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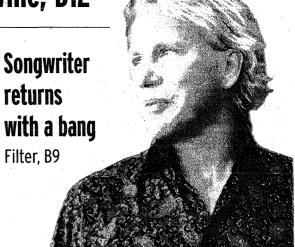
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P-CEP choirs, under the direction of Jennifer Kopp and Shelley Klippel, received high marks at the District Choral Festival in Dearborn.

Choirs rule

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp and Shelley Klippel, received high marks at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District Choral Festival at the Dearborn Center for the Performing Arts.

PCEP's Chamber Choir and Festival Singers both received the highest "Superior" rating and were two of only six choirs (in a field of 65 area choirs) to receive such high scores. PCEP was the only area high school in which two vocal ensembles

received a "Superior" rating. PCEP's Park Singers, Allegro, **Dulcissima** and Madrigal Singers all received an "Excellent" rating at the festival. For the first time, all six of PCEP's choirs participated in District Choral Festival and all six choirs were selected through their high scores to participate at the MSVMA State Choral Festival April 23-24 in Holt.

For the District Choral Festival, each vocal ensemble is required to prepare and perform two selections for a panel of four judges, all of whom are experts in the field of vocal music performance. In addition, the students participate in a clinic with one of the judges and are asked to complete a sight-reading exercise for another judge for an additional score. The performance and sight-reading scores are combined to create an overall score for the festival.

Diversity meeting

All Plymouth-Canton community residents are invited to take part in a community-wide meeting to explore diversity in the area and how to create an inclusive future at 7 p.m., today (Thursday) at the Canton Township Administrative building.

Join fellow residents in working groups to secure an inclusive future for Plymouth and Canton. Families, high school youth, neighbors and people of all cultures and religions are encouraged to attend.

This is an effort supported by Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion and the Ford Foundation.

For more information, contact Nikhol Atkins at natkins@miroundtable.org or Stacey Stevens at (248) 331-7036 (sstevens@miroundtable.org).

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Nancy Ball of Hands On Leather admits she's "not buying the \$250 and \$350 purses" she once sold, but the variety

Downtown leads as local businesses battle recession

Sunday: Old Village bounces back.

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Blessed with a vibrant, high-profile downtown and assisted by a city government and organizations that smooth the way, businesses in Plymouth are, for the most part, toughing it out during the nationwide recession, those who watch the local business climate

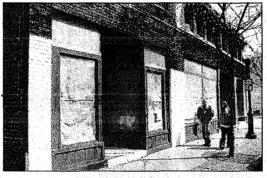
Though most businesses are feeling some pinch, the consensus is that downtown Plymouth, with its niche shops and restaurants and a year-round calendar of events that bring in thousands of visitors, is somewhat buffered from the crisis. Add to that a continuing demand for downtown commercial space when it does open up, plus what Mayor Phil Pursell called local employment diversity, and the city's businesses are weathering the economic storm.

"Generally, with only a couple of exceptions, folks are hanging in there," said Sherrie Pryor, operations director of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority. "It's not boom times. Money's not falling from the sky."

"We're doing our best to hold our own, and I hope it continues," said Pursell, the owner of Main Street Auto Wash.

DIVERSE INGREDIENTS

Pursell cited several factors he said put Plymouth in



Longtime Plymouth landmark restaurant Cafe Bon Homme on Penniman Avenue became an upscale Mexican restaurant, which also closed.

a good position, including:

A tendency among the owners of small businesses to be conservative. That means they tend not to overreach financially, he said.

A local population with a diverse array of jobs, including in high technology and health care, which means less reliance on automobile manufacturing, a sector that's been especially hard hit.

■ Commercial rents, in some locations, that have been dropping lately, as landlords realize it's better to collect some rent rather than none. Similarly, Wes Graff, executive director of the

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said

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Victim lives with beating aftermath

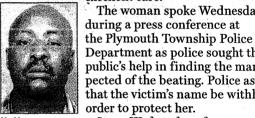
Suspect is arrested

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Twenty minutes.

That's how long she would have lived, the victim of a beating later learned, if she hadn't been able to call 9-1-1 after a man attacked her at her workplace in Plymouth Township last May 24.

They didn't think I was going to make it" at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, where she was initially brought after the attack, she said. Suffering from brain hemorrhaging, a broken vertebra in her neck and blood loss, she was transferred to the University of Michigan Hospitals, where, she said, she received excellent care.



public's help in finding the man suspected of the beating. Police asked that the victim's name be withheld in

order to protect her. Later Wednesday afternoon, police learned the suspect, Leevester Hathorn, was already in the Wayne County Jail, following his arrest March 18 after a robbery in

The woman spoke Wednesday during a press conference at

Department as police sought the

Woodhaven. Hathorn, who is in his 50s and has a criminal record dating back nearly 40 years, is expected to be formally charged later this week with five felonies in the township case. A warrant from the county prosecutor's office includes charges of attempted murder and armed robbery.

"This guy needs to be put in jail, because I don't want him to do it to anybody else," the victim said. Police said they recently identified Hathorn through physical evidence and their investigation.

They would not detail the physical evidence. The victim, who was working alone when the

attack occurred, is still recovering from her injuries 10 months later. "It's been a long road," she told reporters. "It's been

very hard. I was in a fog for a long time." She still suffers from headaches, she said, and her vision is affected. She only recently got a driver's license, and she has not gone back to work, although she intends to do so, she said. She also has no feeling in one hand and suffers from ringing in the ears, she said.

She said she takes "baby steps" toward recovery. "I want to be back in the mainstream and recover." she

The woman said one pre-treatment photograph shows her covered in blood, with little else visible but her teeth. "My daughters had to see that." she said.

The victim lived with a sister for some time after the attack, and said watching Ellen De Generes on television made her laugh and cheered her up. Her teenage daughters and her sister did a lot for her, she

She praised the police for their support and their work on the case, and her caregivers at U-M. "I'm thankful to be alive," she said.

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Talks with final two candidates set in search for new principal

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School district officials take one step closer Friday to restructuring the leadership at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park when they conduct interviews with two candidates who emerged from a search for the new Park Principal position.

It's the second round of interviews for both candidates, who came out of a pool of six initial interviews, which included talks with three with internal candidates. While Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel declined to name any of the candidates, he did say neither of the finalists is an internal candidate.

It's phase one of a restructuring plan, Fiegel said, designed to give the park a more streamlined approach.

"I think part of it is to work together more and provide an overall direction for the park and lead to a cohesive attitude," Fiegel said. "We still want to recognize the schools are individual schools, and strike that balance." The leadership at the park is being restructured from its current model, which has individual principals at each of the three high schools, with 10 assistant principals spread around the park.

The school board decided last year, faced with the departure of all three of its principals (Salem chief Jerry Ostoin left due to medical issues, while Plymouth Principal Michael Bee and Canton Principal Cassandra Smith announced their retirements) to look into a different way of doing things.

Under the new model, there will be one park principal, three associate principals (one at each high school) and nine assistant principals (three at each high school). Fiegel told board members Tuesday he hoped to have a recommendation to fill the position at their April 6

"I think this is key to the transition to the new leadership," board President Judy Mardigian said. Administrators hope to have recommendations for

the three associate principals ready by April 21, with

assistant principals chosen by May 12.

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Passport Day

The Clerk's Office of the Charter Township of Plymouth hosts a Passport Fair in Plymouth Township 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

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The Plymouth Township Clerk's Office is located at 9955 Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 354-3229.

Daddy's Girl

Plymouth Christian Academy presents "Daddy's Girl," a 'charming comedy and 'dessert'

theater experience at Maudie's Diner."

AROUND PLYMOUTH

Under the direction of Laura Landrum, the play runs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2; 6 and 9 p.m. Friday, April 3; and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at Plymouth Christian Academy's Activity Center, 43065 Joy Road in Canton. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call (734) 459-3505.

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The Plymouth Lions Club will be sponsoring this years Easter egg hunt at Plymouth Township Park Saturday, April 11.

The park is located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Don't forget to bring your

baskets, bags and cameras! We will also be collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones.

For more information e-mail Debbie Baudino-Dowling at debbaudino@hotmail.com, call (734) 207-7464 or see the Web site at www.plymouth-lionsclub.

Belly dancing

Metro Dance Company in Plymouth hosts a Beginning Belly Dancing class for adults 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The class will teach the basics of belly dancing and is a great lowimpact way to have fun while strengthening your core.

Contact the studio at (734) 207-8970 or info@ MetroDanceCompany.com with any questions. Metro Dance Company is located just outside downtown Plymouth on the northeast corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail at 541 S Mill St.

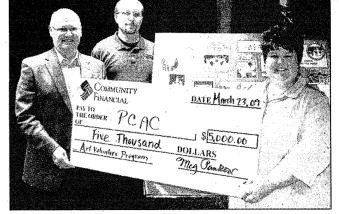
Palette & Brush club

During the month of April, Lotus Arts Gallery will be hosting the "Palette & Brush Club Spring Exhibit 2009," a juried exhibition of a variety of art mediums sponsored by the Palette & Brush Club.

The Palette and Brush Club's membership is made up of artists from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. The Palette & Brush Club regularly has monthly guest artist speakers on various art subjects, several juried shows a year and has ongoing projects to raise monies for a Scholarship Fund that has provided funds for worthy art students in pursuit of higher edu-

cation in their chosen field of art. The public is invited to view the exhibition and meet the artists at the opening reception 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey) in downtown Plymouth.

The exhibition will be on display from April 1 through April



Arts donation

The Plymouth Community Arts Council Program Director Tamara Trudelle, at right, accepts Community Financial's donation to the Art Volunteer Program from Board Chairman Albert Berrie. Included in the presentation is Community Financial Plymouth Branch Manager Mark Evenson. The credit union recently donated \$5,000 to the Art Volunteer Program (AVP) originally established by the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) in 1969. Five new portfolios including Tiffany Family, Japanese Wood Block, Artist Kandinsky, Photo Realism and Artists During the Civil War Era have been added. These are geared toward older children and offer fresh, new ideas. The AVP enlists and trains parent volunteers to use art portfolios, culture kits and sculpture units to make presentations to elementary school children in public, parochial and charter schools throughout the community.

24, 2009. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

Women Wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women meets 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Guests will be The Petticoat Ladies as "Mothers of Invention." The BPW's goal is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women.

Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center and west of Sheldon

For more information and to

RSVP, e-mail June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or call (313) 610-2561.

Penn auction

The fourth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place Friday, May 8, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and danc-

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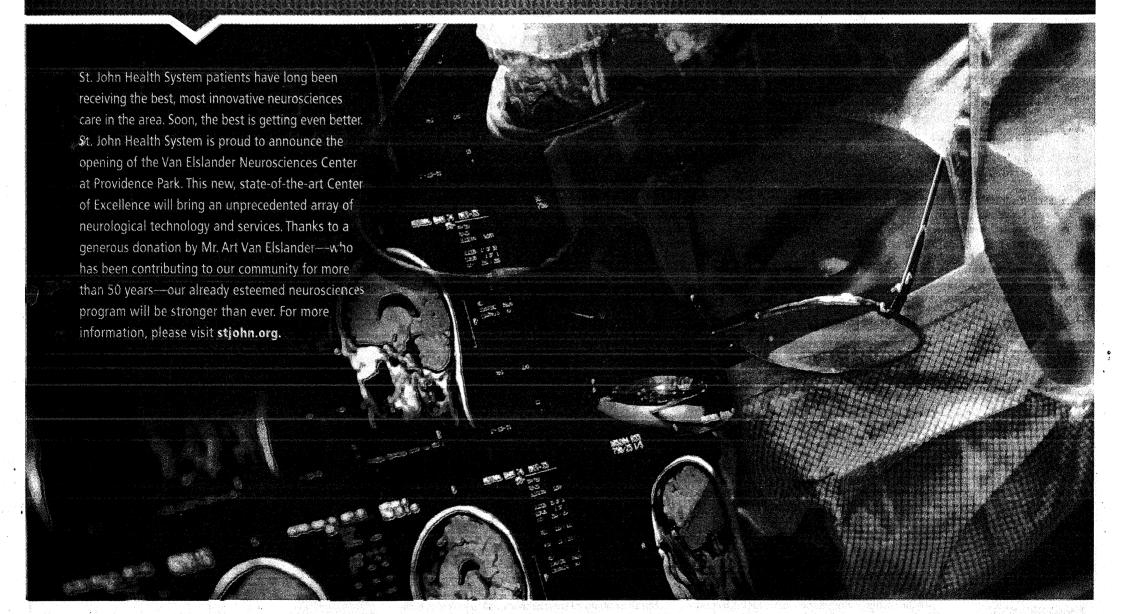
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Car parts maker: 'We're going to survive this'

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At E&E Manufacturing Co., it's safe to say the recession has hit harder than at most other places in the city of Plymouth.

The 47-year-old firm, the only significant manufacturing presence in the city, makes a variety of auto parts, and owner and president Wes Smith has about 200 workers on layoff.

Smith said the downturn for his business began in late 2007 and continued through January and February.

"I think you're going to see further unemployment continuing," Smith said of the Plymouth area.

E&E now employs about 240 people at its home plant in Plymouth and at another ers. in Athens, Tenn.

Asked for a measure of how much business has fallen, Smith pointed to the projected automobile output for North America for this year: 8.2 million units, down from 12.6 million cars built last year. That's a drop of about 35 percent.

"Sales are important, but it's auto production that we look at," he said. Yet Smith remains optimistic about his

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Wes Smith is the owner and president of E&E Manufacturing.

businesses. "We're confident we're going to survive this," he said.

E&E has been working, Smith said, on attracting customers other than automak-

Plus, he said, the demand for used cars has been strong and their prices have been rising, meaning that when those prices reach a certain point, more buyers

will opt for new cars. "The good news is that 90 percent of us are employed. We have good things happening," Smith said.

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he's seen more landlords splitting large commercial spaces into multiple smaller units, which means lower rents for tenants.

However, "it's tough to fill office space," Graff said, citing as an example the vacant Century 21 Town & County building on Main Street. The realty firm moved out of the building nearly a year ago.

What office-renters there are go for smaller, less-expensive spaces, he said, and working at home has become more common as business owners try to save on overhead.

Plymouth's downtown business district remains a big draw for many businesses — and their customers.

DOWNTOWN'S APPEAL

"We have unique businesses downtown that you can't find in a mall," said Al Wilkerson, the owner, with his wife, Phyllis, of the Sweet Afton Tea Room.

"Vacancies are getting filled right away. Businesses are opening," Pryor A new bar and restaurant, the

Ironwood Grill, is set to open this spring in the space on Ann Arbor Trail most recently occupied by the Book Cellar and Cafe, and Kilwin's, a Michigan-based chain of confectioners, is planning to open a shop at Main and Penniman. A candy store, The Candy Trail, opened recently on Ann Arbor Trail.

Some downtown businesses have closed, Pryor said, but not all the closings were a direct result of the recession. There are so few vacancies in the downtown district, Pryor said, it isn't worth the DDA's time to survey them.

"We haven't lost many businesses. We've been very fortunate," she said. · Many downtown businesses cater to a specific market that keeps customers

"I think we've built on a loyal clientele," said Wilkerson of Sweet Afton, a tea room and restaurant that dates to 1988. Wilkerson and his wife have owned Sweet Afton for nearly a year.

coming in.

drop off lately, after a good November and December. The Wilkersons have cut hours twice since they took over, he said, because business was slow in the evenings.

Wilkerson said he's seen business

But Wilkerson said he sees his and his wife's role as continuing a legacy, and that Sweet Afton remains a place enjoyed by people of different generations.

"You just don't throw away 20 years. You don't want a place like Sweet Afton to go away," Wilkerson said. "You've got to hold on."

Nancy Ball, the owner of Hands On Leather, said the variety of goods she

carries keeps people coming in. But she's not ordering the \$250 and \$350 purses she once did, she said.

"I try to stay with, really, the highest quality I can get without going too expensive," Ball said. Many offerings, such as handmade jewelry from local artisans, belts made in the shop, and on-site leather repair, can't be found everywhere and also keep her store a destination point, she said.

Ball said the Christmas season was a bit slower than in the previous year, but that business has picked up recently.

MARKETING HELP

Both Ball and Wilkerson praised local efforts, such as by the DDA, to help Plymouth businesses with marketing and networking.

"Plymouth's been a wonderful place to do business, because they really care about their businesses," said Wilkerson.

"People still have a really positive image of the Plymouth community," said Graff

Ball appreciates the many downtown events. Hands On Leather participated in last year's inaugural Bridal Stroll, she said, even though it was a stretch to fit the store into the wedding theme. But store traffic, and business, were brisk that weekend, she said.

"It's really great to be in downtown Plymouth. This really helps me," Ball

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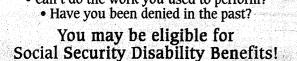
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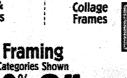
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Returned teen's mom offers thanks; probe continues, charges possible

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the unexpected disappearance of a Plymouth Township teenager continued, the boy's mother offered thanks to the police for their efforts in locating him, and to the community for its support.

