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The American Tea Party hosts an event 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton.

Precinct delegate training will be continued, as well as discussions of topics such as, among others, "the difference between a democracy and a republic," "How does a democracy turn into a dictatorship and is there a way to stop it?" "What is the role of the state?" and "What is nullification and can the states nullify unconstitutional laws?"

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Path plan

With the arrival of spring, crews are ready to launch into the \$4 million dollar reconstruction of the I-275 Pathway. The most extensive work will be on the 7-mile section between Hines Drive and Michigan Ave. Significant repairs will also be made north of there up to Meadowbrook Road.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is hosting an open house to explain the planned improvements to the Hines Drive-Michigan Ave. section on Tuesday, March 30, from 6-8 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty (north of Ann Arbor Road).

Choir grades

The entire P-CEP choir program attended MSVMA District 12 Choral Festival last week at Northville High School and, of the six P-CEP choirs attending, Park Singers, Allegro, Dulcissima and Chamber Choir all earned a rating of "Excellent" while Madrigal Singers and Festival Singers both earned a rating of "Superior."

The choirs each performed two choral pieces (one of which was selected from a "required" list) and completed a sight-singing evaluation. Based on the judges' ratings all six choirs have been invited to perform at MSVMA State Choral Festival in April.

The true 'Rock'

'Fitz' draws the curtain on 40-year Salem career

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dr. Pat Fitzpatrick has done the math, and he figures he's entered and exited the building at Salem High School some 15,200 times in a 40-year career as an administrator in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

He'll do it again on Friday. For the last time.

Fitzpatrick, the assistant principal who walked through the door the first time in 1970, retires Friday after 46 years as an educator, the last 40 of them in the same building where his friends, former students and colleagues feted him with a retirement party.

Fitz, as he's known all around The Park, decided "it was time" just about a year after taking time off because of heart-related health issues.

"I had hoped to work this year to help with the new style of administration," said Fitzpatrick, who is on the list at the University of Michigan for a heart transplant. "I talked to the doctors and we decided I had to get rid of stress, so that if a heart comes, I can be ready."

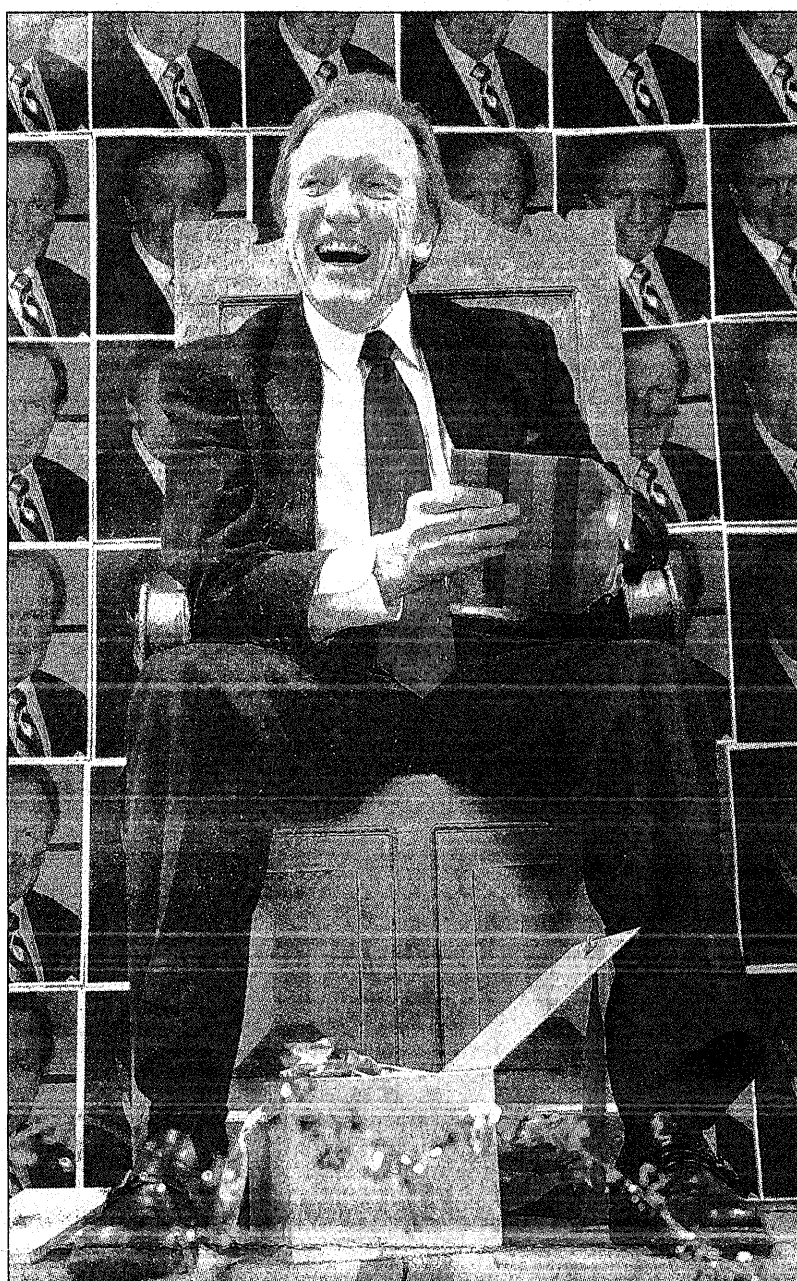
GETTING STARTED

When he walks out the door, Fitzpatrick will be ending a 46-year career that started as a history teacher at Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti in 1964. After six years at Willow Run — a stint marked, according to Fitzpatrick, by racial unrest and violence — Fitzpatrick was considering a career change.

While attending graduate classes at Eastern Michigan University, he had a conversation with Mike Hoben, for whom he would eventually work as superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools. Hoben told Fitzpatrick about more than 300 acres Plymouth school officials had purchased at Joy and Canton Center, where they would build a new "park" complex that Hoben said would eventually house four high schools and some 8,000 students.

Fitzpatrick went over and took a look at the \$11-million

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem High School assistant principal Patrick Fitzpatrick retires after 40 years serving students in the Plymouth-Canton schools.



COURTESY PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOLS

Pat Fitzpatrick started his Plymouth-Canton career in 1970.

Loc grant will take firm green, add new jobs

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The increasing interest in renewable energy sources and a \$1.5 million grant should help a Plymouth Township company double its work force in the next five years.

Loc Performance Products Inc., which manufactures parts for Humvees, several models of the Abrams tank and other military vehicles, plus for heavy equipment such as the kind made by Caterpillar, is branching out into giant windmills. A federal grant, recently awarded through the state, is going toward that project, and Loc will be looking to partner with windmill-makers, such as General Electric and Siemens, said human resources manager Jan Kelly.

Some 195 people work at the Loc Performance on Haggerty Road, and Kelly said the company plans to about 200 more people within five years for the windmill project.

"We have quite a number of people we're going to need to hire," she said.

The gears Loc builds for the final drive assembly in a model of the Abrams tank, Kelly said, are almost identical to those used in big windmills, so Loc's involvement in green energy is a natural. The company also makes drive units, flywheels, flywheel covers, engine mounts and other parts for heavy equipment, and has a painting and packaging division. "Everything we do is done right here," Kelly said.

In addition, Loc plans to sign an Employer Partnership Initiative with the military, which will give enlisted men and women who are preparing to leave the service, and who have military skilled trades training, the first crack at applying for Loc jobs, Kelly said.

All branches of the military, Kelly said, have personnel trained in skilled trades who work with the very kind of equipment Loc makes. When their enlistments are up and they need to find jobs in civilian life, she said, Loc could be a perfect match.

Kelly expects that a third or more of the 200 jobs Loc plans to create for its windmill parts business could be filled by military veterans.

A Employer Partnership Initiative signing ceremony, with officials from the U.S. Army Reserve, is planned for some time this week.

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Local toy company eases little girl's pain

BY BRAD KADRICH
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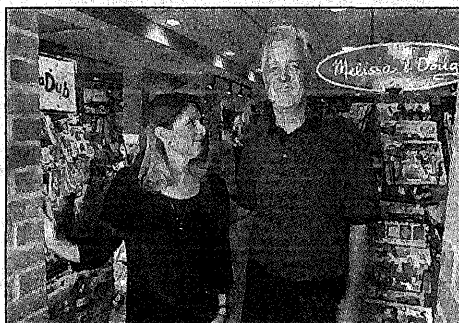
When 6-year-old Mary McCormack lost her little "cutie" stuffed dog during a family trip to the supermarket last Sunday, the loss left her in tears.

By the end of the day, Elle and Charles Dale had Mary's mother, Jill McCormack, in tears - for much happier reasons.

The event started when Mary accompanied her parents, Jill and Dennis McCormack, to the grocery store last Sunday. That's where Mary lost the cherished stuffed dog, bought in October at the new Genuine Toy Company on Forest in Plymouth, run by the Dales. Dennis McCormack hurried back to the store, but his frantic effort to find the toy went for naught.

"Mary was so attached to this dog and was in tears," Jill McCormack said.

Knowing she'd get a voicemail since it was Sunday, Jill called the Genuine Toy



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elle and Charles Dale opened Genuine Toy Company on Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth.

Company and left a message, hoping the store had another dog in stock. What she didn't know was the Dales had the store phone forwarded to their home phone, so Jill was stunned shortly thereafter to receive a call. Seems the Dales were able to look up the purchase order from home,

determined there was, indeed, another copy of "cutie" in stock, and offered to open their store so the McCormacks could get the replacement dog.

"Her daughter was really upset, you could tell," Charles Dale said. "When (a child) has a special friend - an animal or a blankie - it's traumatic for the child. We don't live far ... we just wanted to do what we could to help."

And so they did. But the McCormacks were equally surprised by what happened the next day. They received an e-mail from Elle Dale - "When we knew that we had the dog, we knew that an entire night was simply much too long for a child to wait to replace it," Elle Dale wrote - thanking them for their business.

"They did so much to help us, and here they were thanking us," Jill McCormack said. "That's amazing."

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Mary McCormack lost her cherished stuffed "cutie" dog, but the owners of Genuine Toy Company made sure she quickly had it replaced.

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Committee meets

The Plymouth Township Citizens Committee meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, in the Friends' Room at the Plymouth District Library. Discussion will include the financial situation of Plymouth Township, as well as any issues that might have arisen at the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting from March 23.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club sponsors this year's Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 3, at Plymouth Township Park.

The park is located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Don't forget to bring baskets, bags and cameras. Club members will also be collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones.

For more information e-mail [Debbie Baudino-Dowling at debbaudino@hotmail.com](mailto:DebbieBaudino-Dowling@debbaudino@hotmail.com) or call (734) 207-7464.

Good Friday breakfast

All men and boys are invited to an All-U-Can-Eat Breakfast Friday, April 2, at 8 a.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Rd. in Canton. This community outreach event includes a powerful message by Pastor Dave Woodby and son Zack. Tickets are \$5 and \$2 for boys 10 and under and can be obtained by calling the church office at (734) 459-3300.

Garden club

The Plymouth Garden Club meets Monday, April 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the Plymouth District Library.

Guest speaker Vicki Hicks will discuss the "Features of Good Garden Design." Light Refreshments will be served. After the presentation, there will be a short business meeting.

For more information contact Eileen Wittenberg (734) 340-2062 or visit our Web site www.google.com/site/plymouthgardenclub

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of

Northville/Plymouth meets at noon Monday, April 12, at the Northville District Library on Cady Street in Northville.

Speaker Cathy Cottone, a genealogist with the Lyon Township Public Library, presents "Smorgasbord of Genealogy." It's an annual meeting featuring prepared reports from officers and the chairman.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Show and tell

"Show and Tell" takes on a new dimension at the Plymouth Historical Museum when collectors display their collections and possibly sell an item or two.

"Show and Tell... and Sell" showcases are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 17, and Saturday, May 15. The May 15 showcase is planned to feature military collectibles, as the event occurs on Armed Forces Day. The museum is still looking for collectors for these events. Details and an application can be found on the museum's Web site at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>.

The showcases are part of the Plymouth Historical Museum's current special exhibit, "Show and Tell Collectibles," which runs through Sunday, June 13. The exhibit consists of an eclectic mix of personal and Museum collections ranging from

antique tools to chatelaines to stuffed animals.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, a block north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1-4 p.m. For further information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org.

Senior spellers

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging together with the Northville Senior Center will host the annual Wayne County Senior Spelling Bee on Wednesday, April 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center located at 303 W. Main Street, Northville.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to RSVP as a speller or spectator.

Wayne County will offer a free lunch, prizes and raffles for everyone who attends. Remember you don't have to be a speller to participate.

Ice cream social

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a free "ice cream social" with state Rep. Marc Corriveau Monday, April 26, from 2-3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to RSVP. All invited to enjoy an ice cream sundae and to listen and voice any concerns or questions you may want to ask.

Grief seminar

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope" beginning on April 14.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be held on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. The workshop will meet at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

For registration information, please call (248) 442-8822. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit the Web site www.newhopecenter.net.

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagear 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 Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday 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.

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

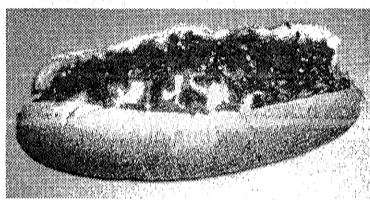
Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4.

Applications can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

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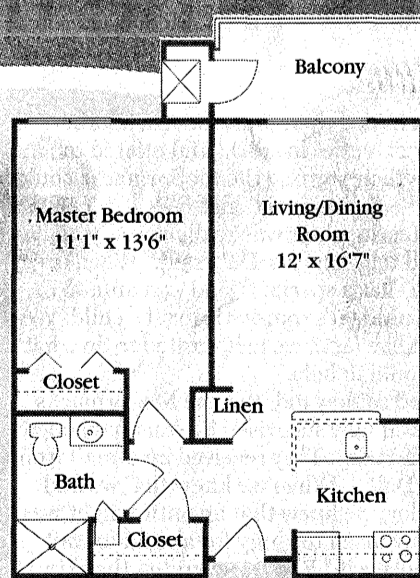
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Bread-making on the rise at Plymouth Township bakery

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you buy store-labeled bread at Meijer or Spartan supermarkets, burgers at Burger King or sandwiches at Arby's, or favor the Sunbeam, Aunt Millie's or Hillbilly brands, chances are that a factory in Plymouth Township played a big role in making your food.

Aunt Millie's Bakeries, a family owned company based in Fort Wayne, Ind., has a plant in the township that can turn out 230,000 loaves of bread and 700,000 dozen hamburger and hot dog buns each week. It opened in 2005 as a hamburger and hot dog bun bakery, and this January started a bread line as well, bringing in 36 new workers.

Aunt Millie's is scheduled to add a second shift to its bread production in mid-May, meaning 36 new jobs and a doubling of its output, said Tony Dalo, vice president for baking technology and quality assurance.

"It's been great for the community around here," said Dalo on Thursday as he began a tour of the plant with Michigan Department of Agriculture officials. "We've brought a lot of people in."

The high-ceilinged plant is a buzzing forest of automated dough troughs, conveyers, ovens, loaf-slicers and packaging machines. From the bins that each hold 1,200 pounds of dough is it rises for four hours — and gets machine-kneaded three times during those hours — to the machines that slice and package the finished product — and even send wheeled carts laden with full bread crates toward the loading dock — the bread is largely untouched by human hands. There's a machine for everything — not just kneading, baking and packaging but also shaping the loaves and buns, adding toppings, and delicately slicing the loafs, before they're baked, for the split-top variety.

For the most part, workers are monitoring machines; those working closest to the food are identified by their white uniforms, which are sent



Aunt Millie's vice president Tony Dalo explains the plant operations to Director of Michigan Department of Agriculture Don Koivisto.

out for special cleaning.

From raw flour to finished 24-ounce loaf, it's a seven-hour process, Dalo said. That includes the four hours for the dough to rise, 56 minutes for the loaves to rise individually, and an hour for the baked loaves to cool before packaging.

"It's quite a feat that they have bread that fresh going on the shelves," said Don Koivisto, the MDA director. That was part of the plan, says Dalo. Before the expansion, Aunt Millie's bread was coming in from a bakery in Jackson. Now, he said, the bread is fresher and customers in the Detroit area are noticing a difference.

Aunt Millie's, which has four other bakeries in Michigan (in addition to Jackson, there's one in Kalamazoo and two in Coldwater), makes 15 varieties of buns and 13 varieties of breads in Plymouth Township, Dalo said. The company added 60,000 square feet for bread production, he said, and is negotiating for the purchase of a neighboring building, where officials plan to move shipping

operations.

Plant manager Larry Christie, of West Bloomfield, has 33 years in the baking business, including 18 years at the now-closed Taystee factory in Detroit and 10 years at Awrey Bakeries in Livonia. He's a graduate of the American Institute of Baking in Manhattan, Kan., where Taystee sent him for training years ago.

Christie said he finds the work satisfying.

"I just want to make the best possible, the safest, product I can," he said.

Dalo, who is from the Philadelphia area, said he grew up in a bakery family in which hard-crust Italian breads were the norm. "Here, you can't make it soft enough," he said. Dalo began working for Aunt Millie's when the company opened a plant in Coldwater, where he now lives.

Koivisto, the MDA director, said the agricultural and food-processing sector is a bright spot in Michigan's economy.

Farming, food-processing and related businesses employ

more than a million people in the state, and there are some 500 major processors, plus another 300 smaller ones, so-called mom-and-pop operations, in Michigan, he said.

"We have all kinds of these (expansions) that are going in," Koivisto said.

Aunt Millie's, Dalo said, uses Michigan-grown products, like sugar, as much as possible.

C.B. Jones, the director of production at three Aunt Millie's plants, including the local plant, said he likes the variety the work offers.

"It's a little different each day," said Jones, of Sidney, Ohio, where Aunt Millie's also has a plant. "It's not like standing at a machine all day putting a bolt on something."

Jones got his first bakery job, at a Wonder Bread plant in Knoxville, Tenn., through a brother-in-law.

"I guess it kind of just got in my blood that way," he said.

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Family owned bakery has a century-old tradition

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite being family owned for more than 100 years, with deep Midwestern roots, company officials say there was not really an Aunt Millie behind Aunt Millie's Bakeries.

Nevertheless, the Fort Wayne, Ind., company has built a proud history and an impressive set of baking statistics since its founding, as the Wayne Biscuit Co., by John B. Franke in 1901.

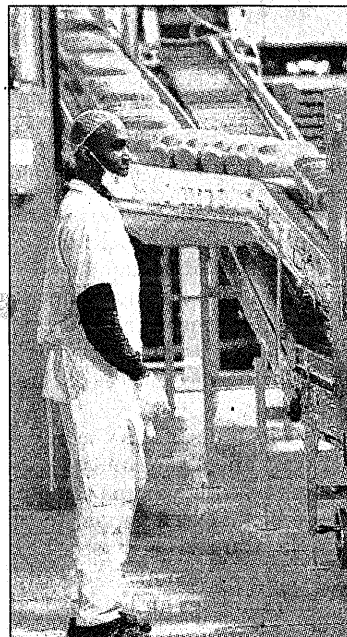
Aunt Millie's (the official corporate name is Perfection Bakeries Inc.) employs about 1,600 people in five states, including 168 people in Plymouth Township, where it opened a bakery on Port Street in 2005. Company president John F. Popp is a grandson of the founder.

