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Master clerk

Plymouth Township Clerk Joe Bridgman has earned the Master Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

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Bridgman

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Guard auditions

The Plymouth Canton Marching Band Color Guard hosts clinics at Plymouth High School from 6-8 p.m., May 10-12, for anyone interested in joining the Fall Guard. Color guard auditions will take place 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 17.

Color guard members use a combination of dance and athletics mixed with use of rifles, sabers, flags, and other props. Auditions are open to any student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools grades 9th through 12th.

If anyone is interested in further information they can contact Color Guard Director Jennifer Leseth at Jenifo30@gmail.com.

Cruise raffle

The Plymouth Symphony is conducting a raffle for a cruise on the Celebrity Cruise Lines of the Great Cities of the Western Mediterranean, Oct. 30 to Nov. 6.

The raffle includes the cruise for two from Barcelona, Spain to Nice, France, and Genoa, Florence, Rome and Naples/Capri Italy including airfare for two roundtrip from Detroit to Barcelona.

Tickets are \$50 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be June 30 at the Plymouth Arts Council. Contact the Plymouth Symphony office, (734) 451-2112, or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org for more information and to purchase tickets.



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN MORLEY

Thomas (left) and Christel Friedow, flanking daughter Michelle, were on hand as some 100-150 people gathered for a candlelight vigil to honor their daughter, 18-year-old Marie-Kristin.

Final farewell

Friends, family say goodbye to crash victim



Darlene Aitken lights her candle and reflects during the candlelight vigil to honor Marie-Kristin Friedow, the Plymouth girl killed in a crash April 25 in Canton.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, Marie-Kristin Friedow was here. On Monday, she was gone.

And on Thursday, a crowd estimated between 100-150 people — parents Thomas and Christel, sister Michelle, and friends and classmates — gathered for a candlelight vigil at Canton High School to say goodbye to her.

They were there to pay their final respects — and say one final farewell — to Friedow, the 18-year-old Plymouth woman killed Sunday afternoon in a two-car crash on Michigan Avenue, near the I-275 exchange in Canton.

The vigil was organized by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Gay-Straight Alliance. "Marie was really active in our club, and she was extremely dedicated and she was an all-around good person," said Canton High School junior Cassidy Creech who, along with members Nikki Spitz, Ryan Rockov and Alexa Zmich, organized the event. "She felt it was the right thing to do. We wanted to give her family a chance to come out and be with people who loved her."

Friedow was killed in the crash shortly after 4:30 p.m. Sunday, and on Monday students were talking to administrators about the vigil.

While counselors were on hand Monday to help students fight through their grief, the students took matters into their own therapeutic hands Thursday night.

Rachel Palgut went to elementary school with Friedow, drifted apart for awhile and "reconnected junior year," she said. The pair traveled to Colorado together for an archaeological summer camp where,

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Folks flock to Green Street Fair

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Warm, sunny weather trumped construction barriers and a shortage of close-in parking spaces Friday afternoon as the Green Street Fair attracted hundreds of people to downtown Plymouth.

The third annual fair, a shopping, educational and, of course, nosing experience with an environmental theme, continues from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today. The bulk of the activities are centered in and around Kellogg Park and adjacent streets.

The fair features close to 200 exhibitors and sellers — featuring everything from organic lawn care to healthy pet treats to gentle-on-the-Earth laundry products — and hands-on activities in which children can make art from used corrugated boxes, plastic bottle tops and other discards.

New this year is Flip Your Lid, sponsored by Bird Elementary and Burroughs Payment Systems. Students at Bird collected plastic bottle tops and container lids, in an array of colors, to use in the project, while visitors to Kellogg Park can secure the lids and tops to plywood murals painted with landscape scenes for a mosaic effect.

The Bird students saved more than 100,000 lids and tops in a month's time, said Bethany Rachwitz, who was overseeing the project Friday. "That is the craziest part, to me," said Rachwitz, Burroughs' global marketing and communications manager.

Nearby, children were decorating a miniature cityscape at Fort Box,

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Don't bug me! Aidan Jeffries, 3, and Landon Johnson, 6, wear bug-themed balloon headgear from Jack The Balloon Man at the Green Street Fair in downtown Plymouth.

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P-CEP marchers bound for 2011 Macy's parade



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Marching band director's Sheldon Frazier and David Armbruster are showered with confetti after the announcement Plymouth-Canton's marching band had been chosen to march in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band members are used to performing in front of hundreds of fans at competitions, even thousands of fans at places like the grand nationals in Indianapolis.

But their audience is about to get a whole lot bigger.

Plymouth-Canton was chosen from some 150 applications to be one of 10 high school bands to march in the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The announcement came at a surprise assembly called for the entire marching band program Thursday in the Plymouth High School band room.

According to Wesley Whatley, associate creative director for

the parade, some three million people will line the parade route and more than 50 million will be watching on national television.

Plymouth-Canton, a perennial participant and multiple-champion in the Bands of America Grand Nationals, was chosen based on a video of their 2009 show and their history as an excellent band, according to Whatley.

"Clearly, from a competitive sense, they're always at the top," Whatley said. "They're a well-rounded program, from a symphonic standpoint and certainly on the marching side. We want to support great music programs."

Whatley said the Plymouth-Canton was chosen by the selection committee for a variety of reasons. The parade hasn't had a Michigan marching band since at least 1975 (as far back as records

go), and Plymouth-Canton's reputation is well-known, he said, in the competing bands realm.

All of that combined to put PCEP marchers on the grandest stage of their lives.

"The Macy's parade is a world stage," Whatley said. "This will likely be the largest audience they'll ever play for in their musical careers."

Whatley made the announcement to the gathering of more than 100 members of the marching band who had no idea why they'd been called to the band room. As the whispers grew — "What's wrong?" they wondered, "What happened?" they asked — and the students erupted in applause when word came.

Students who are juniors and

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"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

Field fund-raiser

Field Elementary's seventh annual Fun Fair takes place 5:30-9 p.m. on May 7 at 1000 S. Haggerty in Canton. The public is welcome, and food and concessions will be available.

Raffle tickets will sell for \$5, and prizes include \$1,000 Visa Gift Card, Small Flat Screen TV, Lap Top, Xbox and game bundle and a Digital Camera. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase the evening of the event; the drawing takes place at 8:45 p.m. (need not be present to win).

A Silent Auction will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. If you have a business and would like to donate to the Silent Auction, contact Sheila Smith at (734) 637-7891. Ticket drops for opportunities to win themed baskets donated and assembled

by each classroom. Tickets are \$1 each or 12 for \$10.

Family events will include a cake walk, pop ring toss, face painting, cash cube, carnival-type games, hospital room, fortune-telling and more. Each child who plays games will win a prize. Wristbands are \$10 at the door or tickets 4 for \$1.

All proceeds to benefit Field Elementary's students, including educational needs (books, classroom equipment, subscriptions, etc) and new playground equipment.

Rock Shoppe class

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson will hold a Free Class on the installation of brick pavers and retaining walls on Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. Come see the experts from Allen Block demonstrate the step by step process of installing beautiful brick paver patios, sidewalks, driveways, pillars or retaining walls. Free design help will be available.

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Band meetings

The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts one more informational meetings for students and parents who are interested in joining the 2010 Marching Band program.

The final meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School band room, 8400 Beck in Canton.

The meeting is designed for existing eighth-graders, but is open to any high school student. Interested students will spend time with the existing marchers, while parents listen to a presentation by band directors, David Armbruster and Sheldon Frazier and the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters on how existing 8th graders can become a member of the award-winning marching band for the 2010 summer/fall season. Future musicians and color guard members are welcome.

For more information, contact Sheldon Frazier, associ-



Dog gone

The Plymouth District Library is looking forward to a kids smiling and dogs wagging their tails when a new program begins 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 3. The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills by utilizing a simple, yet powerful method: reading to a dog. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner as a team. The program, which began in 1999, now has thousands of R.E.A.D. teams working throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and beyond. The library program takes place the first Monday of every month. Registration is required and each child can sign up for one 15-minute session per month. Youth librarians will have a cart of children's books available and each reader makes their own selection or may choose to bring a book from home. Registration can be made at the Library's youth desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by John O'Shaughnessy, who is on the staff and board of directors at New Hope Center for Grief Support. O'Shaughnessy is a published author and speaker in the area of grief.

All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar which is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Harry J. Will Funeral Home is located at 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

For registration information call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 or view our website www.newhopecenter.net

Memorial Day concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents "Because of the Brave - a Memorial Day Concert," May 31 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

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Grief seminar

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Mail carriers work to Stamp Out Hunger

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Letter carriers in the Plymouth and Canton area will be delivering more than mail when they make their rounds on Saturday.

They'll be delivering help — and hope — to hundreds of area families struggling to put food on the table during tough economic times.

Saturday is the 18th annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, an event sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Mail customers are asked to make donations by setting canned goods, boxed meal mixes (like macaroni and cheese or Pasta Roni), crackers and cereal, plus toiletries, in their mailboxes that morning for pickup by their letter carriers. Donations can also be bagged and the bags set in the mailbox or set on the front porch.

Donations will go to the food bank run by the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps, which covers Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Belleville. In the Northville area, the donations go to Northville Civic Concern.

Letter carrier Jennifer Nicholson, who has a residential route in Plymouth, is the drive's coordinator for the Plymouth area. Her involve-

ment is a way of giving back to the community — her family, when she was young, benefited from Salvation Army assistance, she said.

"There're so many people out there who are lacking the money to get food, or adequate amounts of food," Nicholson said.

Indeed, said Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Corps' director of family and community ministries, need remains high, even as there are glimmers of hope for some recipients, such as increased work hours or a successful job interview. More senior citizens, especially, are seeking help, she said.

Aren said that, when she started with the Plymouth Corps three years ago, there were an average of 50 assistance requests a month. Lately, she said, requests have been averaging 100 a month.

"This is the new norm, and we've got to figure out what we're going to do," said Aren.

Nicholson said residents on her route have been generous in past Stamp Out Hunger drives, and that she typically has to circle back to the post office to drop off donations before completing her route.

"On my route, oh, my goodness, I get so much food," she said. Another carrier, with a route off of Haggerty, gets so many donations that colleagues have to make pickups

from him two or three times before he can finish the route, she said.

Last year, said Aren, the drive netted 70,000 pounds of food for the Plymouth Corps' food bank.

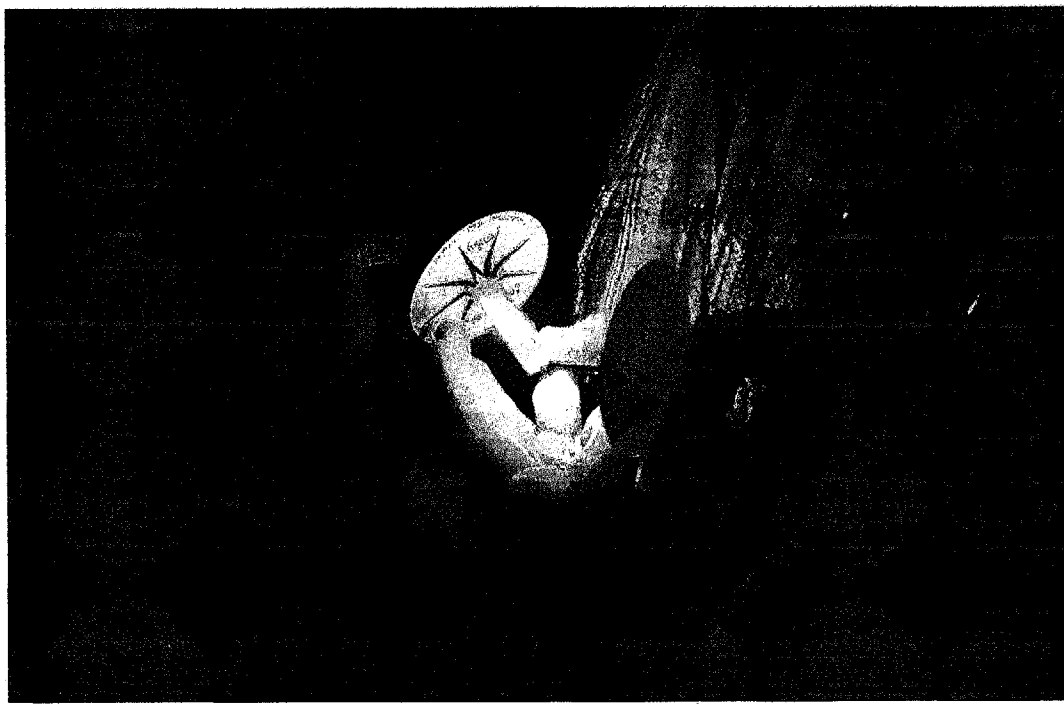
She's aiming for more this year, and is hoping the drive will get the food bank through the summer, when demand increases, in part because children aren't in school and can't rely on free and reduced meal programs.

Aren is optimistic. "We do all come together to support the community," Aren said. "This community is very supportive of each other."

The food bank is always in need of peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned meats, fruits and vegetables, cereal and boxed juices, cereal and crackers, Aren said. New toiletries and household items, such as shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, laundry detergent and baby wipes, are also needed, she said.

Plymouth-area donations are taken by the mail carriers to the U.S. Postal Service station on Clipper Street, near Beck Road, where volunteers, often family members and friends of the letter carriers and Salvation Army workers, box them up and transport them to the food bank.

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JUSTIN MORLEY

The candles are lit as friends and family gathered to say good-bye to Marie-Kristin Friedow Thursday night.

VIGIL

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Palgut said, they shared a room and many stories.

"Marie had a way of showing people beauty in the world," said Palgut, who found out about Friedow's death from a phone call from a friend. "She had a way of helping people to live their life, and she was so full of life herself that it touched so many lives."

"I got to the memorial service and there were so many people there who were affected by her and loved her and cared about her," Palgut added. "It was wonderful to see."

Salem High School senior Kristin Pelz was struck by Friedow's death and created a Facebook page, "We love Marie-Kristin Friedow," to give people a chance to express their grief and their feelings for Friedow.

As of Thursday night, some 1,300 people had become fans of the site.

"It hit me really hard, so I thought I'd start a Facebook group so people could express their feelings and help them get through it," said Pelz, a 17-year-old Canton resident. "She was the kind of person who didn't care what other people thought of her. When I was walking the halls with her, people would say, 'She's different,' and Marie didn't care. She was her own person, and she cared about everybody."

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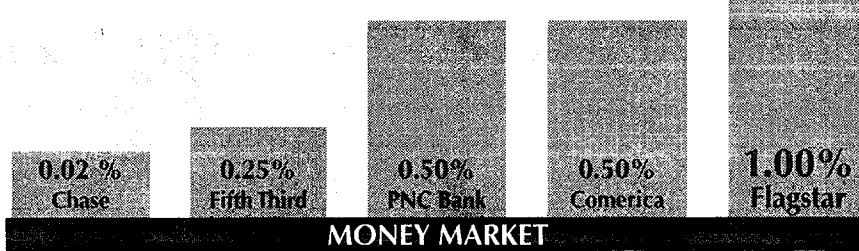
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EDUCATION

Assembly, Oprah spur no-phone effort

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Melanie Gingell saw the story of 9-year-old Erica, who died when a distracted driver rammed her bike head-on 30 seconds from Erica's home, on the Oprah Winfrey show back in January, she felt compelled to heed Winfrey's call for people to sign a "no texting and driving" pledge.