Justin Wainwright, 15, was reported missing on March 16 and returned safely three days later with a friend, Joshua Zohr, 18, of Northville. The two had been the subject of an Amber Alert that reached into several states as police looked for information about their whereabouts.

"We have a phenomenal police department, the most incredible men we've ever worked with," said Teresa Wainwright, Justin's mother, in a phone message. "We'd also like to thank all the people who said prayers for the boys' safe return, and all of Justin's friends, and all the amazing people who helped bring Justin home

The community outpouring was "overwhelming" and "Christian," the message continued,



and Justin and his family feel loved and supported. Township Police Chief

Thomas Tiderington said Justin and Zohr were in Georgia when they saw media coverage of their disappearance and the Amber Alert, which prompted them to return home. They had been traveling in Zohr's Pontiac Grand Prix.

Zohr and Justin worked together at Paradise Park, an entertainment venue in Novi owned by the Wainwrights.

Tiderington said the police investigation should be wrapped up in a week or two, and the results then sent to the Wayne County prosecutors office. Charges are possible, Tiderington said, though he added he did not want to speculate on what charges could be brought.

On Friday, a woman who answered the phone at the Wainwright home said the family did not want to press charges against Zohr.

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Oil shop loses cash during break-in Cash was reported stolen

from a Valvoline Oil Change station on Ann Arbor Road after a break-in late Sunday or early Monday, the Plymouth Township Police Department

The break-in was discovered Monday morning. Police said a window had been broken on one of the bay doors, and the interior office door forced open.

Game-lifting

Thirty-nine video games were reported stolen from the Blockbuster store on Ann Arbor Road in the township after a security device was removed from the case of each game on Friday.

A police report said the shoplifting took place during business hours on Friday. The game cases were left behind.

Truck burglary

3A sweatshirt, sunglasses and the ignition key were reported stolen from a Jeep Grand Cherokee on Friday.

The vehicle was parked in the driveway of a house on Northern at the time, township police said. The victim told police he heard the vehicle's alarm just before 3:30

Eastertime vandalism

Two Eastertime lawn deco-rations — wooden figures depicting a male bunny and a female bunny — were reported stolen from the front lawn of a house on Clare Boulevard on Monday.

A township police report said the decorations were taken between 11 p.m. the night before and about 7 a.m. Monday.

- by Matt Jachman

Fire Runs

■ Tuesday, March 24 - Residential rescues on Shadywood, Linden, Northville Road, Haggerty, Concord, Linden Court and Clemons; vehicle accident and downed wires on Ann Arbor Trail; rescue run to a public building or school on Sheldon.

■ Monday, March 23 - Commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Sheridan; investigation on Halyard east of Ridge: mutual-aid fire run on Haggerty.

■ Sunday, March 22 -Rescue runs on Burroughs and on Fox; residential rescue runs on Harvey, on Ann Arbor Road, on Denise Court, on Haggerty, on Countrywood and on South Drive.

■ Saturday, March 21 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Northville Road, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Litchfield and on Aspen; wash-down on Ann Arbor Trail: vehicle fire on westbound I-96 at Schoolcraft;

Haggerty and Ann Arbor Trail.

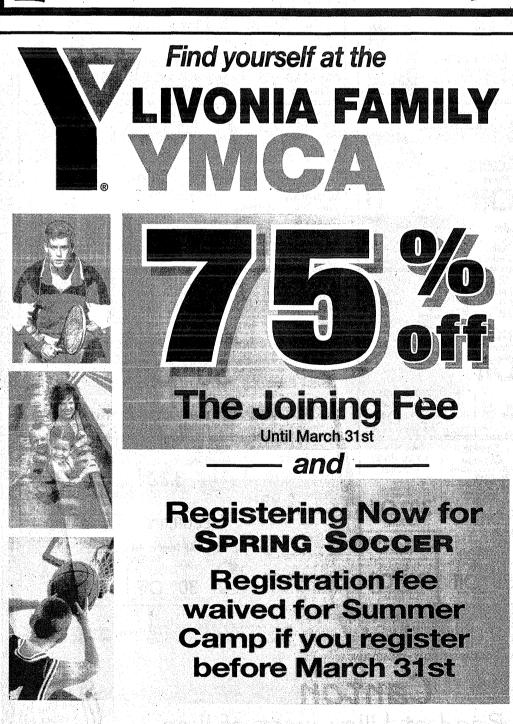
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■ Thursday, March 19 -Rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Trail; commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail and on Haggerty; grass/ brush fire at northbound I-275 and Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Union, on Dogwood and on Sheridan; vehicle accident at Beck and Clipper; carbon monoxide detector run on Ann Arbor Trail; special run on Haggerty.

■ Wednesday, March 18 -Rescue run to a public building on Haggerty; vehicle accident on I-275; wash-down on the southbound I-275 ramp; rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; commercial rescue runs on Concept and on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs

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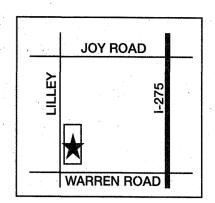


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Genocide survivor speaks on power of forgiveness

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BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Genocide. Forgiveness.
Those words don't often
appear together, but parishioners at Our Lady of Good
Counsel in Plymouth Township
will be grappling with both
concepts when a survivor of the
Rawandan genocide visits on
Saturday

Immaculee Ilibagiza, who survived the 1994 slaughter by hiding for 91 days with seven other women in the bathroom at the house of a local pastor, speaks at Good Counsel on the power of forgiveness, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday. Her

appearance, open to the public, is part of the church's Dignity of Life speaker series.

Ilibagiza, who was a college student when the killings took place, emerged from hiding to find that her entire family had been killed, except for a brother who was out of the country. She documented her experiences in a book, *Left to Tell*.

In the book, Ilibagiza "shows how to live a life in communion with God, especially through the most difficult time in her life," parishioner Mark Renfer, who is coordinating the appearance, said in an e-mail. "She has, through continued prayer, worked to maintain



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and improve the relationship with God, and with others."

Ilibagiza works on behalf of a charitable foundation that raises money to support Rawandan orphans. A free will offering is suggested for her talk on

Saturday.
Our Lady of Good Counsel is at 47650 North Territorial, just west of Beck Road.

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Symphony teams with Gleaners food bank to feed the hungry

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra will participate in Orchestras Feeding America, the first national food drive by America's symphony orchestras.

The Food Drive takes place noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Emagine Theatre on Ford Road in Canton.

To date, hundreds of orchestras across the country have come together to combat hunger in their communities through Orchestras Feeding America, according to Plymouth Canton Symphony officials. The project was organized by the League of American Orchestras, which represents the nation's professional, volunteer and youth orchestras, and Feeding America's network of over 200 food banks and 63,000 agencies, which includes Gleaners Community Food Bank

of Southeast Michigan.
"We all are feeling the effects of
this economic crisis, but we cannot
let that stop us from helping our
neighbors in greater need," said

Beth Stewart, executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony. "Our orchestra's music uplifts people, but with this project we can do more to support the community that has supported us for over 63 years."

According to Stewart, the drive was inspired by the true story of the upcoming film, "The Soloist," starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey, Jr., which will be released in theaters nationwide, April 24. The film is based on the true story of the relationship between LA Times columnist Steve Lopez (Downey, Jr.) and Nathaniel Ayers (Foxx), a gifted Julliard-trained string player whose mental illness landed him among the homeless on the streets of Los Angeles.

The relationship expanded to include staff and musicians of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. "The Soloist," which also features the Los Angeles Philharmonic, is a testament to the redemptive power of music and a reminder of our connections to the most vulnerable among us, Stewart said.

"Gleaners is grateful to the Plymouth Canton Symphony for undertaking this food drive," said W. DeWayne Wells, president of the food bank. "In these challenging times, community support is vital to Gleaners as we strive to meet the growing demand for emergency food."

"We are excited to work together with the Plymouth Canton Symphony on this project," said Ruth Daniels, vice president of sales/marketing for Emagine Entertainment, Inc.

One In Eight is the theme for the food drive as statistics show that one in eight Americans do not know where their next meal will come from. Donors are asked to please bring canned goods as well as boxed meals to the Emagine Theatre March 28 and have the opportunity to enter a drawing for tickets to "The Soloist" when it opens in April.

For more information on the concert and programs please visit www.plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112.

From Canton to Canton

Fusion Fest features the music and dance of China

BY TONY BRUSCATO

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When internationally acclaimed artist George Gao played music from the Pacific Rim as a guest with the Plymouth Symphony in 2005, Conductor Nan Washburn — who is known to incorporate different kinds of music into a concert — was impressed.

"I couldn't believe how phenomenal a player of the Chinese ehru he was," Washburn said. "It's probably the most popular instrument in China. It sounds similar to a western violin, but only has two strings, and it's seated like a cello. He's a virtuoso on it."

Gao is returning to the area, this time to play with Orchestra Canton in the second Fusion Festival at the Village Theater in Cherry Hill at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28. Gao, who began playing the ehru at age 6, studied at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music and the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. He's won international recognition for his works.

Titled "From Canton to Canton — the Music of China," the Fusion Festival is in its second year bringing together traditional music from the Far East with Western classical music. Last year, the event featured the music of India.

"The idea behind the Fusion Festival is to bring together different kinds of music and show where they are the same and different, and how they sound when they are mixed," Washburn said. "The first half of the program will be traditional Chinese folk music, either recomposed or arrangements tailored to our orchestra. It will be a hybrid of the two styles."

Plymouth-Canton Symphony Orchestra Director Beth Stewart of Plymouth Township said Gao can make the ehru sound like a fiddle, a Stradivarius violin or mimic the human voice.

"The whole first part of the



George Gao is scheduled to perform at Fusion Festival.



This weekend's Fusion Festival will feature a Chinese dance presentation by the Chinese Folk Dance Troupe of Metro-Detroit Oriental Art School.

program is all beautiful scores of Chinese folk music the Asian population will recognize," Stewart said, "including Jasmine Flowers and Butterfly Lovers.

"We're also going to have a Chinese dance troupe on stage," she added. "The costuming is beautiful."

On Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m., Gao will give an ehru demonstration along with the Youth Orchestra on Chinese music. The dance troupe will demonstrate the history of Chinese dance 4-6 p.m. Both sessions are open to the public free of charge.

"The Partnership for the Arts in Canton has been really supportive and gave us a grant for the Fusion Festival this year, like it did last year," Stewart said. "It allows us a chance to spread our wings and put together music we might otherwise not get to play."

Washburn said she's excited to have a second chance to work with Gao.

"When he played in Plymouth, he brought down the house," Washburn said. "People couldn't believe they were enjoying music that was so different. He's quite the showman and an amazing artist."

Tickets for the Saturday concert are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for children.

Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Symphony office by calling (734) 451-2112. Tickets can also be purchased using the Village Theater's secure online box office at www. orchestracanton.org, or at the Village Theater box office one hour prior to the performance.

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Scones for stones

Tea fund-raiser aims to save park wall

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wendy Harless of Plymouth Township is excited about an upcoming tea party benefit to support restoration of the stone wall at Plymouth's Veterans Community Memorial Park.

"We believe it was built in 1936 by the Works Progress Administration," said Harless, board chair for the Plymouth Preservation Network. The wall is believed to be that old based on a newspaper article found from that year. It indicated work was under way at the Presbyterian church site and would continue across the street in the area near what is now Central Middle School.

The "Tea and Scones To Save the Stones" benefit will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. Tea and food have been donated by the Sweet Afton Tea Room, Tranquilitea and Panera's of Plymouth, and the library donated the room for use.

"We would love to sell 100 tickets," Harless said, noting the room can accommodate about 120. Tickets are available, having gone on sale March 18.

At the event, Plymouth merchants will have displays focusing on decorating ideas. Participants include Basket Kreations, Bohemian Home, Home Sweet Home, Magnolia (a florist), Sideways, Maggie & Me, Haven and The Velvet Plum. The \$15 tickets are available at all those businesses, but not at the three food/tea providers.

"We've had a lot of buzz about it, a lot of excitement," Harless said. Tickets are going, and merchants are eager to show what they have.

Organizers have a fundraising goal of \$5,600, of which \$2,400 has been raised Harless and fellow supporters are eager to see the wall stones remain: "Local stonemasons built that wall."

They were part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's WPA effort to keep Americans working during the Great Depression.

By May 1, organizers need \$2,600. "But we would love to raise the full \$5,600," she said.

The wall has been hit by cars through the years and needs repairs.

"This money would bring it back to the original serpentine shape," she said. A group of about 25 people recently went to a Plymouth City Commission meeting to urge the wall be saved.

The preservationists are working with local stonemason Pat Cahill. He will rebuild the wall section by section, finishing by fall. The group would then hold a rededication.

For the "Tea and Scones" event, which Harless acknowledges will appeal mostly to women, you'll need to buy your ticket in advance. It's the group's first major fund-raiser, although they sold Wilcox House design coffee mugs last summer and did well.

"It seems like people are coming out and supporting our group, which is wonderful," Harless said.

She agreed the saving of the Penn Theatre, which opened in 1941 and was rescued by a volunteer group, is a good sign. "We've lost quite a few which is really why our group got together in 2006," Harless said, citing the Mayflower Hotel, Grange and Masonic Temple as historic Plymouth buildings lost.

For information on the fundraiser or group, visit www. plymouthpreservation.org

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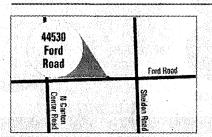


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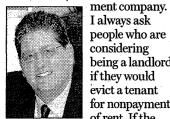
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Weigh pros and cons of being a landlord

have received a letter recently from individuals asking if it's a good idea to rent their home. My answer is: "Do you have what it takes to be a landlord?

One of the toughest jobs is being a landlord. When you only have one house to rent it's not economical to hire a manage-



Rick Bloom

Money Matters

I always ask people who are considering being a landlord if they would evict a tenant for nonpayment of rent. If the answer is no, they should not be a landlord.

Being a landlord

is a business and should be treated as such. I always tell investors they should invest without emotion. The same applies to being a landlord. You cannot let emotions dictate your decisions.

Those thinking about renting their home should talk to a landlord to get a feel for what is involved. There are many books on the topic and resources on the Internet.

If you have made the decision to become a landlord, there are legal and tax issues you need to be aware of before you allow anyone to move into your home.

The first issue is the lease. It is imperative you have a written lease. Although you can buy a fill-in-the-blank lease, it may not fit the situation. Even if you use a prototype lease, have an attorney, who is familiar with real estate law, review the document.

Issues that need to be addressed in a lease are security deposits, length of the lease, amount of rent charged, late payments and whether to allow pets and smoking.

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It's important to remember when problems arise, they are generally construed against the landlord so it is important that terms are clearly laid out in the

When renting your home, make sure the tenant is responsible and trustworthy. Every successful landlord requires tenants to complete an application which contains a variety of information. It is important that the application complies with the law. For example, many landlords today will run some sort of credit check on the tenant.

Typically, you need the applicant's permission to access this information. Therefore, make sure they sign the appropriate document to obtain the necessary information.

A landlord has to keep sepa-

rate records for tax purposes. Items that were not deductible when you owned a home may be deductible when you treat it as rental property. An example may be condo association dues that become deductible when it's a rental property but are not deductible if it is your personal residence.

As a landlord, there are different options available when it comes to accounting for taxes on your rental property. Sit down with an accountant who is familiar with rental property so you can use the tax laws to your benefit.

In today's economy, it does make economic sense to rent out property vs. selling it in a down market. However, in making that decision consider the ramifications of becoming a landlord.

Carefully weigh the pros and cons including whether you want the responsibility that comes with being a landlord.

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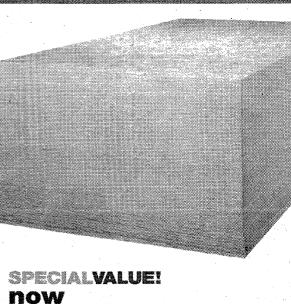
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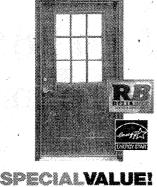
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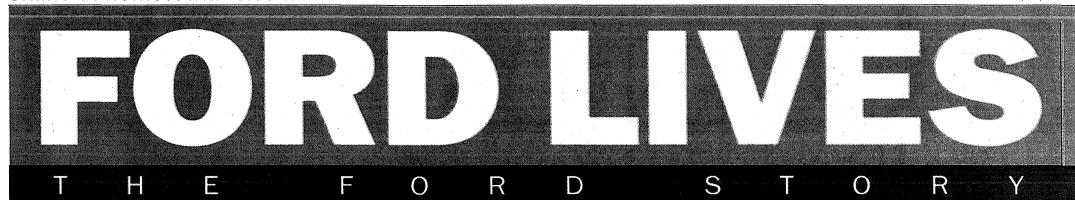


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Local business holds its own

The staggering economy is hitting Michigan harder than perhaps any other state in the union, bringing the auto industry to its knees begging for help and causing some of the highest unemployment in the country.

