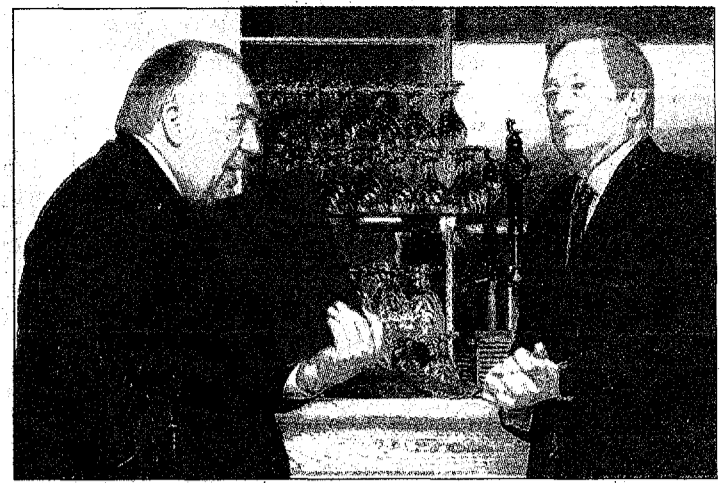


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PIPELINE United Way meets

The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way takes place 8 a.m. Friday, March 5. The meeting will be conducted at Comcast, located at 41112 Concept Drive, in Plymouth. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four board members, four officers, hear reports from the president, secretary, and treasurer, and to conduct such other business as may come before the board. The results of the 2009 campaign will be announced. Awards and recognition will be given to businesses, individuals and volunteers who contributed to the campaign. For more information, call the Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879.

Pathway pails

The I-275 Pathway is receiving a major facelift in 2010. Plans call for a complete reconstruction of the path between Willow Metropark and Michigan Avenue, as well as significant improvements all the way north to Meadowbrook Road. Work on portions of the trail is expected to start in the spring. The Michigan Department of Transportation is hosting an open house to explain the planned improvements to the Hines Drive-Michigan Avenue section 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, in the Freedom Room of the Canton Township Administrative Building on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill. The I-275 Pathway is a 40-mile multi-use recreational trail that parallels the freeway in Oakland, Wayne and Monroe counties.

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is recognizing a Plymouth-Canton school district high school senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagar Rotary Scholarship. The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagar, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived every day with polio. Application deadline is March 30, and the award will be announced April 16. Applications can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf. For more information, contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or call (734) 377-0914.

Judge rules confession stands in baby's death

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A judge's ruling on Thursday cleared the way for the trial of a Plymouth Township woman accused of killing her newborn daughter, even as the defense planned appeals of two issues in the case. Judge Dan Ryan ruled in Wayne County Circuit Court that Emily Portellos' statement — described by police as an admission that she

smothered her baby — is admissible at trial. Portellos, 29, is charged with felony murder, first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree child abuse. Her trial is to start in Ryan's courtroom on Wednesday, March 10. Defense attorney Henry Scharg had sought to have the statement suppressed on the grounds that Portellos had come out of surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital about 90 minutes before being interviewed there by a plainclothes Plymouth

Township detective, Officer Marcy Linton, and may have still been affected by medication. Also, Scharg argued, Portellos was essentially in custody and had not been read her rights. "It's obvious that you don't interrogate someone in the recovery room," he told the judge. Scharg noted that Portellos' post-surgery hospital discharge instructions advised her not to drive, Please see CONFESSION, A7



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Emily Portellos' lawyer, Henry Scharg, argued her statement to police should be banned from her trial, but the judge's ruling left it in.

'Life just comes along'



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Marguerite Evans will reach the century mark on March 2.

Township woman looks back as she turns 100

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

People from around the country are gathering this weekend to celebrate a woman whose life has taken her from a farmhouse without electricity to a world of handheld computers, portable telephones and intercontinental jet travel. Marguerite Evans of Plymouth Township, who grew

up mostly in Plymouth, turns 100 on Tuesday. Friends and relatives from as far away as Alaska and Maryland are traveling here to be with her, and a dinner in her honor for more than 50 people is planned at Karl's Kabin. Mrs. Evans reflected on hitting the century mark one evening last week, in the living

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Marguerite Evans on her wedding day in 1939.

RESA eyes millage to help districts

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In an effort to help its struggling school districts, Wayne County RESA officials are considering asking voters county-wide to pass a 1.9-mill tax increase that would send millions of dollars back to individual districts. RESA officials believe the 10-year millage, if approved, would generate some \$92 million in school enhancement money that would be redirected to individual districts based on the community's property values and student-count. According to Steve Ezikian, Wayne RESA's assistant superintendent for finance and administration, RESA is considering the millage proposal to help districts who have no other option. "We're the only ones who can do it," Ezikian said. "Proposal A took away local districts' ability to levy any millage. The only action left (by state law) is a county-wide enhancement bill." No official decision can be made, Ezikian said, until boards of education in each individual district decide whether they would support it. A poll commissioned by RESA found county voters essentially split on the issue, Ezikian said. Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Craig Fiegel told his Board of Education Tuesday the district, facing what could be a \$9 million deficit in the 2010-11 school year, may not have much choice but to support the idea. "In these times, we don't have a lot of options," Fiegel said. "To not explore the ones we do have would not be wise." The poll, commissioned by RESA Please see RESA, A7

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Police arrest downtown shooting suspect

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 54-year-old Plymouth Township resident was undergoing psychiatric evaluation after police apprehended him following a shooting incident Thursday afternoon that rocked part of downtown Plymouth. The man, whose name is being withheld pending charges, allegedly wandered around downtown carrying a handgun and firing off at least four shots before he finally put the gun down and was captured by a team of police officers from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township Police Departments. Police responded to a cell phone call from a witness who saw the man in the lower deck of the public parking structure fire off a shot into the ground. According to Plymouth Detective Sgt. Jamie Grabowski, the man then walked underneath the

deck toward Ann Arbor Trail, and passed through TranquilTea. The first officer on the scene, Sgt. Joe Kahanec, ordered the man to put the weapon down, at which point he fired off another round at the ground, Grabowski said. Officer Jennifer Dergis was next on scene, and when officers demanded the man put the gun down again, he fired off two more shots. According to Grabowski, the man then sat down on the ground near the ramp to the parking structure's upper deck. After some time, Grabowski said, the man finally released his hold on the weapon and was apprehended by officers. The confrontation concerned those in the area. "We heard the police officers yelling at him to put the gun down, and they passed right in front of the door," said Jay McDonald of the Plymouth Community United Way.

"I looked out and saw him right there at the end of the walkway. The police were yelling at him to put the gun down. We decided it would be a good idea to just lock the door and let it pass." Kahanec and Dergis were joined by Plymouth Township's Lt. Robert Antal, Sgt. Dennis Wilson and Officers Bryan Rupard, Steve Coffell and John Drake. There was some indication, Grabowski said, the man might have been prepared to take his own life. "Officers were absolutely fearful that he was suicidal... there were some indications of that," Grabowski said. "He never pointed the gun at any officers or any other civilians." Grabowski said Friday the man was still undergoing psychiatric evaluation at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. The incident is still under investigation, and charges are pending, he said.

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Blanchard, Engler push for cooperation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former governors Jim Blanchard and John Engler met on stages before for debates during the 1990 gubernatorial campaign, but they cast aside their old politicking and political differences Thursday at Michigan State University's Michigan Political Leadership Program at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

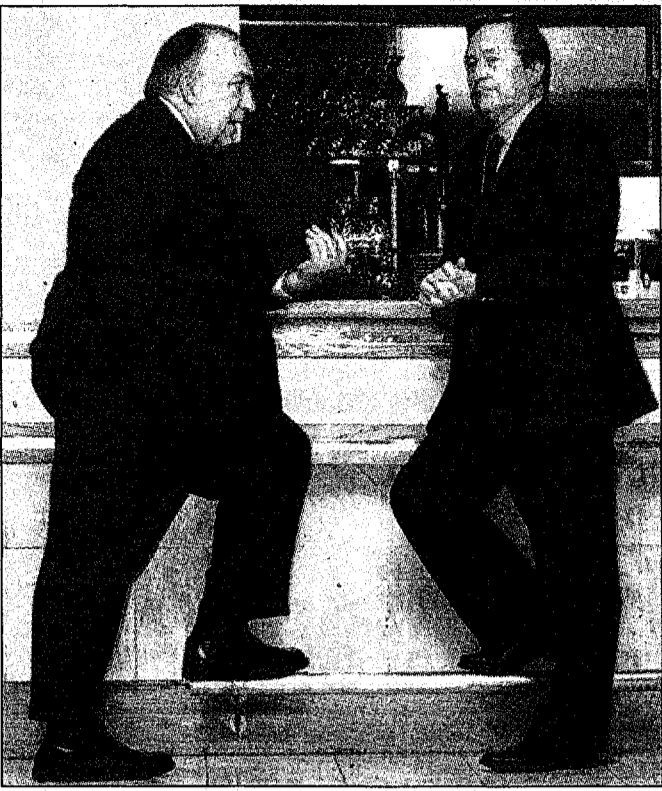
Both ex-governors agreed the political parties need to work together to turn Michigan's economy around and believe a second bridge to Canada needs to be built to encourage trade with Canada and help the state's manufacturing base.

"I'm absolutely certain our state is too great to be kept down much longer," Blanchard said. "Sooner or later, the great state of Michigan will rise again. The only question is when, and how and what can we do about it."

Blanchard also encouraged several office holders and potential future political candidates not to use excuses, characterize Michigan as a "victim" or blame foreigners, Wall Street or trade policies for the state's economic woes. "Tell them to go run for office somewhere else," he said.

Engler said Michigan, as a manufacturing state, cannot afford to live in the past. "You'd better be forward looking; you'd better be looking ahead," Engler said.

Engler believes that the United States needs to cut its corporate tax rate, the second highest among industrial nations. "Just as Michigan faces competition with Indiana, so



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No, they're not bellied up to the bar. Former Governors John Engler and James Blanchard were at Livonia's Laurel Manor and stopped to do a radio interview on a speaker phone.

does the United States face competition from nations all over the world," he said. "Global industry affects global competition." Cutting the corporate tax from 33 percent to 22 percent will put the United States in the middle of the pack of industrialized nations and help create 2.1 million jobs by 2019, Engler said.

Engler said Michigan needs to work on a bridge plan and "get that done." Blanchard also emphasized the immediate need for it.

Michigan needs to have the

best schools, Engler said. "I've always said the state with the best schools wins," he said. "We're spending enough money; we're just not getting the results." Engler said there was "no excuse" for a third-grader's inability to read. Blanchard said: "Money isn't everything, but it sure helps." The state still needs to provide for students, he said.

Neither of the former governors would endorse any of the declared candidates. Neither expressed a desire to return to the political arena. "Been

there, done that," Blanchard said. Engler joked that he was raising three girls in the ninth grade so he already had "a house full of drama." He quickly added on a serious note that he hoped Michigan voters would elect people who care about manufacturing.

Engler encouraged a "competition of ideas" during the state's current budget discussion. "You ought to think about how you can do a better job," he said.

Blanchard encouraged candidates to make sure that they "love this state, and not just yourselves," he said. "Make sure you want to serve."

Engler had advice during his opening comments for the new Fellows of the MPLP and recent graduates. "Taxes come up all the time," Engler said. "In your political career, people will face this (budget problem) to raise taxes. It will be seductive. But our global competitors, that's not what they are doing."

Samantha Talbot of Plymouth Township was thinking about applying for the MSU Fellows program. She works for state Rep. Vicki Barnett, D-Farmington Hills.

"You really lose a lot with the term limits, and it's good for me to learn what has happened before those went into effect," Talbot said. "It's encouraging to hear them say the goal is to work together."

Eric Bacyinski, deputy clerk of Plymouth Township and a 2009 Fellow with the MPLP, liked the advice from the governors to pick three issues and be an expert. "Pick something and go for it," Bacyinski said.

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Feds: No timetable for antitrust investigation

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Amid a widening antitrust probe of automotive suppliers including companies in Canton and Plymouth, authorities said Friday it's impossible to speculate on when the international investigation might end.

"I don't have a timetable," U.S. Department of Justice spokeswoman Gina Talamona said Friday from Washington, D.C.

Talamona also declined to speculate on whether local company officials could be facing criminal charges after the investigation has been completed.

A global investigation into possible anti-competitive practices included raids Tuesday of Yazaki North America of Canton and Tokai Riko subsidiary TRAM, Inc., of Plymouth. The probe has centered on several automotive suppliers in the United States, Europe and Japan.

Yazaki, which employs thousands of people worldwide, moved into its 419,511-square-foot North America headquarters in Canton, near Haggerty and Warren, in 1999.

Yazaki supplies automotive electrical technologies to most major auto manufacturers, although much attention has centered on its ties to Toyota, simply because the Japanese automaker has been mired in controversy due to gas pedal problems.

Yazaki's Web site also notes that the company is supplying

the complete electrical distribution system for the 2011 Ford Fiesta.

Shafali Cromer, Yazaki's manager of public relations and communications in Canton, confirmed that FBI agents searched the North America headquarters on Tuesday, as well as branches in Lexington, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio.

She said Yazaki cooperated fully with federal investigators who "did not disclose to us the nature of the investigation at this point."

Yazaki cites its corporate values on its Web site, including a statement that says the company will "act ethically, honestly and responsibly in all areas of our business and in all of our relationships" and will "meet legal and regulatory standards."

TRAM's human resources director, Joe Rine, also said company officials in Plymouth are "cooperating fully" with federal agents who collected some documents during Tuesday's raid there. Rine said he wasn't aware of any wrongdoing by TRAM, Inc.

Federal authorities said Tuesday the international probe involves the possibility of anti-competitive cartel conduct by automotive electronic component suppliers.

Authorities have said allegations could potentially involve price-fixing, bid-rigging or other possible scenarios in which companies essentially conspire to benefit by arranging anti-competitive practices.

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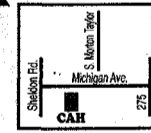
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Spring flings

The Friends of Miller Woods are planning their spring and summer calendar for scout troop activities. The group provides specialized programs to match the badge requirements for different scouting activities, and welcome scout troops. Earth Day clean-up of the woods and the meadow surrounding the woods is planned for Saturday, April 24.

For more information or to register a troop, contact Cheryl Bord, (734) 459-7666.

Goodfellows meet

The Plymouth Goodfellows host an informational meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

The meeting will be a recap of the 2009 season and a brainstorming session on how to help more people in the upcoming year. For more information, e-mail Plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com or call (734) 262-3199.

Penn finale

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society will present the final "Saturday @ the Penn" musical variety show of the season on Saturday, March 6. This family event will be held at the Penn Theater in downtown Plymouth, with doors opening at 11:05 a.m., show starting at 11:30 a.m. Admission is \$4 per person.

The featured performer for March is the ever popular Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express who delights families with musical adventures, incorporating a wide variety of instruments and audience participation into his program. Special guests are the crowd pleasers "Gemini."

The Penn Theater is located at 760 Penniman in Plymouth. Saturdays @ the Penn is generously sponsored by a grant from the Wilcox Foundation, as well as by several local businesses and individuals: Quixworks, Signature Audio, Kelly & Tom Doneth, Optimist Club of Plymouth and Steve & Renee Alexandrowski.



Mystery tour

Pioneer Middle School students Kara Gross (from left), Kelsey McDougall, Julia Stevenson, Meredith Whittiker and Madeline Andrews all took part in the Pioneer eighth-grade "Mystery Zone" production. Eight-graders put on a variety show called the "Mystery Zone." Heading up the program were Sally Yentz and Claire Walton-Swisher.

Montessori open house

Parents and families interested in enrolling their children in pre-school or kindergarten are invited to attend an open house at Plymouth-Canton Montessori School 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 4. The school is located at 45245 Joy Road in Canton.

"We look forward to giving tours and answering parents questions about our programs," said Linda Myers, the school's administrator. "We help parents launch their children's love of learning in a nurturing and caring environment."

As an independent non-profit educational community, PCMS provides an individualized learning environment for preschool and kindergarten.

The school's programs are based on the Montessori philosophy which includes respect for children, a strong commitment to non-violence, and a deep belief in the value of education.

Teachers and staff will be available at the Open House to give tours and answer questions. Children are welcome, and light refreshments will be served.

In addition to its pre-school and kindergarten programs, PCMS provides before and after school day care. The school also offers a fun and stimulating summer program that includes lots of arts and

crafts, picnics, outdoor time, music, stories, games and field trips.

For additional information about the March 4th Open House and programs available at PCMS, call 734-459-1550 or visit www.pcmontessori.org.

Speaker series

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church continues its "Dignity of Life" speaker series with a presentation, "The Cybersex Explosion: What You Need to Know," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at OLCG, 47650 N. Territorial (at the corner of Beck) in Plymouth Township.

