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Roundtable exhibit

The Michigan Roundtable and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have partnered to bring what organizers call "a moving exhibit" to Salem High School Monday.

"We Don't Want Them: Race and Housing In Metropolitan Detroit 1900-1968" will be on display 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, in the Salem High School Media Center.

"In our effort to build relationships that create social justice, we have brought this exhibit to the community and want to share it," said the Roundtable's Anne Marie Graham Hudak. "The exhibit is amazing and we're so grateful it will be on display in our community."

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Health care

Campaign for Liberty Region 11 presents guest speaker Dr. David Janda and his presentation, "How Does Health Care Reform Affect YOU?" 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Canton Administration building, Room A, in Canton.

Janda is a nationally-known orthopedic surgeon based in Ann Arbor. He is founder and director of the Institute for Preventative Sports Medicine, the only health



Janda care cost containment organization of its kind in North America.

He and his book, "The Awakening of a Surgeon," have been featured guests on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and his research and prevention-based studies have been featured on many network television, radio, newspaper and magazine presentations.

Organizers said Janda has actually read all 2,800 pages of President Barack Obama's health care plan and "will tell us what it really means to us."

The Canton Township administration building is located at 1150 S. Canton Center.

Mother knows best

Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom.

Include a photo of your mom or, better yet, you and your mom. E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

Include your first and last name and hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours. The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute To Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.



Sally Thielen and Susan Clinthorne based their exhibit on their interaction with homeless people.

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Sister act

Exhibit based on interaction with the homeless

DETAILS

What: "Letters from Home"

Where: St. John Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth Township

Why: The exhibit examines the plight of the nation's homeless

When: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (approx.) Sundays, through April 22.

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sally Thielen and Susan Clinthorne have stepped out of their comfort zones to create an art installation that examines the plight of the nation's homeless.

The exhibition *Letters Home*, now on view at St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township, includes handmade signs that ask for cash or other help, life-size (or near that) cutout photographs of homeless people, a wood-framed cardboard shelter such as those seen in "tent cities" and under freeway bridges, and placards with information about homelessness, such as how many children in the U.S. have been homeless, or how men who served in the military are disproportionately affected.

There's even a Christmas card from a homeless man, Mike, who was handing them out to motorists in the Ann Arbor area in 2008.

"He gave out a card whether you gave him money or not," said Clinthorne, who received the card. "He was just filled with holiday spirit."

CLOSE-UPS

Thielen and Clinthorne, who are sisters, based the project on their interactions with the homeless: in Ann Arbor, where Clinthorne lives; in Flint, which is close to Thielen's home in Davison; and in several other cities and states around the country.

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BUDGET WOES

Fiegel parents, staff brace for worst scenario

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Johnson sat in the center of the storm Tuesday, on a small chair on the inside of the circle of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators and school board members discussing their plan for cutting \$18 million out of the district's budget.

His voice a little shaky, Johnson held the microphone to his lips and explained the closing of Fiegel Elementary School — where he's been principal for 13 years — to an overflow crowd at Tuesday's budget workshop. Parents, teachers and other staffers ringed the board table, stood in the hallway and even sat on the floor in the middle of the room to find out how the district planned to deal with the deficit.

One of those ways is to close Fiegel, a move administrators say will save the district some \$1.4 million. The school is located on Joy Road in Plymouth Township.

"I hope there's no one in this room who thinks we sold you out, because that's not what happened," Johnson said, mostly to the many Fiegel parents and staffers in the audience. "It's hard for me to say (losing) these people will save \$1.4 million, because there's no price that can be placed on the work they do."

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Kyle Stinar-Eckert reads a statement from the staff of Fiegel Elementary School at Tuesday's budget workshop, where administrators revealed a plan to close Fiegel as part of its \$18 million in budget cuts.

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Downtown spruce-up to resume this week

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The second and final phase of downtown Plymouth's \$2 million streetscape improvement project is scheduled to begin this week.

Equipment was being delivered to the site, centered around the intersection of Main Street and Penniman, on Friday, and drivers should watch for detours and the closing of some blocks downtown as early as Tuesday morning, said John Buzuvis, director of business operations and special projects for the Downtown Development Authority.

Main Street will be closed between Ann Arbor Trail and Fralick and Penniman will be closed between Union and just west of Main during the first step of this year's project, which DDA officials are hoping is completed by late May.

The duration of the work, though, is heavily dependent on the weather.

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"It definitely slows business down," said Chelsey Moodt, general manager at Jimmy John's, a sandwich shop on Penniman, of the anticipated closing of that street.

Many lunchtime customers, Moodt said, now park in front of Jimmy John's, grab their meals and leave within minutes. The closing of Penniman means they won't be able to do that for several weeks.

Moodt said the shop will be pushing its delivery business, as it normally does anyway, to help it get through any construction-related slowdown.

Ellen Elliott, executive director of the Friends of the Penn, is less concerned about the project's effect on business at the theater on Penniman.

"I don't think it'll have too much of an impact," said Elliott. "Our patrons — they find a way to get in there." She characterized

the street's closing as "an inconvenience."

Penn moviegoers know not many of them can use the on-street parking on Penniman during show times anyway, Elliott said, and most of them park behind the theater.

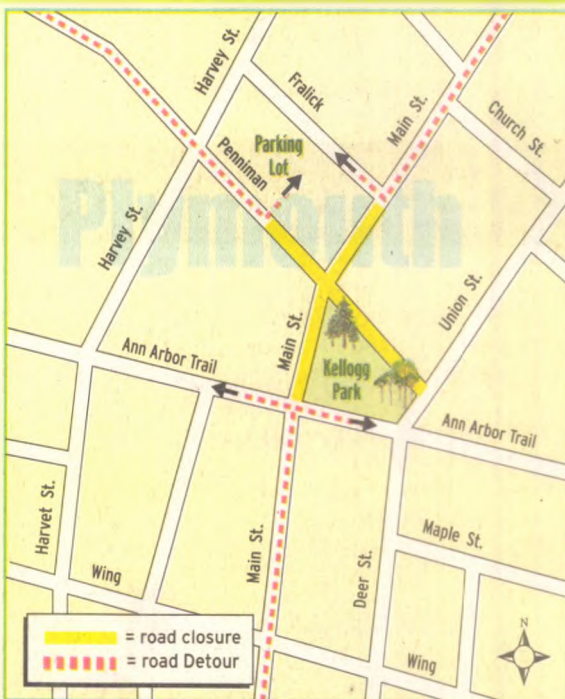
The 2011 streetscape project will be done in two steps.

The first step, said Buzuvis, involves tearing out the asphalt intersection of Main and Penniman and rebuilding it in concrete, as was done a block south, at Ann Arbor Trail. The new intersection, though, won't have a graphic element like the award-winning "compass" design at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

In addition, the four brick crosswalks at Main and Penniman will be realigned, rebuilt and made compliant with Americans With Disabilities Act regulations, Buzuvis said. And new traffic signals, with a count-

Please see **DOWNTOWN, A3**

IMPROVEMENTS TO CLOSE DOWNTOWN STREETS



Drivers should watch out for street closings and detours in central Plymouth this week, when the final portion of a two-year streetscape improvement project is scheduled to begin.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"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

Miller Woods tours

Date/Time: Sunday, April 17; Saturday, April 23; Sunday, May 1
Details: The Friends of Miller Woods will be offering tours of Miller Woods this spring to view the native spring wildflowers. The tours are free; all tours leave every 30 minutes, and are available between 2-4 p.m. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.
Contact: For more information on Miller Woods, visit millerwoods.com.

