts that correspond with the theme of the day.

Treasure hunt: Send little leprechauns in search of gold at the end of the rainbow. Like an Easter egg hunt, hide gold-wrapped chocolate coins around the house and set kids off to find the treasure.

Blarney Stone toss: Play a game of "hot potato" to Irish music using a garden rock to serve as the "Blarney Stone." When the music stops, the person holding the stone is

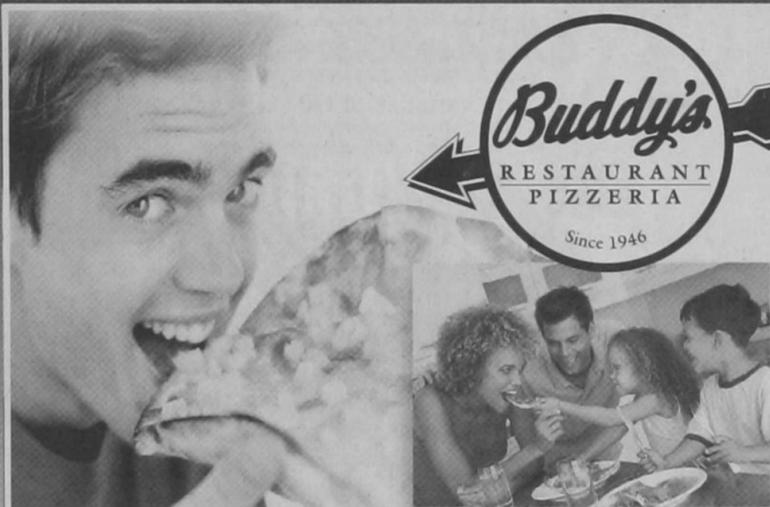
disqualified. Coin toss: Set up a pot or hat and see how many coins each child can toss into the hat. The one who gets the most in the hat wins.

Freeze dance: Play Irish music and children have to "freeze" when the music is shut off. If someone moves, he or she has to sit out.

Baking specialties: Invite the kids to help bake some delicious treats, such as cupcakes with green frosting or Irish soda bread.

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Rescued dogs and their companions await a training session.



Brenda Woody works with rescued dogs on obedience before they are adopted.

# Dog rescue planning fundraiser for new building

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Brenda Woody of Westland runs a dog rescue with a twist — all of her charges take obedience training before they head to their new homes.

Her foster families train with their dogs and anyone who adopts must participate in free classes with Woody's Better Life Canine Center or show proof that they have signed up for training elsewhere.

"The biggest thing we do is training and rehab. We have some strong trainers. They all have different philosophies, but they all work together," said Woody, whose trainers donate their services to the group.

"I try to focus on the dogs that are in front of me and turn them into superstars."

Woody trains some of her rescued dogs at the exercise facility for humans — Better Life Fitness Center in Redford



— that she and her husband own. She also has rented training space at Me and My Shadow, a dog swim and fitness center in Garden City.

"I always have about five or six dogs traveling with me," she said, adding that she also trains dogs at her home.

Next month she'll move obedience sessions into Better Life Canine Center's new location in Livonia. She and her 30-plus volunteers are working to get the building at 36855 Schoolcraft in shape for its first major fundraiser, Push for Paws, from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, March 19. The event, which will raise money for monthly rent, will include a

silent auction, raffle, food, DJ, face painting, adoptable dogs, a parade of dogs in costume and more. Supporters also can donate to the nonprofit organization through its Web site at [www.betterlifecaninecenter.com](http://www.betterlifecaninecenter.com)

Woody plans to create a

"homey environment" for the group's training and home prep program.

"The atmosphere will be really nice. The building has four bathrooms and two showers. I'd like to have a nice couch and dining room table, a bed and dresser," she said.

### NEED FOR SPACE

The new building will enable Woody to concentrate all efforts in one place.

"We're growing by leaps and bounds and my space is limited right now," she said, explaining the need for a new location.

"If someone calls and they've taken a dog of the street, I can't put it into a foster home immediately. I need to evaluate the dog, take it to the vet and then put it in the proper foster home," she said. "For the first 36 hours I keep them with me. I sleep in the living room with them the first two or three days until the dogs becomes peace-

ful and balanced and then we move forward with obedience training."

Strays and relinquished dogs make up most of the group's adoptable canines. Woody offers free training sessions to dog owners who consider giving their furry companions to the group because of behavior problems. She said the obedience sessions avert many of the dog surrenders.