Church officials said the presentation is designed to "help keep your family healthy and safe in changing times." The presenter, Dr. Kenneth Adams, an internationally recognized author, speaker and therapist, will talk about how cybersex activity is changing the way people see and experience sexuality, and how pornography, prostitution, affairs and "sexting" are a few of the problems created or escalated by the Internet and other new technology.

The series is sponsored by the church's Gospel of Life Committee. For more information, contact Mark Renfer via e-mail at mark.renfer@gmail.com.

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Wine Glow & Spaghetti Dinner
March 9
Benefit for Transition Center scholarships. Tickets: \$35 per person (\$18 tax deductible). Wine Glow 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets and information at 734-462-4443 or www.schoolcraft.edu/transition.

Collage Concert
March 13
The college's Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Choral Union, Synthesizer Ensemble and soloists perform at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets available at www.scbxoffice.com or 734-462-4403.

Kids can discover their creative side
March 16
Open House for Kids on Campus Summer Camp programs at 5:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Parents and kids (grades 1-12) can meet instructors, see demonstrations, and sign up for summer sessions. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/koc or 734-462-4448.

Emmanuelle Boisvert and Pauline Martin in concert
March 19
Violinist Boisvert and pianist Martin perform as part of the Friday Evening Concert Series at 8 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for students) available at www.scbxoffice.com. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or 734-462-4403.

"King Lear"
Weekends in March and April
Tickets for the Dinner Theatre performances March 19-20 and 26-27 are \$24 per person. Dinner 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center, performance 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre. Tickets for the April 9-10 performance only are \$12 per person. Tickets and more information at www.scbxoffice.com.

Exhibit and author visit explore 1967 riots
March 8-26
"Smoldering Fire of Civil Unrest" exhibit, on loan from the Detroit Historical Museum, weekdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. "Motown Burning" author John Jeffire speaks March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center. More information at www.schoolcraft.edu or 734-462-4422.

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EDUCATION

Game time: Discovery club gets players thinking

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Folks are going to have to pardon Daniel Zhang if he only answers to the name, "Sun Tzu."

It is, after all, the new nickname the 12-year-old Discovery Middle School student earned by making history in Games Club, the weekly get-together hosted by Discovery language arts teacher Jon Berger during the school year.

After Zhang became the first Game Clubber to reach total world domination in the strategy game "Risk," others named him after Sun Tzu, an ancient Chinese military general and strategist.

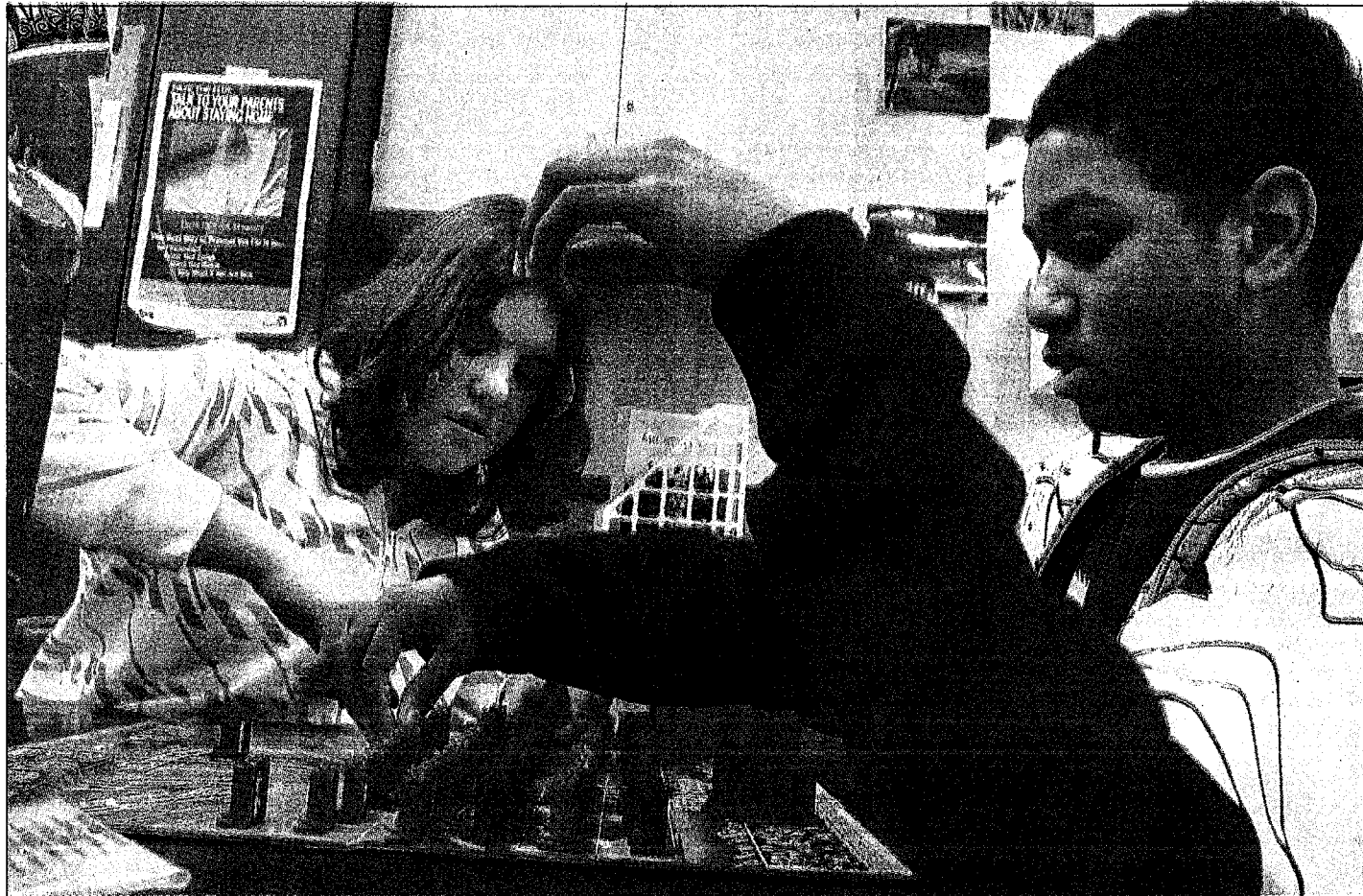
And Zhang, a Canton resident, unabashedly proclaims his status when talking about the club, which typically sees some two-dozen Discovery students huddled around a variety of tables playing vastly different games.

"The good thing about Game Club is it has a social element," Zhang said. "Let's put it in middle school terms - It lets the nerds socialize with each other."

Berger said the club started in 2000-2001, when he polled his homeroom class about things students would like to see in the new school, which had just opened. One female student, Berger said, drew laughter by suggesting a chess club.

Despite the laughter - or maybe because of it - Berger started the club. It immediately morphed into a club that plays "thinking" games, strategic games such as chess, "Risk," "Stratego" and "Dungeons and Dragons."

The club, which is open to all Discovery students, typically draws a balanced mix of students, though this year's group leans heavily on sixth- and seventh-graders. The club is draw-



Lauren Senkbeil and Joshua Byers play Stratego in the Discovery Middle School 'Game Club' Thursday.

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It's a game of Risk for Dane Ackerman, Tanner Payter, Jacob Peltz and Zachary Bergquist.



Game Club founder, language arts teacher and mentor Jonathan Berger is flanked by students Shane Prevo and Baylee Ross.

ing about 26 kids now, though at one point a few years back it had dwindled to two.

Karen Alexander said she likes what the club has done for her son, Evan Hefner. Even, his mom said, is "shy and smart" and gets a chance to hang out with kids like him every week.

"It gives them a chance to socialize," Alexander said. "I think it's a great social thing."

In Game Club, the kids set the rules. For instance, they've added a "danger card" element to chess and rigged games like "Risk" and "Stratego" to fit them into the club's one-hour meeting time.

"It's unstructured, and the kids get to set the rules," Berger said. "They teach each other without an adult telling them what to do."

Seventh-grader Alec MacDonald, a 12-year-old from Canton, has come to Game Club the last two years. He likes the opportunity to hang out with friends after school.

"There's a big variety of games, and I can choose what I feel like playing," Alec said. "I like the games with questions that make me think."

Naren Nathan, a 13-year-old seventh-grader from Canton, came to Game Club for the first time Thursday, and proclaimed the program "awesome."

"You can improve your strategy and thinking skills," Naren said. "It helps with your studies, too, because it makes you think."

Baylee Ross likes the variety of games, too, but has another reason for attending.

"I come here to meet new people," said Bailey, a 14-year-old eighth-grader. "There's no one telling you what to do. It's a no-worry thing to do after school."

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New Morning auction adds on-line element

New Morning School introduces a whole new way to show support for the children of New Morning School. At 8:00 a.m. March 1, the "doors" will open to Motown Movie Magic, an auction that takes place on the Internet at <http://www.biddingforgood.com/newmorningschool>

The auction will run 8 a.m. March 1 through 8 p.m. March 15, and promises to have a major impact on the community. New Morning School members will be receiving emails about the auction, and can forward those emails to invite an unlimited number of guests to virtually "attend" and take part in the auction. Members of the public can also participate by going to <http://www.biddingforgood.com/newmorningschool>. Using exciting new software provided by Bidding For Good, Inc., an organization with a focus on serving non-profit organizations, and thanks to the generosity of donors such as Plastomer Corporation, New Morning School has assembled an exciting catalog of auction items to get people bidding.

Items up for bid include an Antigua vacation; a Nicklas Lidstrom autographed jersey; a birthday party at Goldfish Swim School; and a handmade Japanese Samurai sword.

Elaine Kennedy, Head of New Morning School, has been a part of 33 annual auctions produced by the school.

According to Kennedy, "We need to constantly

explore options to keep our auction new and exciting," Kennedy said. "We embrace our live dinner auctions which are very successful, but Bidding For Good allows our friends and family, both local and out of state to share in supporting New Morning School."

"We're extremely honored that New Morning School has chosen Bidding for Good to help raise money for such an important cause," said Jon Carson, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of Bidding For Good. "We understand how challenging it is for nonprofits to raise funds solely through live auctions, since not all of their supporters are able to attend and place bids. This is a wonderful example of how nonprofit organizations such as New Morning School can use technology to reach out to their supporters on a much larger scale, and raise the funds they need to truly make a difference."

Money raised by the auction will help New Morning School to continue to provide an extraordinary learning environment where they nurture children to their full potential as critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and responsible citizens.

The auction will conclude with the 34th annual live auction at Laurel Manor on March 27. The gala event includes a silent auction, seated dinner, and open bar followed by the much-anticipated live auction. Tickets may be purchased by contacting New Morning School at (734) 420-3331 or at auction@newmorningschool.com.

Everyone is welcome to browse, shop, or just drop by and sign the guest book to show support for New Morning School at <http://www.biddingforgood.com/newmorningschool>. Donations are still being accepted - simply log on to the site and click on the "Donate Now" button. Users can also contribute to the auction's success by using the "Tell A Friend" button on the website.

Doing Tchaikovsky

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras present "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The Plymouth Symphony will perform Tchaikovsky's monumental *Symphony No. 5*, which orchestra officials say has thrilled audiences with its four movements which are linked together through the use of several musical themes. Audiences will also enjoy a side-by-side performance of the orchestra with students of the Celebration Youth Orchestra on William Walton's *Crown Imperial March*.

Rounding out the evening will be a command performance of Kristin Kuster's *Iron Diamond*, first commissioned by the PSO for its 60th anniversary.

"(PSO musical director) Nan (Washburn) asked me for a piece that would celebrate the historical and current presence of trains in Plymouth," Kuster said. "To get a sense of the trains in Plymouth, I spent time walking along the Plymouth Diamond - the quadrangle-shaped track arrangement where trains change direction - and listened to the trains from different areas in town. I was struck by the ever-present sounds and motion of the trains through Plymouth."

"Certainly, Plymouth's trains compel locals to stop their daily routines and ponder the distant places where each train car has been, or is going," Kuster added. "I wanted my composition to have a particular 'train-ness,' without the music sounding like it used literal train sound references."

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. For tickets and information please contact the Symphony Office at 774 N. Sheldon Road in the Plymouth Arts Center, (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

For those who would like to learn more about the composer, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, don't miss the opportunity to hear Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn as she presents a multi-media presentation on the "Life and Music of Tchaikovsky" at the Plymouth Library on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. and again at the Canton Library on Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m.



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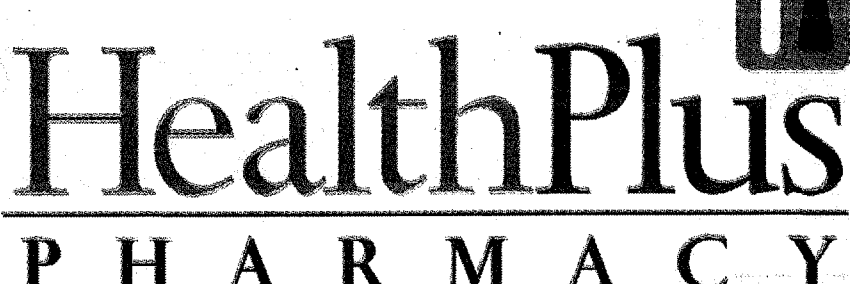
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room of the house her late husband, Leslie Evans, built himself in 1957. "I never thought much about it," she said. "Life just comes along ... and all of a sudden you realize what you have or don't have."

She attributed her longevity to "just clean living, I guess — and give mother and dad credit."

The third daughter of Anna and Otto Melow, Mrs. Evans was born in her parents' farmhouse in 1910 in what was then Livonia Township. There was a telephone but no electricity, she said, and Gypsies would go begging from farm to farm in horse-drawn wagons.

Otto Melow died in 1914; Mrs. Evans has distant memories of him: "He was a great man. Stately. Gray hair, thick hair."

Farm life proved difficult for the widowed Anna Melow, and she sold the farm and moved with her four children (a son, Don, had been born in 1914) to a house on Farmer in Plymouth that a relative built for her. The house stayed in the family until 1986.



Marguerite Evans graduated in 1928. Her maiden name is Melow.

Mrs. Melow sewed slipcovers and took in boarders to earn a living, and her children began new lives in Plymouth.

"Everything was new and different," Mrs. Evans said.

Then Marguerite Melow, she graduated from Plymouth High School, where she played basketball, in 1928 and soon began working at Blunk's, a local department store. It was there that she met her future husband; Leslie Evans was making deliveries to Blunk's for a

local dry cleaners. He later became a Ford Motor Co. engineer.

She remembers the streetcars in Plymouth, but more so the railroad line that led to downtown Detroit. She would take the train to see her sister Elsie, who worked in a downtown real estate office, and to take her nephews to Hudson's.

"It was busy. Streetcars and lots of automobiles, of course," she said.

Elsie Melow, who never married, later worked for Allison Chevrolet in Plymouth for many years, and after that worked in the box office at the Penn Theatre.

Mrs. Evans' other sister, Dorothy, married; her husband worked with Leslie Evans at Ford.

Mrs. Evans also has memories of the hard times during the Depression and World War II, when many consumer goods were scarce. During the Depression, she said, men running the coal trains that went through town would deliberately knock coal from the cars, and it would be picked up trackside by struggling families who used it to heat their homes.

She and Leslie Evans married in 1939, and Mrs. Evans quit her job at Blunk's.

In 1957, Leslie and Marguerite

Evans and their young daughter, Susan, moved to the house Leslie had built himself, just north of Joy Road on a former farm property.

"We had onions coming up in the front yard for years," Susan Evans said.

Mrs. Evans has lived in the house for most of the years since then, and Susan Evans and her husband, Steve Lyons, live there now, too.

Mrs. Evans likes to read the newspaper, do word searches and crossword puzzles, and embroider and knit. She watches CNN — and don't argue with her over politics, Susan Evans said. She also listens to her son-in-law's band, Blues Infusion, which rehearses in the basement.

"She tells them if they play too loud or not fast enough," her daughter said.

Susan Evans said she's been blessed by her mother's long life. "I'm really proud of her," she said. "I'm just so fortunate to have her and to have her so healthy and sound of mind — and independent."

She added: "She still tells me when to go to bed and to eat my broccoli."

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and conducted by Mitchel Research & Communications in East Lansing, shows some 43 percent of respondents who said they would either vote "yes" or were leaning that way.

"The poll was pretty even in terms of how voters feel about a millage," Ezikian said. "It wasn't strongly in favor or against."

The millage would generate some \$6.5 million in enhancement funds in Plymouth-Canton, money that would go directly into the general fund. That fund, according to figures to come up some \$9 million short and would have to be supplemented from the district's \$11 million fund balance.

Even though Plymouth-Canton's cut would erase more than half the projected deficit, Fiegel things it would still be a tough sell.

"If we work hard we might get it to a little over 50 percent (in favor)," Fiegel said. "The idea

WHO WOULD GET WHAT?

