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Bowling fundraiser

Community Work Opportunities, LLC, sponsors a Cosmic Bowling fundraiser 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Community Work Opportunities, headquartered in Canton, provides support services to persons with special needs to "promote inclusion, maximize independence and improve quality of life."

Cost for the fundraiser is \$20, which includes two games with shoe rental, two slices of pizza and a beverage. The event will also include a 50/50 raffle, mystery ticket, door prizes and a silent auction.

Super Bowl Lanes is located at 45100 Ford Road in Canton. For more information on the fundraiser, call Community Work Opportunities at (734) 981-3709.

Coffee play

It's titled *I Do: A Wedding Murder Mystery*, and it's an audience-driven production coming 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, to the Shyre Coffeehouse, 7253 N. Canton Center in Canton.

Directed by Tom Mattison, it's a wedding murder mystery show featuring comedic actors who rely on audience participation. Mattison calls it a "classic whodunit" with a funny, modern twist. It's done by local improv actors.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Mattison directs a group called Following Your Heart Players. For more information, Mattison said to send an e-mail to fyhplayers@yahoo.com.

Truth telling

The Muslim community in Canton sponsors a forum, "What is the Truth about Islam and Muslims in America?" 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

The event takes place at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton.

The public is invited, and refreshments will be provided.

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Local canine officers Rocco, Thor, Jethro and Miranda came to honor Pancho. Their human partners are Officer J.P. Page of Flat Rock Police Department, Officer Kenneth Robinson of Canton PD, and Officers Paul Adams and Dave Werner of St. Joe's Security.

Pooch patrol

Pancho retires in Canton K-9 switch

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

He's 11 years old, but he has a nose for solving crimes.

He has investigated armed robberies, home invasions, homicides and drug cases, and he has tracked down missing children.

Pancho, a Canton police canine who tends to draw more attention than his human partner, Officer Bryan Szostak, is hanging up his badge and ending a nine-year career.

"He's ready to retire," Szostak said Tuesday evening, moments before the German shepherd received a tail-wagging sendoff during a Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting. "He spends a lot of his time sleeping now. He's not as eager to get up and go."

Pancho will stay behind at home while Szostak's new canine-in-training partner, Hoss, goes off to work with him.

"Hoss is a good student, but he's got some big paws to fill with Mr. Pancho," said Terry Foley, owner of the Wayne-based K-9 Academy Training Facility, where crime-fighting canines for 58 police departments and hospital security forces have earned their badges.

And, yes, Hoss takes his name after the television rerun character of *Bonanza* fame.



Township Clerk Terry Bennett presents Officer Bryan Szostak and Pancho with his retired canine officer badge.

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It's official: Water rates set to drop

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

As expected, Canton residents will see their water-sewer rates decrease for the first time in 28 years following a sweeping vote of support Tuesday by the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Starting May 1, the 2.3-percent decrease trims \$8.15 off the average quarterly bill of \$351 for a typical household using 32,283 gallons of water. That amounts to \$32.60 a year.

"I think it's good news that our taxpayers and citizens can receive a break on their water bills, which have been going up and up and up every year," Trustee John Anthony said Wednesday.

Anthony, a longtime critic of rates imposed by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, said he remains "cautiously optimistic of what will happen next year" and beyond, yet he embraced the one-year rate decrease.

"It's something our citizens deserve," he said. "I consider this significant because it hasn't happened in 28 years. I never expected there would be a rate decrease, even though it's small. It's great news."

Anthony attributed the rate decrease to Canton's efforts — earlier outlined by Municipal Services Director Tim Faas — to rein in expenses that declined or remained flat for water-system operations and maintenance, water billing, capital costs and a workforce restructuring. Supervisor Phil LaJoy agreed.

"I think it's important, especially in these (economically challenging) times," LaJoy said, adding later, "We're making sure we're managing the system well, so we've been able to give people a little bit of a break."

Meanwhile, Faas said the township has ramped up its education efforts to try to convince water consumers with automated irrigation systems to water lawns between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. Shifting lawn-watering to those hours could ease water-sewer rates by shifting usage away from peak daytime hours.

Faas said township employees have placed notices on doors of water consumers, especially on Canton's west side, where newer subdivisions have been built.

"That's where most of the (automated) irrigations systems are," he said.

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Interfaith group follows 9/11 event with debut health fair

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

After marking the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks by assembling diverse religious groups at the Canton Mosque, a group dubbed Interfaith Community Outreach has unveiled its next project by announcing a free health fair for adults who lack enough insurance coverage to pay for basic health screenings.

ICO, representing a patchwork of faith-based groups in Canton and Plymouth, has confirmed the

health fair for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon north of Ford Road, in Canton.

ICO has spearheaded the health fair as a way to broaden its efforts to pool resources of faith-based organizations to strengthen and serve the community.

"We serve the community by working together in faith and helping others," ICO member Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said.

Area residents who have no

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Not quite



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orchard Lake St. Mary's infielders get out of the way after tagging out Canton baserunner James Hall during Tuesday's second game of a non-league twinbill. The Chiefs swept the Eaglets. For details, please turn to sports, page B1.

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PANCHO

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In the spotlight Tuesday, Pancho gracefully accepted his retirement badge and a year's pass to Canton's dog park from township Clerk Terry Bennett, then promptly flopped down on a new doggie bed Szostak bought for him.

Pancho earned whimpers of support — or was it envy? — as Canton police canine Thor, accompanied by Officer Ken Robinson, watched along with their counterparts from Farmington Hills, Flat Rock and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

After the ceremony had ended, Pancho and friends shared a doggie cake made by Three Dog Bakery of Plymouth.

Szostak couldn't count the number of cases he and Pancho have solved together. He recalled one recent case in which Pan-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Every retirement party has a cake, right?

cho tracked down three Washtenaw County suspects accused of robbing a pizza delivery worker, shooting him and leaving him near death on the street.

Pancho and Szostak have searched over 1,500 vehicles for drugs and other crime evidence. When the pair goes to places such as Canton's Liberty Fest or the local Meijer store, it's always the same story.

"The people know Pancho's name but they don't know mine," Szostak said. It's a dog's world, after all.

Pancho has been fearless as he helped solve countless crimes, though he has frightened more than a few suspects into surrender. Szostak's wife, Michele, said it's a different story at home. "He's a lap dog."

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Library ushers in Earth Day celebration

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Imagine a place where visitors can see a live bat up-close, learn ways to combat rising gas prices, get tips for healthy lawns, find tantalizing vegetarian recipes and create nesting spots to attract birds.

It all happens as the Canton Public Library uses Earth Day — Sunday, April 22 — as a springboard for a week of nature-friendly activities and programs for patrons of all ages.

It marks the fourth year of Earth Day celebrations that have become one of the hallmarks of the bustling library at 1120 S. Canton Center Road.

"It's something our community has demonstrated an interest in," Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communica-

tions manager, said. "One of our core values is to be 'green' ourselves. It's part of our mission."

Admission is free, and patrons don't have to register. It's the library's way to promote a green planet and healthy lifestyles as Earth Day 2012 arrives.

Golden called the Earth Day programs "one of our more popular programming series" packed with special events for all ages in the library's Community Room.

Consider:

- Titled "Bats! Owls! Flying Foxes! The Organization for Bat Conservation," a program slated for 2-3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, allows patrons to see and learn about some of Michigan's animals that wake up after most people go to bed. OBC will reveal information about Michigan's native nocturnal creatures and how they develop tools for survival. The presentation includes live animals.

- "Living Green in Southeast Michigan" is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 23. Grant-on Brooks, communications specialist from SEMCOG (the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) shares earth-friendly projects supported by SEMCOG, an organization that declares Ozone Action Days for the region, sponsors Michigan Rideshare programs to save energy and conducts studies of water run-off. Attendees

are expected to learn how SEMCOG helps in everyday life.

- "Composting & Healthy Lawns" is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. It features Mary Vangieson, department manager of the Wayne County Public Services Department, who shares her experiences with earth-friendly composting and healthy lawn tips.

- "Vegetarian Eating for Everyone" happens 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, and features a local business, Fat Chef in a Little Coat, offering ideas for preparing tasty yet healthy food for those who want to improve their eating habits. The session promises vegetarian dishes everyone can appreciate.

- "Attracting Backyard Wildlife" is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 26. It's intended for people who want to attract birds and other creatures to their yards by using feeders, houses, baths and other items. Attendees will create their own nestball to attract nesting birds. Children should be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

- The movie *The Lorax*, the 1972 animated version of the Dr. Seuss story, caps the weeklong Earth Day celebration 4-5:15 p.m. Friday, April 27, with a special screening.

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health coverage or who lack sufficient insurance may attend to receive screenings for diabetes, blood pressure, heart issues, dental hygiene, impaired vision and potential urology problems, among other issues, Graham-Hudak said.

Getting help

Social workers plan to attend to help uninsured people learn ways they might seek additional help, she said, and the health fair includes informational sessions on topics ranging from nutrition to yoga.

ICO's health fair has drawn numerous sponsors such as Christ the Good Shepherd Church, Geneva Presbyterian, Hindu Balagokulam, Muslim Community of Western Suburbs, the Singh Sabha (Sikh) Gur-

dvara of Michigan, St. Thomas a'Becket Church, Oakwood Hospital and the Canton Community Foundation (CCF).

Anyone who plans to attend is urged to sign up by sending an e-mail to plymouthcantonico@yahoo.com or by picking up a flier at the sponsor locations.

The health fair comes after CCF commissioned a study in 2010 by two University of Michigan master's-degree level Ross Business School students who found a need for free, charity health care in the Canton area, despite misconceptions by many that there isn't a need for help in the community.

"There is definitely a need to have access to have (free) health care and affordable health care," CCF President Joan Noricks said.

Faith based

During the 9/11 remembrance hosted last Septem-

ber by the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs at the Canton Mosque at Palmer and Lotz, many attendees indicated they hoped the Interfaith Community Outreach group would continue to sponsor events linking diverse faith-based groups together to improve the community.

The 9/11 event also included a food and clothing drive to help the community at large.

Graham-Hudak said anyone who wants to donate to ICO to support its community outreach programs may do so through the Canton Community Foundation, where a fund has been established.

Donations may be sent to Interfaith Community Outreach, c/o Canton Community Foundation, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton, MI 48187.

For more information on ICO, go to www.ico-canton.byethost22.com.



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Date/Time: Saturday, April 28, 1-4 p.m.

Location: Showroom of Elegance, 6018 Canton Center, Canton

Details: As wedding season approaches, Showroom of Elegance has decided to host a "Mix and Mingle: Strolling Bridal Fashion Show and Mini-Expo." More than 10 vendors will take over the building, providing information to help brides plan their special day. Models wearing the latest fashions in bridal gowns and bridesmaid's dresses will be strolling through the crowd, provided by Diane's Dream Brides of Livonia. Admission is free for everyone. Vendors include You're The Bride event planner, Shea Sounds, Vintner's Canton Winery and more.

Contact: RSVPs recommended (though not required) at (734) 207-1906

BIGGEST LOSER

Date/Time: first weigh-in Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.



Players in 'Woods'

Spotlight Players presents the Steven Sondheim musical 'Into the Woods' April 20-22 and April 27-29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. 'Into The Woods' intertwines the plots of several Brothers' Grimm fairy tales with an original story of a childless Baker and his Wife, who set the plot in motion by attempting to reverse a curse on their family in order to have a child. The cast features a variety of actors from the Canton and Plymouth area. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students under 19.

Location: Salem High School gym

Details: Fitness and Sports Performance sponsors its second Biggest

Loser contest. Anyone age 18 and older is eligible, and can enter as individuals or part of a team. The

team that loses the largest percentage of body weight in the six-week contest wins \$1,000. A donation of \$1 per pound lost will be donated to "No Student Athlete Left Behind." One perk to the contest: Unlimited participation in "boot camps" at Salem High School.

Contact: For more information, visit www.fitnessandsportsperformance.com or call (734) 255-0103.

ALL SAINTS EVENT

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 18, 6-8 p.m.

Location: All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren in Canton

Details: All Saints Catholic School hosts an open house for prospective families. Parents who are interested in learning more about All Saints can tour the school and meet faculty, staff and parents of current students. All Saints boasts a modern facility with "smart board" technology for every grade, all new computers and workstations, and a mobile computer lab with 30 netbook computers. The school also maintains an average class size of 21 students and offers a variety of activities and leadership opportunities for all grade levels.

Contact: Visit www.allsaints.c

com or call (734) 459-2490.

PROM DRESS SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to noon.

Location: Plymouth High School

Details: The second annual Prom Dress Sale is looking for donations of long or short formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses. Any items to be donated can be dropped off in the general office at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton. Last year, more than 100 girls went home with a dress.

Contact: Lisa Bernages, (734) 582-5553

SLAVENS COFFEE

Date/Time: April 16, 5-6 p.m.

Location: Daydream Cafe, 47192 Michigan Ave., Canton

Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

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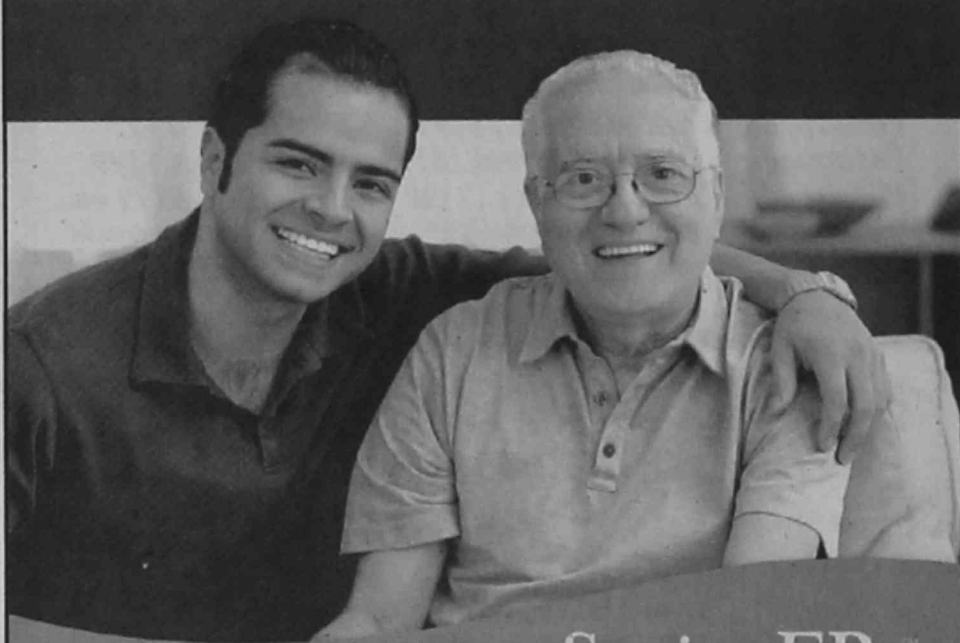
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Woman claims ex-boyfriend stabbed her, fled

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A 22-year-old Canton woman told police her ex-boyfriend stabbed her Sunday morning in the left buttocks area, in what police described as a non-life-threatening injury.

Police received a call shortly before 9 a.m. Sunday from St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where the woman was treated and released following a domestic dispute, Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. According to the victim, the incident happened while her ex-

boyfriend was visiting her on Edinburgh, in the Village Squire apartment complex northwest of Lotz and Ford roads. The woman told police the accused suspect, who fled the scene, had permission to visit her apartment, Schreiner said. "Officers were called to St.

Mary Hospital to meet with a victim who was there for injuries she said were caused during an (alleged) assault," Schreiner said. The woman told police she had been stabbed in the left buttocks area. She told authorities the alleged assailant was

her 23-year-old former boyfriend. The man fled the scene and hadn't been arrested early this week. Schreiner said it is believed the man has several warrants out for his arrest.