### GETTING TRAINED

"We had a call from someone who said their hound dog had bitten their son. We found out it was a nip and the parents admitted the kid was constantly climbing onto the dog and they weren't correcting it. I have a trainer lined up to work with them for free," Woody said. "We have tons of those kinds of situations. People call with fundamental issues and they need guidance."

Woody started rescuing

strays on her own some 15 years ago. She organized the nonprofit organization and recruited volunteers three years ago.

"My husband had a dog when I met him. I had never bonded with a dog before — my family always had country dogs," she said. "I couldn't imagine having a dog in the house. If I saw hair on someone I thought, oh, gross."

"But here I am today, the 'dog woman.' It took me two weeks and I fell in love with that dog. It was a blessing because I had been wrapped too tight before that."

Woody hopes her organization with its emphasis on obedience training, can serve as a role model for other rescues.

"I want to help other rescue groups and get on the same page with this. What we're doing needs to be happening in all cities."

### DOGS OF THE WEEK

Janey and Kleaner are two new dogs from Florida offered for adoption by Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption. Janey is a retired racing Greyhound who is learning how to be a companion animal. At her foster family's home she is learning to play with toys and is sleeping on a cozy bed for the first time. She's 4 years old with a brindle coat.

Kleaner is also a retired racer from Florida. He's 2 1/2 years old and has a beautiful blue coat.

If you're interested in adopting Janey or Kleaner, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit [www.greyheart.org](http://www.greyheart.org).



Kleaner, a retired racer from Florida, is looking for a permanent home.



Janey is learning to be a pet in a family home.

### WAYNE STATE'S SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PLAY

The Wayne State University Symphony Orchestra will perform at 4 p.m., April 3, at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, located at 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Comprised of undergraduate and graduate students in the orchestral performance and music education programs at the Wayne State University, the WSU Symphony Orchestra is the premier orchestral ensemble in the WSU Department of Music.

This program will showcase some of the gifted winners of the university's 2011 Concerto Competition. It will also feature two favorites of classical music lovers around the world: Tchaikovsky's deeply lyrical Serenade for Strings and the stirring Reformation Symphony of Felix Mendelssohn.

A native of the Island of Crete, Kypros Markou is Professor of Music and Director of Orchestral Studies at Wayne State University, music director of the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra, and, most recently, the founder and conductor of the metropolitan Detroit area's newest chamber music ensemble, the Detroit Camerata.

Maestro Markou has con-

ducted orchestras throughout Europe and America, including engagements with the Moravian Philharmonic of the Czech Republic, the National Romanian Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Krakow Philharmonic of Poland, the Orquesta Sinfonica de Concepcion in Chile, the Rochester Philharmonic in New York and the Cyprus State Orchestra.

Markou has held conducting posts with the Cyprus Radio Orchestra, the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic, and the Somerset Summer Music Festival in Pennsylvania. He served as director of the University Orchestra at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and as associate conductor of the New England Conservatory Symphony. No tickets are required for this outstanding event. Donations will be collected and used to fund the musicians: recommended minimum: \$10 per person, \$25 per family.

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**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

William C. and Patricia A. (Holcomb) Tank of Westland marked their 50th wedding anniversary March 7. The couple married in 1961 in Farmington. Their children are Janet of Clare, William of Westland and Patricia, who is deceased.

Their five grandchildren are Michelle, Tracy, Jennie, Scott and Jessica. They also have three great-grandchildren and one on the way. The couple celebrated their milestone anniversary March 5 at the Salvation Army in Westland.

William and Patricia Tank of Westland on their wedding day in 1961.



**FLORENCE E. CLIXBY**

Age 93, lifelong resident of Canton, passed away on March 8, 2011. Only child of William and Annie Avery. Retired cafeteria worker for the Wayne School District. Beloved wife of the late Robert T. Loving mother of Judith Cannon. Proud grandmother of James Thomas Cannon, Barbra A. (Brian) Reis and Lydia Hackett. Great-grandmother of Heather and Sarah and their extended families. Preceded in death by her children William Clixby, Thomas Robert Clixby and Patricia Jo Ann Crossmyer and also by her granddaughter Karen Ann Cannon Mosby. Funeral service Friday 10:00am from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth. Visitation Wednesday and Thursday from 4-8pm. Interment Sheldon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, or Michigan Humane Society. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.