And it's silly to think the business climate in Plymouth hasn't been affected. In fact, it started long before this never-ending downturn started, with the demise of long-time Plymouth stalwarts such as Walker-Buzenberg and Laurel

The Little Book Shoppe on the Park went out of business, and so did Book Cellar and Cafe. Long-timers like Lynne's Hallmark and newcomers such as Cold Stone Creamery closed their doors.

But the Plymouth area has done its best to prove the old adage, "When one door closes, another one opens." For every business forced to close, another one pops up. From a certain perspective, there's a lot of failure among Plymouth businesses. But from another, there's also a lot of success.

And even more hope.

Those who pay attention to these things point out Plymouth's penchant for "niche" shops and restaurants. They say since the community features largely small businesses who tend to be conservative, owners tend not to over-reach financially.

Landlords are also apparently learning a lesson, if you listen to some of the business people. In the past, owners have complained — privately and publicly — that landlords charged far too

Now, you see the rents coming down. Landlords are also subdividing spaces and renting to smaller businesses, apparently deciding it's cheaper to collect some rent rather than

Plymouth Township is home to its share of auto-related businesses, and as such as seen a decline in its business climate. However, developments are also coming around that are keeping the township a destination community.

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puter-server host for outside companies, In the past, owners have was convinced to stay in the township through the joint publicly - that landlords efforts of the township, the county and the state. State and local tax breaks are helping Stardock Corp., a software company with a and renting to smaller growing game business, expand its headquarters in the township and add jobs.

Nobody is saying the business climate in Plymouth

is perfect. You'd have to be looking through deeply rose-colored lenses to think businesses weren't struggling as they are everywhere else. As Sherrie Pryor, operations director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, is quick to point out, these aren't boom times for a lot of businesses, many of which are simply

than none.

holding their own. The DDA and the chamber have formed what seem so far to be effective marketing strategies, and elected officials are pursuing tax breaks and using resources such as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to convince businesses to stick around.

And retailers themselves have really begun to push a "shop local" philosophy, allowing them to discover, perhaps to their betterment, that those who stick together just might flourish together.

Join the discussion

If you had \$10,000 to invest in one of the Big Three auto companies, which one would you pick?

Go to hometownlife.com to give us your feedback.



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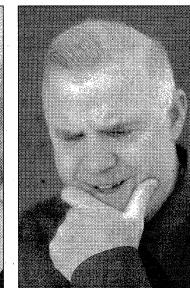
What is the best movie you've seen recently, and what did you like about it?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



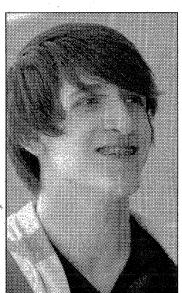
"Australia.' The scenery, the whole story line. It was just a very interesting movie to me."

Dolores Hendershot Plymouth Township

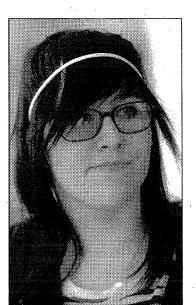


"'Fireproof.' ... It's about a marriage. I'm a marriage counselor."

Tom Bailey **Canton Township**



"'Baby Mama.' ... Amy Poehler played a really stupid girl." Wesley Savageau Canton Township



"'One Missed Call' ... It was scary at the end." **Taylor Box** Plymouth Township

State's incarceration rate is not out of line

t is repeatedly stated in the media that Michigan incarcerates at a rate higher than our Great Lakes neighbors. This does not tell the full story. Now, the governor and

Legislature will be making critical decisions about our corrections system, which will impact the safety of our citizens for years to come. The tri-county prosecutors, who represent the majority of this state's urban population, want the discussion about these critical decisions to be factual and complete.



Michigan has a crime problem. When comparing our state to our neighbors, we should begin by recognizing that our crime rate is higher than theirs. However, according to the underlying data of the Justice Center study, which was commissioned by the governor and state lawmakers, we arrest only one-quarter of the perpetrators of violent crimes in our community — roughly half the rate of the rest of the country.

This horrendous statistic is driven in part

officers per capita in the Midwest. While our violent crime rate has increased, the actual numbers of police on the street in Michigan have declined extraordinarily in the past decade. In fact, many urban police forces have been decimated. At the same time, there is a critical lack of scientific investigative resources which delays analysis of evidence, stalls investigations, and allows perpetrators to avoid apprehension.

Michigan's rate of incarcerating criminals is not out of step with prudent and necessary practices. According to the same Justice Center study, only one in 10 convicted felons is initially sentenced to prison. This 10 percent represents the most violent, habitual criminals that plague our communities. The other 90 percent of convicted felons are initially sentenced to local jails, probation, community programs or diversion. Of these 90 percent, some violate the terms of their probations and are then resentenced to prison. But even adding those violators to those initially sentenced to prison, less than 22 percent of Michigan's felons are ever committed to prison.

Nationally, the commitment rate is 40 perby the fact that Michigan has the fewest police cent. So, to suggest that Michigan's criminal

justice system is not attempting to utilize the varied and expanding pool of community sanctions and treatment for convicted felons is totally wrong, and wholly unproductive to a reasoned, effective discussion of the issues and what we need to do about them.

Our citizens deserve a safe Michigan, to live, work and raise their children. Public safety is the first obligation of government, and our leaders need to keep that priority when making difficult budget choices. Releasing high-risk prisoners before adding police officers, expanding crime lab resources, and investing in the "front end" of a young man or woman's life, is quite simply putting the cart before the horse. And it is a dangerous answer to our budgetary crisis.

We simply cannot reduce the costs of government by accelerating the release into the community of repeat offenders and high-risk individuals. Government must be fiscally responsible. But it cannot be so by sacrificing the safety of its citizens.

Jessica R. Cooper is Oakland County prosecutor. Kym L. Worthy is Wayne County prosecutor and Eric J. Smith is Macomb County prosecutor.

LETTERS

Montoya is right choice

As each day passes the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is facing a mounting task. Marching bands are preparing for the upcoming season. Shows, music, and possibly choreography have already been selected, planting their seed they hope will blossom at Lucas Oil Stadium at the Grand Nationals in November.

After reading the article "Third time a charm?" by Brad Kadrich; I cannot help but write to the paper to express my displeasure at both the hiring process and committee.

Mr. Ray Bihun stated: "A band as prominent as Plymouth-Canton's ... should be drawing more prospects. We're a national program." (Observer, March 12) Could it be that these prospective candidates were intimidated with the marching band's past history and its continued resolution towards excellence? Could it be that these prospective candidates have never dealt with a Plymouth-Canton marching band type student?

Our students demand to be more than just "OK." Our students desire to reach their fullest potential as individuals and together as a band. Our students are determined to restore, reclaim, and maintain Plymouth-Canton's status as one of the most renowned and recognized bands in the nation.

Andrew Carnegie said: "Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." Our band epitomizes this quote.

On Nov. 15, 2008, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band phoenixed from the ashes of a mundane season to reclaim a spot as one of the best marching bands in the nation, finishing 11th at the Grand Nationals. This was accomplished, not by magic or luck, but by sheer determination of the students who were supported and encouraged by Mr. Martin Montoya, his staff, parents, and fans. Mr. Montoya is truly a gifted teacher. As "interim" director, not only did he achieve a spot in the Nationals, but also "PCEP had its wind ensemble and varsity band ... along

What do you think?

Mail comments to the Plymouth Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226 or e-mail to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

with its concert and symphony bands under the direction of Martin Montoya ... scored straight "1s")

Has any of the board observed his interaction with the students? Has the board ever obtained opinions from the students and/or parents? I have seen Mr. Montoya "teach" on the practice field. I have seen Mr. Montoya take that special time and effort with a student and sections that need the extra help. I have seen students respond to Mr. Montoya because they respect and believe in him. As a parent of a band member, I believe in him. I believe Mr. Montoya deserves to be offered the position of director based upon his credentials, his professionalism, and his devotion and dedication to the music program and his students.

The selection process was said to be "complicated." Not in the least when someone as capable as Mr. Montoya is right there.

> Carl Katafiasz Canton

McCotter represents district

I find it intellectually necessary to respond to the comment letter of the gentleman from Farmington Hills, as contained on page A8 of the Observer/Eccentric publication of March 12. Therein, the gentleman, not a resident of the district which Thaddeus McCotter represents (11th Congressional District), deigns to claim that Mr. McCotter (in his seven years as our representative) not only voted against the "recovery" legislation but also consistently, in his voting, supports the wealthiest of our citizens.

Although McCotter voted against the Pelosi/Reid pork bill put forth by the Democrats in Congress, the gentlemen from Farmington Hills misstates the premise that the bill is "recovery" legislation. Rather from my studied perspective, the legislation

is a wasteful multibillion dollar payback to the powers in the Democratic Party that supported the spending. This payback represents nothing more than fulfilling the wish lists of liberals who could not have gotten their "pie-in the-sky" agendas passed by a saner Congress.

I have resided in Canton Township for many more years than Mr. McCotter has represented my community and its people, as part of the 11th District. Although I do not agree with him regarding some of his positions, as I consider myself to be a conservative voter, based upon my years of watching him in the media, listening to his communications to his constituents and reviewing his voting record (not the most conservative, in my opinion), I deem him to be the most representative, most thoughtful and most reflective of the economic status of his constituents (including numerous autoworkers who work and reside in this district).

He co-sponsored bills in Congress to assist veterans to obtain employment (HR 2330), to provide for amendment of the IRS Code to permit hardship borrowing from IRAs (HR 5641), he has fought, consistently, for the bailout of the auto industry to protect the employment of his constituents, taking the position that bankruptcy for the auto industry would be wrong, as destructive to jobs and employment in Michigan, he has fought to keep taxes down so that small business could flourish.

I have seen Mr. McCotter on numerous occasions on television, talking up the state of Michigan and its populace. On the other hand, although I have heard of Mr. Peters, whom the gentleman from Farmington Hills mentions, I recall no newsworthy activity on his part with regard to the Michigan public during the time of his tenure.

Thus I ask, possibly rhetorically, that the gentleman from Farmington Hills, support his allusions regarding Mr. McCotter with specific and verifiable facts. Without such, I believe that it would be an injustice to replace Mr. McCotter in 2010 with a less capable and eloquent defender of our concerns. Thank you.

> **Richard Kudla** Canton Township

MALLS & MAIN STREETS

EASTER BUNNY ARRIVES

METRO DETROIT — The Easter Bunny will hop into several local malls this weekend and stay through Easter Sunday. He has already arrived at Twelve Oaks in Novi, Westland Center in Westland, Oakland Mall in Troy, and Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The Village of Rochester Hills will welcome the Easter Bunny March 28 with a Kids Spring Scavenger Hunt noon-3 p.m. starting in Festival Park. Somerset's bunny, Hester Fairweather, will arrive April 2 at the North Grand Court amidst whimsical pop-up book decor and a labyrinth carpet. All locations offer photo packages. Check online for times.

BALLROOM BLISS AT ROYAL PARK

ROCHESTER — The Royal Park Hotel will host the third annual Ballroom Bliss Event March 28. Named "Best Industry Event" by the National Association of Catering Executives-Michigan Chapter, the event offers a night of inspiration for clients hosting upcoming events at the Royal Park Hotel, including industry trends, creative cuisine, glam tabletops, stylish sips and tips. Call (248) 453-8709.

SHIRT BOX COLLECTS CLOTHES **FARMINGTON HILLS**

- The Shirt Box continues to collect gently used men's professional clothing through "The Shirts Off Our Back: From Our Closet to Yours," in partnership with Detroit's Neighborhood Service Organization. Drop off dress shirts, slacks, ties and sports coats at The Shirt Box. 32500 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. The clothing will help NSO's clients dress for success when applying for new jobs and making the transition back into the workforce. Call (248) 851-6770.

VINTAGE CLOTHING SHOW SOUTHFIELD — The

Midwest Vintage Clothing, Jewelry and Textile Show and Sale will be held April 3-4 at the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road. Show hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.

PAMPER FOR A CAUSE

TROY — Queen for a Day and Heroes, a nonprofit organization designed to raise the self-esteem and the self-confidence of children coping with cancer, will sponsor Beauty Bash VI, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. April 7 at the Excel Academies of Cosmetology, on Rochester Road south of M-59, Choose from a custom facial, paraffin dip, conditioning treatment, manicure, pedicure, make-up application or a hairstyle and cut; \$20 for one service, \$35 for two. The event also includes a silent auction, craft show, mini-massages, raffle and light refreshments. Call (248) 828-9972 to book your appoint-

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

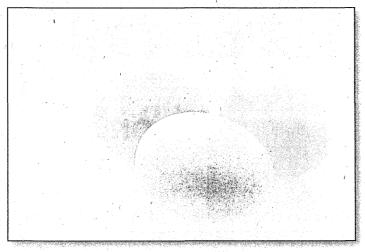
ROCHESTER - Grace Centers of Hope presents the 11th annual Women Helping Women Luncheon and Fashion Show 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2 at the Royal Park Hotel. Tickets, \$85, benefit GCH's Women's Program, the only shelter in southeastern Michigan where mothers and their children can stay together longer than two weeks for Life Skills programming. The shelter provides services without government funding. Ruth Spencer, WDIV Channel 4; Teresa Tomeo, 990 Catholic Radio: and Doris Biscoe, Biscoe Communications, return as emcees. Call (248) 334-2187 or visit www.gracecentersofhope.

PENDLETON WELCOMES SPRING NORTHVILLE -

Pendleton, 117 N. Center St. in downtown Northville, will welcome the season with a Spring Celebration March 26-28. View new spring merchandise for men and women, and get up to 40 percent off spring suiting for women in 100 percent lightweight wool woven in the U.S.A. With a purchase of \$250 or more, get a Lovev Lamb; and enter to win a "Sir Wooliam" cuddly life-size sheep mascot. For a free gift, R.S.V.P. at (248) 596-9820.

FOOD, FASHION AND FUN TROY - Saks Fifth Avenue,

Inforum, Michigan Financial Companies and Styleline Magazine will present "Food,



Fashion, Fun & How to Finance It All," 11:30 a.m. March 27 at The Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road. The event includes a Spring 2009 "Want It" trend show, luncheon, and presentation "Financial Success in a Turbulent Market," by Dawn Impellizzeri. Tickets, \$40 for Inforum members; \$45 for non-members, include a \$25 S5A Gift Card. Call (313) 578-3230 or visit www.inforummichigan.org.

STYLESWAP CREATES COMMUNITY

SOUTHFIELD - Kara Laramie, owner of Live Wire **Bead Company in Royal** Oak. will launch her new venture StyleDirective with a "StyleSwap" event 7-9:30 p.m. April 3 at Tapestry catering on Evergreen Road in Southfield. Purchase a ticket, \$35, and contribute at least five items to swap in exchange for credits that you can use to

pick up other items, ranging from clothing in junior and women's sizes, outerwear and accessories including shoes, jewelry, belts, hats, scarves, wraps, purses and sunglasses. The event also includes appetizers, beverages and a free gift. Call (248) 396-2067 or e-mail kara@styledirective.com.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS EVENT

TROY - Donate a gently worn St. John suit to the Dress for Success drive at Saks Fifth Avenue through March 22, and receive \$200 off any full-price St. John purchase of \$1,000 or more. Dress for Success promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, support and career development tools. Saks is located at 2901 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Call (248) 614-3317.

TIFFANY AWARDS OPEN CALL FARMINGTON HILLS -

Hairdressers and colorists are

invited to enter the 7th Annual Tiffany Michigan Hairdresser of the Year Awards through 5 p.m. May 29. Contestants compete in four categories: Formal, Women's Editorial, Color and Avant Garde. First, second and third place winners in each category are presented with a crystal trophy from Tiffany &

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Contestants who enter in each of the three categories of Formal, Women's Editorial and Color are eligible to compete live for the title of Michigan Hairdresser of the Year at DREAMS, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, on Sept. 26 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. For information or to enter, visit www. thetiffanyawards.com or call (248) 347-7700 x2922.

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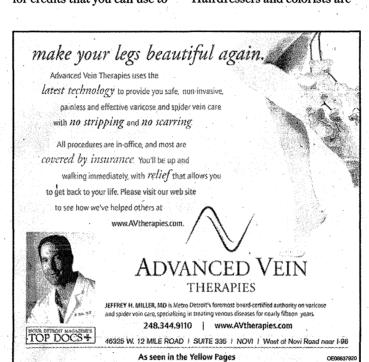
PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth DDA will stage its 2nd annual Plymouth Bridal Stroll April 25. The event starts at noon in Kellogg Park at with a mock wedding party, head table, and live music from members of the Erickson Flute Ensemble. From there, brides will follow their Bridal Stroll program on a matrimonial adventure through 35 downtown businesses offering locally-owned, personal wedding services, refreshments, discounts and drawings. Call (734) 455-1453 or e-mail dda@ ci.plymouth.mi.us.

MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS, SISTERS

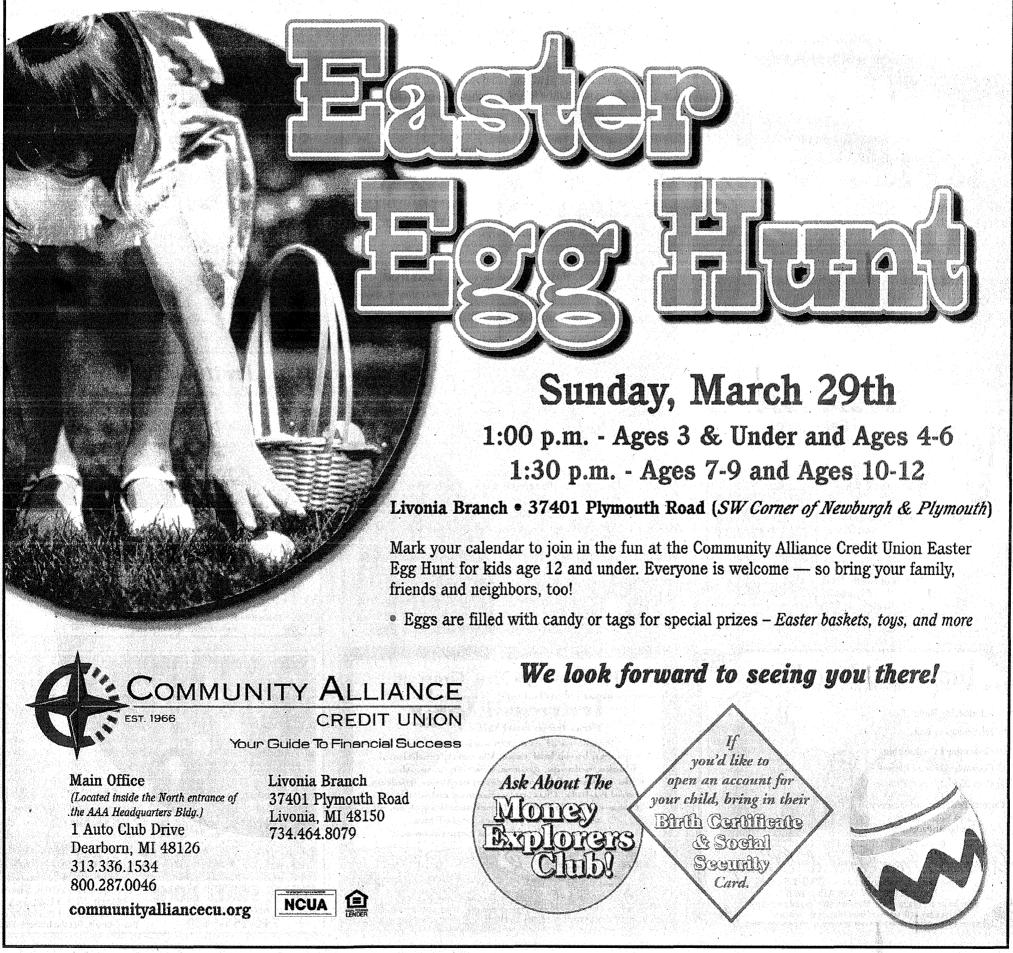
TROY — Saks Fifth Avenue presents the "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters & Friends" Patron Party April 1. The event includes strolling brunch and a "Want It" trend show to benefit the Francee & Benson Ford, Jr. Breast Care & Wellness Center at Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield. Sponsorships begin at \$600. Call (248) 853-3637.

EARTH DAY EXPO

ROCHESTER - Upland Hills **Ecological Awareness Center will** present the fourth annual Earth Day Expo, Michigan's largest Earth Day event, in Downtown Rochester Saturday, April 18-19. The Expo, moving to Downtown Rochester at Third and Water streets and expanding to two full days, is free and open to the public. It will offer more than 150 green and wellness exhibits, presentations and films, alternative vehicle and energy displays, organic food service, farmers' market and petting farm, kids corner, hands-on demonstrations, music and entertainment, prizes drawings, free massage and wellness activities, sustainable project and green business tours, as well as a communitybuilding Connections Cafe. A Welcome Reception will be held 7-9 p.m. April 15 at Mind, Body & Spirits restaurant. Visit www. earthdayexpo.org or e-mail earthdayexpo@uheac.org.









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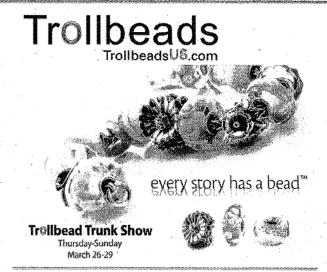
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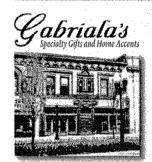
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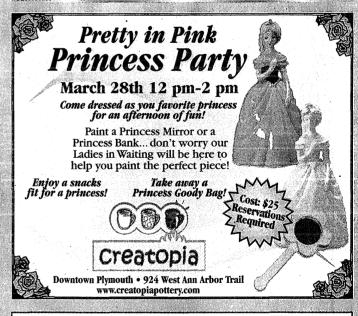


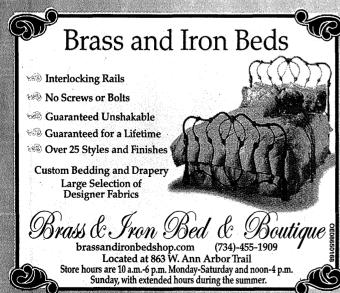
















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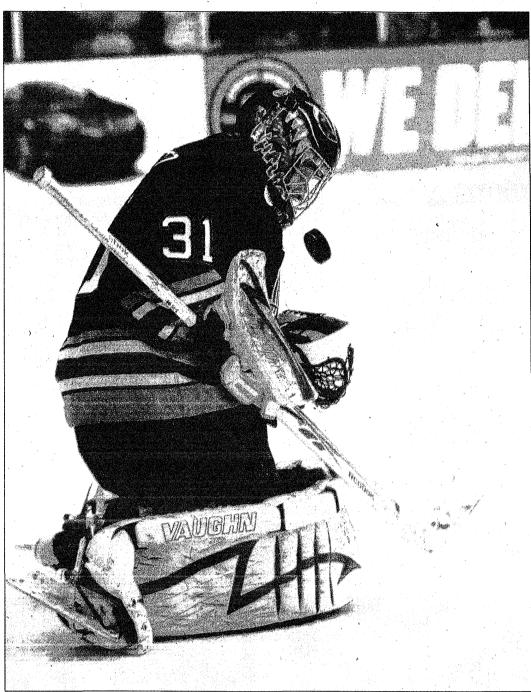
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2009 ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS: ROUND 1



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Full mettle Hackett

Whalers' goalie stones Sting in game 3 victory

BY ED WRIGHTOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth goalie Matt
Hackett executed a near-flawless "Sting" operation Tuesday
night in game three of the
Whalers' first-round Ontario
Hockey League playoff series
against visiting Sarnia.

While his teammates were keeping their penalty box's "no vacancy" light lit on a consistent basis, Hackett stood on his head to make sure the net behind him remained vacant in the Whalers' impressive 5-1 victory.

The first-year starter demoralized the Sting most of the night, turning away 47 shots to stake Plymouth to a 2-1 series

Pivotal game four is set for Thursday in Sarnia.

"We've been relying on Matt a lot this year," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "We gave up a few rebounds, but he was outstanding on the firstshot saves."

When asked about the high-volume of shots he faced, Hackett replied with a bringit-on attitude.

"I like the action," said the 19-year-old native of London, Ontario. "It keeps you in the game, keeps you focused. You definitely can't fall asleep out there on nights like this."

The Whalers displayed equal doses of physicality and finesse during the game's first 12 minutes and 40 seconds when they zipped to a 3-0 lead.

The finesse was provided by Joe Gaynor, Tyler Seguin and Chris Terry, all of whom steered in early goals past usually stingy Sting net-minder Dan Spence, who blanked the Whalers in game one.

The physicality came from Jamie Devane, whose brief but action-packed fight with Brett Appio seven minutes in left a

small section of the ice stained with blood from Appio's nose; and Tyler Seguin, whose crushing check on Sarnia's Justin DiBenedetto just over a minute later nearly knocked one of the letters from the back of DiBenedetto's jersey.

It took DiBenedetto several minutes to regain his senses following the clean but jarring hit, but the Sting never recovered from the early 3-0 early hole the Whalers pushed them in.

The Sting reduced its deficit to 3-1 with 6:10 left in the first period when Matt Martin converted a power-play goal, but Terry's second goal of the game at the 3:01 mark of the first stanza widened the gap to 4-1.

What was Vellucci's message during the first intermission?

"I told them to stay in it; it's not over," said Vellucci. "Just like this series, this game means nothing until you get four wins."

Vellucci praised the play of Terry, who finished with two goals and two assists.

"I wouldn't say he struggled the first two games, but he was average," said Vellucci. "Tonight he was outstanding. He's been nursing an injury, so it was nice to see him break out tonight."

Hackett was particularly sharp during the second period when the often shorthanded Whalers were outshot

"Sarnia has a pretty good power play, but our 'D' and penalty-kill guys did a great job of making sure I could see everything in front of me," Hackett said. "They made my job easy.

"This was definitely a huge win for us tonight. It feels good to get home-ice advantage back."

Please see WHALERS, B3

Training Station gets area athletes in top game shape

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Above, Plymouth

Hackett gloves one

of the 47 saves he

made in Tuesday's

5-1 victory over

Sarnia. Thanks

in large part to

Hackett's heroics,

the Whalers seized

a 2-1 lead in their

best-of-seven

first-round OHL

séries against

right, Plymouth

Terry steers the

puck past Sarnia's

Mark Katic during

5-1 Whaler victory.

Terry finished with

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Tuesday night's

the Sting. At

captain Chris

goalie Matt

When Madonna University men's golf coach Steve Mato attended a seminar over the winter at the Titleist Performance Institute in Chicago, he was looking for ideas to jump-start his spring

And because of the long and often cruel Michigan winters, Mato was seeking an off-season program tailored to incorporate golf and fitness.

It was time to come out of hibernation and only a few miles away from campus Mato got his answer — a new facility called the Training Station, located on 495 Amelia, just a chip shot away from the Cultural Center in Plymouth.

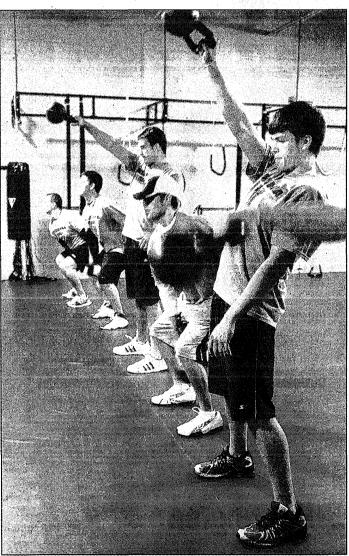
"Part of it was out of necessity, and I was looking for something we could do on our own," Mato said. "Nothing replaces hitting the ball on the course, but we're in Michigan. This is exactly what we need. I've gotten a lot of positive comments. And even though they're sore and

tired, they see the benefits."
As part of an eight-week session, the MU men's team meets twice a week for an hour doing circuit training. The Crusaders can be seen doing bar rotations, tire flips and lifting kettle bells.

The program stresses strength, stability, flexibility, mobility and cardio work under the direction of Dave Finlay, a certified personal trainer, strength and conditioning specialist. Also assisting the MU golfers during their off-season program is Tami Bealert, a local PGA professional and fitness instructor.

"If you do nothing all winter, then you wonder why you're hurt after that first swing," said Finlay, who holds a bachelor of science degree in physical education from St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. "Chiropractors will tell you golf and gardening are their biggest moneymakers. If you have no practice, warmup training or flexibility, that's when you get hurt

Please see TRAINING, B2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAP

Members of the Madonna University men's golf team train with bell weights during a recent workout at the Training Station, which is located in downtown Plymouth.

Schmitt's NCAA debut at Georgia is impressive

Seven months after earning a bronze medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics, the medal collection of Canton High School graduate Allison Schmitt



Schmitt

multiply last week. Competing for the University

continued to

for the
University
of Georgia
at the NCAA
Swimming
& Diving

Championships at Texas A&M University, Schmitt won the 500-yard freestyle with a record-setting UGA time of 4:35.17.

The Bulldog freshman also placed third in the 200 freestyle with a 1:43.09 clocking. Schmitt swam the lead leg

of Georgia's 800 free relay foursome that placed second and the Bulldogs' fourthplace 400 free relay contingent.

Overall, Georgia finished second in the country, just 11 points behind the University of California-Berkeley.

GAME WRAPS

Novi edges 'Cats in LAX

In a battle of Wildcats, Novi upended Plymouth, 12-7, Monday in a boys lacrosse season opener for both teams.

Plymouth's Danny Norris spotted his team a quick 1-0 lead, however, Novi answered with six unanswered net-finders and never trailed again.

Plymouth cut its deficit to 6-2 when Ryan Renault scored off an assist from Connor Martin, but Novi expanded its advantage to 11-3 after three quarters.

"Our guys came out with fire and passion," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello. "We gave them all they could handle. If a couple of ground balls go our way, we're right there.

"Novi was a top-10 team last year. We played good help defense and moved the ball pretty well."

Plymouth senior goalie Toufic Saati played well in net stopping 14 shots. "Toufic played great in

"Toutic played great in the cage," said Costello. Some of his saves were point blank."

Martin finished with

three Plymouth goals while Norris, Renault, Brad Finch and Phill Flesch netted one each.

Norm Freda (two), Pat Smiatacz (two), Conor Downey, Norris and Martin each registered an assist.

Ignition seize first

With an 11-4 win over the Chicago Storm on Sunday, the Detroit Ignition took sole possession of first place in the Xtreme Soccer League.

The victory improved the Ignition to 10-7, while the Storm slipped to 7-11.

With just three regular-season games remaining, Sunday's win moved Detroit one critical step closer to winning the first-year league's title.

After a scoreless first quarter, forward Leo Gibson kicked off a 9-0 Detroit run with his first three-pointer of the season, an unassisted tally at 7:04 of the second.

Mike Apple, Zach Wilkes and Droo Callahan each found the back of the net in the third quarter, putting the Ignition up 9-0 leading into the game's final stanza.

Less than 30 seconds into the fourth, Chicago tallied its first score of the afternoon — a two-pointer from defender Lazo Alavanja.

At 7:27, Ryan Mack was

able to knock in a ricochet pass from Callahan to push Detroit's lead to nine again. The Storm was able to

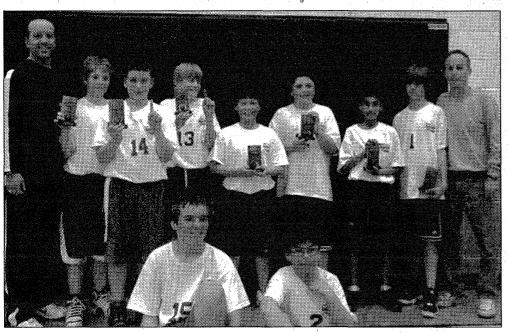
get one more goal past Danny Waltman before the match was finished, but the Ignition walked away with an 11-4 victory.

The Ignition will try and strengthen its hold on first place Friday when it takes on the New Jersey Ironmen (8-8) at the Prudential Center.

Crusaders remain hot

Off to its best start in school history, the Madonna University baseball team continued its winning ways Sunday with a doubleheader sweep of host College of the Ozarks, 16-0 and 14-7, in Point Lookout, Mo.

The No. 18-ranked Crusaders, now 21-2 overall, were led by Ryan Morrow, who went 8-for-9 on the day with four RBI. **B2**



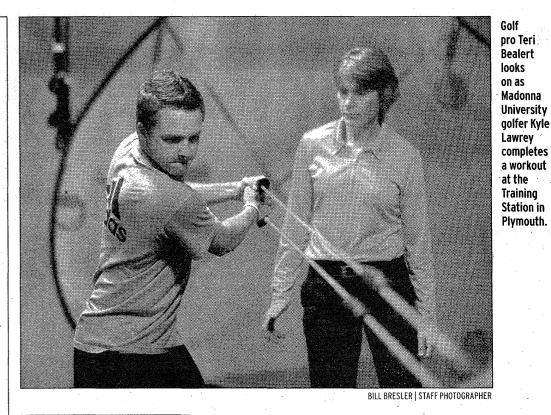
Rockets launch to title

The Canton Rockets defeated the Canton Spurs, 55-22, in a Community Education Basketball B League title game March 14. The Rockets, who finished as the league's lone unbeaten team, knocked off the Canton Wizards in the semi-final round. Pictured are (standing right to left) coach Mark Zemanski, Jack Zemanski, Ammar Chishti, Jordon Montagano, Trevor McKinney, Patrick Downing, Aaron Miller, Daniel Collins, coach Dan Young, (sitting right to left) Mile Dougherty and Derek Young.



