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## Student awards

The deadline nears for donations to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Student Citizenship Awards program.

Chamber officials said additional contributions are needed over the next couple of weeks to reach the program goal.

The chamber, on behalf of contributors, will reward up to five Plymouth-Canton students with Student Citizenship Scholarships. These scholarships will be based on community service only, not grade point. There will be a selection committee who will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, the Starkweather Alternative Education Facility, and a non-Plymouth-Canton high school student who lives within district boundaries.

Contributions generally range from \$25 to \$100 and the contributions are tax deductible, chamber officials said. "Although we have received many contributions, our hope is to nearly double last year's scholarships and give each student \$1,000," chamber director Wes Graff said.

To make a contribution, download a donation form at [www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/Student-Citizenship-Scholarships](http://www.plymouthmich.org/chamber/Student-Citizenship-Scholarships).

For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

## Soup and salad

The Mayflower/Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary Post 6695, 1426 Mill in Plymouth, hosts a "Soup and Salad" night 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

The event will feature all the soup and salad you can eat. A \$5 donation is requested.

For further details, contact Judy Thomason, (734) 545-0184.

# Tigers pitch Miracle League grant challenge

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's the equivalent of a game-winning grand slam in the bottom of the ninth.

The Miracle League of Plymouth, which is planning to break ground later this month for a \$500,000 baseball field designed for use by players with special needs, announced Wednesday a challenge grant from the Detroit Tigers organization, which will donate \$40,000 if an identical amount can be raised by December.

"We really scored big in team-

ing up with the Detroit Tigers," said Bob Bilkie, co-chair of the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The Tigers' name adds further credibility to the Miracle League's drive, and the money would take the campaign closer to its goal of \$1.1 million, which includes construction of a field behind Central Middle School and an endowment fund for future maintenance of the facility.

"Their partnership going forward will provide the necessary attention that will help us raise money" and help more children, Bilkie said in an interview.

With about \$810,000 already raised, and money still coming in, the Miracle League should have no trouble meeting the Tigers' challenge - especially after a \$25,000 pledge from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth Township. Other, smaller pledges toward the Tigers' challenge have also been made.

"This is a really big deal for special-needs children, their families and our community. We are happy to be a part of it," said Scott LaRiche, the dealership's vice president.

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An architect's concept on what could be built at the Miracle League of Plymouth's ballfield for special-needs children. The Miracle League is scheduled to break ground on the \$500,000 field Friday.

# Streetscape work picks up after weather delay

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After weather-related delays earlier last week, work continued Friday at the intersection of Main Street and Penniman in downtown Plymouth.

Meanwhile, business is reportedly off at some shops in the immediate area.

"Overall, this has been a really slow week," said Ian Rapnick, an assistant manager at the Jimmy John's sandwich shop on Penniman, on Thursday. "No one can find their way to our front door here." Thursday itself was "unusually busy" though, he said, perhaps because of the sunnier weather.

The rebuilding of the intersection, which will also include new brick-paver crosswalks, new brick pavers at the corners and overhead lights on mast arms instead of new traffic lights, is the first phase of this year's Downtown Development Authority streetscape improvement project.

The intersection remains closed, along with Main between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail and a small portion of Penniman nearest the intersection. The work at the intersection is expected to be completed by Plymouth's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30.

## WEATHER DELAYS

Wet weather earlier in the week had delayed the concrete work, the DDA said, but new concrete curbs were put in later. The pouring of the road surface could be completed by early this week, and the concrete will

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Main and Penniman will be a mess for a few weeks as construction crews continue the downtown streetscape project. Downtown Development Authorities said the intersection should be open in time for Plymouth's Memorial Day Parade.

# Film advocate: Snyder budget message 'killed' industry in state

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An advocate for Michigan's film industry leveled criticism Thursday at the state's Republican lawmakers, particularly Gov. Rick Snyder, for moving to end tax incentives for filmmakers and those in the video game and television industries.

Jim Burnstein, vice chairman of the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council, said the program, launched in 2008, exceeded expectations, but that "one speech" - Snyder's February budget message, in which he proposed ending the credits - "killed" future film activity in the state.

"They got the message: Go home," Burnstein told about 40 people at a Plymouth Democratic Club meeting at the Plymouth District Library.

"The Raleigh Studio will close," said Burnstein, referring to the Pontiac branch of a major Hollywood studio. "It will be a bigger white elephant than the Silverdome. Over."

Burnstein said the tax

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# Easter marshmallows

Kids from across Wayne County and southeast Michigan take off from the starting line at the annual Wayne County Parks Marshmallow drop in Westland's Nankin Mills. More than 20,000 marshmallows were dropped from a helicopter to the delight of hundreds of eager children, who scrambled to collect goodies during the county's 27th annual drop.



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# Museum hosts genealogical workshop

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts the second in a series of genealogical workshops to help family historians of all levels research their 19th-century American ancestors Saturday, May 7.