**LAURA LEE CURTSINGER**

Age 76. Born March 31, 1934 to Mary and Joseph Trappano. Survived by daughter Karen, son-in-law Paul, daughter-in-law Laura and grandson Dylan. Married to the late Gerald Eugene Curtsinger, had two children, the late Jerry Curtsinger and Karen Curtsinger. Devoted wife, mother and grandmother who always put family first. A vivacious woman with a great sense of humor, extremely independent, feisty and strong. Before leaving work to raise her children, Laura was a bookkeeper at a bank in downtown Detroit. Loved by all who knew her. Visitation will take place on Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Funeral service will take place on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan. www.hnfhome.com



**THOMAS L. FOX SR.**

Age 85, of Ellenton, FL passed away Sunday, March 6, 2011. He was born in Akron, OH February 18, 1926 and moved to Birmingham, MI in 1942. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 aboard a Destroyer Escort in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of War. On October 7, 1944 he married Dorothy Jean Olin of Birmingham. After the Navy he worked for 4 years in the parts department of a Dodge-Plymouth dealer, and then joined the Birmingham Fire Department where he retired in 1982 after 32 years and moved to Ellenton. He was a member of the Ellenton United Methodist Church. Survived by his wife of 66 years Dorothy; two children, Barbara Ann (Chuck) Fleischer of Grand Prairie, TX and Thomas L. (Terri) Fox Jr. of Fenton, Michigan; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces. Visitation is Friday, March 11, 2011 at 9:00am with memorial service to follow at 10:00am. Mansion Memorial Park and Funeral Home, 1400 36th Avenue East, Ellenton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Sheriff's Youth Ranches, P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, Florida 32064.



**LORETTA N. KUDEK**

March 6, 2011, of Westland, Michigan. Loving Wife of the late Ronald, Sr. Dear Mother of William Cecil Longbeam (Theresa), Loretta Gale Armstrong (George), Lawrence Thomas Longbeam (Patty), & Ronald Steven Kudek, Jr. (Shari). 11 Grandchildren & four great-grandchildren. Visiting Friday 3-9pm. Funeral Services Saturday 10am at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave. Wayne, Michigan. Contributions to Shriners Hospital Appreciated.

**LYNN A. HALL**

Age 55 of Plymouth, suddenly March 6, 2011. Loving wife of David. Beloved mother of Lisa (Darrin) Burek, Kristina and Amanda. Dear daughter of Janet (Gordon) Hodson and Angelo Calcaterra. Dear sister of David Calcaterra. Dear sister in law of Susan Hall. Dear daughter in law of Bill Hall. Visitation Wednesday 4-9 PM and Thursday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial, (corner of Beck) Plymouth. Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mercy High School, 29300 W Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. To share a memory please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

**LUCILLE B. HULSE (LOU ANN)**

Passed away on February 28th, 2011 at the age of 80 years old. She was born on February 3rd, 1931 in St. Clair, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Minnie and Donald R. Becker and sister, Ruth Virginia Urquhart. She is survived by her husband of nearly 57 years, Walter S. Hulse, Jr., daughters, Catherine A. Thompson (Richard), Sara H. Kehs (Kevin), Ellen H. Permoda (Richard); son, Walter S. Hulse III (Helene); grandchildren, Jennifer L. Kehs, Charles J. Kehs (Jennifer), James M. Kehs, Matthew S. Bomberg, Gregory M. Bomberg, Megan C. Permoda, Amy M. Permoda, Jill F. Permoda, Courtney S. Hulse, Amanda M. Hulse; and great grand daughter, Olivia M. Kehs. Lou Ann attended Western Michigan University and was active in the Delta Zeta Sorority. Early on she worked in retail as an assistant buyer and manager in both Detroit and St. Clair, Michigan. Later, Lou Ann was a homemaker and served on many committees for school functions and events and was also a Girl Scout Leader. Lou Ann served on two Guilds in her church; she was active in both Michigan and Alabama Chapters of PEO; and a Board Member of the Birmingham (Michigan) Town Hall. Lou Ann loved to travel with her husband, Walter. She was very talented at needlepoint and made numerous gifts for everyone. Lou Ann loved to spend time with her 10 grandchildren and entertain family and friends. A family graveside service will be held in June, 2011 in Lansing, Michigan. Those wishing to make a memorial in Lou Ann's honor, the family would like to suggest you make a tribute/memorial donation to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or The Salvation Army (www.salvationarmyusa.org) in honor of Lucille B. Hulse.

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**SIDNEY LEPLER**

Age 83, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away March 9, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.