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CRIME WATCH

Postal fraud

1 Canton detectives were continuing to investigate a postal fraud case with help from U.S. Post Office authorities.

The case unfolded after a Canton resident notified police Tuesday, April 3, after a suspicious vehicle approached mailboxes in the Cherry Hill-Beck area. Police stopped the vehicle and began to question the driver and passenger until the driver suddenly sped off, according to a police statement.

Police pursued the suspect's vehicle to a shopping center parking lot near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center, where the two suspects ran from the vehicle and were caught following a chase on foot. One was Tasered by a pursuing officer.

Police found in the vehicle what was described as a large amount of items that appeared related to criminal activity.

TVs taken

2 One suspect was arrested and another was cited for reckless driving after an incident involving the theft of two televisions from the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue just west of Belleville Road.

The incident happened about 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 4.

A police officer went to Walmart following reports from loss prevention employees that a suspect tried to flee the store with two televisions. As an officer arrived, he saw employees pointing toward a fleeing black Toyota vehicle. The officer stopped the vehicle, which had reportedly nearly hit a pedestrian.

According to a police report, the suspect accused of taking the TVs left the store and was approached by employees. He threw punches and knocked a female worker to the ground and stepped on her arm before fleeing the building, the report said.

One suspect was arrested for stealing the televisions. The other was cited for reckless driving.

Home invasion

3 A man told police someone took several items included a .32-caliber, six-shot revolver from his residence in the 1800 area of Rector Court, southeast of Palmer and Canton Center, sometime Friday or Saturday.

The man said someone stole his DVD player case



just inside the front door of his residence. He had placed inside the case a DVD player, a passport, a taxi driver's license, a GPS unit, medical papers and the gun, which had five rounds in it.

He questioned his grandson, who had company over, but the grandson knew nothing about the theft.

Window smashed

4 A police report said the front entrance window of Cottage Inn Pizza, on Canton Center near the intersection of Sheldon Center, was found smashed out short-

ly before 8 a.m. Monday.

A caller notified police of the incident. Police found what was described as a large boulder just inside the door. The owner came to the scene and reported a 42-inch television was missing.

Car chase

5 Police called off a vehicle chase after a female driver led officers at speeds of 70-90 mph following a stolen car incident that led to the pursuit shortly before 3:30 a.m. last Thursday near on south I-275 near Ford Road.

The incident began in Plymouth Township and Canton picked up the pursuit, according to a police report.

The woman, driving a silver Saturn Vue, reportedly changed lanes a few times on I-275 and hit the brakes in an erratic manner. Another officer joined the case at southbound I-275 at Michigan Avenue.

The woman got off the interstate and led police at speeds of 70-90 on eastbound Ecorse Road before authorities terminated the chase, a police report said.

Bad checks

6 A suspect police say had previously passed counterfeit checks at the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue just west of Belleville Road could be facing charges following an incident that happened Tuesday, April 3.

Loss prevention employees reported the suspect had returned to the store and another suspect's vehicle was in the parking lot.

Police questioned a man in the parking lot who was evasive. Police noticed him destroying what appeared to be evidence related to the incident. Moreover, the sus-

pect refused to follow the officer's directions and then resisted the officer both verbally and physically.

Officers subsequently recovered multiple items of evidence that appeared related to criminal activity previously reported by Walmart. The investigation was continuing.

Larceny warrant

7 Police stopped a driver on Michigan Avenue east of Denton around 8 p.m. Friday after checking a license plate and realizing the car owner was wanted for a felony warrant out of Ypsilanti for larceny from a building, a police report said.

An office smelled a strong odor of marijuana after making the stop, though none was found in the vehicle.

The man was turned over to Ypsilanti authorities, who found marijuana hidden in his clothing when a search was conducted at the police station, a report said.

The suspect was cited for possession of marijuana in Canton and was in custody in Ypsilanti for the warrant there.

Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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Former Plymouth resident named a 'nightingale' for nursing excellence

Caroline Trapp of Farmington Hills and formerly of Plymouth is a winner of a Nightingale Award for Nursing Excellence in the category of Education and Research.



Trapp

Each year, Oakland University's School of Nursing and its Board of Visitors honor Michigan's top nurses in eight different categories at the Nightingale Awards for Nursing Excellence. This prestigious event, the only one of its kind in the state, will be held on May 10, at the San Marino Club in Troy. The ceremony to recognize Trapp and the other winners is open

to the public.

Trapp is the first nurse to be employed by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, and has been creative and effective in establishing many new programs.

She oversaw the production of (and had a role in) a three-hour nutrition education DVD designed for people with diabetes, which received the prestigious "Favorably Reviewed" seal from the American Association of Diabetes Educators. The DVD was turned into a program that aired on PBS stations nationwide.

Additionally, Trapp wrote a companion education manual, and has now trained more than 100 instructors, including

a number of nurses, who are offering the "Food for Life: The Power of Food for Diabetes Prevention and Treatment" program across the country.

Over 700 nurses, physicians and administrators as well as family members and supporters will attend this year's awards ceremony which features an authentic Italian sit down dinner and silent auction.

High bidders at the auction could go home with a Saks Fifth Avenue Beauty Party, OU Bronze Golf Access membership for Katke-Cousins course, \$200 gift certificate to The Lark Restaurant, Franklin Athletic Club membership, tickets to a University of Michi-

gan football game or other exciting items. Back by popular demand, Cindy Canty will once again emcee this year's awards ceremony.

Each winning recipient receives a check for \$1,000, a bronze statue of Florence Nightingale and a pin. Nominees were nominated by their peers, supervisors, friends or patients for their superior service and contributions.

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Don't hoard, but some records are important

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Now that tax season is behind us, one issue that always comes up is how long should tax records be saved. In fact, it's the broader question as to how long people should save records in general.

Many people tend to be pack

rats and save everything. I believe that saving too many records is probably

just as bad as not saving enough. After all, people who save too many records find that if they ever need them, they can't locate them. Here are some general rules that apply to the great majority of people.

When it comes to your tax return, generally, the IRS can audit you up to three years after you've filed your return. Therefore, if you filed your 2008 return April 15, 2009, that audit period is basically over. The one exception is if you understated your income by 25 percent or more, in that case the IRS can go back six years. Because of that, I generally recommend that people save their tax records — and backup documentation — for at least six years.

That doesn't mean you may not want to keep copies of the return itself. I generally tell people they should save their return, however, after a six-year period there is no reason to save the backup documentation.

There is, however, one document that should be retained for a longer period of time and that is Form 8606. This is the form used to report non-deductible IRA contributions. I recommend saving this document until you've withdrawn all the money out of the non-deductible IRA.

There are two main reasons to save backup documentation. The first is for tax purposes. The other is to prove that you made a payment on something. Therefore, the issue is how long should you save things like utility and cable TV bills and other types of recurring bills. My general rule is when you get your next statement, if it shows that there was no previous balance it means that you can destroy the previous statement. There is no reason to save utility or cable TV bills for years. It makes no

sense and creates clutter.

When it comes to things like loans, save the documentation until the loan is paid off. Once the loan is paid off, save proof that the loan has been satisfied.

In regards to ATM receipts and bank deposits, save documentation until they appear on your statement. Once they're on your statement, there is no reason to save the receipts. As for bank statements, I generally recommend saving for a one-year period.

With mutual fund statements, save your current statement until the next one arrives. The statements are cumulative for many mutual funds and they show year-to-date. Therefore once you get your March statement and you check it for accuracy, you can destroy the February statement. The only statement I save long term is the year-end statement, which gives the total investment activity for the year. There is no need to save the statements once the investment is sold.

Everyone needs to keep a permanent file of important documents used throughout a lifetime. In this file should be birth certificates, estate planning documents, life insurance policies and a list of your professional advisers. This is a file that family members will need to access if something should happen to you. It's a good idea to keep of list of where all your investments are kept. This will make things easier on your family.

One last note. When I talk about destroying documents, I mean shredding them, not tearing them up and throwing them in a wastebasket. Identity theft is still a major problem in this country and there's no reason to make it easier on the crooks. If you don't have a shredder, buy one and use it.

I know people who have file cabinets full of old records. When I ask why, they can't give me a good answer. The bottom line: there is no good answer. So do some spring cleaning. Go through your records and shred what you don't need. There's an old adage that states less is more and I certainly believe that applies in this situation. Good luck!

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

Bentley sweethearts marry after 48 years

"I met him on a Monday and my heart stood still
Da doo ron ron ron, da doo ron ron
Somebody told me that his name was Bill
Da doo ron ron ron, da doo ron ron"

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Those lyrics from the 1963 song *Da Doo Ron Ron* by the Crystals will play Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, former site of Bentley High School, as Claudine (Buck) Lamson walks down the aisle to wed her high school sweetheart, Bill Laslett, after 48 long years.

The lyrics aptly describe the first time Lamson, from the Bentley class of '65, laid eyes on Bill, from the class of 1964.

"It was in 1962 in the summer," Lamson said. "My best friend lived right next door to his grandmother. I was at her house, he came out the door, and I said, 'Who's that?' and she said, 'Oh, that's Bill,' and I said, 'I want to go meet him.'"

The best friend, Nancy (Buchanan) Mantay, introduced the pair, and they instantly became boyfriend-girlfriend. "We liked each other right away," Lamson said.

"And when I walked her home

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron

I knew what she was thinking when she caught my eye

Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron"

But Lamson's father



Bill Laslett, Bentley High Class of 1964, found his high school sweetheart, Claudine (Buck) Lamson, Class of 1965, on classmates.com. The two will marry Saturday at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, site of the former Bentley High School.

didn't like the idea of his oldest child, then just 14, dating at such a young age. So he only allowed them to see each other at Bentley High School, where Lamson started as a sophomore and Laslett continued as a junior that fall, and sometimes at Lamson's house when Laslett helped her dad work on his cars.

Her father did let her to go to the junior prom with Laslett because his grandmother drove them.

The two broke up at the end of her sophomore and his junior years after Lamson's father found out that Laslett lived next-door to Nancy, and they had been seeing each other without his knowledge.

"I wasn't allowed to go there anymore," Lamson said. "I was silly, and I didn't know he really loved me because I was only 15, and he was a greaser. He was a James Dean little greaser; he was too proud to say, 'Don't break up with me.'"

Laslett graduated and joined the Navy. Lamson wrote in his yearbook,



Claudine (Buck) Lamson said part of what attracted her to Bill Laslett in 1962 was that he was a James Dean-style greaser.

"To the sweetest guy I've ever known. I hope you stay that way, and always remember me, Claudine." And he did.

After a 20-year marriage that ended in divorce and three long-term relationships that didn't work out, Laslett saw Lamson's name on Classmates.com in January 2011 and contacted her through the website.

"I must have been looking for her," he said, explaining why he has not remarried until now.

Lamson had been widowed twice and divorced once. She was wintering in Arizona with her fourth husband, but the relationship was rocky and Lamson was unhappy. Laslett was living in Redford. They communicated by e-mail and phone until spring 2011 when Laslett decided to return to her home in Luzerne, Mich., near Grayling, to see if things would work out with Laslett.

Lamson and Laslett met again for the first time since 1964 on April 14, 2011, on Hines Drive in Livonia, where they used to go necking on double dates with Nancy's older brother and his girlfriend in his 1956 Ford without Lamson's parents knowing.

"I got out of my car and he got out of his truck, and he kissed me and that was it. We both knew this was it; it was meant to be."

The magic was still there, Laslett said, of the brown-eyed girl who stole his heart in 1962.

"Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron

She looked so quiet but my oh my
Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron
Yes she caught my eye"

Lamson immediately filed for divorce after returning to Michigan, and Laslett moved in with her.

The wedding, one year to the day the couple met again in person for the first time since 1964, will be the first ever at the Recreation Center, which is decorated with Bentley memorabilia, said Tom Murphy, facilities manager. The memorabilia includes "the big old green B" from center court from the Bentley gym.

Coincidentally, the rec center turns nine years old on April 14.

All 10 of their children — Lamson's two sons and four daughters and Laslett's four daughters — will be there. The couple also has 30 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren between them.

Lamson will wear saddle shoes, bobby socks and a poodle skirt. Her sons, Gene and Ken Dienberg, will walk her down the aisle wearing blue jeans and T-shirts with cigarettes rolled in their sleeves as the song *Da Doo Ron Ron* plays.

Laslett is going to wear a white sports coat with a pink carnation. He will take his place to wait for her as the 1957 Marty Robbins song *A White Sport Coat* (and a *Pink Carnation*) plays.

A sock hop reception for 150 guests will follow at the VFW Hall in Plymouth.

"Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron
Well, I picked her up at 7 and she looked so fine
Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron
Someday soon I'm gonna make her mine
Da doo ron ron ron da doo ron ron
Yes, she looked so fine
Yes, I'm gonna make her mine."

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Regency welcome

The Regency at Canton recently held a grand opening with the Canton and the Plymouth Community Chambers of Commerce. Regency at Canton offers both short-term rehabilitation and long-term care for residents in a serene setting. The building has a one-story floor plan, with 35 private suites and 39 semi-private rooms, all with in-room showers and baths. They are located at 45900 Geddes in Canton. Pictured cutting the ribbon is Allison Maurer, director of Admissions & Marketing and administrator Patricia Sullivan, along with members of their staff and volunteers from both Chambers.

After-hours mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce host a joint After-Hours Mixer 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Red Olive Restaurant, located at 1051 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Reservations are required, and can be made by calling (734) 453-4040 or by e-mail to admin@cantonchamber.com.

Ribbon cutting

North Canton Orthodontics cuts the ribbon on its home 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 11.

The clinic is located at 44633 Joy Road, Suite 300 (on the north side of Joy east of Sheldon).

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040.

Legislative roundtable

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and state Rep. Kurt Heise meet with Plymouth

Community Chamber of Commerce members for a roundtable discussion about current legislation and important issues facing the state 3-4 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the chamber office.

Members will have an opportunity to talk directly with them about issues like personal property tax or other issues impacting your business. This event is only for members of the Chamber of Commerce. There is no fee to attend.

To RSVP please e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call the chamber at (734) 453-1540. Due to space limitations, we can only accommodate 25 people or so. The chamber office is located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

Dinner auction

The Canton Chamber Annual Dinner Auction takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's theme is "Made in Michigan."

Chamber officials called the auction, sponsored this year by Jack Demmer Ford, a "fun night for socializing and networking with key businesses and community leaders in a social setting."

"Our chamber depends on its resourc-

es to subsidize important programming, services, educational development, as well as promote advocacy in the community," said chamber President Dianne Cojei. "Funds raised from the auction are crucial in maintaining our mission to stimulate positive business growth in the Canton community."

Area businesses have been extremely generous with their Auction donations this year, Cojei said, and "we have more than 200 raffle items, which include several restaurant packages, many gift baskets, electronics, tools, household items and jewelry."

Tickets for the auction, the chamber's largest fundraiser, are \$75 per person, which includes entrance to the event, dinner, premium bar, raffles, live & silent Auction, DJ and entertainment.

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 380 attendees and featured prizes from categories such as Jewelry, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Home-style, and Electronics. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd.

For more information on please contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

May luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its May networking luncheon May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The cost for lunch is \$25 (advance member registration) or \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

May's Luncheon will feature guest speaker, Howard (Howdy) Homes, Chelsea Milling Company (Jiffy). Homes won championships, was "Rookie of the Year" at the Indy 500 in 1979. He competed in six Indy 500 events. When he retired in 1988, he held the best average finishing record of anyone who started more than four events.

"We are thrilled to have Howard speak at our chamber luncheon," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce.

May's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Curves and the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Business mixer

The next Business 2 Business Mixer takes place 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Greko Printing, 260 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

There are no fees to pay or groups to join. Participants should bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and surrounding areas.