Faerie Garden

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: Learn how to create your

own Faerie Garden during an afternoon tea. Northville resident Suemarie Klimek will explain faerie garden design, and you'll have a chance to win the garden used in the demonstration. The presentation will follow a Victorian-style tea complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. Tickets for the Faerie Garden Tea are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$25 for non-members if purchased by April 20 (add \$5 after that date). Get them at the museum during open hours or on the website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html> using PayPal.
Contact: For further information, call 734-455-8940.

Run for Hope

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14
Location: Maybury State Park,

20145 Beck, in Northville
Details: The fifth annual Run for Hope is a 5K run/walk presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$15 for children 8-15 who register by May 2. After May 2, and day of the race add \$5. Children under 8 are free.
Contact: New Hope Center, (248) 348-0115

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: April 26, 7-10:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road
Details: Naima Shambourger will be doing Vocals with Sven Anderson on Keyboard, Marion Hayden on Bass and George Davidson on Drums. There is limited seating, a \$5 donation is requested and complementary hors d'oeuvres are served.
Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.PlymouthElks1780.com

'Mind Your Manners'

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The museum will host a free lecture by Glenna Jo Christen, "Mind Your Manners," a discussion

of Civil War-era etiquette. Soon after starting in Civil War reenacting in 1983, Christen has been giving presentations and conducting workshops on a variety of topics around the U.S. and Canada since the early 1990s. As part of her ongoing research, she has included original etiquette books among her various antique collections. This is a free lecture, open to the public.
Contact: For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit www.plymouthhistory.org.

Farm exhibit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April through November
Location: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton
Details: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and education.
Contact: For additional information, visit www.cantonhistorical-society.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Local cable airs Colbeck show



Colbeck

guests include Paula Ford from Plymouth, Dan Kurt from Canton, Carla Malcomson from Flat Rock and Ann Haener-Maghen from

This month, several local cable stations will begin airing a new cable show moderated by state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton).

The show, titled *Lansing from a New Perspective*, will feature discussions aimed at addressing topics of importance to residents of the 7th State Senate District.

"It is important to me as a representative of our district in Lansing that we find as many avenues as possible to let people's voices be heard," Colbeck said. "The cable show is one opportunity to expand the discussions and bring together people with differing views as we seek to find the best ideas for moving our state forward."

The first installment of the program will run through the month of April. The show is scheduled to run on the Comcast cable system on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; on Channel 12 of Van Buren Township's cable system VBTV on Mondays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 11 p.m.; and Sumpter Township's Community Access Channel, Channel 12, at various times daily.

April's show features several residents of the 7th District in a discussion about Michigan's education system. April's

Grosse Ile. The panel guests are parents with children in at least one of our state's four different schooling options: a public district school, a private school, a public school academy and a homeschool.

"This month's show features a dynamic panel of individuals who all bring their different experiences with our state's education system to the table," Colbeck said. "During the show we discuss the pros and cons of the education experience we are providing to Michigan's children. I encourage district residents to watch the show and then share their opinions with me."

Colbeck can be reached through the web at www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com, by e-mail at senpatrickcolbeck@senate.michigan.gov, on Facebook at Senator Patrick Colbeck or by calling his office at (517) 373-7350 or toll-free at (866) 262-7307.

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DOLLAR VALUE

Faced with such a huge deficit, that's what administrators did, though. Money saved by closing Fiegel, according to information provided by the district, includes:

- \$150,000 for the principal's salary
- \$525,000 by cutting seven teachers/interventionists
- \$225,000 for three certified support positions
- \$525,000 for other support staff, including clerical, maintenance, paraprofessionals, custodial, food service and crossing guards

There were other major cuts in the plan — more than \$5.3 million by cutting some 80 teachers and increasing the student-teacher ratios, nearly \$1 million by cutting 21 custodial jobs — but none drew the emotion elicited by discussion of closing Fiegel.

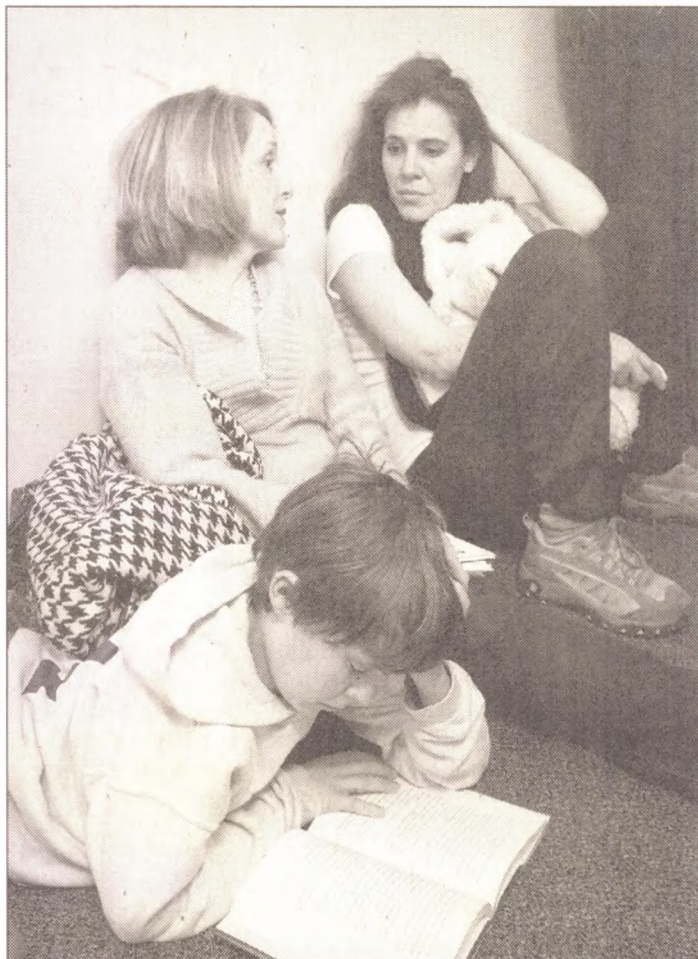
"We are a family at Fiegel. These students will bus to up to four different schools," said Fiegel fifth-grade teacher Kyle Stinar-Eckert, who read a statement on behalf of the Fiegel staff. "The staff is concerned a decision of this magnitude is being made without any input from the staff. Where's our family?"

Stinar-Eckert also expressed concerns about uprooting the school's 350 students, particularly the struggling students and special-needs students she said "have made so much progress."

STARTING OVER

It's a concern echoed by parent Leah Scott, the mother of a special-needs first-grader who said the staff at Fiegel has made her and her son feel welcome. With Fiegel students being shifted to one of four schools — Canton elementaries Eriksson, Hulsing, Field and Gallimore — she said she's concerned about the adjustment switching schools would force him to make.

"He's very comfortable where he is," Scott said. "I would need to start those (parent-student-teacher) relationships, as well. I don't think Fiegel kids should be sacrificed lambs."



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Miller School fifth-grader Taylor Ufford works on reading historical fiction homework during Tuesday night's Board of Education budget workshop. Taylor, his mom Rebecca Ufford and Maureen Schneider are part of the overflow crowd from the meeting.

Heather Cunnion of Canton has a child at Fiegel (and another at Central Middle School). She said she didn't think the return was worth the closing of a school.

"I was disappointed," she said. "I don't like that they put a dollar amount on my child's education."

Board of Education Vice President Dianne Gonzalez and Trustee Steven Sneiderman have both had children moved to different schools due to redistricting. They — and all the trustees — expressed regret about having to close a school.