**VIVIAN MARGARITA LIEDL**

Passed away Feb. 18, 2011, at age 87. She was born was born Sept. 19, 1923, in Detroit, and graduated from Redford High School in 1941. Vivian earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Detroit College of Commerce and Finance at night while working for J.L. Hudson, and worked for Detroit Edison from 1950 to 1984. She was active in her retirement, volunteering at the Village Herb Society at Henry Ford's Greenfield Village, the Redford Suburban League and Kenwood Women's Club. A lifetime learner, Vivian enjoyed visiting museums and local historical sites and dollmaking. She worked tirelessly as a Trustee to build the Redford Township District Library in 2004, served as a board member for 16 years, and was treasurer of the library's Friends group for 25 years. She is survived by her brother Louie Leddle, sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Francis Marta, 14 nieces and nephews and 16 grandnieces and nephews. She will be interred at Roseland Cemetery in Berkley, MI.



**JOHN W. McCUISTON**

Died peacefully February 25, 2011, at Fox Run Retirement Living in Novi. He was 92 years old. Mr. McCuiston was born October 9, 1918, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to Minnie (nee Hermany) and Edward McCuiston. Mr. McCuiston served proudly as a Major in the United States Marine Corps during the Second World War. In 1981, he retired from Bethlehem Steel Corporation, where he had spent 41 years in the Detroit sales office. In his last 20 years with Bethlehem Steel, he served as the District Manager of sales. Mr. McCuiston was a member of Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills and a life member of Orchard Lake Country Club. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, he was deeply loved and will be sorely missed. Mr. McCuiston is survived by his wife, Barbara, his sons, Douglas (Sally) McCuiston and Bob (Nadine) O'Brien, his grandchildren, Chris (Jenny) McCuiston, Andrew McCuiston, Patrick McCuiston, Elizabeth (Byron) Busath, Erin O'Brien, and Sean (Diane) O'Brien, and seven great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Helen (nee Hursh) McCuiston, his second wife, Elizabeth O'Brien McCuiston, and his son, John W. McCuiston, Jr. A Memorial Service was held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills. Mr. McCuiston's cremated remains are interred at the Kirk. Memorials appreciated to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60674.

Condolences at lynchfunerarydirectors.com



**THOMAS PATRICK O'ROURKE**

Age 75, died peacefully on March 7, 2011, with his family by his side. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 10 from 4-9 p.m. and Friday, March 11 from 2-9 p.m. at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, in Plymouth on Saturday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m.; visitation will begin at 12:30. Thomas was the youngest of six children, born on February 22, 1936 to Mary and James O'Rourke. He was a student at both St. Cecilia School and Catholic Central before graduating from St. Cecilia in 1954. On May 3, 1974, Thomas married his love, Mary Ellen Daly. Together, they were tenderly devoted to their four children. Thomas Patrick, in true Irish form, enjoyed conversation and camaraderie as a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Gaelic League. Thomas is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary Ellen O'Rourke (Daly); sister, Marge Gilboe; four children and their spouses, Katie and Scott Moore, Molly and Steve Guikema, Tom and Colleen O'Rourke, Erin and Justin Allen; and eight grandchildren, Ella, Aidan, Jack, Megan, Danny, Colleen, Maggie, and James Thomas (due July 2011). He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary O'Rourke; brother, James O'Rourke; sisters, Marie O'Rourke, Dorothy Rosso, and Jane Gallagher. Tom's warmth will forever shine on your windowpane. A rainbow is certain to follow this rain. The hand of this great man will always be near you. And fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

**WILLIAM R. SAUTER**

Age 86, of Livonia and North Ft. Myers Florida; passed away on March 6, 2011. Survived by his wife Dorothy and daughter Marilyn (Gregory) Baroni; grandchildren Dawn (Scott) Lehman, Craig (Kathy) Crawford, Jr., Amy (David) Murray; great-grandchildren Serena, C.J., Alexis, Kacey; brothers and sisters James (Jo) Sauter, Helen (Don) Frasier, Elizabeth (Jim) Gunning along with many nieces and nephews. William was preceded in death by his sister Lucille (Carle) Palmer and brother Russell (Joanne) Sauter. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Angela Hospice, c/o memorial donations, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or American Cancer Society, c/o Memorial Department, 20450 Civic Center, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to: Pixley Funeral Home Godhardt-Tomlinson Chapel, Keego Harbor (248) 682-0200

**DOROTHY I. SAVAGE**

Age 84, March 9, 2011; longtime resident of Farmington; and retiree from the City of Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of the late Robert (d.1989). Loving mother of Sandi (Chuck) Dodson, Terry, Steve (Valinda), Kevin (Cherie) and Thomas (Peggy). Cherished grandmother of ten grand and nine great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Ruth Dennen. Funeral Mass Monday, March 14th, 10AM (in state at 9:30AM) at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Visitation Sunday 2-8PM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington, 248-474-5200. Memorial tributes suggested to the Salvation Army and the American Heart Association. heeney-sundquist.com