There are five bakeries in Michigan — two in Coldwater, one in Jackson and one in Kalamazoo in addition to the local plant — plus the Fort Wayne bakery and another in Sidney, Ohio. The plant in Plymouth Township bakes 13 varieties of bread and 15 varieties of hamburger and hot dog buns for the Detroit-area market; lower-demand items, such as croissants and English muffins, come from Coldwater.

Meijer Inc. is the company's biggest customer, but Aunt Millie's also supplies Wal-Mart and Spartan stores, plus Burger King, Arby's and Red Robin restaurants. Products are made in the Aunt Millie's, Hillbilly and Sunbeam brands, in addition to the store brands.

In the Plymouth Township bakery:

- Production capacity is 9,000 loaves of bread and 48,000 buns per hour. A second bread production shift



Kevin Evans watches over a bread line.

will double that output beginning in mid-May; company vice president Tony Dalo said the goal is to eventually turn out between 900,000 and 1 million loaves a week.

- The factory opened in a 64,000-square-foot building in 2005, and another 35,000 square feet were added for the installation of a bread production line, which began operating this year.

- The plant has seven flour silos, each with a capacity of 135,000 pounds of flour.

- A half-million pounds of white flour are used each week, plus 25,000 pounds of whole wheat flour, 50,000 pounds of yeast, 65,000 pounds of corn syrup and 10,000 pounds of salt.

- The stacked cooling racks, on which the baked loaves cool for an hour before they're packaged, would extend for three miles if taken down and stretched end-to-end.

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Sorority packs its bag for cancer patients

BY SUE MASON
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It started out as a project to provide chemo care totes for cancer patients at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, but it ended up also helping American troops stationed overseas and people utilizing the services of First Step.

Members of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Beta Sigma Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an educational honor sorority, were able to make 150 well-stocked bags for the hospital, thanks to donations from staffers around the district.

"It was such a nice project because people got so excited about it," said Shawn Cornelissen, a kindergarten teacher at Madison Elementary School in Westland. "The little places like Annapolis get missed by things like this. We wanted to help in our community."

Cornelissen credits Annemarie Gantchart, who had lost a husband to brain cancer, with coming up with the idea for the bags. Sorority members have collected books and blankets for the schools in the past, but wanted to do something different this year. They researched the idea of providing a comfort bag for cancer patients going through treatment and came up with a list of items needed.

The sorority began collecting donations in January. Donation boxes were set in staff rooms at the different school buildings and even at Wayne-Westland's Central Office. Two student groups also got involved — the John Glenn High School Interact



Jacquie Norton (from left), Kathy Poole, Kay Flogaus and Cheryl Millerwise work on filling bags with items for cancer patients at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Club and the Stevenson Middle School National Junior Honor Society.

"The word went out and we collected so much that we had tables full of items," Cornelissen said. "We had tissue, hand sanitizer, puzzles, books, water bottles and small blankets that CVS helped get for us. We did 50 bags for the guys and put baseball caps in them."

There also were several bags that were specific for breast cancer patients put together by Madison's Grammy — Linda Jackson.

"We put pink ribbons on them," Cornelissen said. "We heard from a woman who was going through chemo for a third time. She said, 'This is so great, it's such a good thing.'"

Cash donations helped pay for the bags that were gotten

through the William D. Ford Career Technical Center, with the help of nurse Ruth Ann Petras. Stevenson Middle School teacher Tracey Cosgrove designed the logo which was printed on it at cost.

The media center at Stevenson was utilized for an assembly line with many of the 40 sorority members pack bags that were delivered Feb. 11 to Annapolis Hospital. The group decided not to put books in the bags, but instead gave them to the hospital to set up a lending library. According to Cornelissen, it took a minivan and several cars to get the bags to the hospital, where a wheelchair was pressed into service to get them inside.

"The nurse was overwhelmed. She called and said they gave out eight bags the first day," Cornelissen

said. "Some of the stuff we couldn't use we sent to First Step; the kids at John Glenn were doing chemo bags for children so we sent them stuff. We sent stuff for the troops. This became a multi-layered project."

The sorority provides scholarships in alternating years to graduates at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial. Cornelissen said the group will have to look at the project to see if it will make the chemo bags again next year. Schools and uses the Parisian Community Sales — "our big fund-raiser currently" — to fund it.

"This was nice," she said. "Most of it was donated and we purchased the bags and the water bottles. We went in thinking we'd do 50 bags and buy a lot for them and then this happened."

7th-grader scales heights to state geography contest

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Austin Foos is one of the top 100 geography students in Michigan, and his skills could take him to Washington, D.C. — and even the Galapagos Islands, off the coast of Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean.

Not that all that means much to the seventh-grader, who won the school-wide geography bee at West Middle School in December.

"I kind of knew I'd win it, 'cause I'm a super-genius," joked Austin nonchalantly after school in the front office at West on Thursday.

Austin's success in his school's geography bee, and on a written geography test of about 75 questions, landed him in the finals of the 2010 Michigan Geographic Bee. He'll compete at Western Michigan University on Friday, April 9.

The state winner gets to go to Washington in May to compete in the national finals at National Geographic Society headquarters. The nationwide winner gets a trip to the Galapagos — and a \$25,000 college scholarship.

"I'm incredibly proud of him," said Austin's mother, Laura. "Even though he thinks it's no big deal, it is a big deal."

Austin has long liked to look at maps and atlases, said his mother, who keeps an atlas in her car for him to peruse during travels.

"I had to replace one in my car because he wore it out," Laura Foos said. "He reads them constantly."

Austin, who also likes gym class, science and mathematics, traces his love of geography to his interest in wars and history, from which sprang a curiosity about the places where battles



Foos

were fought. He's especially interested in World War I and World War II.

His mother said Austin recognized patterns from an early age, is

adept at math, and likes to organize things in different ways, such as by size, weight or type. "It all fascinates him," she said.

Austin credits his current social-studies teacher, Ken Krick, and his sixth-grade social-studies teacher, Miles Barnett, for inspiring his interest in geography.

His favorite of the Earth's physical features? Mountains.

"I've always liked mountains. Been fascinated with them because I'm afraid of heights," he said. Austin has visited mountains in Arizona on a trip there.

Though he'll be competing against middle-schoolers from around the state, all school champions who finished in the top 100 on the written test, Austin by coincidence knows another boy in the statewide competition, an eighth-grader from Hillside Middle School in the Northville district.

Is his friend going to give him a run for his money? "Maybe. I don't know," Austin said.

Austin plays hockey and baseball — hockey is his favorite — and also likes comic books. He and his father, Allen Foos, share an interest in Major League Baseball stadiums, and have made pilgrimages to see games in Cleveland, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and, of course, Detroit. Fenway Park in Boston is on the schedule for this summer.

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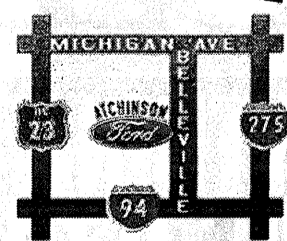
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Pairing keeps DDA focused on business

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Tony Bruscato got laid off from his *Plymouth Observer* job covering the City of Plymouth and Plymouth-Canton schools last year, he — like so many others who suddenly find themselves losing their jobs — wasn't sure what he was going to do.

The veteran journalist, who'd been covering the Plymouth community for about a dozen years, still had some free-lance and part-time gigs (for instance, he does traffic reports on a variety of radio stations) but, at age 56, he worried about where his next real paycheck might come from.

He needn't have, because what Bruscato, 56, saw as a very steep professional cliff, Paul Sincock viewed as providence. He saw a vacancy at the top of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, knew of the feeling

Bruscato had developed for Plymouth during his career, and figured the two would make a fine pairing.

He recommended Bruscato, a Canton resident, to the DDA board and, voila. A partnership was born. Bruscato said the appointment caught him "by surprise," despite his deep connection to the city for which he'd developed an affinity.

"I'm not sure I would have applied because I was a journalist," said Bruscato, a native of Waukegan, Ill., (the birthplace of Jack Benny). "But when Paul contacted me, he listed a number of things he thought were strengths that ... would be successful in just about any career."

He replaced Sherrie Pryor, the popular former director who left to spend more time with family, and teamed him with John Buzuvis, 33, the Plymouth native who grew up within blocks of the downtown area he now serves. Bruscato

is technically the director of operations, but the pair operates completely as a team.

"I think we're a strong team," said Buzuvis, who attended Smith Elementary and West Middle School before graduating from Salem High School. "We each have our own areas of interest and strengths that cover it all."

Bruscato, who owns a communications degree from Indiana University, jumped out of the fat of covering the city into the fire of helping to shepherd its business sector. It's been a busy time already; the DDA has helped change the face of the Plymouth Ice Festival by bringing in music; seen a \$250,000 renovation of the downtown parking structure; and just got started on a three-year, \$2 million streetscape project.

"The whole focus is to try to draw people into our entire downtown, into our shops and restaurants," Bruscato said. "We want (visitors) to experi-



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Former Plymouth Observer reporter Tony Bruscato (right), a Canton resident, is settling in nicely teamed with Plymouth native John Buzuvis running the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

ence the whole downtown."

Buzuvis' position has him working part-time for the DDA and part-time for the city. While Bruscato works full time for the DDA, the duties for the pair are split fairly evenly, not that that matters. The two don't differentiate much or worry about who does what. It's more making sure what needs doing gets done.

Bruscato's experience as a journalist has him asking questions about DDA operations and gives him insight into what kinds of questions people would want answered. Buzuvis, on the other hand, has been there since 2006, a longevity that provides him with excellent institutional knowledge.

"The one strength we have together is when we have to

talk about a project, we sit and talk about it and come up with a plan," Bruscato said. "We don't care about credit, we just want to make sure things get done."

It's an attitude that helps Sincock believe he made the right choice.

"It's working out very well," said Sincock. "They've had a bunch of projects tossed at them, we're going into a big construction season this spring and it's worked out very well. Their personalities complement each other, and that's the key element. Where one has a stronger suit in one area, the other has it in the other. Combined, it's a pretty strong, solid team that's working together there."

While Bruscato just completed a major career change, Buzuvis is contemplating one, but only if the right opportunity comes along. Buzuvis would

like one day to run a city. He's put some feelers out, made some applications, but nothing right has been there yet.

When Pryor left, he considered applying for the DDA's top job, but decided against it, largely because he would probably have had to give up what he does for the city.

"When we talked about (the job), it was 'What's going to be best for the downtown,' but also for me," Buzuvis said. "I really enjoy the work I do for the city. It has enabled me to keep the breadth of experience so I can someday transition to Paul's job."

In the meantime, the two continue to operate as a team.

"I know he's going to do what he says he's going to do, and he knows that about me," Bruscato said. "We trust each other."

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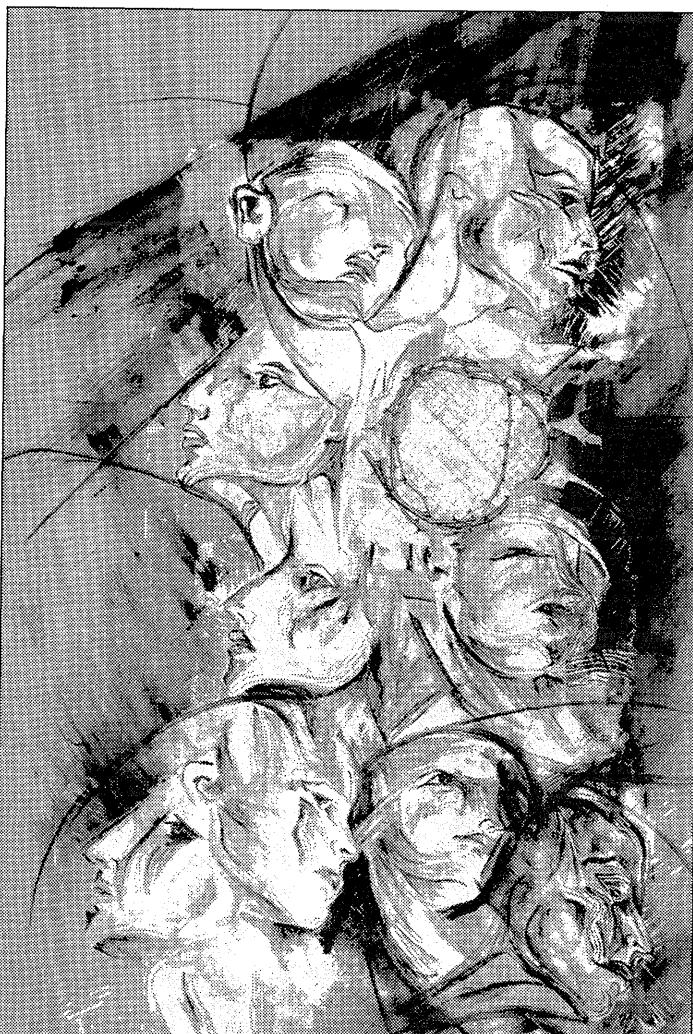
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Madonna Gallery hosts contemporary art exhibit

The works of national and local artists are being featured in an exhibit that delivers a social message now through April 6 at the Madonna University Gallery in Livonia.

Paintings, sculptures and mixed media works are featured in IDOLS and ICONS: Transforming Tradition.

The exhibit, which includes work by Madonna alumna Anna Lussier, shows how today's artists continue to use forms and symbols found in traditional religious imagery, even if the spiritual connotation of those symbols may have changed.

"I am interested in the decisions that individuals make in their lives - the

intertwining of so-called coincidences and the selective road we all have to travel," said John Bergmeier, an artist from Pontiac. "This 'road' is depicted by the symbolic icons left behind: images from old children's books, photographic images of family, various farm tools, etc. Found objects and Bible passages often serve as a catalyst, stimulating my imagination, memory and emotions."

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Madonna University is at Levan Road, off I-96. For more information, call Jeanne Moore, curator and gallery director, at (248) 875-7332.

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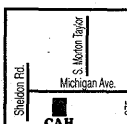
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Raymond Wojtowicz

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As a means of meeting this challenge I have launched a massive educational/informational campaign designed to alert delinquent taxpayers to the options we have available to help them resolve their property tax issues.

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Raymond J. Wojtowicz is the Wayne County treasurer.

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The Plymouth Symphony presents its annual fund-raising concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

Symphony set for annual pops concert

The Plymouth Symphony presents its annual fund-raising concert continuing the tradition of producing a broadly popular, high-energy and entertaining event with a new twist 8 p.m. Friday, April 16, at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.

This year's concert, "Hooray for Hollywood," will feature the music of the movies along with vocal performer Lizann Warner. Warner is a Vocal Impersonator whose vocal impressions include Judy Garland, Ann Wilson, Stevie Nicks, Barbara Streisand, Pat Benatar, Marilyn Monroe, Nora Jones, Cher, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion, Lita Ford and Grace Slick.

Music from great film scores will include *Gladiator*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *E.T.* along with several of the most memorable songs that even appeared in the big screen made famous by legendary divas Judy Garland, Barbara Streisand and Celine Dion, including, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *Evergreen*, *Moon River*, and *My Heart Will Go On*.

Warner's gift for impersonating famous female recording artists has gained her much notoriety in the music and video game industry. Her voice is on the popular game

"Guitar Hero III," impersonating Ann Wilson on the track "Barracuda" and Pat Benatar on the track "Hit Me with Your Best Shot." She also sings in the Las Vegas show "Rockstar - The Tribute," impersonating both Ann Wilson of Heart, and Pat Benatar.

Tickets for the concert are \$50; tickets for the concert plus a Pre-Concert Party at the Lotus Arts Gallery are \$75.

Tickets are available at the Plymouth Symphony office at 774 N. Sheldon Road in the Plymouth Community Arts Center or on-line at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Montessori enrollment

Schoolhouse Montessori Academy's open enrollment period is under way for infants through sixth grade. Construction of the school's new 18,000 square-foot facility will wrap up later this spring, with all classes in the 1675 Haggerty Road location this fall.

The academy's week-long Summer Discovery School classes will be in the new facility as well.

Schoolhouse Montessori Academy serves 288 children with a true Montessori education. Eager minds are challenged constantly, at an individualized level, whether a pre-primary student is learn-

ing shape, size and pattern through a tower of ascending cubes, or an elementary student is learning research techniques, geometry or world cultures.

"By guiding children to explore the world, we help them develop a lifelong passion for learning," Academy Director Lisa Rippon said. "Montessori education teaches children to think creatively and act independently. It's like Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin have said about their Montessori experience - it taught them to think for themselves and be self-directed self-starters who pursue their own interests."

The new school is designed inside and out to have the look and feel of a home, in keeping with the Montessori tradition.

Students and parents alike will sense the school's culture from the moment they pull into the driveway.

Schoolhouse Montessori Academy Canton South, on Haggerty, is located off I-275, just north of Palmer.

For more information, visit www.schoolhousemontessori.com, or call the school, currently located at 6215 N. Canton Center Road, to schedule a tour and pick up an application packet. All tours currently are done at the original location.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Don't forget to take into consideration that there will be certain tax breaks for you. Not only will you be able to deduct your property taxes, but also the interest on your mortgage.

I also recommend that if someone is considering whether they should buy or rent, he/she should factor in some non-financial issues — for example, quality of life. Would owning a condo in Florida increase the quality of your life? If not, the decision is purely financial. On the other hand, if it would increase the quality of your life, then that is something only you can quantify.

One thing everyone should recognize is that buying real estate is not a short-term investment. Real estate is illiquid and, thus, you have to think long term. In addition, there are many people who are speculating on real estate assuming that, just like the stock market, the real estate market will have a significant turnaround. As far as I am concerned, I do not see a significant improvement in the real estate market anytime soon.

With regards to the type of mortgage, 15 or 30 years, all things being equal, I lean toward a 30-year mortgage. My reasoning is mortgage rates are still near record lows and I would take advantage of these low interest rates for as long as you can. In addition, when you have a 30-year mortgage you can always turn it into a 15-year mortgage by making extra mortgage payments. If you have a 15-year mortgage, the only way you can turn it into a 30-year mortgage is to refinance.

One further note regarding mortgages: Always remember the key is not what is the best mortgage for everyone but, rather, what is the best mortgage for your situation.

In making that decision, one of the key questions you need to ask yourself is how long do you plan to be in your home? If you plan to be in your home for only a few years, sometimes an adjustable-rate mortgage would make sense. On the other hand, if you plan to be in your home long term, fixed-rate mortgages are where you need to be. Good luck!