"This is tremendously uncomfortable," Gonzalez said. "My heart goes out to them."

TOUGH CHOICES

As hard as it is, though, administrators and the other members of the district's budget committee believe it needs to be done. Elementary enrollment is down by more than 400 students — 8,433 in 2007-

08 down to 8,020 in 2010-11 — to the point where there's even room for some 150 students from outside the boundaries if the board decides to become a school-of-choice district even if they close Fiegel.

Johnson said the committee couldn't back down from the decisions just because they were difficult.

"Doing responsible hard work requires you do hard things at times," Johnson said. "I'll tell you, if it was up to me, I'd rather my people hear that from me. I hope my doing the presentation to the board, and having my entire staff there, showed how difficult this is."

"My biggest concern is my school community," added Johnson, an educator for some 30 years. "I'm concerned this is going to affect children and families. It's going to be a big change that will affect the lives of the people who work with me. I work with some terrific, committed people."

Tips on getting around during construction

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Here's a guide to navigating downtown Plymouth during this spring's streetscape improvement program, which is scheduled to begin this week:

- Main Street will be closed between Ann Arbor Trail and Fralick, likely beginning on Tuesday. The closing is expected to continue through late May.

During that time, through traffic on southbound Main will only be able to go as far south as Fralick, where drivers will have to turn right on Fralick, a one-way street. (Access to driveways between Fralick and Main will be maintained to the extent possible).

Drivers on northbound Main, south of Ann Arbor

Trail, will have to turn either left (west) or right (east) onto Ann Arbor Trail at Main.

Drivers on Ann Arbor Trail, heading east or west, will be able to go through Main, or turn south on Main, but not north.

- The intersection of Main and Penniman will be completely closed, and Penniman will also be completely closed between Main and Union.

- Penniman will also be closed west of Main between Main and the public parking lot near the Plaka Mediterranean Grill. Drivers on eastbound Penniman east of Harvey will have to detour, as they approach Main, through the parking lot and onto westbound Fralick.

- The Downtown Development Authority is leasing 70 parking spaces, just outside downtown, for

the duration of the project, with the aim of making up for parking that won't be accessible during construction.

The temporary lot is at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 West Ann Arbor Trail. The lot will be available beginning Monday; watch for orange-and-black signs directing drivers to it.

- Consumers Energy will be replacing gas mains on Forest Avenue between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing beginning on Monday. Some parts of the street may be blocked off at times, but a total closure is not expected.

- For more information on the streetscape project, contact the DDA by e-mail at dda@downtownplymouth.org, or by phone at (734) 455-1453.

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down feature showing pedestrians how much time they have to cross the street, will be installed, on a new mast arm instead of on overhead wires.

Penniman will also be milled and resurfaced in asphalt between Main and Union. And work on water and sewer lines — including valve replacements, inspections, and possible rerouting of lines — will

take place on Fralick and on Main between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, though that work is not expected to require just lane shifts, not the complete shutdown of those roads.

Buzuvis said the goal is to have the first part of the work done by late May, in time to open Main Street for the city's Monday, May 30, Memorial Day parade.

The second part of the project is scheduled for June, and officials hope to have it completed by July. It involves repaving Penniman

between Harvey and Main, Main between Penniman and Church Street, Fralick, Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, and Ann Arbor Trail between Forest and Harvey. Crosswalks at Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey and Penniman will also be rebuilt.

The project, funded through the DDA, totals about \$2 million, this year's portion about \$1.2 million, Buzuvis said. The general contractor for the work is Pro-Line Asphalt.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

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Elementaries earn 'green' status

Both Allen and Field elementary schools were informed that they have once again earned a Michigan Green School designation by participating in at least 10 green projects.

The schools earned the "Emerald" designation for their efforts to complete 15 green projects by the end of the school year. Some of the green initiatives include: recycling-paper, printer cartridges, and batteries, Trash-LESS Tuesdays, educating students and staff with green tips and assemblies, Earth Month activities and solar cookouts (in April and May).

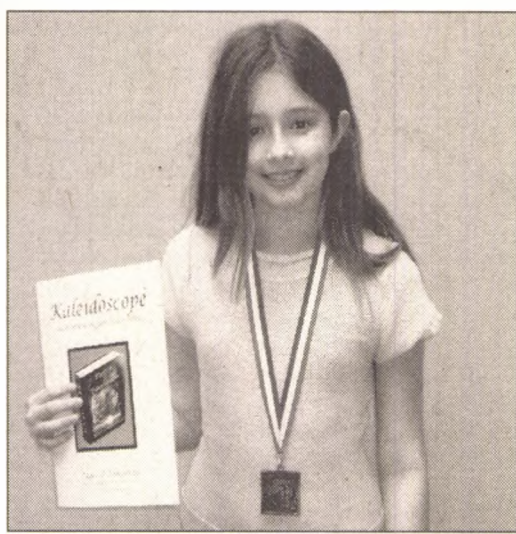
School officials said there will be a recognition ceremony later this spring.

In other news:

The Canton Community Foundation has awarded a grant of \$300 to East's National Junior Honor Society. East students Raveena Mata and Monica Palande wrote the grant application last month. The grant funds will be used to create a Michigan native species garden on the East Middle School campus. The garden will serve as a habitat for the blue karnar butterfly, which is in danger of extinction. This is one of the many "green" projects East students have engaged in, with the goal of achieving the "Michigan Green School" certification.

An Anti-Bully campaign kicks off the week of April 11, with several events planned. The Student Congress at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has created an anti-bully movement for Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools. With the ultimate goal of inspiring bully prevention legislation for the state of Michigan, the students have planned assemblies, a candle lit vigil, a town hall meeting and deliberate acts of kindness to raise anti-bully awareness.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are accepting applications for the Student Citizenship Award scholarship. Nominations from all employees, parents and friends of high school seniors from the Plymouth and Canton area will be accepted before 4 p.m. on Friday, April 15. The \$500 scholarship is based on community service only. Grade point average



Poetic justice

Olivia Allam, a Dodson Elementary School fifth-grader, recently represented her school at the Michigan Reading Association's 55th annual conference in Grand Rapids. Her poem, 'Morning,' was nominated by Dodson staff members and then selected to be published in the MRA book Kaleidoscope. Olivia attended a Young Author's luncheon with her family and teachers in celebration of Michigan's young authors. Well-known children's author Janie L. Panagopoulos spoke to the students and their quest about the importance of celebrating their writing and about her early experiences as an author.

does not play a role in the committee's decision.

The selection committee will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Starkweather and a non-P-CCS high school for the award. The scholarship application, which is available at the Board of Education office, requires the student to give a one paragraph description of what community service means to them, a one page bulleted list of the student's community service and a one page testimonial by the person nominating the student for the award. Inquires should be directed to the P-CCS Community Relations office at (734) 416-2757.

Board set to move on interim superintendent

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has hired the Michigan Association of School Boards to help find an interim superintendent for the state's third-largest school district.

Dick Dunham, director of search services for the MASB, offered advice and a recommendation at Tuesday's budget workshop, attended by such a large crowd that many had to sit on the floor and out in the hallway.

"I didn't expect such a large audience," Dunham said, drawing about the only laugh of the night. "I don't usually draw this kind of turnout."

Dunham talked to the board about the various options they have seeking an interim superintendent, and how those options would impact a search for a permanent superintendent. He told board members they could opt for a short-term or long-term interim, and use either internal or external candidates.

INTERNAL CHOICE

Dunham's recommenda-

tion: Find someone inside the district who's already familiar with issues facing the district, and hire that person while simultaneously looking for a permanent successor.