**JOSEPH W. WILLIS, Jr.**

Age 90. March 6, 2011. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Louise Willis and his dear son, Joey Willis. Survived by loving daughter Cheryl (Sherry) and Ron Williams. Dearest grandfather of Joe "Buddy" Williams (fiancée Gerri McGow) and Cristin Williams (fiancée Steve Gnagey). Dear brother-in-law of Peggy Smith and Vera Weaver. Dear uncle to several nieces and nephews and great uncle of many. Dearest friend of co-caregiver Mike Camilleri. He was owner of C&J Fasteners for 35 years. Also he was a lifetime member of Lola Valley Lodge #583 and lifetime member of Eastern Star Kindness Chapter #523. He enjoyed magic, playing cards and collecting many, many things including Santa Clauses and playing cards. Donations may be made to Angela Hospice. Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile Rd. Interment Grand Lawn Cemetery. www.neely-turowski.com

**In Memory Of**



**JANET I. CHAPIN**

May 20, 1945 to Mar. 11, 2009  
Within my book of memories are special thoughts of you, and all the many nice things you so often say and do, and as I turn the pages and recall each single thought I realize all the happiness that knowing you has brought. When I recall these memories as I go along life's way, I find they grow more precious still with every passing day!  
I will Love You Forever! Bruce

**In Memory Of**



**BRIAN HINZMAN**

Mar. 16, 1981-July 27, 2007  
Happy 30th Birthday  
We wish we were celebrating your birthday with a surprise party, but we only have our memories now. You are forever in our hearts.  
Love, Your family and friends

**BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU: AVOID WEDDING NIGHTMARES**

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) suggests that brides, who spend months and thousands of dollars planning for that perfect wedding, read contracts carefully and check vendors for complaints. "We receive complaints regularly about wedding misadventures, from the brides dress being ruined by a dirty limo to not receiving photos of that special day," stated Patrick Bennett, Better Business Bureau director of community relations.

Unfortunately, complaints about bridal vendors are all too common. Last year, more than 300 complaints were filed with the BBB about bridal shops, wedding photographers, wedding planners and other suppliers. That doesn't count the 108 complaints about disc jockeys, banquet facilities and transportation companies.

The organization cautions couples to beware of one-day specials, discounts for advance payment and hidden costs as they meet potential vendors. It advises them to read contracts and ask questions before signing anything. Be wary of vendors that ask for most of the fees in advance. Ask about refund policies.

Some common problems:  
Extra fees: Some caterers, hotels or reception venues try to charge extra for "plate splitting," "cake-cutting" or "corkage" fees, especially if you bring in a cake or liquor purchased from another source. Ask whether any fees apply beyond the cost per person, gratuities or room rental, if applicable. Find out whether there are extra charges for champagne toasts, special linens, chair covers, a raised head table or display stand for the cake.

Dresses that don't measure up: Brides have complained to the BBB about bridal shops ordering the wrong sizes and colors of gowns as well as dresses that arrive too late for timely alterations. Others complain that stores cut designers' labels out of sample gowns to make it difficult for brides to comparison shop, an unfair and deceptive practice. Make sure your order specifies new merchandise, sized to fit you and your bridesmaids. Call the shop to remind the staff of your schedule if you don't hear by the promised time.

Wedding transportation problems: Complaints about limousine service include poor customer service and rigid cancellation policies. Don't rely on brochures when you hire a limo company. Ask whether the company actually owns the vehicle you want. Get details in writing. Ask how the company handles problems if you aren't satisfied and what they will charge if you need the vehicle longer on your wedding night. Don't pay the entire amount in advance.

Musician switch: Brides shouldn't rely on a web site, demo tape or phone conversation when hiring a band or other music service. Find out where you can hear the musicians play before you hire them. Ask who will actually perform at the reception and get a written commitment from the band or musician, including the amount of time they will play and what it will cost to extend the time the night of the event.

Photographer issues: Find out when and how pictures will be delivered, whether you will have the option of getting all the images on a DVD or CD, how much time you will have to choose the pictures and whether other members of your family or wedding party will have access to the pictures.

Floral changes: Fresh flowers are a perishable commodity and the final bouquet or arrangements may need to change depending on what's available on the wedding day. Make sure you spell out a minimum size or number of stems in each bouquet or arrangement. Ask how the florist will handle any last-minute substitutions and charges, especially if the value of the flowers actually used is markedly different from what you had agreed upon.