That's why Gingell and other members of the Salem High School Student Congress organized a series of assemblies Monday, designed to gather what they hoped would be 3,000 signatures on pledges to stop the practice of distracted - talking on a cell phone or texting - driving.

At the end of the first day, they'd gathered nearly 500 signatures. By the end of the week, that number had risen to more than 700.

"I was watching with my mom, and it touched me because I couldn't believe so many people are dying," Gingell said of Winfrey's show, which quoted studies showing some 6,000 people die - and another 500,000 are injured - every year in distracted driving incidents. "Just the numbers of people dying ... the one with (Erica). I couldn't believe a mother had to lose her child because of that."

Students got very involved in the cause, and got some help from school board trustee Judy Mardigian, who sent a letter asking Winfrey to do her "No Phone Zone," which aired Friday, from



Students Melanie Gingell and Natalie Zazula with Resource Officer Sara Boritzki during Monday's No Phone Zone assemblies.

Detroit. While Winfrey did her show live from Chicago, the show hosted a rally at Detroit's Renaissance Center, and the talk show host invited the Plymouth-Canton delegation to be part of it.

Gingell, a 16-year-old junior from Northville, had been scheduled to speak at the Detroit rally, where Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed the bill banning texting while driving into law. Gingell's speech, which would have included talking points about Salem's assemblies and plans to move the cause forward in the future, was cut due to time constraints.

The assemblies included videos provided by the Canton Police Department Resource

officer that depicted a car crash caused by a young girl texting while driving. The graphic nature of the public service announcement - several people die, including a baby - drew a complaint from one Plymouth mother because not only was it graphic, but because it was shown fewer than 24 hours after 18-year-old Marie-Kristin Friedow died in a two-car crash on Michigan Ave., near I-275, Sunday.

Gingell said she sympathizes with the woman who complained - and "can't imagine the grief (Friedow's) mother is feeling" - but said the video was to the point.

"We had not seen it before the assembly, and I didn't know that kind of video was going to be shown," Gingell said. "I think it was an important part of the assembly. Teens usually think they're invincible. I think it was good for them to see an accurate representation."

"The effect might have been heightened" by the video, Gingell said. "Ultimately the goal of our assembly was to save lives in our community. I didn't want any other family to go through that kind of grief."

School officials agreed with Gingell's assertion the video was an important part of the assembly, despite its timing, according to the district's director of community relations, Frank Ruggirello.

"It was an important ... for the kids to see," Ruggirello said.

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Laid-off teachers likely to be brought back

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education approved a list of teachers to be laid off at their regular meeting Tuesday night, an annual requirement before April 30.

This year's list was different for two reasons: There were only four names, and all four - teachers in Title 1 at-risk programs - are expected to be brought back.

That's because nearly 90 staffers took advantage of the district's Early Severance Incentive program and left the district early, saving the district money and jobs.

But it comes at something of a price, as Charles Portelli, the former head of the teachers' union, pointed out Tuesday: The district will lose more than 2,700 years of experience when they go.

"That's a lot of experience walking out the door," Portelli told board members

at Tuesday's meeting. "It will be a great loss."

The district will likely call back the four laid-off teachers, according to Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources.

"Because so many took advantage of the early retirements, these people will probably be called back," Bihun said. "If not for that, we probably have had to lay off about 40 people."

The teachers may not be brought back in their current positions, because they worked in programs for at-risk students funded by Title 1 money.

"People will still have jobs, just not where they do now," Bihun said. "There will be a lot of juggling."

The district got nearly one-third more than the 60 teachers they hoped they'd attract by offering the early buyout. Administrators hope the plan will save the district some \$2.3 million in the first year.

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the cardboard-box village sponsored by New Morning School. Some areas looked like storefronts, but one included an elaborate network of hallways and rooms.

Kenzi Young, 6, drew a rainbow, a butterfly and a ladybug on the facade of one building.

"They're really beautiful, and they're so colorful when I see 'em," Kenzi said, "and I love beautiful things."

Kenzi was at the fair with her mother, Hillary Young, sister Moriah, 5, and brother Truth, 3. The family is from Livonia.

Young said she likes to see so many environmentally conscious exhibitors in one place, rather than having to research them all individually.

"You have the best things together," she said. "On the Internet, you can't sample things."

Friday's visit was a "play date," Young said; she plans to return, with her husband, for some serious browsing.

John Carlos, one of the founders of greeningdetroit.com, an online resource for environmentally friendly products and services and local news, said his firm is getting a good response from visitors to its booth. "A lot of people are intrigued" and tell him they like seeing such a directory, which was officially launched three weeks ago.

The fair's entertainment lineup for today is The Mydols at noon; Abigail Stauffer at 1:30 p.m.; and Lucciana Costa at 3 p.m. The stage is in the area of Union Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

District, drivers work together on two-year deal

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four months before their contract with teachers expires, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have reached a new agreement with one of their largest union groups.

The district and its transportation union have agreed on a new two-year deal that includes concessions district officials say will save more than \$840,000 over the life of the deal.

"It's a good contract," said Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources. "We're looking at a deficit (in 2010-11) ... this saves us a lot of money and hopefully helps reduce the deficit."

The deal, which covers more than 170 bus drivers, mechanics, monitors and security personnel, covers the current school year and 2010-11. According to Bihun, concessions by the union include:

- An 8-percent pay cut across the board.
- A second tier of wages that

will pay new hires 2 percent less than that to start.

- Two furlough days in 2010-11.
- Two fewer holidays.
- Adding a deductible and a monthly co-pay to members' health care plan.

Increased co-pays for office visits to \$20 and shifts to a more district-friendly prescription plan.

Siobhan Riffle, chief union steward for Operating Engineers Local 324, said the district made it clear from the start those concessions were going to be necessary, staking a position from which district negotiators never wavered that the union would have to come up with "about \$730,000" in concessions.

"That's what we had to work with ... there was no coming down on that amount," Riffle said. "We were up against quite a challenge. We felt we had to make (concessions) to keep our jobs."

Riffle said district negotiators mentioned the prospect of privatizing — "They said they didn't want to privatize, but if it came to

the point where they had no other choice, they would do what they had to do," she said — but that after getting into the process, she realized it wasn't a threat.

"When we started negotiating, we took (privatizing) as a threat," Riffle said. "As negotiations went on and we watched what was going on in other districts, we realized it was just reality."

Bihun said the deal saves the district \$102,000 this year and \$740,000 in 2010-11. He said the concessions made by the union kept the district from having to consider alternatives such as privatizing the transportation department.

"We're looking at a deficit, and we have to buy buses," Bihun said. "We talked about a way to save money would be to privatize, but we didn't spend a lot of time on it. It was never a serious discussion."

Riffle said members of her union felt, in making the concessions, like the union "took a hit" for other groups in the district, including teachers, custodial and food service workers and even the admin-

istration. As some of those contracts come up, she said, she hopes those groups will do the same.

"We figured, take 'em now," Riffle said of the concessions. "We originally thought we were going to take a hit for the district, because groups that agreed prior to us had pretty much made no concessions. This takes us through next year; we're hoping (other groups) take the kind of hit we did."

School officials praised the transportation union for its willingness to negotiate the concessions they say will save the district much-needed money.

"The union was very thorough and very thought-provoking in putting together a deal that was not only beneficial to the district, but to their group," said Dean Mileto, the district's director of transportation. "This group didn't just get together for a complaint session, they came to work at it. They looked at it and said, 'What do we need to do?' They understand where the district was on that."

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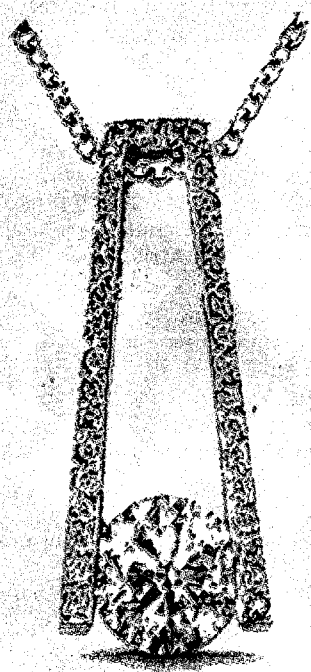
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seniors this year obviously won't be around for the 2011 parade, but they were happy the band was chosen.

"It's because of us and it's because of people who came before us," said 17-year-old Alicia Revezzo of Canton, a junior at Canton High School. "It's a legacy ... it's a great opportunity for them."

Director of bands David Armbruster, who's been on needles and pins waiting for word on the application, said the tough part comes now, as band members have to begin the process of fund raising for the trip to New York. Armbruster didn't know how much such a trip would cost, but in order to get every possible student involved, he figured "it would be well over \$100,000."

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Armbruster said. "We want to make sure we get every possible child who wants to be a part of it gets that chance. This is an unbelievable honor. It's something they'll never experience again."

To help celebrate the event, Whatley handed out containers of confetti, which the kids used to coat the band room in a celebratory blanket of color. Among the celebrants was 14-year-old Krista Arrasmith of Canton. She's a freshman now, and she'll be a junior when the band heads to New York.

"It's really exciting," said Arrasmith, who's been in the program since sixth grade. "You get to show what you can do on national television. Some people don't understand it, and this is a chance to show them what we can do."

Armbruster said the band is so focused on competitions that it's nice to get out of that mode for a change, particularly for something like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"There's an electricity about that time of year," he said. "We do so much competitively, but we haven't done anything like this in some years. This is a great way to get us out there to do something different. In the band realm, this is the pinnacle of what we do."



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Kaitlyn Tracy and Laura Choos react to the news that the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band has been chosen to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



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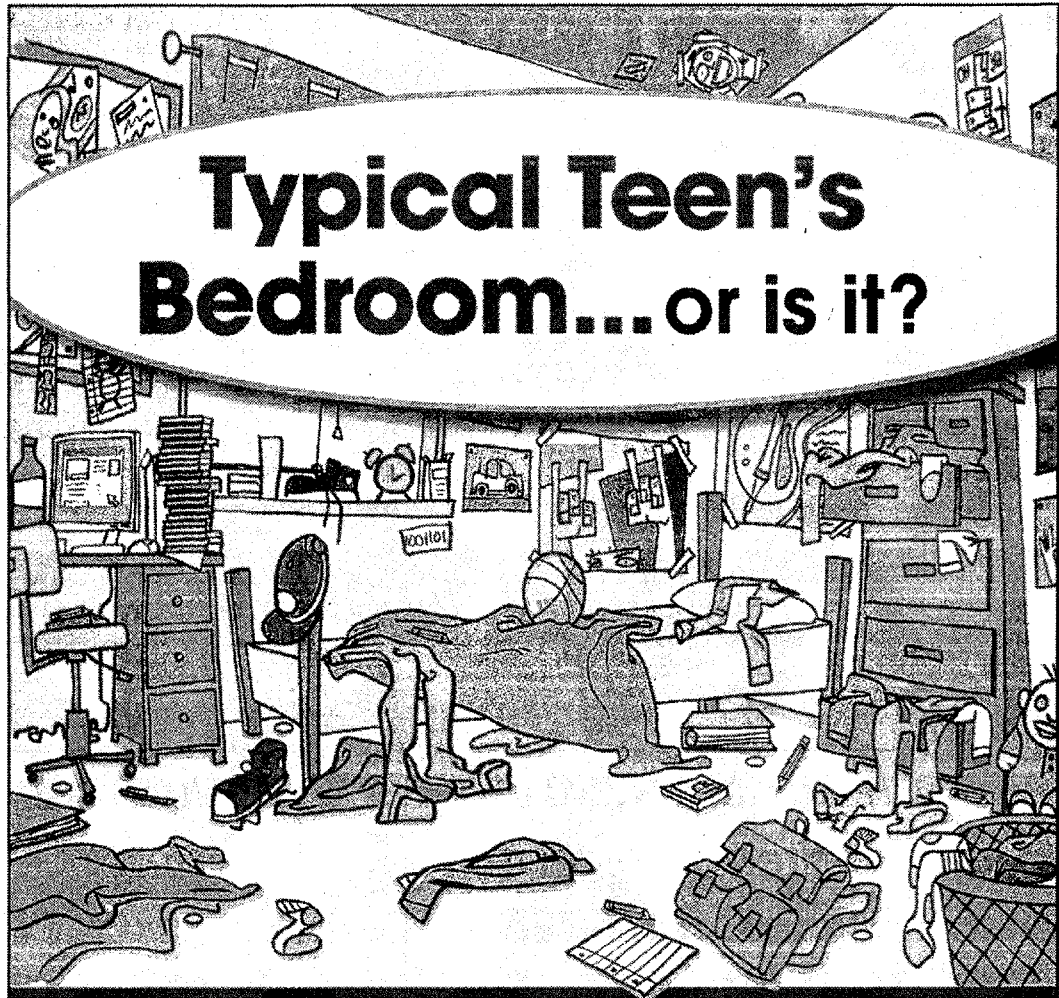
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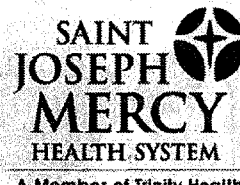
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New arts council show offers variations on musical theme

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A new exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council hits the right notes when it comes to the local cultural scene.

The show, "Music In Art," which opened Tuesday, features more than 70 works of visual art — paintings, prints, drawings, collages and photographs — with music as the common theme. The show is in recognition of the one-year anniversary of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's move to the PCAC, a space-sharing arrangement that, people in both groups say, has become a real partnership

and strengthened the arts community.

"I think it's a wonderful idea to have the symphony and the arts council together. It just makes so much sense, and so practical," said Kay Masini of Plymouth Township, a PCAC board member with two works in the show. "To take those two arts and just put them together — just a wonderful idea."

The PCAC hasn't previously hosted an exhibit with a musical theme, and hasn't showcased more than one or two artists per exhibit in some time, said program director Tamara Trudelle. Drop-off day for the art-

ists — who come from Plymouth, Canton Township, Farmington, Livonia, Grosse Ile many other communities — was fun, Trudelle said.

"It was a wonderful day of people coming in and explaining what they did with their art," she said.

"I was surprised to see how much art there is, music-themed art, in this community," said Beth Stewart, executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras.

Works in the show range from stark black-and-white photographs, to line and colored pencil drawings, to collages, to oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings.

Most are straightforward depictions of instruments or musicians at work, while a few are rendered more abstractly, such as the acrylic painting "Water Up Close," by Judith Waterman, in which ripples in the water resemble sound waves or an undulating musical score.

The oil painting "21 Songs," by Jan Filarski, a Picasso-

esque collection of lines, shapes and symbols, invites the viewer to find references to 21 songs by The Beatles (hint: there's a girl in a diamond-studded sky, a "9," two hands holding each other, and a walrus).

Byron Reed takes a three-dimensional approach in his acrylic work "The Juke Box." Musicians play and men and woman in the painting dance frenziedly — at an old-time road house on a Saturday night, one imagines — while toward the bottom of the painting is the facade of a toy jukebox.

The youngest artist in the show is Emily Betz, 10, who submitted a pencil, ink and pastel drawing, "A Score and a Rose." Emily takes PCAC art classes and also plays the flute.

Masini's entries are the acrylic painting "Approach of the Muse" and the colored pencil drawing "House Party: Guitar and iPad."