"Ideally, you'd be looking for an internal candidate while doing the search for a permanent superintendent," Dunham said.

Board members have gone back and forth between hiring an interim for a year, allowing the board — which has been admittedly fractured the last six months — to get back on the same page, or hiring a short-term interim and allowing the search process to begin.

Dunham said the district may have trouble attracting long-term interim candidates, because it would likely be a retired administrator who could only earn up to a third of their final salary without compromising their retirement pay. "That makes hiring a long-term superintendent difficult to do," Dunham said.

The MASB is doing the search for an interim superintendent at no cost to the district; however, MASB

would charge for the search for a permanent superintendent. Dunham said such a search generally is a 12- to 13-week process.

Vice president Dianne Gonzalez expressed a desire for the best of both worlds, hiring someone for the near term with some flexibility to extend the interim contract.

"I'd like to look for a short-term internal candidate, but be able to make it long-term if we don't get the right candidate," she said.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Trustee Steven Sneiderman, a former board president, said he'd rather delay the search for a permanent superintendent until the seven board members reach agreement on what they're looking for in a future leader, in the aftermath of the breakdown that led to the need for a new superintendent.

Board members have had several workshops with another MASB consultant, Mary Kerwin, trying to hammer out goals and responsibilities for the district's new chief.

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SISTERS

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"I was really interested in the discomfort we feel" when confronted by people who appear to be homeless or are begging at intersections, Clinthorne said.

An art teacher and painter who works in watercolors and pastels, Clinthorne had been collecting signs asking for spare change or food or other help for a year or two before work on *Letters Home* began.

When she shared the concept with Thielen, it clicked. They enjoy working together, they said.

"This has given me new life," said Thielen, a retired nurse and semiretired artist who used to take her work to shows and galleries around the country.

Thielen and Clinthorne pay people for their signs, \$5 or so, and Clinthorne even carries spare cardboard and markers handy for those who need to make another.

"I liked that it was an exchange. Somehow I felt it honored them more," said Clinthorne.

BUILDING TRUST

Clinthorne says she felt uncomfortable approaching homeless people at first but now will sit and have coffee with them. She carries granola bars and hand-warmers to give away.

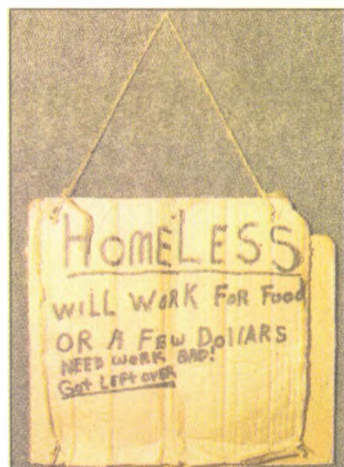
Thielen has become friends with several men who've been helped by Carriagetown Ministries in Flint, and has shown photographs of *Letters Home* to some so they could follow the project. "They seem to like it," she said.

The exhibit, arranged in a hallway, a community room, the sanctuary and around the baptismal font at St. John, is stark, with the black-and-white photographs and the brown corrugated cardboard on which the handmade signs are printed providing the dominant colors. The signs are mostly direct appeals for cash, food or some other help, like a pair of boots; a few offer work in exchange for assistance.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The exhibit installation has signs used by homeless and cutouts of individuals, some who are now homeless, and others who have found jobs.



The exhibit is on display at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

On two of the photo portraits, a mirror covers the homeless person's face, telling the viewer, "This could be you."

There are flashes of humor, too, such as one sign that says, "Live Green, Give Green!" and another that asks the reader to "Adopt a Hippie."

The sisters also built a shelter of corrugated cardboard and scrap lumber, furnishing it with a few simple items and using a plastic sheet, made to cover a new mattress during storage and delivery, to protect the roof from the weather. A worn wooden chair, a jacket hanging on it, sits outside.

"It's what I imagine it would be like," Clinthorne said of the shelter.

CHANGING EXHIBIT

Clinthorne is currently painting a series of portraits of homeless people, who enjoy posing for her, she said. Two



Judy Brosnan and Fran Venske, who attended a service at St. John's Episcopal Church, walk through the installation.

of them have commented that the experience makes them feel normal, she said.

The portraits are expected to be added to *Letters Home*, which will be set up at more locations later this year, including area churches and

the Michigan Union at the University of Michigan. The first display was last June at the Buckham Gallery in Flint.

Thielen says she had her own brush with homelessness about a dozen years ago, when she and husband Bob's house



A mask from the homeless veteran's display.

burned down, destroying everything in it, and they lived in their pole barn until the house was rebuilt.

"It gave me a feeling of being homeless — wearing clothes that other people chose," she said.

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Survivors a sign of blood drive success

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton mom Kerry Brooks, who desperately needed a stem cell transplant to fight leukemia, said she owes her life to a stranger who became a donor.

"It's a gift of life from a complete stranger," she said. "She saved my life."

Although Canton mother Maria Barker's situation was different, she also understands the dire need for donors. She needed large amounts of blood in October of 2002 due to a surgical mishap as she gave birth 15 weeks early by Caesarian section to quadruplets, one of whom died.

The other three children "are doing great," Barker said, but they needed "many, many weeks of support" including blood.

Brooks and Barker hope their survival will convince



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton mom Kerry Brooks, who last year needed a stem-cell transplant, said she owes her life to a stranger who became a donor.

donors to turn out 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 22 for an annual Good Friday blood drive at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley south of Cherry Hill, to help the

American Red Cross.

Co-sponsored by St. John Neumann Parish of Canton, the drive also allows donors to get a simple cheek swab and become listed on a bone marrow registry and to register as an organ donor.

WALK-INS WELCOME

Blood donor walk-ins are welcome, though appointments are preferred by registering online at www.redcross.org and using the sponsor code CCU, event co-chair Cathy Hulett said.

While giving blood at St. Thomas a'Becket, donors may simply stop by another station to register to become potential bone marrow and organ donors.

"We have everything right there for them," Hulett said.

It's one of the area's largest donor events, and last year organizers collected 444 pints

of blood.

During an interview last March with the *Observer*, Brooks and her husband Dave had hoped she would find a matching donor. Through the bone marrow registry, Brooks last May received a stem cell transplant for acute lymphoblastic leukemia — more specifically, the rarer Philadelphia chromosome positive form.

"For the most part the transplant took, and I'm doing quite well," Brooks said Thursday, though her recovery has been long and, at times, difficult. "At this point, I am leukemia-free."

ANONYMOUS PROCESS

Due to the anonymity of the process, Brooks only knows that her donor is a 24-year-old woman who lives in another country. Brooks has sent her an anonymous letter, though it's possible after two years

that she could potentially be allowed to meet her donor.

Last year, Brooks said she had no choice but to get well to help her husband raise their children, ages 10 and 7.

Barker, meanwhile, said she and her husband, Dwayne, regularly give blood, which truly became the gift of life for her and her 8-year-old children.

"I'm a nurse, so I give blood all the time," Barker said.

Brooks and Barker attend St. Thomas a'Becket, which sponsors blood drives four times a year with St. John Neumann, Hulett said.

"Good Friday is the big blood drive," Hulett said. "The blood supply right now is critically low."

For more information, call Hulett at (734) 981-1333, ext. 18.

Anyone who wants to provide food or beverages or

volunteer for the event also is encouraged to help.

Hulett provided a lengthy list of facts about giving blood, such as:

- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion.

- One blood donation can save as many as three lives.

- One out of 10 people admitted to a hospital needs blood.