Spurs win title in dramatic fashion

The Spurs captured the 2009 CEBL High School Basketball League championship recently when they stung the Hornets, 54-52. The Spurs, who finished 10-1, were led by Andrew Tidwell's 20 points in the title game. Defensively, the victors were paced by twin brothers Shawn and Brendon Quinn. 'This was a very competitive league,' said winning coach Chris Tidwell. 'I think you could pull out a pretty good AAU team from within this league.' Pictured are (front row from left) Robert Stolz, Andrew Tidwell, Jasmeet Sidhu, (back row from left) coach Chris Tidwell, Michael Lentz, Shawn Quinn, Scott Pummill and Brendon Quinn.



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"If your hamstrings are too tight, you use your spine as a torque instead of your hips."

Finlay also works with area youth and high school hockey teams during off-season. Ironically, many of MU's players have hockey backgrounds.

"These guys are pretty athletic," Finlay said. "I wouldn't mind taking them out and training them in other sports. Golf is a powerful, rotation sport. Most people just want to get through 18 holes not get injured. But these guys are just not doing it once or twice a week. They're scholarship athletes and it requires conditioning."

Bealert came away impressed following the team's initial sessions.

"It's a good bunch, they're very opening to listening, they want to do a good job and they're serious," Bealert said. "The fact that they want to get better is a good thing.

"Dave gave them an introduction to try it out and they were very impressed with his presentation and what he had to offer. He's very knowledgeable about biomechanics.

"We started off with drills to check their balance, stability and mobility. From the very beginning we eased into it, then by the fourth and fifth session it was more power. But whatever exercise they do, posture is critical just like the golf swing. College kids are developed, but I'd think it would be even better for high school kids."

Players work up quite a sweat after just an hour of work in Finlay's facility, which opened last September.

"I can hardly wait for the spring season," said MU sophomore Austin Stillman, a graduate of Livonia Franklin. "This is a huge advantage for this program. It will not only help me help me, but the whole team in the future. We're pretty committed. It also brings us together as a team. I'm getting back in shape. It's helped my range and motion. It's given me more flexibility and strength to hit the ball further."

MU junior Steve South, who played hockey in high school, noticed a difference when he went to play earlier this month in Myrtle Beach, S.C., during spring break.

"I saw a significant change in distance, I'm driving the ball further than before," he said. "It's tough work. It's a lot harder than I thought. I got more of a sweat than I anticipated. It's good and it will all benefit."

Mato is confident he'll see the rewards right away as MU will embark this weekend to Louisville, Ky., for its first spring tournament.

"You watch the game on TV and how many tourneys are won and lost on the last four holes?" Mato asked. "When you're walking and carrying a bag like these guys are, fatigue becomes a factor, especially on the hilly course. That's why we need to play the last four holes strong."

Tiger Woods is probably the most noteworthy PGA Tour player who has prided himself on working out and staying fit. The tour even provides a fitness trailer which is available on-site at all PGA events.

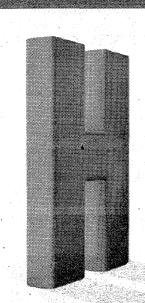
"Golf is like any other sport, it's no different," Finlay said. "Baseball players have their own personal trainers, there aren't many who don't maintain some sort of strength and conditioning program during the off-season."

Now all the Crusaders need is to fine-tune their games.

"They've all said they hit with greater distance when they went south on spring break, but now they have to control it," Finlay said.

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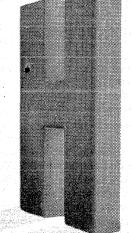
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Sarnia had a pair of 50-second-plus two-man advantage opportunities toward the waning stages of the second period, but it was deflated repeatedly by Hackett & Co. With 3.1 ticks left before the second intermission and the Sting threatening to close its 4-1 gap, the 6-foot-2, 170-pound Hackett stoned three up-close-and-personal shots before ending up lying on his back with his head resting on the back of the net.

"I thought our penalty-kill guys did a great job tonight," Vellucci added. "Guys like A.J. Jenks and Brett Bellemore. They're just so steady.'

Game five is set for Saturday at Compuware Arena. The opening faceoff is set for 7:05

And if the Whalers start the game like they did Tuesday night, you'd be advised not to be late.

Plymouth baseball clinic



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ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 578-2767 Plymouth center Joe Gaynor (24) opened Tuesday night's scoring with a goal 3:57 into the game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The 2009 Plymouth Wildcats Baseball Spring Training clinic will be held Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Plymouth High School baseball complex. Weather permitting, the clinic will be held outside. Otherwise, it will be

held in the school's gym. The camp, which is open to kids in grades third through eighth, will focus on age-appropriate skill development in a fun, learning environment.

For the \$50 registration fee, attendees will receive instruction from the Wildcats' baseball staff and players; a T-shirt and lunch. There will also be video analysis among other constructive learning meth-

For more information, contact John Nadratowski at (734) 844-3212.

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2009 season at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, in the OLGC Church Social Hall, which is located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

OLGC has teams for boys who will be in 3rd through 8th grades this coming fall. Students attending OLGC, All Saints and St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic schools are

eligible. Also, families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting as program information will be discussed. For further information, contact Maria Conrado at mconrado@wowway.com or (734) 416-8935. Details can also be found by visiting the program's Web site: www. OLGCCrusaders.com.

Canton football camps

Three Canton High School football camps will be held in June.

The Canton Chiefs Skills Camp for kids in grades seventh through ninth will be held June 8-11 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35. To pre-register, contact coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

The Canton Chiefs Wing-T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10th through 12th will be held June 16-18 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.. The cost is \$30. To pre-register, contact coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691.

The Canton Chiefs Fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids entering grades third through sixth June 22-25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$75. To pre-register, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173.

YMCA programs

Plymouth YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are currently forming. The soccer leagues are for kids between the ages of 4 and 11 while the volleyball is for girls between the ages of 8 and 12.

The soccer session will run from April 6 through June 6. YMCA soccer is a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamental skills of soccer in a safe and fun environment. There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Saturdays. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. Individual memberships are \$39 yearly or family memberships are \$59 yearly.

The girls volleyball leagues session will run from April 20 through June 5. YMCA volleyball is a great opportunity for girls to learn the fundamental skills of volleyball in a safe and fun environment.

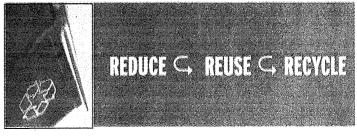
There will be one practice per week and one game per week on Friday evenings. The program cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members.

All participants for both sports need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey, \$15. Programs are filled on a first come-first serve basis. The registration deadline is March 27. Check the Web site at www.ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.

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PCS girls lacrosse team rallies to edge **Farmington**

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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team evened its record at 1-1 Monday night with a 10-9 victory over Farmington United.

The Lady Warriors trailed 8-4 with 11 minutes to play before stringing together a stirring comeback. PCS knotted the game at 9-all with less than a minute to play before senior Abbey Epleman set a pick and sprung senior Edra Burris for the winning goal.

"We out-shot Farmington United two to one on the night, but their goalie played tremendous," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "Our goalie — Nicole Rottell — stoned them down the stretch. I've been wanting Nicole to spend her time as an attack, but right now she is playing where she knows she can help the team the most."

Burris and Lauryn Ebersole both finished with four goals. Chelsea Olson added a pair of net-finders for the winners.

'The game ball went to the entire team," said Medley. "It was truly a team effort."

BLOOMFIELD UNITED 15, PCS 7: On Friday at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, the Lady Warriors suffered the setback despite Ebersole's team-leading six goals. The game was the season-opener for both teams.

"As long as our legs were fresh we had command of the game," said Medley. "But once the starting line-up started to tire, Bloomfield took over."

PCS led 7-6 at the half, but the hosts answered with nine straight goals to start the second half..

Sophomore Lauren Allard scored a single goal for PCS. Defensively, the Lady Warriors were sparked by

Natalie Sitko, Emily Cox,, Taylor Martin and Lauren Manner.



Pictured (front row from left) are Plymouth-Canton Salem girls lacrosse captains Stephanie Pettovello (Canton), Chelsea Olson (Canton), Emily Cox (Salem), (back row from left) Melissa Giannini (Salem), Natalie Sitko (Canton) and Edra Burris (Salem).

Inexperienced Lady Warriors look to improve on '08

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team will be attempting to overcome a rather large hurdle this spring: the loss of 17 players from last season's roster — three of whom achieved All-State honors.

"I've heard from several people who don't expect us to be as good as we were last year," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "I don't either - I expect us to be better."

The Lady Warriors fin-

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ished third in the Western Lakes Activities Association in 2008 and 11th in the final Division 1 state rankings.

"A real bright spot for me this year is the successful recruiting of assistant coaches Steve Nyquist, Dave Bower and Brooke Caccavelli, said Medley. "All three have played lacrosse at a variety of different levels. Their field

knowledge will pay off as this Pettovello to keep the presseason progresses.

Among the Lady Warriors key returners is junior Lauryn Ebersole, who garnered All-Conference honorable mention accolades as a sophomore. After leading the team in scoring as a freshman, Ebersole scored 21 goals last year despite missing several games.

'I'm counting on senior attack forwards Chelsea Olson and Stephanie

sure on our opponents' defense," said Medley.

"Seniors Natalie Sitko and Nicole Rottell will see double duty playing on both ends of the field.

"Nicole was used primarily as a goalie last season, but we look for her to be on the attack end of the field."

Among the Lady Warriors' top defenders will be Emily Cox, who "brings a lot of playing time and experience

to the defense," Medley said. Pacing the PCS offensive attack will be returning seniors Edra Burris and Abbey Epelman. Medley is also expecting big things from Melissa Gianini, Jennifer Herzfeld and Laura

Allard. "There are several girls who have moved up from last year's JV team and 26 newcomers the coaches feel are showing a lot of potential," Medley concluded.

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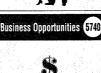
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BUSINESS MILESTONES

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Hiller's Markets is partnering with Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church for a first-of-its-kind locally-based program to provide groceries at

a significant discount to families who need the help in a way that maintains individual dignity. The Grace Groceries program, a Ward Church effort launching this month, offers a box of

high-quality food from Hiller's for \$30. There

are no income restrictions, and anyone can participate. Orders are taken mid-month, with distribution on the fourth Saturday. The first distribution is set for Saturday, March 28 at Ward Church. Photo opportunities are available on Friday, March 27 at the Plymouth Hiller's (5 Mile and Haggerty), when Ward representatives retrieve items from the grocery between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Additional photo opportunities will be available on Saturday during distribution at the church, which is

located on Six Mile, west of Haggerty. Beauty to behold

Love and nature combine this season to create romantic fashions with an organic flair. For makeup, sweet pastels blend with mineral



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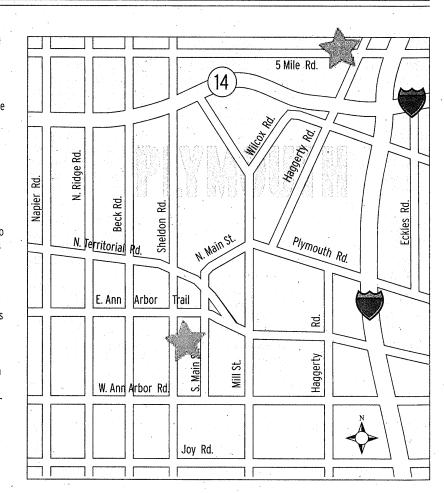
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Bohemian Home celebrates with 1st birthday party

A year ago, the front windows of Bohemian Home at 427 Forest in downtown Plymouth read, "Opening April 1st - No Foolin."

This April 1 they will be celebrating their first year of business by holding a birthday party and inviting all their customers.

From Wednesday, April 1 through Saturday, April 4, Bohemian officials will be celebrating this birthday with goodies and a gift with any \$30 purchase to the first 100 cus-

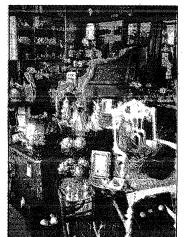
"It's hard to believe a year has gone by already!" said owner Carol Eisenstein. "And what a fun year it's been. Despite what we read in the news daily about the terrible economy and troubled state of Michigan, we

are feeling quite thankful." Carol and her partner, Nancy Boltik, are both Plymouth Township residents with diversified backgrounds in retail. They decided almost two years ago to make their dream a reality in Bohemian Home.

"Even at that time, Michigan was starting to recognize downward trends in its economy," said Boltik.

But they didn't let that thwart their desires. Careful thought was given to every detail. The name Bohemian Home just fits. After endless brainstorming sessions and thumbing through piles of home décor magazine for inspiration, the store was named over a cup of coffee at Panera Bread. Little did they know their future store would be right around the corner.

Bohemian is a style trend which has been emerging in both fashion and home décor. It is a more free-spirited, less regimented, form of style. Bohemian also has a more personal meaning to Nancy and Carol, both of whom have



Bohemian Home in downtown Plymouth celebrates its first anniversary April 1.

married into families from the Czech Republic.

"This year has been everything and more than we had ever hoped for," said Boltik, "Plymouth was our only choice for a location because of its down-to-earth and welcoming feel. It's been the perfect place for us."

"This year has been nothing but a success in our minds," added Eisenstein, "We have met so many wonderful people who have been loyal supporters of our store. We have met their family and friends and they have invited us into their lives by allowing us to help them with purchasing decisions that are important to them. We have laughed together, cried together and have been truly touched by the stories our customers share."

Despite economic times or perhaps because of them, people are really looking to connect. Carol and Nancy try to do that in even a small way with each and every one of their cus-

"We make every effort to greet everyone that comes through the door of our little shop. Although sometimes we feel like we're busting at the seams in our 1,000 square feet, we actually love the fact that we are small and people feel at home in our space," said Boltik.

Displays of "simply stylish décor" are everywhere in the store with friendly signs that encourage people to touch, and feel, and make themselves at home. The merchandise is a mix of both new and vintage home décor and accessory

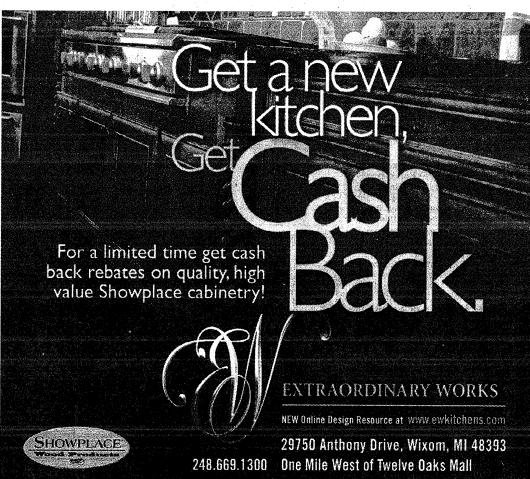
"People love the mix!", said ltik. "Thev reminisce, smil and laugh at the whimsical touches. They are reminded of happy times and family ties, often prompting them to pay a visit to their own attics to retrieve a treasure of their own. We love being able to help our customers find purpose or repurpose in what they already have. In this day of energy conservation and mindful use of our resources, what better way to help our planet and our pocketbooks."

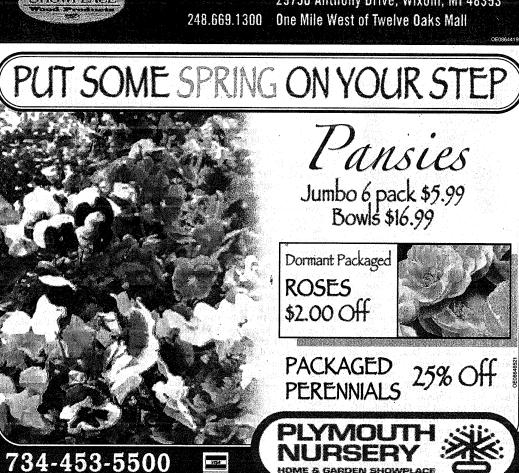
Many a conversation and history lesson has been shared around an old 1950s Gibson refrigerator (from Carol's parent's home) that is used as a display for kitchen soaps.

We set out to be a unique store, in a great town, that would provide unique and stylish home décor at affordable prices. We have become affectionately known as "the gift shop" in town," said Eisenstein, "We love it when customers ask us to help them with these important decisions. Whether it's bunco gifts or that special item for a special friend, every gift is important. If we don't have what they are looking for we always refer them to one of our neighboring shops in Plymouth. We put ourselves in our customer's shoes and really try to help them find what they are looking for."



Bohemian Home owners Carol Eisenstein and Nancy Boltik sealed the deal over a cup of coffee.





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processes its own gift certifi-

on hand for all transactions.

cates and keeps enough funds

Unfortunately, some other Chambers of Commerce in Michigan are affected by the closure of this company.

Going golfing

The Chamber will hold our annual golf outing on Monday, July 13, at Northville Hills. This event is always one of the best outings of the year in the Plymouth area. The Outing is our second largest fund-raising event of the year and will help to support programs like our Plymouth Rocks community marketing campaign. If you are interested in playing or would like sponsorship information, please call (734)

453-1540.

"Plymouth Rocks" T-shirts

If we are going to have a rock concert, we better have T-shirts. The Chamber is not actually having a rock concert, but with the new "Plymouth Rocks" community marketing campaign we need promotional items, and we are starting with T-shirts. We have youth and adult sizes available for

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via email at wes@plymouthmich.org or by phone at (734) 453-1540.