For "Muse," Masini said, she was inspired by grandchildren who are learning to



"Jazz in Orange" is an acrylic by Patricia Riascos Edie.

play musical instruments. A boy sits on a wall with a violin; he has just picked it up, Masini said, and is wondering if he has any talent. The muse, in yellow, moves in from the left.

In "House Party," Masini is whimsical: two people, at a house party, offer an impromptu concert, one playing a guitar, the other an iPad (is there an app for that?).

"These characters kind of enjoy life. They can make people happy. They can be happy themselves, and that's the whole idea of a house

ON DISPLAY

"Music In Art" runs through Monday, May 24, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, Plymouth. The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There will be an artists reception, with performances by Plymouth Symphony Orchestra members, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23. The reception is free and open to the public.

party," said Masini. The admittedly non-computer-gadget-savvy Masini said she used the iPad as a topical element that dresses up the drawing.

"I thought it was another interesting high-tech thing that I'll probably never learn to play, or to use," she said.

Masini plays the piano. "Old fashioned," she said.

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Walkers move their feet to help March of Dimes

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rolland Walt, 85, of Farmington Hills had on his walking shoes Saturday, April 24, his 37th year in the March of Dimes March for Babies. "To help babies, that's why we're here," said Walt, a retired business broker who walked with daughter Judy Perry of Commerce Township. "I'm just thankful I have three children. They're all well." He also has five healthy grandchildren. "I walk three and four miles every day, weather permit-

ting," he said, adding that he listens to music while walking. "Come on, dad, let's go," daughter Perry urged as the walk kicked off 9 a.m. at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in Westland. Walking through Livonia and toward Plymouth Township on the six-mile loop was Deanna Wright of Wayne with daughter Billie Wright-Ericson of Canton and Billie's husband, John. They were walking for John and Billie's children, Holland and Eden, who'll turn 6 this July. "They were born at 24 weeks," said Wright, who's

grateful for services and research of the March of Dimes. The babies weighed 1 pound, 3 ounces, and 1 pound, 5 ounces, at birth. "Both of them are doing great," she added. This is the team's fifth year walking, with some 60 walkers braving the rain, "give or take a couple." Deanna Wright's 10 grandchildren include another set of preemie twins who weren't born as early. They're well.

'GOD HAS BEEN GOOD'
"All 10 of our grandchildren are walking today. We really don't take life for granted anymore. God has been good to us," she said. Jennifer Waligora of Canton was team captain of about 12 walkers for her daughter, Jessica, who died at age 2 in 2000.

"We've been walking every year since she was born," she said of Jessica, born at 28 weeks and weighing 1 pound, 7 ounces. Their daughter was in the hospital NICU 90 days, dad Mark said. The couple walked with their other children Amanda, 15, and Nolan, 9, in Jessica's memory.

"It's just all the things they've contributed to the hospital," Mark said of the March of Dimes.

Jennifer remembers when Jessica was born. They felt helpless, so they decided to "get out and do something for her." Their daughter died the Friday before what would have been her first March for Babies.

"That really brought us coming back every year," Jennifer said.

Jackie Abraham of Canton and co-worker Bonnie Fischer of Westland were walking with Detroit Diesel/UAW Local 163, with the UAW among sponsors of the event. They were joined by family members. It was Jackie's first walk, Bonnie's fifth or sixth.

"First rainy one," she said with a smile. Her niece Breanna, among walkers, has dystonia, a neurological movement disorder characterized by involuntary muscle contractions and spasms that result in abnormal postures and movements. Jackie's late son had a chromosome disorder.

"It's just a good cause, a very good cause," Abraham said. "It's something that definitely needs to be done."

"They're so many different problems here," Fischer said of the several thousand walkers and their children.



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Ann Kuneman of Northville, Tina Dziedzic and Jaclyn Doerr, both of Plymouth, reach the halfway point of the walk.

Kim Strange of South Lyon is mom to nieces Peyton, 4, and Breanna, 8, and walked with her sister and colleague from Detroit Diesel in Redford.

"Bonnie's been here more than we have," Kim Strange said. "It's a good cause."

As they returned to Nankin Mills, the hardy walkers were greeted by Shooter, the Plymouth Whalers mascot. They got a festive sendoff thanks to the Livonia Middle School pom team.

"We volunteered to come cheer on the walkers," said Megan Mila, 13, of Livonia, a Holmes Middle School eighth-grader. "I think it's for a good cause and that it will go for good things."

She was providing the taped music for the team. Music was featured along the route to spur on the walkers.

Jill Lulkin of Bloomfield Hills walked with daughter Emily, 10, in memory of baby Madison Hope Henzi.

"Rain or shine, we're going to walk because it's important. We're not going to melt," she said.

Stephanie Reinemeyer of Milan walked with Team Ike and Ella as a co-captain of the group of about 80. Ella, her daughter, died young, as did Ike, son of another co-captain. The children died within a few months of each other.

"We're just trying to raise money and show our support and honor commitment," she said of the Milan Church of Christ friends. "We wish it was sunnier."

The local event was among others held to improve babies' health by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. The national goal is \$100 million, the state \$2.8 million. Metro Detroit's goal is \$1.2 million, Hines Park's \$300,000 and the city of Detroit location \$200,000.

'REALLY BIG YEAR'

"It's a really big year for us," said Sarah Collica, March of Dimes Metropolitan Detroit Division community director. The fund-raising event has been held nationally since 1970, starting as "Walk America," and in Hines Park since the 1990s.

Last week, organizers were still calculating, but Collica said the Hines Park and metro Detroit goals were met and likely surpassed.

"How much we've surpassed it, we don't know. There are still some dollars rolling in," she said.

About 2,500 people walked in Hines Park, among the 8,000 metro participants. "It was a great success," Collica said.

This year's honorary co-chairs nationally were Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford Motor Co., and Ron Gettelfinger of Canton, outgoing president of the UAW. Among the 23 Michigan walks, the men did the Hines Park and Detroit Hart Plaza walks.

"I was a little worried about the weather," Collica said. Umbrellas and ponchos soon became abundant, but walkers soldiered on. Many wore team

T-shirts, and some walked with their dogs on leashes.

Robert Ficano, Wayne County executive, noted it's rare to have Mulally, Gettelfinger and others together "and we're all smiling at the same time. The Detroit metropolitan area has faced some real challenges."

Showing charity has been a constant in Detroit, Ficano said. "We're coming out of those challenges and we know Ford Motor Co. is helping to lead that."

Mulally and Gettelfinger thanked each other for March of Dimes efforts.

"Your generosity, your dedication and your commitment mean so much," Gettelfinger said to the crowd.

"Thanks a lot for joining us today," added Mulally, who also mingled freely with the crowd, posing for photos.

Feet were a bit sore at the Hines Park walk's end, and stomachs empty, so the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth came to the rescue with hot dogs off the grill, manned by Roy Klay of Wayne.

Jeanne Baldwin of Plymouth Township and Mark Riegal of Canton were among some 15 club members volunteering with the food.

"We do it every year," she said. "We've got like 2,000 hot dogs, the scent of which drew hungry walkers."

"It's just a great cause and it's something we've been doing for years," Baldwin said of the March of Dimes, among the service club's youth-focused projects.

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Canton mosque hosts open house May 15

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In an effort to dispel misconceptions and provide education about the Islamic religion and culture, the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs will open the doors of its mosque during an open house scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The event, which is free, will

offer guided tours, pictures of holy places, posters featuring Islamic messages and hourly lectures starting at 11 a.m., including the main presentation at 1 p.m., said Sohail Ahsan, member of MCWS's outreach committee.

The mosque is located at 40440 Palmer Road, just west of Lotz.

"The purpose is to open the mosque so that people can come and see what it is, so they have a better understanding of the community," Ahsan said. "There are many misconcep-

tions, and some of the things in the media are not correct."

MCWS's open house is expected to coincide with similar mosque events across the metro Detroit area, he said.

The main program will start at 1 p.m., Ahsan said. It will include a lecture, a question-and-answer session and a prayer so that visitors can observe — and learn about — the Islamic religion and culture.

It's not the first time the mosque has opened its doors for public tours, in hopes of

reaching out to others who may have questions — or who may have the wrong impression — about the Muslim community, Ahsan said.

"We are planning to have this every year from now on," he said.

MCWS also has a Web site, www.mcws.org, that provides much information. Muslims who are new to the area can log on and find links for services ranging from housing to schools to utilities. The Web site also contains information about community events.

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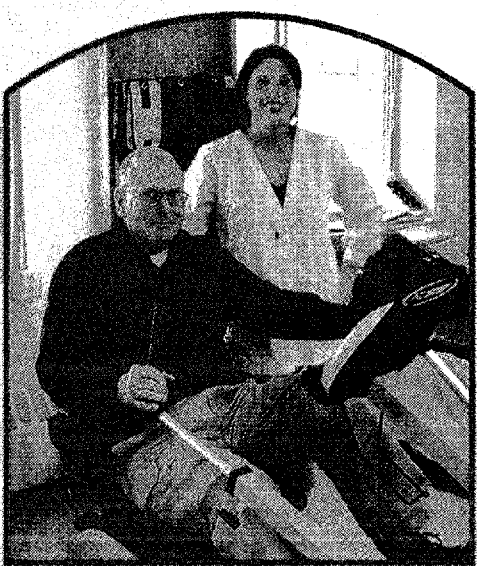
The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras received a "Volunteer Ventures" grant award of \$1,000 from MetLife in support of the orchestra's education programs. The grant was proposed by Pamela Hall, a MetLife employee who is also a member of the Plymouth Symphony Board of Directors. A presentation of the award was made at the Plymouth Symphony Pops concert April 16 at the Penn Theatre. The CLASSICAL Music Outreach Program is a hallmark of the orchestra's educational programming and serves to supplement the music edu-

cation curriculum in the Plymouth-Canton Schools. "The program introduces students to the instruments of the orchestra as well as orchestra musicians and culminates with a Concert for Kids at Salem Auditorium for every fourth grader in the district," symphony executive director Beth Stewart said. MetLife's Volunteer Ventures program encourages and supports employee involvement at the local level in non-profit organizations that work to improve the quality of life for all, Stewart said. Grants are made for specific projects in which MetLife employees have continuing involvement as volunteers.

Hall has served on the symphony's Board of Directors for two years and has been actively involved in the orchestra's educational and fundraising efforts. **Democratic Club gala** The Plymouth Democratic Club hosts its first Democratic Spring Gala 2010 at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Keynote speaker for the event is U.S. Sen. Carl Levin. The Democratic Spring Gala 2010 takes place Saturday, May 1, at the Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 West Eight Mile in Northville, from 7-10 p.m. The event is being co-sponsored by the Plymouth, Northville, and Livonia Democratic Clubs, which

have collective membership of well over 250 members. Organizers said the Spring Gala "promises to be a significant regional event that will promote the Democratic Party and support local Democratic candidates." In addition to Levin, attendees will include numerous Democratic state and local office holders and party leaders. It is an opportunity for individuals to meet elected officials and candidates. The candidates attending include all three State of Michigan Democratic candidates for Governor: Virg Bernero, Andy Dillon and Alma Wheeler Smith. Also attending will be the State Democratic Party's endorsed candi-

date for State of Michigan Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson, and David Leyton, who is the State Democratic Party's endorsed candidate for attorney general. Northville resident and State Rep. Marc Corriveau, candidate for the State Senate, and Joan Wadsworth, who is also a Northville resident and the Democratic candidate for the State House of Representatives, will also be in attendance, as will Canton resident Natalie Mosher, Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives. The Plymouth Democratic Club invites everyone to attend this exciting event. For ticket information, contact PlymouthDemocrats@gmail.com



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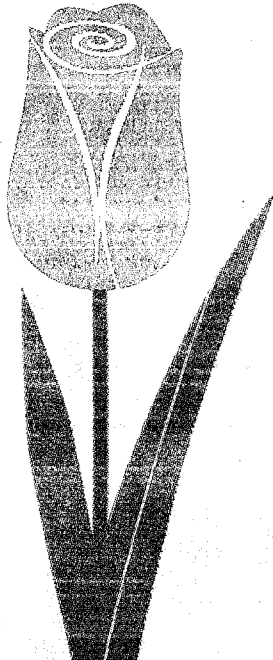
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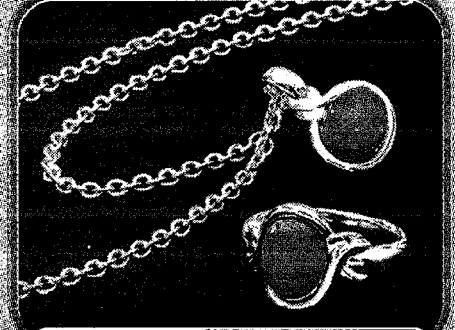
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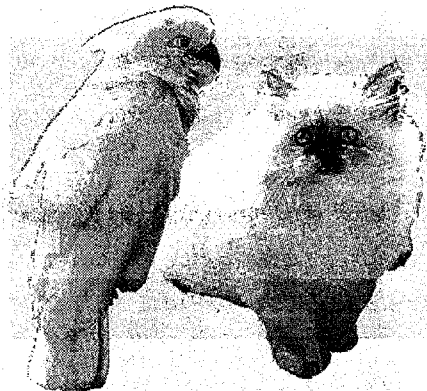


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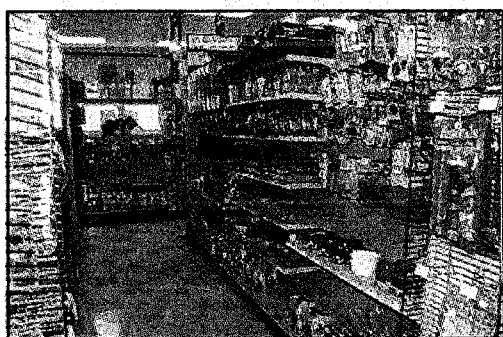
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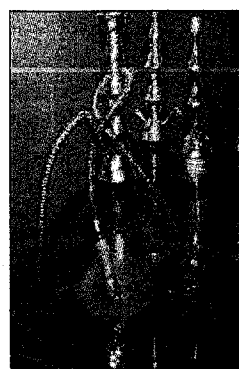
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JULIE BURNARD

Plymouth's Stacey Klonowski (No. 16) steals second base during Wednesday's second game, beating an attempted tag by Canton shortstop CarolAnne Sexauer.

Chiefs take two from 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton swept Plymouth Wednesday in a KLAA South softball twinbill that didn't quite make up for the Wildcats ousting the Chiefs last year in the district final.

But at least it's a little payback. "You can throw every record away on both sides and you're going to get two quality teams playing a great game," said Canton head coach Jim Arnold, shortly after the Chiefs won 4-1 in the opener. "Fortunately, we wound up on top this time."

That was the case in the nightcap, too.

In Game 2, Canton built a 7-1 lead and hung on — with the help of a clutch, sliding catch by centerfielder Jesse Larner — for an 8-5 victory. (The sweep improved the Chiefs' record to 11-0 and 6-0 in the division while Plymouth fell to 10-3 and 4-2.)

The Wildcats trailed 8-3 going into the bottom of the seventh (in the KLAA doubleheaders, each team gets last at-bats in one game).