- Blood is needed by cancer patients, people with blood disorders or diseases, premature babies, transplant recipients, trauma and accident victims, and to treat people with other serious diseases and conditions.

- The American Red Cross collects about 6.5 million units of blood a year — about half the blood needed each year in the United States.

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Bank's online fundraiser could help Plymouth groups

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Want to help the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters, the Plymouth Community United Way or the Plymouth Historical Society? Simply log on to Facebook.

Those groups are among the 30-some Plymouth-based organizations and charities participating in the Bank of Ann Arbor's "Sweet 15" charity drive, a Web-based fundraiser launched last month to mark the bank's 15th anniversary. Bank of Ann Arbor has a branch on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

The bank is planning to split up to \$75,000 between the top 15 vote-getters among more than 400 participating organizations. Anyone with access to a computer can vote by "lik-

ing" Bank of Ann Arbor on Facebook and then selecting from a list of organizations.

Tim Marshall, the bank's president and chief executive officer, said the bank has made the process "friendly and fun."

"We're extremely excited about the opportunity to give back," said Marshall on Friday. The \$75,000 will be above what the bank annually budgets to support the community, he said.

Marshall characterized the campaign as a success; fewer than 300 Facebook users "liked" Bank of Ann Arbor before the fundraiser was launched, and now, more than 13,000 do, he said.

And nearly 60,000 votes have been cast, he said (voters are limited to one vote a day, but can vote for several different organizations over the course of the campaign).

The top vote-getter so

far? That would be the Music Boosters, the support group for the marching band at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, who'd logged more than 4,800 votes by late Friday afternoon.

"Sweet 15" is being done in two phases. The first, to narrow the field to 15 organizations, ends Tuesday. The second, designed to divvy up the prize money between the top 15, begins Friday and runs for 15 weeks.

In that phase, voters will also be allowed to vote once a day, and will also be asked to submit with each vote a Facebook "interaction" involving the number 15, such as their 15 favorite books, or their favorite place to get a meal for \$15 or under.

With each vote for a particular organization in the top 15, Marshall said, that organization will receive \$5.15, until the \$75,000 total is reached.

Delmas relative gets probation

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Sadler

A relative of Detroit Lions safety Louis Delmas has been placed on probation for one year for felonious assault charges, following accusations he pointed a handgun at three teens, including one who wore a Michael Myers-style Halloween mask, as they drove by him in Canton.

Ravelle Sadler, 20, also has been ordered to perform community service, and he could have the case expunged from his record as long as he stays out of trouble and completes his probation, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Sadler officially learned his sentence Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow's courtroom. He was placed on probation under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, meaning three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon can

be expunged from his record if he complies with the judge's orders.

His sentencing came after he pleaded guilty to the three felony assault charges in return for authorities agreeing to dismiss a felony firearm charge and one count of carrying a concealed weapon.

The plea agreement became crucial to Sadler's freedom because, under state law, he would have faced a mandatory two-year prison term if he had been convicted of the felony firearm charge.

Delmas, a passenger, was never charged in the incident that Canton police say happened about 2:15 a.m. Dec. 21 while Sadler, a Cincinnati resident, was driving west on Ford Road. Delmas described Sadler as his brother to police.

Delmas was the owner of the .40-caliber semiautomatic handgun pointed by Sadler at three teens — ages 16, 17 and 18 — from Garden City and Canton. However, authorities have said Delmas was never implicated in the incident, and there was no indication he handed the gun to Sadler.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski had described Delmas as a witness in the case and said "the gun was registered to him, but he has a concealed pistol license out of Florida." Delmas' address is listed as Miami, Fla., but he lives in Canton during the football season.

Sadler was accused of pointing the gun at the teens while he was driving a silver Nissan Titan pickup truck on westbound Ford near Lilley. The teens drove alongside him and one looked over wearing the mask, later telling police the incident was meant as "a joke."

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Prenuptial agreements make sense for many couples

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: Dear Rick: I saw an article about the royal wedding discussing whether the couple should have a prenuptial agreement. Friends of mine were curious about prenuptial agreements. Are they valid in Michigan and do you recommend them? I'm in my mid-40s and divorced. If I get married again, should I consider a prenup?

A: When it comes to Britain's royal family, it is certainly something of a radar. However, you bring up a great topic, prenuptial agreements.

The short answer about a prenuptial agreement is it is valid in Michigan. If you go back 20 or 30 years ago, courts frowned upon this type of agreement and so it was difficult to enforce.

Fast forward to today and we are in a totally different environment. In fact, not only are prenuptial agreements fully enforceable, but in many situations they also are encouraged.

First, it is important to understand what is a prenuptial agreement. It can cover a variety of different issues, but it is most frequently used to set forth the rights, responsibilities and the division of assets if a marriage termi-



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Rick Bloom

nates. When you take a step back and think that nearly half of marriages end in divorce, there is something to be said for resolving issues ahead of time as opposed to waiting until the relationship has ended. My experience has been that couples with a prenuptial agreement find that if the relationship does end, it is easier for both parties to get on with their lives.

It is because so many marriages end in divorce and sometimes the legal proceedings last longer than the marriage, that I generally encourage couples, particularly those that get married later in life and have some financial assets, to consider a prenuptial agreement.

I know a lot of people, just by their nature, believe that prenuptial agreements are wrong. They think that when you get married you shouldn't even consider the possibility that the marriage may end. In addition, many of these people believe that if you have a prenuptial agreement it somehow encour-

ages people to get divorced. I have a different opinion.

My experience has been that people with prenuptial agreements do not have a greater likelihood of getting divorced. I do believe that people should get married because they love their partner, however, we all know the reality of the situation. Two loving people who enter a marriage for all the right reasons may still end up divorced, but the fact that they have a prenup-

tiel agreement would make the separation easier than if they did not have the document.

When someone goes into business with another person, I always recommend some sort of agreement that sets forth the terms of the relationship and what happens if the relationship ends. I'm frequently told that two partners don't need that agreement because they're best friends and they trust each other.

My answer is that putting

it in writing has nothing to do with trust, after all you wouldn't be in business with someone you didn't trust. The reason you put things in writing is so there is no misunderstanding. The same thing applies with a prenuptial agreement.

It would be great if marriages were simple, however, like everything else in our society it has become more complex. A properly prepared pre-nup can ultimately save good people a

lot of frustration, aggravation and money. Therefore, in cases of second marriages and marriages where professional or business owners are involved, a prenuptial agreement should be considered.

Good luck!

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Moreover, there is another reason not to put off surgery; the effect of injury on arthritis. Recently, one of my patients, who had advanced osteoarthritis of his left knee, experience a fall that resulted in a rupture of his right quadriceps tendon. An orthopedic surgeon reattached the tendon to its normal site at the tibial tubercle. While the tendon heals the patient must keep the leg in the extended position; this posture places strain on the left leg. However, he has advanced osteoarthritis of the left knee so that joint cannot accept the forces placed upon it. Walking for him is now an exhausting experience, and because he cannot exercise, he is experiencing delay in recovering from surgery of his right quadriceps tendon.

A similar episode occurred to another patient, who had a right knee that needed replacement. She kept putting off a decision. Coming out of a store she stumbled and wrenched her left knee. Because her bad right knee could not take any added stress, she could not use a walker and became bedridden while the wrenched left knee recovered.

The point is: do not procrastinate. If doctors advise joint replacement, go on with it. The effort now will save greater trouble in the future.



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Battle for K-12 education

Lawmakers expect cuts, but how much remains the question

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the short term, school funding will be cut but the reductions to many school districts are extreme. In the long term, Michigan needs to look at how education is funded.