Future mixers are scheduled at the Plymouth Wellness Center (May); Sweet Bikes in Canton (June); Rock Bar and Grill in Plymouth (July); Karl's Cabin in Plymouth (August); Indigo Salon in Canton (October); Showroom of Elegance in Canton (November) and Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center (December) in Plymouth.

Market president

Plymouth resident Kirk Albert has been named president of KeyBank's Michigan market. He succeeds Tim Gretkierewicz, who was named Key's district executive for business banking in Cleveland, Ohio.

In his new position, Albert will oversee Key's retail, small business, commercial and private banking in Michigan.

Albert joined Key in 1992 and has held a variety of leadership positions for the bank in Michigan in private banking, middle market and business banking. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from The University of Michigan and is a graduate of Leadership Ann Arbor. He is active in the community, serving on boards for Arbor Hospice and the Michigan Certi-



Albert

Township with his wife and two children.

Team of the week

This baseball season, Play It Again Sports is giving young teams a chance to compete for the title of Play It Again Sports Baseball Team of the Week.

The contest, which continues through June, will reward one little league team every week. Parents, coaches, and players are encouraged to nominate their team on the Play It Again Sports Facebook page, [facebook.com/playitagainsportsmi](https://www.facebook.com/playitagainsportsmi) or by visiting PIAS-TeamoftheWeek.com. Once teams are nominated, they will face off in a weekly voting competition. The team with the most votes at the end of each week will be named the Play It Again Sports Baseball Team of the Week.

Weekly winners will be invited into their local Play It Again Sports store for a pizza party where each player will receive a \$10 gift certificate to spend on merchandise in the store. Winning teams will also be entered for a chance to win a grand prize - tickets to attend a Tigers game for every winning team member.

Landscaping gadgets to keep an eye on

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Spend less time working on your yard this year and more time enjoying it by utilizing some of the latest landscaping gizmos and gadgets. From yard cleaners to pool cleaners there are plenty of tech gadgets that can help you spruce up your outdoor space in time for summer.

Garden Groom - This reinvention of the hedge clippers allows you to trim bushes, trees and shrubs without having to rake or pick up the trimmings. The Garden Groom is connected to a vacuum and a bagging device. It also has a concealed blade so you don't slice off your finger when you get distracted by the squirrels. The Garden Groom can be purchased for about \$100 at Garden-Groom.com

Telescoping Sprinkler - This one sounds a bit cooler and more tech savvy than it really is, but a telescoping sprinkler can help you water tall plants without moving the hose every 10 minutes. The benefits of a telescoping sprinkler include adjustable height and, well that's about it. Not the most technologically advanced item you will find in this space, but for \$10 or \$15 the telescoping sprinkler is much better than a watering can.

Self-watering plant-



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

go up to 12 weeks without watering. Water level indicators also help show users how much they need to water, so there is no over-saturating plants and flowers. You can purchase self-watering planters by visiting lechuza.us.

Amazing Rake - Like something straight out of an infomercial, the Amazing Rake allows users to rake and pick up leaves in one motion. You've likely seen contraptions like the Amazing Rake at your hardware store, but this rake is unique. Instead of trapping leaves by folding in half, the Amazing Rake pushes its two shovel-like claws together. It even has the capability of picking up one leave, which would defeat the purpose of actually using a rake - but for \$40, it better be able to pick up one of anything you want.

Pro Handle - If you want to pretend to be the most advanced landscaper on the block, you can attach the Pro Handle to your Amazing Rake and go to work. The Pro Han-

ers - An even cooler water device that you can use indoors or outdoors, self-watering planters can help you

Solar Breeze Pool Skimmer - If you are lucky enough to have a pool and are going to do one thing this summer, it should be to invite me over for a swim. But if you are going to do two things this summer it would be to buy a solar power pool skimmer that cleans 90 to 95 percent of debris from your pool. The Solar Breeze Pool Skimmer is \$499 however it can save money by lowering your pool pump run time by 50 to 66 percent.

Rubber Mulch - Much like the rubber pellets in field turf, rubber mulch is made mainly from recycled rubber and tires. It is softer and therefore safer for kids than regular mulch and is available in six colors from pinnaclerubbermulch.com. And if you're in love with rubber mulch, you can also find rubber patio blocks from your local home improvement store.

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OUR VIEWS

Stepping up

Board race needs wider variety of voices heard

The May 15 filing deadline is little more than a month away yet only one candidate outside of the current board has turned in nominating petitions for the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy has filed for reelection to what would be his second four-year term; no one has filed to run against him. The other candidates who filed include appointed trustee Greg Demopoulos and incumbent trustees Pat Williams and John Anthony. Clerk Terry Bennett and Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin were expected to file this week.

To date, first-time hopeful Joseph Cafarelli is the only newcomer who has filed to run. Former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack has said he plans to seek a trustee position.

That's not much competition for the local municipal board tasked with doing what's best for the township and its residents. Perhaps that's a reflection of residents' satisfaction with the status quo and the job the current board is doing.

That is entirely possible and certainly understandable. The current township board functions well together. There is little, if any, opposition to most decisions and processes. Residents aren't lining up in droves to complain about services, policies or developments.

That doesn't mean, however, that others should not be encouraged to run. Competition is good in most cases and township governance is no different. Varied voices can add different perspectives, and the wider the candidate pool, the better chance there is of high-quality candidates getting involved.

If you're sitting in your living thinking, "I don't know how to be a township trustee," cast the thought aside. Demopoulos had never held public office before; Cafarelli, a retired AT&T communications technician, is launching his first bid for elective office.

A willingness to learn about the issues, the time to serve and a strong desire to serve your community is a good start to any campaign.

School board right to take input

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education did the right thing in scheduling the time to hear from its parents and families on redrawing elementary school boundaries.

Public comment will be taken at Discovery Middle School at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19. The board is scheduled to make a decision at the April 24 meeting. That's a week after what Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes called the drop-dead date for making a decision in time to implement it for the 2012/13 school year.

We understand the pressure administrators will be under because of the delay but hearing from the community is the correct approach.

We understand the urge to get it done. Schools have already begun planning open houses and other "meet the teacher" events for potential incoming students. It's possible, if this decision isn't made soon, kids will be "meeting the teachers" at schools they will no longer be part of by the time September rolls around.

Unfortunately, spring break got in the way, forcing the hearing to wait a week.

When they do convene, the one thing board members can't afford to do is let emotions get in the way of what they think is best for the entire district. Neighborhood spokespeople, particularly from the Bird and Allen elementary families, have already made passionate pleas to leave them where they are.

It may be possible to do that, but it might not be the best thing for all other students. We urge board members to make a decision that benefits the entire district.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you think of negative political campaign ads?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I don't like it. They're kind of biased."

George Rodriguez
Canton



"I'm against negative campaign ads. The GOP has brought the art of negative ads below the sewer level."

Richard J. Bonk
Westland



"I don't think it helps much. It steers me in the direction to learn more about the opponent."

Andrace Deyampert
Canton



"I think it's terrible. I would rather see the candidates build themselves up by saying positive things rather than cutting the other person down."

Marilyn Atkinson
Canton

LETTERS

School closings

If the board was financially responsible they would have closed both schools, instead they closed no buildings.

They have too much capacity, used rainy day money to keep them open last year then hired an outside firm to tell them they needed to close schools.

They need to make the tough decisions instead of trying to hire someone to do it for them and then not do it.

Tim Beesley
Plymouth

Thanks for support

My daughter, Caitlin, is graduating from high school (barring problems in the next two months) and I wanted to say thank you. She is in special education and has been since she was 7. She is graduating. From high school. Graduating.

There were moments, days, and even months that my husband and I never would have believed it. It has been a rough road at times. She has always been different and difficult and demanding. And intelligent and hilarious and delightful.

She has high-functioning autism, also called Asperger's syndrome, which means she has difficulty communicating with people in a "normal" manner. She also has seizures, problems with sensory issues, speech issues, fine and gross motor skills, and has behavioral issues. But she is going to be fine. The Plymouth-Canton school district and our Plymouth friends and neighbors have made us realize that.

So here goes. Thank you to my wonderful neighbors and friends who have helped us with every situation possible. Special thanks to Debby Lyddon, Vikki Jouney, Holly Light, Carol Bachman, the Foleys, and the MacGaws. You are the best.

Thank you to Kathy Descenzo, Carol Carr, and Julie Jones, her first teachers at Bird Elementary. I know she gave all of you gray hair, probably your first, but you were phenomenal. Thank you for your delight in her and your care.

Thank you to Andrea Pfaffenbach at Farrand and Amy Olvera and Becky Mehill at Allen, her first special education teachers. Because of you she was able to relax and be herself. You showed her how to laugh again and how to just be. Thank you also to Mrs. Kline who gave her art and treats.

Thank you to Renee Priest, her special education teacher at West Middle School, who absolutely loved having a girl in her class and who taught Caitlin far above grade level just because she was able to. Mr. Bondy, you dealt often with her behavioral issues. Thank you for your kind and calm demeanor toward her and toward us.

Thank you to all the wonderful staff in the Autism Program at Plymouth High School and all the teachers at the Park who have had my daughter in your classrooms. She just loves it there.

And thank you to Sara Macheski, the best Autism teacher around. You have had Caitlin for five years in high school (Caitlin had an extra year). Even when my husband and I were

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at our lowest, you never gave up. You were, and are, her friend. We will always remember you.

I do not know what the future holds. But it will be OK and it will always work out. You have shown us that. We now know that anything is possible. My daughter is graduating from high school.

Amy Caragay
Plymouth

Hope for those with autism

This is an historic time in Michigan. The deep despair of darkness has been overcome by a new light of hope. This hope shines for the 15,000-plus children in Michigan and their families who suffer under the financial burden of autism.

It is in the form of Bills 414, 415 and 981 that passed in the Michigan Senate on March 13 and now go to the House of Representatives. If these bills are passed in the House, families of children with autism will finally get the assistance they so desperately need. Currently, an autism diagnosis excludes coverage for all therapies and diagnostic evaluations.

For years I've traveled back and forth to Lansing and listened to pleas for help from people directly or indirectly affected by this catastrophic disability. For years I've watched my own son and his wife try to cope with all the problems autism brings to a family. It's not uncommon for parents to spend all they have and even go bankrupt to give their child a chance for a better life. Sometimes with help, these children become taxpaying citizens. Yet even a family of means has a hard time finding help for their child. This is because almost all Michigan graduates who have degrees allowing them to work with children who have autism usually leave our state and go elsewhere to find a job.

Out of 50 states, 29 have already passed legislation benefiting children with autism. They found that early intervention costs are comparatively low. In fact those upfront costs make even more sense when looking at the millions of dollars they would have to spend if the child eventually became financially dependent on government assistance.

Bills 414, 415 and 981 will be voted on soon. However, many members in our House of Represent-

tatives need to be educated before they vote on this important issue. We citizens need to give them a call. They need to hear our voices speak out for those who can't speak for themselves. The time is now!

Lee M. Douglas
Livonia

How is capitalism unfair?

Our president, of the moment, has once again played the class warfare card in, of all places, his whiny, complaining nonbudget budget address. Invoking a typical community organizer rant, he pictured the poor and middle class as not being given a "fair shot."

His threadbare, but constant drumbeat indictment is that capitalism in general and the "rich" in particular have not the poor and middle classes to reach their potential. The question is how does he think this crime against fairness was perpetrated?

Has capitalism not provided the highest standard of living and greatest freedom of choice and expression for its work forces of any nation in the world?

How many workers on production lines outside the United States have vacation homes, travel trailers, not one but two cars and weeks of vacation in which to enjoy them?

As for the rich, that our president constantly denigrates and would like to see "soaked."

Have they not been the engine of production within capitalism that provided the above jobs for the majority of Americans in the private sector?

Have you, or anyone you know, ever gotten a long term, well-paying job from a poor man?

Have the rich not significantly endowed schools and colleges, or provided scholarships to them?

Have the rich not significantly created and donated public parks and playgrounds?

Have the rich not significantly funded hospitals and humanitarian enterprises?

How then, have they robbed the poor and middle classes of what was theirs by "right"?

Our Constitution guarantees only three major rights: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Everything else comes from motivation, self-denial and hard work, not from some newly discovered vote-getter called "entitlements."

Have the Obama-denigrated rich not risked their personal fortunes in creating wealth for others, as well as themselves? Are they not entitled to a significant reward for this risk?

Why then, would we think it only fair, to ask the rich 1 percent, who already pay more than 28 percent (almost one-third) of all federal taxes collected, to be taxed even more as a reward for their achievements?

If Obama can determine how, and how much, capitalism and the rich have disenfranchised the poor and middle classes, we can then legitimately demand that the lost wealth be "redistributed." But, if such oppression is only touted for political gain ... then who is not being fair to whom?

Ed Ford
Milford



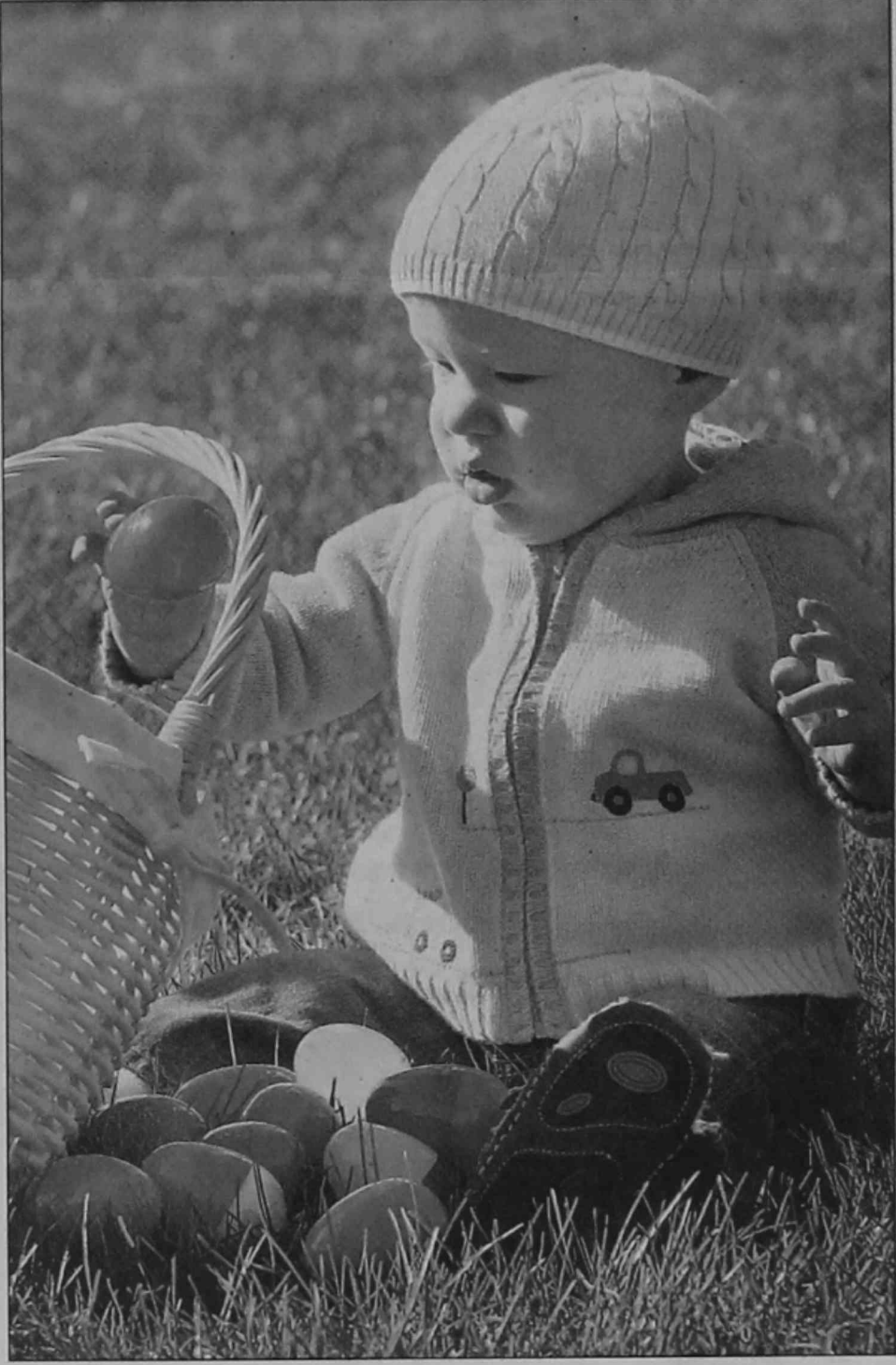
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The hunt is on for hundreds of youngsters at Saturday's Easter Egg hunt in Plymouth Township Park.