The workshops all contain topics relating to Civil War era research, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. The second workshop features Kathy Petlewski and Ceil Jensen.

Petlewski has been involved in genealogical research for over 50 years and is a frequent guest speaker at local and state genealogical society meetings. She is also a volunteer indexer for FamilySearch.org. She is in her 25th year at the Plymouth District Library, where she wears a variety of hats, including ref-

erence librarian, webmaster, patron training manager, and genealogy and local history specialist.

She'll be speaking on Genealogy in Cyberspace, including recent advancements in the process of digitization and programming for the Web have resulted in an explosion of on-line resources for genealogists. This program will examine a number of on-line sites, both commercial and non-profit that can be of great value to today's researcher. Petlewski will also talk about Immigration and Naturalization, including researching your immigrant ancestors' arrival to the U.S.

Ceil Wendt Jensen, a certified genealogist, presents practical examples and suggestions on how to use records, databases, and

archives to start or advance your genealogy research.

The workshop runs 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be limited seating and museum officials said the event is filling up rapidly. The \$50 fee for the day includes the lectures, lunch and the option of touring the museum's special exhibit, "Rediscovering the Civil War," during lunch and the afternoon break. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or on its website at <http://plymouth-history.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=fe0521ffc0a5788d628eaa160&id=79cbfd3154&e=63e90618af>.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, call the museum at (734) 455-8940.

## AROUND PLYMOUTH



### Barefoot's 'Lips'

Barefoot Productions presents the award-winning, off-Broadway hit, 'Lips Together, Teeth Apart,' running May 6-22 and featuring (from left) Michael Ludlum, Piper Grenfell, Jonathon Wennstrom and Kristin Heitmeier. It's a contemporary drama punctuated with sharp humor and human poignancy, telling the story of two dysfunctional couples who vacation at a beach house on Fire Island during the fourth of July holiday. The show takes a close look at values and opinions on everything from sexuality and race to family, mortality and hope. The cast includes Piper Grenfell of Canton (Chloe); Kristin Heitmeier of Northville (Sally); Michael Ludlum of Canton (John) and Jonathon Wennstrom of Livonia (Sam). It opens May 6 at 8 p.m. and offers shows on May 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. matinees on May 15 and 22. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$14 for students and seniors. For more information or tickets, please call the Barefoot box office at (734) 560-1493 or go online to [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

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](http://www.PlymouthElks1780.com)

**Achieve Academy**  
**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Achieve Academy, 3250 Denton in Canton.

**Details:** Achieve Academy hosts a middle school information meeting for prospective parents Thursday. Principal Claudia Williamson, teachers and staff will be on hand to present information and answer questions about the school. Tours of the school will also be available. **Contact:** To RSVP for the meetings, call 866-NHA-ENROLL.

"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](mailto:bkadrich@hometownlife.com)

### Pure Art exhibit

**Date/Time:** Runs through April 28; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** The PCAC's open exhibition, Pure Art Michigan, which drew almost 100 submissions from approximately 50 artists from metro Detroit, runs through April 28. The Council invited artists to submit work that highlights the unique beauty of the state. It received photography, oil paintings, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, colored pencil art, mixed media and wood block prints. Themes ranged from recognizable Michigan landmarks to more personal perceptions of the state's beauty around us.

**Contact:** Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail to [amy@plymoutharts.com](mailto:amy@plymoutharts.com).

### Potters Guild

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Location:** 340 N. Main, Suite G-11 in Plymouth  
**Details:** Village Potters Guild Spring Sale. New designs and bargains. All in time for Mother's Day.

**Contact:** (734) 207-8807; [www.villagepottersguild.org](http://www.villagepottersguild.org)

### 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

# Honor mom with breakfast in bed

The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group wants to honor metro Detroit's greatest Mom with a special Mother's Day Breakfast in Bed, prepared and served by Prentice and his staff.

To enter, explain in 100 words or less why your mom is a personal hero, unique inspiration and why she

deserves the star treatment this Mother's Day. Deadline for nominations is May 1.

Entry form and information for the Breakfast in Bed for Mom competition can be found at: <http://mattprenticerg.com/momsday2011.html>. Contestants must include a 100-word essay on why they have the

metro area's most deserving mother. The winner must live within a 50-mile radius of zip code 48207 (Detroit).

To mail entry, print out the information from the link above and send it with the essay to: Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, Special Mom, 1380 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207.

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# City, township police take part in drug take-back

As prescription drug abuse has reached alarming levels, local police hope to convince local residents to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances they don't need from their homes.

And authorities are giving residents a safe way to do it.

Repeating an initiative that proved highly successful last year, local officials have urged residents to bring their expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications to a drop box that will be located in both the Plymouth and Plymouth Township police departments, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

Residents can drop off their prescription drugs anonymously — no questions asked — as Canton joins a national effort by the Drug Enforcement Agency to rid homes of controlled substances that can be misused.