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

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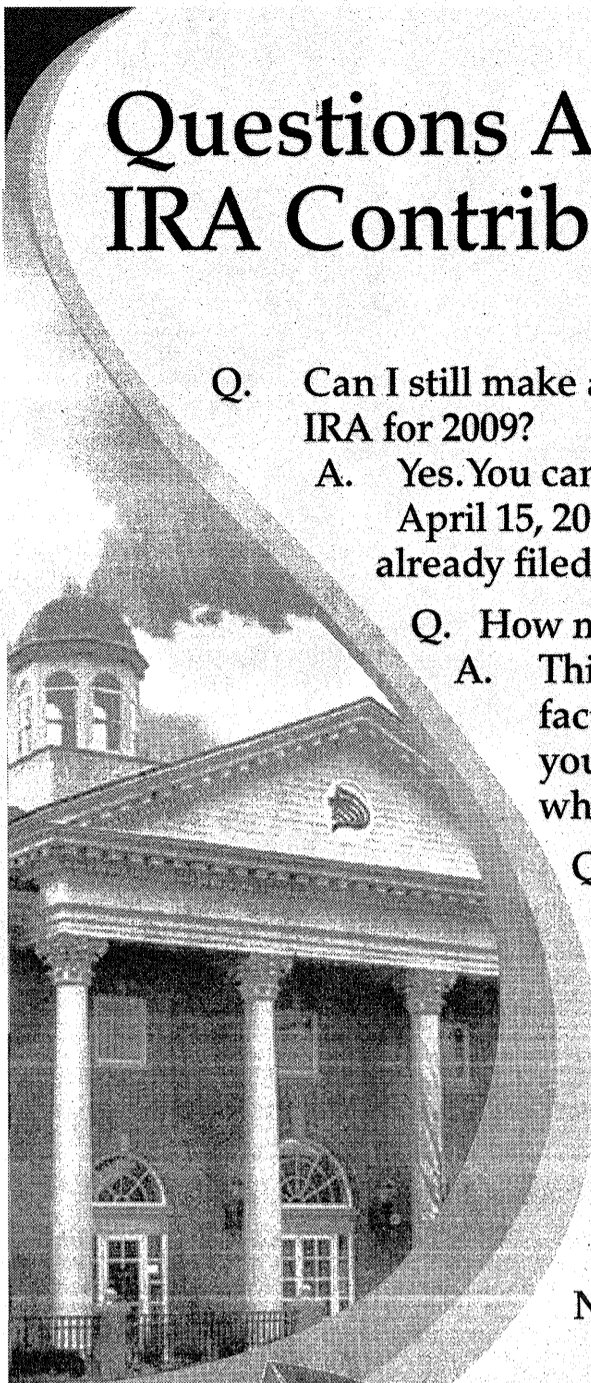
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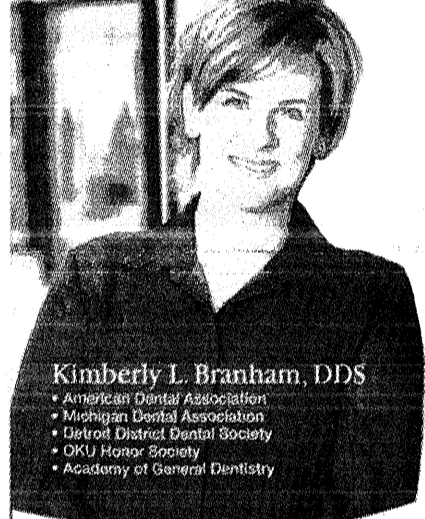
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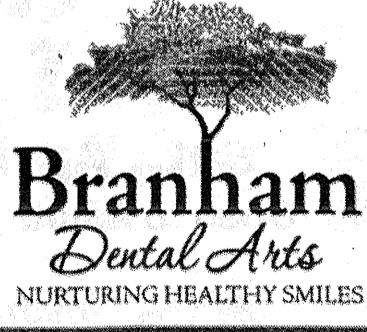
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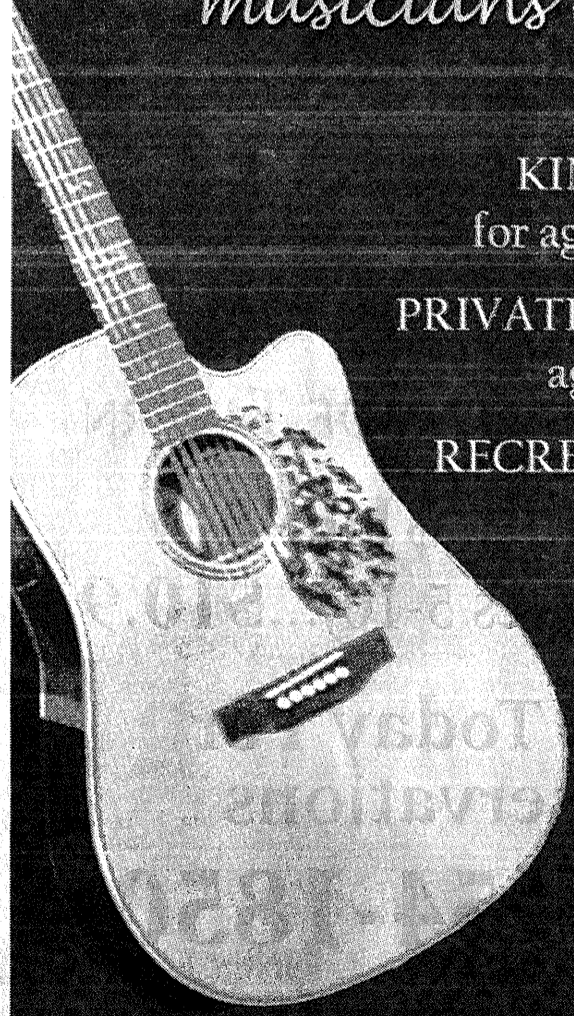
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FITZPATRICK

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high school the district was building and knew he wanted to be part of it.

Willow Run officials wanted him to take the open job as the high school's principal, but Fitzpatrick knew he wanted a change, and he thought the new "park" concept was the right move.

"I knew I had to make a career move," said Fitzpatrick, whose contract at Willow Run paid him \$4,800 a year, plus another \$200 to coach freshman basketball. "I came out here to see this building and I thought I had something to contribute. I just wanted to be a part of it."

PART OF IT

Well, he has been. Chosen, he said, from some 60 applicants, Fitzpatrick was installed as an assistant principal at what was then just "Plymouth High School." He would be there when the name was changed to Plymouth Salem High School when the district also opened Plymouth Canton High School. And he was there years later, when the third school — the new Plymouth High School — went up over on Beck Road.

By his count, he's worked some 7,600 days, seen some 15 million kids go through the cafeteria and watched more than 23,000 seniors graduate.

He leaves, he said, without a single regret, proud of the students he's shepherded through the massive park, which now houses some 6,200 students. He gets his biggest high, he said, when struggling students turn themselves around, then return years after graduation and let him know he made a difference in their lives.

"Kids come from different backgrounds and situations that aren't good," Fitzpatrick said. "A lot of kids come here with a lot on their plate. It makes me proud when a kid comes back and tells me I was a factor."

AFFECTING CHANGE

Brandon Bunt's last two years of high school were a



Patrick Fitzpatrick, who retires from his post as assistant principal at Salem High School Friday, started his career teaching at Willow Run High School in 1964.



Patrick Fitzpatrick gets a hug from retired educator Deborah Trapp.

struggle. Illness kept him out of school much of his junior and senior years, and he was having a hard time making academic progress. Fitzpatrick, Bunt said, made him every accommodation — one-on-one time, a room to study — to make sure he could get his work done.

"He impacted me a lot, in a 'mentor' kind of way," said Bunt, a 2005 graduate who went on to establish his own landscaping company, Infinitely Green Landscaping (ironically, Fitzpatrick is one of his customers). "He was just there. He takes a very positive approach to things. It's not a punishment thing for him. He gets to the root of the problem in a very positive way."

Ken Jacobs, Plymouth-Canton's assistant superintendent, is the only person still in the district who was there

when Fitzpatrick started. Between them, the pair has 92 years of experience — "I tell people most of that is on Fitz's side," Jacobs said with a smile — in the district.

Fitzpatrick said he thought, a couple of years ago, that — health willing — he could hit 50 years in the business. Unfortunately, health wasn't willing, and Fitzpatrick's heart is sending him into retirement. And while he'll miss his friend, Jacobs said he's happy Fitzpatrick is going out with dignity.

"We grew up together and were a team then," said Jacobs, who started with the district as a special education teacher at Pioneer Middle School in 1968. "He's always been here ... there aren't too many stories like Fitz. He can walk out of here with his head held high." Fitzpatrick said he's had

THE FITZ FILE

Dr. Pat Fitzpatrick, for 40 years an assistant principal at Salem High School, did the math himself on some numbers from his 46-year teaching career:

Presidents: nine (Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush I, Clinton, Bush II, Obama)

Superintendents: six (Rossman, Hoben, Little, Booher, Ryan, Fiegel)

Secretaries: seven

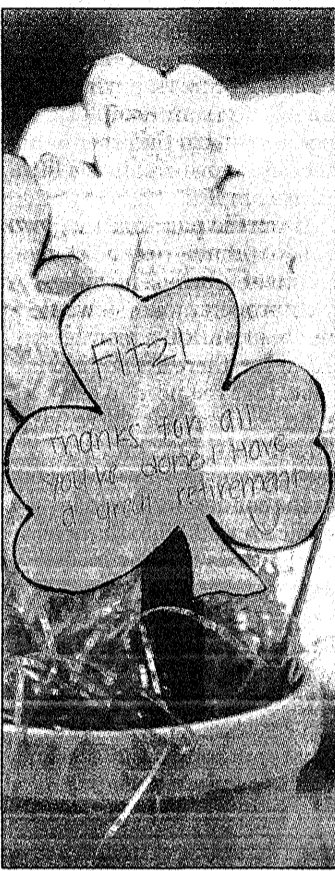
Graduates: 23,400

Work days: 7,600

Sick days banked: 465

Consecutive years without a sick day: 28

U-M football titles: 22 (conference), one (national)

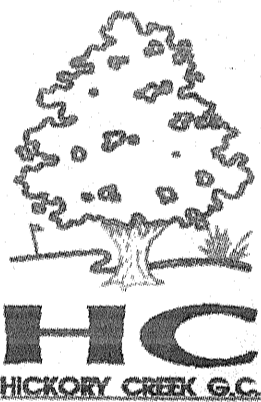


The table centerpieces at Fitzpatrick's retirement party featured personal messages.

chances to leave, but never considered it.

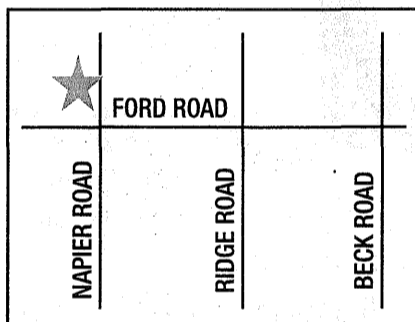
"For 40 years, this has been my life," he said. "It's just a fantastic place to work. I wouldn't have stayed here all those years if it wasn't."

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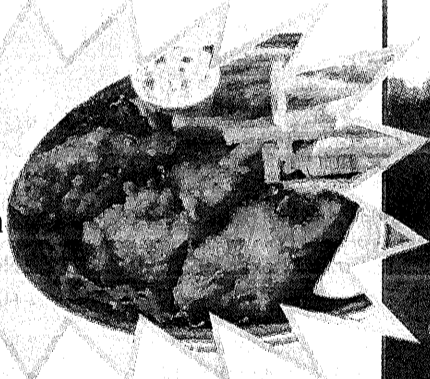
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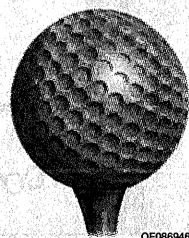
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'My life is one miracle'

Nun gives God credit for her successful health-care career

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Sister Mary Modesta, 85, has spent her life depending on God for everything she's needed to run and equip St. Mary Mercy Hospital and her latest ministry, the 'No One Dies Alone' program.

from the University of Notre Dame. She was named a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives in 1998.

Six months before the hospital opened, Sister Modesta was among a small group who hired personnel and equipped departments.

TRUST IN GOD

"I said, 'God if you want a lab, you have to make it,'" Sister Modesta recalled. "All you have to do is know God, love God and serve God. I was always asking for more people and more equipment."

In 1977, she was appointed vice president heading diagnostic services, and in 1982 she was appointed president and CEO along with Sister Renetta Rumpz, who was appointed vice president. Sister Rumpz took the helm when Sister Modesta stepped down in 1998.

"Sister is a very caring person, a person of deep faith and very dynamic," said Sister Rumpz, former provincial minister of the Felician Sisters. "She's very devoted to the community, not only the Felicians, but the community of Livonia. I've known her 32 years and through her

leadership we were able to put forward major projects and renovations."

Sister Modesta resigned her hospital post in 1997 after attending a convention that talked about the "No One Dies Alone" program.

"I could feel the Holy Spirit hovering over me and telling me in my heart that when you retire this is your new ministry. I always felt wherever God put me, He will provide," she said. "I'm here only to love Him and serve His people, nothing else. When God wants something done, He puts everything in our hands to do whatever His will is. It's why I can do the things I can do. At baptism, we got faith, hope and love instilled in our souls and if this wasn't enough, God gave us the Blessed Trinity. God loves us so much, He lives in us."

Other hospitals ran similar "No One Dies Alone" pro-

grams, but they often ended at 11 p.m. each day and Sister Modesta thought, "People die at night, too."

EXPANDS PROGRAM

So with volunteers and the support of the St. Mary Mercy nursing staff, the program expanded to 24 hours daily. Volunteers or "compassionate companions" are able to help provide terminally ill patients with the gift of respect and dignity at the end of life. From 1997 to 2002, Sister Modesta was on call to go to patients' sides. Now there are 80 volunteers from surrounding communities.

"God puts it in their hearts that they want to serve others," Sister Modesta said, adding that she often sits with volunteers at dying patients' bedsides until the volunteer is comfortable with the process.

Her room in the convent is equipped with a com-

puter that helps her monitor patients who are near death and either don't have family or have relatives who need a break.

"Of all my responsibilities, this is the most fulfilling," she said. "It gives me so much joy to be there when they die."

Last August, Sister Darlene Marie Schoenherr started working with Sister Modesta to coordinate the program.

"She's an excellent role model for me," Sister Schoenherr said. "She's a very spiritual and prayerful person."

During her time with St. Mary Mercy, Sister Modesta saw the hospital grow from 175 beds, 99 physicians and 300 employees in 1959 to 304 beds, more than 500 physicians and 1,700 employees.

The additions came one after another — the child care center, the various emergency rooms and technology expan-

sion. It was one challenge after the other.

TEAM EFFORT

"There was always something new the people needed," she said. "God always provided us with the knowledge and wisdom. I appreciated our board members, administrative team, medical staff, every nurse, every aid, every volunteer — even the people in the community who spurred us on. You have to do it in a team effort to serve the health care needs of the people in the community."

Along with the "No One Dies Alone" program, Sister Modesta heads the hospital's Lost and Found, works on routing lost patient mail and serves as team leader of employees in a walking club. She greets the benefit of each role with the same enthusiasm.

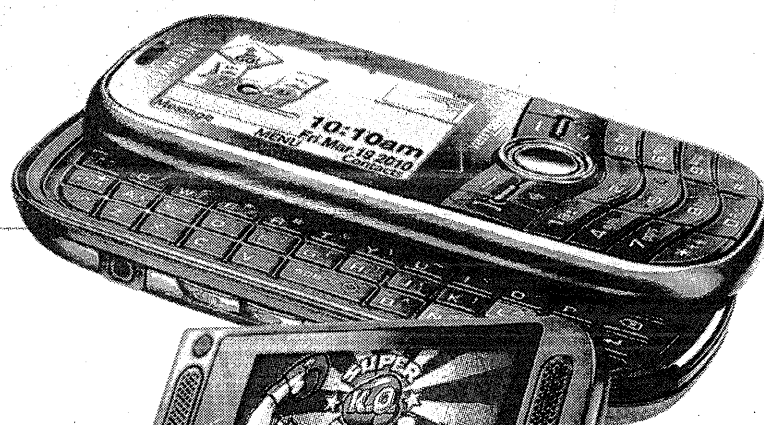


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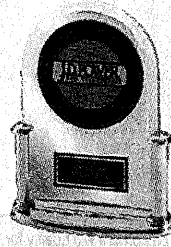
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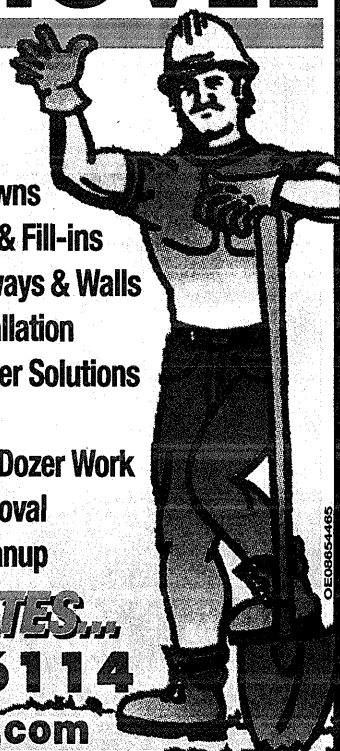
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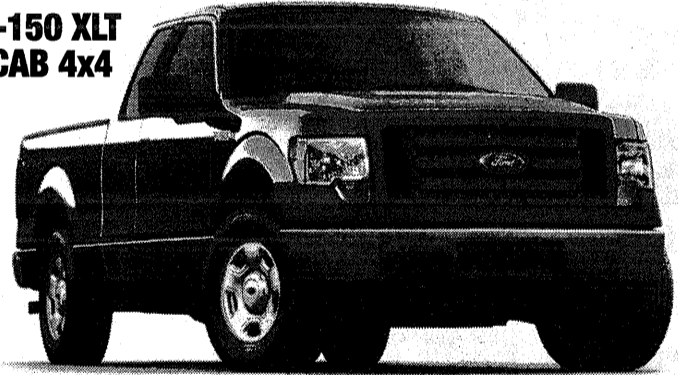
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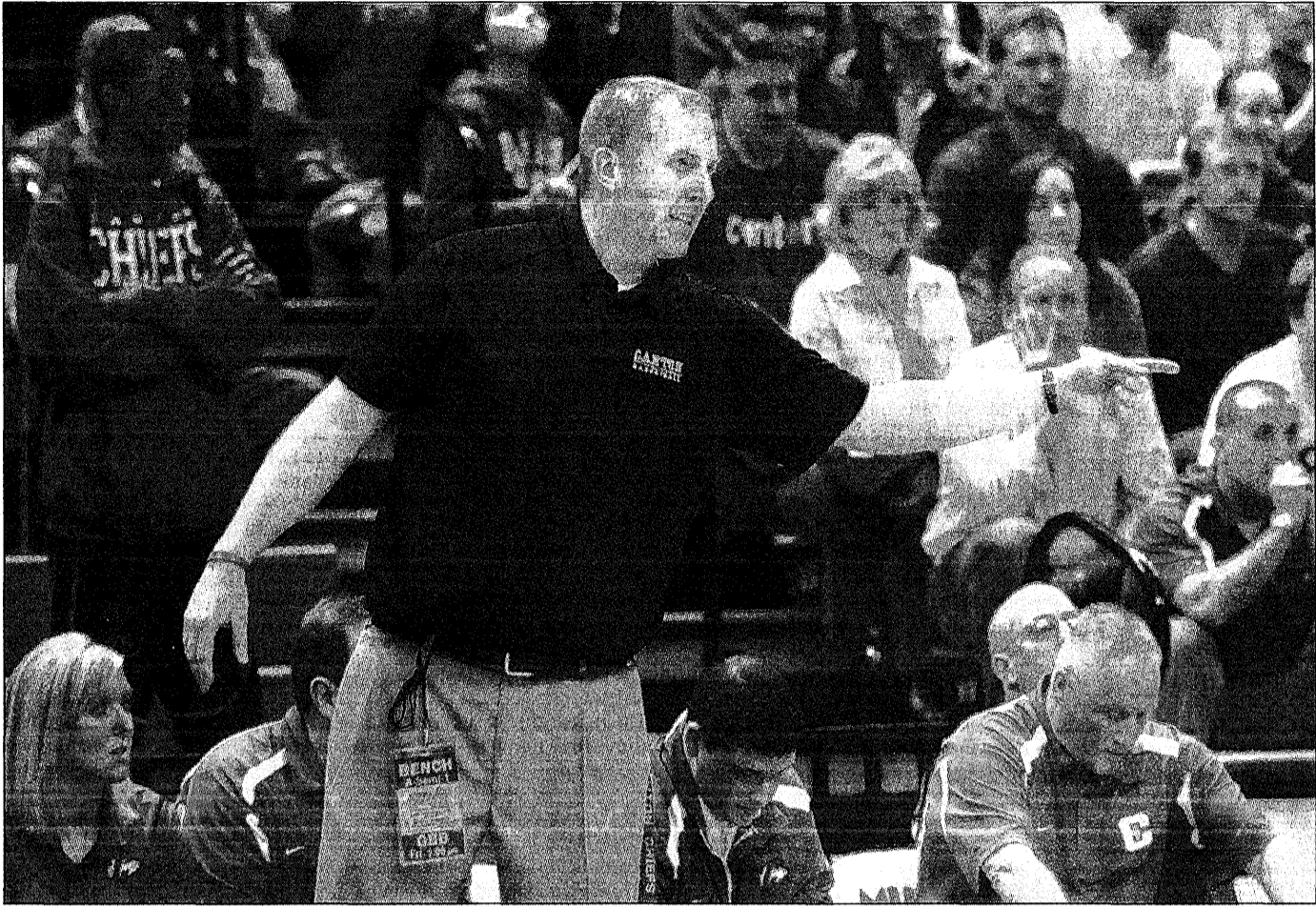
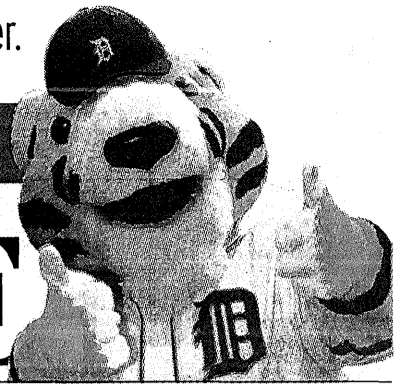
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Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski, shown encouraging his team during the March 19 Class A state semifinal at Breslin Center, does nothing but win with a cool, calm approach.