Singles by Karen Rebain and

PREP SOFTBALL

Lauren Smith off Canton starting pitcher Alyssa Boucher (6 1/3, three earned runs) got the frame going for Plymouth.

After senior Amy Dunleavy (who threw a complete game win in the opener) took over on the mound, Plymouth senior Stacey Klonowski (3-for-4, one run, one RBI) ripped a liner that looked as though it would fall in. But Larner stretched out for the grab for the second out.

But Amanda Burnard and Bri Giordano (2-for-4, 2 RBI) followed with back-to-back hits to right field, the latter driving in two runs to keep Plymouth's hopes going.

Finally, Dunleavy managed to get the third out.

Had Klonowski's drive been a hit, the Wildcats could have really made the final frame interesting.

"She's our catcher and an outfielder and she got a great jump on the ball and made a great diving catch," said Arnold about Larner. "I'm proud of her."

According to Plymouth head coach

Val Canfield, "Each person was stepping up and delivering for us (in the seventh). But we just kind of fell short. That centerfielder made an outstanding play."

EARLY JUMP

Late heroics were required because the Chiefs jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first against Plymouth freshman pitcher Elaine Gerou. Canton tallied four of their 14 hits in the inning.

Both Sam Partain (3-for-5, two runs, two RBI) and Lauren Leskovitz (2-3, one run, one RBI) singled and junior shortstop CarolAnne Sexauer (3-for-4, two RBI) singled to drive in Partain.

An infield error scored the second run and Logan Lankford (2-for-4, one run, one RBI) singled to left for another tally.

Three more hits helped Canton add another run in the second, but that rally could have been much bigger.

With one out, a Canton batter smashed a one-hopper down the third-base line that Burnard dove to

Please see **SOFTBALL, B4**

Eagles find way to win

PREP BASEBALL

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Before Thursday's game, Plymouth Christian Academy baseball coach Joe Bottorff wasn't too happy with the way infield warmup was going.

"I was really worried," Bottorff said. "We didn't have a very good infield (warmup) and in fact I pulled them off infield before it was over... And then we started a little flat."

The Eagles only needed a couple innings to get back on track and go on to a 6-2 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Academy.

Earning the victory for PCA (3-2, 3-1 in the MIAC) was senior starting pitcher Ethan Walker, who scattered five hits and struck out nine in 5 2/3 innings.

Shortly after a pre-game shower dampened the field, the Cougars (8-1, 5-1) grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

Jonah Langenderfer reached on an infield single and took third on a double by John Hibbitts. With one out, CCA starting pitcher Kendall Hunley dropped a bunt.

Walker slipped on the wet grass near the mound trying to field the bunt and Langenderfer scored.

"But the last two games the bottom of our order has been starting things off and they did it again today," Bottorff noted. "That kind of got everybody going."

TAKING THE LEAD

The lower part of the lineup jump-started a four-run second, propelling host PCA to a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

A walk to JR Hope opened the inning and Hunley hit junior Matt Hagelin with a pitch.

An error on a bunt evened the con-

Please see **BASEBALL, B3**

GAME WRAPS

Prep baseball

STEVENSON 10-8, SALEM 2-2: Host Livonia Stevenson took it to the Rocks in both ends of this Wednesday doubleheader between KLAA Central Division rivals.

In the opener, the Spartans managed just five hits and fell behind 5-1 after three innings. Stevenson banged out 15 safeties.

Game 2 did feature two singles and a double by Chris Kordick and a solid pitching start by Matt Constance. The teams were tied 2-2 entering the bottom of the fifth when the Spartans broke things open. The game was called at that point due to darkness.

The losses dropped Salem's record to 7-10 overall and 2-6 in the KLAA.

CANTON 10-12, PLYMOUTH 6-0: These PCEP rivals got together for a KLAA baseball twinbill that started Wednesday and ended Thursday. But the Chiefs had too much firepower for Plymouth.

Canton pitcher Ben Staley won the opener, with offensive help from Cody Blakita (3-for-4, 3 runs, 3 RBI) and Kevin Delapaz (2-for-4, 2 runs, 2 2Bs).

In the second game, Art Chavez gave up just three hits as the Chiefs completed the sweep. Canton belted out 13 hits, with Delapaz (3-for-4, 2 runs), Andrew Tidwell (2-for-3, 2 runs) and Angelo Lanava (2-for-3, 4 RBI) doing much of the damage.

Girls soccer

SALEM 1, STEVENSON 0: In a KLAA Central varsity girls soccer matchup Thursday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Tabitha Mann made seven saves for her second shutout of the season as the Rocks took care of Livonia Stevenson.

Mann collected Salem's fifth shutout of the season, but she needed at least one goal to get the win and she

Please see **WRAPS, B2**

Salem spiker set on college

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three-for-four is a great day at the plate for any batter. It turns out to be pretty good for a volleyball player, too, as Salem junior middle blocker Nicole Merget might tell you.

Merget's three-year quest to nab a four-year college scholarship for volleyball finally paid off when she verbally committed to go to Jacksonville State (Ala.) University beginning in 2011-12.

"It was a very long process for me," the 6-3 Merget said about deciding which direction to take for her college career. "It started when I was a freshman."

There were some Michigan destinations on her radar, including Michigan State and Central Michigan. But ultimately, the all-KLAA and all-Observerland selection opted to leave her home state.

"I kind of knew I wanted to see other parts of the country and leave Michigan," Merget



'I kind of knew I wanted to see other parts of the country and leave Michigan. Although it's going to be very hard to leave my family.'

NICOLE MERGET, Salem HS

said. "Although it's going to be very hard to leave my family."

When Merget made her choice, she not only told her parents (Rob and Nina Merget), she informed her Salem coach (Amanda Suder) as well as the JSU coaches.

"I was very excited once I finally decided," Merget continued. "And when I called all the coaches, they were excited."

Besides playing college vol-

leyball, one of the big things for her to consider was where she could pursue a degree in nursing. A trip to Alabama during the recent spring break turned out to clinch her decision.

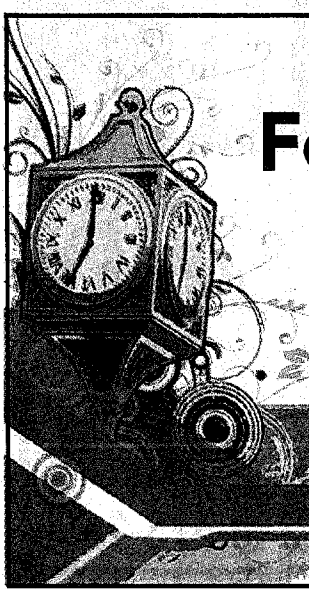
"One of the reasons I picked Jacksonville State was they have a great nursing program," said Merget, who sports a 3.6 grade-point average. "It's one of the best in the southeast."

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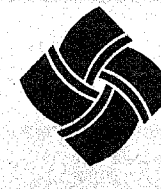
How Scotty CC's it

Legendary NHL and Red Wings coach Scotty Bowman (right) shares a laugh with players from the 1999 state champion Redford-Detroit Catholic Central hockey team during a recent practice at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Bowman is the honorary coach for the Shamrocks, who 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9 will finally finish a game from 1999 against Trenton (which was stopped with the score 4-4). That game was cut short when a skate blade accidentally slit the throat of a Trenton player (who nearly died as a result). The Trojans' promising year was derailed while the Shamrocks went on to win a title. Now, the teams want to take care of that unfinished business. Bowman's former Detroit player Brendan Shanahan is the honorary coach for Trenton in the REPLAY/Fueled by Gatorade game at Compuware. Tickets are \$10 and are available. Meantime, players from CC and Trenton also are training at Velocity Sports Performance in Canton for the big game.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem grid meeting

There will be a mandatory parent-player meeting 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6th in the Salem Auditorium for all prospective 2010 Salem football players and their parents. Those with questions about the meeting should contact coach Kurt Britnell via e-mail (football.salemrocks@gmail.com) or go to www.football.salemrocks.com.

Plymouth grid meeting

Next season's Plymouth Wildcats football players and their parents are invited to attend a mandatory meeting slated from 6:30-to-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School. Head coach Mike Sawchuk and his entire staff will be introduced and parents will receive "all the important paperwork necessary for your student-athlete to participate in the upcoming football season." Todd McCall, president of the Plymouth football boosters club, also will speak about getting involved with that program as well as fundraising responsibilities. Sawchuk stated in a letter to parents about the May 25 meeting that the 2010 season is "just around the corner and we are as fired up as ever to continue our excellence on and off of the field." Any questions, please contact Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 or via e-mail at Mike.Sawchuk@pcpsmail.net.

Run for the Rouge

The annual "Run for the Rouge" is just around the corner, Saturday, May 8, in fact.

There will be a 5K Single Track Trail Run (beginning at 8 a.m.) with a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk slated for 9:30 a.m.

Both races will take place at the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail of Canton, with parking and registration at Connection Church (3855 S. Sheldon Road in Canton).

The single track run follows the Lower Rouge, showcasing unique natural features of the river. The family event takes

place along the Lower Rouge recreation trail.

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Give 'Pickleball' a try

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CYO fall volleyball

St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton is seeking any 4th-8th grade girls interested in playing CYO volleyball this coming fall. All home games will be played in the new state of the art gym that opened in November, 2009.

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Crusaders secure WHAC championship

The No. 13-ranked Madonna University baseball team captured its fifth Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship in the last six seasons with a double-header sweep Thursday at Siena Heights University.

The Crusaders captured the first game, 7-2, before taking the nightcap, 6-1, as they improved to 37-7 overall and 15-3 in the WHAC.

MU captured its ninth overall crown (regular season and tournament) under head coach Greg Haeger and will the top seed and host the 2010 WHAC tournament, May 10-13, at Ilitch Ballpark.

Sophomore right hander Robert Fraser (Westland John Glenn) threw a complete game in the opener, striking out seven while scattering seven hits and allowing just one earned run in moving to 5-1 on the year.

MU belted three homers in Game One as Ted Toune went 2-for-3 with two RBI. He has seven round-trippers on the year.

Matt Kay (Canton) added his sixth of the year, a 2-run blast, while Dan Harder contributed a solo shot.

Zach Flavin also collected two hits and an RBI for the Crusaders.

In Game Two, senior lefty John Ballarin, a Westland native and transfer from Eastern Michigan University, improved to 6-1 going 6.1 innings, allowing just one run while striking out eight. He gave way to sophomore reliever Andy Omilian, who got the final two outs.

Flavin went 3-for-3, including his eighth homer of the year to go along with two RBI. Toune added a solo homer, while Harder contributed two RBI.

Sophomore catcher Dan Abbott (Lutheran High Westland) went 2-for-7 in the twinbill as the Saints fell to 15-36 overall and 4-14 in the WHAC.

PREP TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

BOYS TRACK & FIELD DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 87 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 50 April 27 at PCEP JV Stadium

Shot put: 1. Kyle Brindza (P), 47 feet, 6 inches; 2. Brian Bartig (LC), 46-3.5; 3. Darrell Cohn (P), 43-3.5.
Discus: 1. Brindza (P), 131-7; 2. Paulin Chatteau (LC), 124-5; 3. Bartig (LC), 122-2.
High jump: 1. Pawan Dhaliwal (P), 6-0; 2. Williams (LC), 5-3; 3. (tie) Josh Smith (P) and Reynolds (P), 5-0.
Long jump: 1. Scott Coppola (LC), 21-9.75; 2. Marion (LC), 20-1.5; 3. Zuzo (P), 17-8.5.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Brandon Piliagian (P), 15.0 seconds; 2. Doug Dykes (P), 16.4; 3. Rodeman (LC), 17.7.
300 hurdles: 1. Piliagian (P), 42.1; 2. Guerin (LC), 42.4; 3. Dykes (P), 43.5.
100 dash: 1. Coppola (LC), 11.0; 2. Vincent Askwel II (P), 11.4; 3. Dillard (LC), 11.4.
200: 1. Coppola (LC), 22.7; 2. Askwel II (P), 23.4; 3. Dillard (LC), 24.1.
400: 1. Anthony LeMerise (P), 53.3; 2. Kobylarz (LC), 55.4; 3. Bunting (P), 55.5.
800: 1. Warren Buzzard (P), 2 minutes, 01.8 seconds; 2. Justin Heck (P), 2:07.8; 3. Keeling (LC), 2:10.8.
1,600: 1. Buzzard (P), 4:52.6; 2. Matt Neumann (P), 4:53.1; 3. Joe Porcari (P), 4:53.6.
3,200: 1. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:27.1; 2. Windle (LC), 10:28.2; 3. Osgood (LC), 10:36.1.
400 relay: 1. Plymouth (LeMerise, Piliagian, Askwel II, Turrentine), 45.0; 2. Churchill D'O'ed; **800 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Askwel II, LeMerise, Wright, Turrentine), 1:35.1; 2. Churchill, 1:40.9; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Porcari, Dhaliwal, Piliagian, Buzzard), 3:42.4; 2. Churchill, 3:56.5; 2. John Glenn, 4:51.9; **3,200 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Buzzard, Neumann, Heck, Porcari), 8:46.5; 2. Churchill, 9:00.2.

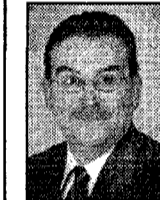
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 87 PLYMOUTH 50 April 27 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Taylor Bryon (LC), 34 feet, 1.5 inches; 2. Isis Haywood (P), 29-6; 3. Megan Ling (C), 28-3.5; **discus:** 1. Byron (LC), 92-10; 2. Emily Norscia (LC), 87-9; 3. Rebecca Bartig (LC), 80-8; **high jump:** 1. Senclair McDonnell (LC), 5-0; 2. Ashley Cochran (LC), 4-10; 3. Jessica Raisanen (LC), 4-6; **long jump:** 1. Becca Knox (P), 15-9.5; 2. Leah Heinzelman (LC), 15-5.75; 3. T. Rieckhoff (P), 14-4; **pole vault:** 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 8-6; 2. Lindsey Kreuzman (LC), 8-6; 3. Lindsey Russell (P), 8-0; **100-meter hurdles:** 1. Madi Lewis (P), 16.1, new Plymouth record; 2. J. Raisanen (LC), 19.6; 3. P. Farnstrom (LC), 19.9; **300 hurdles:** 1. Molly Jarvis (LC), 53.9; 2. Jenna Hamed (P), 54.4; 3. S. McCall (LC), 54.5; **100 dash:** 1. Heinzelman (LC), 12.8; 2. Demi Crossman (LC), 13.4; 3. Jarvis (LC), 13.7; **200:** 1. Lewis (P), 25.9, new Plymouth record; 2. Russell (P), 27.7; **400:** 1. Knox (P), 1:04.3; 2. Kelly (LC) 1:04.6; 3. Dusablon (LC), 1:08.1; **800:** 1. Nicole Traitses (P), 2:40.4; 2. Tiffany Raisanen (LC), 2:41.3; 3. Michelle Azar (LC), 2:46.9; **1,600:** 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 5:30.0; 2. Kerrigan Riley (LC), 5:31.0; 3. Bethany Pilat (LC), 5:36.0; **3,200:** 1. Paula Green (P), 12:48.3; 2. Alexis Hickson (LC), 12:53.4; 3. Traitses (P), 12:56.9; **400 relay:** 1. Churchill (Cochran, Crossman, Heinzelman, Liz Lerner), 1:50.8; 2. Plymouth, 1:51.4; **1,600 relay:** 1. Plymouth (Lewis, Knox, Lamees Saati, Russell), 4:24.5; 2. Churchill, 4:52.6; **3,200 relay:** 1. Churchill (Riley, T. Raisanen, Kroll, Pilat), 10:07.6; 2. Plymouth, 11:02.2.
Dual meet records: Churchill, 3-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAS South Division; Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAAS South.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS MARIAN 71 LIVONIA LADYWOOD 57 April 27 at Ladywood

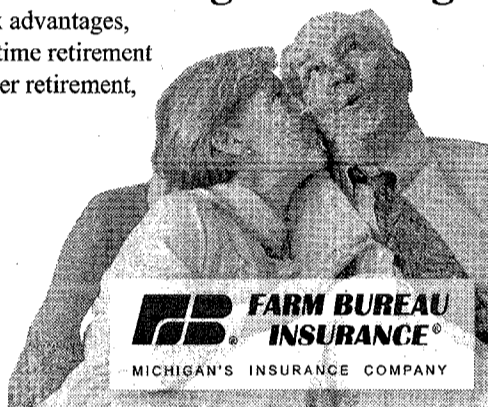
Ladywood 1sts: Megan Yanik, 100-meter hurdles (15.37); 300 hurdles (45.17); 100 dash (12.99); Meredith Houska, 1,600 (5:41.72); 3,200 (11:50.72); Megan Vitake, 800 (2:26.87); Lisa Achachon, long jump (14 feet, 3 inches); 1,600 relay (Teresa Wojnarowski, Shannon Scarlett, Vitale, Yanik), 4:09.97; **2nds:** (tie) Kelly Campbell and Haley Giordano, long jump (13-4 each).
Ladywood's dual meet record: 1-2 overall, 1-2 Catholic League (Central Division).