The Plymouth Police Department is located at city

## 'Unintentional drug overdose is a growing epidemic in the U.S. ...'

THOMAS FRIEDEN, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

hall, 201 S. Main, and the township department is in the township complex at 9955 N. Haggerty.

"Any effort taken to keep potentially harmful drugs out of the hands of traffickers and those who abuse or are dependent on substances is one step toward a healthier community," DEA officials said. For more information on specific locations, check out the DEA's website at [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov).

According to statistics from the U.S. government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the number of Americans age 12 or older who abuse pain relievers soared 20 percent between 2002 and

2009 — and the problem continues to increase.

"Unintentional drug overdose is a growing epidemic in the U.S. and is now the leading cause of injury death in 17 states," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director, in a statement recently issued from the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Some studies have shown that prescription painkillers such as Vicodin, OxyContin and Percocet have become the nation's second most prevalent illegal drug problem, after marijuana. However, when other drugs such as tranquilizers and stimulants are included, the situation becomes worse.

No liquids or needles may be dropped off during the four-hour effort, which has become an annual program by Canton police and other law-enforcement agencies.

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have to cure for seven to 10 days, said Tony Bruscatto, the DDA's operations director. "A lot of the work, obviously, on any part of the project is weather-dependent," Bruscatto said.

Work has also been ongoing on the traffic signal mast arms, which are being prepped for installation, Bruscatto said. The raising of the mast arms will be among the last tasks at the intersection, he said.

The DDA has been working to keep affected business owners aware of the project's progression, street closings, and the temporary free parking available at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Ann Arbor Road just west of Harvey.

"It's certainly an incon-

venience for our downtown businesses, but I think they know we're working hard to get it done by Memorial Day," Bruscatto said.

## SECOND PHASE

At Jimmy John's, Rapnick said that sales the week before last were off by about 12 percent from the week before, a decline he attributed to the construction and to the weather both. "If it stays sunny, we might stay busy, hopefully," he said.

There wasn't as much foot traffic, as distinguished from people who drive to Jimmy John's, as expected, either, Rapnick said. "There are regulars who come in but overall it has seemed to decline," he said.

Doug Fopma, the manager at Isabella's Copper Pot, a kitchen equipment store on Main, said business is

down there because of the streetscape work, but that he understands the need for the project. He said he didn't have a good measurement for the decline, though.

"I'm sure now is the best time to get it done," Fopma said. "You have to keep up with the infrastructure."

Fopma gave credit to the DDA for its communications efforts. "I think the DDA has really communicated quite well with us," he said.

The second phase of the project, scheduled to begin in June, will involve the resurfacing of several streets downtown, including Penniman, Fralick and Forest, plus the rebuilding of other crosswalks. The entire \$2 million project, which began last spring, is expected to be completed by July.

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## MIRACLE

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Jordan Field, director of the Tigers Foundation, said the ballclub was also happy to help.

"The Detroit Tigers Foundation stands arm-in-arm with the Miracle League of Plymouth," Field wrote in a press release. "We support the organization's desire to improve its community, particularly with baseball as the central ingredient."

Deb Madonna, who shares Miracle League co-chair duties with Bilkie, said that

while she was confident the group could raise the money needed, it's happening faster than expected. The campaign was announced about a year ago.

"We never thought we'd be here," Madonna said. "That was always later. We were just fortunate."

The Miracle League has brought together a wide variety of community organizations and individuals for its fundraising campaign, and has moved many people to volunteer as "buddies" to help special-needs players once the field is built, Madonna said. The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Madonna said, signed

on early and gave the drive legitimacy with other organizations.

Bilkie, who said he was motivated to volunteer because of a passion for baseball and a desire to throw himself into a service project, likens the drive to a group of kids heading to the playground, picking up other players as they near the field, for an informal game.

Madonna said the Miracle League's success is a credit to the community.

"Where else would you have this kind of support in the worst economy we've had?" she said.

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## FILM

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credits hadn't been a partisan issue before Snyder's move, and that Republican governors in other states — like Louisiana, Georgia and Ohio, to which the makers of the superhero film *The Avengers* decamped after Snyder's announcement — have recognized the benefits of aggressive incentives for the film industry.

"What we didn't know would happen (in 2008) is the Michigan would be the one state that would catch fire ... and then pull the plug faster than anyone else has," he said.

Burnstein said that for every dollar the state spends on a tax incentive for the industry, six dollars are returned to the local economy.

The Plymouth area has been visited by several major film productions in the past two years, most notably the comedy *Cedar Rapids*, released ear-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Burnstein, a Plymouth Township resident who is a screenwriter and professor at the University of Michigan, told a Plymouth Democratic Club audience Thursday Gov. Rick Snyder's stance on tax incentives for the film industry will kill the industry in Michigan.

lier this year, and the slasher spoof *Scream 4*, currently in theaters.

Burnstein is working with a coalition pushing to amend the incentives program, instead of Snyder's alternative proposal of a grant program capped at \$25 million annually. "The one thing we said is, if you cap it you kill it," he said.