If Wayne County RESA decides to go for a 1.9-mill tax to enhance school operating funds, here's how each district would benefit based on pupil count:

District	Pupils	District share
Garden City	5,280	\$1.8 million
Livonia	16,934	\$5.8 million
Northville	7,272	\$2.5 million
Plymouth-Canton	19,000	\$6.5 million
Redford Union	3,517	\$1.2 million
South Redford	3,401	\$1.1 million
Van Buren	5,882	\$2 million
Wayne-Westland	13,065	\$4.48 million

of it passing is a bit guess-y at this point."

But board President Steven Sneiderman agreed with Fiegel that the district has few options.

"When you're talking about filling a \$10 million hole, you have to look at what you can do," he said.

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Northville school veteran seeks 20th House seat

Bringing with her 16 years of experience as a community activist and volunteer, Joan Wadsworth announced Tuesday that she will seek to represent the 20th District in the Michigan House of Representatives in the upcoming Nov. 2 election.



Wadsworth

and the City of Northville south of Eight Mile/Baseline Road, a portion of Canton Township and the City of Wayne.

aisle. "An ability to tackle tough issues with an open mind is needed to get us out of the mess we see in Lansing," he added. "I think Joan has the ability to solve problems. Her track record on the Northville Board of Education is excellent."

"In my many years of public service, I have worked hard to earn the confidence of citizens in the Northville school district, and I look forward to gaining the trust of voters in Canton, Northville, Plymouth, and Wayne," Wadsworth said. "These are challenging times for the State of Michigan. Everyone recognizes that we need to create jobs and diversify the economy. Strengthening education must be a key part of the state's game plan. We need to focus on using our limited resources wisely and working together to solve the problems facing our state."

Marc Corriveau, who announced recently that he will run for the State Senate, currently holds the seat.

"I was thrilled when I learned that Joan has decided to run for the House of Representatives," Corriveau said. "Her willingness to share her talent and public service experience in Lansing during these very troubling times says volumes. Our schools, our families and our state would be well served."

Chris Johnson, mayor of Northville, said it is time to elect people to the Legislature who will work on solving problems rather than looking to blame someone across the

Wadsworth, a Democrat, has long been active in civic life. In addition to her 16 years of service on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, she is a board member for the Northville Chamber of Commerce and an active volunteer for the Bridgepointe and Kids Against Hunger non-profit organizations.

Wadsworth also has served on the City of Northville Downtown Development Authority, the Northville Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of Northville District Library Board, the Northville Senior Citizen's Council, and the Northville Council of PTAs.

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operate heavy machinery or make important decisions for 24 hours.

"I don't think the prosecution or this court would argue that waiving Miranda rights and waiving Fifth Amendment rights ... are not important decisions," he said.

Assistant County Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, however, said Portellos was not in custody at the time she was questioned and that witnesses said she was lucid.

"Four witnesses said she was lucid and responsive. No witnesses said she was not," Weingarden said. "The totality of the circumstances would suggest to you that the statement was voluntary."

The incident occurred on Oct. 15, 2008. Portellos apparently gave birth in her bedroom at her house, and later was taken to the hospital because of heavy bleeding. Police found the infant, inside a plastic garbage bag and wrapped in a towel, in the bedroom later that day.

Her admission was not written or recorded; Linton, the detective, has testified that Portellos "agreed" to a scenario in which she smothered her newborn.

Portellos has been in custody since being discharged from the hospital in November 2008. During Thursday's hearing, Portellos, wearing green Wayne County Jail clothing, sat quietly, facing family members and

supporters in the public section of the courtroom. At times she appeared to be reading.

After Ryan's ruling on his client's admission, Scharg asked that the trial be postponed in order to give him more time to prepare a case. When Ryan, noting the amount of time that has already passed, said the trial would proceed as scheduled, Scharg said he would appeal that decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Scharg also said he would renew his attempts to have Ryan removed from the case.

He had unsuccessfully sought to have the case taken from Ryan, claiming conservative Roman Catholic and anti-abortion views would prevent him from being impartial.

Said Ryan: "My rulings are solely based on the law and

have nothing to do with anything else."

Scharg also asked that a trial jury be allowed to consider a charge of involuntary manslaughter, a lesser offense than murder, and Ryan said he would "tentatively" allow that.

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

ment is a brand new concept in the history of mankind and is something that everyone must address. As far as I am concerned, it is never too early to begin to save for one's retirement. That being said, the strategy that you have proposed won't work. In order to contribute money into a Roth IRA, you have to have earned income (from your labor), which is different than income from your investments. I am making the

assumption that your grandchildren do not work and have no earned income, so they are not eligible to contribute into a Roth IRA. Consequently, the strategy of investing into a Roth IRA for your grandchildren is not permitted. Of course, down the road if they do work, then they would be able to establish a Roth IRA. As an alternative, you may wish to make your grandchildren the beneficiary of the account. If that money is in the form of a traditional IRA, you can convert that into a Roth IRA so the money will grow tax-free and not be subject to the minimum distribution rules at age 70½. Then, upon your death, your grandchildren would be able to inherit the money income tax-free. The downside is that when they inherit the money, they would not necessarily be able to leave the money in the Roth IRA to grow tax-free. Hopefully, by the time they inherit the money, they will be

mature enough to invest the money wisely. If you have children or grandchildren with earned income who may not be able to afford investing into a retirement account, that is something that you may wish to consider. After all, the earlier you save for retirement, the more secure retirement will be. Remember, it is time in the market, not timing the market, which ultimately leads to success. Whether you are making a Roth IRA contribution for your children or grandchildren or yourself, there is still time to do so for the 2009 tax year. Unlike Roth conversions that must be completed by the end of the calendar year, Roth IRA contributions for 2009 can be made through April 15, 2010.

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

Credit union sponsors reading events

Children are invited to attend special story time hours at libraries in Plymouth and Canton during "March is Reading Month." The story times are being sponsored by Community Financial in partnership with Detroit's 104.3 WOMC to help promote reading. WOMC's Stacey DuFord, co-host of Sunday Brunch, will be a featured reader. DuFord, a Detroit radio media veteran is also a children's book author. The events are geared to pre-schoolers through lower elementary, and all youngsters are welcome. Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator, helped coordinate other readers to join DuFord. They include police officers and firefighters.

"These story times help young children gain an appreciation and love for reading." Story time dates and locations include:
• Plymouth District Library - 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16. The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.
• Canton Public Library - 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 23. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton. Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, shops, volunteers or attends schools in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency. For more information, visit the credit union Web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

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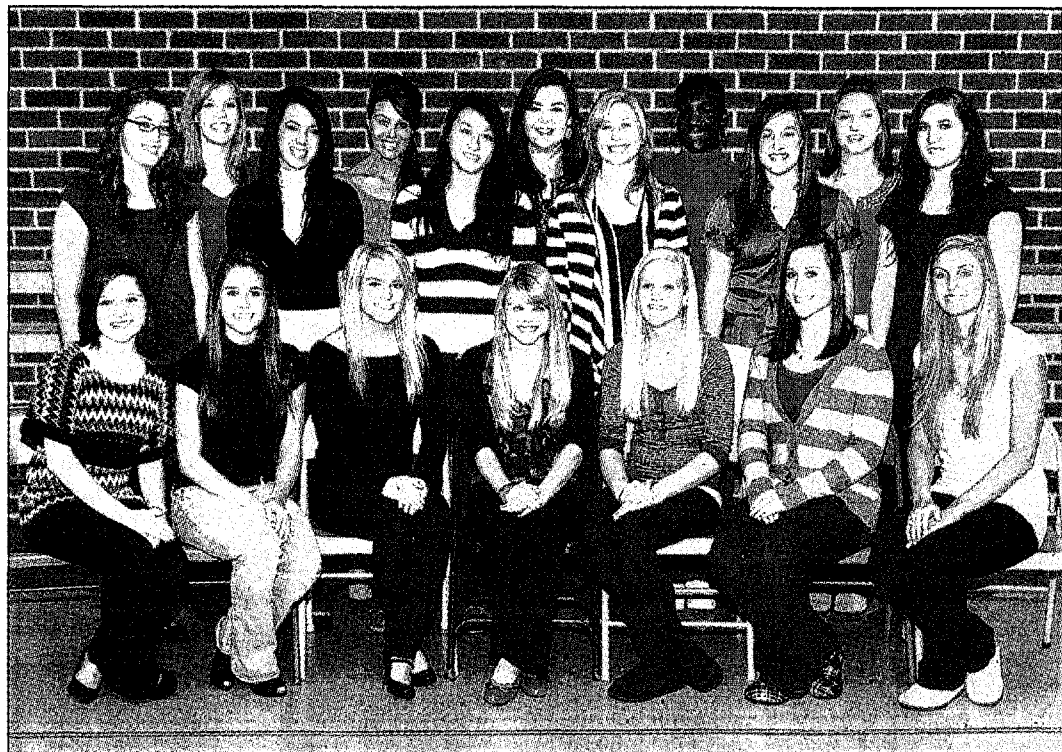
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19 vie for state Junior Miss honor

Nineteen young women will vie for state honors in the Michigan's Junior Miss 2010 program on Saturday, March 13.

The 52nd annual scholarship program will be held at 6 p.m. at Saline High School. The 19 contestants from around the state of Michigan will compete for \$10,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent the Michigan's Junior Miss Scholarship Program at local events around the state and also at America's Junior Miss National Scholarship program in Mobile Alabama.

Contestants will perform on stage in an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression. Contestants also will be

evaluated in based on scholastics and an interview.

The theme of this year's program is Fame. Guest performers will be Michigan's Junior Miss 2009 Joanna Bierlein, Jan's Dance Connection and the Saline Twirlettes.

Ticket are \$15 and all proceeds go toward scholarship awards. They can be purchased by contacting State Director Lydia Soroosh at (734) 426-4744 or by e-mail at mijrmiss@yahoo.com. Tickets can also be purchased at Jan's Dance Connection at 26032 Ford, Dearborn Heights, Jan's Dance Connection, 120 N. Main St., Brooklyn, or Wayne Lawn and Garden Center, 2103 S. Wayne Road, Westland.

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Mom's book shares joy of special-needs son

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joan Broggi's heart is full of love for her 19-year-old son, Alex.

"He's so humble," the Plymouth Township woman said of Alex, who has epilepsy which led to mental impairment when he was younger. "He has the kindest, purest heart."

She and husband Nick, also parents to three other children, have found their lives enriched by Alex, prompting her to write *Bursting with Joy: Discovering Universal Truths Through Our Special Son* (Ferne Press/Nelson Publishing & Marketing).

"My goal is just to give hope and inspiration to others," said Broggi, a substitute teacher in Livonia Public Schools whose work includes special education classrooms. She hopes not just parents of special needs children but all who read her book will embrace gifts given. "This can be a good thing if I look at it with the right eyes,"



Alex Broggi

Alex had his first seizure at 6 months, and became cognitively impaired.

"When he was younger, he had a lot of seizures," McAuliffe said. "Now he has maybe one a month." Alex, a Livonia Franklin High School graduate, attends the Western Wayne Skills Center of the Livonia school district, learning life skills aimed at giving greater independence.

"There's just a real simplicity to him. He just sees the good in everyone," she said of her nephew. Alex tells women and girls, including those with Down syndrome, that they're beautiful.

The sisters grew up in a family with eight kids, and are close-knit. Alex's youngest sis-

ter is a high school sophomore and he has two older siblings, a brother at Michigan State University and a sister doing graduate work in occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University.



The Broggi family (Nick and Joan, Kellie, Nicholas, Alex and Angela) at the 2009 Epilepsy Stroll at the Detroit Zoo.

ter is a high school sophomore and he has two older siblings, a brother at Michigan State University and a sister doing graduate work in occupational therapy at Eastern Michigan University.

Broggi's writing is based in part on Elisabeth Kübler-Ross' *On Death and Dying*, which details the steps associated with death.

Bursting with Joy is available through amazon.com and at Border's and Barnes & Noble. For more on the author, visit www.joanbroggi-books.com.

books.com: Joan Broggi's busy right now with the book launch, including at the family church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic, as well as NorthRidge Church, also in Plymouth Township.

She's doing speaking engagements, including one to her EMU daughter's program. Alex attended and was front center with a big grin.

"It was so endearing," she said of Alex, who signed books that day. His mental age is around 8.

"I've been wanting to do it

for 19 years," Broggi said of her book. The family lived for a time in Princeton, N.J., when Alex was younger. When they returned to Michigan, she began subbing in the Livonia district, where a colleague encouraged her to share her experiences in writing.

It took her three months of putting pen to paper, followed by editing by the Northville-based Ferne Press. "It's a very positive take," she said of the book and her family's life. Broggi adds a sixth stage, joy, to Kübler-Ross' five stages.

Friends have read the book, and one with a special-needs child became tearful. "She said I'm at the joy stage with my son." That reaction makes the work worthwhile for Broggi.

She got an added impetus at Alex's high school graduation: "There was just so much love bestowed on him as a result of who he is," she said.

A portion of proceeds will go to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, Special Olympics and Arc of Western Wayne County, in keeping with the

family's beliefs in giving back. "When you start changing that focus, your life changes," Broggi said of having a special-needs child.

Girls in regular education classes at his school have enjoyed working with Alex. "They come out of it changed," she said. "He doesn't see physical beauty. He just sees the person."

She's read to Alex from book chapters, and he's been surprised there's a book about him. Some experiences were a little hard to relive, his mother said.

"It was very therapeutic for me, too." Her husband and the rest of her family have also been extremely supportive, and Alex has brought compassion and optimism into their lives.

Broggi, who earned a bachelor's degree in general studies from the University of Michigan in 1982, continues to substitute teach in the Livonia district. She has less time now for that with book marketing.

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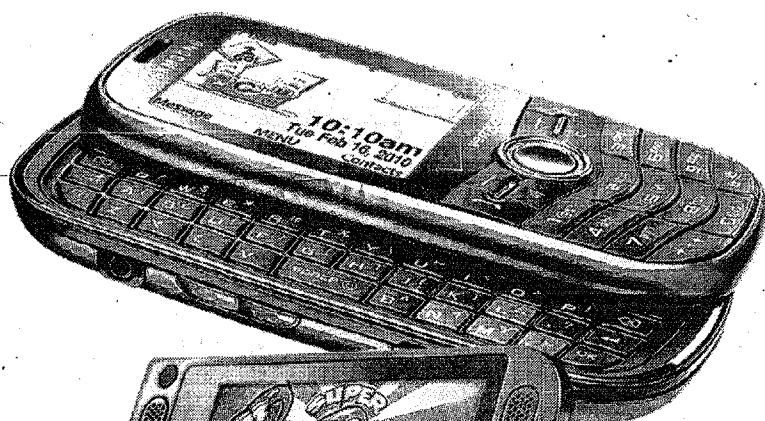
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JOHN KEMSKI

With every reason to smile Thursday night is Canton's varsity girls basketball team, following a win over Howell that sewed up the KLAA tournament title.

Chiefs wear KLAA crown

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski cited virtually every player on his team for making it possible to knock off Howell Thursday night and capture the Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournament title.

A very sound defensive effort by his Chiefs keyed a 45-35 victory in the championship match. The hosting KLAA Lakes champion Highlanders fell behind 14-7 after one quarter and it was 26-15 at halftime as Canton frustrated Howell top guns Megan Hatter and Nikki Gunning. The second half was evenly played, but the Chiefs had a comfortable margin.

"Overall it was a pretty solid game," said Samulski, whose 19-1 team will next play Wednesday at the Novi-hosted district against the winner of Monday's Salem- Novi match. "The key to winning this championship and beating Howell was you had to defend Megan Hatter and Nikki Gunning, who are both D1 players.

"It was a pretty solid job by our kids" to hold them to a combined 17 points (10 by Hatter).

Samulski said junior forwards Kari and Sara Schmitt along with senior forward Kayla Bridges kept Hatter at bay while Melanie Pickert, Alyssa Cottrell and Robyn Mack made the night a tough one for Gunning.