Hoppy times!



Logan Harris gets right down to work at opening the eggs to see what he got.



Owen Locke is less than a year old, but he seems to get the Easter Egg Hunt thing.



Angelina Seranian does her best impression of a bunny rabbit.



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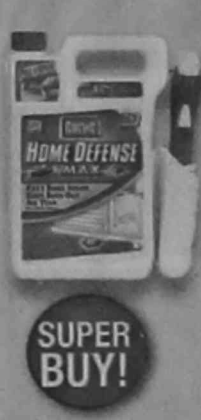


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Benefit supports youth mission work

By Julie Brown
Observer Staff Writer

Los Angeles resident Kerri Pomarolli has her 20th class reunion coming up at Northville High School. She says she was least likely to be a standup comic in high school, and looks forward to performing for NHS classmates.

Another event, "Eat, Pray, Laugh," will bring Pomarolli, 38, to Northville on Sunday, April 22. She and husband Ron McGehee, a Flint native, will perform at the



Standup comic Kerri Pomarolli, a Northville High School graduate, will be back in town Sunday, April 22, to perform at a church benefit.

First United Methodist Church of Northville.

"We have a lot of friends and family around so it's kind of a homecoming," she said of the trip which will likely be made with their children, Ruby, 1, and Lucy, 4. The church dinner at 5 p.m. will be catered by Genitti's of Northville, followed by the 6 p.m. comedy show, suitable for all ages.

Proceeds will support the youth mission trip for the Appalachia Service Project.

Pomarolli earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in musical theater from the University of Michigan in 1996. She was a member of Our

Lady of Victory Catholic Church as a child, with her mom a Southern Protestant.

"I'm not a big believer in denominations," Pomarolli said. She and McGehee find their Christian comedy reaches all: "It's a kind of thing that brings people together."

The couple works as Hollywood comedians/writers/actors, and as Christians keep their performances clean. She may be at a Hollywood club Saturday night and then preaching that Sunday morning.

"We share messages about our

life," she said. "It's a great job. I wouldn't trade it for the world. I don't know how many people can say 'I wouldn't trade with anyone.'"

Tickets for the dinner and show are available Sundays and Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church of Northville, with cash or checks payable to the church. For credit card payment, contact Genitti's at (248) 349-0522. The church phone is (248) 349-1144.

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Samulski opts to return to Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

It didn't take too much arm-twisting for Brian Samulski to do a 180 — deciding to return to coach the Canton varsity girls basketball team two weeks after announcing he needed to step down.

Samulski's wife, Shannon, and their two kids did not want him to stop coaching the Chiefs.

"When I asked Emma (age 5) and Connor (age 3) what they wanted me to do they said, 'Coach basketball,'" Samulski wrote in an e-mail this week to the *Observer*.

"They love coming to the gym and seeing the basketball girls, it's like they have 10 older sisters."

The 35-year-old Canton resident stressed that Shannon also was a major factor in his final choice.

Family support

"My family has been great during the entire



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Brian Samulski, who briefly stepped down as coach of Canton's girls basketball team in late March, had a change of heart. He is returning for his eighth season at the helm and 13th overall with the program.

process," Samulski continued. "Shan is a big reason why I am coming back, she is very supportive and she knows the passion I have for coach-

ing and she reminded me of that."

The roller-coaster ride for Samulski began March 23, when he told school administrators of

his decision to step down after seven seasons as head coach.

After feeling burned out for the first time in a 12-year coaching career

(including five as an assistant), he didn't think he could continue.

Then March 24, he shared his decision with players returning for 2012-13.

"This morning was the toughest part," Samulski said during a phone interview March 24. "What it really came down to was, if I was going to coach, I was going to be coaching not to disappoint (athletic director) Sue (Heinzman), not to disappoint (assistant coach) Bob (Blohm), not to disappoint the girls and not disappoint the parents."

"And I don't think that's a great reason to do it. You got to do it because you got the desire and will to do it. For some reason right now, I don't have that."

But Samulski, 128-37 since 2005 (with two appearances in the Class A semifinals), immediate-

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MU men's golfers second

For the second straight day, senior Nick Sears paced the Madonna University men's golf team Saturday at the St. Francis Spring Invite to a second place finish at Noble Hawk Golf Links in Kendallville, Ind.

Malone (Ohio) captured the team title and led the 10-school field with a 3-under par 569, while MU was runner-up with a 299-304-603.

Malone's Jon Clark and Calumet's Zach Henderson tied for individual medalist honors with two-day totals of 5-under 138 each.

Sears carded a 2-over 74 to finish in fifth place followed by teammates Andy Myers (Westland John Glenn), tied for 10th (77-76-158); David Good, tied for 10th (76-77-153); Nick Corbell, tied for 12th (76-78-154); and Erik Taurence, tied for 21st (82-75-157).

The Crusaders return to action Friday at the Detroit Titan Invitational at Prestwick Village in Milford.

Chiefs heat up, win pair

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer



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Canton pitcher Brent Mattson (No. 35) delivers a pitch to an Orchard Lake St. Mary's batter during Tuesday's second game.

Early returns are good for Canton, sweeping Tuesday's home doubleheader against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Cold wind, and even some snow showers midway through the second game, did not derail the Chiefs, who earned 4-2 and 11-6 victories over the Eaglets. Canton now is 3-1, having split a Saturday twinbill at Dexter.

"For me, despite the bitter cold, both teams played really well," said Canton varsity baseball coach Mark Blomshield following Game 2 on Tuesday. "We played good defense, they played good defense."

In the opener, a two-run double by senior outfielder Mitch Clinton in the sixth snapped a 2-2 tie and the Chiefs closed out St. Mary's thanks to two innings of scoreless relief by sophomore lefty Nick Hazergian.

Starting pitcher Mike Stafford pitched well until getting into some trouble in the fifth, and Blomshield brought in David Blythe who struck out the two batters he faced. Blythe collected the win while Hazergian picked up the save.

For Blythe, who went 4-0 for the Chiefs in 2011, the victory was his second of the young season. He also was the winning pitcher in the win over Dexter.

Clinton's double was his second hit of the game. Also contributing two safeties were Hazergian and sopho-

more shortstop James Hall.

Blomshield credited Hall for making sparkling plays in both games and noted that senior second baseman Greg McCurry also played well.

In the second game, an eight-run second inning opened up a 10-2 lead, more than enough to offset St. Mary's four-run fifth.

Senior starting pitcher Ryan Bazner went the first three innings for the win, followed by sophomore Brent Mattson who the coach said "did a good job pitching out of trouble."

According to Blomshield, Bazner came out due to a high pitch count. But "his breaking ball was sharp and his velocity was better, against a good team."

The Chiefs scored twice in the first inning and tacked on eight more in the second, with generosity from the Eaglets (bases-loaded walk, hit-batsman, error) augmenting RBI hits by Bazner and Mattson.

Against Dexter, Stafford's double broke a tie and gave the Chiefs a 3-2 victory with Blythe winning in relief. Canton lost 8-7 in the second game, despite two hits each by Clinton and sophomore Jake Boucher.

Canton now will play two games at Saturday's Milan Tournament, facing Grosse Pointe North and Milan.

"We're going to spread our pitching around," Blomshield said. "We're going to decide the pecking order and see who can do what."

MU women's golfers 3rd

Michelle Hall's shot 82-81 to tie for 14th as the Madonna University women's golf team finished third out of six schools in last weekend's University of St. Francis Cougar Spring Invitational at Noble Hawk/Cobblestone in Kendallville, Ind.

Bethel College (Ind.) captured the team title with identical 310s for a 620 two-day total followed by DePauw University (Ind.), 317-307-624, and MU, 342-330-672.

Kaelyn Lingenfelter of Bethel and Kelsey Smith of DePauw were co-medalists with 9-over 152 each.

Hall tied for 14th with an 82-81-163 followed by MU teammates Becca Porter, 16th (84-81-165); Chelsea Collura, tied for 23rd (86-87-173); Kaitlyn Brasher, tied for 23rd (90-983-173); and Megan Fleischer, tied for 31st (97-85-182).

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Hopes high for Chiefs

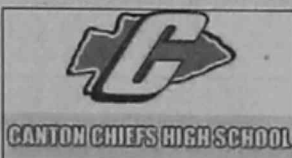
By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The rich could be getting richer, to the chagrin of KLAA South Division softball rivals.

Much of the nucleus from last season's Canton team that reached the Division 1 state quarterfinals is back — led by pitchers Alyssa Boucher and Hannah Warren.

And veteran Chiefs coach Jim Arnold is enthusiastic about seven newcomers who are "new and untested but working hard to fill the shoes of (players from) last year's team. We have confidence they will be able to do that."

Those newcomers include junior outfielders Lauren Liggins, Delaney O'Donnell, junior first baseman Shannon Watson, sophomore infielders Kendyl Richter, Bryn Birchler, Paige Aresco and sophomore outfielder Megan Grant.



Arnold said junior varsity coach John Michniak "has done an excellent job preparing them for the next level."

Of course, Arnold also is feeling good about having seven returnees from a team that went 28-6 (including 9-1 to share the KLAA South Division title with Plymouth) before losing to eventual state champion Mattawan in the quarters.

Pitching will be senior co-captain Boucher (18-3, 2.37) and sophomore Warren (13-3, 1.16). Both chip in on offense, too, with averages of .363 and .313, respectively. Warren plays first base when not in the circle.

Senior co-captain Jesse Larnier will spark the offense while starting

either at catcher or outfield. Larnier batted .388 in 2011 and is a hard-working defender.

When Larnier is playing the outfield, the Chiefs will pencil junior co-captain Catherine Porter (.355 average) behind the plate.

Also back are junior co-captain and outfielder Sarah Wagner (.286), junior third baseman Jessica Webster (.349) and sophomore utility player Kaitlin Keys (.389).

Arnold said the Chiefs will pitch and catch with the best of them, with good speed and hitting thrown into the mix.

"With early weather we feel ahead of the game," said Arnold, whose team opens with road games this week against Tecumseh and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Canton's home opener is April 18 against Novi.

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Stepping up

Plymouth Whalers forward Matt Mistele (No. 22) maintains a step on Kitchener's Andrew Crescenzi Tuesday night at Computware Arena. For the story of the OHL playoff game, turn to page B3.

All-Area cagers possess slam-dunk talent

FIRST TEAM
Do'rell Foster, Sr., G, N. Farmington: The 6-foot-6 senior is a versatile player who played every position but point guard. He can shoot from the perimeter and also play inside. Foster averaged 24 points, 11 rebounds and two assists. He scored 30-plus points several times and hit a season high of 38. He was a two-year starter for the Raiders, who were 14-8 and shared second place in the OAA Red Division with Southfield-Lathrup.

"Do'rell is as complete a player as I have been around," coach Todd Negoshian said. "He can shoot it, get to the rim, rebound, and handle it. But, more than that, he always put the success of our team ahead of himself."

Nick Daniels, Jr., G, John Glenn: The 6-2 junior guard earned All-Observer honors for the second straight year averaging a consistent 17 points, seven assists and four rebounds per game. Daniels is an all-KLAA selection who helped the Rockets to a 17-5 record and a KLAA South Division title. He is being recruited by several mid-major schools including Eastern Michigan, Toledo, Bowling Green and Cleveland State.

"Nick is an outstanding shooter and passer," Glenn coach Dan Young said of the left-hander. "He was also a much improved defender and rebounder."

Eric Covile, Sr., C, John Glenn: The 6-5 senior center, who averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds per game, proved to be a force inside all season for the Rockets.

Covile comes from a family of basketball players with his twin sister, Erica, also an all-Observer first-team pick and all-state selection this season at Glenn. He also has an older brother (Ryvon) who plays professionally in Europe.

Covile, an all-KLAA selection, turned in his best game of the season with a 25-point district semifinal outing against No. 2-ranked and state Class A semifinalist Romulus.

"He was unstoppable late in the season," Young said. "Most teams were forced to double him to contain him. Many schools are showing interest."

Tyler Stewart, Sr. G, Salem: The outstanding performance turned in by Stewart was a key reason for Salem's 20-3 record and KLAA championship.

The third-year all-conference selection averaged 15.2 points (to lead the team) and 3.5 rebounds per game while providing a cool-in-the-clutch mindset that helped the Rocks whenever adversity struck.

"He is one of the better all-around players to come out of Salem because of his versatility," coach Bob Bro-

die said. "With his size and talent he was able to play both inside or at the guard position and became a tough player to defend."

Brodie added that Stewart also had the assignment of guarding the opponent's best player while also being counted on for big-time offense.

Stewart, named Salem's MVP for the third time, recently signed to play at Madonna University. He is one of the top three-point shooters in Salem history, Brodie said.

Paul Baumgart, Sr., F, Canton: The big man is leaving a big void with the Canton Chiefs, graduating after an outstanding senior season.

Baumgart, a 6-7 power forward who will play basketball at NCAA Division II Lewis University (Ill.), tallied 16 points, 9.6 rebounds and three blocks per contest.

With 212 boards in 2011-12, he set new Canton rebounding records for a season and career (472).

"Paul is a really skilled big man and he did so much for our team this year," coach Jimmy Reddy said. "His ability to score inside and out made us hard to guard and his ability to defend and rebound were outstanding."

Reddy added that the Chiefs will miss Baumgart's toughness and leadership. "He is a great young man and it has been a pleasure to coach him for the last three years."

Chris Dierker, Jr., F, Salem: Whether in the paint or near the three-point arc, the 6-6 junior swing forward gave opposing teams fits with 10.5 points, a team-high 9.5 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game.

Dierker came through with numerous clutch shots during the Rocks march to the KLAA Central Division, Kensington Conference and association championships.

"He is a very athletic and strong player who has the ability to post players up or move to the perimeter which made him difficult to defend," Brodie said. "His ability to run the floor also made him difficult to guard in transition and he was voted by teammates as our best defensive player this season."

Dierker was named to the all-KLAA team for the second consecutive season.

SECOND TEAM
Xzavier Bowen, Jr., G, Thurston: Inch for inch, the 5-foot-6 guard was once of the most dynamic player in the area this past winter. Using his superior quickness, Bowen averaged 13.8 points per contest along with two steals and close to five assists. He made 68 percent of his free throws; many of his makes from the stripe came in pressure-packed, late-game situations. Bowen was named to the

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THIRD TEAM

Bryan Green, Sr., G, Farmington
Josh Mayberry, Jr., G, Canton
Raylon Croon, Soph., F, Thurston
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Josh Peterson, Sr., F, Salem
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Sterling Sharp, Jr., G, N. Farmington
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all-WWAC first team.