Extra credit: Samulski gets his due

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There were many celebrations this season for Canton's girls basketball team.

But Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski let the players get the glory. The girls were the ones at midcourt hoisting trophies, while crafting a 24-2 record and berth in the Class A Final Four.

"This group of girls is a great group of girls," said Samulski last week. "I can't take a lot of credit for what they've done. They just come in, they competed every day, they worked hard every day, they were focused, determined."

"It was just a pleasure to be able to work with them and to

WHO'S WHO

• The 2009-10 Canton girls basketball team, which went to the Class A Final Four, include the following players: junior Kayla Bridges, senior Alyssa Cottrell, senior Yuki Krollicki, senior Kelly Larimore, sophomore Jesse Lerner, sophomore Robyn Mack, junior Melanie Pickert, junior Kari Schmitt, junior Sara Schmitt, junior CarolAnn Sexauer and senior Lindsey Winters.

• The head coach is Brian Samulski, assisted by Bob Blohm, Lindsay Charles, Matt McNulty, Brandon Szejewski, junior varsity coach Jason Priebe and freshman coach Sarah Orehek.

be part of the great ride they took us on."

Of course, the 33-year-old Samulski was leading the way and earned *Observer* Coach of the Year honors as a result.

Canton breezed through the regular season, easily winning the KLAA South

Division and Kensington Conference. Then it was on to the district and regional triumphs and a victory over Midland Dow in the quarterfinal.

That set the stage for the heartbreaking 50-47 loss to Detroit Renaissance on

COACH OF THE YEAR

March 19 at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. The Chiefs led with less than two minutes to go, but were not able to close it out.

GREAT FEAT

Although the sting of losing the semifinal remains for coaches and players alike, Samulski said the girls will someday look back on 2009-10 with enormous pride.

"When you take a look at what the girls did, I think it's a great accomplishment on their part," Samulski said. "Twenty-four wins is the most in school history, 22 wins in a

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Whalers clinch in 5 games

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

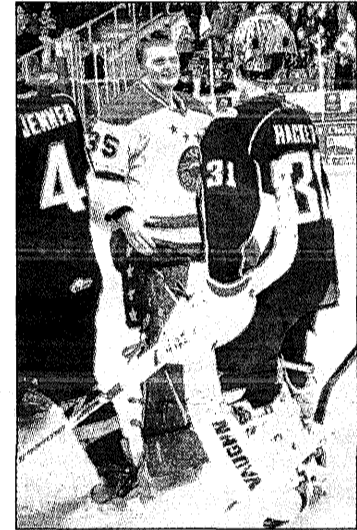
When Plymouth Whalers coach and general manager Mike Vellucci pulled the trigger on a January trade to obtain center Phil McRae, he had games like Friday in mind.

The 6-3, 195-pounder scored twice — including the eventual game-winning goal — and was a force all night as Plymouth eliminated Sault Ste. Marie with a 6-2 victory at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth thrilled the sellout crowd of more than 3,700 in Game 5, taking the Ontario Hockey League first round series 4-1.

Barring a comeback by Saginaw against Kitchener in that series, the Whalers likely will face Western Conference leader Windsor in the second round.

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WALT DMOCH

Plymouth goalie Matt Hackett congratulates his Soo counterpart, Robin Lehner, for a job well done.

SIDELINES

'Z' to coach Cruisers

The Plymouth Canton Cruisers Swim Team recently announced that Alexandra Platusich Morgan will be the team's new head coach.

Platusich Morgan, nicknamed "Coach Z," most recently acted as coach and swim program director at the Finley YMCA in Raleigh, N.C.

She also brings coaching experience as top assistant at Club Wolverine Swimming and with Sectional, NCSA Junior and USA Junior qualifiers. Before the merger with Club Wolverine, she was top assistant/age group coach at Ann Arbor Swim Club.

"We are looking forward to Z transforming our program into a perennial state power and developing swimmers who compete at the all levels of swimming," said Scott Kemp, president of the Cruisers. "We also look forward to working with the community and Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools to develop high quality competitive swimmers and leaders that can represent our community."

Platusich Morgan has a master's degree in marine engineering and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan.

For more information about the program, go to www.cruisersswimming.com.

Captain's Corner

The *Observer* looks to continue running the Captain's Corner series, which gives senior student-athletes a chance to give their views about leadership.

Please e-mail sports editor Tim Smith (tsmith@hometownlife.com) with any candidates for the weekly spotlight. (Limit nominees to one per team.)

Hurricanes tryouts

The Michigan Hurricanes Midget AA hockey team wraps up its spring tryouts 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Compuware Arena NHL rink.

Contact nonparent head coach Lee McCarty at (734) 392-0888 or check out the Web site at www.eteamz.com/mihurricanes.

Spring coaches call

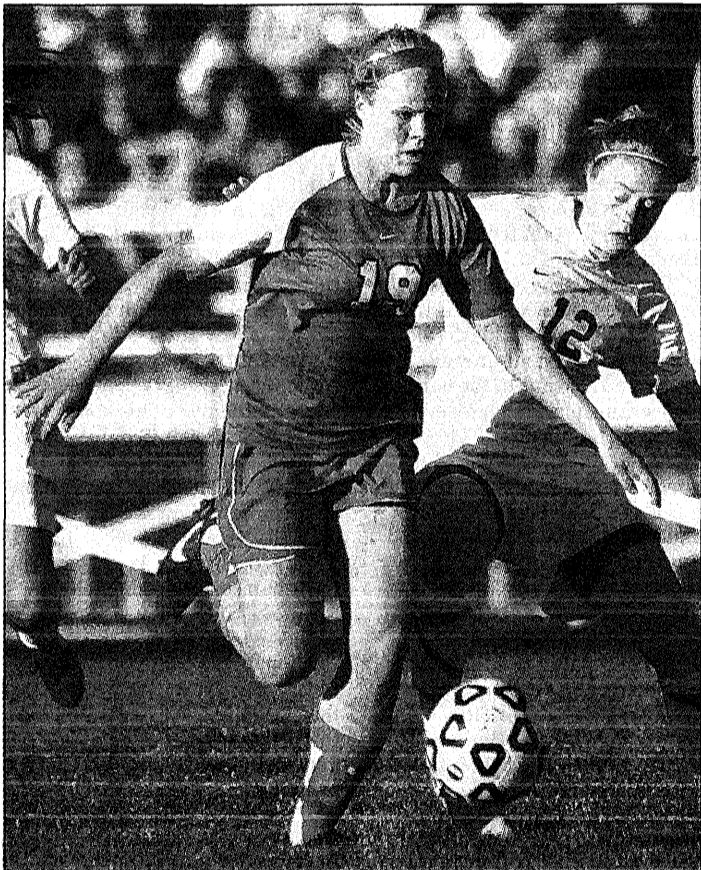
The spring season for high school sports is here and, as always, the *Observer* wants to spotlight the efforts and accomplishments of athletes from the Canton and Plymouth communities.

Please call sports editor Tim Smith at (313) 222-2637 with detailed recaps of games, matches or meets. Those also can be e-mailed to him at tsmith@hometownlife.com.

Deadlines are 11 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday paper and 10 p.m. Friday for the Sunday paper.

Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your fifth-, sixth-, seventh- or eighth-grader for the Michigan Dragons summer basketball program. Go to michiganandragons.com and register. The registration period ends April 16.



Bringing experience to the 2010 Canton girls soccer team is returnee Megan Trapp (No. 19), shown during a 2009 contest.

Canton girls eye continued success

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There's something to be said for experience in prep athletics and Canton's girls soccer team does not lack in that department.

The Chiefs, again coached by George Tomasso, have a solid core of returning players from the 2009 team that captured the KLAA South Division championship (17-3-2 overall, 9-0-1 in the South).

Along with some promising newcomers to the roster, it should be another very competitive and successful season for the Chiefs.

Tomasso emphasized that the vets and newbies all have something in common — the penchant to work hard on and off the pitch.

"What I am most impressed with is the team's work ethic and overall intelligence," Tomasso said. "I am looking

GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

forward to the upcoming season."

Leading the way are senior co-captains Alyssa Cottrell, Lindsey Winters and Jessikah McClendon. Cottrell and Winters are midfielders while McClendon will help on offense from her forward position.

"All three started last year and were a big part in winning the district title," Tomasso said. "From last year they have proven to be leaders on and off the field."

They set the bar in work ethic and dedication, but Tomasso said they also have plenty of talent.

All-state returning defender Melanie Pickert is another gem who will spearhead the Chiefs backline and provide

support for senior goalie Samantha McPartlin, who nabbed 12 shutouts in 2009.

Canton boasts several other seniors, including midfielder Christy Balewski, defender Traci Brietmeyer, defender Danielle Frysinger and midfielder Rachael Brunk.

Sophomores Megan Trapp and Robyn Mack round out the team's returnees and will play midfield and defense, respectively.

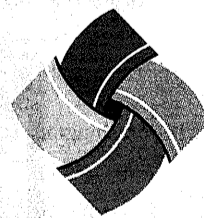
Meanwhile, the Chiefs welcome juniors Kayla Bridges (goalie), Liz Ferrill (midfield), Janine Koslowski (midfield), Maddy McLean (midfield), Bree Starosciak (midfield), Jennifer Learst (defense), Rachel Rohrbach (midfield) and sophomore Allyson Krause (forward) to the fold.

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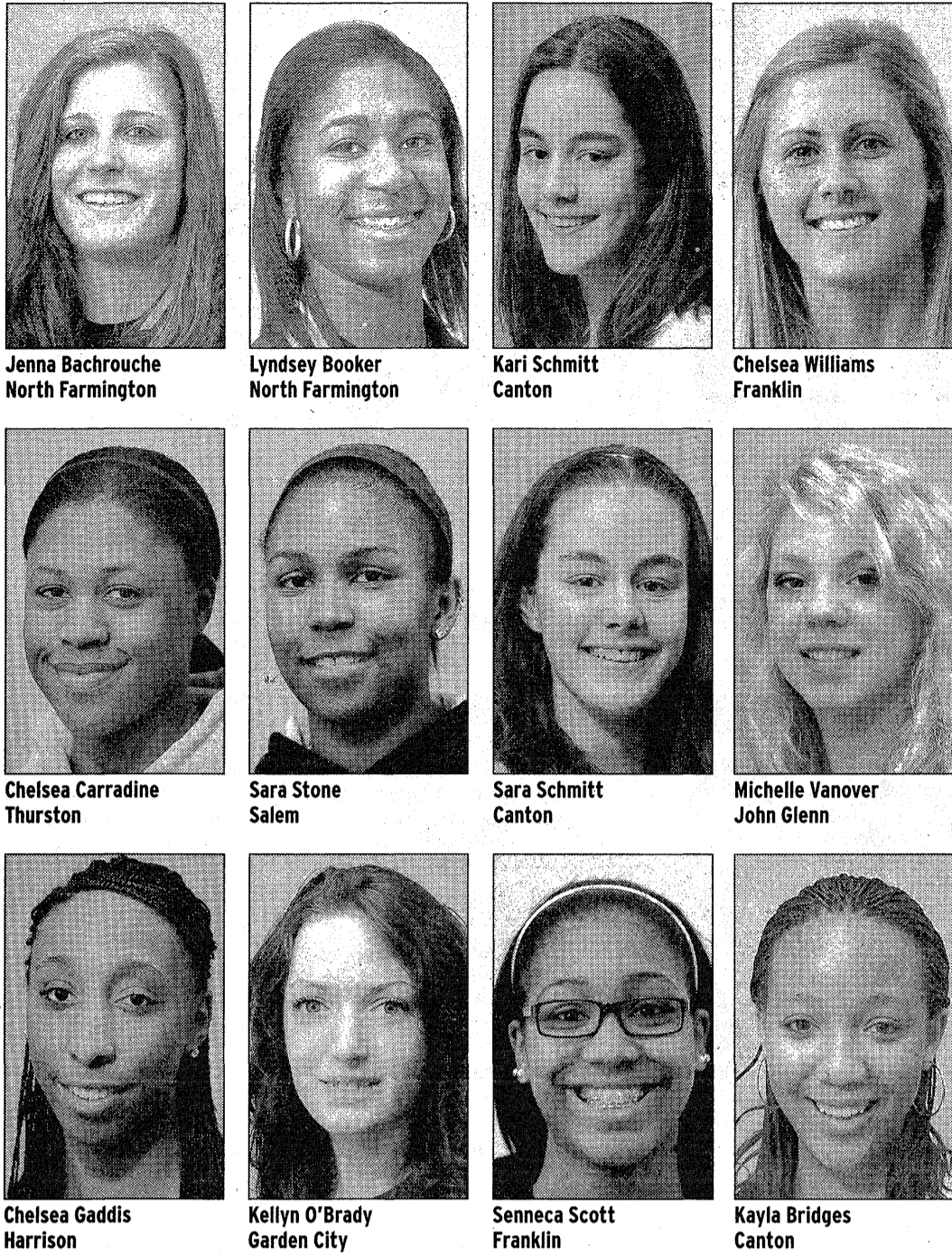
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Chiefs dominate 2009-10 girls basketball All-Observer squad



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SECOND TEAM

Sara Schmitt, Jr. F, Canton
 Michelle Vanover, Sr. F, Glenn
 Chelsea Gaddis, Sr. G, Harrison
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 Senneca Scott, Sr. C, Franklin
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THIRD TEAM

Erin Menard, Soph. C, Churchill
 Brett deBear, Sr. F, Salem
 Jasmine Harris, Soph. G, N. Farm.

Kristin Malcolm, Soph. F, P. Christian
 Molly Gacioc, Sr. F, Ladywood
 Mary Fitzgerald, Sr. PG, Ladywood

FOURTH TEAM

Robyn Mack, Soph. G, Canton
 Kristen Balhorn, Jr. C, Stevenson
 Samantha Fischer, Sr. G, Garden City
 Ashley Wheeler, Sr. G, Thurston
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Brian Samulski, Canton
Churchill: Darcy DeRoo; Franklin: Nicole Emery, Amanda Borice; **Stevenson:** Jordan York, Molly Knoph, Emily Hollandsworth; **Ladywood:** Teresa Wojnarowski, Jennifer Kelley, Alyssa Anastos; **Clarenceville:**

Kristen Jolly, Jenna Burgess; **John Glenn:** E'Aisha Guster; **Wayne:** Allie Coleman, Holland Boertje; **Lutheran Westland:** Emilie Freeman, Rachel Storck, Nicole Zehel; **Huron Valley Lutheran:** Claire Wood; **Canton:** Melanie Pickert, Alyssa Cottrell; **Plymouth:** Alex Roberts; **Salem:** Rachel Norman; **Plymouth Christian:** Brianna Harris, Karen Windle; **Farmington:** Aaron Howell, Sarah Fredericks, Lida Baur; **N. Farmington:** Haigan Tcholakian, Emily Ancona, Stevie Jones, Jewel Angelo; **Harrison:** Melissa Nordhoff, Bianca Vasovski, Eman Hubbard; **Mercy:** Abbey Lovat, Elena Vlachos; **Garden City:** Alex Johnson, Justice Dean, Carley Shatterroe; **RU:** Nakia McKinney, Kim D'Arcangelo; **Thurston:** Sarah Schulz, Breanna Taylor.

FIRST TEAM
Jenna Bachrouche, Sr. F, N. Farmington: The 6-foot senior was a four-year varsity starter and standout for the Raiders, who were 76-17 with three OAA division titles during that time. She is athletic and versatile, contributing in all aspects of the game. Bachrouche, who signed with Oakland University, averaged 14.5 points and 9.4 rebounds to lead the Raiders in both areas. She also had 2.5 assists and 2.6 steals per game. Bachrouche scored 1,218 points and had 768 rebounds in 91 career games.

"I really needed her this year to play pretty much every position," coach Tim Carruthers said. "She played in the post and helped bring the basketball up the floor. She played a different position defensively for us a lot of the time, too. She was going to do whatever the team needed, which was a great tribute to her character and wanting to put the team first."

"She did everything — rebound, score and handle the ball. I thought she had a great senior year."