That was generally the consensus of comments at a forum on proposed funding cuts that drew a packed crowd of residents and school employees to Wayne-Westland's Dyer Center to hear from a roster of state legislators.

A prime focus for many were proposals to eliminate the district's equity funding — \$475 per pupil that Wayne-Westland has received to restore an operating millage that wasn't renewed just prior to the approval of Proposal A. Under the governor's pro-



PHOTOS BY THOMAS BEAUDOIN

State Reps. Dian Slavens of Canton, Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township and Richard LeBlanc of Westland listen to a presentation on the effect Gov. Rick Snyder's school aid budget on the school district.

posal, the district would be looking at a \$6 million loss in equity funding as part of a total \$14.5 million reduction. Another issue was the governor's proposal to shift money

earmarked for K-12 funding to higher education.

State Reps. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township,



A standing room only crowd of more than 450 residents turned out to hear what state lawmakers had to say about funding for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

joined state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, and Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, on a panel fielding questions submitted by audience members.

"You're standing in the district most affected by Proposal A nearly 20 years ago and it will have the same detrimental affect under the governor's proposal," said Anderson. "The governor wants to move hundreds of millions of dollars to higher education from K-12. That's not acceptable."

ISSUE IS HOW MUCH

Among the elected officials, there seemed to be a consensus that there would be funding cuts to education like other services — the issue was how much.

"The cuts as currently proposed goes too far. I'm not happy with money going to community colleges (from K-12)," said Heise. "There will be cuts no matter what - we have a declining tax base."

A compromise measure, Proposal A was designed to cap

property taxes for seniors citizens who were being forced out of their longtime homes and provide some funding equity among school districts, Heise said. One of the assumptions of Proposal A was that property values would always increase, he said, drawing laughs from the crowd.

"The sales tax was supposed to help lift the boat, but it didn't. We need to relook at how we fund education in the future," he said.

HEALTH CARE CO-PAYS

A former charter school board member, Colbeck drew some heat from the crowd after noting that Northville Schools could avoid the proposed layoff of 40 teachers, if all teachers in the district paid 20 percent of the health insurance costs.

"That's roughly what is paid in the private sector. You're looking at the revenue side. Typically, you're not looking at the expense side," said Colbeck, adding school districts or at least school services should be consolidated.

As the discussion about the need to fund schools continued, Colbeck commented that more spending doesn't equate to better education for students, again drawing some angry responses. Or as Colbeck put it — he kicked the hornet's nest.

"Michigan is in the top 10 for education funding but in the bottom 10 when it comes to performance," said Colbeck. "To equate funding to academic excellence is a red herring."

"Dollars alone don't educate children but there is no education without funding," said Anderson.

One parent, who asked not to be named, said she didn't totally agree with Colbeck but did think the district could find ways to save money.

"I'm not in a union so I don't fully understand why they don't have to pay for part of their health care. We pay a significant amount for health care," she said. "Hopefully, the cuts won't be as drastic as proposed. There are other places they should look for cuts."

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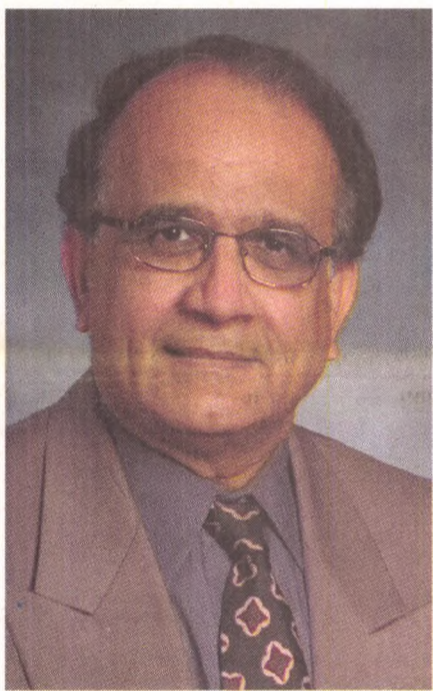
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Registration for the event starts at 8 a.m. A 1-mile fun run/walk will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a 5K run will begin at 10 a.m.

The 5K is also a United States of America Track and Field (USATF) certified course with timing chips available. Registration can be completed at <https://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/73702> or on site the day of the event. The For a Day Foundation

is a non-profit charity dedicated to raising the self-esteem and confidence of children with cancer. The foundation arranges parties with makeovers, crafts, manicures, games and entertainment. Girls receive boas and tiaras and the boys receive fireman hats, and a badge. Last year the Metro Detroit chapter threw over 400 parties.

The event's name references police officers because a majority of the foundation's advisory board members are from the Detroit Police Department (DPD). Many police officers run in the event.

WALK-N-FUND RUN

Registration is under way for a walk/run sponsored by Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville and Northville Christian Assembly, 9 a.m., Saturday, June 4.

The walk, which will start at the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, will run along the I-275 bike path to Grand River Ave., and back to the church. The event is designed to raise awareness and funds for Royal Family Kids Camp which provides a camping experience for children involved in the foster care system in Wayne County.

Sign-in for the Royal Walk-N-Fund Run will be from



7:30-8:30 a.m. the day of the event. Advance registration is at www.dfcnazarene.org, by calling Shelly King at (248) 348-7600 or by e-mailing to sking@dfcnazarene.org.

The fee of \$30 per walker/runner will include an event commemorative T-shirt, water and a snack. The event is free to children 12 and younger. Those who register by May 4 will be entered into a door prize drawing.

Royal Family Kids, Inc. will offer more than 155 camps this year. The camp is provided at no cost for the campers who are selected to attend the camp by Wayne County Department of Human Services.

Public Notice Notice to Creditors Trust Administration of John D. Hall

Trust Administration of John Douglas Hall
Date of Birth: December 28, 1928
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Settlor, John D. Hall, who lived at 641 Brandt, Garden City, Michigan died February 28, 2011. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against John D. Hall personally and/or the John D. Hall Living Trust Dated February 26, 2007, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Earl D. Hall, Successor Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Event raises funds for mental health programs

Kadima of Southfield, in partnership with the University of Michigan Depression Center will hold its annual "Healthy Body Healthy Mind" fundraiser luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

Clark Flatt, president of the Jason Foundation, Inc., will be the keynote speaker. Flatt's son, Jason, an average, active 16-year-old, took his life in 1997 and became a statistic of the "silent epidemic" of youth suicide. The Jason Foundation is dedicated to the prevention of youth suicide through education and awareness programs designed to equip young people, educators and parents with tools and resources necessary to help identify and assist at-risk

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All proceeds benefit Kadima's Child and Adolescent Program and the Miya Jo Must Home, named in memory of Miya Jo Must, a young adult victim of the "silent epidemic."

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Tickets are \$50 and available online at www.kadimacenter.org or by calling Pam Schonberg at (248) 559-8235, Ext. 118.

Kadima is a nonprofit, nonsectarian mental health agency in its 27th year. Temple Beth El is at 7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile.

Study finds soy helps radiation kill lung cancer



Can soybeans thwart cancer? A recent Wayne State University study found that soy makes radiation more effective in killing lung cancer cells.

A component in soybeans increases radiation's ability to kill lung cancer cells, according to a Wayne State University study published in the April 2011 issue of the *Journal of Thoracic Oncology*.

"To improve radiotherapy for lung cancer, we are studying the potential of natural non-toxic components of soybeans, called soy isoflavones, to augment the effect of radiation against the tumor cells and at the same time protect normal lung cells against radiation injury," stated Gilda Hillman, associate professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Wayne State University's School of Medicine and the Karmanos Cancer Institute, who led the team of researchers.