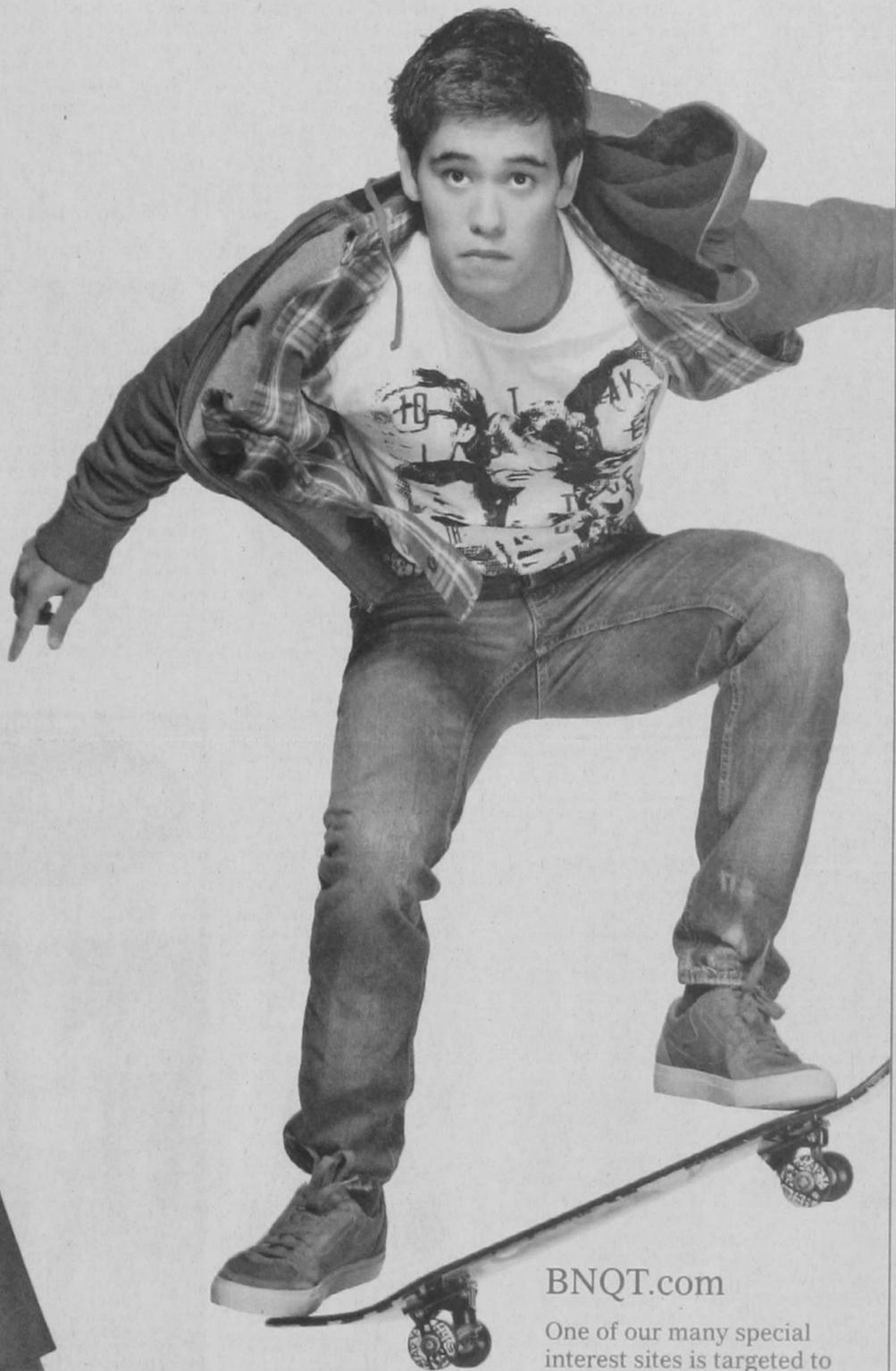
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## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### MARCH

#### Training classes

The American Red Cross is offering nurse assistant, home health aide and patient care tech training classes at multiple classroom sites including 20319 Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, as well as class dates and times, call the American Red Cross at (313) 576-4130 or (313) 576-4120.