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WRAPS

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got it when Taylor Burgoon knocked in the rebound off a free kick by Kristina Klusek. "It was a heads up hustle play from Taylor and she put it up top and in the corner," said Rocks head coach Joe Nora. Salem players who Nora said were instrumental in the

victory were outside midfielders Burgoon, Abbi Giaier, Lily Burnstein and Megan McCormack.

The win upped Salem's record to 7-1 overall and 3-1-0 in the division and helped take the sting out of Tuesday's tough 2-0 loss at Northville. "We were a little flat in our execution (against the Mustangs)," Nora said. "The work was there but we just couldn't get on track. They are

a strong team and we made a few mistakes that they capitalized on."

Boys lacrosse

SALINE 18, SALEM 8: On Tuesday at Saline, a five-goal night by Salem's Connor Berlin could not overcome a 9-1 halftime deficit. The Rocks scored four unanswered goals early in the third quarter, but the Hornets came back with plenty more offense to finish off Salem.

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Hickory Creek Golf Course PGA pro Tami Bealert gives instruction to a youngster. This is an example of what Bealert will be offering to first-time golfers throughout May as part of the 'Play Golf America' initiative.

Program on tap to lure new golfers

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Providing the instruction will be Hickory Creek PGA pro Tami Bealert, whose lessons are part of the month-long "Play Golf America" campaign.



Bealert

Bealert said the short lessons are for new golfers of any age. She said those who are interested need to call in advance at (734) 927-3265 or (734) 731-0238.

Meanwhile, a drop-in Family Golf Clinic is slated from 2-to-3 p.m. Saturday, May 15, also at Hickory Creek.

The lessons and clinic adhere to the mission of "Play Golf America," which is to help grow the game throughout the United States.

For more information, go to www.playgol-famerica.com or www.trainwithtami.com.

BASEBALL

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test and junior Matt Dodson (2-for-3, 2 2Bs) broke the tie with a two-run double down the left-field line.

It was 4-1 after Hagelin scored on a wild pitch.

"We got a couple good bunts down from the bottom of the order and we moved guys around to get ready for the top of the order," Bottorff said.

PCA made it a 5-1 margin in the fourth. A single by sophomore catcher Dan Slater,

sandwiched between two Cougars errors constituted that rally.

Hagelin doubled and scored in the fifth when freshman Matt Read stroked a single up the middle for the final PCA run.

Bottorff relieved the tiring Walker with two outs in the sixth. "He (Walker) kind of fought with his control the whole game I could tell he was laboring there at the end."

Dodson came in from his shortstop position and retired the final four CCA batters — although he gave up one

run in the seventh.

Hunley (3-for-3) singled, stole second and scored on a hit by Matt Sanders.

According to Bottorff, whose team was set to participate in Saturday's Lutheran Westland tournament, the Eagles have room for improvement. He doesn't think his offense is clicking.

Bottorff, however, is confident that playing more often during the next couple weeks will help the Eagles finally get untracked.

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BOYS GOLF RESULTS

**PLYMOUTH 154
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 167**
April 30 at Ioyl Wylde G.C.
Plymouth scorers: Josh Heinze, 37; Kyle Rodes, 38; Justin Bauer, 39; Trevor Birdwell, 40; James Bryans, 40; Ryan Bauer, 40.
Dual match records: Plymouth, 3-0 overall.

**CANTON 162
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 170**
April 29 at Hilltop G.C.
Canton scorers: Brendan Muir even-par 35 (medalist); Zach Conrad, 41; Kyle Korte, 43; Josh Maxam, 44; Frank Parzynski, 48.
Franklin scorers: Drake Herman, 40; Brandon Kozya, 41; Tyler Miller, 43; Jon Holmes, 46; Jacob Wirgau, 48; Colin Chisholm, 52.
Dual match records: Canton, 5-0 overall, 5-0 KLA South Division; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLA South.

**CANTON 156
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 170**
April 28
Canton scorers: Zach Conrad, 1-under 34 (medalist); Brendan Muir, 37; Kyle Korte, 42; Frank Parzynski, 43; Travis Hall, 44; Brent Perry, 49.
Churchill scorers: Adam Yarber, 40; Ben Proben and Dominic DiListi, 42 each; Chris Theile, 46; Brian Sexton, 47; Andrew Iaconou, 49.
Dual match records: Canton, 4-0 overall, 4-0 KLA South Division; Churchill, 1-2 overall, 1-2 KLA South.

**SALEM 151
LIVONIA STEVENSON 161**
April 28 at Fox Hills G.C.
Salem scorers: Aaron Thompson, 36 (medalist); Patrick Doty and Brian Petterson, 37 each; Eric Duprey and Josh Perrin, 41 each; Brandon Duprey, 42.
Stevenson scorers: Drew Mossoian and Christian Debay, 39 each; Tom Cullum, 41; Adam Giordano and Nick Marsh, 42 each; Adam Laporte, 43.
Dual match records: Salem, 2-2 overall, 2-2 KLA Central Division; Stevenson, 1-3 overall, 1-3 KLA Central.



Salem's Aaron Thompson, taking a practice cut recently, continues to be a force for the Rocks' varsity boys golf team.

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SOFTBALL

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backhand. While still on the ground, she flipped the ball to shortstop Klonowski who fired to first.

"We practice that where we go over dives and flips," Canfield said, "because you never know when that's going to happen and when you're going to need it."

Plymouth finally broke through against Boucher in the third. Kayla Rebin doubled to left and scored on Klonowski's two-bagger to the fence in straightaway center-field.

The score remained 4-1 until the Canton sixth. Dunleavy (3-for-5, two runs, two RBI as the designated player) doubled to center for a run. Padding the lead with RBI hits were Partain and Sexauer.

An error led to a two-run Plymouth sixth. Christy Pattison's double drove in one of those runs, both unearned.

Game 1 belonged to Dunleavy, who went the distance and scattered seven hits while striking out 12.

She helped herself out by going 3-for-3 at the plate.

Dunleavy said she cranks it up a notch to go up against one of the other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams. Wednesday was no exception.

"There's friends over there that I'm close with and I have classes with," Dunleavy said. "But I can't let that get into my head. I don't even look at their faces when they come up."

"I just see the catcher's glove and get it there."

FALLING BEHIND

The Chiefs took advantage of some Plymouth miscues. Errors contributed to single runs in the second and third innings, which gave Canton a

'I think some of the younger players were a little anxious and a little nervous. It was a big game for everybody, but especially for the young ones.'

VAL CANFIELD, Plymouth head coach

2-0 edge.

After Plymouth cut the margin to 2-1 in the top of the sixth on an RBI hit by Klonowski, the Chiefs tacked on two more in the bottom half.

Larner (2-for-3, one run, one RBI) singled in one run and the other came in on a wild throw.

"I think some of the younger players were a little anxious and a little nervous," Canfield said. "It was a big game for everybody, but especially for the young ones."

Canfield stressed that regular season games are like dress rehearsals for the real thing — the state tournament.

"We'll have our turn soon," she said. "We're just playing for districts and getting ourselves ready to be the best that we can be then."

"So each game will be like a stepping stone for us."

Plymouth might have enjoyed a different outcome if not for Marissa Blassie (the starting right fielder in Game 1) taking ill and being forced out of the opener. Blassie did collect a single before exiting.

"It really made a difference in our lineup without her, so I think maybe things could have been a lot different," Canfield said. "She's my fifth hole hitter and my right fielder, so we had to mix things together a little bit."

"But I'm really proud of how they came together the last inning of that second game, that really shows a lot of promise."

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MU's White hits 400-win milestone

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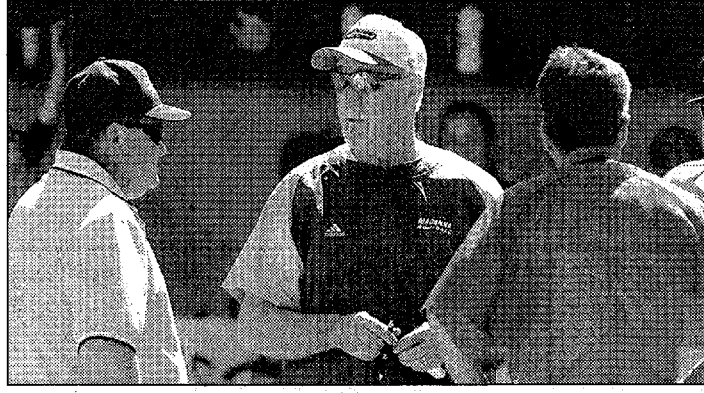
It never gets old for Al White.

The Madonna University women's softball coach reached the 400-win milestone Saturday, April 24 as the first-place Crusaders rallied in the second game from three runs down to complete a sweep of a double-header from visiting Indiana Tech, 8-1 and 7-2.

The soft-spoken West Virginia native has been the Crusaders' head coach since 1999 and has guided MU to 30-plus victories eight times including a record 53 wins and an NAIA National Tournament appearance last year.

He joins select coaching company at MU with baseball's Greg Haeger recently joining 400-win club, while NAIA Hall of Fame volleyball coach Jerry Abraham cracked 900-win barrier.

"That's a lot, we were just talking about it," said White, whose team is 34-7 overall. "If you have mine and Haeger's together, we'd still fall short of Jerry (Abraham). He got his 900th, Haeger got his (400th),



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Longtime Madonna University softball coach Al White (middle) has no intentions of stepping down anytime soon. He recently won the 400th game of his coaching career and loves everything about his job.

too. That's a pretty good year here at Madonna, my God."

White's 400th win came in dramatic fashion. Starting pitcher Hallie Minch (Garden City) homered over the right field wall in the fourth inning to help spur the second-game comeback.

Rachael Kethe's lead-off single to start the sixth inning sparked a 4-run inning for the Crusaders as they capitalized on three Warrior errors to regain the lead.

Cat Sidor (Livonia Churchill) went 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace MU's 8-hit attack.

Minch went the first five innings, allowing four earned runs on eight hits.

Tech (31-18, 14-9) scored all four of its runs in the third inning thanks to back-to-back homers from Jessica Williams and Jen Anderson.

Junior Jess Irwin pitched two scoreless innings in relief — fanning four — to earn the victory and improve to 21-3 overall.

"We were 4-1 down and they never quit, they never quit," White said.

In the opener, MU cruised to victory as Irwin tossed a

Rocks swept in doubleheader by Spartans

Things are beginning to perk up for the Livonia Stevenson girls softball team.

Coming off a runner-up finish in last weekend's Monroe-Jefferson Invitational, the Spartans got a pair of pitching gems Wednesday from junior Jacqueline Johnson in a KLAA Central Division double-header sweep of visiting Salem, 3-0 and 3-1.

Stevenson improves to 11-6 overall and 3-3 in the division, while Salem falls to 6-4 and 3-3.

Johnson, a right-hander, allowed just three hits, struck out 10 and didn't give a walk in the opener in outdueling Salem ace Briana Lee.

Stevenson scored all three of its runs in the fourth inning on 2-run bunt single by Anna Plumley scoring Becca Zarras and Ashley Avery, both whom had singled. Plumley then stole third and scored on a wild pitch.

Lee gave up just five hits, struck out nine and did not issue a walk.

In the nightcap, Johnson scattered seven hits (without a walk) to go along with eight strikeouts.

Lee, meanwhile, gave up eight hits, walked one and fanned eight.

Avery went 3-for-3 with a double and RBI to pace the Spartans.

Zarras laid down a successful suicide squeeze bunt scoring Shelbie Wilson to give Stevenson a 2-run cushion.

Alexis Powell and Kelly Janiczek each had two hits for the Rocks.

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NEIGHBORS

CROP walks raise funds to combat hunger worldwide

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of walkers in southeast Michigan will log between 1.5 and 6.2 miles today, Sunday, May 2, in solidarity with hungry people around the world.

The Rev. Mary Biedron, associate minister at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills, says the mileage is no coincidence.

"For many people around the world, that's how far they have to walk to get food and clean water," said Biedron, director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield CROP walk, a hunger relief program of Church World Service. "The goal has been not just to get contributions, but to cause people to be aware of hunger. The walk is meant to be an interactive experience as well."

Church World Service is a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations that offers development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in 80 countries. In the U.S., the organization helps communities respond to hunger and disasters, resettles refugees and promotes fair national and international policies. Its CROP walks and other programs give participants an opportunity to make a difference in their communities and around the globe.

The Farmington event is among more than two dozen CROP walks taking place in Michigan this spring. Several are scheduled this weekend in the metro area, including in Redford and Wayne/Westland. Livonia and Plymouth/Canton will hold walks in October.

Walkers and runners take pledges for donations to the cause and will log 10 kilometers — that's 6.2 miles — or participate in a two-mile walk



Michelle Rockafellow (left) and Judy Curtis helped coordinate the Westland CROP walk a few years ago. Curtis is coordinator this year.

in Farmington. In Westland, they walk 1.5, three or four miles.

"You don't even have to walk. I have one man who's going to rock in his rocking chair," said Judy Curtis, Wayne/Westland walk coordinator. "I have eight churches committed. Last year we had walkers, wheelchairs and strollers."

One reason Curtis supports Church World Service is because it responds quickly to disasters around the world.

"I don't know who needs a well. I don't know the best crop to grow, but they send specialists in who do and it's fabulous," she said. "And they aren't just in other countries. They're in America, too."

HELPING AT HOME

Three-quarters of the proceeds helps Church World Service combat hunger worldwide. One-quarter is donated back to the community for local use.