"These natural soy isoflavones can sensitize cancer cells to the effects of radiotherapy by inhibiting the survival mechanisms that cancer cells activate to protect themselves," Hillman said. "At the same time, soy isoflavones can also act as antioxidants, which protect normal tissues against unintended damage from the

radiotherapy."

Hillman and her team demonstrated that soy isoflavones increase the effectiveness of radiation in battling cancer cells by blocking DNA repair mechanisms, which cancer cells "turn on" to survive radiation damage. Human lung cancer cells that were treated with soy isoflavones before radiation showed more DNA damage and less repair activity than cells that received only radiation.

Researchers used a formulation consisting of the three main isoflavones found in soybeans, including genistein, daidzein and glycitein.

Previous research showed that pure genistein demonstrated antitumor activity in human cell lines. Hillman's study showed that the soy mixture had an even greater antitumor effect than pure genistein. The soy mixture also is consistent with the soy isoflavone pills used in clinical studies, which have proven to be safe.

The study was supported by the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Men's Health: Knowing Some Warning Signs Can Save Lives (And Relationships)

Evidence that links heart disease and erectile dysfunction (E.D.) has been mounting during the past several years. In one study, 65% of men who experienced a heart attack had erectile dysfunction (E.D.) and no history of heart disease. Additionally, it has been documented that some men experience their first heart attack about 3 years after their first signs of E.D. Because the penile arteries are much smaller than arteries of the heart, evidence of cardiovascular disease can manifest first as Erectile Dysfunction symptoms, long before other symptoms occur.

The recognition of E.D. as a warning sign of silent vascular disease has led to the concept that a man with E.D. and no cardiac symptoms is a cardiac patient until proven otherwise.

Erectile Dysfunction (ED) is a common problem that affects millions of men. It is a barometer of overall Men's Health that can be an indicator of more serious life-threatening conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and prostate cancer. It can also contribute to self-esteem issues, anxiety, depressive mood, and tension within a relationship.

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(L to R) Carol Brossia-Hughes, LMSW, Director of Social Services at Four Seasons, with her mother

Four Seasons Rehabilitation and Nursing was there for Carol Brossia-Hughes when her mother's declining mental functions began to cause concern. As Four Seasons director of social services and a licensed master social worker, Brossia-Hughes is proud of the programs and protocol for the 40-bed secured memory unit specializing in dementia and Alzheimer's care.

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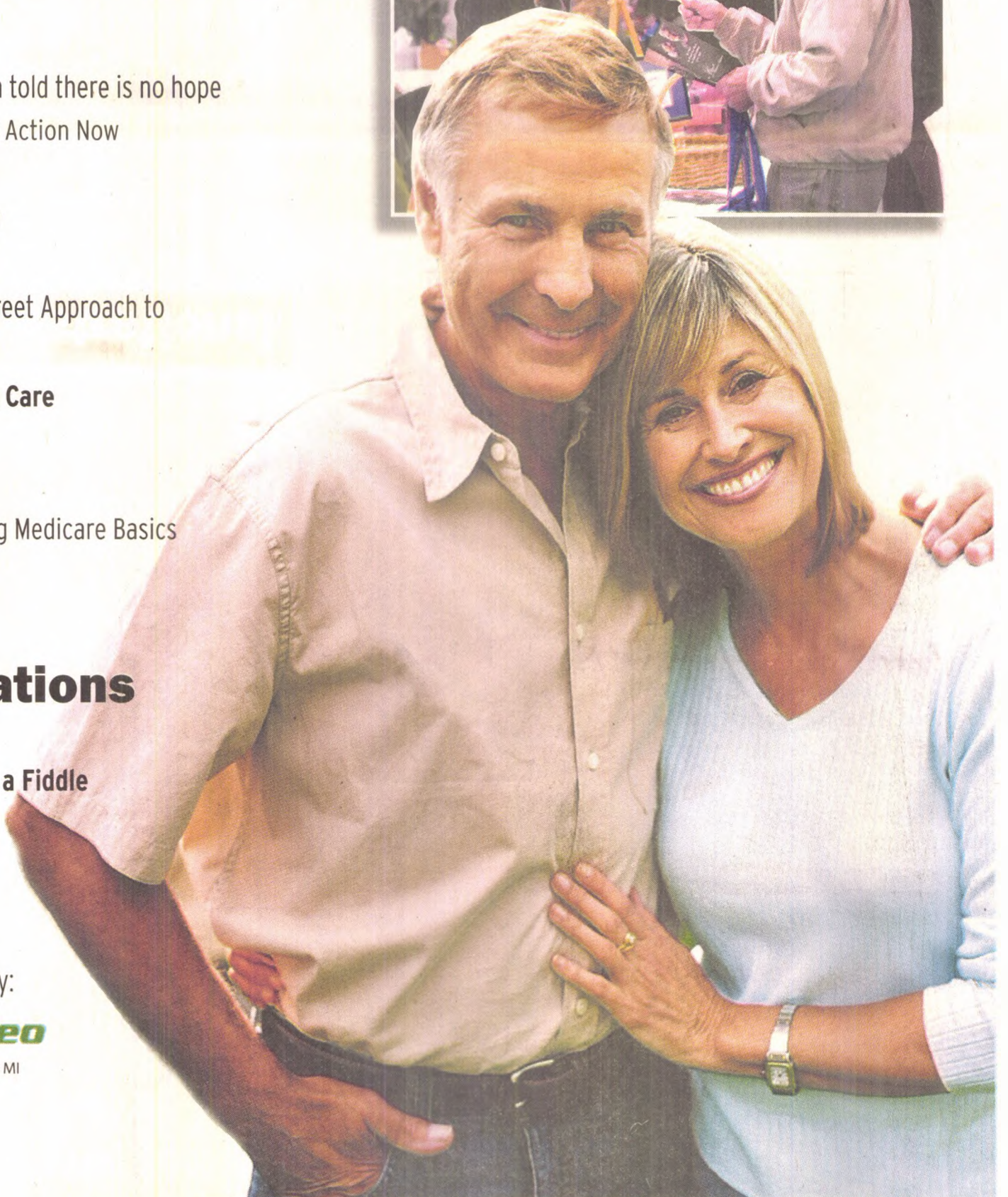
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Why Don't Employers Call Me Back?

Anthony Balderrama, CareerBuilder.com Writer

Is there any worse confidence killer than rejection? I think it goes back to childhood, when you want a new bike for your birthday but you end up getting a pack of tube socks instead.

Go forward a few years when you end up taking your cousin to the prom because everyone else turned you down. And the college years? Basically a parade of rejection that feels like an endless line of Rockette kicks to your confidence.

Or maybe that was just my experience.

Still, that same game of "Is it me or them?" continues well into adulthood as you begin searching for a job. You make a list of your best qualities, send them to employers, get dressed up and try to woo them in an interview.

Job seekers want to know why they can seemingly do everything right, and yet, still they don't hear back from employers. We're not talking about getting turned down for the job -- we're talking about not even hearing a "Sorry, but the position has been filled."

Submitting the application

For a job seeker, the application process is full of anxiety and excitement. When you're looking for a job, each available position represents a possible new beginning.

Before you've submitted an application, you've already daydreamed about your first day on the job. The problem is that to some employers, you're just one in a dozen. Or in some cases, one in 500.