"Xzavier was a leader on our team this year, both on and off the court," said Thurston coach Brian Bates. "He had the ball in his hands most of the time and he got us into our offenses. He controlled the tempo of the game for us and made good decisions with the ball all season long. He hit clutch free throws at the end of games and was able to penetrate and draw defenders to him, which helped make his teammates better by getting them good, open shots. He worked hard every day to make not only himself better, but to make his teammates better."

Caleb Hogans, Jr., G, N. Farmington: The 5-foot-10 point guard is a two-year starter for the Raiders and a major reason they had a winning season in Todd Negoshian's first year as head coach. Hogans is a good three-point shooter who averaged 16 points; he also had four assists, three steals and two rebounds per game. Hogans played a key role at the front of North Farmington's press, too.

"Caleb has proven himself as one of the best point guards in the area," Negoshian said. "His ability to run the team while scoring when needed is second to none. We wouldn't have had the season we had without him running the point for us."

Chris Hare, Sr., G, Farmington: The 6-foot-3 senior guard averaged 14.7 points, 4.6 rebounds and three assists while leading the Falcons to the district final at Orchard Lake St. Mary's and a 14-9 record. He scored a career-high 34 points against Troy Athens and had a career-high 11 assists in a game with Lake Orion during the past season.

A three-year starter, Hare is fifth on Farmington's list of all-time leading scorers with 574 points, third in three-point field goals made (80) and fifth in free

throws made (112).

"Chris is a good shooter, but he really worked on his ability to become more than just a jump shooter during the off season," coach Terrance Porter said. "He added the ability to go off the bounce, attack the basket and get to the free throw line, as evidenced by him doubling his free throws made and attempted from a year ago. It was a pleasure to coach him for the last two years."

Tré Goynes, Sr., F, Redford Union: Goynes enjoyed a stellar senior season as he proved to be an offensive threat for the Panthers as well as a defensive stopper. Goynes, a second team all-WWAC selection, averaged 14.2 points, 12.7 rebounds and 1.3 blocked shots.


"Tré was a big part of our season this year," said Redford Union coach Randall Taylor. "His ability to play above the rim gave us an advantage that some other teams didn't have. He averaged a double-double this season, and more than two blocks a game. He was our giant on defense and our advantage in the post."

Josh Campbell, Jr., G, Liv. Stevenson: The 6-1 junior picked up the scoring load after his brother, Jon, was lost midway through the season to average 15.3 points per game.


Campbell's final numbers were 12.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.7 steals per game.

The explosive guard led the Spartans 10 times in scoring, including 24 against John Glenn (17 in the first half) and 21 against Dearborn Fordson (19 coming in the final quarter).


"Josh is a tremendous talent with great basketball instincts and a player who we can play in any situation," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "If we needed a basket, a rebound, a steal or just a big play, Josh provided that for us this year. He has a great first step to the basket who can finish above the rim,




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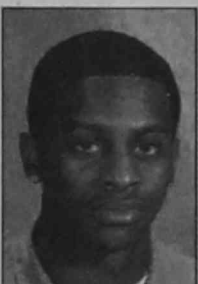
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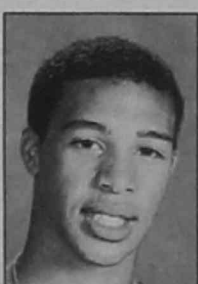
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Eric Jipping
Ply. Christian

but also someone who can also step back and hit the 'three.' He's going to have a great senior year and is only going to get better."

Eric Jipping, Sr., C, Ply. Christian: A knee injury put a premature end to Jipping's season and career at Plymouth Christian Academy, but the 6-5 center still was a dominant force all year long in the MIAC.

Jipping averaged 28 points and 14 rebounds and notched 1,038 career points during his four-year career at PCA (including postseason).

The first-team all-conference performer is expected to fully recover and has decided to play collegiate basketball at Calvin College.

"Eric Jipping is a very hard working young man," said first-year PCA coach Dominique Washington. "He's one of those players a coach loves to coach. He never gives up and always strides to be the best."

"One thing I admired about him this season was his leadership ability on and off the floor. He definitely made my job a little easier this year."

COACH OF THE YEAR
Bob Brodie, Salem: One of the best and most-respected coaches in the region, Brodie's 28th season at the Salem helm was one of his most suc-

cessful.

The Rocks went 20-3 and captured titles in their division and conference before winning the KLAA championship — the first association title for Brodie at Salem.

But he downplayed his contributions to the magical season, owing it to "the hard work and talent" of the players.

"They also had tremendous team chemistry and a strong desire to compete and win," Brodie said. "It was fun to see everyone contribute in most of our games, which gave us depth and attributed to being able to stay fresh and out of foul trouble in most of our games."

Another plus, he continued, was the basketball I.Q. of his players.

"They also had a great understanding of the game and were a very coachable and enjoyable group," Brodie added.

The 400-win plateau is just around the corner for Brodie. He owns a career record of 393-234 at Salem, including 11 division, nine district, six conference and two regional titles.

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ly regretted his decision to step down and March 26 was given two weeks by Heinzman to mull his future.

He talked to other coaches about feeling burned out and came away with a renewed perspective.

"I had never had the feeling of (being) worn down or tired before," Samulski wrote in his e-mail. "So when I felt that this past year I thought it meant I should be done."

"After talking to other coaches, it seems to be a normal thing."

Time to reflect

Following a few days of rest and reflection, Samulski started thinking about helping players gear up for next year.

"What really re-energized me," he continued, "was creating the four-player workout schedule for the spring, working on the summer schedule and setting up our non-league games for the 2012-13 season."

"All three of these things got me thinking about what we need to do to be competitive next year and got me excited to get to work."

Heinzman also suggested he dole out more responsibilities to his staff in order to avoid future burnout.

"It really just comes down to me being able to delegate and allow people to help me, which I struggle with at times," Samulski wrote.

He dismissed any notion that his decision to leave was partly due to "the ending of an amazing era" with the graduation of Robyn Mack, the

final remaining starter from the 2010 and 2011 semifinalists.

"(That) had nothing to do with my first decision," Samulski wrote. "Every year is a new year that comes with new challenges."

"No, I don't know what the record will be of the 2012-13 team, but I can tell you we are going to defend, rebound, take care of the ball, play hard and compete."

Samulski added that he is "really disappointed in myself for creating this hot mess" and putting players through an uncertain few days.

"If I would have just taken a few weeks off, recharged my batteries, thought about things and not rushed my decision, none of this would have happened," he added.

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'Cats hit road on winning note

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The Plymouth varsity baseball team opened the 2012 season Monday with a double-header sweep at Anchor Bay.

Six strong innings from starting and winning pitcher Justin Thompson (one earned run, seven strikeouts) sparked a 3-1 triumph in the opener.

"Justin was outstanding today," Plymouth coach Bryan Boyd said. "Impressive to see him in midseason form in early April. This is a testa-

ment to how hard he has worked in the off-season." Augmenting Thompson with a 1-2-3 seventh (all on strikeouts) was Brandon Waack, collecting his first career varsity save.

Offensively, Rich Guglielmi, Casey Sudz, Brian Schmid and Matt Janke each had two hits. Janke's two-out, two-run single in the fifth gave the Wildcats the lead for good.

In Game 2, a four-run second inning keyed the win. Sparking the offense were Jamarl Eiland (two runs, two hits) and Guglielmi (two hits).

Earning the victory was Austin Ebeling, who pitched the first five

innings giving up one earned run.

Finishing off the win with single scoreless innings each were Brian Schmid and Andrew Page.

"We were not at our best today, two sloppy games," Boyd said. "But, any time you go on the road and get two wins against a quality opponent, you have to be happy."

"We have a lot of bugs to get worked out before conference play starts."

Before that happens, Plymouth will play games this week in Ohio (beginning 11 a.m. Thursday against Chaminade Julianne).



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Kitchener defenseman Ben Fanelli (No. 4) leans on Plymouth Whalers forward Alex Aleardi (No. 40) during Tuesday's OHL playoff game.

Whalers rally to take series lead

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

With another passing of Easter Sunday, the Plymouth Whalers staged a resurrection act of their own during Tuesday night's OHL PLAYOFFS.

Ontario Hockey League playoff game at home against Kitchener.

The Whalers overcame a 2-0 third-period deficit by scoring three times over the final 6:32 to stun the visiting Rangers, 4-3, at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth takes a 2-1 series lead heading into Wednesday night's fourth game at Kitchener.

Tom Wilson's fourth goal of the playoffs just 1:10 into the third period jump-started the Whalers. Anaheim Ducks draft pick Richard Rake-ll drew the first of his three assists on the night on the goal to cut the deficit to 2-1.

"Once we got the not-great skilled goal where we just threw it on net and it went in - that not only seemed to give us momentum, but it slowed them (Kitchener) down a little bit," Whalers assistant coach Don Elland said. "The only thing we said (heading into the third period) was 'stay positive, it's a long series and we're going to get bounces. Just stay the course and stay positive, and just keep doing what we're doing.'"

Offensive surge

The Whalers launched 16 of their 41 shots on goal in the third period against Kitchener goaltender John Gibson with

the equalizer coming at 13:28 when defenseman Austin Levi's shot from the left point found the back of the net for his

first of the playoffs.

"I had an open lane to shoot it," said Levi, a Farmington Hills native. "I let it go and I figured it hit something, but it went in, and it was really exciting. I really didn't see it go in, but it did."

And just 1:21 later, defenseman Dario Trutmann ripped a shot in between the circles to put the Whalers ahead for keeps, 3-2. Wilson and Rakell drew the assists.

The Whalers' Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) helped ice the victory when he gobbled up a rebound off a shot from teammate Mitchell Heard and backhanded it past Gibson with only 1:59 remaining for his fifth of the playoffs to make it 4-2.

Kitchener defenseman Max Iafra, a Livonia native and former Whaler, then took a check- ing from behind penalty leaving the Whalers with a man advantage.

But Plymouth's Beau Schmitz was called only seconds later for holding the stick and the Rangers' Michael Catenacci made things interesting again with only 32 seconds left when he scored his third of the night from Ryan Murphy and Tobias Rieder to slice the deficit to 4-3.

The Rangers called a time-out and pulled Gibson for the extra attacker in a five-on-five situation. Kitchener got off a one last shot, but Plymouth goalie Scott Wedgewood made his 27th save

of the night in the final 20 seconds to clinch the victory.

Catenacci, a center who stands only 5 feet, 7 inches and weighs 176 pounds, staked Kitchener to a 1-0 first period league on a power play goal at 10:28 from Murphy and Rieder and added hits second goal at 4:13 of the second period on assists from Rieder and Ben Thomson.

"Catenacci is a very good player," Elland said. "He's a 20-year-old, he's been in the league a long time. He's very skilled, he's a veteran and he knows how to play definitively."

Levi, the 6-2, 205-pound defenseman, was voted the first star of the game.

"We talked in the locker room of just trying to believe we could pull this off and get a lot of shots to the net," the 2011 third-round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes said. "We had around 20 shots that period. That was our game plan going out into the third period."

And the Whalers seem to be getting along just fine despite the loss of top line scorer Stefan Noesen, who is out injured for the series.

"Not too many adjustments," Levi said. "There's line adjustments, but we have a strong team and a lot of good depth and we've got guys who can score ... still. You've just got to work hard and some guys on offense have to pick up the slack and we've done a really good job of it."

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PCA girls boast talent, versatility

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer



There aren't many players on Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls soccer team, 14 to be exact.

But those who are bring immense versatility

GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW along with plenty of skills honed at the club level.

According to first-year head coach Abby Lorion, a former star player for the Eagles, those attributes should result in a very competitive team in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference.

"Most of the girls on the team can play multiple positions," said Lorion, a 2007 PCA grad. "This is great for me because I have many different options of where I can put people to best prepare the team for a given game."

The Eagles boast strong leadership, too, with four co-captains — seniors Jessica Rich and Rachel Zandee, junior Jenna Abraham and sophomore Emily Gerulis. Their positive attitudes are contagious to the rest of the squad, too.

All were part of the 2011 team that went 14-2-1 before losing to Ann Arbor Greenhills in the Class D district final.

"One of the best things about this team is that they all want to be there and they all want to get better," Lorion said. "They continually push themselves and their teammates to do better. They are extremely encouraging of each other and have fun together. I think this is one of the reasons why we have such a good team this season."

Setting the tone will be Rich (defense) and Zandee (defense/forward),

both aggressive players who "never give up on a ball or have a lack of effort. They continually strive to get better and work harder every practice and game."

Abraham and Gerulis are midfielders who will provide an essential link from defense to offense for the Eagles.

"Jenna does a great job of serving the ball into the middle from the outside," Lorion said. "She provides great encouragement to her teammates and works hard."

As for Gerulis, the coach expects plenty of scrappiness and intestinal fortitude that should rub off on teammates.

"Emily is a strong force in the center of the field, winning balls and playing physical," Lorion said. "She's a hard worker and a good leader. For example, she was injured during preseason, but instead of just sitting on the sidelines watching her team run sprints, she ran laps until her teammates were done."

Lorion said teamwork on the field is obviously important, and that's been her mantra during preseason workouts and scrimmages.

"My goal for this season is for us to play a possession-based game," she said. "I'm constantly telling the girls that if you have the ball and the other team doesn't they can never score. Each day the girls get better at connecting passes and passing to open space to maintain possession."

The offense could be strong if the players carry out those instructions. The arrival of freshman midfielder Abby LeMerise doesn't hurt.

"Abby is a very talented

freshman, she does well with the ball at her feet and has great vision," the coach said. "She is always positioning herself where she can get the ball and then redistribute it. She is a great addition to the team. She has the potential to break goal scoring records at PCA."

Also having potential to provide plenty of offense is sophomore forward Katelynn Barkell. "She is a tough girl who plays through pain and any circumstance," the coach said. "I look forward to seeing her score many goals this season."

Several players who will fill various duties depending on opponents and in-game situations include Zandee, sophomores Martha Mullett (defense/midfield/forward) and Joy Bauslaugh (forward/midfield) and junior Kendall Groune-wood (defense/midfield).

Expected to bolster the back will be junior defender Lauren Paulson, who "does a great job as the last defender back, catching the opposition off-sides."

In goal will be junior Abigail Aitken (who can also play defense) and senior Haley Wright.

Aitken is showing no rust after a three-year absence from playing goal. "She stepped up and filled a hard position when the team needed it most," Lorion said. "I look forward to seeing what she does for us this year."

Freshmen Lauren Schlientz (midfield) and Sarah Durham (forward) round out the roster and "have great attitudes" along with a willingness to work and learn.

The Eagles open the season Monday against visiting Summit Academy. The match begins at 4:30 p.m.

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Here come the Rockettes

The Salem Rockette Show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Salem High School auditorium. This year there will be only one grand show featuring the varsity and JV teams performing hip hop, jazz, high kick and lyrical routines. There will be guest appearances. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by calling (734) 453-5565. Tickets at the door the night of the show will be \$7. Shown in this team photo are (bottom row, from left): Jenna Newman, Olivia Ozeranic, Mary-Liz Benintende, Jessica Vanoooyen, Stephanie Fogoros, Mary Colon, Mary Zelmanski; (top row, from left): Raven Reynolds, Sophia Portelli, Lindsey Shirmer, Abigail Schreiner, Meghan Grossmann, Alyssa Alva, Lauren Lachowski, Mianna Krause, Rachel Duprey, Vanessa Bank, Nina Cilia, Anna Cratty, Taylor Harvath, Kayla Stokfisz, Brianna Dotson and Allie Rushing.