Each walk designates where the local funding will be used. In the Farmington area, St. Alexander's Food

Cupboard, the Salvation Army, Neighborhood House, the Baldwin Center in Pontiac and Yad Ezra, a kosher food pantry, will share 25 percent of the proceeds collected. The Wayne/Westland walk supports Full Gospel Temple's warming station, John Bolde Memorial Food Depot in Wayne, the Salvation Army, Good Hope Lutheran Church's food pantry in Garden City and Wayne Westland Fish. Redford Interfaith Relief receives the local quarter of proceeds from the Redford Crop Walk.

MICHIGAN LEADS

"We're in over 144 communities in Michigan alone and 1,800 across the country," said Antoinette Lloyd-Evans, assistant regional director for Church World Service. "2009 marked the ninth year Michigan was the top fundraising region. I think that's a great testament to the generous spirit of Michiganders. People have stepped up and said, 'Hey we realize there's need in the community, but we're going to do everything in



The CROP walk team from St. James Presbyterian Church get ready to walk in Redford last year.

our power to make this a success."

Last year, nearly 120 walkers raised approximately \$10,000 at Wayne/Westland's 15th annual CROP walk. Redford's 25th annual walk last year drew 124 walkers and netted \$10,285.

The Farmington-area CROP walk's 352 participants collected \$33,485 last year. This year participants will mark 25 years with a birthday cake and commemorative T-shirts.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

"Typically it brings in about \$1,500 for our agency once all the money is collected and divided up," said Lea Luger, development director for Yad Ezra, the only Jewish anti-hunger agency that benefits from the Farmington walk.

The money buys groceries for the Berkley-based food pantry that served 2,500 families last

year. The need has increased by 1,300 families since 2007.

"We have families from Flint, families from the city. We've helped people Downriver and in Ann Arbor, whoever comes to us," Luger said. "It's a whole new demographic — people who thought they'd never be in this situation, people who are embarrassed or don't know how to navigate the system."

KOSHER FOODS

Yad Ezra primarily serves Jewish families because it provides kosher foods, but it won't turn away anyone who needs one-time, emergency help.

Luger will walk Sunday along with other Yad Ezra representatives. Registration starts at 1 p.m. followed by the walks at 1:30 p.m., at First United Church of Farmington, located on Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road.

The Wayne/Westland walk registers at 1:30 p.m. and starts at 2 p.m., at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland. The church will serve pizza, salad and desserts after the event.

The Redford walk registers at 1 p.m., with a 1:30 p.m. start time, at Presbyterian Village of Redford, 25330 W. Six Mile, Redford.

"It's such an important cause and such a pleasure and blessing to see how many people get involved in world hunger," Biedron said. "If everyone comes together and does what they can, it's remarkable what can be accomplished. Rain or shine, we'll get out this Sunday and do it for the people of the world."

For more about Church World Service and CROP walks, visit www.church-worldservice.org.

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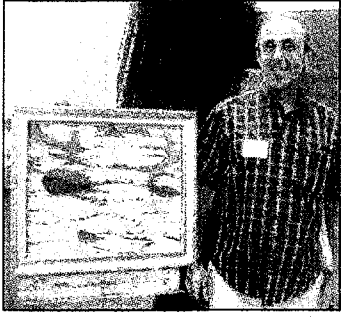
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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Kevin Blevins of Westland took third place in the VAAL Spring Art Show for his work, 'Before the Rain.'

DATE CHANGE

The awards reception for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's Spring Art Show has been changed from May 5 to Thursday, May 6. The reception will run from 7-8:30 p.m. at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, at Five Mile east of Farmington Road. (734) 838-1204. Meet the winners and view the show.

MUSIC IN ART

Before checking out VAAL's spring show, swing by the

Plymouth Arts Council (PCAC) to view its new exhibit. "Music in Art" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday through May 24, at the council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction.

The show celebrates the first anniversary of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's residence at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, home of the PCAC. The two organizations, while completely separate, have been sharing space as a cost savings measure.

The show consists of 64 pieces, including watercolor, oil, acrylic pen and ink, paper painting, and collage, submitted by artists throughout the Detroit metro area. Painting themes range from classical music, to jazz and rock and roll.

Visitors may vote for their favorite piece for the People's Choice Award. It will be given at an artists' reception, 2-4 p.m., Sunday, May 23. The reception is free and open to the public.

For more information call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

VOLUNTEERS HONORED

Nicole Majdali and Dave Cunningham, both from Livonia, were honored Tuesday, April 27 for their volunteer efforts at Manoogian Manor, an assisted living center for the elderly.

Over the past year they



Dave Cunningham and Nicole Majdali are all smiles at a party in their honor at Manoogian Manor in Livonia.

helped residents with social events and arts and crafts projects.

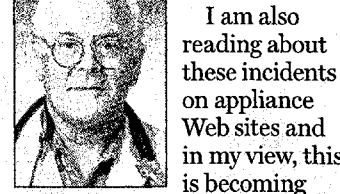
"Their volunteer efforts have dramatically enhanced the quality of life for our seniors," stated Rosemarie Arakelian, Manoogian Manor administrator.

Dave Cunningham said he gets back even more than he gives by working with the seniors and Majdali said being with the residents is "special."

Manoogian Manor is located at 15775 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Appliances - Can they come on by themselves?

Let me begin by telling you that I am contacted by at least one homeowner every month asking me why their major home appliance started working without them even turning it on. This pertains to kitchen ranges, microwave ovens and even dishwashers.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

I am also reading about these incidents on appliance Web sites and in my view, this is becoming very alarming. Here is an example from Yvonne: "We came home last night and we sensed a burning smell in the house. Come to find out it was our dishwasher. When I opened the dishwasher door, it was like heat coming out of an oven. The dishwasher was not on when we left the house, but when we came home there was heat coming out of the dishwasher. It was very, very hot. The only indicator light on the touch pad that was lit was the heated dry. The dishwasher is a GE Profile and was installed about three years ago. We haven't had any other problem with it since it was installed. What could the problem be? Could the dishwasher go on by itself?"

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have talked to Yvonne and her husband and they tell me they still use their dishwasher but now they have to trip the circuit breaker after every use. I asked them to call General Electric and report the problem and to also contact the US Product Safety Commission at (800) 638-2772 and report this problem to them as well.

If all of you reading this column will go into your computer and look up the dishwasher recalls that have been announced in the past few years you may be surprised to see that the figure falls into the millions. I happen to feel that this appliance turn-on problem is just as serious as a vehicle speeding up to 90 mph without touching the gas pedal. The car problem

is certainly much more obvious than the appliance product coming on in the middle of the night, burning your house to the ground or causing death in the family. This problem may be better hidden than other things that are not reported by manufacturers to the CPSC. I would love to see every home in America with a working smoke detector that is located near enough to all appliances to save a life.

On this subject I recently read a story on my radio show of a home where the cat walked across the kitchen range and activated the touch pad control causing the stove burners to come on. When your arms are full and you're looking for space to put something down, the range top is not what you should use.

In years past we didn't have all these electronics on major appliances and you never heard about products starting on their own. Now they talk about appliances that you can control from a telephone at the office and technology that will make today's products look like a tub and scrub board. I talked with a man the other day who sells thousands of products every year and he gave me a mouthful as to his views on how little regard is given by manufacturers in backing up their products. His grandfather founded the business in 1928 and like he says, "Things sure are different today."

I may be the only person in this country writing a column on major home appliances and I won't be around forever. While I'm here I would love to see the manufacturers install a safety mechanism in their electronic hardware that won't let any sort of electrical interference or whatever turn on their products. They could do it and I'm sure that homeowners wouldn't mind paying the extra for it. At least they would be able to feel safe at night. 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 questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

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FLUID IN THE KNEE AFTER KNEE REPLACEMENT

Having a knee replacement does not always mean an end to a troublesome knee. Fluid can accumulate in the new joint causing both pain and impaired ability to walk.

The reason that fluid returns is that the knee joint has crevasses and turns in the joint lining; the result is that even in the most complete joint replacement operations, some joint lining cells remain. These cells retain the capacity to make joint fluid if an irritant appears within the joint.

The most common irritant is microscopic shards coming from the artificial joint. In some people, the body's environment leads to a minute shredding of metal particles from the knee replacement. These particles, if picked up by the joint lining cells, set up a response within the lining cells that leads the production of joint fluid.

The result is pain in the knee and the return of an unsteady gait.

A physician has no choice but to take the excess fluid out by aspirating the knee joint. Often physicians feel reluctant to undertake the procedure for fear of inducing an infection. However, every time a doctor does a knee aspiration or injection the possibility of infection exists. The need to take precaution to avoid infection is part of every joint aspiration procedure.

When a doctor aspirates at the site of a knee replacement, he just needs to be sure not to omit any step he takes when aspirating an ordinary knee. There is no need to be more cautious, instead, the doctor should remain focused and alert.

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St. Hyacinth All school
The reunion on Sept. 19 will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the elementary school's closing. The reunion will begin with a Mass at 11 a.m. and include an open house with

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St. Suzanne
The West Grands Catholic Youth Organization at the Detroit parish school plans a July 10 reunion and is looking for participants. Call Rose at (248) 437-6621 or Sharon at (734) 522-7924

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1968
6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at DeCarlo's Banquet Center, 10 Mile and Mound, Warren. Buffet dinner and cash bar. Tickets are \$35. Contact Ken Rix at (586) 781-4552, kenrix@ameritech.net, or Bill Ziamba at (248) 689-6216, bilziamba1968@aol.com.

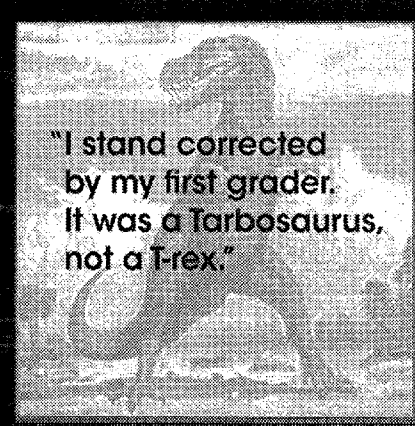
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West Bloomfield High School Class of 1980
Planning for a 30th reunion is under way. The main event will be held July 17 at Hotel Baronette in Novi. More events are being

planned for the same weekend. For more information e-mail the reunion co-chairs, Lori (Hess) Conklin at lconklin@conklinsystems.com or Jill (Butts) Beaulac at jibeau@cox.net. A Facebook group for the WBHS Class of 1980 has also been formed and can be found at http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=48471044685&ref=ts (search Facebook West Bloomfield High School Class of 1980). The Reunion Committee is publishing monthly newsletters to help classmates reconnect, share memories, and locate missing classmates. Those not registered who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter should contact Lori (Hess) Conklin at lconklin@conklinsystems.com.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1985
25-year reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets \$25 per person before Aug. 1. Includes appetizers. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985, P.O. Box 871023, Canton, MI 48187 or contact Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or (734) 748-8904.

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Tickets for Sunset at the Zoo range from \$150 to \$600 per person. A benefactor party will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, May 14, at the Bloomfield Hills home of Sarah and Tony Earley for those purchasing \$600 benefactor tickets. A VIP reception will be held at the Zoo 5:30-7 p.m., Friday, June 18 for those purchasing \$600 benefactor tickets and \$300 patron tickets. Tickets are available by phone at (248) 541-5717 (press 3) or online at www.detroitzoo.org.

More than 2,000 Detroit Zoo supporters are expected to attend Sunset at the Zoo. Its "King of the Jungle" theme was inspired by the pending habitat makeover for the Zoo's six lions. Guests will have access to the zoo's award-winning animal habitats as the sun goes down. Attire for the evening is "jazzy jungle chic."

The live auction will include zoo-related items such as a gourmet dinner with the giraffes or polar bears, a polar bear and seal feeding experience, a behind-the-scenes tour of the rhino habitat and breakfast with the lions. Other live auction items include a Top Gun fighter jet experience and a San Francisco and Sonoma winery excursion.

Co-chairs for this year's event are Suzanne Lewand and Jessica Pellegrino.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 99.014 TEXT AMENDMENT 008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION: SEC 9.2 Paragraph 11

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Charter Township of Plymouth is hereby amended as follows:

Add the following new section: SEC 9.2 PARAGRAPH 11

11. One family cluster dwellings subject to the following:

(a) The side yard distance between a one family cluster building and a one family cluster building shall be a minimum of 10 ft.

(b) The inclusion of the one family cluster buildings will provide for greater flexibility and variety in the development, and result in a decrease in the overall density of the project as compared to the density that would be permitted as a standard multiple family development under Section 20.02(g).

Part II SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Part III REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Part IV. SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

Part V. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause a Notice of Adoption of this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Part VI. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Zoning Ordinance text amendment shall be effective seven days after publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Community Development Department, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: April 20, 2010

Effective Date: May 9, 2010

Publish: May 2, 2010

MILESTONES



Sapielak-Briones

AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. William Sapielak of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jeanette, to Markel Briones of Port Huron, the son of the late Conchita Briones.

Jeanette is a 2004 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2009 graduate of Schoolcraft College, where she earned an associate degree in business. Jeanette is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Madonna University.

Markel is a 1995 graduate of Port Huron Northern High School and a graduate of Saint Clair Community College, where he earned an associate degree in applied sciences. Markel also attends Madonna University, where he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Spanish language.

An August wedding is planned in Livonia.



Malley-Goble

JULY WEDDING PLANNED

Patricia Malley of Madison Heights is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Kathleen Marie Malley, to Dr. Daniel James Goble, son of Ken Goble and Lynda Goble of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Both Kathleen and Daniel are graduates of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Kathleen works with athletics at North Farmington High School and Daniel currently is doing research in Belgium.

A July 2010 wedding is planned.



Nicholas Joseph Deacon (left) and Alexander William Deacon

TWINS BORN IN APRIL

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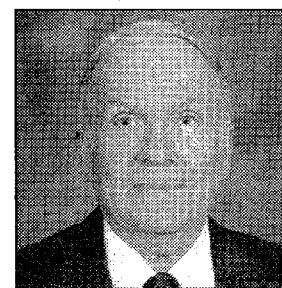
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WILLIAM DONALD ROSS

Don was born on a cotton farm near Dexter, Missouri March 27, 1935. He passed away at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, Michigan February 22, 2010 from a massive stroke in the brain stem. A 1954 graduate of Farmington High School, he had been a computer operator for thirty years with Bethlehem Steel Corporation. A longtime resident of Garden City, Don was an active member of Merriman Road Baptist Church; teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, traveling to the Holy Land, and working in the library. Don is survived by his brother Lindell and wife Patricia of Lexington, Michigan; niece Linda (Monty) Cogswell of Ferndale, and nephews Kevin (Suzanne) and Collin (Jennifer) of Ann Arbor; as well as great nephews Seth, Ryan, Eli, and Aidan and great nieces Katy and Vivian. Services will be conducted by his pastor Rev. Wayne Parker on Friday, May 7 at 10:30am in the chapel at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens; 17840 Middlebelt Road; Livonia. Family and friends will gather afterwards at a luncheon to express their love and celebrate his life. Donations in his honor may be made to Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road; Garden City, Michigan 48135 or to the National Stroke Association; 9707 E. Easter Lane, Suite B; Centennial, CO 80112.