"In the current market, if you post a job, you will get buried with resumes," says Matthew McMahon, partner at staffing firm McMahon Partners LLC. "Maybe 5 percent are in the ballpark." This means plenty of hiring managers spend their time reading irrelevant applications that don't help them find the right candidate.

As a result, they have less time for you. "You simply don't have time to respond to [all applicants]." To many job seekers this attitude may sound cold and impersonal. After all, behind each of these applications is a person waiting for a return call.

"If somebody is close, but slightly off target, I will usually take the time to give them a call, learn about what they are looking for, tell them about the sort of roles I fill, and keep the notes for future use," he says.

How about the ones who miss the mark completely?

"If the person isn't even close (or has not read the description), I don't bother spending the time because they are obviously applying for everything," he says. Take that as further proof that throwing your application at every open position and hoping to have some success is not the way to conduct a job search.

Can you expect any changes soon?

OK, so that's how things are now, but can job seekers expect to have a more personal interaction with the hiring managers in the future? Possibly, says Caitrin O'Sullivan of iCIMS, a provider of software for human resource companies to track recruiting activity and applications.

"If an organization, especially a medium or large one, were not leveraging an applicant tracking system, it's difficult for job seekers to understand the magnitude of applications flooding recruiters [and] HR managers' desks -- especially during a period of high unemployment," O'Sullivan explains. "Just visually scanning through all of these resumes can take hours upon hours of manpower. To have to communicate with every one of those applicants on top of that would be a truly formidable task."

That's not to say things will always be that way. As someone on the forefront of tracking technology, O'Sullivan sees an increase in interest among companies that can and do keep job seekers updated at regular intervals.

"As more and more organizations are investing in and leveraging HR technology and [applicant tracking systems], it is much easier for the HR team to automate and streamline that process and enable applicants to be aware of their status within the review process," O'Sullivan says. Although not all employers use tools that allow for such tracking, it's something that iCIMS has provided to human resources departments to benefit job seekers.

Until everyone gets on board, don't expect to hear back from employers to learn where you stand. You're always free to call an employer to check on the status of your application or to see if the position has been filled. As long as you are courteous and don't pester them, most companies will let you know one way or the other.

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GIVE ME A CALL! SWF, 21, 5'1", 165lbs, caramel complexion, mother, loves travel, cooking, outdoor, bowling, shooting pool. Seeking SB/WM, 25-35, for possible relationship. **📞332687**

LET'S MEET Well-educated, attractive female, brown hair and eyes, 5'9", looking for companion to enjoy movies, dining, travel, etc. Love to cook even better (I love Italian food). If you're a sweet man, in your 40s to 50s, have pretty eyes, and know how to spoil a lady, call me. **📞332666**

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TALL, ATHLETIC SWM Good looks, good personality, muscular, 50, 6'2", 205lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, degreed, easygoing. I enjoy exercising, the parks, road trips and trying new activities. Seeking single female for fun, friendship and more. Age and area open. **📞331398**

ONE-WOMAN MAN Italian SWM, 52, brown/brown, in very good shape, seeks AF, 40-65, who likes going out and having fun. **📞330127**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST SBM, 53, 5'11", 180lbs, NS, like chess, background, coffee houses, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. **📞218827**

LET ME BE THE ONE DWM, 48, 6', slim build, E-CIGARETTE, for friendship first, for friendship, serious LTR. **📞337871**

NEW TO MICHIGAN WM, 63', dark/blond, great sense of humor, likes sports, concerts, movies, dining. Would love to meet a female, age and race open, who is interested in body-building. **📞328777**

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**By Dave Menard
For Avanti NewsFeatures
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The crossover SUV market must be pretty darn profitable; it seems like just about every automaker has an entry in this segment. Not every company does, of course. There's no Jaguar crossover, although Porsche entered the fray with the Cayenne (base price \$124,000). Something a little more realistically priced comes from the folks at GMC, the Terrain SLT-2.

You'd expect GMC, the GM division that manufactures only trucks and SUVs, to put together a pretty good SUV and there is a lot to like about the Terrain. Based on the Chevrolet Equinox platform and available as either front-wheel or all-wheel drive (like our test vehicle), the Terrain is very nicely styled. It looks tough with a large, three-element grille, projector beam headlamps and lots of chrome (the door handles, outside heated mirrors, and chrome inserts in the roof rack side rails). Fog lamps are standard, as are 18-inch machined aluminum wheels. For another \$900, you can get 19-inch chrome clad aluminum wheels instead. The rear liftgate on the SLT-2 is power programmable.

Inside, the cabin is well put together. The cockpit has an almost spaceship-like feel to it with a nice mixture of colors between the instrument panel and the ambient lighting. The ambient lighting includes the center console, center console cupholders and the door pull cups, and the center stack. The instrument cluster includes a driver information center, and a tachometer and it's laid out very well. There room for a laptop in the closed

storage compartment under the center armrest.

The five-passenger SLT-2 comes with leather-appointed seats which can be heated and they provide very good support. A memory feature is included and the driver's seat is eight-way power adjustable. There's plenty of room in the Terrain in both the front and rear seating areas. The rear seats are 60/40 fold-down split seats and the rear cargo area gives you 31.6 cubic feet of storage.

The SLT-2 version of the Terrain gives you a whole lot of nice standard features; the power sunroof is included, as are leather-wrapped steering wheel, automatic climate control, power windows, keyless entry, remote vehicle start, cruise control, and a rearview camera system.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with an auxiliary input for your mp3 player and a USB port. Satellite radio is also included for 90 days. This system includes eight speakers and Bluetooth for your phone. You can add a rear entertainment system and a navigation system, if you like. As with all General Motors vehicles, OnStar is standard with the Terrain. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations, or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

You have your choice of powertrains in the Terrain SLT, and here's where you'll find out what matters to you in an SUV,

power or economy. The standard engine is a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that is rated at 182 horsepower. It's the same engine that comes in the Equinox, and I thought that was a bit sluggish in a recent test. GM says you can get up to 32 mpgs in highway driving with this engine, but to do that you'll need to engage the "ECO" button, which will lower the torque converter lockup speed to 1,125 rpm to save fuel. I'm not a big believer in four-cylinder engines on SUVs, particularly if you want all-wheel drive. If you want AWD, or just want a little more power, opt for the 3.0-liter DOHC V6; it's rated at 264 horsepower. Your mileage will suffer a bit (17/24), but the extra power and towing ability might be worth it to you. The larger engine adds \$1500 to the base price of the Terrain.

The test vehicle has the larger engine and it's mated with a six-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission. It performed well enough most of the time, but there were a few times where there was a little lag between pushing the accelerator and powertrain response. Whether this was just the test vehicle or something that could be a problem for all of them I don't know; in the week I had the Terrain it only happened two or three times, but it was noticeable.

No complaints with the way the Terrain handles. It features a front suspension system that includes coil springs,

independent struts and stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's an independent four-link system with coil springs and trailing arm and stabilizer bar. Stabilitrak stability control with traction control is standard and the Terrain is easy to keep under control. The 19-inch wheels (and the AWD) increase the turning circle.

If you get in trouble, the Terrain comes loaded with airbags – dual frontal, side impact, and head curtain side airbags. A tire pressure monitoring system is standard.

The GMC Terrain SLT-2 starts at \$31,000. Add the larger engine, the larger wheels, and the "cargo package," that includes roof rack crossbars, a rear cargo security cover and a cargo net, and you're at little over \$34,000. The Chevrolet Equinox that the Terrain is based on comes in a little less expensive, but there are a few more standard features and the styling is somewhat different. They share the same powertrains, so if you are thinking about the Terrain, check out both.

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