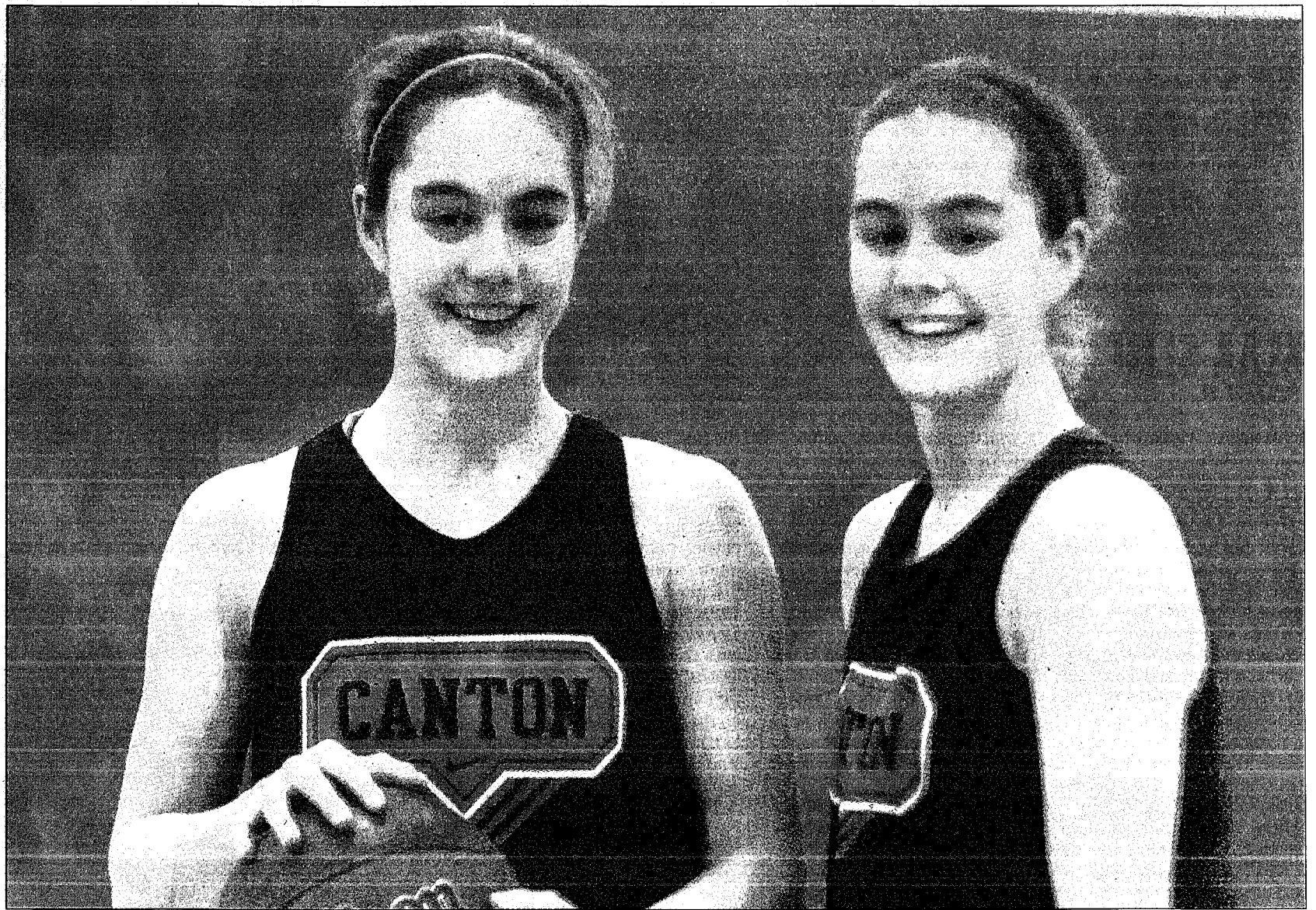
"It was a great defensive effort by everybody," Samulski added.

The offense was spread around with Kari Schmitt and Bridges each scoring 12 points and Sara Schmitt adding seven. Kari Schmitt and Bridges also were tough on the glass, collecting nine and seven rebounds, respectively.

The Chiefs also were more productive at the free-throw line, nailing 15 of 20 tries while Howell hit four of just five attempts.

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TWIN-TASTIC!



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Kari Schmitt (left) and Sara Schmitt have plenty of reason to smile these days. The twins are cogs in Canton's state-ranked girls basketball team. They also are crackerjack hockey players and outstanding students.

Canton's Schmitts provide double dose of all-around excellence

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Go ahead, try to bump, bother or block Canton twin sisters Kari and Sara Schmitt on the basketball floor.

The talented juniors don't flinch, continuing with the business of taking it to the rack or ripping down another rebound in traffic.

Of course, any rough stuff is no biggie: they also are hockey players who recently committed to play that sport — together, of course — at Ohio State University.

"It's just a good fit for both of us, both academically and for hockey," noted Kari Schmitt following Tuesday's KLAA conference girls basketball championship win against Novi. "So we're both real excited.

"Actually, we didn't care if we were together or not, but it just happened that we both liked the same school."

The way the Schmitts play basketball might have scouts from OSU's women's basketball program figuring out a way for the girls to again be two-sport stalwarts, as they have been throughout high school.

And don't forget that the Schmitts also excel for Canton's varsity girls swimming and diving team during the fall.

"They're special, gifted athletes," said Chiefs' girls basketball coach Brian Samulski. "Their work ethic and competitiveness, that's what makes them so good, their drive to get better.

"It's how hard they work and how

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SISTER FACTS

Who: Twin sisters Kari and Sara Schmitt, 17-year-old junior girls basketball forwards at Canton High School. Kari and Sara are all-conference and All-Observer selections from 2008-09 and have been instrumental in Canton's KLAA conference and association championships this year. Both also are travel hockey players who recently made a verbal commitment to play that sport at Ohio State University. In addition, they were part of the Chiefs' girls swim team last fall.

Miscellaneous: Both carry a 3.9 grade-point average and are in the National Honor Society. They have are the youngest of five children born to Gail and Ralph Schmitt.

Favorites: Not surprisingly, the twins enjoy a lot of the same things. Those include the Law & Order SVU television series, country music and the Pittsburgh Penguins (because of the family roots). But Kari's favorite food is pizza while Sara prefers chili.



The Schmitts await their next shift during a recent hockey game. They are defensemen for the Taylor-based Belle Tire 19U team.

These 'Cats weren't about to quit

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Watching their team from the sidelines proved as painful for Kyle Wilkinson and Zach Koch as the injuries that knocked them out of action during the season.

But thanks to surgery, physical therapy and plenty of intestinal fortitude, both returned Feb. 19-20 as the Plymouth boys swimming



& diving team captured the KLAA South meet to earn a co-championship with Canton.

Wilkinson and Koch bounced back from serious leg and knee injuries, respectively.

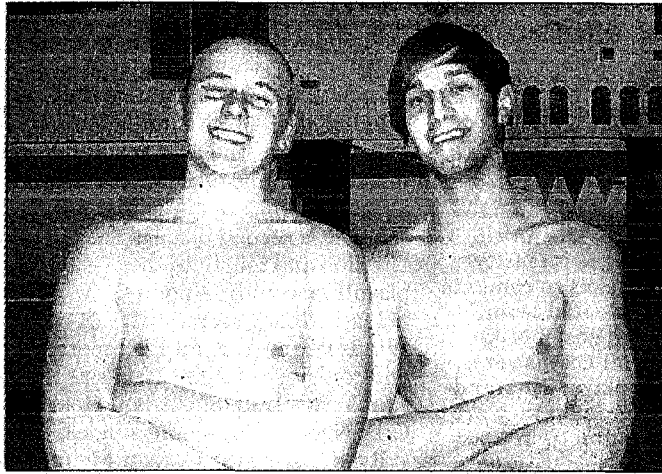
"It felt good," said junior Koch, who tallied a personal

best 1:01.87 in the 100 butterfly (seventh place). "I was happy I could do something to help out because I thought I was done for the season."

Koch had missed more than a month of the season following surgery to fix a torn meniscus in his left knee.

The comeback was even

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Zach Koch (left) and Kyle Wilkinson both returned from serious injuries to contribute to Plymouth's KLAA South Division meet championship.

Rocks can't turn up heat

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bob Brodie didn't want to talk about turning points after his Salem boys basketball team lost 49-44 Wednesday night to Livonia Churchill in a KLAA conference semifinal.

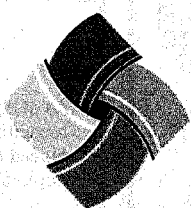
With the victory, Churchill advanced to Friday's KLAA conference title

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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS CLASS A at NOVI
Monday, March 1: (A) Salem vs. (B) Novi, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3: (C) Northville vs. (D) Plymouth, 5 p.m.; Canton vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Pioneer-hosted regionals.)

CLASS D at SALINE-WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Wednesday, March 3: Saline-Washtenaw Christian Academy vs. Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner, 5 p.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Ypsilanti-Calvary Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Wyandotte Mt. Carmel-hosted regionals.)

at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY BAPTIST
Wednesday, March 3: Lutheran High Westland vs. Detroit Westside Christian, 3 p.m.; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 8 p.m.
Friday, March 5: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals.)
Tuesday, March 9: Auburn Hills Oakland Christian vs. Marine City Cardinal Mooney district champion.)

BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DRAWS DIVISION 1 at LIVONIA'S EDGAR ARENA
Monday, March 1: (A) Livonia Churchill vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5:45 p.m.; (C) Plymouth vs. (D) Salem, 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3: A-B winner vs. C-D winner, 7:15 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at Novi Ice Arena vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central pre-regional winner.)

DIVISION 2 at FARMINGTON HILLS ICE ARENA
Tuesday, March 2: (A) Canton vs. (B) Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 4: Farmington vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional final, March 5-6, at Wyandotte's Yack Arena vs. Trenton pre-regional winner.)

PREP BOWLING Friday, March 5 (MHSAA Team Finals)
 Division 1 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek), TBA.
 Division 2 at Super Bowl (Canton), TBA.
 Division 3 at Airport Lanes (Jackson), TBA.

Saturday, March 6 (MHSAA Individual Finals)
 Division 1 at M-66 Bowl (Battle Creek), TBA.
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GIRLS GYMNASTICS Saturday, March 6
 Regional at Plymouth, TBA.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Saturday, March 6 (MHSAA Finals at G.R. Delta Plex)
 Division 1, 9 a.m.; Division 4, noon; Division 2, 4:30 p.m.; Division 3, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, March 5 (NJCAA District H Tourney at Owens)
 Schoolcraft vs. Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
 District H semifinals at Owens, 2 & 4 p.m.
Sunday, March 7
 District H finals at Owens, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Tuesday, March 2
 Plymouth Whalers at Saginaw, 10:45 a.m.
Friday, March 5
 Sault Ste. Marie vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 6
 Saginaw vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
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KLAA SEMI
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game against Wayne (which the Chargers won).
 But the Rocks coach couldn't help but wonder if things might have turned out differently had Churchill senior forward DJuan Cooks not buried a trey from way behind the three-point arc as the horn sounded to end the first half.
 Cooks' answered prayer came seconds after host Salem (9-9) fought back from an ice-cold start and finally pulled ahead 18-16 thanks to a basket in the paint by physical junior forward Ethan Walsh. The subsequent triple gave Churchill a 19-18 edge at the break.
 "It seemed like it was a struggle the whole game," Brodie said. "The first half was a struggle (9-29 in field-goal tries alone) and then we finally got the lead and they hit the shot at the buzzer to go up."
 Although Brodie stressed that too much is made about a team gaining or losing momentum because of such moments, he still had to wonder.
 "I don't know if you would have kicked us in (gear)," he said. "... But you've still got to play four quarters and we didn't do that very well tonight."
 Buzzer-beaters wouldn't have mattered much to Churchill head coach Jim Solak if not for the pesky defense his team played throughout the game.
 "In the second half our guards got a little more pressure and we were communicating a lot better, especially our big guys inside," Solak said. "Not too many easy catches (for Salem), and we made it a struggle for them. That was the difference."

OFFENSE ARRIVES
 That bought some time for his offense, which for stretches had to do without 6-6 senior forward Adam Bedell (8 points, all in the second half, and 15 rebounds). Bedell found himself in early foul trouble.
 "We got a lot more movement in the second half," Solak said. "Our guards made better decisions and having Adam and DJuan on the floor at the same time that helps too. It helped when we got Adam back on the floor."
 Sweet-shooting senior guard Anthony Frezzell paced Churchill's relative offensive explosion in the second half, when the Chargers tallied 30 points to Salem's 26.
 Frezzell scored 16 of his 20 points after the break, nailing three triples to make sure Salem didn't rally. Cooks chipped in with 12 points and seven rebounds while senior guard Raynord

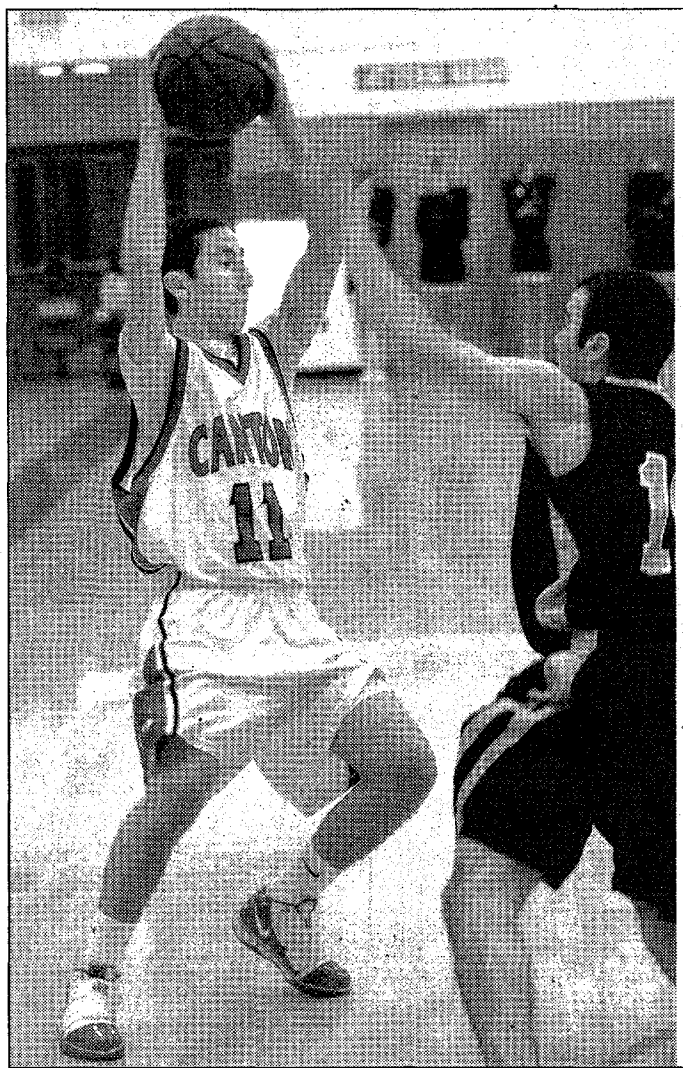
Allen scored eight and tallied six boards.
 For all of the Rocks' troubles, they hung around, trailing 41-37 with three minutes to go after 6-6 senior center Jake Peterson (16 points, eight rebounds) drove through the lane for a basket.
 Walsh also sparked the Rocks after coming in off the bench late in the first quarter. He scored 10 points and pulled down seven boards with his typical never-quit style.
 "He (Walsh) rebounded for us, he played tough defense, scrapped on the floor," Brodie said. "We got about as much out of him as we could, he did a nice job. Other than that, there weren't too many bright spots."
 Registering seven points was junior point guard Devonta Riley, with other contributions from freshman forward Chris Dierker (four assists) and sophomore guard Tyler Stewart (five boards).
 Both teams started the game as if they were allergic to the basket, missing plenty of uncontested, close-in tries.
 A jumper by Allen gave Churchill a 4-2 lead midway through the frame and the Chargers slowly heated up to take a 10-6 advantage after one.
 "They weren't scoring very well but we couldn't answer the bell at the other end either," Brodie lamented.
 The defeat cost the Rocks a chance to play Wayne for the conference championship, but Brodie said he remains proud of his team's season.
 "I'm happy with what we've done so far," he said. "We got a lot of mileage out of these players, they've worked their butts off, gotten better and improved."
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Allen scored eight and tallied six boards.
 For all of the Rocks' troubles, they hung around, trailing 41-37 with three minutes to go after 6-6 senior center Jake Peterson (16 points, eight rebounds) drove through the lane for a basket.
 Walsh also sparked the Rocks after coming in off the bench late in the first quarter. He scored 10 points and pulled down seven boards with his typical never-quit style.
 "He (Walsh) rebounded for us, he played tough defense, scrapped on the floor," Brodie said. "We got about as much out of him as we could, he did a nice job. Other than that, there weren't too many bright spots."
 Registering seven points was junior point guard Devonta Riley, with other contributions from freshman forward Chris Dierker (four assists) and sophomore guard Tyler Stewart (five boards).
 Both teams started the game as if they were allergic to the basket, missing plenty of uncontested, close-in tries.
 A jumper by Allen gave Churchill a 4-2 lead midway through the frame and the Chargers slowly heated up to take a 10-6 advantage after one.
 "They weren't scoring very well but we couldn't answer the bell at the other end either," Brodie lamented.
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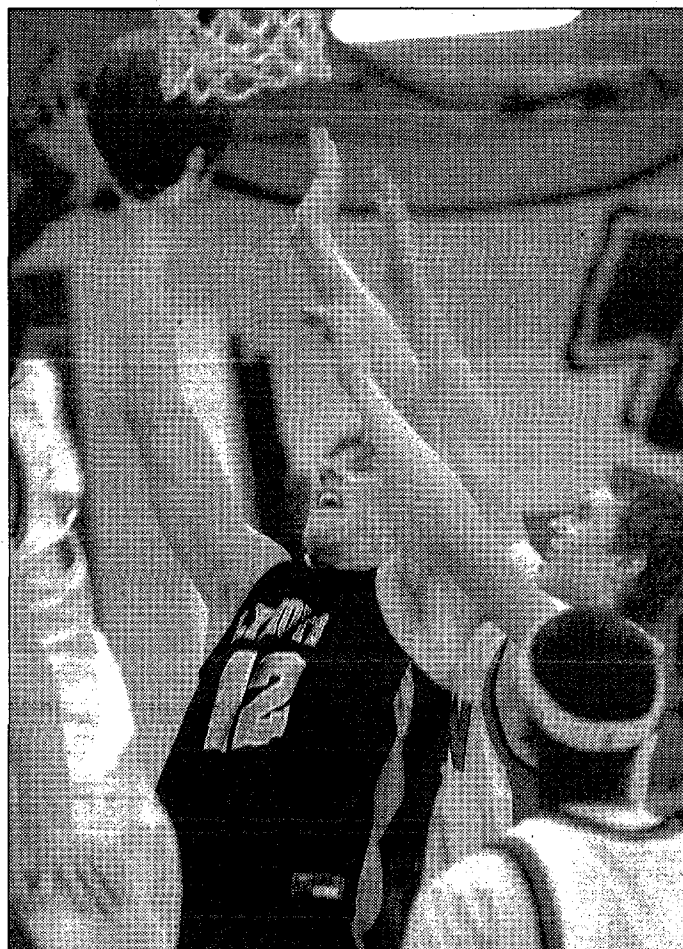
Canton wins PCEP matchup