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MARCH

Mobile food pantry

Trinity Church is once again hosting a Mobile Food Pantry Saturday, March 28, at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., west of Beck, Plymouth. Reservations can only be made 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. To schedule a time for pick up on March 28, call (734)

The free food distribution is a way for the church to offer assistance in these trying economic times.

Fish fry Fridays

4-7 p.m. (or until dinners run out) Friday, March 27, and April 10, at St. Robert Bellarmine on the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. All you can eat fish dinner is \$8, \$7 seniors, \$4 kids under age 12, \$8 baked cod dinner, \$6 fish sandwich, \$2 cheese pizza. Dinners include choice of fries or mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll and butter, coffee, tea or milk. Carry out dinners do not include beverage. All-you-can-eat fish

The St. Michael the Archangel Parish's "All You Can Eat" Lenten Fish Dinners continues 4:30-7 p.m. March 27, and April 3 in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia. Dinners feature hand-dipped fresh Alaskan cod, fried or baked, along with an assortment of side dishes and beverages, Cost. \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children ages 3-11, free ages 3 and under. Carryout orders, \$7. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Health expo

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at St. Constantine and Helen Hellenic Church, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland. Cost \$35, includes lectures on diabetes, heart disease and nutrition; heart healthy continental breakfast and lunch; tests for hearing, blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and gifts such as cookbooks, pedometers and glucometers. No food after midnight for testing which ends at noon. Call (248) 356-5033 to register.

An evening with Simon Peter

A live dramatic presentation of the story of the ministry, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the point of view of one of his closest friends, the Apostle Simon Peter, 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, March 29-30, at St. Priscilla Catholic Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, north of Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (248) 476-4700. A 6 p.m. Lenten Meal precedes the presentation. Free will offering. Performed by John Dzwonkowski.

Detroit Lutheran Singers

Present concerts 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 21915 Beech Street, Dearborn, and 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th Street, Royal Oak. The children's choir from St. Paul Lutheran School will sing several selections in this final concert.

Music at St. John's

Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7). Call (734) 453-0190.

Open house

Holy Incarnation Orthodox Church, an English-speaking Orthodox Christian parish at 1385 Goddard near Fort Street, hosts an open house 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29, showcasing the church's newly redecorated sanctuary. The open house will be preceded by the regular Sunday morning worship services, including the Divine Liturgy, which begins at 9 a.m. The open house concludes with Vespers, a brief evening prayer service. For more information, visit http://holyincarnation.org, cakk (313) 282-6153 or e-mail frfenton@holyincarnation.

Lenten vespers services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit continues 2009 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. March 29, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, Dearborn; and April 5, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Farmington Hills. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians is invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. Call (734) 422-0278 or e-mail paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

Lenten schedule

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites all members of the community to any and all of its upcoming Lenten activities including Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7 p.m. followed by Benediction, and a special private reconciliation opportunity. 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1. Holy Thursday features the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 p.m. Good Friday devotions will begin with Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. followed by the Liturgy of the Passion at 1:30 p.m. An Easter Egg Hunt begins 9 a.m. Holy Saturday followed by Blessing of Food at noon and the Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and noon. For more information, call (734) 261-1455 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Midweek Lenten services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have midweek Lenten services at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. For information, call (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523.

Lenten services

7 p.m. every Wednesday through April 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, Call (313) 534-7730. Passover Seder Dinner at 6 p.m. for \$8 followed by the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 9. Easter Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m. April 12.

Wednesday Lenten Service

Hosanna-Tabor offers a mid-week Lenten Service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leverne, Redford. The Lenten Series will be "Places of the Passion" with the focus not on the physical locations of our Lord's passion but on the spiritual wonders of his work. A free will offering dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the service each week through April 1. For information, call (313) 937-2233.

Lenten services

Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Fish frv

Continues 4-7 p.m. every Friday through April 3, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square. Choose from fried or baked fish with baked potato or french fries, cole slaw, roll, and coffee, tea, or punch, \$8. Kids meals like chicken nuggets, corn dogs and fries, \$4. Call (734) 721-4802 or (734) 891-2523.

Families in action workshops

The National Association for Mental Illnesses 10-week educational program continues at St. Regis Parish School Campus in Bloomfield Hills. The program is for people with a loved one diagnosed with a serious mental illness. The workshop meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays or Thursdays through April 30. \$20 per person; \$30 per couple. Families In Action is funded in large part by the Oakwood Healthcare Foundation and the Oakwood Heritage Hospital Auxiliary. Call (248) 348-7197 to register.

Clothing bank

Free clothing (men. women and children) for those in need 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, except for March, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive. The bank continues in April. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org.

UPCOMING

Dining in the kingdom of God

For five Wednesdays in Lent, St. Aidan will host the series. Luke's Gospel revealed 10 meals that describe different dimensions of the Eucharist. This presentation will be given by St. Aidan's Faith Formation Director, David Conrad, M.A. Theology, 7-9 p.m. April 1, and April 8. Free. Call (734) 425-

Kids Easter fun day

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia hosts a Kids Easter Fun Day 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4, at the church located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road. Morning includes games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, prizes and more

for children ages 4-12 years old. All are welcome to attend this free event. For more information or to sign-up for the fun day, call (734) 422-1470.

Mom to mom sale

Connection Church in Canton is having their Spring Mom to Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at 3855 Sheldon, Canton, north of Michigan Avenue. Table rentals are sold to capacity with over 75 moms selling their kids' clothès, toys, baby equipment, etc. There is a \$1 admission.

Bethany west singles

Saturday, April 4, Monthly Dance at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Dance lesson this month; Two Step, cost is \$10, refreshments included. Time is 8 p.m. to midnight. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane K. for information, (734) 261-5716.

■ Saturday, April 18, Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. at Leon's, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Palm Sunday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. **Holy Week music**

4 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 5, A Recital of Organ and Vocal Music presented by organist Glenn Miller and renowned Kirk Chancel Choir soloists

Nicole Greenidge, Lenora Green, Peiyi Wang, Charles Freeman and Tobey Miller, featuring classics, spirituals and contemporary selections, and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, A Program of Choral Music for Good Friday presented by the Kirk Chancel Choir, including music ranging from plainsong, Renaissance composers, spirituals and contemporary works at 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 626-2515 ext. 109, or visit www.kirkinthehills.org. No charge.

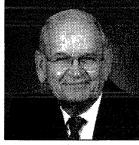
Men's Good Friday breakfast

Former Detroit Lion quarterback, Eric Hipple, will be the guest speaker at the 34th Annual St. Michael Men's Good Friday Breakfast 8 a.m. Friday, April 10, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Rd., Canton. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call the church office at (734) 459-3333 for information and tickets.

Passion play

Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church Chancel Choir and Friends present "The Passion According to Saint Mark" by Jan Bender 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, April 15, at the church, 33360 West 13 Mile and Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills. The choir and string ensemble will be conducted by Cantor Amy Studt. Th ework describes the history of the passion of the Lord as written by the evangelist, St. Mark. Using the Biblical text of the passion, traditionally read on Palm Sunday, it is sure to be a powerful and meaningful history

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ELMER L. CSERNITS

Age 91, passed away March 2009 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Husband of the late Dorothy Peterson Csernits. Dear father of Sharon E. (Bruce) Moon, Jack J. Csernits. Loving grandfather of Laura Barber, Brett and Michelle Csernits, Maxwell Barry and great-grandfather of Hannah Marie Christensen, Cameron Mitchell Csernits and Travis Wallage-Barber. Elmer was a WWII B17 pilot and a proud member of America's premiere fraternal organization of military pilots, the Order of the Daedalians at Luke AFB. He was a design engineer at Ford Motor Company, retiring in 1980, and lived in Sun City West, AZ. Elmer greatly enjoyed ballroom dancing. He was an active member of Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church for 28 years. A memorial service will be held Thursday, 11:00 a.m., in the small chapel of Kensington Community Church 1825 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy. Final resting place with be in South Bend, Indiana. Memorials may be directed to Shepherd of the Hills UMC 13658 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375 or Hospice of Michigan 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 or online at www.hom.org. Generations Funeral Services, Farmington Hills.

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MARY BETH-WILLIAMS

March 21, 2009. Age 55. Beloved wife of Philip. Cherished mother of Lauren Smith (Robert), Philip (Susan), and Alexandra. Special grandmother of Sophia and a grandson expected May 11th. Dear daughter of Patricia Williams and the late Donald Williams. Dear sister of Donald, Dennis, James, Robert, and Gregory Williams, and Janet Slatin. Services were held Wednesday at Holy Name Church, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to HAVEN, P.O. Box 431045, Pontiac, MI 48343 or Susan G. Komen For The Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at

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VIRGINIA HANDEYSIDE GOULD

Age 92, of Indianapolis, IN. Passed away Sunday, March 22, 2009. Born in Omaha, Nebraska on August 4, 1916, she grew up in Wayne, Michigan and spent most of her life in Bloomfield Hills, MI. She was the daughter of Charles A. and Mildred (Raymo) Handeyside. On June 30, 1939 she married Frederick C. Gould who preceded her in death in 1998. Survivors include her daughter, Nancy G. Adams, (R. Morris) of Indianapolis, IN, son Bruce F. Gould of Troy, MI, two grandchildren: Douglas B. Adams (Pamela) and Julia A. Browning (Douglas), five great-grandchildren; Jack, Abigail, Reese, Zoe, and Hope. Her main interest included spending time loving her family and friends. Ginny was a 1938 graduate from the University of Michigan where she met her husband. She was a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, former president of the PTO in Bloomfield Hills, MI, former president of the Birmingham Chapter of the University of Michigan Alumni Association, a member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, and Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Ginny attended Northminister Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis and attended Bible study at Forum at the Crossing where she had been a resident since 2000. Family and friends will gather from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons Chapel, Owosso, MI followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Jennings-Lyons



Chapel, Owosso, MI.



MARY ELLEN

(Harper) KENYON Passed away peacefully on March 10, 2009 in Harlingen, TX. She was born-June 17, 1923 to Arthur and Gladys (Gay) Harper in Sapulpa, OK. After high school, Mary Ellen worked for the local telephone company until she enlisted in the United States Women's Marine Corps, where she proudly served her country, driving trucks at the Miramar military base until she was discharged in March of 1946. The following June she married Robert J Kenyon of Plymouth, MI where they bought a home and settled. Several years later son Thomas was born, followed a year later by Gerald. Soon daughters Gay and Jo Ellen joined the family to make it complete. Marv Ellen initially stayed at home to raise their children, then worked as the Deputy Clerk of Plymouth Township. Bridge was a lifelong passion of Mary Ellen's and she garnered many Master points at tournaments. She played contract bridge several times a week for many years. Mary Ellen expressed her creativity through her hobby of quilting. She was meticulous about their design and production, and every stitch was done by hand. She started quilting at age nine and through her life produced scores of quilts. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed historical novels, mysteries, drama, and adventures. Classical music was another passion of hers, and she maintained a respectable library of varied composers and performers, listening for hours each day.

Mary Ellen and Bob retired to southern Texas in the late 1980s where they enjoyed good warm weather, good bridge games, and the company of



good friends. Mary Ellen is survived

by her brother, Sherman Harper of

Laguna Woods, CA, her four children,

grandchildren and great-grandchildren

in Seattle, Tampa and Denver. No

service is planned. Mary Ellen will be interred in Plymouth, MI with her

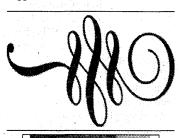
loving husband, Bob, who died in

EARL M. MAYER

Age 77, March 12, 2009, of Bingham Farms. Beloved husband of the late Elsie. He is survived by many friends. Graduate of U of D Jesuit High School in Detroit, and served in the United States Army. He retired from Ford Motor Company after many vears. Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Wednesday, April 1,2009, 7pm. Memorials may be made to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI, 48221, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI, 48207-3485.

CARRIE L. NOBLE

Age 34, March 20, 2009. Loving mother of Justin Jenkins & Alyssa McKellar. Beloved daughter of Don & Cindv. Sister of Don Jr. (Xan), Keith (Terra) & Bryan. Also survived by many, many friends. Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Carrie's children.





IRMA TIANO

March 23, 2009. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Linda (Michael) Blanck and John Michael Vicki). Dear sister of Peter Jr. (Herta) Furbacher, Edward (Mary) Furbacher, Donald (Shirley) Furbacher and Wilma (Henry) Rochette. Grandmother of David, Thomas, Trent, Todd and Rachelle. Great-Grandmother of Megan, Amanda, Lillian, Lucia, Kayleigh and Cadence. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held Monday, 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road (S of Cherry Hill). Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice would be appreciated. Care and Services were entrused to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home (734) 981-1700. Share a Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com

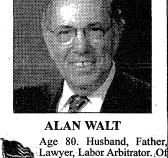


THOMAS J. TRENTA

Born in New Jersey on November 14, 1946, died on March 22, 2009 at William Beaumont Hospital-Troy. He was a 1968 graduate of Marquette University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Accounting. He entered the United States Army in 1968 and, as a First Lieutenant, served a combat tour in Vietnam from 1970-1971. Tom began law school at the University of Detroit School of Law in 1972 and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1976. Mr. Trenta was primarily involved in the defense of medical malpractice cases until 2008 when he was appointed Vice President of Global Litigation for Kelly Services, Inc., a Fortune 500 global enterprise. He was a member of the Oakland County Bar Association since 1976, served on and chaired the Membership and Medical-Legal Committees, and was a Sustaining Member of that organization. He was a Life Fellow and Trustee of the Oakland County Bar Foundation and had served as a Master of the Bench in the OCBA Inn of Court. Tom was an avid golfer and active participant in the "Fight True" organization always living its credo: "Fight for what is true and be true to the fight." Adored by (http://www.gildasclubdetroit.org). his wife, Pat, who he loved dearly Devoted father of Thomas (Jennifer) Jeff (Rachel), Michelle Trenta, Matt and Brett Hager. Beloved grandfather to Elisabeth, Andrew, and Blake. Tom is also survived by his only brother Jack (Leslie). Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, Michigan (between Maple and Big Beaver Roads) on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. Funeral Mass Thursday, March 26, 2009 - 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester, Michigan, with Reverend officiating. Slowinski Thomas Visitation begins Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Tributes may be made to: Paint A Miracle, 210 University Drive, Suite #2, Rochester, MI 4830 (www.paintamiracle.org).

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West Bloomfield, Michigan, born June 13, 1928 in Detroit, passed away in Sarasota, Florida on March 22, 2009. He is survea by Adrienne and her husband Ira Mintz, son Robert and his wife Deb, and is predeceased by beautiful daughter, Julie. For the past 35 years, Mr. Walt enjoyed a highly successful career as a labor arbitrator, deciding thousands of disputes involving a wide range of union, public, and private sector organizations. Many of his decisions are referenced in leading arbitration iournals. He was an active member of the National Academy of Arbitrators the American Arbitration Association, and was recognized by his peers for his significant contributions to the profession. Before becoming an arbitrator, Mr. Walt practiced law in the firm bearing his own name, first in Detroit and then in Southfield. Michigan. Previously, he partnered with the late Michigan Circuit Court Judge Thomas J. Brennan, was appointed City Attorney of Livonia, Michigan, and worked as an Assistant Prosecutor for Wayne County. He also served as the chairman of the Michigan Employment Security Appeals Board. Mr. Walt earned Security Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate degrees from Wayne State University, and was member of the Michigan Bar Association. After earning his degrees, Mr. Walt enlisted in the United States Army and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant serving in the Judge Advocate General Corps, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and the Pentagon. He continued in the U.S. Army Reserves where ultimately he was promoted to the rank of Major. Alan Walt was a generous and devoted husband, father, father-in-law, and friend, a patron of the arts, and an individual who was committed to and maintained the highest standards of personal and professional integrity He was deeply loved and will be terribly missed. In lieu of flowers, dona tions may be made in Mr. Walt's memory to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit

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Worship can ease worries in current economic crisis CALENDAR

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Musician Stevie Wonder had a song a few years back in which he sang, "When you feel your life's too hard, Just go have a talk with God."

Local pastors agree that the current economic slump hasn't kept worshipers away from services. "I think everybody's worried at the moment," said the Rev. James Skimins, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. "We're trying to keep it very positive."

His congregation ran a Career Connections program in February to help job seekers. "It went very well," Skimins

He has found in his ministry that when people are knocked off their center, "they need just that sense that God's with them. You're free to say what you want in church."

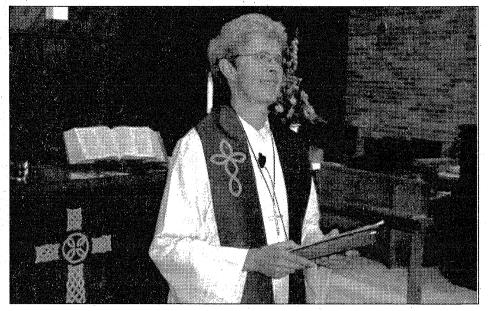
People draw strength from their relationship with God and other worshipers, Skimins said.