The amendments would take steps to promote a Michigan-based workforce, and payroll, in the industry, he said, rather than one based elsewhere that visits the state just for the incentives. But part of that involves training residents in the business, which has been ongoing since the incentives were approved, he said.

The coalition also wants to foster the establishment of post-production work, such as film editing, he said. "Those are good, long-term jobs," he said.

Michigan will see some film production yet this year, Burnstein said, because the state will honor incentives that have already been approved.

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Through the years she was told everything from... "just take these pain pills", "don't do certain activities", "try working out", "you're no spring chicken" and the best one was "maybe you're just going through the change of life."

Yep, that's right Mrs. Jones heard it all. She even endured a battery of tests; x-rays, MRI, EMG, L-M-N-O-P, you get the idea. She did all the recommended therapies and sometimes the result was great, just not long lasting.

So as fate would have it, she met yet another doctor. This time she was referred by one of the women on her bowling league... I told you she loved to bowl! This doctor was a **different** kind of doctor.

This doctor was the kind of doctor she was told to "NEVER" go to. Since Mrs. Jones was now a senior, she was told that this **kind** of doctor wouldn't be for her.

Did I mention **this** doctor is a chiropractor?

Luckily for Mrs. Jones, her bowling friend told her about the gentle, state-of-the-art techniques this chiropractor uses. Her friend also mentioned that this doctor sees many other senior patients and is getting great results herself.

Here's what some of the other patients had to say:

"I can't believe I suffered so long with neck and low back pain, when help was just up the street." — Sue F.

"I was told I would just have to live with the pain, I was getting older and that was it." — Bonnie G.

"After a few adjustments at Dr. Tina's office, I felt relief and I could actually turn my head without using my whole body to move!" — Bob H.

So Mrs. Jones decided to give the chiropractor a try and much to her amazement, she felt better. A whole lot better! The only regret she had was...why the heck did she wait so long?

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Helping a classmate

Most people in the Plymouth and Canton community have heard the tragic tale of Salem High School sophomore Jesse Lindlbauer, who suffered a ruptured abscess that caused a brain infection, meningitis and spinal swelling that nearly took his life back in December.

Most, however, are not aware of the efforts of Salem senior Tommy Halewicz who, as part of an independent study course at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, developed a fundraising event for Jesse organizers said has surpassed all expectations.

The National Honor Society student created a 5K run/walk benefit May 1 at P-CEP that has attracted more than 1,400 participants. The "Super Jess 5K" will raise thousands of dollars for Jesse's daily medical care.

### Romeo and Juliet

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival brings "Romeo and Juliet" to the Salem High School auditorium 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 29.

The festival presents its production of Romeo and Juliet. All P-CEP freshmen will experience the performance at no charge. This is a live, full-length performance of the play. MSF uses Shakespeare's First Folio for all of its productions. There may be slight alterations in texts due to later adaptations and editorial choices. Minor changes may be made to aid in a modern audience's understanding of the show and are at the discretion of the director. The MSF Tour uses minimal stage effects and scenery, but scenes of violence and what might be deemed "PG-13" (i.e. ribaldry and innuendo) are common in Shakespeare and part of the

production.

### Turnaround awards

The Turnaround Achievement Awards, scheduled for 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Summit on the Park, are a business-education partnership program held each year that recognizes students from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who have shown effort, perseverance and commitment in turning their life around.

The turnaround can be in attitude, behavior or academic performance. Each P-CCS principal determines which student is selected from his or her building. Each elementary school chooses one honoree; each middle school two honorees and each high school may choose five students to be honored.

The Super Bowl Family Bowling Center has been a long-time sponsor of this annual P-CCS event.

### Tonda v. Gallimore

For many years students from Gallimore and Tonda Elementary Schools raised money for the American Diabetes Association with its Walk for Diabetes challenge event.

This year the event is the same — scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12 — but the charity has changed. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Students at each school will again collect pledges and walk a course established at their respective buildings. A group of students from Tonda will then walk to Gallimore and vice versa. Students will have lunch, recess and walk back as a way to celebrate their combined efforts. The school that raises the most money in pledges wins.



Plymouth-Canton FIRST robotics team members waited for the action in an earlier competition.

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## P-CEP robotics team heads to worlds

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Team 862 Lightning Robotics will compete against high school teams from Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands and the United States at the robotics world championships.

More than 30 students from P-CEP will travel to the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Mo., April 27-30 to test their engineering skills against their peers from around the globe.