Lyndsey Booker, Sr. G, N. Farmington: Having started 93 consecutive varsity games at point guard, the 5-foot-7 senior was another four-year standout for the Raiders, who were 20-4 and won the OAA Red Division crown. North won three Class A district titles and made a state semifinal appearance during her career.

Besides being the floor leader, Booker excelled in all areas and, like her teammate, Jenna Bachrouche, had many double doubles and some triple doubles. She averaged 9.7 points 6.5 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 3.7 steals. Booker, who will play at NCAA Division I Loyola-Chicago, had 912 points, 381 rebounds, 267 assists and 328 steals in her career.

"For four years straight, I never had to worry about who was bringing the ball up the floor and getting us into our offense," coach Tim Carruthers said. "She was always looking to get other people involved. She is truly a pass-first kind of point guard, or her scoring numbers could have been even higher."

"Lyndsey developed into a great rebounder this year. Her rebound totals skyrocketed. That was her biggest area of improvement for sure."

Kari Schmitt, Jr. F, Canton: Schmitt, one half of Canton's stellar twin tandem, pretty much did it all for the Chiefs on their march to the Class A state semifinals and 24-2 record.

The 6-0 junior averaged 13.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game and connected on 49 percent of her field-goal attempts, providing the team and head coach Brian Samulski with plenty of timely buckets.

"You know what your going to get from her every night," said Samulski about Schmitt's consistency. "She is going to bring everything she has."

The All-KLAA selection also chipped in with 2.2 assists and 3.2 steals per game, helping the Chiefs enjoy an undefeated season in the KLAA South Division followed by sweeps through the districts, regional and state quarterfinal.

Chelsea Williams, Jr. G, Franklin: The 5-9 junior point guard averaged 15 points, eight rebounds, four steals and five assists per game for the Patriots, who finished 18-6 overall and reached the Class A regional finals.

Williams also was a key starter as a sophomore during Franklin's 2009 run to the Class A state finals.

"Chelsea was a sparkplug for the team all year long," Franklin coach Dave McCall said of the All-KLAA Conference pick. "The team seemed to play whatever level Williams was playing at. She is a great young lady who plays ball like she's been playing it all her life."

Chelsea Carradine, Sr. F, Thurston: A four-year letter-winner and two-year captain, Carradine was the focal point of the Eagles offense once again this season, averaging 18.5 points and 3.5 assists per game. The 5-10 senior,

who also averaged 11.5 rebounds per outing for the 10-11 Eagles, spread her wealth all around the court as she handled responsibilities equally as well in the front-court and backcourt.

"Chelsea is one of those players who has real good ability and sees the floor extremely well," Thurston coach Bob Ostrowski said. "She knows the game really well and can play any one of the five spots. The girls really looked up to her and she is just a great person on and off the court."

Sara Stone, Sr. F, Salem: The four-year varsity player capped off an excellent prep career with her second all-KLAA and team MVP award.

Stone averaged 15 points and nine boards for a second consecutive season, providing Rocks head coach Fred Thomann with a solid 1-2 punch (along with senior Brett deBear).

"She has been a four-year varsity player who has terrific talent," Thomann said. "Sara has played all the positions on the court, point guard, wing and post."

Thomann said Stone is being recruited by a number of colleges to play basketball.

SECOND TEAM

Sara Schmitt, Jr. F, Canton: Listed at 5-11, she is the shorter of Canton's excellent Schmitt twins. But Sara also made a major contribution to the Chiefs' 24-2 season, not to mention to their postseason run that enabled the team to reach Breslin Center for the Class A state semifinals against Detroit Renaissance (a hard-fought 50-47 loss).

Schmitt contributed 8.4 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.4 steals per game and made 43 percent of her shots from the floor.

Both of the sisters have physicality, desire and basketball smarts — along with an uncommon knack for knowing where each other is on the court. That intangible trait rubs off on the rest of the team.

"Sara, like her sister, has been very consistent all year," Samulski said. "Her scoring really picked up in the state tournament (she scored 20 points in the quarterfinal win over Midland Dow). She is a great defender and (led) us in assists."

Michelle Vanover, Sr. F, John Glenn: The 5-7 senior guard-forward averaged 19.6 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals per game en route to All-Kensington Conference honors.

"Michelle made the game so easy because she worked so hard," Glenn first-year coach Mark Anderson said. "She provided leadership in practice and was most improved because of her work ethic. A lot has to do with her dedication and love for the sports. She's just a good leader and a good student."

Chelsea Gaddis, Sr. G, Harrison: Gaddis was a four-year varsity starter for the Hawks, who were district runners-up to North Farmington. She is a solid all-around player, adept at all phases of the game, averaging 13.1 points as well as 5.1 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 4.5 steals the past season.

Gaddis owns the school records for steals in one game (13), a season (117) and career (317). She's among the leaders in points, rebounds, free throws, three-point field goals and assists, too.

"Chelsea played a major role in the success our team had this year," coach Tim Micklash said. "She was the best all-around player and also one of the hardest-working players I have ever coached."

"As one of our captains, she not only led us in scoring, but she was also a team leader in assists and steals and was second in rebounds, blocks and free throw shooting."

Kellyn O'Brady, Sr. F, Garden City: The Cougars talented senior forward culminated a stellar four-year prep career by leading her teammates in scoring (10.5 points) and rebounding (6). Her tenacity on the court spilled over into the win column as well as the Cougars registered a 14-7 record overall that included a share of WWAC Red Division crown.

"She had a fantastic year and

that was nice to see because for her first three years here wins were a little lean," Garden City coach Barry Patterson said. "She put in a lot of work in the off-season and got stronger and that really helped her game. She was a leader on and off the court and I think by being a four-year player she put it incumbent on herself to be that type of player."

Senneca Scott, Sr. C, Franklin: Though undersized in the post, the 5-8 senior center utilized her great jumping ability and strength to average nine points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and three steals per game.

Scott also was a key starter as a junior on Franklin's 2009 run to the state Class A championship game against Benton Harbor.

"Senneca is a great athlete and has built her basketball game on her ability to outthrust her opponents," McCall said of the All-Kensington Conference pick. "She really improved her level of play this year."

Kayla Bridges, Jr. F, Canton: When the Chiefs needed an offensive spark, the 5-11 junior often provided it.

For example, she helped her team get off to a quick start against Midland Dow in the quarterfinals with six of the first eight points. In the semifinal at Breslin, she connected on back-to-back jumpers to give the Chiefs the halftime lead over Detroit Renaissance.

Bridges, who also got into the fray for loose balls and rebounds, averaged 8.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game and shot 44 percent from the floor.

"Kayla had a great year," Samulski said. "She did a great job of scoring inside for us and rebounding. She is a tremendous offensive rebounder, always getting us second-chance opportunity points."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brian Samulski, Canton: The fifth year of Samulski's stint on the Canton sidelines was nearly perfect, with the Chiefs steamrolling past every opponent except one — Detroit Renaissance, the team that ultimately eliminated his team in the Class A state semifinal.

En route to a 24-2 record, the Chiefs won their division, conference and association titles. Then they kept winning in the state tournament, including Canton's first regional crown since 1994.

The 33-year-old Samulski remained steadfast all season that all of the success was due to the 11 players on his roster rather than anything the coaches did.

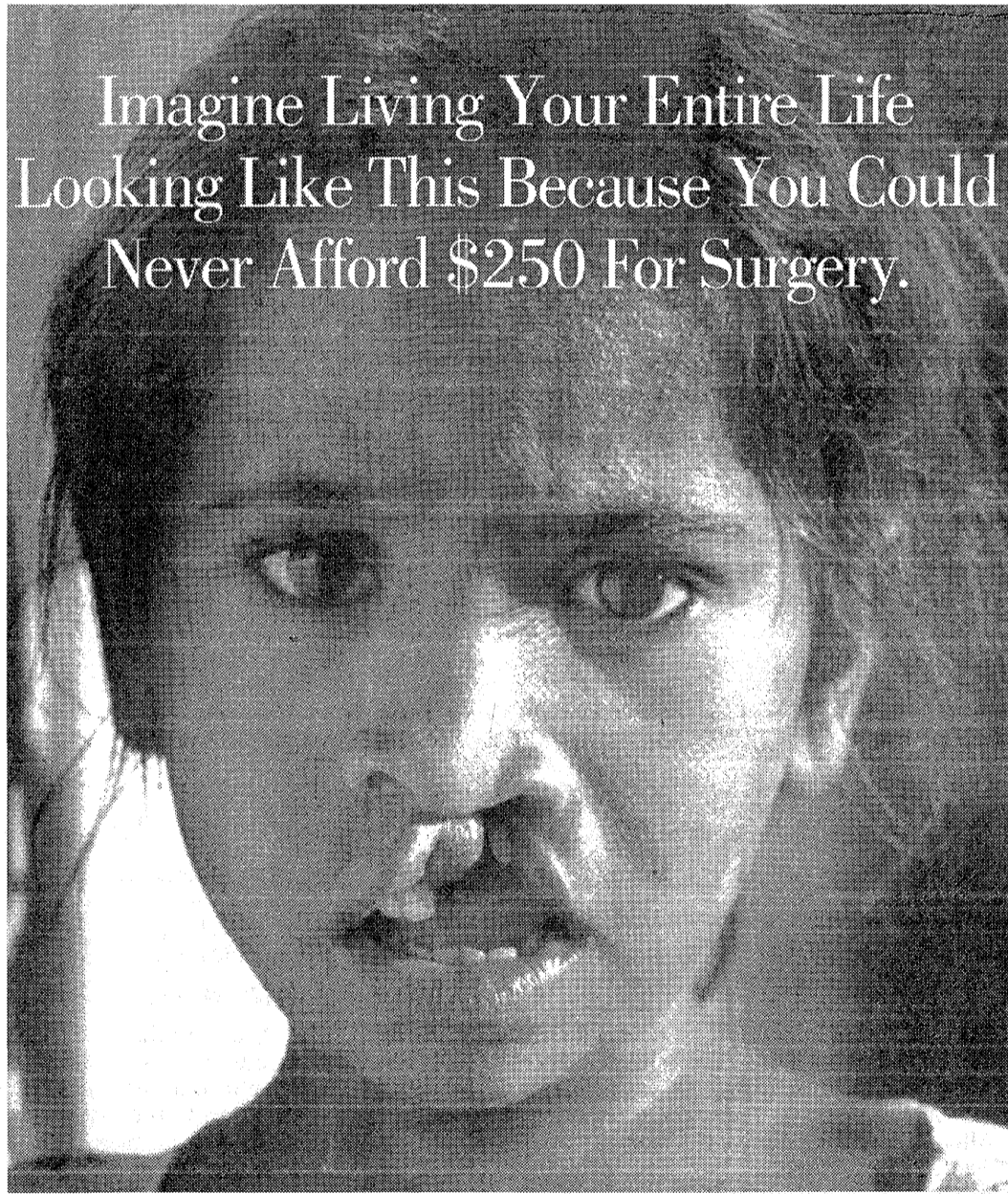
In fact, when it became time to accept the district and regional trophies, he stayed off the floor and let the girls accept the hardware.

"I think one of the things I helped them realize it was their team, it wasn't Brian and then the girls, it was 'the girls and Brian,'" he emphasized. "We were all in it together. I allowed them to lead, I allowed them to be their team. But their ones that play and I think that's important."

Samulski also gave plenty of credit to the rest of his staff, led by veteran Bob Blohm, who coached Canton's girls from 1989-04. About assistants Blohm, Brandon Szejewski, Matt McNulty, Lindsay Charles, junior varsity coach Jason Priebe and freshman coach Sarah Orehek, Samulski said: "They're part of this as much as I am."

About being named *Observer* Coach of the Year, Samulski noted that "when you get something like this, I really do feel it's a reflection of the entire program."

Samulski is a physical education teacher at Westland John Glenn. He and his wife, Shannon, have two young children (daughter Emma, 3 and son Connor, 1).



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SAMULSKI

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row is the most in school history.

"Making it to the Final Four, it's not easy and absolutely a great feat."

According to Samulski, whose 3-year-old daughter (Emma) joined the players for a couple of the award celebrations, a close "family" of 11 girls provided something extra that made the season unforgettable.

"If you would have been at our banquet (Tuesday) night you would have heard the words like family, sisters, best friends," Samulski said. "It's a very close-knit group, a very tight group. All 11 of them have each other's back and that's what made them so fun to coach. There was no drama."

Samulski added that it was special to see his players step up to the podium during the team banquet and give testimonials.

"It was pretty emotional for the girls (at the banquet)," he said. "The kids get up and speak, and it's very cool to see them get up in front of the group and talk about the impact that the basketball program has had on their life."

PLENTY TO REMEMBER

The coach and his assistants (led by veteran coach Bob Blohm) now will take a breather and look forward to what could be another big year next winter. But Samulski is certain that his players won't have any trouble looking back on '09-10 — even years from now. And they won't just be reminiscing about all those wins.

"When they're as old as me, 33, I think they'll still be talking to each other and still remember this because of the relationships they developed," Samulski said.

It's a good bet that he won't forget an amazing team and amazing season, either.

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Looking downfield for a teammate is Salem senior defender Ryan Blakey during the Rocks' 12-6 victory over Dexter.

Big start for Rocks

The Salem boys lacrosse team got off to a flying start to the 2010 season Wednesday night, routing Dexter 12-6. Registering three goals each for the Rocks were Garrett Berg, Steve Haburne and Connor Berlin, while Dylan Hatcher chipped in with a pair. Nick Gianini also got one past the Dexter keeper. Salem (1-0) made good on 12 of its 27 shots. Meanwhile, Berg and Hatcher each contributed two assists. Other helpers were collected by Ryan Blakey, Gianini and Haburne. The victory made Eric Hoffman's Salem coaching debut something to remember as well as an indication that the Rocks will bring plenty of firepower to the lacrosse field this spring.

WHALERS

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"I think he (McRae) had a great series," said Vellucci following the traditional on-ice handshake line between the OHL rivals. "That's why we traded for him."

"We needed him to come up big and we needed some goals and he and (winger Ryan) Hayes played really well the whole series."

McRae scored his fifth and sixth goals of the series and along with linemate A.J. Jenks (1 goal, 2 assists) set up Hayes' goal at 44 seconds to get Plymouth off and running.

On the early goal, which came on the first rush into Soo territory, McRae spun and sent a sweeping wristed from the right circle that Greyhounds goalie Robin Lehner (24 saves) stopped but couldn't smother. The energetic Hayes banged in the rebound from near the left post.

But with a string of four penalties called against Plymouth, the Greyhounds evened the score 1-1 with 13:18 remaining in the frame.

Ex-Whaler Myles McCauley tapped in a rebound past stellar Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett (33 saves), who again showed why the National Hockey League Minnesota Wild recently signed him to a three-year contract.

GLOVE WORK

Hackett flashed a mean glove hand on several occasions, stylishly snapping up a couple of hard point shots from defenseman Michael Quesnele.

"(Hackett's) a great goalie, he played exceptionally well every game and kept us in," Vellucci said. "He made some big saves again tonight when the game was in question."

The Soo outshot Plymouth 15-10 in the first, but thanks to Hackett and the Whalers' strong penalty killing the game remained 1-1 entering the second.

"It's been (key) the whole series, special teams," Vellucci noted. "Our penalty kill's been very good and our goaltender is a big part of it."

Plymouth regained the lead



PHOTOS BY WALT DMOCH

The triumphant Plymouth Whalers salute their fans Friday night at Compuware Arena, after clinching their playoff series against Sault Ste. Marie.



Battling in front of the Sault Ste. Marie goal on Friday night are Plymouth's Tyler Brown (No. 12) and Soo defender Brandon Archibald. Both players scored in the OHL playoff game.

at 15:24 of the second on an outstanding individual play by Jenks. He skated from the right circle over to the left and then ripped a shot against-the-grain that beat Lehner inside the right post.

"I was trying to get myself a lane and shot through a screen and luckily it just found the net," said Jenks, of Wolverine Lake. "It's more luck than skill on that, I guess."

Then came perhaps the key stretch of the game. On a delayed penalty against the Soo, following a thunderous body

check in the corner to the right of Hackett, the Whalers made it 3-1 with much of the crowd still riled up about the big hit.

Jenks and Hayes worked the puck down ice to McRae, who slipped it past Lehner at 19:35.

Hackett also was shaken up when a Greyhound apparently hit him with a stick as he was skating off the ice for an extra attacker.

After the period ended, Hackett exchanged words with Soo players who were obviously trying to get under his skin.

STAYING CALM

"Yeah, the whole series has been like that," Hackett said. "I just had to calm down and not let it bother me anymore."

McRae then widened Plymouth's lead to 4-1 just 5:15 into the third. Forward Tyler Seguin broke his stick trying to one-time a shot, which didn't go too far. But that didn't matter because McRae wired the loose puck top shelf.

A seemingly routine shot by Brandon Archibald fooled Hackett to make it 4-2 with 6:17 left and perhaps put some fans on edge.

But the always hard-working forward Tyler Brown tallied an unassisted goal at 17:52 to pretty much ice the victory. Brown, using Hayes as a decoy on the rush, snapped a shot over Lehner's trapper.

Plymouth added an empty netter at 18:46 when winger Josh Brittain scored (from linemate Jamie Devane).

Both Hackett and Jenks said it was good to wrap up the hard-hitting series early and get ready for the next round.

"The last game is always the hardest to win and our boys played real hard tonight and battled and competed," Hackett said. "We did all the little things right."

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The Crystallettes of the Dearborn Figure Skating Club will compete April 9-10 as Team USA II at the ISU World Synchro Skating Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

World spotlight awaits Crystallettes

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The world stage awaits a local synchronized skating team.

The 19-member Crystallettes of the Dearborn Skating Club, fresh off a silver medal finish, in the USFS U.S. Synchro Championships held March 5-6 Minneapolis, Minn., will compete as Team USA II at the ISU World Synchronized Championships, April 9-10, in World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Crystallettes, ranging in age from 15-26, will be among 24 teams representing 19 different countries at the World Championships.

It has been a worldwind season for the Crystallettes, who earned gold medals at the Prague Cup in the Czech Republic and the Mid America Championships in Fraser. They also collected a silver medal at the Kalamazoo Classic and a pewter medal at the Dr. Porter Classic competition in Ann Arbor.

In the U.S. Championships in Mariucci Arena in Minneapolis, the Crystallettes, skating to Sammy Davis Jr.'s "Love Me or Leave Me," finished second in the short program. They were only second to the Haydenettes (Mass.) and only .23 points ahead of reigning national champion Miami of Ohio University.

In the long program, skating to the Latin themed "Maleguerna" by the Brian Setzer Orchestra, they held their second position following a near perfect program by the Haydenettes, who earned the top scorer, while providing a cushion of 7.44 points over third-place Miami.

One of the youngest members of the Crystallettes is Livonia Franklin High sophomore Alyssa Shomsky.