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A few defensive adjustments at halftime Friday night went a long way toward Canton earning a 45-36 varsity boys basketball win over visiting Plymouth.
 The KLAA consolation game was up for grabs at the break, with the Chiefs hanging on to a 22-20 advantage.
 "In the first half Plymouth did a good job rebounding and they either got fouled or scored on their second or third shots," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy. "We cleaned that up in the second half and did a better job."
 Both teams struggled offensively in the third quarter, with the Chiefs outscoring the Wildcats 7-3 to go up 29-23 with one frame to go. In the fourth, the scoring picked up but Canton never really was in danger of losing the lead.
 It was a disappointing night for Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, who didn't think his team displayed enough urgency on the floor.
 "We had some chances in the first half to get even, but we really just did a poor job executing tonight," Soukup said. "Canton won a lot of the intangible battles, the small battles and that contributed a lot to our demise."
 Canton point guard Dietrich Lever had yet another fine performance, with 17 points along with five rebounds and five assists.
 Scoring nine points (all on three treys in the first half) was Alec Martin while Brandon Duffey registered seven points and three styles.
 Sharing scoring honors for Plymouth with eight each were Pat Salo and Steven Jahn.
 With the win, the Chiefs improved to 13-6 with the state districts on the horizon.
 Plymouth dropped to 10-9 overall with the defeat.
NOVI 61, SALEM 42: In a Friday night KLAA consolation game, Salem could not stop Novi's offense during the first half and it put the Rocks into too deep a hole to escape.
 "Novi led wire-to-wire, they just dismantled us in the first half," said Salem head coach Bob Brodie. "They did a great job defending us and took us out of our game. (And) we couldn't stop them a lick."
 Salem (9-10) did play better after the break, to no avail. Jake Peterson led the Rocks with 15 points while Samir Ozeir tallied 22 for the Wildcats.



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 Canton's Yusef Bazy (left) tries to spot an open teammate during Friday night's game. Trying to pester Bazy is Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski.



Battling for a rebound are Plymouth's Brennen Beyer (No. 42) and Canton's Kevin Weisz during the KLAA boys basketball consolation game.

Whalers drop dandy to Windsor

One thing is certain — if the Plymouth Whalers meet the Windsor Spitfires in the upcoming Ontario Hockey League playoffs, the series will be a dandy.
 The Whalers and Spits showed why Thursday night before a sellout crowd of 6,478 at Windsor Family Credit Union Centre.
 Windsor (46-10-0-5, second overall in the OHL) built a 4-1 lead with three unanswered goals in the second period and withstood a late Plymouth rally to defeat the Whalers, 6-3.
 Plymouth's latest winning streak is stopped at four games. The Whalers — one of the hottest teams in the OHL since Christmas with a record of 16-7-0-1 — is now 36-23-0-2 and remains in second place in the OHL's West Division and fourth in the Western Conference playoff race with 74 points.
 Justin Shugg scored twice (34-35) to lead the Windsor attack. Ryan Ellis scored once (10) and contributed three assists as the game's first star. Taylor Hall (35), Adam Henrique (34) and Greg Nemisz (34) scored singles.
 Ryan Hayes (15), Garrett Meurs (15) and Tyler Seguin (46th goal and 99th point) replied for the Whalers.
 After Henrique and Hayes traded first period goals, Windsor went to work in the second period. Hall scored at 8:45 of the second period, taking a pass from Ellis and scoring from

the left wing with a hard shot that was tucked underneath the cross bar. The goal was Hall's first goal of the month and first since Jan. 29.
 Windsor took a 3-1 lead on a scramble in front of the Plymouth goal, finished when Shugg jammed a loose puck on the left wing side of the crease at 12:22.
 Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett stopped a penalty shot by Hall at 15:51 of the period to keep the score at 3-1. Hall was hauled down by Leo Jenner coming in on Hackett.
 On the penalty shot, Hall tried to stuff a backhand past Hackett, who closed the five-hole.
 Windsor built a 4-1 lead with another scramble around the Plymouth goal. Nemisz scored on a wrap-around from the left wing side of the goal with a shot that was tucked under the bar.
 But Plymouth mounted a third-period comeback to cut the deficit to 4-3. Good work by Jamie Devane and Joe Gaynor deep in the Windsor zone resulted in Meurs crashing the net and scoring from just outside the blue crease with a Windsor defender (Cam Fowler) trying to catch him at 8:20.
 Then Seguin scored his 46th with a hard snap shot from the high slot that Windsor goaltender Troy Passingham got his pad on, but the puck trickled over the line.

SWIM 'CATS

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sweeter for Wilkinson, because he's a senior diver who thought his prep swan song would be lost for good after breaking his femur in a Jan. 3 snowboarding accident.
 Still not close to 100 percent, Wilkinson placed sixth with a 230.70, which along with teammates Connor McManus and Ian Smith combined for 38 important team points.
 "I didn't really even warm up for the meet," Wilkinson said. "I just kind of rested my leg until I had to go."
 Up until doctors cleared him that week to compete, he couldn't have envisioned being able to perform 11 dives — even though he wasn't strong enough to really spring off the board.
 "I was afraid that I'd hurt it more, or that I would just not be able to do it completely," Wilkinson said. "When I got back on the board I was a lot weaker obviously, I couldn't press the board so I couldn't get as high. Some of my dives were short."

FIGHTING BACK
 They were short, but sweet simply because he was back. That alone was quite a turnaround from the weeks when Wilkinson sat glumly in a wheelchair at poolside, figuring he'd never dive again for his high school.
 "At the beginning, when I found out I broke my leg, all I could think about was diving," Wilkinson said. "That was the absolute worst part about breaking my leg, it like killed me not being able to dive because I really enjoy it."
 Wilkinson added that he thought "it was like a miracle when I got back on the diving board. ... It just made me feel really good to participate again."
 Also thrilled they were able to rejoin their teammates was Plymouth head coach Doug Schade, stressing that Koch and Wilkinson "fought through injury and really came through for our team" in inspirational fashion.
 Although encouragement from doctors, therapists, family and friends certainly gave them a push in the right direction, they still had to do it themselves.
 "I thought I'd be done for the season," recalled Koch, whose knee started deteriorating in eighth grade and locked up this year. "I did my physical therapy and the doctors said that swimming's actually good for it, it's non-impact."
 "So they move you back faster than I normally would have if I'd been doing another sport."

ENCOURAGING WORDS
 The road back for Wilkinson started in the middle of the night after the accident.
 "They (doctors) put a metal bar in my bone to stabilize it," he said. "I was off of school for three weeks and I started going to physical therapy, maybe a week or two after I got injured."
 Wilkinson fought through periods where he figured it wasn't worth the time to try. Many spurred him through those times.
 "I was completely miserable when I wasn't on the board, and I just felt it was such a miracle to get back on the board," he said. "It seemed impossible at the time and I just overcame that. I'm thankful for all my friends and family that prayed for me, it helped me along."
 Meanwhile, as sweet as it was to chip in at the division meet, both hope regional and state meets give them a little more time to bask in the glow of their amazing recoveries.

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NOTICE
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 Executive Director
 Lincoln Behavioral Services
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TWINS

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hard they compete. They never take a play off."

Samulski said it is pretty impressive what Kari and Sara manage to do with the three varsity sports, plus playing for the Belle Tire 19U travel girls hockey team and still carrying a 3.9 grade-point average.

The coach added that there are no nicer kids around than the Schmitts.

"But when they step between the lines it's time to go and compete and get after it," Samulski said. "Most of the time in practice they're on separate teams. They get after each other in practice, too."

KEEPING TRACK

Perhaps as amazing is how the girls manage a busy winter, with basketball and hockey games or practices often on the same day miles apart.

"Our dad (Ralph) does a lot of planning for us, he makes a spreadsheet and gives it to both coaches," Kari explained. "We don't have any conflicts so it's worked out pretty well."

Samulski doesn't hinder the Schmitts when it comes to merging the sports schedules.

"He's very understanding, he knows when we have conflicts and he understands them," Kari said. "It's great for him to be our coach."

Watching the Schmitts during a Canton game is like having double vision because both are always in the mix. Kari is registering nearly 14 points and 9.3 rebounds per contest; Sara's game averages this season are eight points and four boards.

Classmates, meanwhile, also have some trouble deciphering who's who at times — playing it safe by calling out "Schmitty" when unsure if it's Kari or Sara in front of them.

But Kari and Sara definitely are two peas in a pod, right down to their favorite music (country), TV show (Law & Order SVU) and NHL hockey team (Pittsburgh, where their older siblings were born).

"We always seem to decide the same things," emphasized Sara with a smile. "But we never had to do the same things. Our parents always let us choose."

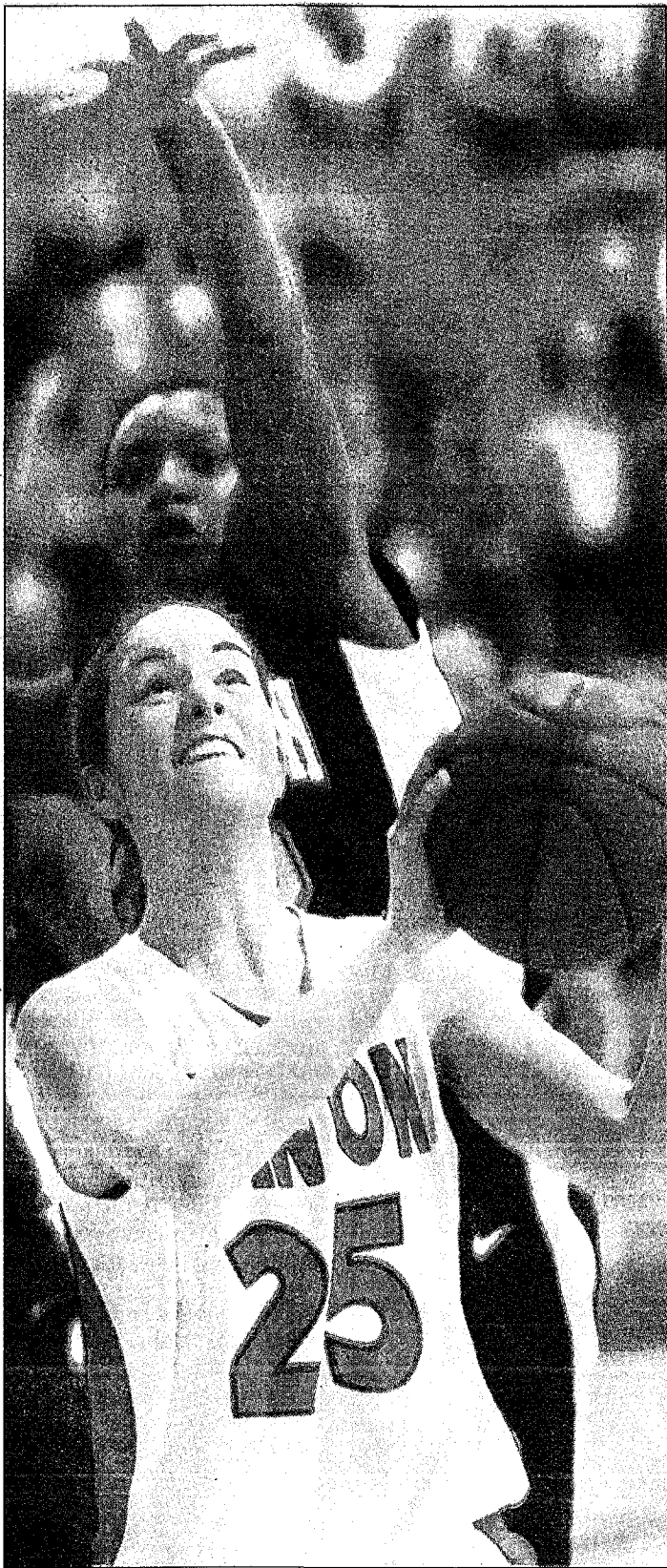
TWIN TALK

Sara added that being a twin spices up high school life.

"It definitely makes things more interesting," Sara said. "We get questions all the time, 'Do you wish you weren't a twin? I wish I was a twin.'"

"Yeah, we love being twins, you always have someone with you, you always have your best friend there."

According to Kari, they are more than twin sisters and friends. They also encourage



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Showing court sense and determination near the basket is Canton's Kari Schmitt (No. 25).

and motivate each other.

"We don't want the other one to do bad," Kari said. "We make ourselves better by competing with each other."

Being a twin also seems to result in telepathic tendencies on the court or ice.

"In sports especially we always seem to know what the other one is thinking," chimed in Sara. "We make some plays that some people don't know how we do it."

"We can pass the puck and we seem to know (the other) will be there."

The Schmitts still have unfinished basketball business to attend to, as well. Canton could make a serious run in the state playoffs, following triumph in the KLAA tournament.

"I think we have a chance to

go all the way and hopefully by working hard we'll reach our goals," Kari continued. "I know everyone on the team wants it, we're really competitive."

Sara served up an almost-identical answer.

"It would be awesome," she said, summing things up. "We know it's going to take a lot of hard work."

"We know that each time we come in for practice and games we need to get better and keep up our work habits."

They won't give any less because when it comes to the blueprint for successful student-athletes, Kari and Sara Schmitt know it by heart.

And if either needs a reminder, all she has to do is look at her twin sister.

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KLAA FINAL

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"Robyn Mack did a great job at the point, too," said the coach, noting that Mack registered six assists and three steals along with four points.

SALEM SOLID IN WIN

Canton won the association championship that cross-campus rival Salem won in 2008-09.

But Rocks head coach Fred Thomann was pretty pleased with how well his squad played in Wednesday's 49-39 victory over host Brighton in a KLAA consolation game.

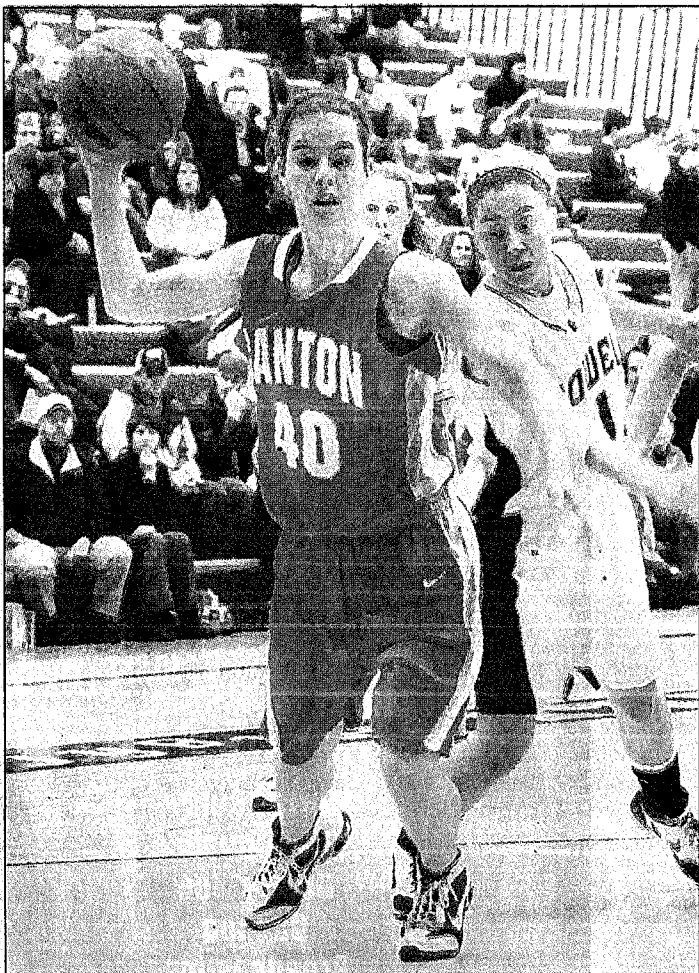
"All in all it was a really good effort for us and our lowest turnover game (6)," Thomann said. "It was solid basketball for us."