#### St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers these programs in March:

- Donate blood from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in the auditorium. The hospital's 2011 blood drive theme is "Be an All Star and Donate Blood." Five blood drives will be held over the year. March's theme is, "College Basketball." Donors will receive a basketball-themed digital clock. To schedule an appointment call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.
- The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Sibling Tour, 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 19. Good sibling preparation can minimize a child's feelings of anxiety and jealousy with the coming of a new baby. Aimed at children, 1-13. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162.
- A prenatal breastfeeding class runs 7-9 p.m. March 24 in Classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. Cost is \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1162 or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."
- A class in CPR runs 6-9 p.m. March 29 in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Instructors will train participants using the American Heart Association's "Family & Friends CPR" course. They'll learn CPR and choking techniques for infants, children, and adults. There is a fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950 to register. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

#### Diabetes Caregiver Class

Grandparents, school personnel, baby sitters, stepparents, and others interested in learning about how to care for a child with diabetes will learn about insulin pens, syringes, calculating insulin doses, nutrition, exercise and other topics in this class, 1:30-4:30 p.m. March 21, at the University of Michigan Medical Center Auditorium, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor. The class will be an interactive and educational session with plenty of time to practice and time to ask questions. The cost is \$18 per person and covers the handouts that will be given at class, the cost of parking, and light refreshments. Register by calling (734) 764-5175.

### APRIL

#### Bariatric surgery

The Michigan Bariatric Institute presents an educational seminar 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 7 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon, will make presentations. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) WHY WEIGHT.

#### Teens and drugs

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, will be presented in two parts next month in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Part one, "What To Know," runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday April 5. It will provide information on understanding

and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part two, "What To Do," runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday April 12. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. The programs are free and open to the public. (734) 973-7892; www.teensusingdrugs.org

## ONGOING

#### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

#### Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

#### Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

#### Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

#### Caregivers support groups

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

#### CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

## Hospital offers less invasive surgery for the esophagus

Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak is one of only a few hospitals in the United States performing total minimally invasive esophagectomy to treat esophageal cancer and various benign and pre-cancerous disorders of the esophagus.

A total minimally invasive esophagectomy is a procedure performed entirely through 1-centimeter incisions in the upper abdomen and chest. A long, thin camera is inserted, and the surgeon, operating with the aid of a video screen, uses specialized instruments to remove the diseased esophagus and bring the stomach into the chest, to replace the removed section of the esophagus.

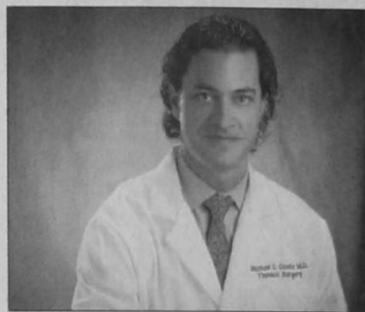
This less invasive approach offers many advantages. Smaller incisions minimize post-operative problems with pain, swallowing and pneumonia. Complication rates and recovery time are reduced compared to standard techniques involving a series of large incisions in the abdomen, chest and neck.

Dr. Michael Coello, co-director of Beaumont's Center for Reflux and Esophageal Cancer Prevention and assistant

professor of surgery at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, is one of four highly specialized thoracic surgeons at Beaumont, Royal Oak trained to perform total minimally invasive esophagectomy.

"Our goal is to perform not only a good, sound operation for cancer, but also to do it in a way that is easier on the patient with less pain and a quicker recovery. We hope to improve survival for people diagnosed with esophageal cancer by reducing complication rates and recovery time, and allowing patients to better tolerate aggressive multimodality therapy - a combination of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy," Coello stated.

The esophagus has the fastest growing incidence rate of all cancers in the western hemisphere. Gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD, which is becoming more prevalent in the United States, is a major risk factor for the development of esophageal adenocarcinoma, a particular type of cancer that has increased 350 percent in recent years. According to the American Cancer Society,



Coello

esophageal cancer accounted for 16,640 new cases and 14,500 deaths in 2010.

Beaumont's comprehensive cancer program combines the expertise of Beaumont Hospitals with the knowledge and experience of physicians in the Beaumont Oncology Network, the largest group of oncology specialists in the state. The Beaumont Cancer Institute is one of only 47 Community Clinical Oncology Programs in the country designated by the National Cancer Institute to provide patients with access to leading-edge cancer clinical research trials.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Beaumont's Physician Referral Service at (800) 633-7377.

## Four different tests screen for colon cancer

The thought of colon cancer screening makes most people feel uneasy and embarrassed, but experts at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center say choosing to ignore it could cost you your life.

More than 140,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2011 and more than 49,000 will die from the disease, according to the American Cancer Society.

Routine colon cancer screening can save your life.

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month, but raising awareness of the disease and the importance of life-saving screenings is a yearlong effort for Dr. D. Kim Turgeon, associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School.