Among the other area team members include: Sharon Neff and Alexandra Panaretos, both of Birmingham; Kelsey Anderson, Devon Metiva and co-captain Kaitlyn Peterson,

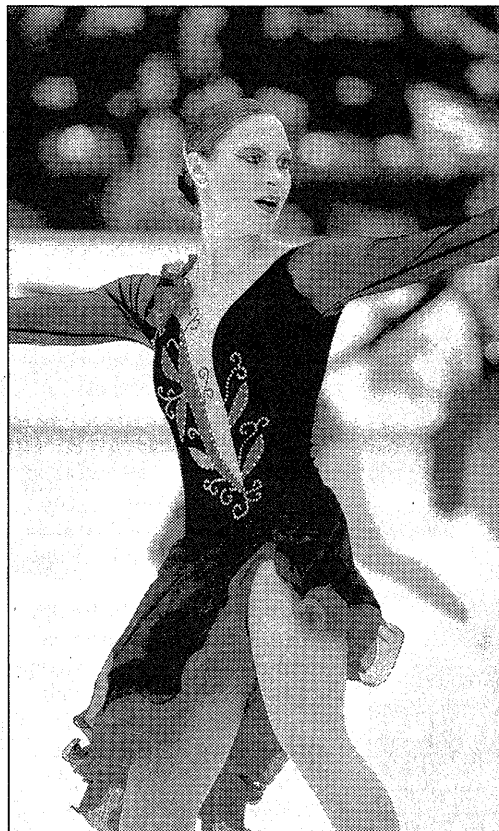
all of Dearborn; Meghan Quigley and Abby Tomba, Bloomfield Hills; Rachael Franchock, Milford; Amanda Allan, Plymouth; co-captain Laura Friedman, Canton; Alyssa Kirsch, Jacquelyne Zolynsky and Josephine Zolynsky, all of Farmington Hills; Tessa Hedges, Grosse Pointe Farms; Rebecca Camilleri and DonAe Poe, Redford.

Rounding out the squad, coached by Shannon Peterson and Holly Teets, is Caitlin Britton (Chicago, Ill.) and Sarah Mahrt (Indianapolis, Ind.).

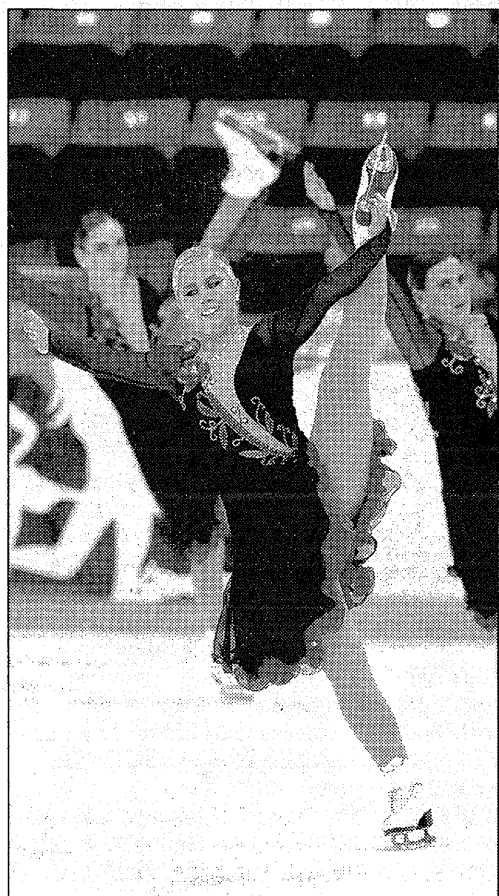
The support staff includes Ann Barr, Stacy Holland, Kevin O'Keefe, Denise Dobert and Mike Vigilante.

The Crystallettes, supported by the Ford Motor Co., will perform in a send-off exhibition beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1 at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn.

For more information on the Crystallettes, visit www.dearbornfsc.com.



One of the reasons for the Crystallette's team success is the grace of Canton's Laura Friedman.



Crystallette Amanda Allan of Plymouth demonstrates her exquisite figure skating routine.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Thunderbirds fastpitch

Thunderbirds Fastpitch Softball is looking for a few more enthusiastic and committed young women who love to play softball.

The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 on 10U through 18U teams. For more information, please contact Ray Barnes (Pres.) at 734-417-1421, or Humaira Afzal (V. Pres.) at thunderbirdsfastpitch@com-cast.net.

Michigan Dragons hoops

Parents, it's that time again to register your 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader for summer basketball. Go to michigandragons.com and register. The registration period ends on April 16.

Flag football

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Summer NFL Youth Flag Football Registrations (for grades three-eight) now through April 16 at the recreation office from noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. For more information, call (734) 455-6620. Check out more program and registration information, including Spring Classes which are now open for registration, at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Salem Baseball Skills Camp

Baseball players still have Saturday, March 27 for the Salem Baseball Skills Camp.

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

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 x 302 or via e-mail, sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Are you a Bad Bowler?

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton might be your place if you are. The facility is hosting a 12-week "Bad Bowlers Club" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through March. The program is for beginning or low-average bowlers.

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Dog bed business lands woman on entrepreneur DVD

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

pull the inflated tube in and out of its protective covering.

DO-IT-YOURSELF

King, 39, had created a carpeted ramp for Gertie and figured she also could custom make a bed. She'd start with a doughnut-shaped inflatable pool toy, encase it in a canvas covering with a wide-zippered opening and top it all off with a colorful, soft fabric that would slip over the entire bed like a fitted sheet.

A few sewing lessons later from one of her four siblings, King assembled the bed and tested it on Gertie.

"She loved it."

So did dog owners who saw her handiwork.

Their interest compelled King to create Gertie Gear and begin making the beds herself. A Center for Creative Studies graduate, King had worked with branding, creative graphics, design, marketing at several firms in the Detroit area before creating Greenworld Creative LLC, her own creative services agency. The work from Greenworld helped her pay bills while launching Gertie Gear in March 2008 and getting ready to sell her product for the first time at a street fair in Ferndale two months later.

It was a rocky start. Her father, who had struggled with esophageal cancer during the prior six months, died just three days before the fair. King barely slept between the fair and her father's funeral, the

Julie King found a niche in dog beds.

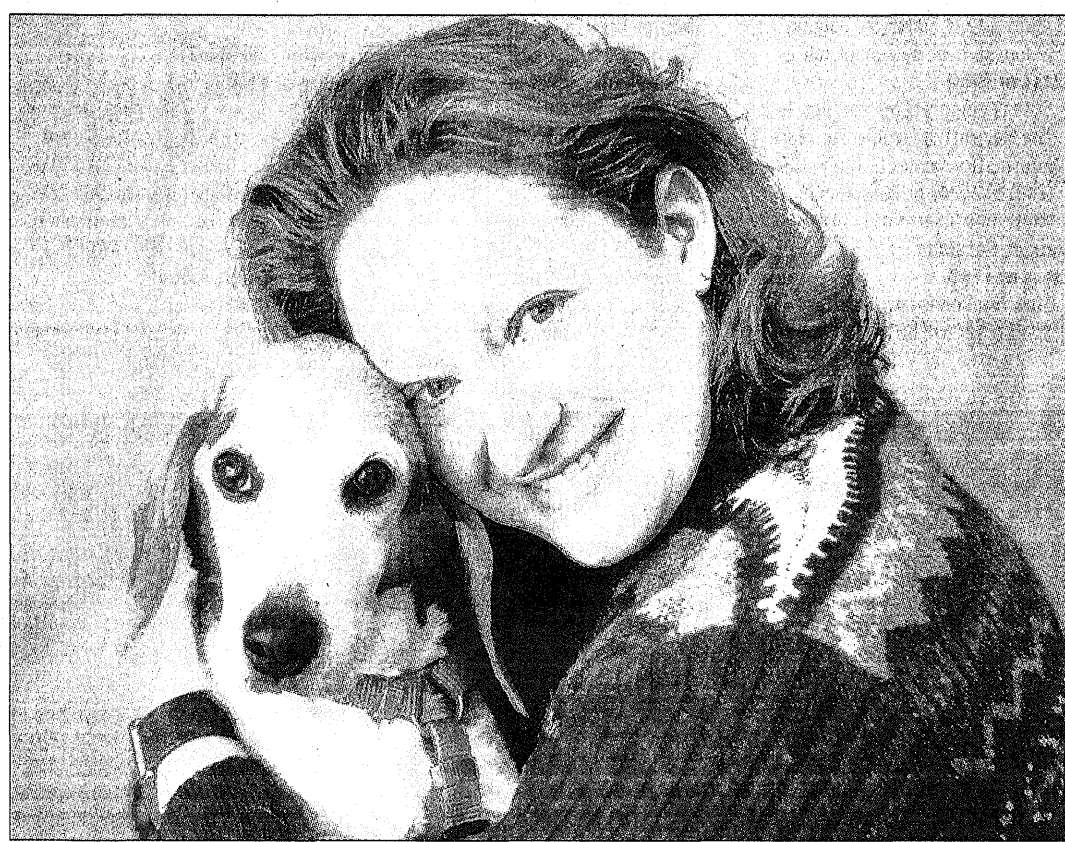
"Use what you've got. Be smart about it. Use two covers and don't cheap it out. Make it the best, most easy thing that will last the longest," she said, sharing the philosophy behind her Gertie Gear air beds for dogs.

The Westland woman didn't plan to make and sell a new product when she began her search for an easy-to-clean, sustainable bed two years ago. She simply was tired of doing laundry generated by her potty-challenged pooch, Gertie, a senior Beagle with back problems and "an attitude" about piddling indoors.

"I bought one of every kind. I've gone through two dozen beds. The foam beds you can't wash. If you wash the stuffing beds they take days to dry. It's like washing a pillow," said King, who also owns a Beagle-Shepherd mix, Jackie, 8, and a cat, Veto, 16. She supplied multiple beds for Gertie, who promptly urinated on them.

"I noticed when I bought a bed with a pillow in the middle, she nests. I wondered how can I come up with something like that? It ended up being an air bed."

She bought two different brands at first. One quickly sustained a hole. The other had such a small zipper opening that King struggled to



Gertie and Julie King are a dynamic duo.



Julie King sews a covering for her Gertie Gear dog bed.

day before, but managed to break even on the show.

NETWORKING, SELLING

Later that summer she began promoting her work

on Etsy.com, a Web site for artisans. She joined Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and networked with other individuals selling dog-related products. By the following summer she

resumed selling at dog shows, craft fairs and farmers' markets.

Her work caught the eye of a "swag bag" supplier for West Coast events that draw celebrity dog lovers. She supplied beds and vouchers for beds for Earthday in Hollywood and HollyWOOF last year. That led to a call from Jai Rodriguez, *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* star, who expressed interest in

the product.

The American Kennel Club featured Gertie Gear in its holiday gift guide last year and invited it back for this year's spring-summer guide.

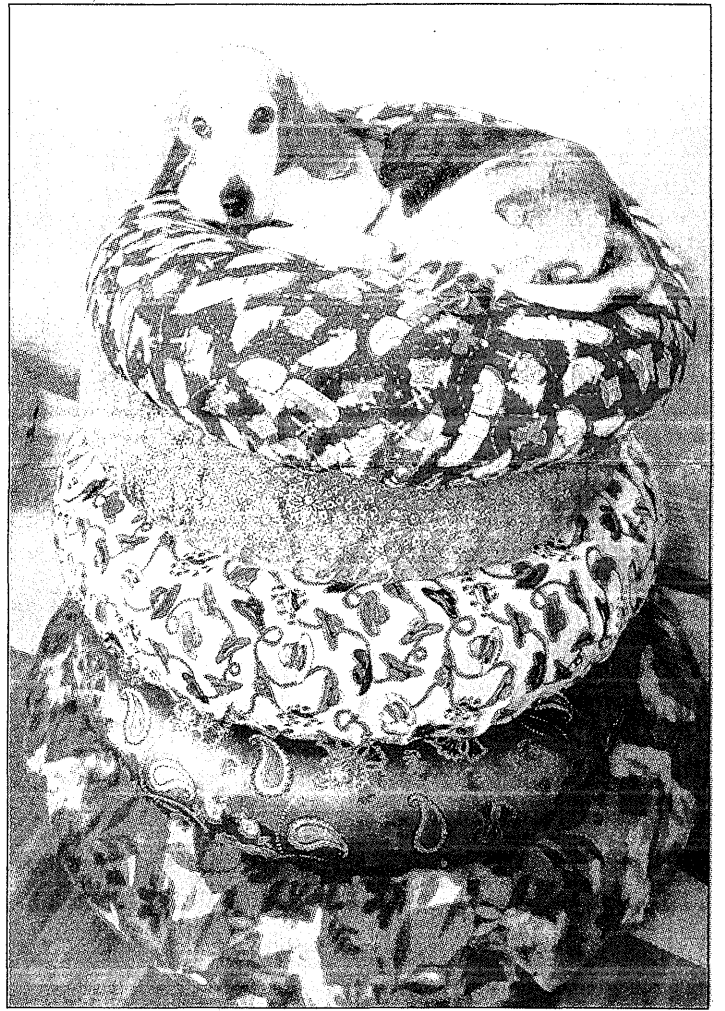
Fido Friendly magazine listed Gertie Gear among its top 100 products this year and Detroit Public TV included King's story in a special project, StartupNation — Open for Business with the Sloan Brothers. The television special aired last week on Channel 56. King's story is told on a "special features" section of the show's DVD, which will be released this summer.

"I've been so lucky. I've gotten so many breaks, but one thing led to another," she said. Her best advice for budding entrepreneurs is "use your resources."

"I'm not talking about asking your parents or friends for money. I'm talking about their knowledge. Everybody knows something. Everybody is willing to give a little bit of information."

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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
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby

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Farmington High School Class of 1970
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Garden City High School Class of 1960
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Garden City East Class of 1964
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Garden City West Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ for \$50 per person. Classmates from 1968-72 also invited. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

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Reunion banquet, 5-10 p.m., Friday, May 14 at Wayne Tree Manor, Wayne. Call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767 or www.waynehighalumni.com.

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Behold the EASTER MIRACLE

HOLY CROSS
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Maundy Thursday - April 1 - 7:30 pm
Good Friday - April 2nd - 12:30-2:00 pm - Come as you can, go as you must
7:30 pm - Tenebrae Service of Darkness
EASTER VIGIL - April 3rd - Saturday 7:30 pm - Service of Light
EASTER SUNDAY - April 4th - 8 & 10 am
8:45 & 11:15 am - Brunch
Nursery available
<http://holycrosslivonia.org>
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Easter Sunday Worship Service at 11:15am
"Come and be Blessed"

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BEGINNING EASTER SUNDAY
April 4, 2010 at 10:30 am

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Berkley, MI 48072
www.churchoftheking.net

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (East of Farmington Rd.) 248-474-6573
www.FarmingtonFUMC.org

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Sunrise Easter Service 7:30 a.m. - lead by our youth
9:30 a.m. Traditional & 11:15 a.m. Casual (Communion served at all services)

Labyrinth Walk
April 1st & 2nd 1:00- 6:00 p.m. and April 3rd 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
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Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday 3/28
8:30am Low Mass/10:30am High Mass
Maundy Thursday 4/1
7:00pm
Good Friday Liturgy 4/2
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Stations of the Cross 4/2
7:00 pm
Easter 4/4
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APRIL 4 EASTER SUNDAY TRADITIONAL SERVICES 8 AM - 9:30 AM - 11 AM	CONTEMPORARY SERVICES 9:30 AM - 11 AM

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HOLY WEEK
at Rosedale Gardens

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, March 28
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Cantata with Narration and Orchestra

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 1
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Last Supper - Fellowship Hall
Nursery Care Available

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 2
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae)-Chapel
Nursery Care Available

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, April 4
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Handel's "The Hallelujah Chorus", Children's Choir, and Handbell Music

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Easter Service Times:

NorthRidge Plymouth 49555 N. Territorial Rd Plymouth, MI 48170	NorthRidge Saline 7190 N. Maple Rd Saline, MI 48176
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Friday, April 2
1:15p, 3:15p, 5:15p, 7:30p

Saturday, April 3
3:15p, 5:15p, 7:30p

Sunday, April 4
9:15a, 11:30a

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Encountering Jesus: See Shroud of Turin replica at Livonia church

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Todd Lajiness hopes worshippers feel a profound encounter with Jesus Christ after viewing a replica of the Shroud of Turin on exhibit at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia.

Lajiness, dean of studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, weekend associate at Holy Family Parish in Novi, and former associate pastor at Our Lady of Victory in Northville, will be the guest speaker at the exhibit, which opens today and runs through noon, Good Friday, April 2. His presentation starts at 1:15 p.m. in the church, located in the gymnasium of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

"I'd like to give the people in part some historical background — the history and experiments that scientists currently are doing and what they tell about the authenticity of shroud."

He'll also look at the shroud from an artistic perspective.

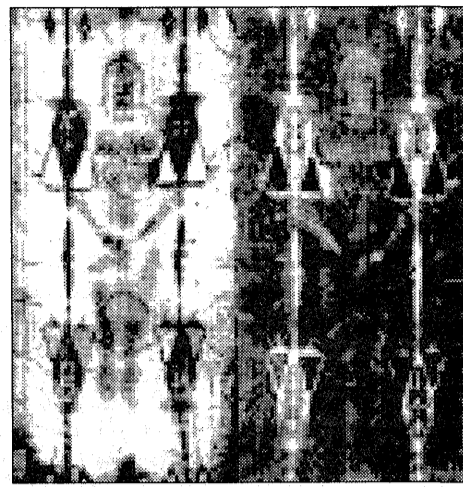
The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man. The Roman Catholic Church, which has custody of the original Shroud in Turin, Italy, does not require belief in the authenticity of the artifact as part of its dogma, but millions believe the image it bears is of Jesus Christ. The Church encourages research and scientific investigation, but does not formally espouse the authenticity of the shroud.

PRAYER PORTAL

"It's unique in terms of the image of Christ," said Lajiness, who became interested in the artifact after writing a



The face on the shroud



Shroud images

shroud.

"The second is the wounds you see on the shroud. They are accurate from a pathologist's perspective. Most have said they are a very accurate picture of a crucifixion — the nails through the wrist and not the palm. A lot of traditional art does not do that."

Lajiness, who has visited Turin, said pollens in the authentic cloth demonstrate that it is exclusive to the Middle East and that the style of the weave is consistent with first century cloth making.

"The actual image itself pathologists say is consistent with a real body and execution. It's remarkable."

But Lajiness said value of the shroud lies in what it reveals for spiritual life today, "the way we as individuals can encounter Christ."

The Holy Week display is open to the public at no charge. Exhibit times are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:30-7 p.m. Sunday, March 28; 7-9 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, March 29-30; noon to 6 p.m., Thursday, April 1 and 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, April 2. (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org.