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**CHAPPELL,
ROBERT J., JR.**

Age 81, April 8, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Joyce for 36 years. Loving father of Gary (Joan) Chappell and Deborah (Grady) Burgess. Cherished grandfather of Brandon, Amanda, Christina, Jennifer, and great-grandfather of Dillon Dixon. Bob was a proud Korean War Army Veteran, and long time member of the following Farmington organizations: Masonic Lodge No. 151, Elks Lodge - No. 1986, Area Goodfellows, and Senior Center. Funeral Thursday 10 AM, April 12th at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Shriners Hospitals for Children. www.thayer-rock.com



**GOOZE,
KATHLEEN ANN**

Age 52, April 9, 2012 of Westland. Beloved daughter of Mary Lou and the late David Gooze. Dear sister of Karen Gooze and Colleen (Ken) Beauvais. Visitation Weds 5-9 PM and Thurs 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd. (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Fri 11 AM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sarcoma Clinic at the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, Office of Development, 2800 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

**RYAN,
VIRGIL R., JR.**

Age 80, died April 7, 2012 at his home. He was born December 16, 1931 in Pontiac, MI the son of the late Virgil Ray and Fannie (Johnson) Ryan Sr. Virgil proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He was employed with General Motors as a parts supervisor until his retirement in 1991 and was a member of Community of Christ in Plymouth. On July 28, 2007 Virgil married Karen Miller, she survives. Additional survivors include his children; Debora (Eddy) Ziviski of Brighton, Diane (Garry) Simkiss of Plymouth, Ronald (Pamela) Ryan of Canton and Russell (Wendy) Ryan of Mt. Savage, MD, nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren with more on the way. He is preceded in death by his late wife of 52 years Beverly. A Christian Farewell was held at Community of Christ in Plymouth, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Outreach International, American Diabetes or Community of Christ.

Please leave a Message of Comfort to Virgil's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

SCHNEIDER, MARILYN
of Westland, formerly Livonia, passed away on Mon., Apr. 9, 2012. For more information visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com



**ZABORSKY,
ROBERT S.**

Age 85, of Ann Arbor. Loving husband of Carolyn. Beloved father of John (Anita) Morrison, Pamela (Charles) Warner, and Lisa (Christopher) Seiler. Proud grandfather of David Warner, Amy Warner, Rachel Morrison, Sarah Morrison and Calista Seiler. Dear brother of Eleanor Nicholls. Dear uncle of Jeffrey Even. 35 Year member of Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. Funeral service Saturday 1 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, or American Cancer Society. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Greek Orthodox Church marks Easter this Sunday

Thousands of Greek Orthodox faithful in the Metro Detroit area and more than 300 million worldwide will observe Easter on April 15. This year the date of Orthodox Christian Easter falls one week later than Western Christianity Easter.

According to his Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit, the Orthodox date for Easter is based on a decree of the First Ecumenical Council of the undivided Church at Nicaea, Asia Minor, held in 325 A.D. under Emperor Constantine the Great. The decree based the date of Easter on a computation involving the vernal equinox and moon phases. For members of the Greek Orthodox Church, Easter Sunday falls on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox, according to the Julian calendar. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter is observed the following Sunday and after the Passover.

The Greek Orthodox Church will observe Holy Thursday on April 12, with a passion service, Gos-



Archbishop Allen Vigneron of the Archdiocese of Detroit (left) with Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit.

pel readings and chanted hymns. Good Friday, on April 13, will include an afternoon Vespers service and evening service symbolizing the burial of Christ. A flowered bier is taken in a procession outside the church as parishioners follow solemnly holding lit candles. The Easter resurrection service will begin at 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. Red Easter eggs symbolizing the resurrection will be distributed to the congregation and parishioners will share a resurrection meal.

Easter Sunday will include the Vespers of love and Gospel passages read in several languages, emphasizing the Gospel's universal message.

For more information about Greek Orthodox Easter services, visit the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit website at detroit.goarch.org. Local churches include Sts. Constantine and Helen in Westland, Nativity of the Virgin March Church in Plymouth Township and Holy Cross Church in Farmington Hills.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail.

April

AUCTION

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

Details: St. Mary 1st Annual Auction A Night on the Town will include a silent auction, live auction and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary Parish and School. Tickets are \$25 and include a strolling buffet, dessert and two beverages. Pre-registration is a must. **Contact:** auction@stmary-wayne.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 20

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland

Details: Walk-ins are welcome

Contact: (734) 722-1735

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All you can eat pancakes and French toast, ham, sausage, applesauce, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15

Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills

Details: The Novi Choralaires will perform a concert titled "Choralaires Travel Across America in Song." The group will sing a variety of songs, including "Route 66," "Shenandoah," "Chicago," "Take Me Home." Freewill offering. **Contact:** (248) 474-0584

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Authors add arts and crafts to spring book fest

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The Michigan Spring Book Festival will return to Livonia this weekend with authors, celebrity readers, entertainment and arts and crafts.

Michael Williams hopes his second annual Michigan Spring Book Festival will inspire children to read, while helping self-published authors promote their work.

"We do what we can to encourage people to read and to read often," said Williams, a native Detroit and founder of the Author's Collective. The Collective, brings writers together online and helps them to publicize their self-published books at events throughout the country. It organizes the Michigan Spring Book Festival at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia, the Michigan International Book Festival, which is held in October at Laurel Park Place, and other author events in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

"We started in October 2010. Victoria Rowell was at the first show," Williams said, referring to the author of *Secrets of a Soap Opera Diva*. "We had Jennifer Granholm in 2011. It's been a mix of authors."

There won't be a national author on hand at the upcoming three-day show, but visitors will get a chance to meet local authors, Collective members, and writers from Canada, the Bahamas and China. They can buy books, browse arts and crafts — a new twist to this year's event — and attend seminars.

"We're adding arts and crafts, limiting it to 11



Versandra Kennebrew will talk about "Facebook Timeline for Authors" Sunday, April 15, at the Michigan Spring Book Festival at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.



Pam Rossi, on-air personality at WCSX radio, will read to children at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Michigan Spring Book Festival.



Carol Gist-Sramler, Miss USA 1990, will read to children at the Michigan Spring Book Festival.



Tony Trupiano of AM 1310 is among the celebrity readers at the Michigan Spring Book Festival in Livonia.



Bg, on-air personality at Channel 955, reads to children last year at the Michigan Spring Book Festival. He'll return to the festival this weekend to read to youngsters.



Madonna University's Lyric Theatre will present selections from "Guys and Dolls" at the Michigan Spring Book Festival. Actors will include Robert Chester (left) as Nicely-Nicely Johnson, John Bagazinski as Benny Southstreet and Joe Steckel as Nathan Detroit.

booths," Williams said. "We're testing it to see what we want to do in October." He'll bring the arts and crafts back to Livonia for the International show in October if it's successful this weekend.

Safety program

Also new this year is the Michigan Child Identification Program that will offer free child identi-

cation kids from 4-9 p.m. Friday, April 13, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, April 14 and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

"It's free. A parent can bring their children out and get a video of their child, digital fingerprints, a bite plate and DNA. The program has a direct link to Amber Alert. It's a wonderful program."

Parents or guardians of children who participate

must be present and fill out a permission slip.

Free seminars in writing and publishing will include sessions on ebooks, Facebook Timeline for authors, social media and networking, literary consulting and journalism fundamentals. An open mic session will be held in conjunction with "Gentle to the Ears Poetry" on Friday and Saturday.

Encouraging reading

The Collective will give away 1,000 books, as it did last year, by distributing gift certificates to local schools, which in turn pass them along to students. Students trade the certificate for a new book at the show.

Local celebrities will take turns reading favorite children's books to listeners throughout the weekend. Readers include radio personalities, authors, community leaders, a former

Miss USA and two aquatic performers dressed as mermaids.

"It's an impressive lineup," Williams said.

For a complete schedule of activities and entertainment visit www.michiganspringbookfestival.com. The festival runs 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Laurel Park Place is located at 37700 W. Six Mile at Newburgh; (734) 462-1100.

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Local artists show mixed media pieces in Detroit

Four local artists will exhibit their works April 20-May 24 in the Biannual All Media Exhibition at Detroit Artists Market in Detroit.

Alan Casadei of Livonia, Barbara Dorchon of Farmington Hills, Tony Hope of Plymouth and Daniel Steadman of Redford and among more than a dozen artists with works in the juried show.

Detroit Artists Market will hold a public opening and awards reception 6-9 p.m. April 20. Visitors can meet the artists and have an opportunity to view and buy the wide array of paintings, sculptures, photography, mixed media, metal and clay on exhibit.

The Biannual All Media Exhibition is presented by one of the Midwest's oldest nonprofit galleries, located at 4719 Woodward Ave., three blocks south of the Detroit Institute of Arts, in Detroit's Cultural Center. The show is part of DAM's 80th anniversary year. Guest juror Leon Johnson, artist and educator, chose the art from 400 pieces that were submitted by 200 artists for consideration.

For more information call the gallery at (313) 832-8540 or e-mail info@detroitartistsmarket.org.



Tony Hope, a Plymouth artist, submitted this piece for the Biannual All Media Exhibition.



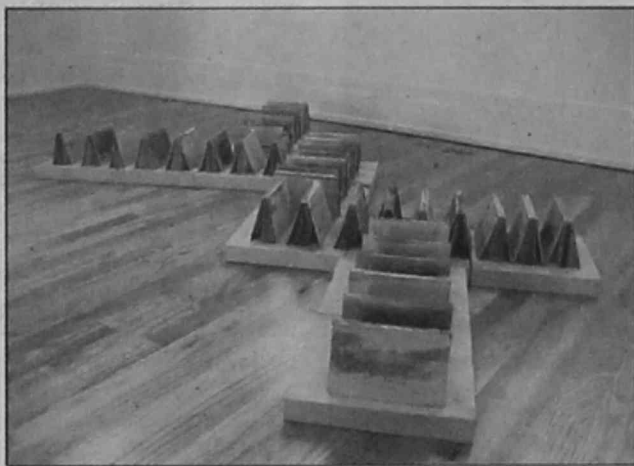
Livonia artist Alan Casadei will exhibit this piece April 20-May 24 in Detroit.



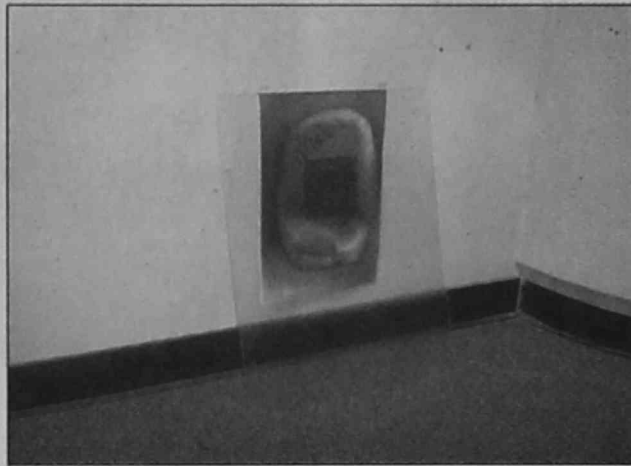
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Final weekend

Nathan Shaw, (left) as Tybalt, and Benjamin Gresko, as Mercutio, cross swords in Schoolcraft Theatre Department's production of "Romeo and Juliet." Tickets are still available for the final performances of the show, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14, in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. For tickets, call (734) 462-4596 or visit the campus book store.



Barbara Dorchon of Farmington Hills calls this piece "Installation Save the Poets." It will be on public view April 20 at the Detroit Artists Market.



Redford artist Daniel Steadman will show this work April 20-May 24 at the Biannual All Media Exhibition.

Acting course set at Trinity House Theatre

Laura Gumina, local theater instructor, director and actor, will teach a six-week acting course beginning May 1 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile, in Livonia.

Classes will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, excluding May 15, through June 12. Students will be directed primarily in two-person scenes. The beginning actor as well as the more experienced may join.

"In a workshop setting we all start off on the

same page and learn to trust, work together, and eventually constructively critique our work," Gumina wrote in an e-mail to the *Observer*.

If the class unanimously agrees, it will present scenes to friends and family.

The cost is \$80 for six weeks of instruction and the optional performance. Part of cost is to the theatre for rental of space.

The website for the acting class is www.meetup.com



Winning photograph

"Waiting for Moses," by Livonia photographer Allen Brooks, took Best of Show honors at the "Exposures: Photography 12 Art Exhibit" at Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale. Allen is a semi-retired professional who creates fine art photography. In 2010 he won first place in color photography at the Gallery and was invited into the Best of the Best show. He took "Waiting for Moses" last summer at Greenfield Village. See Brooks' winning photo and works by other photographers, noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and noon-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday through April 27 at the Gallery, 22620 Woodward Ave., south of Nine Mile, in Ferndale. Visit Brooks' website at AllenBrooksPhoto.com.

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Art

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 13

Location: In the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Unique, edgy paper dress creations made of entirely recycled materials by artist Matt Richmond. Richmond's materials vary from plastic Kroger bags to Target holiday wrapping paper. The exhibit also features a wide array of fashion images by various photographers, starring Richmond's designs

Contact: (248) 473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8

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

FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, April 19-20 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21; opening reception, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19

Location: William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Spring exhibit and sale; free admission

Family Day: Held in conjunction with the Foundation's exhibit and the community's annual Festival of the Arts, "Family Day" from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21 at the Costick Center will include fun for all ages including artist demonstrations, creative hands-on activities for children, and a wide range of entertainment

Contact: (248) 473-1800

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through April 21

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor Women Artists

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@northvillearts.org

STARRING "THE GALLERY"

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through April

Location: 118 W. Main St. in Northville

Details: "Titanic: A Century To Remember" features photos by Philip Dattilo of Plymouth. The photographs depict scenes related to R.M.S. Titanic's inception, construction and the epilogue of its short life

Contact: (248) 347-1642; www.starringthegallery.com

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

Contact: (734) 764-0395

Benefit

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 20

Location: 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Featured performers include Jill Jack and Mark Iannace, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal, Bill Bynum and Mary Seelhorst and The Potter's Field. All proceeds benefit Trinity House Theatre. Tickets are \$15 and \$12 for subscribers. All proceeds benefit Trinity House Theatre

Contact: (734) 464-6302 or e-mail tickets@trinityhouse.org

Comedy

GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m.



ANNE CRAFT

Taylor Alfano (left) of Livonia plays Audrey and Jason Wilhoite of Commerce Township is Seymour in the Farmington Players' production of "Little Shop of Horrors" April 27-May 19.

Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB OF LIVONIA

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Mike Smith, through April 14; Saints N' Sinners, April 18-21; Michael Kosta, April 25-28

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

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Craig Shoemaker, April 12-14; Paul Mercurio, April 19-21; John Caparulo, April 26-28

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday, April 13

Location: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Details: Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes, popular for their roles as Jay and Silent Bob in "Clerks," "Mallrats," "Dogma," "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," and "Clerks 2," will perform live, recording their comedy podcast "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old." Presented by The Crofoot, tickets are \$45, \$25, and \$20

Contact: www.thecrofoot.com or www.redfordtheatre.com

Dance

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity

Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-5197

POLKA BOOSTERS

Time/Date: Doors open at 1 p.m.; dancing from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling, Dearborn Heights

Details: Admission is \$15 and includes beer, wine and pop. Food will be available for purchase. Music by Squeezebox Band with Mollie and Ted Lange and Bobbie Earl

Contact: Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313)

561-8389

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Artist" \$3

Coming up: "One For the Money," 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22; "Secret World of Arrietty," 7 p.m. Friday, April 27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29; "Albert Nobbs," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 6; "Safe House," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 11-12 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13

Thursday classics: "Field of Dreams," April 12; "Bull Durham," April 19; and "For the Love of the Game," April 26. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m., with screenings at 7 p.m. All seats \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit

Details: Mary Pickford in "Suds," a silent film accompanied live by Dave Calendine," tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under

Coming up: James Cagney double feature includes "The Public Enemy" and Angels with Dirty Faces," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28; tickets \$5

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free.