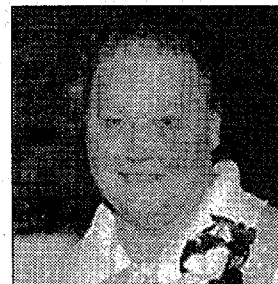


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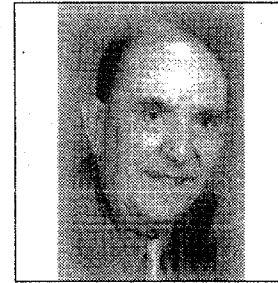
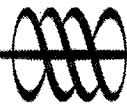
91, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Juno Beach, FL. April 29, 2010, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Petoskey, MI, after a short illness. Born January 21, 1919 to Jay E. White, Sr. and Rose White, in Detroit, MI. Graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit and attended Toledo University. Served in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed in North Africa. Founded Jay E. White Sales & Engineering in 1964, a manufacturer's representative agency in Bloomfield Hills, MI. A talented engineer, Jay was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and held several U.S. Patents. Former member of Detroit Golf Club, Detroit Athletic Club, Birchwood Farms Golf & CC, avid golfer, Great Lakes boater and an enthusiast of all things automotive and marine. Married to Mary Elizabeth (Cowling) from 1946 until her untimely death in 1988. 5 children; Sandra Lovell of Harbor Springs, MI, Julie Usher (David) of Ossinige, MI, Jay Robert (Heather) White, of Bloomfield Hills. Predeceased by sons William (1965) and Christopher (1974). Jay is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Val, and her two children, Loraine Wild (John Kaliski) of Los Angeles, CA and son Gerry (Kristen), of Lansdale, PA. Grandchildren: Michael Lovell (Lisa), Susan Campbell (Andrew), Kristy Whitfield (Damon), Amy Fitzpatrick (Lee), Lauren Bates (Andy), Jeff White, Jackson White, Rosalie Wild, Ana Kaliski. Preceded in death by grand-children David Usher (1974). Great grandchildren: Matthew, Evan, Camdon and Elise Whitfield; Reese and Colette Lovell; Blakely and Easton Campbell; Reagan Fitzpatrick. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Contributions to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, Muscular Dystrophy of America.



BEVERLY JOYCE BEERBOWER NEE: TIRK

Of Inkster, formerly of Clinton, MI. died April 23 at age 78. Loving mother of Wayne (Catherine), Pamela (Cary) Sitaz, Lauren (Rosanne Miller) and Brian (Joann). Gramie of 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Francis (Mary) Tirk, Betty Patterson, the late: Glen Tirk, Marjorie Patterson and Ruth Snyder. Daughter of the late: Edward Tirk and Dorothy Krall. Surrounded by a large extended family. Visitation: Thurs. April 29th 1-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral: Fri, April 30, In-State 10:00am, Service 11:00am with a luncheon to follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church 17810 Farmington, Livonia, MI 48152. Interment: Sat, May 1st in Riverside Cemetery in the Village of Clinton, Michigan. Memorial Donations may be made in Beverly's name to MICOPS.

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JOSEPH CERNE

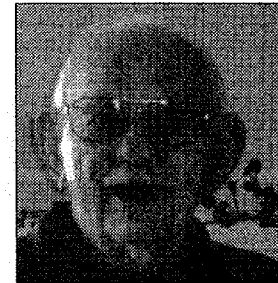
Age 94 of Canton, April 26, 2010. Beloved husband of the late Rose. Loving father of Philip (Sandy), Janice (William) Giddings and Mary Ann (Barry) Graham. Proud grandfather of six and great grandfather of six. Dear brother of Ann Zrimec. Visitation was Thurs. 2-9 PM and Scripture Service 7 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Between Sheldon & Beck). In State was Fri. 10 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. Entombment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

ZORA LENORE CROSS

Age 96, of Novi, MI, passed away April 25, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.

ELIZABETH A. DEPETRO

Age 80, of Livonia, passed away April 24, 2010. A memorial service was held May 1 at Salem Bible Church. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Salem Bible Church or Angela Hospice.



IRVING DOBIS

April 25, 2010, age 94 of Canton, MI and Venice, FL. Beloved husband of Elinor. Loving father of Craig (Vera), Peggy Ellenwood, and Eric (Linda). Also survived by 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and five grand dogs. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Interment took place at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

HEDWIG FIELD

Age 95, known as "Hattie" to her friends, passed away on Wed. April 14, 2010. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on Jan. 21, 1915. She married Edwin F. Field on Nov. 21, 1939 in Detroit, MI. She lived most of her married life in Birmingham, MI and moved to Alexian Village, and in Milwaukee, WI in 1995. She is survived by her daughter Susan (James) McMutcheon, grandson Scott (Krista) McCutcheon, 2 great grandsons, her sister Eleanor Essig of CA, other relatives and friends. Hedwig is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Edwin on July 10, 1995 and siblings Elmer Pitcock, Herman, Clarence and Elmer Tewes. Funeral Service will be 1:30 PM Monday April 19th at Chapel of the Holy Spirit Alexian Village, 9301 N. 76th St. Milwaukee with visitation from 1:00 PM until time of service. A reception will immediately follow. Interment will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Milford, MI on May 6th at 1:00 pm. Memorials to the Alexian Spirit Fund are greatly appreciated. PHILLIP FUNERAL HOMES & PARADISE CREMATION SERVICES

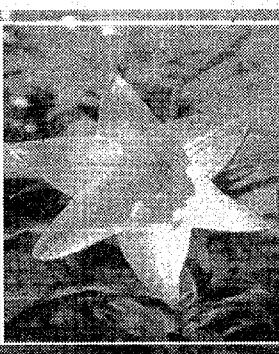
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MARY MARGARET DUGGAN

Let the light shine bright on Mary Margaret Duggan, a woman who believed in the rights of women and the right to happiness -- her own Declaration of Independence. Mary, who passed away Saturday, April 24 at the age of 81, was the second child born to Michael and Anne Duggan on April 4, 1929, and a loving sister to Dennis, Geraldine and Leona, who have all preceded her in death. Both of Mary's parents emigrated from the war-torn Ireland of the 1920s, and Mary remained especially proud of her Irish heritage. Since her father died young -- just a few years after Mary was born -- Mary, her older brother, her two younger sisters, and their Mother, had a rough row to hoe. They found shelter in the arms of Detroit's Saint Gregory the Great Parish and with family and friends. Besides being a loving sister and daughter, she was affectionately known to seven nieces and nephews and eight grand nieces and nephews as Aunt Mary. She always made time for them. Mary truly was "there" for her family. The sky was the limit for them, in terms of her doling out time, love and affection for her fifteen "kids."

Mary became quite attached to St. Gregory's very early in life and remained active in the parish with reunions and special masses until she became too ill to participate. Many of the friends she made, and she made many friends, came from her continuing St. Gregory experience. She also belonged for many years to Our Lady Queen of Hope parish in Detroit and St. Aidan parish in Livonia. A career accountant who supplemented her high school education with many college classes, Mary spent most of her working life at Birmingham and Oakland Hills country clubs. The latter club landed many top golf tournaments and while those always meant a lot of extra work for her and her staff, Mary enjoyed the excitement of the events. In spite of some rough times during the last years of her long tenure at Oakland, Mary remembered the good times and remained very fond of the friends she met at Oakland Hills. Mary Duggan loved her friends and family dearly, and she was proud of the strong work ethic instilled in her primarily by her mother, who she lived with and cared for until Anne died in 1987. Despite suffering through and surmounting serious illnesses and tremendous losses for the last third of her life, Mary remained an extremely positive person. Even in her last hospital stay, which led to her death, she remarked, "I still think life is beautiful." Beloved daughter of the late Anne and late Michael Duggan. Dear sister of the late Dennis Duggan, the late Geraldine (Charles) Wright and the late Leona (Frank) Murphy. Loving aunt of Nancy Duggan; Noranne (Eugene) Morin, Timothy Wright; Terrence (Kim Lawton), the late Thomas, John (Dianne), and Michael (Kathy) Murphy. Devoted grand aunt of Rebecca and Maegan Morin; Michael and Angela Wright; Allison and Brendan Lawton, and Francis and Thomas Murphy. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 30th with rosary at 7:30 p.m. at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 422-6720. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday May 1 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church with visitation at 11:00 a.m., 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Memorials may be directed to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and The St. Aidan Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please sign online guestbook at www.rggharris.com.



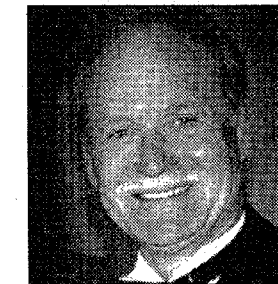
VERMEULEN FUNERAL HOME - PLYMOUTH

Age 18 of Plymouth, suddenly April 25, 2010. Loving daughter of Thomas and Christel. Beloved sister of Michelle. Dearest granddaughter of Thea Friedow. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral service Sunday 3 PM at St. Michaels Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton (at Warren Road). Visitation was held Friday 5-9PM and Saturday 1-5PM at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 North Sheldon Road, Canton (north of Ford). In honor of Marie, Memorial contributions may be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) c/o Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700; or the PCEP Gay-Stright Alliance (GSA), c/o Gretchen Miller, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton MI 48187. These organizations were very important to her. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth Telephone 734-459-2250 To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

CATHERINE LENA GAUL

Age 96 recently of Gaylord, MI, died Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at Aspen Ridge Care Facility in Gaylord, MI. Catherine was born on May 14, 1913, the second daughter of John Henry and Nellie (Leary) Bush, in Milford, MI. She graduated from Milford High School in 1930 and married her high school sweetheart, Richard H. Gaul, July 24, 1936. They moved to Farmington, MI, in 1938, and Dick's job with Cadillac Motor in Detroit. Catherine graduated from the Detroit Conservatory of Music, June, 1941. While in Farmington, 1938-2008, she was a homemaker, mother, and piano teacher to many children. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ at home, church, and at silent movies early in her life. Her husband and family were her life and much time was spent with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Due to her gentle character and ready smile, she will be missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dick and her sister, Zetta. Catherine is survived by her daughter, Marilyn (Robert) Killian of Boyne Falls, and son, Richard (Joan) Gaul of Farmington Hills. Missing her are grandchildren Marcia Monchilov of Gaylord, and Robert Killian of Traverse City, as well as Shelli Connelly of Fenton and Richard Gaul of Waterford, and great grandchildren Mason and Morgan Monchilov, Abigail and Ashley Killian, and Shawn and Josie Connelly. Cremation has taken place. A gathering of family will take place in Milford, May 7. There will be no funeral or visitation times. Her ashes will be buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery, in Milford. Memorials in her name may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, 48334 or the Salvation Army.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



FRANK H. FIREK, SR.

67, of Northville; April 27th, 2010. High school sweetheart and beloved husband of Frances (Thornton) for 45 years; loving and devoted father of Frank Jr. (Amy), Todd and Joleen; cherished grandfather of Frank Allen and Ashton LaBarge; dear brother of Hank (Liz), Robert (Cathy) and Alfred (Teri); and adored uncle, cousin and friend to many. Frank was preceded in death by his father, Frank J. Firek, and his mother, Bernice (Makoski), of Farmington. Northville Cub-Master; U.S. Air Force; The Firek Vision Council - a Reading Tutoring Program. Frank lived life to the fullest, loved unconditionally, made a difference in the world and wouldn't change a thing. Funeral service with Military Honors, Tuesday, May 4th, 10 AM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (downtown Farmington) 248-474-5200. The Rev. Karen Boland, Renaissance Unity of Warren, will preside. Visitation Monday 1:00-8:00 PM. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter (www.alz.org/gmc) or to the family for use in completing the movie, Frankly Speaking: Alzheimer's™ - The Documentary. heeney-sundquist.com



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JEFFREY E. GEDZ
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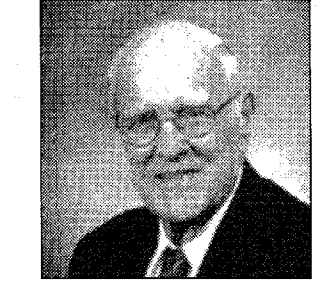
Age 79, of Westland passed away peacefully April 22, 2010. Beloved mother of Susan (George) Vaclavak. Loving Nana of Alexandra, Kristina and Gerard. Dear sister of Ruth (Robert) Shellenberger, and of late sister Barbara (William) Cohrs. Funeral mass at 10 a.m. May 6, 2010 at Saint Raphael Catholic Church Garden City, Michigan.

ROBERT A. HELCHOWSKI

April 29, 2010. Age 59. Loving Partner of Gerri Guzik-Helchowski. Beloved father of Brandon (Jennifer) and Corey Helchowski. Dear stepfather of Lori (Tom) Repovz and Jamie (Trish) Guzik. Beloved grandfather of Joey and Josh Repovz, Maxwell Helchowski and Morgan Guzik. Loving son of Alex and the late Jennie Helchowski. Dear brother of Sharon (the late Dennis) Koliba and Alan (Vicky) Helchowski. Funeral services Wednesday 10a.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Visitation Tuesday 1-9pm. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at: www.wasikfuneralhome.com

JOHN THOMAS LOFTUS

Age 63, of Farmington, passed away April 25, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington, MI.



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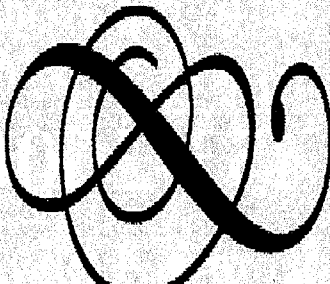
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May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



Public health concern: Researchers say hookah use on the rise

Wayne State University School of Medicine researchers have published the findings of a pilot study that shows hookah smoking is on the rise among white Americans of non-Arab descent.

The team believes the hookah trend could hold dangerous health implications, including serving as a gateway to cigarette smoking and other drug use.

While the hookah — a water pipe used to burn and ingest flavored and scented tobacco — conjures up images of middle-aged and older men of Arabic descent sharing a smoke in dark cafes, Dr. Bengt Arnetz and Dr. Hikmet Jamil, professors in the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences, say they believe the practice is insidiously working its way into a health hazard for Americans.

Arnetz, who also is director of the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, says he's concerned that the trend appears to be rising with

younger age groups.

"Hookah use is now spreading rapidly in the U.S. as well as across the globe among those of non-Arab descent. The moassel (tobacco and various added flavors) makes the smoking very smooth and appealing, which makes it possible to smoke for longer times," he said. "The hookah smoke smells sweet and attractive. Thus, a combination of low cost, social gatherings, peer pressure and perception of less risk makes hookah smoking very attractive."

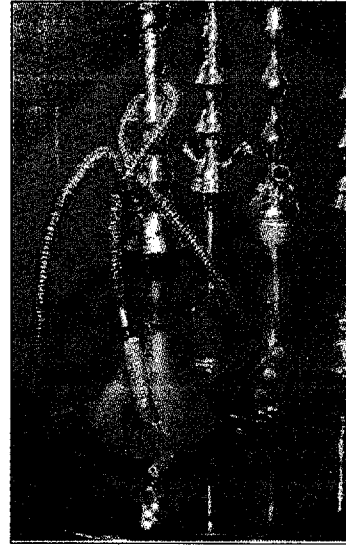
A number of hookah cafes have been operating in metropolitan Detroit. The state's May 1 ban on smoking in public places may extinguish smoking in some of those establishments, but a provision in the law could allow them to continue. And a quick scan of the Internet finds a number of sites offering hookahs and related flavored tobaccos readily for sale to home users.