This program features a real-world challenge to be solved by research, critical thinking, construction,

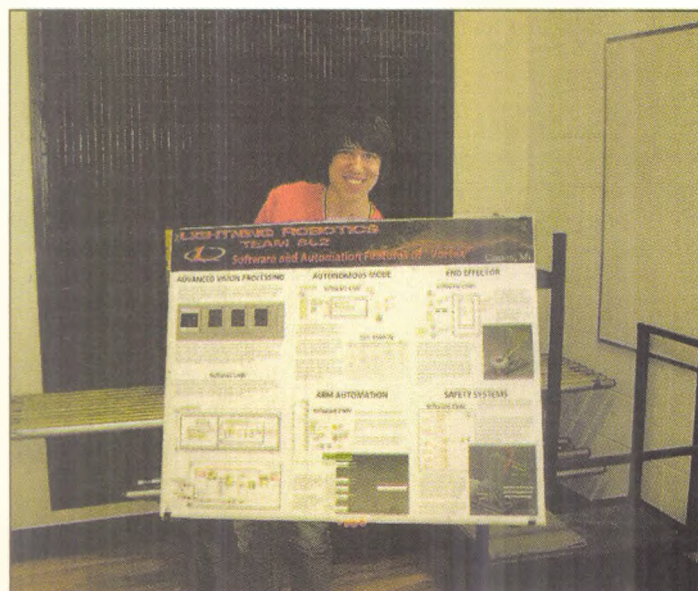
teamwork and imagination. Students who participate in First Robotics qualify for more than \$7 million in college scholarships.

Started in 1999 by Salem High School teacher Jay Obsniuk, the FIRST (For Inspiration and Respect of Science and Technology) robotics team — like the program established 10 years earlier by Segway electric vehicle inventor Dean Kamen — is designed to inspire young people to learn more about engineering.

Obsniuk saw the district cutting classes and formed the robotics team to introduce students to science and technology.

"I wanted to get them to appreciate how much fun it can be," said Obsniuk. "We want to get them to learn math and science by building stuff, and teaching them math and science is a good way to go."

Results — like an appearance at the world championships — may back up Obsniuk's belief. He said he gets four or five kids every year who graduate the program who go on to success in the work force. He said potential employers sit up and take notice if the FIRST program



Student president Brian Schwartz and his Plymouth-Canton robotics teammates are headed to St. Louis this week for the world championships.

shows up on an application.

The team learned its "game" for the year in January. The team gets six weeks to build their robot, and the competition season runs in March and April.

The robotics team is a student-run organization, with adult mentors who advise, but aren't generally hands-on.

Obsniuk said that's by design.

"It's like the parents who build the Pinewood Derby car

for their kids in scouting, and all the kid gets to do is race the car," he said. "There are (robotics) teams like that. But on our team, if the kids don't work on the robot, we don't have a robot. We let the kids run the organization the way they think it should be run. We don't shoot for winning, we shoot for learning."

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# Celebration first move in strengthening image

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As Canton becomes an increasingly diverse community, as evidenced by the latest U.S. Census figures, a grass-roots movement has emerged to use cultural arts as a touchstone for celebrating differences while uniting residents who, despite a myriad of traditions, share one hometown.

As the woman newly chosen to chair the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, ReGina Shamberger hopes to become a strong advocate for strengthening this community by further defining its reputation for cultural arts.

"My main focus is to educate and expose the community to the beauty of cultural arts and how it serves the diversity that's here in Canton," she said. "I'm hoping to raise the profile of the commission and all the things we do to reach out to the community. We really are one community."

Aided by a group of supporters, Shamberger's premier initiative as the commission's new leader centers on the first Canton Acts of Culture Week — an effort May 1-7 to showcase cultural resources and partnerships, celebrate diverse cultural offerings, raise awareness of the local arts and

instill an appreciation of community.

## WHAT'S ON TAP

Events are planned across the township as Shamberger and other organizers celebrate the theme, "It Takes a Village." A lengthy list may be found at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org). Simply look for the Canton Acts of Culture link. Among the offerings:

- Artists and photographers will display their work — ranging from D&M Art Studio owner Sharon Dillenbeck's paintings to photographer Jack Kenny's 12-year project in Cuba — at places such as local studios, Canton's administration building and The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

- An educational exhibit — "Race, Residents and Prejudice" — will feature a history of housing in the Detroit area 4-8 p.m. Monday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 4, at Salem High School, a project sponsored by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

- Author Frank Julian has been scheduled for an appearance 2-3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Canton Public Library to discuss travels to Africa to help AIDS victims.

- A forum titled "Cultural Arts: The Bridge to Building Better Communities" will fea-



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ReGina Shamberger, standing near one of the public art structure's along Ford Road, is the new chairperson of the Canton Commission on Culture, Arts and Heritage.

ture a panel discussion by cultural arts professionals — an event sponsored by Meijer and hosted by the Canton Community Foundation inside the Human Services Center. Due to limited space, it is by invitation only, though it is expected to air on Canton's municipal cable station.

- On a lighter note, Canton Leisure Services' annual Mother/Son Dance will coincide with Canton Acts of Culture, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Summit on the Park's grand ballroom.

- The Hindu Temple of Canton, which has drawn dignitaries from as far away as

India, will open its doors for a guided tour 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center.