Agreeing is the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt, senior pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. "I think people are looking for some moral strengths, some spiritual support," she said.

Eckhardt hasn't seen droves of new people at church, but attendance is strong. "People are talking to each other and encouraging each other," she said. Each Sunday at her church, people who've lost their jobs gather informally to see how

others are faring. "It's really helpful and it's working out for us," Eckhardt said. "It's hard to say that 'I've lost my job."

She finds worshipers seek God's guidance and sense of peace in tough times: "So there's a sense that God will get us through it." She agreed prayer also helps



The Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt leads worship at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. 'I think people are looking for some moral strengths, some spiritual support,' she said of steady church attendance.

in dealing with job loss.

In January, Eckhardt used Sunday worship as a time to address current uncertainties. There was a psychologist from Samaritan Counseling Center in Farmington Hills who spoke during worship at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, and that was well-received.

She'd like to develop a more formal support group for job help down the road. Eckhardt noted retirees and working people at her church have been helpful with suggestions and job leads for the unemployed church members.

Over at St. Valentine's Catholic Church in Redford, parish priest the Rev. Paul Coutinha hasn't seen a big increase in attendance. "Probably just a little, but not a lot," he said. He'd seen higher attendance related to the tragedy of 9/11.

"I think there were more people. But there is a slight increase, I would say," Coutinha said.

"We believe God is present in every situation," the priest said, noting the importance of faith and hope. "People have not been talking about it too much," he said of unemployment. For many, job loss is embarrassing.

St. Valentine's has no formal ministry for job seekers, but staff works to connect them to other parishes like St. John Neumann in Canton that do. "Informally, we do help," Coutinha said, noting staff gives the best information they have.

"Sometimes, people's faith is tested," he said.

through the chorales and soloists. For information, contact Amy Studt at astudt@sbcglobal.net or (248) 626-7906.

Easter eggstravaganza

10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, east of Haggerty. For information, call (248) 348-7600. Over 6,500 eggs to hunt (Age Groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11; "Eggciting" show by special guests Two Can and Araya Sonshine; photos with the Easter bunny; games and prizes; hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks for everyone. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Rain or shine. Don't forget your Easter basket. All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its 30-year tradition of all-you-caneat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard. Expanded menu features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted beverages served buffet-style, \$5, adults; \$3, children 4-11; free, under age 3; \$15, family (two adults and all children). Everyone welcome. Registration opens

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Dan Zanes and Friends will play at Rackham Hall in Ann Arbor on Sunday, March 29.

Dan Zanes & Friends bring family-friendly fun to town

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK O & E STAFF WRITER

Former Del Fuegos lead singer Dan Zanes has forged a whole new career making family-friendly music with his friends. His videos appear on the Disney Channel, and his new album, The Welcome Table - Songs of Inspiration, Mystery and Good Times, raises money for interfaith groups that help immigrants new to the United States.

On Sunday, March 29 Dan Zanes & Friends will stop in Ann Arbor as part of a worldwide tour. Here, Zanes speaks with Filter from the Kingdom of Bahrain, where he played at the Spring of Culture Festival.

How was your show last night?

I think we had one of the best concerts we've ever had since we've been doing this. It was everything I always wanted to see from the stage, truly an all-ages show, even teenagers were dancing and lots and lots of dads, and it was a mixture of the Arabic community, Indian community, expats, English and South African, so it was beautiful. It's always been my goal to have a party where everyone is really together regardless of age and background. Tonight was a perfect example of that.

You're touring schedule is crazy ...

This is a busy spring. We're here in the Middle East then we're coming to you in Ann Arbor, then we're going to the U.K. For me it never feels like work. It feels like a joyous experience we get to share with people.

What is your mission? What I hope from all this, is that people go out and make their own music. Anyone can do it. It's not that complicated. Music making is one of life's great pleasures but we tend to buy it instead of play it. It's easy and I think when people see us play they can get a sense of the possibilities. It's not about being technically proficient. It's just about participating with spirit and gusto.

So you are working on a show for Disney?

We finished a pilot for them, and we're waiting to hear back whether the show is a good fit for them. We made something we're really proud of. Hopefully they'll feel good about it.

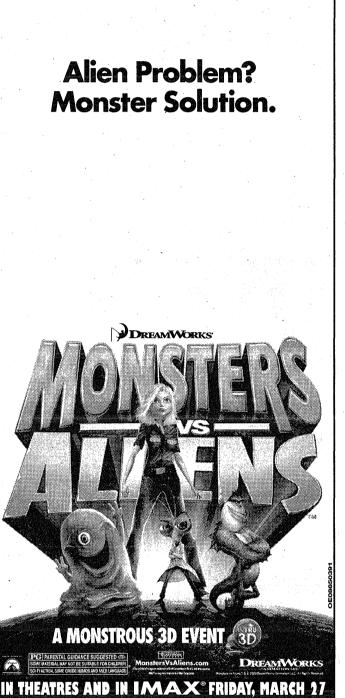
I hear your concerts have kiddie mosh pits.

It's not too much like a concert. It's really much more like a party. It's a communal event. If people sit quietly it can make us a little bit nervous that we're not doing something right. People come ready to sing, there's a lot of singing along and quite a bit of dancing. We've always had really good dance parties in Ann Arbor. It's always been fun to play there for that reason.

I know you were in the Del Fuegos, but how did you start playing family

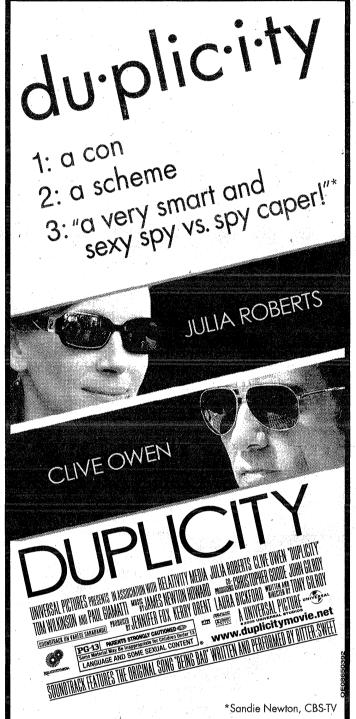
When my daughter was born I wanted music that the two of us could listen to together, but couldn't find what I was looking for so I decided to make it myself. I just did it for kids and families in the neighborhood. I didn't think I would be doing it 10 years later as a career but I realized it's something that got me really excited and I was good at it. All ages music is the old fashioned way and if I think there's something old fashioned that should be updated or preserved, I'm all for it.

Dan Zanes and Friends will play at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Rackham Hall. Tickets, \$20 adults; \$10 kids, are still available. Visit www.ums.org.



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Francke's back

Songwriter returns with a bang

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Stewart Francke has been a storyteller from the time he picked up a guitar at age 15. His 10th CD, "Alive and Unplugged at The Ark" is no exception, tackling the subject of race, love and human foibles in a style only the 50-yearold singer/songwriter delivers.

While Francke's sound is all his, the influences of artists like Marvin Gaye, Al Green, Bob Dylan, James Brown, Mitch Ryder, Bruce Springsteen and Sting shine through the Blue Boundary CD recorded live at The Ark in Ann

This summer, audiences can sit back and listen to the blue-eyed soul musician's 9-piece band, including horns, at the outdoor music series July 14 in Huntington Woods, Aug. 12 in Birmingham, and Aug. 13 at Livonia Music Under the Stars. Francke returns to The Ark June 18, but first his hometown of Saginaw recognizes him with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the arts council there on May 7.

Francke played bass at age 18 with the legendary Chuck Berry and went on to headline shows as well as open for Earth, Wind & Fire, Chicago, Bryan Adams, Eddie Money, and Foreigner, to name a few.

He's been recognized by his peers as well with several Detroit Music Awards for Best Artist, Songwriter and Album. His songs 'Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" and "American Twilights" should please long-time and new fans. The recording starts out in an acoustic vein and ends up rocking full-tilt.

"The new CD contains elements of soul music and even gospel, definitely rock 'n' roll. I call it soul music because of the place it comes from," said Francke of Huntington Woods. "I'm always trying to work within a continuum of tradition of soul music and

black music and white music too, a big amalgamation of different things. There are adult lyrics on it but there's a lot of concern with the rhythm too. I write from the standpoint that each song address a particular emotional state like "The Judas Kiss" which deals with betrayal and anger."

Francke's music definitely comes from deep inside. His battle with leukemia and a subsequent bone marrow transplant 10 years ago changed his perspective on life. He often plays benefit concerts and donates time to raise funds for nonprofits focusing on the

"I either tell a story or I knew the people in the songs and what they were about. Sometimes you just change the names and you've been given a song," said Francke. "When people listen to music they bring themselves to it, their desires and expectations. I hope they consider it an ongoing conversation between me and my audience. That's what I was interested in when I didn't have the means to reach out. I was inarticulate and shy when I was very young.

Francke found his voice long ago. His illness set him back as far as his musical career, but today he's ready to move ahead and is presently working on a studio album to be released this fall. Three years of complications and hospitalizations left him with an appreciation for family.

For a few years after regaining his health, Francke decided to take time to spend with his children Stew, now 13, daughter Tess, 15, and wife Julia.

"I'm now just returning to my career with a great amount of intensity," said Francke. "I'm also in gratitude for my audience remaining with me even when I was down and out. There's a tremendous silver lining in all the difficult times. I appreciate every little day, every breath."

"Stewart Francke: Alive & Unplugged at The Ark" is available at all record stores and online at www.stewartfrancke.com.

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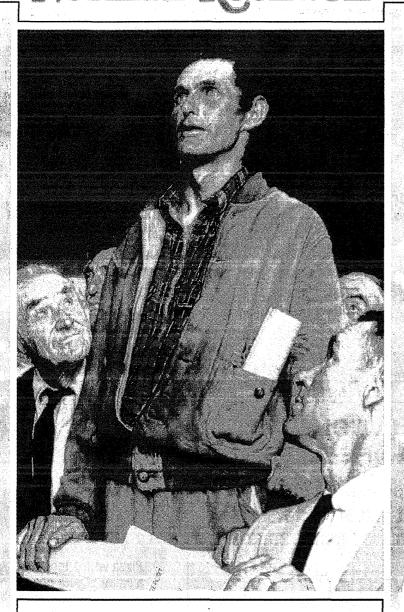






Stewart Francke returns to the music scene with a live

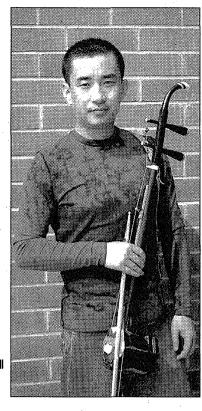
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Fusion Fest

stage 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28, under the direction of Conductor Nan Washburn, as Orchestra Canton presents "Fusion Festival: From Canton to Canton." March 28-29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Gao is hailed as one of the most exciting masters of the erhu, a popular two-stringed Chinese instrument dating back to the 12th-century Song Dynasty. Tickets are \$25, adults; \$20, seniors; \$10, children and students. Also included in the weekendlong Fusion Festival is a free **Celebration Youth Orchestra** Workshop, 2-3:30 p.m. March 29, followed by a free dance performance by the Chinese Folk Dance Troupe of Metro **Detroit Oriental Art School. Call** (734) 394-5460 or visit www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater.



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Schoolcraft College: Cellist Robert de Maine, May 15; \$10, students, \$20 adults, Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, (734) 462-4403.

COMEDY

Komedy at Karl's Kabin: Joey Bielaska and Sal Demilio, April 3-4, dinner at 8:30 p.m., show at 9 p.m., \$12, \$10 presale, 6005 Gotfredson Road... Plymouth (734) 455-8450, www.KarlsCabin. com, www.minnehahacomedyclub.com. The Second City: "Kwame A River: The Chronicles of Detroit's Hip Hop Mayor," through May 31, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

St. Andrew's Hall: Louis C.K., April 17, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

CONCERTS

Clutch Cargo: Jamey Johnson, April 16; The Devil Wears Prada, April 9, Franz Ferdinand, May 3, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666. The Fillmore: Jack's Mannequin, April 14; Lamb of

God with God Forbid and As I Lay Dying, May 6; Tragically Hip, May 29-30, Rise Against, June 24, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. (248) 645-6666. The Fox Theatre: Flight of the Conchords with Eugene Mirman, April 24; Soul 70's Super Jam featuring The Whispers, The Dramatics, The Stylistics & The Manhattans, April 25: Leonard Cohen, May 9: Unwigged & Unplugged: An Evening with Christopher Guest, Michael

Masonic Temple Theatre: Kazem El Saher, March 28, 500 Temple, Detroit, (248) 645-6666. The Palace of Auburn Hills: Billy Joel / Elton John "Face 2 Face Tour," May 21, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet com

McKean and Harry Shearer, May 29, 2211

Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248)

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble: "Motown in Motion," 8 p.m. April 4, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, (586) 286-2222, www.ede-dance.org. Max M. Fisher Music Center: The Art of Bellydancing with Bellydance Superstars and workshop by Detroit Bellydance, March 29, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www. detroitsymphony.com.

FAMILY

Canton Cinema: Free Spring Matinee Series, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturdays, "Kung Fu Panda," March 28-29; "Horton Hears a Who," april 4-5; "Tale of Despereaux," April 11-12; "Open Season." April 18-19: "Hotel for Dogs." April 25-26, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456, www. GOTLcom.

Fox Theatre: Thomas & Friends Live! On Stage, A Circus Comes To Town, June 13-14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515. Marquis Theatre: "Little Mermaid," through April 17, ages 3 and up, 135 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

FILM

Ann Arbor Film Festival: Through March 29, 33 screenings, daily free events, world premieres; Opening Night Gala, live music, open bar, 6-8 p.m.; short film competition screening, 8:30 p.m. March 24, Grand Fover, Michigan Theater, www.aafilmfest.

This American Life - Live: Canton Cinema and Livonia 20, 8 p.m. April 23, www.fathomevents.com.

Cranbrook Art Museum: Banff Mountain Film Festival, 7:30 p.m. April 2-3, deSalle Auditorium, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) GO-CRANBROOK, www.cranbrook.edu. Crofoot: Michigan Movie Networking Event, with reps from Michigan Film Office, Michigan Chapter of the Screen Actors Guild, Real Style Casting, Taro Entertainment, Mitten Movie Project, Michigan Marquee, On The Rocks Detroit, Pontiac DDA, OHM Creative Group, Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts, UHY, and many more, noon-6 p.m. April 4,1S. Saginaw, Pontiac, (586) 615-3504, www michiganmovienetwork.com. Detroit Film Theatre: "Six in Paris (Paris Vu Par),"

March 27-29; "The 400 Blows," March 27-29, at Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Detroit. See www.dia.org/dft or (313) 833-7900. Henry Ford IMAX: "Watchmen: The IMAX Experience Rises," "Journey to Mecca," "Under the Sea 3D," 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn.

Penn Theatre: Hitchcock Month, "To Catch a Thief," March 26; Bogart Month - "Casablanca," April 2; "In a Lonely Place," April 9; "The Two Mrs. Carrolls," April 16; "Sirocco," April 23; "Sabrina," April 30, shows at 7 p.m., \$3, 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com.

Redford Theatre: Three Stooges Festival, April 3-4, 17360 Lahser, Detroit. www.redfordtheatre.

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall: Ray Vega Quintet, March 27-28, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, (313) 887-8500,

Max M. Fisher Music Center: Dianne Reeves, April 9; Mingus Dynasty Band, May 7, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111 and online at www. detroitsymphony.com

Detroit Music Awards: Honoring talent and achievement in the local music scene, with Amboy Dukes, Motown 50th Anniversary Revue, tribute to late Stooges guitarist Ron Asheton and R&B and jazz legend Lyman Woodward and more, 7 p.m., April 17. Fillmore Detroit: pre-show ceremony, 5 p.m. April 17, Cliff Bell's, Detroit; after-parties at Cliff Bell's and the Park Bar, (248)

Rockstarz Karaoke Bar: Dirty Americans w/ Brian Schram Band, 8 p.m. April 11, \$5, 21 and older, 33729 Ford Road, Garden City.

Trinity House Theatre: Gurf Morlix, March 28, Chris Trapper, April 23; 38840 Six Mile, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

MUSEUMS

Detroit Institute of Arts: "American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell," through May 31: "Learning by Line: The Role and Purpose of Drawing in the 18th Century," through June 15, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900. Detroit Historical Museum: "Detroit's Chinatown: Works in Progress" April 4-July 4; "Detroit's Classic TV Personalities" through Sept. 6, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, www.detroithistorical.org,

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For additional information and a complete list of eligibility criteria, contact:

Cynthia Plunkett RNC, CCRC at (734)-936-8065 Clinical Study Coordinator e-mail: cplunket@umich.edu

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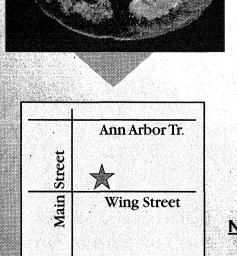
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WSDP Benefit Concert

Plymouth native Rachele Eve will be among performers at a concert Saturday, March 28, to benefit WSDP, the radio station owned and operated by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Telarc recording artist Keri Noble will headline the show, and the Mean Reds will also appear. Eve, who grew up in Plymouth and now lives in Chicago, recently released her first album, "Mouth of Feathers," colored with distorted guitars, a toy piano. accordion, and organs. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School in Canton. Tickets, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, are available at www.881TheEscape.com (\$2.50 service charge) and benefit 88.1FM.