The Rocks (13-7) broke open a close game with an 18-7 surge in the second, opening up a 29-17 halftime lead. In that frame, seniors Sara Stone and Brett deBear were outstanding with 10 and six points, respectively.

Stone finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds while deBear scored 15 and played an excellent floor game, the coach said.

Contributing on offense were Rachel Norman (10 points), Heidi Schmidt (four points), Tabitha Mann and Breanne Beaver (three each) and Katelynn Krause (two).

Thomann said the victory was a nice ending to the regular schedule simply because Brighton defeated Salem in the season opener.



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Sara Schmitt (No. 40) looks for a teammate down low during Thursday's 45-35 win over Howell in the KLAA tournament championship game.

The Rocks will now visit Novi at 7 p.m. Monday in a D1 district opener.

OT loss for Wildcats

In Wednesday's game for eighth place in the KLAA, Plymouth fell 40-38 in overtime despite strong games from senior Stacey Klonowski (10 points) and junior Alex

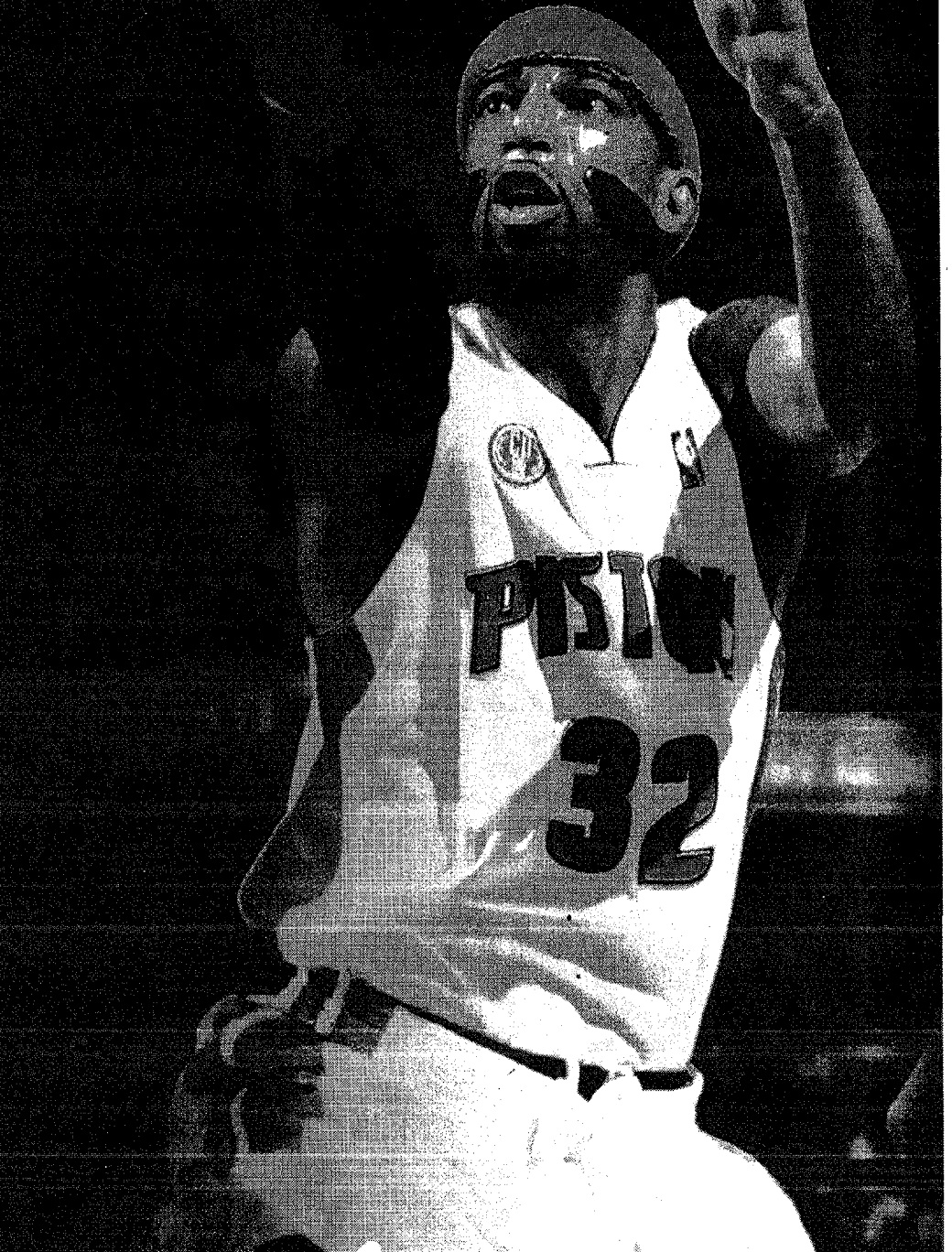
Roberts (13 points). Contributing five points for the Wildcats (6-14) was sophomore Rachael Hille.

Jillian Parsons tallied 13 points to lead Lakeland in scoring.

Plymouth's next game is at the Novi-hosted districts, 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 against Northville.



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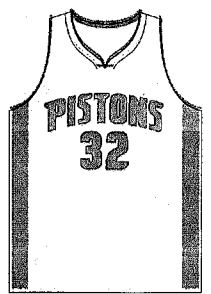
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LET'S GO TO WORK.

MU baseball boasts Plymouth-Canton flavor

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University baseball team has been cooped up indoors far too long.

It's time to venture outdoors as the Crusaders are launching their 2010 season with a seven-game weekend set in San Diego, Calif.

The forecast appears favorable for both the weather and for MU, coming off an outstanding 39-12 season, including a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season crown and its first-ever trip to the NAIA Nationals.

MU coach Greg Haeger enters his 14th season with 36 players strong, including 16 pitchers and five catchers.

The biggest question facing the Crusaders is the infield where three All-WHAC selections - second baseman Ryan Morrow, third baseman Aaron Hacias and first baseman Kevin Zerbo - all graduated.

Last year's designated hitter, Zach Flavin, moves over to first base for his senior year after leading MU in hitting with a .444 average, including seven homers and 40 RBI.

Junior shortstop Mike Gansser, who started 40 games a year ago, hopes to improve upon his .248 batting average.

Hoping to fill the infield void is fifth-year senior Drew Fry (.364), Livonia sophomore Billy Hardin (.283); junior college transfers Jeff Bultinick and Tim Duffy; and freshmen Brad Lineberry (Plymouth) and Spencer Sarel.

"If we can pick up a ground ball and make a key play, we know we can pitch and catch," Haeger said.

The pitching staff lost first-team All-WHAC pick Jeff Sonnenberg (10-2, 2.87 ERA) to graduation, but returns senior right-hander Kyle Bolton (7-3, 2.84 ERA) and sophomore left-hander Tom Hansen (8-2, 3.52 ERA).

Also back for stints on the mound are holdovers Trent Pohl, Andy Omilian, Keegan Beaton, Jeff Mann and Westland John Glenn grads Robert Fraser and Chris



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

One of the key returnees for Madonna's baseball team is Canton alum Shawn Little (No. 17), who batted .376 last year.

"This pitching staff is one of the bigger ones we've had in awhile," Haeger said. "And as any coach would say, 'You're only as good as your pitching staff.'"

PCEP CONTINGENT

The catching situation also appears solid with the return of junior Tarik Khasawneh (Canton), who played in 39 games and hit .291.

Sophomore Garrett Rebain (Plymouth), freshman Dan Stoney (Canton), sophomore Drew Adamiec and freshman Donny Holland will also vie for playing time.

"Tarik carried so much for the load of us last year, he played 65 to 70 percent of the time and did a fantastic job," Haeger said. "This group is the strength of our team."

Their are few worries in the outfield for Haeger. His only concern is keeping everybody happy.

The leading returnee is first-team All-WHAC selection Shawn Little (Canton), a junior red shirt center fielder who batted .376 a year ago.

Little will be joined Matt Kay, a junior red shirt who

batted .293 with 14 homers and a team-best 57 RBI. Senior Ted Touné (.337) also returns.

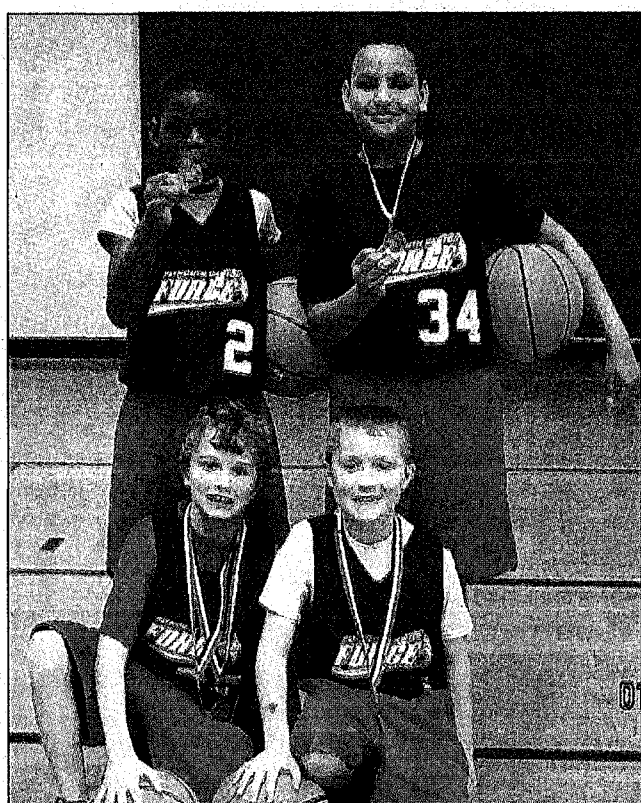
Also vying for playing time is junior Dan Harder, a transfer from Heidelberg University (Ohio), along with three freshmen - Steve Pelletier (Farmington Hills Harrison), Alex Charles (Farmington Hills/Birmingham Brother Rice) and Thomas Atkinson (Alpena).

"Outfielders - we have a bevy of them," Haeger said. "They have speed, power, arms, wonderful tools. We'd like to play more than three. We have seven outstanding outfielders and the coaches have some difficult decisions."

After their San Diego trip, the Crusaders embark on a 15-game tour, March 5-14, in Florida. MU won't play its first home game until March 30 (against Indiana Wesleyan).

"We have only have seven home dates, but we've put together a wonderful schedule," Haeger said. "We have (six) great seniors who will lead this team."

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Force wins MRPA tourney

Four had the force, literally. The Plymouth-Canton Force fourth grade basketball team won the 2010 Michigan Recreation and Park Association 3-on-3 tournament held Feb. 20 at the Summit. The four-player squad compiled a 4-0 record in the process. Members of the Force are (top row, from left) Noah Brown, Jeremy Armstead and (bottom row, from left) Connor Engel and Andrew Kraft. Connor also took home the prize for the age-10 Hoop Shot Competition held before the MRPA tourney.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball players can choose between Saturday, March 20 or Saturday, March 27 for the Salem Baseball Skills Camp.

Go to www.rocksbasketball.com for more information and a registration form or call Pat at 734-516-5530.

Olech honored

Madonna University's Tabatha Wydryck, a 6-foot-1 junior forward from Wyandotte, recently earned first-team All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors in women's basketball.

Wydryck, a pre-med major who prepped at Riverview Gabriel Richard, also was named to the Academic All-WHAC and All-Defensive teams.

Senior center Kim Olech (Plymouth) was also named to the Academic All-WHAC team, which goes to players who carry a cumulative

3.25 grade-point average or better during their junior or senior year.

MU freshman guard Shantelle Herring (Macomb Dakota) was voted by the conference coaches to the All-Newcomer team, while sophomore Katie Martin (Gabriel Richard) was named to the Champions of Character team, which recognizes those who best exhibit respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Rec lacrosse coach sought

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking applications for a recreational lacrosse coach for girls in grades 5-8. Female lacrosse playing or coaching experience is preferred but not required. Please contact recreation director Steve Anderson, (734) 455-6620 x302 or via e-mail, sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

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Canton 'prize patrol' is heading to a street near you

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Wheels, Siren, The Law, Hallmark and The Chief will prowling the streets March 9 in Canton randomly "busting" individuals who break the law — of inertia.

"We feel sort of like the Publisher's Clearing House van when we hit the streets. We never know how people will react to us, an enthusiastic group with bags and balloons in their hands congratulating folks and rewarding them with prizes for simply walking their dog or playing a game of catch," said Jennifer Provenzano, recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services.

Provenzano, nicknamed The Chief, by her colleagues, created Canton's Random Acts of Fitness program and assembled its mobile team last spring. The group travels around the community one day a month looking for people engaged in physical activity — from organized sports to housework — and rewards them for their fitness efforts. The program has been on hiatus since November 2009, but will resume its monthly schedule next month on a "no school" day for Canton students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"This will be our 'Think Spring' edition and all of our goodies and swag will be Spring-related," Provenzano noted. "We hope to encourage Canton kids to put down their video game controllers and take in a little fresh air that day instead."

Provenzano said she was inspired to create the outreach



Walking the dog or pulling a wagon full of kids earn fitness kudos from Canton Leisure Services, as these residents discovered last year.

program after reading about a Subway Restaurant promotion that sent mountain bicyclists into New York City, N.Y. on a similar mission.

"I thought what a neat idea that would be with as many parks as Canton has."

PRIZE PATROL

The team members, Jon-Eric "Wheels" Cornelier, Amanda "Siren" Buelow, Jennifer "Hallmark" Judycki, and Travis "The Law" Faulkner gave themselves nicknames related to their roles.

Cornelier usually jumps out of the van on his in-line skates and Buelow announces their arrival with a megaphone "siren," Provenzano said. Faulkner "lets residents know they've been busted" and Judycki profusely congratulates detainees.

"For the most part people are really excited about it and let us know we've made their day, which of course in



Canton Leisure Services staff members Jon-Eric "Wheels" Cornelier (left), Jennifer "Hallmark" Judycki, Amanda "Siren" Buelow and Travis "The Law" Faulkner muster up excitement over the Random Acts of Fitness program.

turn, makes our day, too," Provenzano said. "We've had some really priceless reactions."

Skeptics, wary of strangers, have said "no thanks" to the prizes, which often include T-shirts, water bot-



Youngsters were at play with bikes and street hockey gear when the Canton Leisure Services "Random Acts of Fitness" crew surprised them last year.

those people are excited," Provenzano said.

FROM GARDENING TO BALL

Although she doesn't take names of prize-winners, Provenzano recalls a few favorite incidents. There was the time the Random Acts team discovered five houses in a row where homeowners were busy gardening.

"It was pretty cool," she recalled. "But the kid playing catch remains our favorite."

The youngster, stationed "way out" in the outfield reluctantly played catch with his father, but was excited about to get an award.

Canton Leisure Services received its own share of kudos earlier this month at the Michigan Recreation & Park Association's Annual Conference, held in Grand Rapids.

Its Random Acts of Fitness program won the Innovative Recreation Programming Award, one of four given to

recreation efforts statewide.

Provenzano said she wouldn't be surprised if similar programs are developed in other Michigan communities this year.

She pegged the cost of the program at two hours worth of staff wages once a month and gas for the van.