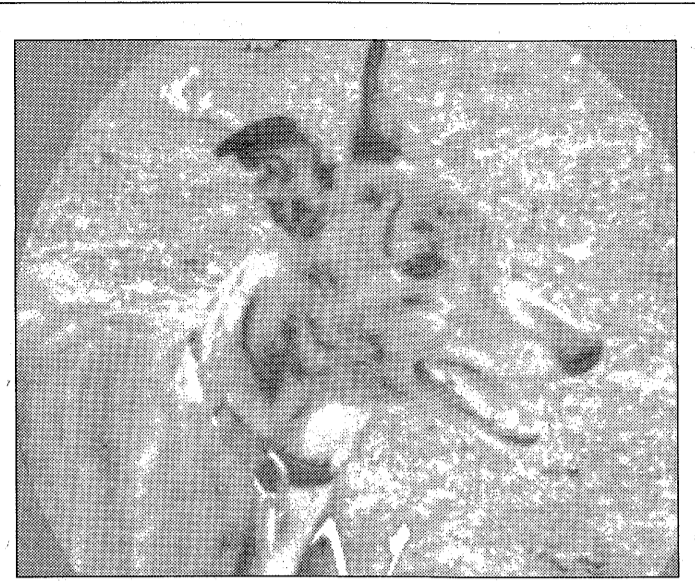
research paper on it in the mid-1980s. "It gives us an image of Christ we don't normally encounter." During the second half of his presentation at St. Michael the Archangel, he'll lead worshippers through a meditation on the shroud.

"I want to use the shroud as doorway or portal to encountering Christ more deeply."

Lajiness said the faint image on the shroud is unlike most other representations of Christ found in sculpture and painting through the ages.

UNUSUAL CHARACTERISTICS

"In artistic or photographic terms, we normally see everything in positives," Lajiness noted, adding that the image on the shroud looks similar to a photographic negative. "That's one of the first and many odd characteristics of the



Beautiful in brindle

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 - "Gardening 101," 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, in West Bloomfield and 10 a.m., Saturday, April 17 in Ann Arbor and Dearborn Heights.
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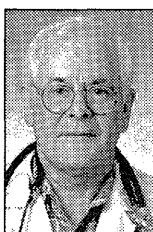
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Information, please: Is customer satisfaction a thing of the past?

In the old days of not so many years ago a homeowner was capable of doing most of the service needed on major home appliances. Today I believe it is harder by far to do repairs such as replacing the light bulb inside of a microwave oven. Could it be possible that the manufacturers don't want the homeowner doing their own repairs? Could they be engineering the products in such a way that only their service technicians can do the repairs and therefore reap the monetary gain? I don't

think the above are possibilities, I think they are a fact. Brand loyalty is being deflated one customer at a time by appliance manufactures and they won't be happy until all products are coming from China. The following e-mails are just two examples of the



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I get a lot of inquiries from homeowners who are very angry that one dishwasher rack can cost more than \$150 or that they are no longer available. Such expense can cause a consumer to go out and purchase a new dishwasher and that is exactly what the manufacturer has in mind. There is a repair kit made by Maytag which comes in a liquid form using a bottle and brush for application that will certainly help you to repair that rack.

many stories I hear and read from the American consumer. Ann writes: Let me start by saying how I've enjoyed seeing you and hearing you on radio and TV. You have helped save people lots of money and given great advice for many years. I have a Maytag dishwasher ... works great. I used to have well water and it corroded parts of the racks inside. It does an excellent job and looks like new but I am planning on selling my house soon and wanted to replace those racks. Unfortunately

after calling Servall parts I find that the those particular racks for that dishwasher are no longer available from Maytag. My question is this: Is there any kind of tape or plastic that can be wrapped around those racks where the corrosion is (Would like to make it look cleaner) and still able to withstand the heat and also to be non toxic? I really can't afford to go out and buy a new one. This economy is such that I have to try and make do with what is already here. Would appreciate any advice you can give

me on this. Thanks so much. Reply: I get a lot of inquiries from homeowners who are very angry that one dishwasher rack can cost more than \$150 or that they are no longer available. Such expense can cause a consumer to go out and purchase a new dishwasher and that is exactly what the manufacturer has in mind. There is a repair kit made by Maytag which comes in a liquid form using a bottle and brush for application that will certainly help you to repair that rack. The metal rack is dipped into a tank at the factory and coated with the plastic surface and the repair kit is the same plastic product put on at the factory. They also have plastic tips that you can put on the prongs of the rack. Before doing this you will need to take your emery board and clean off the old rust and clean the surface using white vinegar. You may also get on the phone and call appliance retailers who sell dishwashers. Years ago, I did have an appliance store and I always had 20 or so used dishwasher racks in my back yard

which I gave away at a special price. Marilyn writes: We have an older (14 years) Panasonic microwave oven that works fine, except the light burned out. Is there any way to replace the light? Thank you for your time in answering this. Reply: I went into our kitchen and looked at my two-year-old, under-the-counter microwave and checked out how to replace the light bulb. There is a grill on the outside top part which is removable or else I have to take the whole thing down (two-man job) to get at the light bulb. Counter top units may require taking the whole cabinet off to get at the light bulb. In the old days you had a little trap door you removed and it was easy to do. You didn't have to spend \$60 to have a technician change a light bulb. 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



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April 4 • 9:30 am

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HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
36520 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, MI
Phone: (248) 848-1750
northcongregationalchurch.org

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1
7:15 p.m. Worship with Communion

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE
April 2, 12:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4
9:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
10:30 a.m. Easter Family Worship "Not Here, Yet Here"

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen, Rev. Mary E. Biedron

Celebrate the Risen Christ with St. John's Episcopal Church

9:00 AM
Holy Eucharist with SonShine (contemporary music ensemble)

11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist with organ, choir, trumpet and handbells

574 S. Sheldon Rd. • Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0190
www.stjohnsplymouth.org

Resurrection Catholic Church
48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187 • 734-451-0444
Rev. Richard A. Peretto, Pastor

GROUP CELEBRATION WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION OF SINS - Wednesday, March 31 - 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - April 1 - 7:30 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Adoration following the Liturgy until Friday 8:00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 2 - Scripture Service, 12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Rosary - 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 1:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY - April 3 - 1:00 p.m. Blessing of Food - 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - April 4 - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church & 10:30 a.m. Mass All Saints School Gym - Blessing of Food after all Masses

Newburg United Methodist Church
36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
(between Newburgh Rd. and Wayne Rd.)
www.newburgumc.org

Easter Sunrise - 7:00 a.m.
(at GreenMead - 8 Mile & Newburgh Rd.)

Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Festival Worship
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
(child care and Sunday School at both services)

Christ the King Lutheran Church
9300 Farmington Road - Livonia, MI 48150
(734) 421-0749
www.christthekinglivonia.com

The Rev. James L. Fogle, Pastor

April 1 - **Maundy Thursday** worship 7:00 pm
April 2 - **Good Friday** worship 7:00 pm
April 3 - **Easter Egg Hunt** 10:30 am (ages toddler to 12 years old)
April 4 - **Easter Breakfast** 8:00 am
Resurrection Celebration 9:30 am

ST. GENEVIEVE CHURCH...29015 Jamison St.
ST. MAURICE CHURCH...32765 Lyndon St.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC CLUSTERED PARISHES IN LIVONIA -

April 1...HOLY THURSDAY...St. Maurice Church
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00p; Nightwatch until midnight

April 2...GOOD FRIDAY...St. Genevieve Church
Silent Reflection Noon; Stations 12:30p; Good Friday Liturgy 1:00p; 1st Day of Divine Mercy Novena 3:00p; Private prayer until 4:30p

April 3...HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of Easter Food:
St. Maurice Church 11:30a...St. Maurice Church 1:00p

THE EASTER VIGIL...St. Maurice Church 8:00p

April 4...EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
St. Maurice Church 9:00a...St. Maurice Church 9:00a & 11:00a

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
17810 Farmington Road - Livonia, Michigan
734-261-1360 ~ website: stpaulslivonia.org

2010 Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday.....March 28th...8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday.....April 1st.....6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Afternoon.....April 2nd.....1:15 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae.....April 2nd.....6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday.....April 4th.....7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate Jesus' victory with us!

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38100 Five Mile Road • Livonia, MI 48154
734-462-3200

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4/1 HOLY THURSDAY: Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 pm
Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 p.m.
Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar & Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight

4/2 GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 2:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
No Confessions today.

4/3 HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil 10:30 p.m.

4/4 EASTER SUNDAY: Mass of The Resurrection - 10:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4th
9:15 a.m. Contemporary*
11:00 a.m. Traditional*
*Child care for infant to 5 yrs. old

Faith Covenant Church
Corner of 14 Mile and Drake Rd.
Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191 • www.4fcc.org

First Baptist Church-Detroit
21200 Southfield Rd., Southfield
(1 block north of Eight Mile)
(248) 569-2972 www.fbc-detroit.org

SERVICES
Palm Sunday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m. - Communion Service
Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. - Communion Service
Good Friday, April 2, at 12:00 noon - Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross.

Easter Sunday, April 4
9:30 a.m. - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. - Program in Fellowship Hall/ Children's Pageant
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Service

GET OUT

ART

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Details: 3rd annual Michigan Local Artist Exhibit runs through March
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House

Time/Date: April 2-24
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "Mudville USA," an installation by Eric Mesko; with reception and artist talk, 6-9 p.m., April 2

Coming up: Dollmaking class taught by Charlie Patricolo, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., April 24-25. The two-day class costs \$100, along with a \$10 kit fee. Registration is available now
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday-Friday, through March 29
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Works by Plymouth resident and self-taught artist Tony Roko on display
Contact: (734) 394-5300

AUDITIONS

University of Detroit Mercy

Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 29
Location: 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit; in Studio 164 in Reno Hall
Details: Non-equity auditions for the theater's 2010-2011, 40th season. Provide a recent headshot, resume and two monologues: one classical and one modern. RSVP at the theater's Facebook page; search "UDM Theatre Company" on Facebook
Contact: Greg Grobis at grobisgj@udmercy.edu or at (313) 993-3273

COMEDY

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Dan Greuter, March 31-April 3; Rodney Laney, April 7-10, Mark Sweeney, April 14-17; Andres Fernandez, April 21-24
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-sccomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Hypnotist Kevin Lepine, March 31; San Francisco comedian Mark Pitta, April 1-3; Texan Steve McGrew, April 8-10
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark

Time/Date: Gemini, March 29; The Fabulous Thunderbirds, March 29; Celtic Crossroads, March 30; Bitch, March 31
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: The Beggars record release, April 2; Bump, April 3; The Mega 80's, April 9, 17 and 24; Mackinac Island's Last Waltz, April 10; Deadstring Brothers CD release, April 16; The 30th Anniversary Tour, An Evening with The Church, April 18; The Hard Lessons, April 23; Greensky Bluegrass, April 30
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m., April 10
Location: 22305 West 13 Mile, on the campus of Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills
Details: Richard Goode on piano; repertoire includes Bach, Haydn and Schumann. Tickets range from \$43-75; students pay \$25
Contact: (248) 855-6070

Trinity House Theater

Time/Date: Kitty Donohoe, April 9; Great Lakes Songwriting Contest Show,

April 10; Trinity House Theatre Benefit Concert with Josh White, Jr., Jan Krist, Dave, Boutette, April 16

Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinity-house.org

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.bakers-keyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March; open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning in April
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older,

and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.

Coming up: Bunnyville, featuring treats, games, crafts, live entertainment and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 3. Bunnyville visitors who bring a canned or other non-perishable food item to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank will receive a reduced admission price of \$5, parking not included.
Contact: (248) 541-5717

Marquis Theatre

Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. all shows; Saturday, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1; Monday-Friday, April 5-9; and Sunday, March 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.northvillemarquisttheatre.com

FILM

Penn Theatre

Time/Dates: "Up in the Air" 5 p.m. and 7:05 p.m. Sunday, March 28
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: \$3 admission
Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penn-theatre.com

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010
7:00 PM
(734) 453-1234

PUBLIC HEARING FOR EXPANSION OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:
 154 South Union Street
 160 South Union Street
 168 South Union Street
 Veteran's Park, 100 South Main Street

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
 201 S. Main Street
 Plymouth, MI 48170
 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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HE IS RISEN

Please join us in celebrating
"CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER SEDER"
 followed by a buffet dinner
 6:30 pm - Wednesday, March 31
 RSVP: 734-260-0204

Come celebrate with us the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 4th at 10:30 am.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church

1200 Sheldon Rd.
 Plymouth 48170
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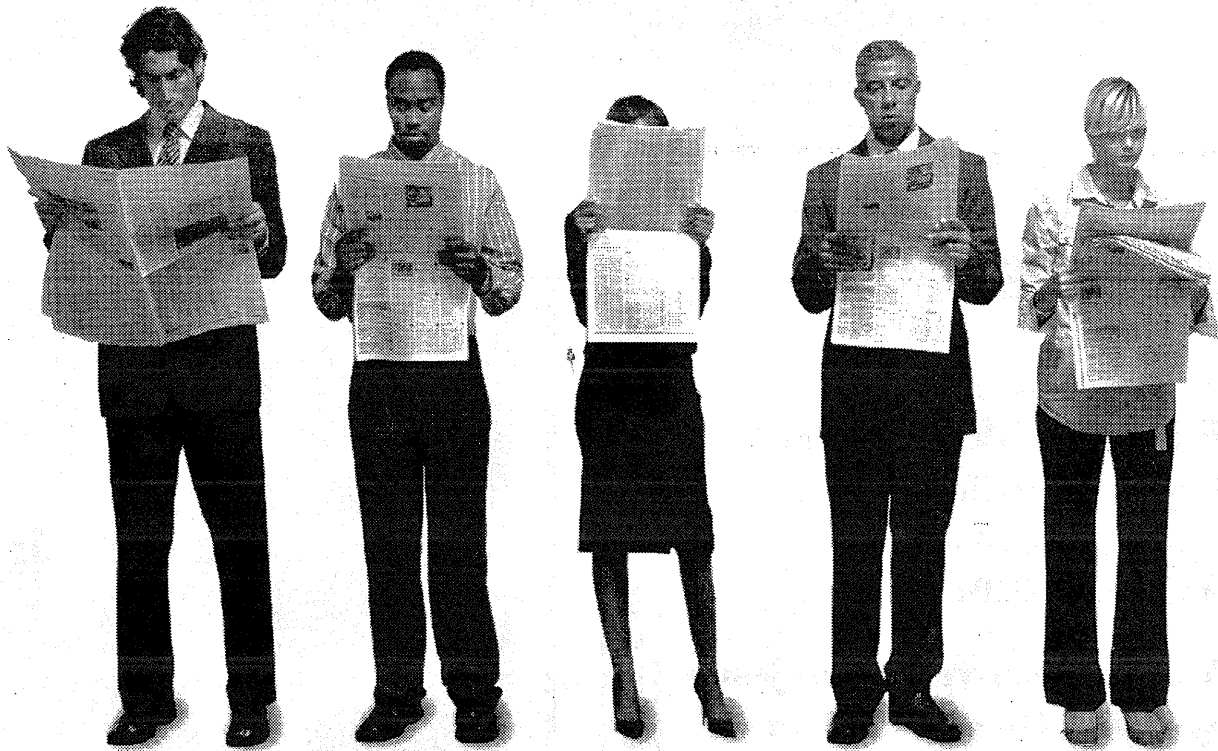
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104 Million

Number of adults who read a print newspaper every day, more than 115 million on Sunday. That's more than the Super Bowl (94 million), American Idol (23 million) or the average late local news (65 million.)

61%

18-24 year olds and 25-34 year olds who read a newspaper in an average week. 65% of everyone in those age groups read a newspaper or visited a newspaper website that week.

40%

Households with unique visitors to newspaper websites in an average month.

56%

According to Google, percentage of consumers that have researched or purchased products they saw in a newspaper.

52%

Percentage of people who are more likely to buy a product if it is seen in the paper.

TONS

Number of creative options for advertisers choosing to utilize the newspaper. From belly bands, polybags, post-it notes, scented ads, taste-it ads, glow-in-the-dark and temporary tattoos, as well as event and database marketing, behavioral targeting, e-mail blasts, e-newsletters and more.

MOST

Newspapers make a larger investment in journalism than any other medium. Most of the information you already read from "aggregators" and other media originated with newspapers. No amount of effort from local bloggers, non-profit news entities or TV news sources could match the depth and breadth of newspaper-produced content.

This is not a portrait of a dying industry. It's illustrative of transformation. Newspapers are reinventing themselves to focus on serving distinct audiences with a variety of products, and delivering those audiences effectively to advertisers across media channels.

For more on the power of newspaper media, visit newspapermedia.com.



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MILESTONES

MAY WEDDING PLANNED

Aubry Lyn Nivens and Colin Michael Parks-Fried announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Patti Nivens of Woodstown, N.J. and Ted Nivens of Winston-Salem, N.C., is the marketing manager for Primary Stages, an Off-Broadway theater company. She graduated from The University of South Florida and received a bachelor's degree in theater arts.

Her fiancé, son of Michael Fried of Farmington Hills and Rosalind Parks of Royal Oak, is the manager of partnerships at Dailymotion, a video sharing Web site headquartered in Paris, France. He graduated from Michigan State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in telecommunication.

The couple met in the winter of 2004 in the most romantic place of them all — the mall. Nivens was a college student working a holiday job at a record store in Tampa, Fla., when Parks-Fried was transferred to the Tampa location as the assistant manager.

"I noticed him right away, but quickly settled myself into thinking he was 'too old,'" Nivens stated. He was five years older than she "and had



Nivens-Parks-Fried

a beard."

"She would always ask me how my day was and I remember feeling that she genuinely wanted to know. One morning I found a note she had left for me the previous night that simply said, 'How is your day?' Parks-Fried said. "Something clicked for me then."

After some gentle nudging from co-workers and a confirmed chemistry outside of the workplace, she asked him for a date. He paid.

"Six years, two major moves and an adopted dog later, I still want to know how his day was," Nivens added.

They'll marry in May with the Rev. David James officiating at MyMoon in Brooklyn, NY.

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

MARCH 28-31

Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: Mincha and Ma'ariv services at 6 p.m. Seder begins at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, March 30
Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: Congregational Seder on the second night of Passover will include Seder plate, matzo, gefilte fish with red horseradish, salad, roasted chicken, roasted potatoes, sweet baby carrots, sheet cake and fresh fruit with wine, grape juice, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Cost is \$37 for adults, \$20 for children 4-12 and no charge for age 3 and under. Reservations — and requests for special dietary restrictions — by Monday, March 22.

Contact: (248) 788-0600

Hosanna Tabor Lutheran

Time/Date: Through March 31
Location: 9600 Laverne, Redford

Details: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran is collecting gently worn footwear and donations for Soles4Souls, Inc., a national charity that ships shoes to individuals in need, whether they are victims of a natural disaster or living in extreme poverty. A collection box is stationed at the Orangelawn covered church entrance. A \$1 donation per pair of shoes helps defer shipping costs.

Contact: (313) 937-2424

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, March 28
Location: 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Free Palm Sunday brunch
Contact: (248) 553-3380

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., March 28 and April 11, 18, 25
Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., March 28 and April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to

the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Palm Sunday service, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., March 28; prayers, 6:40 p.m. and Mass, 7 p.m., Monday-Tuesday, March 29-30; Prayers, 11:40 a.m. Mass, noon, Wednesday, March 31

Location: 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Contact: (734) 721-5023

APRIL 1-7

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 3

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Easter fair and egg hunt for children up to age 8. Parents accompany their children through different activity centers such as egg coloring, cookie decorating, craft making, and a video.

Coming up: Easter Sunday services will be held at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Sunday school classes are held at 9:45 a.m.