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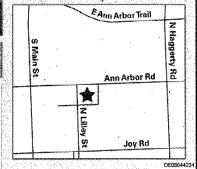
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to April 5, 2010, Michigan Opera Theatre, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, www.michiganopera.org. SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Irish music: Paddy Homan with Crossroad Ceili 8 p.m. March 28, Baille Corcaigh Irish Restaurant and Pub, 1426 Bagley, Corktown, Detroit, (313) 963-4546.

Powwow: North American Indian Association of Detroit presents "Teaching Our Traditions Powwow" May 30-31. Bishop State Park, Brighton, rustic camping available, (810) 229-8977, www.naiavets.org

Rock Financial Showplace: Backyard Pool & Spa Show, March 27-29; Giant Motorcycle Swap Meet, March 29; Michigan International Wine Expo, April 3-4; Spring Home and Garden Show, April 3-5; Comic Con May 15-17, 46100 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-5600, www.rockfinancialshow

The Big Dance: Three days of concerts, fea

turing headliners Pussycat Dolls, Fergie, Gavin DeGraw and Staind, with emcee Ryan Seacrest, as well as 40 local bands. as part of the 2009 NCAA Men's Final Four weekend, April 3-5, Detroit Riverfront.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

The Farmington Players: "Sweet Charity," April 24-May 16; 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org. Park Players: "Ragtime the Musical" through April 4, North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, (313) 835-1103,

www.MTIShows.com. Spotlight Players: "The Pajama Game," April 24-May 9, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5300, www.spotlightplayers.net.

Tipping Pointe Theatre: "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," April 22-24, 361 E. Cady, Northville, (248) 347-0003.

THEATER-PROFESSIONAL

Fisher Theatre: "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," through April 5, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, 1-800-982-2787, www.ticketmaster.com, www.broadwayindetroit.com. Fox Theatre: "Movin Out," March 27-29, tickets \$30-\$75; "Riverdance-Farewell Performances," April 8-12; Oprah Winfrey presents "The Color Purple." April 14, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment com, (248) 433-1515.





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FOOD & WINE

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his year celebrates the 30th anniversary of the founding of St. Francis Winery & Vineyards in Sonoma County, Calif.

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Francis winemaking team, which has been directed since 1983 by Tom Mackey, one talented guy who quotes Homer and says some of his favorite reading is that of the high-fantasy writer J.R.R.
Tolkien, author of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings."

Mackey's wines, however, are no fantasy. In this decade, Mackey has been showered with accolades in the wine press. He's been dubbed Merlot's Main Man and International Red Winemaker of the Year.

Merlot, cabernet sauvignon and zinfandel are Mackey's specialties.

Three of St. Francis' latest releases are well worth the price: 2005 Sonoma County Merlot, \$18; 2005 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon, \$20; and 2006 Old Vines Sonoma County Zinfandel, \$20.

With zinfandel prices continuing to escalate, even to \$50 and \$60 for some old vines and vineyard designated bottlings, the St. Francis Old Vines offering is a real deal.

WILD OAK

Sonoma County is the epicenter of wild oak country in northern California and several species of these heritage oaks can be found bordering St. Francis Winery's premier vineyards. From these vineyards, winemaker Tom Mackey selects the finest grapes to make his handcrafted, ultrapremium, limited production Wild Oak wines.

When the new St. Francis
Winery was built in 1999, Mackey
had the foresight to reserve space
for a small, artisan-scale winerywithin-a-winery to handle small
lots, reserves and wines requiring hands-on treatment. "Tom's
Winery," as it's known by the cellar crew, "allows us," says Mackey,
"to make Wild Oak, a best vineyards, best lots, best barrels wine."

At \$25 per bottle for the newlyreleased 2005 Wild Oak Merlot and 2004 Wild Oak Cabernet Sauvignon, wine lovers will be hard-pressed to find other wines this good at the price. Wild Oak wines truly represent an exercise in blending and selection from the best St. Francis vineyard sources.

Eleanor & Ray Heald write about wine for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

DEALS & STEALS

Ye Olde Wine Shoppe, 2044 W. South Blvd., Rochester Hills, (248) 852-5533, is currently holding a Vintage Stimulus Sale. Here's a sampling of our European favorites under \$15. SPAIN

Bodegas Falset Marca 2006 Rose, \$7.50, from 100-year-old vines. Bodegas Falset Marca 2005 Tinto, \$6.50 Bodegas Rugvino 2006 Big Bang

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Govone 2005 Barbera Superiore, \$12.50 Govone 2006 Moscato d'Asti, \$13 When you order Girl Scout Cookies this year, be sure to buy a box of Sugar Free Chocolate Chips.

They're the key ingredient in Vanilla Bean Bavarian Cheesecake, an award-winning dessert cooked up by Chef Chris Johnson of the Beverly Hills Grill.

Johnson was named CEO Favorite at the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Cookie Gala, held March 11 at the Roostertail in Detroit.

During the event, chefs were asked to create gourmet desserts using Girl Scout Cookies as a key ingredient. Eight chefs competed — one for each cookie variety.

Chef James Leonardo, who lives in Plymouth and works at Mosaic in Detroit's Greektown, received the Blue Ribbon Award (Judges' Choice). Tim Wilkins, chef/owner of the Historic White Horse Inn in Metamora, took home the People's Choice Award.

About 250 people attended the seventh annual event, which raised nearly \$57,000.

Proceeds benefit programming for some 50,000 girl members who reside in nine counties in Southeastern Michigan.

For information on Girl Scout Cookie availability and locations, call (800) 326-0309 (ask for "product sales").



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Vanilla Bean Bavarian Cheesecake is made with Sugar Free Chocolate Chips Girl Scout Cookies.



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CHEESECAKE RECIPE

This award-winning cheesecake by Chef Chris Johnson of Beverly Hills Grill uses Sugar Free Chocolate Chips Girl Scout Cookies as a key ingredient.

VANILLA BEAN BAVARIAN CHEESECAKE

Yields: One 18 x 13 inch cookie sheet 24 ounces cream cheese, softened

½ c. sugar, granulated

1 vanilla bean, fresh

1 tablespoon lemon juice 2 tablespoons gelatin, bloomed in 2 ounces of water

1 quart Heavy whipping cream

3 boxes Sugar Free Chocolate Chips Girl Scout Cookies, ground

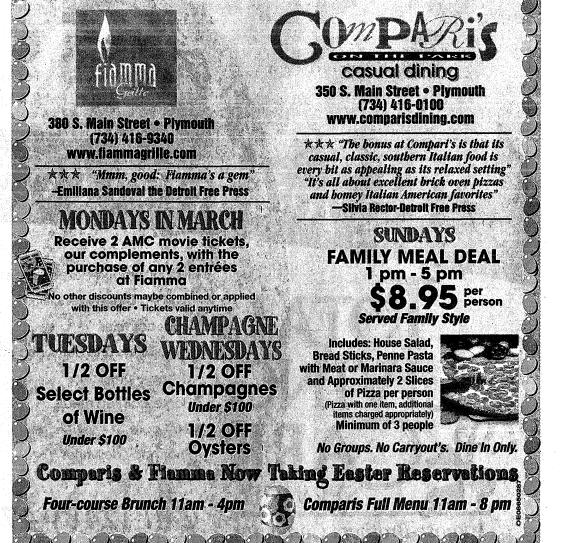
2 ounces butter, melted
Line a 18 x 13 inch cookie sheet with parch-

ment or wax paper. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine the cookies and butter and press onto the cookie sheet. Bake 10-15 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Let the crust rest at room temperature for 15-20 minutes or until cool to the touch. In a mixer with a paddle attachment combine the cream cheese, sugar, vanilla, and lemon juice until smooth and well incorporated. In a separate bowl whip the heavy cream to soft peaks. Heat the gelatin until it liquefies and is clear. Add the gelatin to the cream cheese mixture. Gently fold in the whipped heavy cream. Spread the mixture onto the prepared crust. Cover and refrigerate for two hours or until set. Slice cheesecake to your desired size and serve with fresh sliced strawberries.









You can reduce chances of a home break-in

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Public Safety Department hasn't seen a spike in home break-ins in the sour economy. He and fellow law enforcement professionals still encourage caution when it comes to reducing the likelihood of a home break-in.

"Make sure you lock your doors," said Gajeski, manning the Public Safety Department booth at the March 7-8 Canton Home Expo. The eighth annual event was presented by Canton Building & Inspection Services, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Gajeski said you should always lock the door leading from your garage to the home, as well as the garage door.

He recommends having mail and newspapers held or picked up by a trusted neighbor if you're away. Timers can be used to keep lights going on and off, giving a home a lived-in appearance if you're on vacation. A television or radio sound helps as well.

"That's probably one of the most

important things, know your neighbor, know their schedule," the sergeant said. He knows his neighbors' schedules and cars, and is alerted if there's a strange car nearby.

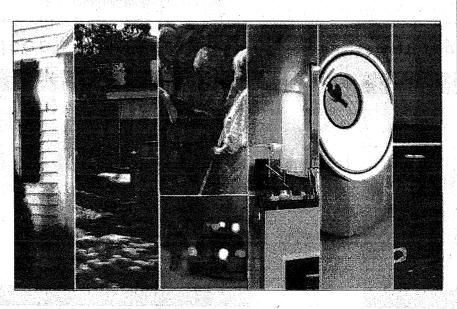
You shouldn't hesitate to call police on something suspicious, although 9-1-1 is for emergencies like a crime in progress. Local police departments also have non-emergency phone numbers answered around the clock. You don't have to leave your name with police, Gajeski noted.

"There's people that think that (they shouldn't call) and then they find their neighbor's home got broken into," he said. "Never hesitate to call the police. That's what we're here for." Gajeski, in his 23rd year in police

work, agreed alarms can help if you know how to use them. Some people don't, such as when helium balloons from a child's birthday party set off sensors and police respond. "If you hear or see anything suspi-

cious, just call the police. We'll always send someone out," Gajeski said. The Michigan State Police Web

site notes some \$65 million is lost in the U.S. each year in home invasions, muggings and other violent crimes.



The site recommends good deadbolt locks, noting about half of burglars enter homes through unlocked doors and windows.

The state police recommend securing a sliding glass door with locks or a rigid dowel wedged in the track. You should trim back shrubs hiding doors or windows, as well as keeping tree

limbs trimmed for visibility.

The MSP site also recommends porches, entrances and yards be welllit. You shouldn't hide a home key in a mailbox, planter or under a doormat.

Don't put your personal ID on your key ring, state police recommend; change home locks immediately if you lose keys or move to a new home.

Show offers ample ideas for backyard use

The Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will run from Friday, March 27, through Sunday, March 29, at the **Rock Financial Showplace** in Novi with everything you need to turn your backyard into a vacation destination.

"Creating the perfect setting for vacationing at home is the focus of our 14th annual show," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan Inc. We have everything from basic to elaborate on display to make your backyard dream a reality." Attendees will see a dream back yard landscaped around a free form full-size fiberglass pool filled with water. In addition, an above ground swim spa, heated and in full operation, will feature an adjustable speed swim lane for exercise and fitness and a spa area for therapy and family fun.

Also exhibited will be inground and above ground pools. One exhibitor will offer a Build Your Own Backyard Pool program for the do-it-yourself market.

Another will provide pool and spa renovations and resurfacing.

A variety of hot tubs and spas from standard to luxury styles with two to eight person seating, waterfalls. jets, enclosures, gazebos and cabinet finish choices will be available and operating.

Several landscaping companies will create outdoor living landscape displays for homeowners to visualize in their backyard. The displays include a fire pit, outdoor kitchens and cooking areas, seating walls. wood-burning outdoor fireplace waterfall and brick paver, flagstone and bluestone patios. Other distinctive features include stone pillars fitted with low voltage lights in glass blocks, pottery fountains, ponds,

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Beck **Road in Novi. Show hours are** from 3-9:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

natural water features, streams, waterfalls, fountains and boulder and block retaining walls. The landscapers design and install new or renovate existing backyards to enhance the beauty and value of a home.

Dining and deep seating patio furniture will be shown with choices of upholstery and finishes, free-standing wood and gas stoves for sunrooms, traditional and infrared indoor and outdoor saunas and custom wood and maintenance-free decks. Active show goers will

benefit from the outdoor multipurpose sports flooring for backyard and indoor home gyms that homeowners can try, basketball hoops, court lighting and sports netting.

Other exhibits at the show will display products and services from the major outdoor living environment categories including inground and aboveground pools, spas, hot tub, swim spas, decks, patios, fencing, outdoor living spaces, patio furniture, outdoor court systems, patio enclosures, sunrooms and accessories.

Experts are available ith tips and advice on purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety, exercise, health, financing and landscaping.

Homeowners can get the information they need about buying a pool or spa at show exhibits.

"Make your home the ideal location for great memories and enjoyable times with family and friends," said Wilbraham.

The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association, member of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP).

Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Show hours are from 3-9:30 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8; \$4 for

children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission on Friday and Sunday are available at participating Wendy's restaurants. On site parking is available for a fee. For more information, visit www. NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

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association's wish to do.

A. It is violation of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct for a lawyer to share a fee with a nonlawyer unless the nonlawyer is a qualified not-for-profit referral service that is registered with the State Bar of Michigan. Even lawyers referring matters to another lawyer may only do so if the client is so advised, the client does not object, and the total fee is reasonable.

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

BRIEFS

Promoted

John Hamburger has been promoted to president from vice president and director of property management at Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services Inc., an office, retail and multi-family property management and development company headquartered in Birmingham. The promotion was announced by Richard Broder, the firm's founder, whose role will change from president to CEO.

As president, Hamburger is responsible for all operating aspects of the firm's real estate services functions, including oversight of the financial management and its SOS! Property Maintenance Services. He also directs Broder & Sachse's business development efforts, and is part of the firm's corporate leadership and acquisition and development teams.

Hamburger, a Royal Oak resident, joined Broder & Sachse in 2000. Previously, he was the president and CEO of Parliament Company, a development, property management and design/build firm in Bingham Farms. Before that, he practiced law with Butzel, Keidan, Simon, Myers & Graham, P.C. in Bloomfield Hills, where he gained substantial experience in multimillion dollar interstate corporate and real estate loan reorganizations, lending, real estate and corporate law.

Hamburger holds a law degree from Emory

University School of Law and a bachelor's degree with distinction in economics from the University of Michigan.

He is a designated Real Property administrator by the Building Owners and Management Association International and a licensed real estate broker in the state of Michigan. He is a past chairman of the city of Detroit Planning and Development Department's Developers Taskforce. He has served on the board of directors of the Sinai Hospital of Metro Detroit's Development Foundation and the Michigan Cancer Foundation Partners.

Hamburger also served on the board of directors of the Jewish Apartments and Services and was an officer and board member of the benefactors of the Jewish Home and Aging Services.

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7023 Foxcreek Dr	\$208,000
44012 Hanford Rd	\$130,000
43511 Lancelot Dr	\$175,000
45488 Morningside Rd	\$252;000
2469 N Woods Blvd	\$235,000
43818 Palisades Dr	\$201,000
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6091 Wedgewood Rd	\$149,000
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23050 Frederick Ave	\$100,000

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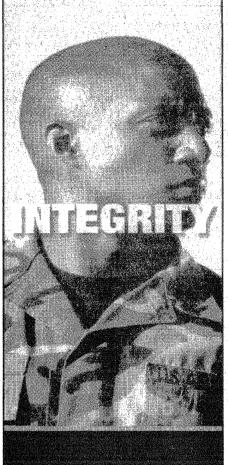
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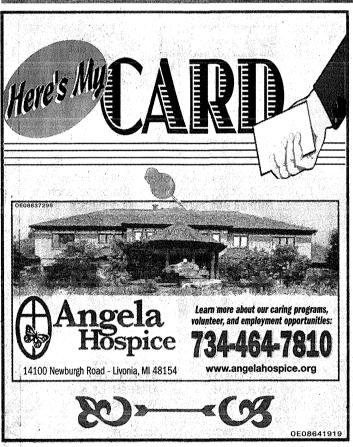
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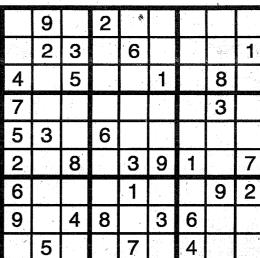
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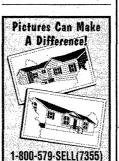
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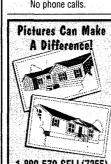
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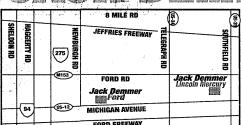
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