## PROMOTING CULTURE

"The Hindu Temple is definitely committed to tolerance and diversity," Jatin Desai, a temple trustee, said. "By being part of this (Canton Acts of Culture), we want to set a good example. We want people to see who we are and what we stand for. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to showcase our building, and also we can share the values that we have. We have the same core values America stands for. We contribute to the betterment of Canton and other places. That's what we are here for."

Shamberger said the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage strives to promote cultural arts through partnerships with Canton Leisure Services, the Village Theater, the Downtown Development Authority, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and numerous other organizations. Canton Acts of Culture Week also has involved media sponsors Comcast and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Leisure Services Director Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz has said the week of activities can "showcase many of the

cultural activities and features within the community that serve to enrich lives and build bridges to connect individuals and groups" while drawing attention to the cultural commission's mission.

Shamberger said community involvement in the weeklong event has surpassed expectations.

"I'm thrilled for the first time out," Shamberger said. "We have gotten a tremendous amount of support for the first time out."

The event comes as the latest U.S. Census showed Canton with an 18.1-percent population growth since 2000 — an increase that occurred largely among African Americans and Asians, including a burgeoning Indian population.

Shamberger said residents of other communities are invited to attend the events. She touted the efforts of her commission colleagues and singled out the Canton Acts of Culture Week planning committee: Sharon Dillenbeck, Anthony Davis, Herb Scott, Dorrie Milan, Jeanie Derani and Bob Mosher.

"They have been with me from day one, she said. "They have been awesome. They bring so much energy to the table and so many ideas."

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# Bollywood concert caps Canton's inaugural culture week

BY BRAD KADRICH  
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Capitalizing on the success of films like *Slumdog Millionaire* and with the experience of four previous concerts under their belts, Michigan Philharmonic musicians will team with Indian percussionists in a "Bollywood" concert that closes out the first Canton Acts of Culture week.

Bollywood, which originates out of Mumbai (the Indian city formerly known as Bombay), is a fusion of musical styles incorporating classical Indian music, folk, western classical and numerous contemporary pop styles, and is "hugely popular," according to Nan Washburn, the conductor and musical director of the Michigan Philharmonic.

## BEFORE THE FIRST NOTE

**What:** Pre-concert reception  
**Who:** Station 885 and LaBistecca in Plymouth are sponsoring and donating all the food  
**Why:** To benefit the Canton Partnership for the Arts  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Village Theater of Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton

"It's a huge industry over there, and hugely popular," Washburn said of Bollywood. "It's amazingly diverse."

The concert starts 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. It'll be the fifth collaboration between the Michigan Philharmonic and the Geetmala Foundation of Michigan, with director/pro-



The culminating event of the first Canton Acts of Culture week will feature the Michigan Philharmonic, along with Indian percussionists and soloists, performing the music of the Indian film industry known as Bollywood.

ducer Narendra Sheth at the helm.

According to Washburn,

Bollywood music features Indian percussion and sitar sounds, mixed with Western

orchestral instruments, jazz saxophone and "a wonderful mix of 'world' music."

"So many of the pieces use orchestra," Washburn said, explaining the Philharmonic's eagerness to play the music. "We put our string players together with keyboard players and (Indian) percussionists. It goes right along with our willingness to try different things. We've got pieces we've done several times, so there's a comfort level."

Since arriving in Plymouth a dozen years ago, Washburn has steadily expanded the Philharmonic's reach and repertoire, and performing in a culturally diverse community like Canton goes along with what she's always

wanted to do.

She said it stems from her background in California, which she called "a very diverse state."

"It's important for American orchestras to reflect the societies around us," Washburn said.

Washburn recommends anyone with even the slightest interest in expanding their musical repertoire come to Bollywood.

"For anyone even remotely wanting to try it, this is the performance they should come to," she said. "(Sheth) is going to narrate it throughout, so you don't even have to know anything about it before you come."

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# James McAlpine remembered as dedicated teacher, volunteer

BY LARRY RUEHLEN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When a student with a broken leg couldn't come to school, James Alexander McAlpine brought school to him. Every day for eight weeks, Mr. McAlpine would turn out the classroom lights, gather the lessons of the day and head over the boy's house to teach them all over.

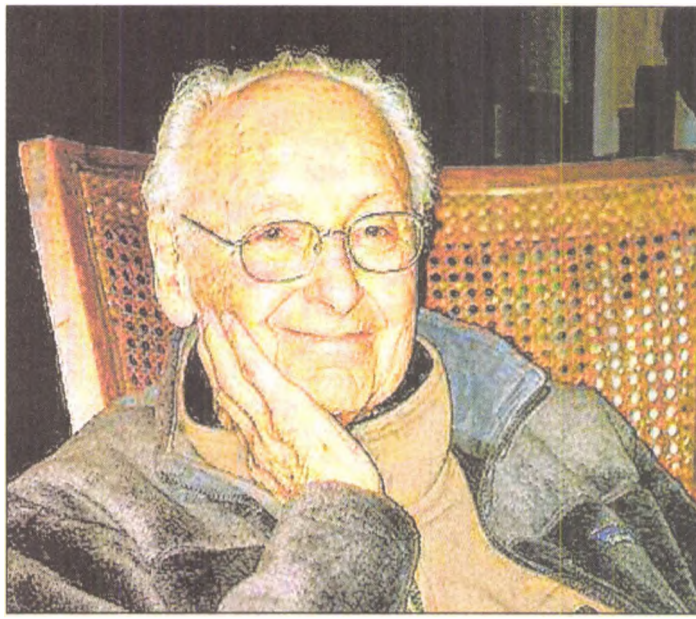
"My dad liked to say he taught in the golden era of education," said his daughter, Leslie McAlpine Hamp. "He loved his job and he loved his students. Back then, parents helped out in the classroom and teachers worked together."