Contact: (734) 522-6830

Congregation B'nai Moshe

Time/Date: 5:30- 8 p.m., Thursday, April 1

Location: 6800 Drake, West Bloomfield

Details: Passover buffet including assorted soups and salads, grilled chicken and chicken tenders, meatloaf and fish, mashed potatoes and French fries, fresh vegetables, homemade desserts, fresh seasonal

fruit with coffee, tea, juice and soft drinks. Adults \$29, children ages 5-11, \$18, children ages 0-4, no charge. Pre-paid reservations only by Thursday, March 25 with cash or check preferred to: Elite Kosher Catering, 6800 Drake Road (between Maple and 14 Mile Roads) in West Bloomfield

Coming up: RSVP by Monday, March 29, for the "The Magic of Passover," a free Passover program for families with preschoolers, 10-11:30 a.m., Monday, April 5. The program includes a magic show by Steve Ziemann, as well as storytime, songs, crafts and Passover snacks.

Contact: (248) 592-0200 or (248) 592-0830 for Passover buffet; (248) 788-0600 for "Magic of Passover" program

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m., April 1; prayer, noon and service, 7:30 p.m., Good Friday, April 2; Easter vigil service, 7:30 p.m., April 3; Easter celebration service, 10 a.m., with breakfast served 9-10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon, Sunday, April 4

Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 421-7249

Kingdom Builders Christian Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., April 6, 13, 20 and 27

Location: 23310 Joy, Redford

Details: Workshop for couples who are married, engaged or in a serious relationship. Learn to communicate better, respect each other and lessen stress on the relationship. Great for couples at every stage and any age. Dinner and child care provided; pre-registration needed

for child care. \$40 per couple for all four weeks. Couples must attend all four sessions.

Contact: Marriage Resource Center at (313) 278-4400 or visit www.mimarrriage.org

Lola Park Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., April 1, Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion; 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., April 2, Good Friday services; 9:30 a.m., April 4, Easter service

Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Easter Sunday will begin with a free breakfast at 8 a.m. All visitors to the service will receive a free copy of a new DVD entitled *The Road to Emmaus*

Contact: (734) 968-3523 or (313) 532-8655

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m., Sunday, April 4

Location: 8828 Wormier, Redford

Details: Easter choir cantata, "Arise, my Love"

Contact: (313) 537-7480

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 1; noon and 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 2; and 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 3

Location: 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: Holy week services

Contact: (248) 553-3380

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: Mass of the Lord's supper, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 1; Liturgy, noon, prayers followed by Stations of the Cross, 9 p.m., Friday, April 2; services, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Location: 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Contact: (734) 721-5023

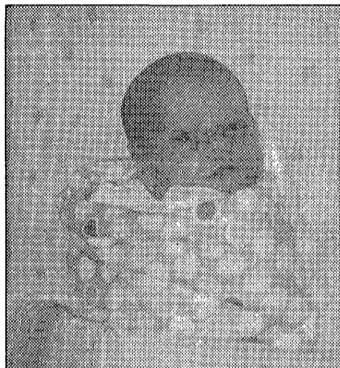
CHARLES PATRICK GADEN

Charles Patrick Gaden was born March 12, 2010 in St. Peters, New Brunswick, N.J.

Proud parents are Charles and Milyne Gaden of Raritan, N.J.

Grandparents are Jeff and Lynne Matheny of Canton and Richard and Shiela Gaden of Rockaway, N.J.

Great-grandparents are Loraine Gaden of Redford, Lucile Schnell of Bradley, Ill., and Charles and Shirley Matheny of Bonita Springs, Fla.



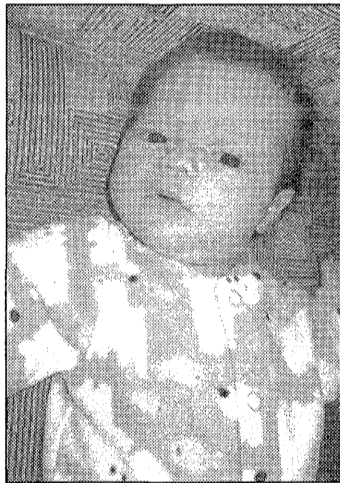
Charles Patrick Gaden

EVERETT ANDREW GALINDO

Everett Andrew Galindo was born at 7:35 a.m. Feb. 23, 2010 at Providence Novi. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Everett joins his proud parents, Brian and Nicole Galindo, and big sisters, Mya and Isabel, at home in Livonia.

Grandparents are Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia, Darla Margosian of Fenton, and Ron Margosian of New Hudson.



Everett Andrew Galindo

Greet spring at Kensington fest

Celebrate spring with a weekend of farm events for the whole family at the "Spring Festival," to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, from noon to 4 p.m. at Kensington Metropark Farm Center near Milford/Brighton.

Farm activities, entertainment and horse-drawn wagon rides will take you out of the city, back to the good ol' days on the farm. Rosco the Clown will be on hand with balloon fun and giggles for all. Kelly Murningham and his border collie will be herding sheep, farm staff will be shearing sheep, and the Spinners Flock will demonstrate wool spinning. Watch Char's Kitchen

make old-fashioned apple butter "from scratch" and taste a sample. Check out the Kid's Cottage, a remarkable house made of natural materials. Watch dogs fly through a timed obstacle course at the dog agility demonstration, and discover the world of bees with John Beemer. Most events are free. Hayrides cost \$5 per adult and \$3 per child or senior citizen. Climb the rock wall for \$2. For more information, call Kensington Metropark at (800) 477-3178.

The Spring Festival schedule of events:

11 a.m. Harnessing demonstration; noon to 3 p.m. Kid's Cottage — explore the world

of nature; noon to 4 p.m. Discover the world of Bees with John Beemer; noon to 4 p.m. Horse Drawn Hayrides — Adults \$5, Children & senior citizens \$3; 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Apple butter making demonstration by Char's Kitchen; 1-2:30 p.m. Sheep shearing demonstrations; 1-3 p.m. Border collie demonstration by Kelly Murningham; 1-3 p.m. Old Fashioned Candle Dipping; 1-4 p.m. Rosco the Clown featuring "Balloon Man"; 1-4 p.m. Ongoing wool spinning demonstrations by Spinners Flock; 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Dog Agility Demo — watch dogs fly through a timed obstacle course.

Young professionals gather at zoo

Spring has sprung at the Detroit Zoo and young professionals are invited to mix and mingle among the butterflies and hummingbirds at Spring Fling. The 21-and-older professional networking event will be held in the zoo's Wildlife Interpretive Gallery on Thursday, April 22, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Spring Fling ticket prices are \$15 for Detroit Zoo, After 5 Detroit, Detroit Young Professionals and Fusion members and \$20 for non-members. The ticket price includes one drink ticket and complimentary hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening. A cash bar will be available for beer, wine and specialty drinks.

Tickets for this exclusive after-hours event can be purchased in advance online at www.detroitzoo.org. Tickets will be sold the evening of the event for \$20 for all guests. All proceeds benefit the Detroit Zoological Society.

Spring Fling is supported by After 5 Detroit, Detroit Young Professionals and Fusion, with specialty drinks provided by HpnotiQ and Pama. For more information, call (248) 541-5717, Ext. 3750.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit 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 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day (with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March. 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; admission is free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

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JUNE I. BEAUVAIS
March 24, 2010. Age 90. Wife of the late Don. Dear mother of Philip (Darlene), Laurel, Carolyn (Bill Newman) and the late Beverly. Also survived by eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. Services will be held privately. Memorial tributes to the American Heart Association. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DENNIS "ACTION" ALAN HARVEY
March 23, 2010. Age 69. Beloved husband of Maryanne. Loving father of Jodie (Ati) Tolu the late Dennis and Sandra (Mark) Hamady. Grandfather of Justin, Jourdan, Denae, Mika, Nishan, Alec and Kaia. Dear brother of Marion (Pete) Demray. Memorial service Friday, 6:30pm from the chapel of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd. (W. of Lilley). Memorial visitation Friday, 2:00p.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Michigan Parkinsons Foundation, 30400 Telegraph, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48075 would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com

MR. CHARLES J. STANG JR.
Age 90, of Brighton, and formerly of Redford Twp., passed away Thursday, March 25, 2010 at Heartland Healthcare of Ann Arbor. He was born December 25, 1919 in Sandusky, OH, the son of Charles J. & Bertha M. (Dietrich) Stang. On May 28, 1949 he was married to Mary Elizabeth Bryant in Sandusky. Mrs. Stang survives. A member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton, Mr. Stang served with the U.S. Navy from 1942-1945 and graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1949. He was employed by Maxitrol Company for 48 years, where he worked as an engineer and vice president. Surviving in addition to his wife Mary, are two sons: David C. (Mary) of Seabrook, TX & Thomas J. of Friendswood, TX, a daughter: Barbara J. (William) Fleszar of Brighton, MI and four grandchildren: Matt, Andy, Meghan & Morgan. Two sisters, Bernice Disbrow and Jeanette Stang, also survive. Mr. Stang was preceded in death by his brothers, Russell & Jack Stang and a sister, Mildred Hinde. Visitation will be held on Monday, March 29th, from 2-7 p.m. with a rosary service at 7 p.m. at Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 30th at 10:30 A.M. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton. Final visitation will begin at 9:30 A.M. at church until the time of the service. Interment will follow on Wednesday, at 1:00 P.M. at Calvary Cemetery, Sandusky, Ohio.

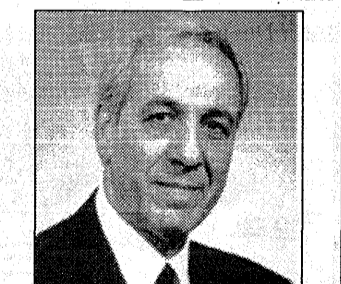
FREDERICK R. BERRY
March 19, 2010. Age 91 of Plymouth. Loving husband of the late Shirley. Beloved father of Carl (Lucy) and Elaine (Tom) Goebel. Proud grandfather of five and great grandfather of ten. Funeral services were held Wed, March 24 at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. Mr. Berry was a long time member of the Plymouth Elks, the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite Shriner. He was a retired engineer from Michigan Bell and a lifetime member of the "Pioneers". To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

DAVID A. HICKEL
Age 84, March 25, 2010. Husband of the late Elizabeth. Father of Susan Tis, Kathryn (Robert) Kittridge, David (Kandy) and Kelly Lockard. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 11. Great-great-grandfather of one. Visitation Saturday 4-8pm and Sunday 11-8pm. Funeral Service Monday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Memorials suggested to the Activities Fund John F. Dingel Veterans Hospital.

RUTH A. MYERS
Age 84, of Canton. Survived by a son Ron (Pat) Myers, a daughter Terri, granddaughter Heather Jurewicz, two grandsons Steve and Mike Myers and two sisters Edna (Jim) Mullineaux and Sylvia Greene. Her brother J.R. Owen, her husband Scotty preceded her in passing. A Memorial Service will be at 6:30pm following a greeting at 6:00pm on Monday March 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

DOLORES G. GRECH
Age 91, of Plymouth, formerly of Westland, died March 18, 2010 at Angela Hospice in Livonia where memorials may be made in her memory. Funeral services were held Saturday. Dolores was born February 5, 1919 in Malta the daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Azzopardi) Gatt. She married Joseph M. Grech in Detroit on October 2, 1937. She was formerly a custodial engineer with the Livonia schools. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband, and a brother, Manuel Gatt. Surviving are children, Rita (Bill) Bryant of Livonia, Tony (Pat) Grech of Roscommon and Phyllis (Norman) Tritten of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Gatt of Saline and a sister-in-law, Mary Cameron of Northville. Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon 989-275-3600.

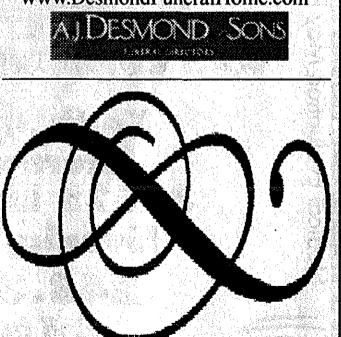
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HABIB VAZIRI, M.D.
Of Birmingham, March 21, 2010, age 75. Beloved husband of Rashi. Loving father of Haleh and Sholeh Vaziri. Grandfather of Daria Lenderman. Father-in-law of Donald Lenderman. Services and burial have taken place. Memorial tributes to the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, www.jpmlf.org, 1019 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Retailer offers tips for sports safety for youth

In recognition of National Youth Sports Safety Month, which is observed in April, Brian Kean of Play It Again Sports of Livonia offers a few reminders:

- **Wear the right gear for your sport:** Protective gear such as wrist and shin guards, and knee and elbow pads should be worn during all active sports. For children who participate in hockey, baseball, lacrosse, fastpitch softball, ski and snowboarding, a helmet should be worn at all times.
 - **Make sure it fits:** If a helmet is the wrong size, it cannot do its job. Avoid the temptation of letting your kids borrow equipment from friends or siblings.
 - **Maintain quality:** Analyze your child's gear at the start of each sporting season. If padding is worn or buckles are missing or broken, it's time to get something new.
- "There is always the risk of injury when a child participates in a sport, but the prevalence of injuries can be diminished with proper prevention," Kean stated in a press release. "In particular, being equipped with gear that is safety approved and designed for the specific sport is a child's best defense again sustaining an injury."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than half of the seven million sports and recreation-related injuries that occur each year are sustained by youth between ages 5-24, Kean noted.

In addition to the use of inefficient gear, causes for injury include varying sizes of participants and slower reaction times in growing children.

"Fortunately, thanks to the popularity of events such as the X Games and the Olympics, children are growing more accustomed to seeing athletes wearing protection," Kean stated. "However, parents should never allow wearing protective gear to be a choice. It's a prerequisite for participating in sports."

Play It Again Sports of Livonia, which is part of a nationwide chain that sells a wide selection of new name brand fitness and sports equipment, and also buys, sells, and trades quality used sports and fitness gear.

Staff members are trained to properly fit both children and adults for the protective gear needed for a wide variety of sports.

For more information about Play It Again Sports, call Kean at (734) 266-1999.

Spring Wolverines football game benefits Mott Children's Hospital

See the University of Michigan football team play its annual spring game and help C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the same time.

The spring game, set for 1 p.m., April 17, is a free public event, but U-M football and Mott are partnering in a fund-raiser to help build the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital scheduled to open in Fall 2012.

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to partner with the U-M football team and Coach Rodriguez to benefit the patients at U-M Mott Children's Hospital," stated Pat Warner, Chief Administrative Officer for C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Von Voigtlander Women's

Hospital. "The annual spring game is always a great way for U-M fans to come out and support the team and we are truly grateful that the team has offered their support to Mott."

Fans can make a donation of choice to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital upon entering the gates of Michigan Stadium. Donations are accepted at any level but fans will receive giveaways for donating at the following four levels:

- \$5 donation receives an "All in for Michigan Towel"
- \$20 donation receives a spring game "All in for Michigan, All in for Mott" T-shirt
- \$250 donation receives

four passes to a pre-season scrimmage

• \$500 donation receives two pre-game sideline passes to one of four games: Bowling Green, Massachusetts, Iowa or Illinois.

All of the money raised will benefit the Michigan Football Experience, an interactive play area for patients at Mott to experience what it's like to be a Wolverine football player. In addition, there will be a silent auction on the course during the spring game.

For more information call Mott's office of Medical Development and Alumni Relations at (734) 998-0370.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

APRIL

St. Mary Mercy

"Pet Preparation for Baby," 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 8, in classrooms 1 and 2, will educate dog and cat owners about common behavior problems - and strategies to prevent them - when a new baby is brought into the home. Topics covered are what to expect from your pet, how to prepare for success, simple tips on an easy transition and how to anticipate and prevent potential behavior problems. Registration is required. Fee is \$10 per person. Call (734) 655-1159 for more information, or to register. Register online at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events".

"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.
 "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby" runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 17, in classrooms 1 & 2. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. This class is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. \$75 per couple. (734) 655-1162 or visit www.stmarymercy.org and click on

"classes and events".

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Cancer screening

The University of Michigan Health System, the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center will offer free throat cancer screenings by appointment in conjunction with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week and World Voice Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 17, at the U-M Health System, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor. Priority for screening appointments will be given to people with symptoms or risk factors related to throat cancer, and to those without health insurance. Exams will take less than 45 minutes to complete. Refreshments will be provided, and free transportation or parking will be available. Registration is required. Call the U-M Cancer AnswerLine at (800) 865-1125 or visit www.mccancer.org/throatcancer.

Dawn Farm

• Ed Conlin, addiction counselor for Detroit Capuchin Service System, will present, "Spirituality and Recovery from Addiction," 7:30-9 p.m., April 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium (ground floor), 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. This program will describe how spirituality relates to recovery from chemical dependency, explore personal spiritual needs and life choices, and discuss the Twelve Steps as a spiritual program which can benefit anyone.
 • Dr. Patrick Gibbons, adjunct clinical instructor in psychiatry at the University of Michigan will discuss

"Psychiatric Disorders in Chemically Dependent Individuals: Diagnostic and Treatment Considerations" at 7:30 p.m. April 27, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. The program will provide an overview of co-occurring addiction and psychiatric illness, including standard diagnostic criteria, individual considerations for determining the appropriate course of treatment, available treatment interventions, and the perspectives of both the addict and the treatment provider on addiction. Admission free. A certificate to document attendance can be provided. The series is organized by Dawn Farm, a nonprofit organization that provides a continuum of programs for treatment of chemical dependency. (734) 485-8725.

MAY

Karmanos Cancer Institute

The 2010 Annual Dinner gala, 6:30 p.m. to midnight, May 8, will include a reception, an elegant dinner, a super silent auction, a raffle sponsored by Tiffany & Co., and a fashion show designed by creative icon Linda Dresner, also a breast cancer survivor. Master of Ceremonies will be radio legend and long-time Karmanos supporter Dick Purtan. Special tribute will be given to Gerold Bepler, the new president and chief executive officer of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Entertainment will be provided by the Bay Area Blues Society. The event will be at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. Tickets are \$375 to \$750. For information, call Karry Samulski at (313) 576-8106 or e-mail samulskk@karmanos.org.

NEW FACES

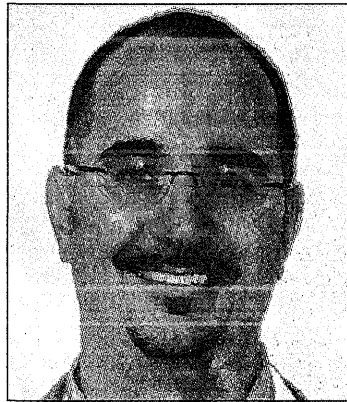
Matteo Valenti, D.O., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital.

Board certified in Internal Medicine, Valenti is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the American College of Physicians. He is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists and the Society of Hospital Medicine.

Valenti practices at Midwest

Internal Medicine Associates located at 20317 Farmington Road, in Livonia. The office number is (248) 615-0777.

He studied medicine at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his internship and Internal Medicine residency at Mount Clemens General Hospital, where he served as chief resident.



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- Peter Galea, DPM, St. Mary Mercy Hospital and former Michigan State University Men's Soccer Player

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