"We could prevent more than 90 percent of colon cancers if everyone had a colonoscopy," says Turgeon. "The thought of a colonoscopy makes people uncomfortable, but it really shouldn't. There are a variety of tests and preparations available to be able to individualize colon screening to each person's needs. What's most important is to be screened."

Colorectal cancer is the second



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leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, but a screening can identify colorectal cancers earlier, when the disease is easier to cure. In many cases, a screening can prevent the disease because doctors can find and remove polyps before they develop into cancer.

Screening for colon cancer should begin at age 50 for people of average risk. Those with certain risk factors, such as a family history of colon cancer or a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, may need to begin screening earlier and should talk with their doctor.

Screening guidelines from the American Cancer Society include

four different tests that find polyps and cancer:

- Flexible sigmoidoscopy: A flexible, lighted instrument is used to examine the rectum and the lower third of the colon
- Colonoscopy: Considered the gold standard, in which a longer, flexible and lighted instrument is inserted into the rectum and around the large intestine. If colonic polyps are found, this instrument can be used to remove them
- Double-contrast barium enema: A series of X-rays of the colon and rectum
- CT colonography (virtual colonoscopy): A CT scan of the colon and rectum

Additional tests that mainly find cancer include:

- Fecal occult blood test, which checks for blood in the stool
- Fecal immunochemical test, a newer test that also checks for blood in the stool
- Stool DNA test, which looks for abnormal sections of DNA in the stool

To help raise awareness about the disease, Turgeon will answer questions about colon cancer during a live web chat starting at noon on April 13.

For more information about colon cancer or the live chat, visit www.mccancer.org/colon or call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at (800) 865-1125.

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# A Top Career Coach Reveals Her Favorite Résumé Strategies

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For more than 20 years, "Résumé Magic" author Susan Britton Whitcomb has helped thousands of people better manage their job hunts and careers. The job market has changed substantially during this time, but what hasn't changed are many of the obstacles job seekers struggle to overcome in their quest for employment. For example, one of the most common weaknesses people have in the job search is a lack of understanding about how to write a résumé that succinctly tells employers what they can do that other candidates can't.

Not only does Whitcomb help job seekers overcome this problem, she also lends guidance to other career professionals like herself who have their own job-seeking clients. Below are a few of the résumé strategies she shares that have been especially effective in helping job seekers capture employers' attention and secure interviews.

1. Write like an advertising

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2. Connect with the employer by targeting positions that capture elements of your Master F.I.T.™ (Function and Fulfillment; Industry/Interests and Identity; and Things That Matter and Type). These positions should be consistent with your career brand. Who you are should align closely with what you want to do.

3. Zero in on what the employer needs by reviewing position postings, networking (in person or online) or conducting research or informational interviews. These needs can be categorized as TOP issues: Trends, Opportunities and Problems/Projects.

4. Substantiate your ability to do the job and meet the needs by including numbers-driven results. Make an economic case for hiring you.

5. Omit extraneous

information -- employers looking for a sales professional will rarely care that your degree is in Home Economics (list the bachelor's degree but not the subject area).

6. Create multiple résumés for multiple targets -- one résumé will suffice for the targets of sales; two résumés are appropriate for unrelated targets, such as sales and procurement.

7. Position critical information (such as keywords and

accomplishments) in the first third of the page. Briefly summarize or omit dated information.

8. Prioritize the sentences that comprise your job description -- place the most relevant information first and less relevant information last.

9. Spin information to be as transferable as possible. If

an employer needs someone who can make electronic widgets and your background involves only mechanical widgets, refer to your experience with "widgets" rather than "mechanical widgets."

10. Use your résumé wisely -- it plays a supporting role and is not the star of your job search show. Too often, job seekers hide behind résumés, thinking that if they just mail or e-mail enough résumés, a job will materialize. Yes, it's appropriate to e-mail résumés or post them on your target companies' websites. But you must combine these activities with extreme networking. Humans make hiring decisions -- get face-to-face with employers and show them you can meet their needs. This will give you an edge over your competition.

*Selena Dehne is a career writer for JIST Publishing who shares the latest occupational, career and job search information available with job seekers and career changers. She is also the author of JIST's Job Search and Career Blog. Follow her on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/SelenaDehne>.*



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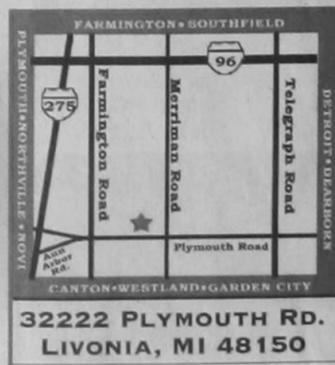
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