Mr. McAlpine, who served many roles in South Redford schools over his 57-year affiliation with the district, died peacefully at home April 14 in Canton.

When Mr. McAlpine began his teaching career back in 1953, Redford Thurston High Schools building was brand new.

But so was the entire South Redford school district as well as the greater part of the township.

Schoolcraft Avenue was a divided highway and Thurston



Mr. McAlpine is remembered as a dedicated teacher.

was just a big farm.

McAlpine served as a math teacher, vice principal and athletic director at the district and volunteered for many years as official timekeeper and announcer for the Eagles basketball, volleyball, swimming and wrestling teams.

### DEDICATED SERVICE

In a previous feature story, Mr. McAlpine explained his

dedication to Thurston.

*"You have to have something to do. I used to love getting up in the morning and going to work. I could never be one of those people who just sit around and watch TV. That's why I like doing what I'm doing now. You have to be useful."*

Hamp said her father had an uncanny ability to put a name to a face.

"He had a mind like a steel

trap," she said. "He could remember every student's name and even where they sat."

Former students began leaving kind words in an online guest book for Griffin Funeral home soon after his death.

"Mr. McAlpine was my next door neighbor growing up. He was a good sport to put up with a houseful of six crazy kids who loved to be outside all the time," said Traci Jensen Estep, now living in Denver, Colo. "I will always remember his kindness and generosity. Every year for Christmas, he would bring our family a either a carrot cake or a fruitcake. He also let us have as much rhubarb from his garden as we liked, from which we made yummy pies. I am saddened to hear of his passing, he will truly be missed. I am sure his reunion with Marilyn was a sweet one. May God bless you all at this time."

Bob Gearns, of Mount Dora, Fla., said Mr. McAlpine truly made a difference.

"It would be hard to measure the impact Mr. McAlpine had on my life. Thanks to his teaching, I out wrote everyone on the fire department exams, from hiring on through assistant

chief. His teachings helped me obtain a good position in the Army ... When I hear people speak of one person making a difference, I know it is true."

### FIRST ONE IN

Mr. McAlpine was one of 17 teachers at Thurston when the school first opened. In 1968, he graduated from teacher to building administrator when he became the assistant principal at Pierce Junior High. Over the next 10 years, he split his assistant principal duties between Pierce and Marshall Junior High before finally settling back at Thurston, this time as assistant principal for the high school.

It was during his administrative tenure at Thurston that McAlpine also assumed the responsibilities of athletic director for the school's blossoming sports program.

In the spring of 1986, McAlpine retired from his career as a teacher and administrator, only to return to the school district the following fall as a substitute teacher. Shortly after, he assumed the timekeeping and announcing responsibilities for the sports teams.

Mr. McAlpine was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Detroit. He married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Joyce Golden, in 1946, served in the U.S. Navy from 1945-48, and earned a bachelor of science at Michigan State Normal college, a master of arts in education from Eastern Michigan College and specialist in school administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Mr. McAlpine was preceded in death by Marilyn, his wife of 64 years. He is survived by children Janet, Robert, Leslie (James) Hamp, Patricia (Gary) McAlpine-Ellis, James (Kathy) McAlpine; and grandchildren Andrew and Eric Hamp and Kevin and Michelle McAlpine.

Funeral services are at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 25 at Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure at [www.the3day.org/goto/inmemoryofjamesamcalpine](http://www.the3day.org/goto/inmemoryofjamesamcalpine) (Checks to Susan G. Komen, c/o Leslie Hamp, 1101 Maple Ridge, Ashland, WI 54806). Share a "memorial tribute" with the family at [www.griffinfuneral-home.com](http://www.griffinfuneral-home.com).

# Former Ambassador John Bolton to speak in Livonia

John Bolton, Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, will be the keynote speaker at a May 9 fund-raiser dinner organized by the Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

The evening will also include U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and Michigan GOP Chair Bobby Schostak as well as state and local officials.

Joe Xuereb, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC, said the committee's goal is to deliver its message through outreach and grass roots efforts.

"We can't only rely on party loyalists for our support," he said. "We



Bolton

need to focus our efforts and message on the average citizen. Our message also needs to be very relevant to all people."