For their study, "Sociodemographic risk indicators of hookah smoking among White Americans: A pilot study," published in the March 2010 online edition of the *Nicotine & Tobacco Research* journal, the doctors surveyed 240 adults of non-Arab descent in Southeast Michigan. They found that 19 percent of those surveyed were involved in hookah smoking. Ten percent said they smoked only using a hookah, and 9 percent smoked both cigarettes and a hookah.

WORSE THAN CIGARETTES

Nineteen percent of the respondents said they believed smoking via a hookah was less harmful than smoking cigarettes. Hookah smoking, Arnetz said, is likely more dangerous than cigarette smoking. Hookah smokers are exposed to and inhale greater amounts of carbon dioxide, nicotine and other carcinogens during a session with the water pipe.

Arnetz said researchers don't know whether the health risks for second-hand smoke from hookahs are similar to secondhand smoke from cigarettes. The exposure dose and time that nonsmokers spend when visiting hookah bars will determine long-term risks. However, hookah smoking has been shown to increase the risk for lung cancer, respiratory illness, low birth weight and periodontal disease, he said. And there are investigations into whether the practice increases the risks for communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and hepatitis C.



A variety of hookahs

regularly, lending credence to the hypothesis that smokers mistakenly believe the hookah offers fewer health hazards than cigarettes.

"We believe in general the hookah venue attracts both genders," Arnetz said. "You do it in groups, and there is a perception of less danger but

also more social peer pressure to use it."

Arnetz and Jamil have submitted a grant request to the National Institutes of Health seeking \$450,000 a year for five years to expand their pilot study. They propose following a random sample of adolescent students from ninth grade through high school. This would be the first random sample study of hookah use among students in general.

"We want to study the prevalence of hookah use among different groups of students, especially youth from underserved families; how hookah use might change during the high school career and what factors determine the uptake of hookah, including peer pressure," Arnetz said. "Finally, we want to study whether hookah acts as a gateway drug for cigarettes, marijuana and heavier drugs, and poor lifestyle choices in general."

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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Tai Chi

The Michigan Tai Chi Association runs classes for beginners, 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, beginning Monday, May 3, at 38121 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. Call (734) 591-3530 for details or see www.taotaichi.org

Detox and weight loss

Learn about detoxification of the human body at a free presentation, 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Limited to 15. Reservations required. (734) 756-6904. Sponsored by TLC Holistic Wellness; www.TLCHolisticWellness.com

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The organization plans a bowling fund-raiser 7-9 p.m., Friday, May 7 at Cloverlanes, 28900 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$20 includes two hours of bowling, pizza and soda and fun. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction with items such as restaurant gift cards, Tiger tickets, massages, and more. All proceeds will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. RSVP to (734) 427-6410.

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 Karmanos supporter Dick Purtan. Special tribute will be given to Gerold Bepler, new president and chief executive officer of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Entertainment will be by the Bay Area Blues Society. Held 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.

Film premiere

"2010 ROPARD Children's Vision Award Ceremony," features dinner and the premiere showing of Keith Famie's film, "Can You See How I See?" Proceeds from the event benefit ROPARD, The Association for Retinopathy of Prematurity and Related Diseases, funding pediatric retinal research and services provided by the Children's Low Vision Resource Center. The dinner begins at 6 p.m., and the movie at 8:15 p.m., Saturday, May 8, in

the Great Hall at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets are \$150 for dinner and movie; and \$50 for the movie only. Call ROPARD at (800) 788-2020 or go to www.ropard.org for more information.

Stroke program

Learn about prevention, diagnosis and treatment of strokes, 10:30-11:30 a.m., May 11, in the auditorium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. 9 Mile, Southfield. An optional tour will follow the lecture of the Bi-Plane Interventional Suite showing the latest technology in diagnostic imaging. The presenter will be Dr. Matthew Holtzman, neurologist on staff at Providence Hospital and Providence Park Hospital. To reserve your seat, call St. John SeniorLink at (888) 751-5465.

Fibromyalgia support

The Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS Support Group will hold its Fibromyalgia Awareness Day luncheon 1-3 p.m., Thursday, May 13, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The luncheon is open to anyone with fibromyalgia, chronic pain or individuals seeking a support group to help them deal with fibromyalgia. For more information, visit www.MetroFibroGroup.com

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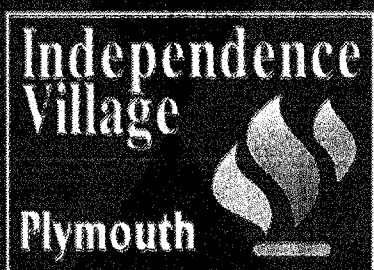
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You don't need a Ph.D. to conduct a successful job search campaign. Achieving your career goals requires an organized strategy and disciplined approach. Below are six tips to help you search smarter, not harder.

Sell your value.

What makes you unique? How will your strengths, skills, and accomplishments solve prospective employers' problems? Determine your Unique Value Proposition (UVP) and use this information as an integral part of your personal marketing plan. Consider every document (resume, biography, business card) or face to face meeting (networking, interview) as an opportunity to communicate your value and address strategic business needs.

Energize yourself.

Searching for a job can be exhausting if you do not have a plan to reenergize yourself. Staying motivated and on task is easier when you develop a practical plan and stick to it. Arrange a daily schedule that is feasible and fits into your lifestyle. Determine how many days and hours a week you will invest in your search and create a document to track your progress.

Activate and build your network.

A strong network can provide you with job leads and information to access the hidden job market. Research shows that more than 60 percent of all jobs are found through

networking. Everyone you know or meet and every situation you encounter is a genuine opportunity to grow your network. View every family member, social or business acquaintance as a potential member of your network.

sites are another source of valuable information; there you can learn more about key decision makers, products, and services. If you want to speak to someone within a specific company, try searching for them on professional

and lifestyle, and build your job search around them. If you like to meet new people, volunteer for an organization or apply for work at a temporary agency. If you are introverted or shy, contact others through social networking sites or alumni associations. Other job search channels you can try are job boards, networking groups, job fairs and trade shows.

Harness your creativity.

Market yourself with imagination. Five years ago, job applicants would print their résumés on colored paper to get an employer's attention. Today, employers want to hire qualified applicants who know how to present their value. Producing project portfolios or video résumés are two original ways to showcase your candidacy.

Whichever method you choose, conduct your job search in an organized, targeted and creative manner. And remember the adage, "Success is the end result of creativity and all of the hard work around it."

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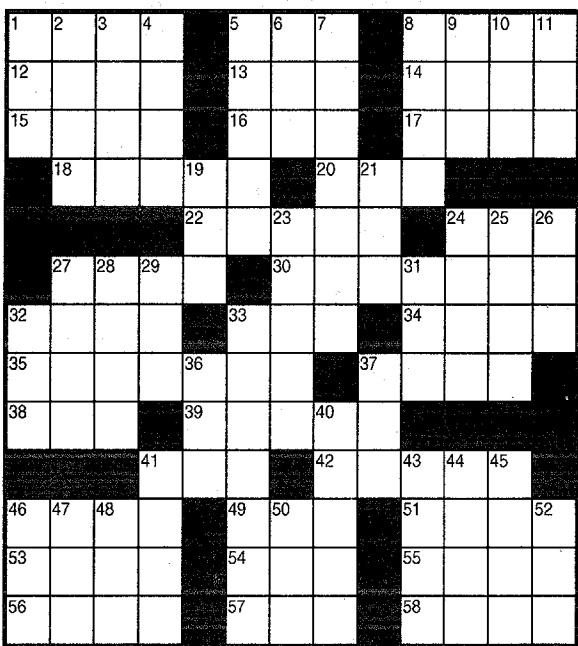
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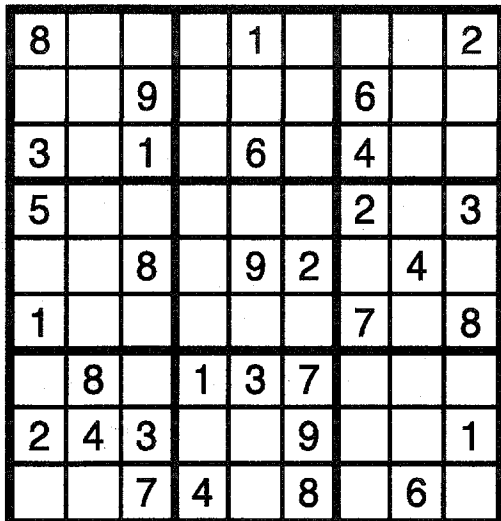
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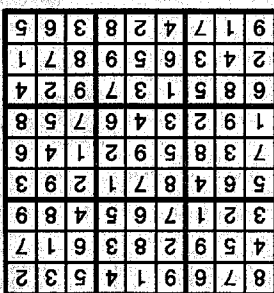
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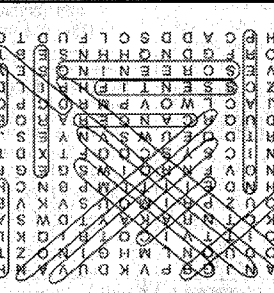
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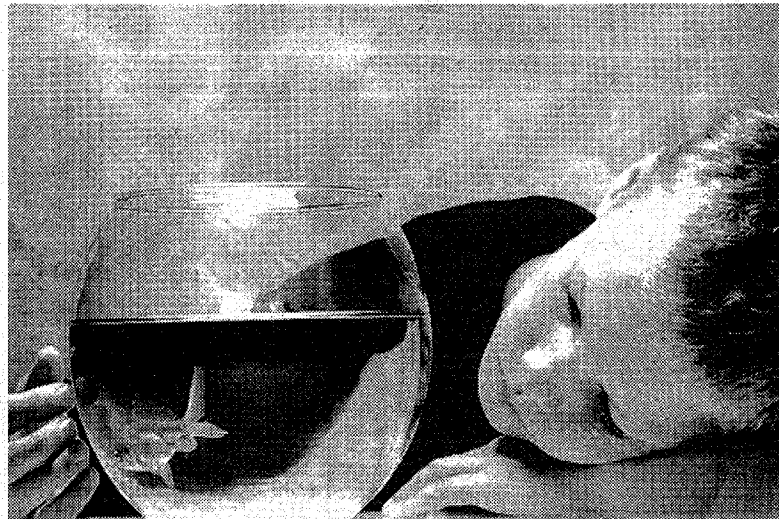
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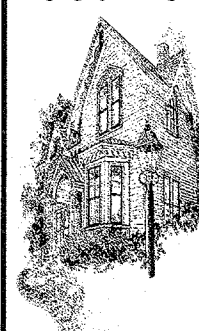


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With its high roof design evoking the look of the innovative 1949 Chevy Suburban, the Chevy HHR continues to gain more fans.

In 2006, more than 101,000 HHRs were sold – an increase of nearly 200 percent over its 2005 debut.

In 2007, more powerful Ecotec engines, several unique, limited-edition models and the introduction of the HHR Panel production model diversified the lineup, giving customers a broad range of choices.

And in 2008 the turbocharged HHR SS joined the lineup to please those who want a more powerful wagon.

The HHR SS you can get today has a 2.0-liter turbocharged Ecotec motor that can top out at 260 horsepower for the manual version or 235 horsepower for the restricted automatic.

You can spot the SS version by looking at it from the front. There are upper and lower mesh-style grilles, a unique fascia and foglamps.

The high performance HHR SS also gets 18-inch wheels over the standard 16-inches. Inside, three different color treatments are available, along with sueded seat trim, a boost gauge and a 140-mph speedometer.

Exterior colors include Cardinal Red Metallic, Techno Gray Metallic, Victory Red and Blue Flash Metallic.

The interior is inviting with jewel-like instrument displays and chrome accents. Interior color combinations feature darker colors on upper sections of the interior and lighter colors for lower sections.

A 2.2-liter 4-cylinder engine rated for 149 horsepower is standard on the base LS and midlevel 1 LT models. Optional on the 1 LT and standard on the 2 LT is a 2.4-liter engine that puts out 175 horsepower. A five-speed manual transmission is standard on all HHRs and a 4-speed automatic is optional.

The 2.2-liter gets 22 miles per gallon in the city and 30 mpg on the highway while the 2.4-liter gets 22 city / 28 highway.

Not only do HHRs look cool, but they are also great haulers. Chevy designers maximized the wagon's space for carrying just about anything you want.

The rear seats fold flat, providing 57.7 cubic feet of storage space. With the rear seats up, maximum cargo capacity is still an impressive 25.2 cubic feet thanks to its high roofline.

The HHR has inventive loading



The HHR has evolved into a sophisticated automobile that appeals to a variety of buyers.

solutions throughout its cabin starting with the load floor itself. It can become a shelf when raised and mounted.

About 1 foot higher – the shelf can be mounted level or at a 45-degree angle to provide quick access to the cargo beneath it when the liftgate is opened.

Right above where the spare tire is located, a 5-inch-deep recessed bin below the load floor conceals 2.8 cubic feet of usable storage space.

Two storage bins in front of the load floor, behind the rear seat, and plastic bag holders are located under the cargo shelf.

Since its launch, the HHR has received perfect five-star crash ratings by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The five-star ratings were awarded for the driver and right-front passenger in a frontal crash, as well as side-impact crashes for front seat and rear seat passengers.

Standard features include a

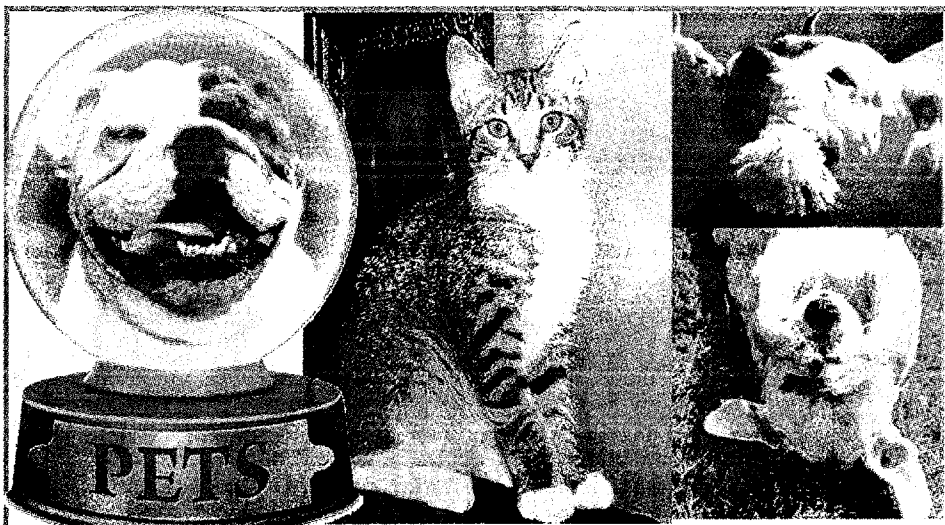
StabiliTrak electronic stability control system, tire pressure monitoring system and OnStar.

Other standard safety features include dual-stage frontal air bags with GM's Passenger Sensing System. Head curtain side-impact air bags for front- and rear-seat outboard occupants are available.

Giving its customers more power than they probably need, the new HHR SS should be enough to ensure the wagon remains popular in 2010.

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Chevrolet HHR
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