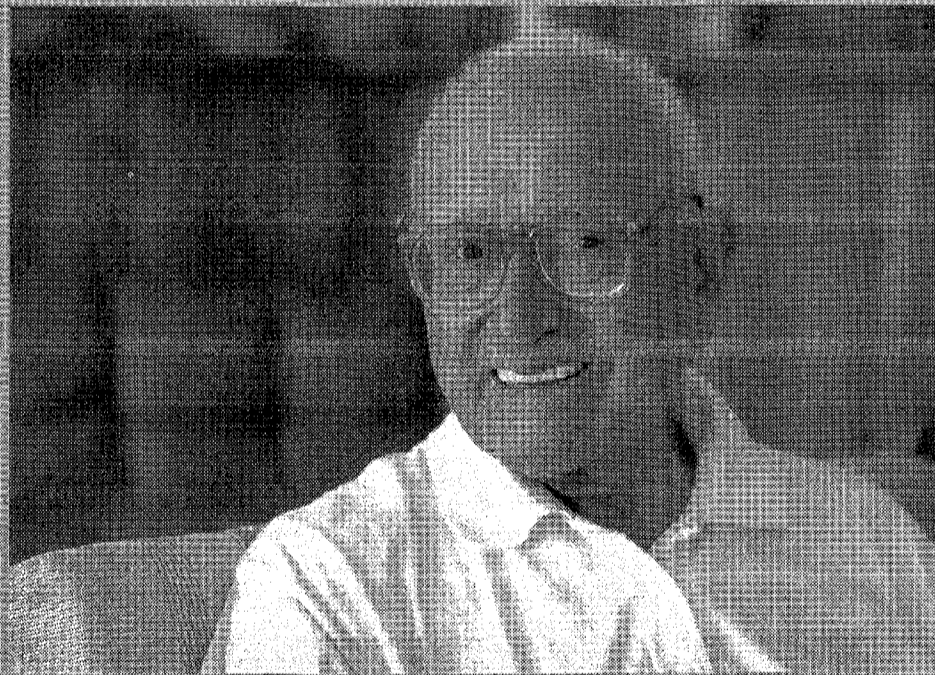
"We're lucky enough to end up with some surplus items throughout the year," she added, referring to the prizes given out.

"We'd love to align ourselves with a sponsor to keep this going. We'd love to have a team uniform to be more recognizable."

Provenzano wouldn't identify the neighborhoods or parks the team will visit on March 9, but said "If you're out moving and getting fresh air, we think you're fair game."

Visit YouTube.com to view a video of the team in action. Type in "Random Acts of Fitness" in the search box on the Web site.

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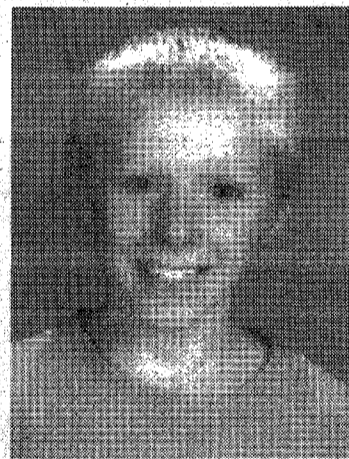
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Trust fund is set up in Brien's name.

For more information, call (734) 421-2300

ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS

Bella is this week's featured greyhound from Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption. Here's what volunteers say about her:

Bella is two years old, with a lovely brindle coat. One look into her sweet eyes and you'll fall in love. She arrived in Michigan recently from a racetrack in Florida and currently is living with a foster family.

Call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 if you're interested in Bella. Visit the organization's Web site at www.greyheart.org.

Greyheart will have greyhounds on hand at its "meet and greet" sessions, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road and 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.



Bella is living with a foster family until she finds her "forever home."

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Poker fund-raiser

The Canton High School Cheerleaders Booster Club will hold Texas Hold 'em games, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursday-Saturday, March 11-13, at Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton; (734) 981-9904.

Proceeds will benefit the club.

The group also plans a fund-raiser Tuesday, March 9, at Rose's. The restaurant will donate 15 percent of the bill, for any customer who mentions Canton cheerleaders, to the Booster Club.

Bowling for Braille

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is looking for bowlers for its 23rd Annual Bowl-a-thon Sunday, March 21 at SuperBowl, 45100 Ford Road, in Canton.

Deadline to sign up is March 7.

Bowlers will enjoy three games of 9-pin no tap bowling, lunch and an auction, while raising funds through pledges for Seedlings. The organization, which provides high quality, low cost children's literature in braille, aims to raise \$30,000 this year. Every \$10 raised at the event will pay for one braille book.

The minimum amount of pledges per bowler is \$60. To register, download a bowling brochure and pledge sheet from Seedlings' Web site at www.seedlings.org or call Seedlings at (734) 427-8552.

Pledges also are accepted on the Seedlings Web site or can be mailed to Seedlings Braille Books, 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Guest artist

Heiner Hertling, host of the PBS television show, *Your Brush with Nature*, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Garden City Fine Art Association, 7 p.m. March 3 in the Garden City Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, west of Merriman, in Garden City.

Hertling, a member of the Michigan Plein Air Painters and the Society of Animal Artists, is a multi media painter and sculptor. He has won numerous awards including first place in seven state duck and trout stamp competitions and Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year.

Trained in Hamburg, Germany, he immigrated to the United States in 1965. He exhibits in shows, museums, and private collections across the country. Visit his Web site at yourbrushwithnature.com for more information.

Reduce stress through breath, focus on present

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

On the rare occasion Kathy Henning begins to feel stress, she nips negative thoughts in the bud, quiets her mind and focuses on the moment.

"How important it is to stay present in the moment because the mind can get carried away, in particular worrying about the future. We can feel overwhelmed and powerless," said the Henning, a Livonia resident and meditation teacher. "Utilizing the tools to stay present helps us manage the challenges we're facing and by turning our attention within and meditating, we often come up with creative ideas we may not have thought of otherwise."

Henning, who teaches classes in Livonia, Dearborn and Royal Oak, guides listeners through meditation tools on her first CD, *Living in the Present Moment: Everyday Tools and Practices*, (\$15.95) available from Amazon.com and Henning's Web site, www.LivingInThePresentMoment.com.

"Meditation is beneficial on many levels. We're engaged in the world all day long, our senses and energy are pulled outward. If we don't replenish that we feel overwhelmed and exhausted on many levels. Meditation is an opportunity for the body, mind and senses to rejuvenate."

Focusing on breathing and quieting the "chatter" in the mind are among the tools she teaches both on the CD and in classes. Henning said meditating even five minutes daily — "while waiting in line at the post office or waiting for your computer to boot up" — can help reduce stress.

"Stress can have a huge impact on our physical well being...blood pressure, immune system," she noted.

Her new CD represents more than 30 years

training in meditation. It combines soothing music with Henning's voice as she guides listeners through tools they need to stay present and peaceful, as well as through an actual meditation.

Henning, who grew up in Berkley and attended school at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, began learning about meditation after moving to California in the late 1970s.

"Life was great. I had a wonderful job at CBS (as an usher) and my own place, but I still felt that something was missing," said Henning, who is married. "I was in my early 20s. It was as though I had a sense come from deep within. I could see down the future of my life...if it was just about the material world, I knew it wouldn't fulfill me."

She began studying at meditation centers — often serving as a staff member — and for six years devoted herself to the study of self-discovery and meditation.

"It is something I wove into my daily life," Henning said. "I still would feel that emptiness if I hadn't heard about the importance of knowing our inner self. When we sit for meditation and turn our attention within we come to know that self that lives inside us."

Henning's meditation classes meet from 7-8 p.m., generally twice monthly. Sessions are \$12 each and are aimed at all ages, both men and women.

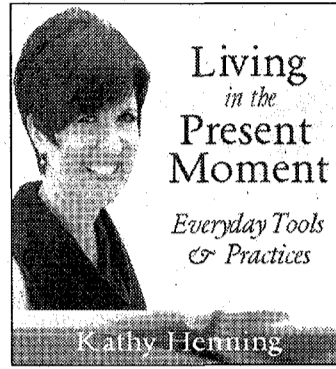
- March 3, 23 and 31 at The Sanctuary Chiropractic & Wellness Spa, 35275 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

- Holistic Healer & Wellness, March 2 and 16, 21194 Van Born, Dearborn Heights.

- Center for Natural Healing, March 11 and 25, Center for Natural Healing, 1103 S. Washington, Royal Oak.

A special "for women only" program runs March 4 and 18 at All About Women's Health, 31209 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

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The cover of Kathy Henning's meditation CD.

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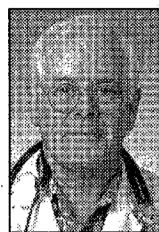
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Soap subject to scrutiny; do laundry problems affect you?

I was sitting at the kitchen table on the telephone when through one ear I heard a teaser on WDIV Channel 4. It said something about the way you do your laundry could cause health problems and they even used the word cancer.

I super-glued myself to the news broadcast waiting for the story to come on but instead I heard another teaser which said the story would be broadcast the next morning at 5:45 a.m. That night I went to bed and set the clock for 5:15 — or so I thought — and when it went off at 4:15 a.m. the next morning I was a little unhappy with myself for being a senior citizen. These things happen! Now, I'm finally seeing the news



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

story with two anchors, a weather guy and traffic lady all conversing on the subject and it's captured my attention. I know that I have four experts on camera who know all about clothes washers and how they function even though the weather guy admits he doesn't know how to sort colors and his white pinkish shirt is made fun of.

One of the anchors tells us to rinse our clothes in warm water and I know he's never done the wash. I end up talking to him and even though he can't hear me I tell him he is wrong. Cold water rinse will do a much better job than hot or cold water. I ask him if he read one of my columns — the one in which I explained how my mother used to send me to the cold spring that ran beside our log cabin to rinse out the clothes she washed in the old round aluminum tub. Apparently he hadn't.

KILLING GERMS

They told us not to use scented detergent and I don't know why. With the millions of smelly washer problems going on in this country I can understand why consumers will try anything. If scented detergent is a health hazard why isn't the product removed from store shelves? We were told to wash our underwear in a separate load. I guess they didn't read the column in which I told readers to wash underwear, panties and baby diapers after they soaked them in a laundry tub using bleach and hot water to kill the bacteria. The splash effect of germ infested articles can splash under the splash guard and come off during the next load of different clothes. In some areas of the country, service technicians are required to wear rubber gloves so they don't spread hepatitis around their community.

AIR IT OUT

They informed us not to let a load of clothes stand in the washer and I have already been told by my darling Valorie that the clothes smell if she forgets to put them into the clothes dryer right away. The last thing I remember them telling us is to air out the washer. This has been a standard practice with most homemakers since the washer was invented. It stands to reason that if any remaining water is left in the tub and given the chance to evaporate, it will lessen any odor or mold problems. I guess the manufacturers didn't think of that when they built their first models of the modern era front load washers. They had a light bulb in the tub that went on when you opened the door. In order to save energy you had to close the door to shut off the light bulb. To give you an idea of how difficult

it might be to air out your washer and serve the purpose, I went downstairs to our two-year-old front loader which has the door slightly ajar, (they no longer have a light bulb) and moved the drum back and forth. Lo and behold, you can hear the water sloshing back and forth under the drum. I say amazing because Valorie informs me she hasn't done a wash load in 10 days.

I want to thank Channel 4 WDIV for doing this story even though I don't think it was educational enough. I might suggest they go to their World Book Encyclopedia and read the published words of an old white haired service technician. Stay tuned.

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

GET OUT

ART

Lotus Arts Gallery
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Details: Yuroz is the artist of the month
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Northville Art House
Time/Date: March 5-21
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Ford Community & Performing Art Center
Time/Date: 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13
Location: 15801 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield, Dearborn
Details: Michigan Lesbian and Gay Comedyfest with Jessica Kirson, Gloria Bigelow, Jamie Pierce and Roxanna Ward; tickets \$30 in advance and \$30 at the door
Contact: www.comedyfest.org, (313) 537-7000

JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield



Wilson "Chembo" Corniel, Jr.

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Ruben Paul, March 3-6; Sheila Kay, March 10-13; Jay Black, March 17-20; Myq Kaplan, March 24-27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Gary Valentine, a series regular on "The King of Queens," March 4-6; Brooklyn native Brian Soolaro, March 11-13; Bref Ernst, who appeared in the movie "Beer League," and hosted MTVs "Wrestling Society X," March 18-20
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

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CONCERTS

The Ark
Time/Date: Catie Curtis, (folk-rock) March 3; Monte Montgomery, (acoustic guitar) March 4; Howie Day, (rock-influenced) March 5; Po'

Girl, (Canadian 21st Century roots music) March 6; Richard Shindell, (folk, storytelling songs) March 7; Scythian, (Celtic) March 8; Horse Feathers, (Western) March 10; Caravan of Thieves, (gypsy jazz) March 11; Joe Henry, (mixed genre) March 12; Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players, (rock music for kids) March 13; The Band of Heathens (country and Americana) March 13; Lehto & Wright (folk rock) March 14
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

JWH Center for the Arts
Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May
Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag
Time/Dates: 40oz. To Freedom, March 2; Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, March 4; Laith Al Saadi & Back Forty, March 5
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Mustic Hall Center for Performing Arts
Time/Date: 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 12-13
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Wilson "Chembo" Corniel Jr. & his Latin Jazz Quintet play the "Jazz Cafe"; tickets are \$27 (plus \$3 preservation fee) available at Music Hall Box Office or at www.ticketmaster.com
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Plymouth Coffee Bean Co.
Time/Date: 8-11 p.m., Friday, March 5

Location: 884 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth
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Coming up: Spotlight on female performers, hosted by Jeni Lee, March 13; Steve Mullan & Scott P. & Mike Bermudaz, March 14
Contact: (734) 454-0178

Trinity House Theater
Time/Date: Stacey Earle and Marek Stuart, 8 p.m., March 5, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Rachele Eve with Ben Salazar, 8 p.m., March 6, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers; Michael McDermott with John D. Lamb, 8 p.m., March 12, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Jill Jack with Luke Brindley, 8 p.m. March 13, tickets \$15, \$12 for members; Brooks Williams and Beaucoup Blue, 8 p.m. March 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Annie and Rod Capps, 8 p.m., March 20, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Gemini, 8 p.m., March 27, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers
Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia
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FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
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Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. all shows; Saturday, March 13, 20, 27, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1; Monday-Friday, April 5-9; and Sunday, March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Details: "Peter Cottontail," tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

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The most common cause for an arthritis that comes on suddenly and then goes away gradually is inapparent injury. Most often this type of injury occurs to the knees or ankles.

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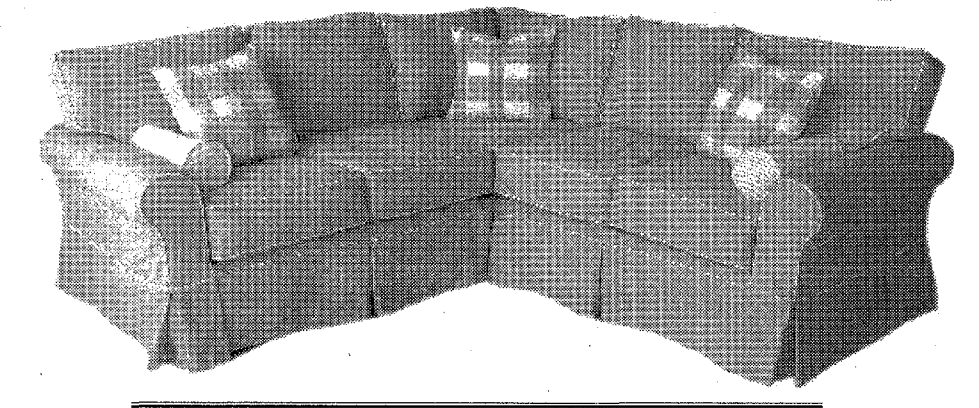
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50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Redford Union Class of 1960

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

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1985

Planning 25th Reunion for 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the event on Facebook by searching "John Glenn Class of 1985 25 Year Reunion" or join the group "John Glenn High School Class of 1985 and other years - Westland Michigan." Or e-mail Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopenwest.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

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

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960

50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

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

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

Farmington High School Class of 1970

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

Garden City High School Class of 1960

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

Garden City East Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweet1t2001@yahoo.com

Garden City West Class of 1970

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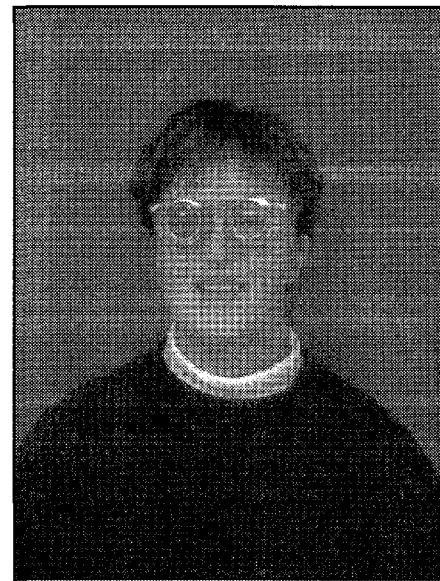
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Cesarek-Meyerand

Jennifer Jean Cesarek of Macomb and Robert Joseph Meyerand of Canton announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Camille of Macomb and the late Bill J. Cesarek Sr., is a 1999 graduate of Eisenhower High School in Shelby Township. She received a bachelor's degree in science from Oakland University in 2003 and is employed as a benefits administrator for Select Focus PEO in Macomb.

Her fiancé, son of Bonnie Meyerand of Canton and the late Robert (Bob) R. Meyerand is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School in Canton. He received an associate's degree in business from Schoolcraft College in 2008 and is employed in outside sales for Universal Pump Company in Wixom.