Exhibits: "Mixing Metaphors: The Aesthetic, Social and Political in African American Art" includes more than 90 works by 36 artists, through June 3; "Moving to His Own Beat - Fela: The Man, the Movement, the Music," celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, through June 17; "The Chris Webber Collection: Exceptional People During Extraordinary Times, 1755-Present," includes rare artifacts collected by Detroit native Chris Webber, through September; "Witness: The Art of Jerry Pinkney," through Sept. 9

Contact: (313) 494-5800

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Antique Appraisal: Ernest DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Art Galleries will appraise antique furniture, art and small items by appointment only, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18. No jewelry will be appraised. Oral evaluations will be given for \$10 per



Jymi Dill and Anita Scarlett Raymond perform "Salute to the Great American Songbook." The show features music from the 1920s-60s and is set for April 14 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.



Bernadette Marcos and other youngsters paint a bust at a previous Festival of the Arts in Farmington Hills. The festival's free "Family Day" is April 21 at the Costick Center.

item; written evaluations will cost \$15 per item. There is a maximum of four items to be appraised per 15-minute time slot. Call (734) 455-8940 or sign up at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/dumouchelle-evaluation-clinic.html>.

Contact: (734) 455-8940

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; exhibit runs through May 6

Location: 434 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s

Coming up: "Monsters and Myths" runs 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Visitors will learn about the mythological beasts that inhabited the ancient world through activities designed especially for children aged 5-12, such as a monster hunt throughout the galleries, a Greek mythology discussion, a make-your-own-monster workshop and a design-your-own-cyclops headband session and more

Contact: www.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Galant tu perds ton temps, April 12; Mr. B's Piano Celebration, April 14-15; Shape Note Singing, April 15; The Tannahill Weavers, April 16; Good Old War and The Belle Brigade, April 17; The Guggenheim Grotto, April 18; Anais Mitchell and Cuddle Magic, April 19; Loud on Wainwright III, April 20; The Elders, April 21; James Hunter, April 22; Lambchop, and Kelly Jean Caldwell, April 23; Johnny Winter, April 25; Dougie MacLean, April 26; Horse Feathers, April 27; Heywood Banks, April 28; Caroline Herring, April 29

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month; sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer. Admission is \$5. Annual member-

ships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Members may attend monthly concerts free of charge.

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464 or e-mail to mjmmullen@yahoo.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Ron Kischuk and Friends, with Kischuk on trombone, Chuck Shermatero on keyboard, Marion Hayden on bass and Judy Cochill on vocals, performs April 24. Proceeds from Jazz at the Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7 p.m. April 30

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Celebrates the music and dance of China. Tickets are \$8 adults; \$4 for youth Contact: (734) 451-2112; (734) 394-5300, ext. 3; www.michiganphil.org; www.canton-mi.org/village-theater/

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, Friday, Saturday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic on Monday; live music Friday-Saturday. Americana, folk, rock, pop, country and soul by solo singers, duos and bands

Contact: (734) 454-0178

PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6

Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: The group sings Maurice Durufle's "Requiem," and Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus" and "Regina Coeli" at this 26th season concert. The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and Mary Ann Baldof, organist, joins the singers. Richard Ingram conducts. No tickets are needed. A free-will offering will be taken.

Contact: (734) 455-8353

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia; Benefit concert on April 20 is at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Chris Trapper, April

13; Grievous Angel, April 14; Trinity House Benefit Concert featuring Jill Jack and Mary Seelhorst, John Latini and Jamie-Sue Seal and the Potter's Field, April 20; Tracy Kash Thomas Trio, April 21; The Choir featuring Derri Daugherty and Steve Hindalong, April 22; Wayward Roots with Adam Plomaritas, April 27. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday, April 13

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Bob Stillman plays the music of John Denver and Dan Fogelberg. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$26 for seniors and youth

Coming up: "Salute to the Great American Songbook" features six vocalists singing music from the 1920s-1960s, including songs from Broadway, Hollywood musicals and "Tin Pan Alley," 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Tickets are \$20 with a \$5 discount for seniors, youth 14 and under and groups of 15 or more. Buy tickets at the box office, online or by phone

Contact: (734) 394-5460; www.cantonvillagetheater.org

VIVACE MUSIC SERIES

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile, between Inkster Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: University of Michigan Gilbert and Sullivan Society perform songs and scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan favorites, such as "The Mikado," "Pirates of Penzance" and "HMS Pinafore." Tickets are \$23 general admission and \$20 for seniors

Contact: Joyce Cheresh at (248) 788-9338 or Ann Sipher at (248) 661-1348

Something different

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

Exhibit: The Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibit runs through June 17 and includes 108 photographs chosen from more than 40,000 entries by aspiring amateurs and established professional photographers; free with Zoo admission

Coming up: Senior citizens, age 62 and older, who live in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties and one caregiver each will be admitted to the zoo for free from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 25. They'll also receive complimentary parking. Senior Day will feature live music, tractor train tours, bingo and a senior resource area. The day's activities will also include animal enrichment activities and zookeeper talks highlighting some of the Zoo's senior animal residents

Contact: (248) 541-5717

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

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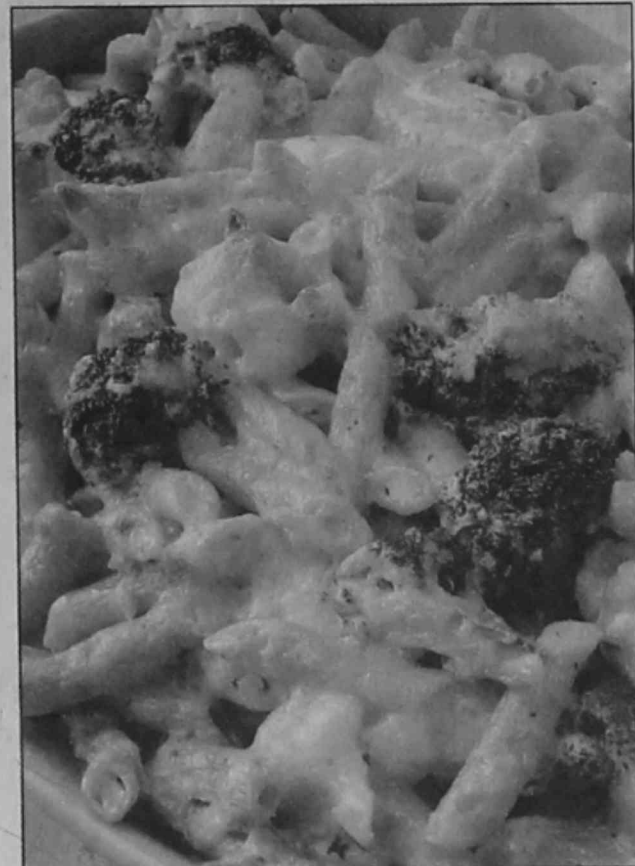
Rachael Ray's FreshOver Recipe Guide offers delicious, healthier meal options

To help families transform ordinary meals into fresher versions that the whole family will feel good about eating, Ziploc Brand has partnered with best-selling author and TV personality Rachael Ray to bring healthier food choices to tables with the Great American FreshOver Project, a fresh food makeover made easy.

Ray is an expert at creating quick meals. She aims to motivate families to swap their traditional recipes for versions that contain healthier ingredients and taste just as good.

"According to a Ziploc Fresh Eating Survey, 72 percent of Americans feel like a good parent when their family eats fresh food, but only 47 percent eat fresh foods on a daily basis. To make eating fresh easier, Ziploc and I are sharing recipes and tips on how to incorporate fresh ingredients into favorites like pizza and mac 'n cheese," Ray said. "Anyone can get started on their FreshOver Projects in their own kitchen."

For more recipes from the Ziploc Brand and Rachael Ray, visit the Ziploc Brand Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ziploc.



Broccoli and Cauliflower Gratin Mac 'n Cheese

*Yield: 6 servings
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour*

- 1 small head or bundle broccoli, trimmed into florets
- 1 small head cauliflower or half a large head, trimmed and cut into florets
- 1 pound whole-wheat macaroni or penne or other short cut pasta
- 2 cups sour cream or reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup finely chopped chives
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and grated or crushed into paste
- A few drops hot sauce
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups grated extra-sharp cheddar

Bring large pot of water to a boil over medium heat. Salt water and add broccoli and cauliflower florets. Boil vegetables for 5 minutes, then remove with a spider or a strainer and drain.

Add pasta to water and undercook by about 2 minutes, drain.

Meanwhile, combine sour cream in large bowl along with mustard, chives, garlic, hot sauce, salt and pepper, to taste.

Add pasta and cauliflower and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cheese. Stir to combine, then transfer to a casserole dish or Ziploc VersaGlass container and cover with remaining cheese. Cool and chill for a make-ahead meal.

To heat and eat, put casserole on baking sheet and bake in the middle of a preheated 375°F oven until deeply golden and bubbly, about 40 to 45 minutes.

Tip: Make a double batch and freeze for a later date.



Stretch a Buck Turkey and Bean Burrito Burgers

*Yield: 4 servings
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 16 minutes*

- 1 cup cold leftover white or brown rice
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- Palmful chili powder
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons cumin, half a palmful
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons coriander, half a palmful
- 1 tablespoon grill seasoning, (recommended: Montreal Seasoning by McCormick)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 ripe avocado
- 1 clove garlic, grated or finely chopped
- 1 lime, zested and juiced
- 1 jalapeño or serrano pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ small red onion, finely chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream
- 4 red leaf lettuce leaves
- 1 ripe tomato, sliced
- 4 crusty rolls, split

Combine rice, meat and beans with spices and grill seasoning. Form 4 big patties, then heat 1 tablespoon oil (a turn of the pan) in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Cook patties 7 to 8 minutes on each side.

While burgers cook, combine avocado with garlic, lime zest and juice, jalapeño and red onion.

Mash to roughly combine, then stir in the sour cream.

Place burgers on buns with lettuce and tomato, and top with sour cream guacamole.

Tip: To keep leftovers fresh, store in reusable dishes like Ziploc Twist n' Loc Containers.

The Only Pizza You'll Ever Want Again

*Yield: 4 servings
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes*

Crust

- 1 16-ounce package pizza dough, brought to room temperature
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Toppings

- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound broccoli from trimmed broccoli bin in produce section, $\frac{1}{2}$ head
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil, 1 turn of the pan
- 3 cloves cracked garlic
- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound chicken breast cut for stir fry, or chicken tenders
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup part skim ricotta cheese
- 10 sun dried tomatoes in oil, drained and sliced
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, available on dairy aisle
- 12 to 15 leaves fresh basil, torn or stacked and thinly sliced
- Preheat oven to 500°F.

On 12-inch nonstick pizza pan, stretch out dough and form pizza crust. Drizzle olive oil on crust and spread it with a pastry brush over the dough to the edges.

Sprinkle crust with grated Parmigiano-Reggiano.

In a small covered saucepan, bring 2 inches water to a boil. Separate broccoli tops into florets, discarding lower stalks or reserving for soup. Salt water and add broccoli florets. Cook, covered, 3 to 5 minutes. Drain broccoli and set on cutting board. Chop broccoli florets into small pieces.

Heat a small nonstick pan over medium high to high heat. Add oil, cracked garlic and chicken. Season with salt and pepper.

Brown chicken until lightly golden all over, 3 to 5 minutes.

Chop sautéed chicken and garlic on a cutting board into small pieces.

To assemble pizza, dot crust with broccoli and chicken. Dot crust with spoonfuls of ricotta, spreading gently with the back of spoon. Add sliced sun-dried tomatoes, scattering around pizza to edges. Complete assembly with a thin layer of shredded mozzarella.

Place pizza in oven on middle rack and lower heat to 450°F.

Bake 12 minutes, until cheese is deep golden in color and crust is brown and crisp at the edges.

Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes. Top with lots of torn or shredded basil.

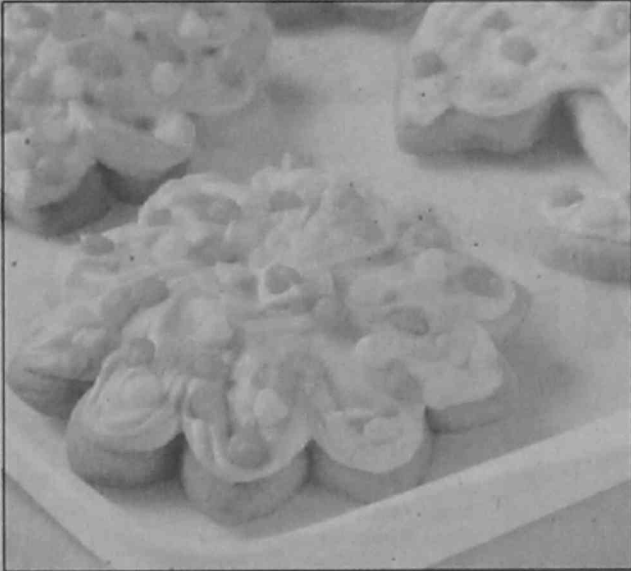
Cut pizza into 8 slices using pizza wheel and serve.

Tip: Put an individual serving size of chicken in Ziploc Brand Perfect Portions Bags right after purchasing and freeze in a Ziploc Brand Freezer Bag. That way you don't have to defrost more chicken than you need for a meal.



Pudding Chip Cookies

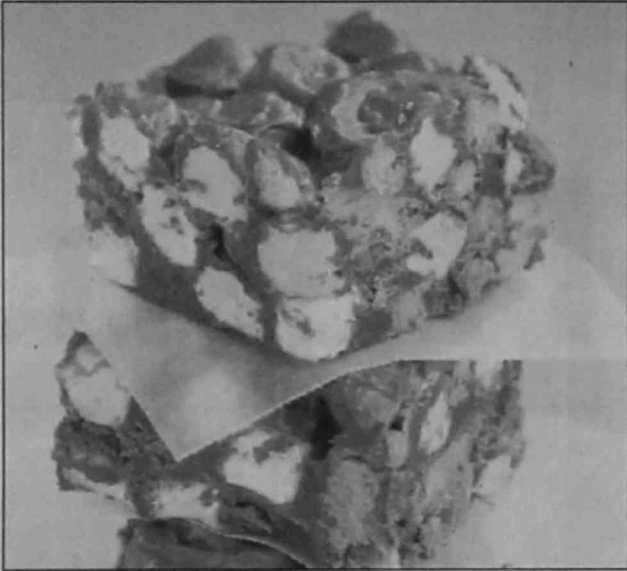
Cookies 101: Bake your way to perfection



Easy Springtime Sugar Cookies



Springtime Bonnets



Spring S'Mores Bars

From Snickerdoodles to classic chocolate chip, cookies are the go-to dessert for all occasions. Following are simple tips and tricks to make the perfect batch of cookies every time.

• Build a great foundation of basics. That means using high quality butter, large eggs and pure extracts. This will help make runny or lumpy batter a thing of the past. As for bake ware essentials, rimless light-colored baking sheets produce golden cookie bottoms and cookie scoops make picture perfect batches.

• Go nutty. To add extra crunch to nuts, try toasting them first to bring out their natural flavor and aroma. Stir small amounts over medium heat until fragrant, or for larger quantities place the nuts in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes. Cool, chop, enjoy.

• Gift and share the love. Send travel-ready bar cookies, tea cakes and biscotti to loved ones who live afar. Wrap cookies with plastic wrap or wax paper before placing in resealable baggies to secure contents during shipping. Use a sturdy box packed with cushion filler and wait for that excited “thank you” phone call.

• Bake your own chocolate chip cookies. For soft and cakey cookies, use ¾ cup butter and reduce brown sugar to ½ cup. For thinner, crispy cookies, increase butter to 1 ¼ cups and sugar to 1 ½ cups. For a richer taste, try substituting Nestlé Toll House Dark Chocolate Morsels made with 53 percent cacao real dark chocolate for the traditional semi-sweet morsels.

For more baking inspiration, and to become a Very Best Baker, visit www.VeryBestBaking.com

Ultimate Chocolate Chip Cookies

Makes 48 cookies

4 cups (two 12-ounce packages) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 large eggs
Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt 2 cups morsels in small, heavy-duty saucepan over low heat; stir until smooth. Remove from heat.

Combine flour, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Beat butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in melted chocolate. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in remaining 2 cups morsels. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 9 minutes or until cookies are puffed. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Springtime Bonnets

24 Bonnets

1 package (16.5 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Refrigerated Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar Dough
1 container (12 ounce) prepared whipped white frosting
Food coloring
6 to 8 pieces Wonka Laffy Taffy, any flavor
12 large marshmallows, cut in half
Toll House Limited Edition Pink & Yellow Mixed Mini Morsel Toppers, assorted sprinkles and/or sugars
Prepare cookies as directed on package. Cool completely.

Divide frosting into smaller bowls. Tint

frosting to desired shades with food coloring.

To make Bonnet bands, gently stretch and mold each piece of Laffy Taffy into a 6- by 1-inch rectangle. A rolling pin can be used to flatten if easier. With knife or kitchen scissors, cut into ¼-inch bands. Keep covered to keep bands from drying out.

Spread frosting over cookies. Place a half marshmallow in the center of each frosted cookie. Spread tops and side of marshmallows with frosting, if desired. Wrap Laffy Taffy band around base of hats; gently pinch or twist band close to hat base. Sprinkle bonnets with sprinkles, sugars and/or Toppers.

Note: Wonka Nerds Rope cut into 4-inch pieces can also be used for the hat bands.

Good-For-You Chocolate Chip Cookies

Yields 48 cookies

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
1 ½ cups packed dark brown sugar
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup margarine
½ cup unsweetened applesauce
2 large egg whites
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
2 ½ cups quick or old-fashioned oats
½ cup chopped nuts
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease baking sheets.

Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in small bowl. Beat brown sugar, granulated sugar, margarine and applesauce in large mixer bowl until smooth. Beat in egg whites and vanilla extract. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir

in oats, morsels and nuts; mix well. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto prepared baking sheets.

Bake for 9 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies or 12 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Spring S'Mores Bars

Yields 16 bars

½ cup heavy whipping cream
1 ½ cups (11.5-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels
3 ½ cups miniature colored marshmallows
7 ½ ounces chocolate-covered graham crackers, broken into bite-size pieces
Line a 9-inch-square baking pan with heavy-duty foil.

Heat cream in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat for 1 to 2 minutes or until bubbles appear around edges. Remove from heat. Add morsels; stir until smooth. Cool, stirring occasionally, for 10 to 12 minutes. Add marshmallows; stir to coat. Gently stir in graham cracker pieces until combined.

Spread mixture into prepared pan; press down lightly. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Cut into bars.

Pudding Chip Cookies

Yields: 24 cookies

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 package (4 serving size) instant vanilla, butterscotch or chocolate pudding mix
½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
½ cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 large egg
1 large egg white
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels
Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine flour and

pudding mix in small bowl. Beat butter in large mixing bowl on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Beat in brown sugar and baking soda until well combined. Beat in egg and egg white. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels. Drop dough by rounded teaspoon 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until set. Cool on baking sheets 2 to 3 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Easy Springtime Sugar Cookies

Yields: 24 cookies

1 package (16.5 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Refrigerated Sugar Cookie Bar Dough, well chilled
All-purpose flour
1 cup prepared frosting tinted to desired color or Easy Cookie Icing (Recipe Follows)
Nestlé Toll House Pink & Yellow Mixed Mini Morsel Toppers
Preheat oven to 325°F.

Sprinkle flour onto work surface. Roll out dough to ¼-inch thickness, using additional flour as needed to prevent sticking. Cut into desired shapes with 2 ½-inch cookie cutter. Transfer cookies to ungreased cookie sheets with spatula.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until light brown around edges. Smaller cutters and sharp edges tend to produce darker cookies. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Frost and sprinkle with Toppers.

For Easy Cookie Icing: Combine 1 cup sifted powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon milk and ½ teaspoon vanilla extract in small bowl. Stir in additional milk, a teaspoon at a time,

until desired consistency. For colored icing, tint with food coloring.

Peanut Butter & Chocolate Cookie Cups

Yields: 36 cookie cups

½ cup (1 ½ sticks) butter or margarine, softened
½ cup granulated sugar
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ cups (11-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Peanut Butter & Milk Chocolate Morsels, divided
2 large eggs
1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Preheat oven to 350°F. Heavily grease 36 mini-muffin cups.

Beat butter and sugar in small mixer bowl until creamy. Add flour; beat until mixture is evenly moist and crumbly. Roll rounded teaspoon dough into ball; press onto bottom and halfway up side of muffin cup. Repeat with remaining dough. Place 5 morsels in each cup.

Beat eggs in medium bowl with wire whisk. Stir in sweetened condensed milk and vanilla extract. Spoon into muffin cups, filling almost to the top of each cup.

Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until centers are puffed and edges are just beginning to brown. Remove from oven to wire racks. Gently run knife around edges of cookies. Let centers flatten. While still warm, top cookies with half of remaining morsels (they will soften and retain their shape). Repeat with remaining morsels. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. With tip of knife, release cookies from cups.

Courtesy Family Features

Lights, camera, action! HGTV films 'House Hunters' in Plymouth

By Nancy Austin
Guest Columnist

When Rob Goren and his girlfriend, Amanda, decided to move in together, they decided that buying a house was the right thing to do. Questions, of course, came up as to where they were going to purchase the property.

Rob grew up in Birmingham, but four years ago he landed a job in Ann Arbor where he has lived the last four years. Amanda spent most of her life in Livonia, and then moved to South Lyon. She has always liked downtown Plymouth and Rob has always preferred the charm of a quaint town.



Nancy Austin

Both agreed that wherever they lived, that the city should be "walkable." The decision was to look at homes both in Ann Arbor and Plymouth.

After looking extensively in Ann Arbor, Rob and Amanda ruled out Ann Arbor and decided to concentrate their efforts on the Plymouth community. They felt the Ann Arbor market was saturated with rentals and preferred something more stable. They liked Plymouth with its quaintness and old-world charm. They could walk to restaurants downtown, enjoy the ice festival and other amenities the city has to offer. Rob liked old homes. Amanda wanted to be sure the old home they selected would have updates.

And then they had an idea! "Amanda is a huge fan of HGTV," stated Rob. "She introduced me to *House Hunters* and we decided to apply." They thought they had a good chance at being accepted as their sto-



This is the Plymouth home the couple chose.

ry "was more interesting than many." They already had their Realtor, Eva Goren, who also happens to be Rob's mother, a Realtor with Hall and Hunter in Birmingham.

Eva agreed to do a video which they submitted on line to *House Hunters*, a program featuring individuals and couples who are planning to purchase a home. "It was an 'amateur' video," she said "and not very long." She introduced Rob and Amanda, who stated what they were looking for in a house and why they wanted to be a part of *House Hunters*. Within a few weeks, HGTV called saying they accepted Rob and Amanda to be on the program. In approximately five weeks, they began filming.

"They were a good crew and very professional," stated Eva. "It was nice we could be spontaneous. But if we weren't, they helped us get back on track." The crew consisted of the producer, sound person and the camera man. Filming took an entire day from 9 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m. each day

for each of the three houses you see in the episode. Goren explained that another day was devoted to filming Rob and Amanda in and around Plymouth to give the feel of the area.

When explaining what the process of filming was like, Rob Goren said, "It was exciting and it was 'a journey with its ups and downs.'" The biggest problem was, he said, as so many buyers find today, a lack of inventory. They had looked online and had been in open houses and kept encountering obstacles. For example, one house was touted to have a half-bath, but in reality it was a commode in the basement. After a lengthy search, they found two houses that fit their criteria. One was at the north end of Plymouth and is an old 1922 farm house completely remodeled in 2005. Amanda described the master suite as awesome.

However, they chose the second house that appears in the episode. It was closer to downtown Plymouth, had many updates and was within their budget. They wasted no time



This house on Junction in Plymouth was one the couple looked at but vetoed.

in making an offer to the sellers the same day they viewed it. Their offer was accepted.

"The one we selected has an open floor plan and many updates," Goren stated.

"A sun room had been added and the kitchen was remodeled. Amanda and I updated the fireplace by replacing the surround with granite and changing it to a gas fireplace." He continued, "That's really all we have had to do."

The one major problem they encountered was that the sofa they purchased earlier was too large. They had to re-order and it will arrive this spring some time. Rob and Amanda have been happily settled into their Plymouth home since last November.

Goren said HGTV has filmed other episodes in metro Detroit such as Birmingham and Ferndale. "They like the quaint Midwest cities."

Seniors Real Estate Specialist/Realtor **Nancy Austin** is with Keller Williams Realty.

Re-let standard factor not onerous

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I am a landlord in a shopping center and a lease provision provided that if the tenant defaults, I am under an affirmative duty to mitigate my damages. I have attempted to re-let the premises, posting For Rent signs, circulating a data sheet to brokers and making calls to advise that the premises are available. Several people have inquired, but in one situation, I declined to go forward because of an exclusivity provision in a lease with another tenant. Do I have a potential problem?

A: I would say not necessarily based upon the fact that court's generally agree that a



Robert Meisner

landlord in mitigating damages is not required to re-let to any willing tenant. Instead, all the duty

requires is reasonable diligence. Requiring a landlord to enter into a lease that would breach a lease with another existing tenant is unreasonable.

Q: In recent years I have heard of Community Association groups that are asserting a greater role in decision making for development projects. What can you tell me about that?

A: These Community Association groups enter into what is called Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs) which are typically agreements between a project developer and nonprofit community groups or local governments in which the developer promises various social and economic benefits (example: local hiring, financial grants, affordable housing) in exchange for explicit commitments and support for the project. These agreements are desirable because they facilitate the project approval process by giving the community a voice in the process so as to ensure socially responsible development. They also often enable a developer to complete a project efficiently and generate a wide range of community benefits. However, there is always the issue of community groups conditioning their support of development projects on matters unrelated to the statutory criteria for development permits or to environmental or land use impact which must be considered.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-asociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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CANTON
41552 Pineridge Ct \$115,000

Garden City
32136 James St \$106,000
32600 Windsor St \$47,000
LIVONIA
38630 Ann Arbor Trl \$145,000
11325 Ingram St \$148,000
29811 Lamar Ln \$126,000
18425 Pershing St \$92,000
16077 Swathmore Ln \$180,000
NORTHVILLE
19527 Dartmouth Pl \$57,000

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336 Linden St \$100,000
47503 Manorwood Dr \$520,000
405 Randolph St \$120,000
19235 Surrey Ln \$60,000
PLYMOUTH
232 Blunk St \$235,000
51364 Plymouth Lake Dr \$480,000
9360 Saddlebrook Ct \$326,000
9380 Saddlebrook Ct \$61,000
REDFORD

11422 Beech Daly Rd \$30,000
14228 Breakfast Dr \$123,000
20501 Centralia \$13,000
17693 Denby \$61,000
26780 Joy Rd # G5 \$16,000
WESTLAND
8073 Coventry St \$20,000
767 Denise St \$61,000
33666 Hazelwood St \$105,000
1424 S Karle St \$17,000

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17840 Beverly Rd \$200,000
31754 Nixon St \$165,000
BIRMINGHAM
791 Davis Ave \$454,000
330 Ferndale Ave \$718,000
557 N Eton St \$82,000
571 N Old Woodward Ave \$130,000
1045 N Old Woodward Ave \$140,000
538 Pleasant St \$395,000
1270 Puritan Ave \$450,000
592 W Frank St \$335,000
1937 Pine Ridge Ln \$240,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
2320 Klingensmith Rd \$45,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
1075 Autumn Ln \$350,000
1936 Klingensmith Rd \$55,000

7120 Lahser Rd \$50,000
3995 Lakeland Ln \$450,000
3150 Middlebury Ln \$280,000
300 N Cranbrook Rd \$522,000
635 Overhill Rd \$930,000
1245 Robson Ln \$175,000
4320 S Willoway Estates Ct \$310,000
6796 Vachon Dr \$288,000
42160 Woodward Ave \$87,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
2232 Brigantine \$40,000
2284 Brigantine \$40,000
8792 Buffalo Dr \$120,000
2688 Ivy Hill Dr \$233,000
5350 Riverwalk Trl \$235,000
FARMINGTON
22840 Farmington Rd \$120,000
23300 Hillview Ct \$263,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
27336 Arden Park Cir \$108,000
32800 Cadillac St \$229,000
35836 Fredericksburg Rd \$194,000
29630 Green Acres \$188,000
35928 Johnstown Rd \$235,000
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28422 Kirkside Ln \$164,000
29883 Muirland Dr \$180,000

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17395 Wiltshire Blvd \$109,000
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634 Sweetbriar \$77,000
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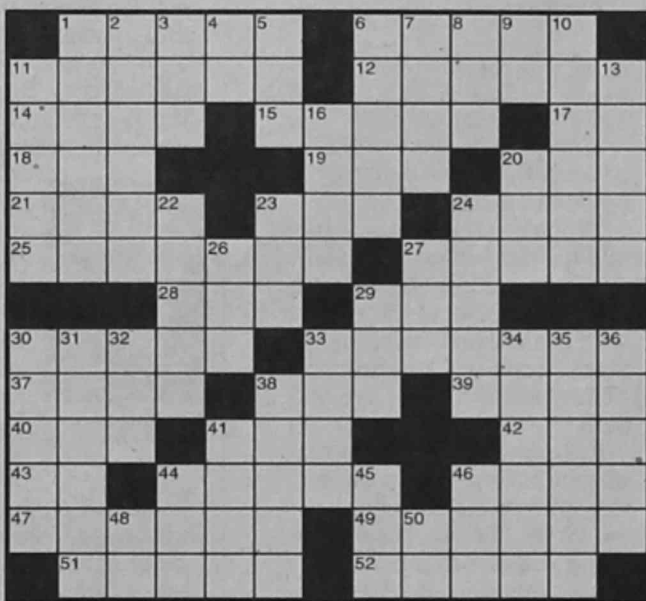
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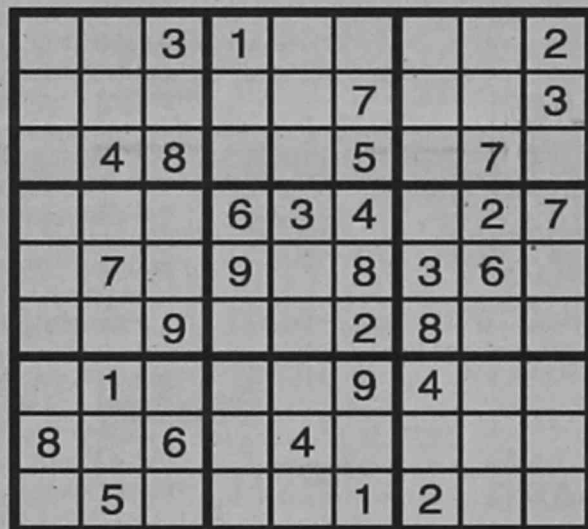
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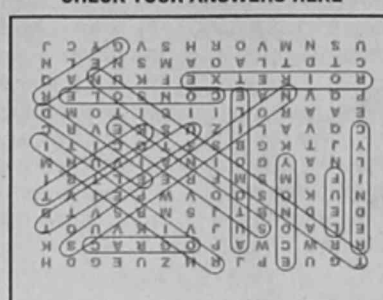
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