The couple met in 2006 at the Red Wings game against Colorado. On Feb. 15, 2009, with the same two teams



Cesarek-Meyerand

playing, Rob proposed to Jen on the Joe Louis JumboTron screen. After some screams and tears from Jen, of course she said yes.

A July 2010 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

'Girls' Night Out' coming soon at zoo

Girls ages 5 and older and their female chaperones ages 18 and older are invited to the Detroit Zoo for a "Girls' Night Out" in celebration of Women's History Month. The overnight event will be held from 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, to 10 a.m. Sunday, March 14.

The overnight adventure at the Ford Education Center will include a late-night tour of the zoo, keeper talks, craft project, marshmallow roast, movie and breakfast at an animal habitat. Guests will also meet some of the dedicated women who work at the Zoo, including members of the animal care staff. The cost for "Girls' Night Out" is \$50 per person.

"This overnight event is a wonderful

opportunity for fun, facts, fellowship and a shared awareness of the role of women in history, especially relative to conservation and animal welfare," said Director of Education Irma J. Hamilton. The theme of Women's History Month 2010 is "Writing Women Back into History."

For more information or to register, call (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3800, or e-mail education@detroitzoo.org.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a non-profit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The

Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day); admission is free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3750, or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

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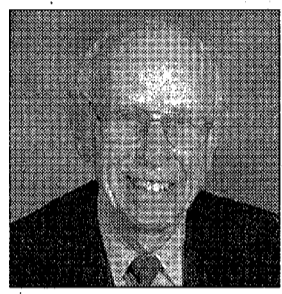
Age 63 of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at her home. She was a loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and faithful friend. Edwina was married 26 years before her husband Dennis preceded her in death in 1996. Beloved wife of the late Dennis; loving daughter of Edward S. (the late Lucille) Papelian; loving mother of Lisa (Steven) Simpson and Matthew (Silvina) Michalski; loving sister of Joseph (Linda) Papelian and Renee Papelian; loving grandmother of Dennis James Simpson and Nicolas Rey Michalski; dear daughter in law of Lillian (the late Michael) Michalski; dear sister in law of Tom (Lynne) Michalski; dear aunt of Jenni Michalski. Edwina was retired from the Birmingham school system and loved her work in the classroom. Her family was the pride and joy of her life and her family was always at the top of her priorities. Edwina loved her family and never missed an opportunity to talk about her grandchildren. Edwina was surrounded by friends, which was a testament of her giving heart to all. Words cannot express how much Edwina will be missed by her family and friends. Service has already taken place. Memorial donations can be sent to ALS of Michigan, 24359 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48075. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home, (248) 541-8325.

JOANNE A. SIMONE

February 20, 2010 Age 84 of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Pamela McLean (the late David) and Heidi Simone (Paul Goldman). Dear grandmother of Matthew McLean. Private family services have been held. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society or the Karmanos Cancer Institute. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

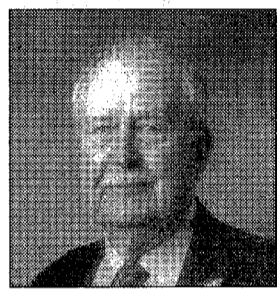
RAYMOND EUGENE SMITH

Died January 25, 2010. He was a former resident of Plymouth, Michigan, died in Fort Myers, Florida, leaving his wife Rita Smith and daughters Mary Eberhardt and Julie Useman, sister Francis Cooley and Bobby Smith and five granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. He was a sheriff for Sumpter Township which he loved. He was the kindest man you could ever meet, he loved his family and all animals. He will be greatly missed!



ROGER H. BLACKWOOD

Age 88, of Troy MI, died February 20, 2010 at his home. He was born June 8, 1921 in Detroit to Fred Harrison Blackwood and Bessie Mae Blackwood. Roger graduated in 1943 with a Business Administration degree from Michigan State University. He served in the US Army from 1943 to 1946 as a Second Lieutenant. On August 20, 1948 Roger married Barbara Louise Cavan. She preceded Roger in death in February 2000. A successful Real Estate broker and Appraiser for over 60 years, Roger was known for his integrity in all business relationships and was highly sought after for his extensive knowledge of the Detroit metropolitan area. He served as President of the Detroit Board of Realtors in 1969. Loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Roger is survived by his daughters Nancy Blackwood, Boulder, CO and Sally Blackwood, San Francisco, CA; Son, Roger Blackwood Jr., Wixom, MI; 3 grandchildren, Jessie Newell (Kennith), Springfield, OR, Toby Kromple, Seattle, WA and Sarah Kromple, Rohnert Park, CA.; 3 great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Alyssa, and Ryan Newell; and his dear friend Mary Ashcraft. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday March 13 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 Adams Road, Troy, MI. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Hwy., Troy, MI 48083. Please sign Roger's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com



JOSEPH J. GADBOW
Died February 21, 2010

Traverse City - Dr. Joseph John Gadbow, 93, of Traverse City died at home on his beloved Boardman river on February 21, 2010 after a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving wife Ann and their children. They recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Dr. Joe was born in 1916 to the late Joseph and Wanda (Dombrowska) Sakowski in Utica, NY. He was adopted and raised by Marion Gadbow. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hamilton College in 1939 and a Medical Degree from Syracuse University in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1946-1948. He lived and practiced medicine in Farmington for 38 years and dedicated his career to the care to the elderly. He was Medical Director of the Long Term Care Facility at Wayne County General Hospital from 1968-1972 and he joined the staff at Henry Ford Hospital in 1976. In 1993, his lifetime of work was honored by the American College of Physicians in naming him a Laureate. He was a loving and care physician who went beyond the call of duty, often making house calls on those who could not get to his office. He retired at age 73 and moved to Traverse City with his wife in 1990. His most important accomplishment was the inspiration that he imparted to his children and their children to strive for excellence in their life pursuits. Dr. Joe's greatest passions included golfing, carving, and fly fishing. He became interested in hickory stick golf clubs and was the driving force behind "The Haig" and annual tournament at Elmbrook Golf Course where participants dress in period clothes and use hickory stick golf clubs. He enjoyed playing in this tournament with his wife, three sons and grandsons. Joseph is survived by his wife Ann and their eight children, Joann Gadbow, Dr. Joseph (Vicki) Gadbow Jr., R. Michael (Sally Chandler) Gadbow, John Gadbow, Mary (Steve) Davis, Anne (Erik) Paus, Elizabeth (James) Kelderhouse and Cate Gadbow, 20 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Services were held Friday, February 26, 2010 at St. Francis Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Traverse Heritage Center, Munson Hospice, or St. Francis Catholic Church. Please visit Dr. Joe's online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com to share your thought and memories with the family. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services. www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

EVELYN M. CAREY

February 21, 2010 in San Antonio, TX, age 95. Retired lifetime employee of Ford Motor Company, Sheldon Road Plant. Beloved wife of the late James E. Crump. Dear mother of the late Shirley Ann McKinley. Grandmother of Terri and Bernard Wright Jr. Visitation Sunday 1pm-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth with funeral services following on Monday at 2pm. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



WINSTON T. CHURCHILL

Of Redford, died February 19, 2010, age 87. Retired FBI Special Agent, and beloved husband of Marilyn for 64 years. Dear father of Melody Lepley of Livonia, Perry of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Winston II (Gloria) of St. Petersburg, Florida. Winston joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the Second Engineers Special Brigade. During WWII he was stationed in Australia, New Guinea and the Phillipine Islands. Winston was the first Magistrate of the 17th District Court in Redford Township where he served for 25 years; active member of the Redford Lions Club. Services were held on Monday, February 22 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia, followed by burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Obituary and Guestbook at www.mansfuneralhome.com

DORIS CONWELL

Retired bank manager and resident of Beverly Hills from 1963 to 2009, died February 22, 2010, in Lansing, MI, at the age of 88. Doris is survived by her four children: Michael Conwell of East Lansing, MI; Margaret Austin of Greenbelt, MD; Madelyn Kuhen of Cleveland, OH; and Marti Orton of Traverse City, MI. In addition, she is survived by 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

BAILEY SARAI BOWEN

Bailey Sarai Bowen was born Dec. 27, 2009, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Bailey joins proud parents Dannon and Keisha Bowen and twin sisters, Brooke and Kennedy, 6, at home in Canton.

Grandparents are Paul and Sandra Bowen of Canton, Lee and Melba Wade of Canton, and Ben and Marie Hill of Detroit.

Great-grandparents are Nelson Wade of Detroit and Ruthie Nelson of Suwanee, Ga.



Bailey Sarai

Gardner-Minoff

Erika Minoff and Tim Gardner were married Sept. 19, 2009, in California.

The bride, daughter of Robert and Emily Minoff of Livonia, is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a counselor at North Mountain Middle School.

The groom, son of Terry and John Gardner of Janesville, Minn., is a golf pro at SCGA golf course in Temecula, Calif.

Scott and Lisa Mallory officiated at the wedding.

The bride's attendants were Rachel Minoff, Maid of Honor; Angela Papak, Matron of Honor; and bridesmaids Kelly Finney, Ashley Stutzmann, and Lindsay Robinson.

The groom's attendants were Chris Gardner, Mike Gardner, Jason Rowe and Jason Cowdin.

A reception was held at



Gardner-Minoff

Temecula Creek Inn, followed by a honeymoon trip to Mexico.

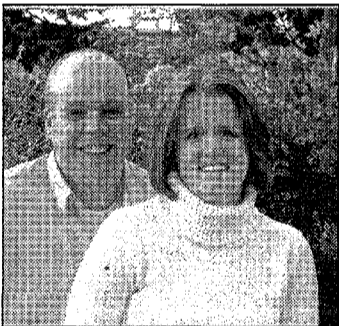
The couple resides in Murrieta, Calif.

Holbel-Comps

Julie Ann Holbel of Canton and Andrew Joseph Comps of Livonia announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Don and Kathy Holbel of Hope, is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree from the University of Michigan and is employed by Mars Advertising.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Laurie Comps of Livonia, is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. He holds a bachelor of business management degree from Eastern Michigan



Holbel-Comps

University and is employed by ReCellular.

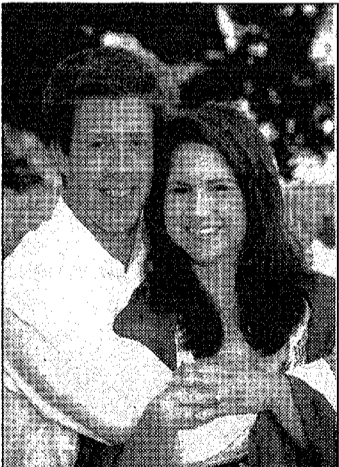
A September wedding is planned in Plymouth.

Maynard-Yetter

Virginia "Gingie" Anne Maynard and Eric James Yetter announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of John and Elise Maynard of Maitland, Fla., graduated from The Geneva School in 2004 and from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and history and a minor in international politics. After graduation she spent 10 months in India doing a field office internship for the International Justice Mission. She is a first year law student at Vanderbilt University

Her fiancé, son of Jim and Cherie Yetter of Farmington Hills, graduated from North Farmington High School in 2004. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2008 with a bachelor of science



Maynard-Yetter

degree in human and organizational development. He is a second year law student at Vanderbilt University.

An August wedding is planned in Orlando, Fla.

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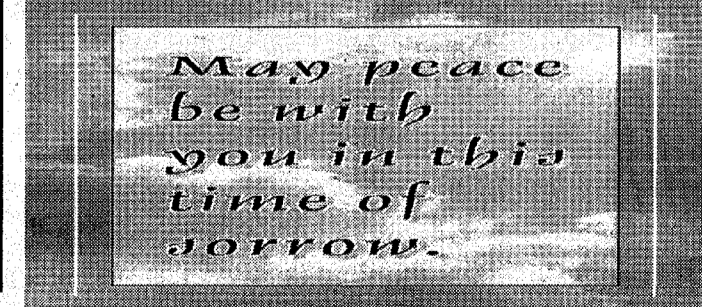
BERTHA (BEA) MAATTALA

Peacefully passed away on February 3, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. She is preceded in death by her husband, Tarmo (Matt) Maattala. Mrs. Maattala was a secretary for Farmington Public Schools and later for her brother, Dr. John Geralt, at his medical practice. She and Matt enjoyed traveling across Europe, Scandinavia, and cruising the Caribbean. She was also active in the Swedish Club, Scandia Women's Chorus, and the Finnish Center of Farmington Hills. Her beautiful smile and gracious spirit will be missed by the many who knew her. She is survived by step-children Carole and Mike Maattala of Farmington, daughter Marge Bilker (Marc), grandchildren Michael and Molly Bilker of Denver, brother Dr. John Geralt (Andrea), and many nieces and nephews and their children. A memorial service is planned for April 18, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 West Eight Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Donations may be made to the Finnish Cultural Center or The Swedish Club, 22398 Ruth Street, Farmington, MI 48336.



JAYNE M. WILSON

Age 85, of Plymouth, former Livonia teacher, passed away February 20, 2010. Graduate of MSU and later earning her teaching certificate from Wayne State University. She taught second grade at Jackson Elementary and Kennedy schools in Livonia from 1960 to 1986. She was a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, on the board of MARSF, Michigan Association of Retired School Personal, Northwest Chapter and served as Historian and Secretary of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, TAU Chapter. Loving wife of the late George R. Wilson and Harold L. Summerlee. Beloved mother of Hal Summerlee, Rick Summerlee, Sue (Mike) Magel and Tom Wilson. Proud grandmother of five and great-grandmother of one. Dear sister of Bruce Allmayer. A memorial gathering will be held from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth on Tuesday March 9, 2010 from 12:00-3:00pm. Memorials may be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children or to the Alzheimer's Association. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



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NEW FACES

Three doctors recently joined the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia. They are:

• Dr. Mohammed Ogaily is board certified in internal medicine and medical oncology. He received a medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland. He completed a residency at Albany Medical Center, Albany, N.Y. and hematology and medical oncology fellowships at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Ogaily is a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Hematology, American Medical Association, American College of Physicians, and the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology.

His office, Center for Advanced Medicine & Surgery, is located at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton; (734) 365-5154.

• Dr. Michael Rosen, an internal medicine specialist, holds an MD degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit. He completed a residency at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and completed an Internal Medicine/Hypertension fellowship at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford, Conn.

Rosen is board certified in internal medicine and a member of the American Society of Hypertension and American College of Physicians.

His office, Infinity Primary Care, is located at 20276 Middlebelt, Suite 7, Livonia; (248) 477-8000.

• Dr. Bruce St. Amour is the graduate medical education residency program director of emergency medicine for St. Mary Mercy Hospital. He received a DO degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing and completed a residency at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

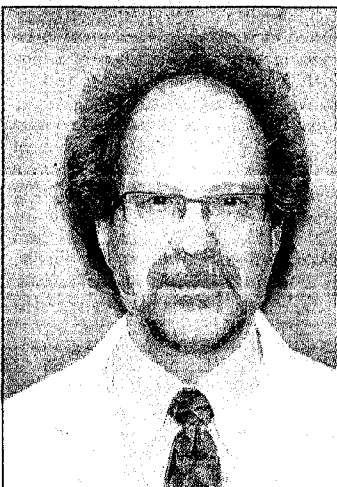
St. Amour is board certified in emergency medicine and a member of the American Osteopathic Association, American College



Bruce St. Amour



Mohammed Ogaily



Michael Rosen

of Emergency Physicians, and American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians.

His office is in St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia; (734) 655-2727.

MARCH

St. Mary Mercy

• Prostate Screening and Men's Health Fair, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 6, will include a prostate exam by a physician, blood test for prostate-specific antigen, cholesterol check, blood pressure screening, skin cancer check and information related to healthy living. These screenings are free, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-8940.

• Gayle Young, Sleep Center coordinator at St. Mary Mercy's Sleep Disorders Center, will speak at a presentation on sleep problems, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, in the hospital auditorium. She will discuss sleep apnea and treatment, insomnia, good sleep hygiene as well as how sleep problems can affect your overall health. She'll have CPAP machines and supplies on hand. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, but the program is open to the public. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950 for more information.

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

Hydrocephalus Association

Dr. Steven Ham, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan is the guest speaker at a support group meeting, 6:20-8:30 p.m., Friday, March 19, at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 23455 Novi Road, Novi. RSVP to Jennifer Bechard by Friday March 12 at (734) 890-2665 or e-mail to p-jenniferb@hydroassoc.org

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Teens and drugs

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, offers a two-part program, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," 7:30-9 p.m., March 2 and 9. The first session will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems.

The second session will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. It will include a recovering teen speaker.

The programs are free and open to the public. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. (734) 973-7892, e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com or visit http://www.teensusingdrugs.org.

APRIL

St. Mary Mercy

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

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the

Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

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

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church,

28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

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

Arthritis support group

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

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursdays. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbcglobal.net. Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.



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