The doors to the Annual Wayne 11th Lincoln Reagan

Dinner open at 6 p.m. for a Private VIP Photo Reception; a cocktail hour (cash bar) for general attendees is at 6:15 p.m., and the dinner program begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person (if payment is received by April 29; \$60/person after April 29) and a table of 10 is \$450 (deadline April 29). Tickets for the VIP Photo

Reception with Ambassador Bolton are \$150 per person. Inquiries can be handled by e-mailing [info@wayne11th.com](mailto:info@wayne11th.com) and visiting [www.wayne11th.com](http://www.wayne11th.com). The event is open to the general public with ticket purchase.

Bolton is a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and a frequent Fox News Channel contributor. He is a diplomat who has served in several Republican presidential administrations. Bolton served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations from Aug. 1, 2005, to Dec. 9, 2006. From June 2001 to May 2005, he served as Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and

International Security, also in the Bush Administration. His portfolio includes foreign policy and international organizations.

Bolton has spent many years of his career in public service. Previous positions he has held are Assistant Secretary for International Organization Affairs at the Department of State, 1989-1993; Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 1985-1989; Assistant Administrator for Program and Policy Coordination, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1982-1983; General Counsel, U.S. Agency for International Development, 1981-1982.

Bolton is also an attorney. He is

currently counsel to the law firm Kirkland & Ellis in Washington D.C. He is also involved with a broad assortment of other conservative think tanks and policy institutes, including the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), Project for the New American Century (PNAC), Institute of East-West Dynamics, National Rifle Association, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and the Council for National Policy (CNP).

Bolton graduated Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude from Yale College (1970), and received his J.D. from Yale Law School (1974), where he was editor of the Yale Law Journal.

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During a battle at Gamerz USA, Chase Every of Plymouth fires his laser weapon.

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# Laser tag battlefield a spring break hit

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Military combat provides a popular genre for video games but it's a pretty stationary activity.

The war games aren't virtual at Gamerz USA where teams armed with replica laser guns battle it out.

"It's battlefield laser tag — it's team versus team. It's like Call of Duty," said Gamerz manager Maria Conte. "There are cars, motorcycles, buildings, crates and barrels. You have to have at least four people but we can accommodate 22-24 people at once."

At 10,000 square feet of the 22,000-square-foot Westland business, Conte notes the laser tag is the second largest in the state — and with the larger laser tag located in Alpena, by far the closest to the metro area. It's also 100 percent eye-safe, she adds.

The laser tag players start out in the briefing room where they watch a DVD explaining the game and the rules. Then they are outfitted with military vests and their guns.

"They are very realistic — we have M16s and M4s. Kids need to 48 inches tall to play or if they can carry the gun," said Conte.

To help the scene, it's dark, lights flash and there are sound effects.

Gamerz owner Morgan Hammoud had operated Morgan's Arcadia in Dearborn Heights for eight years before losing his lease. He opened Gamerz at Wayne and Warren roads last fall.

"It's twice as big as what we had. This laser tag is completely different and more

realistic — the one before was glow in the dark," said Hammoud, who gathered old vehicles and other items used in the laser tag. "It was an old go cart track. I took all the walls down and rebuilt it from the ground up. It was like that philosophy, 'One man's junk is another man's treasure.' I would buy things people were throwing away and make something out of it."

While the laser tag has been the most popular attraction at Gamerz, there are also state-of-the-art video games, Conte said, along with Xbox, Wii and Kinect gaming stations.

Gamerz also has a kitchen offering a full menu of pizza, calzones, pasta and wings.

"It's all homemade — we use fresh dough and sauce. We do a lot of parties — church teams, sports teams and Ford Motors," said Conte. "A lot of companies have parties here."

Considering the weak economy and opening after school was back in session in September, Hammoud said the business has had a good start. He said the nearby Planet Fitness is drawing a lot of people who meet his customer demographics and he's looking forward to the MJR theater opening a bit further south on Wayne Road.

"We have entertainment and good value — that's the formula. One doesn't work without the other, they work together," said Hammoud. "People can see the value of the package and stretch their dollars."

Gamerz USA is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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# Area firm takes out troublesome e-trash

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a familiar site on the curb — a discarded TV or computer. Doug Verkeyn and colleagues at Global Electric Electronic Processing are working to change that.

"People are starting to become aware and educated about the importance of recycling," said Verkeyn, Business Development executive for the new location at 12237 Beech Daly (next to the post office) in Redford.

GEEP, headquartered in Barrie, Ontario, provides electronic waste recycling. The Michigan facility had been in Warren the past several years, but the move was made to Redford to accommodate business customers in an area ranging from Taylor to Ann Arbor.

"We just moved here about two weeks ago," Ferndale resident Verkeyn said. "We needed a larger location."

The Redford site, north of Plymouth Road, has some 50,000 square feet. E-waste services are much in need with technology advancing, Verkeyn said: "We're very happy to be here. A couple of local people stopped by to welcome us."

Of interest to local people, you can drop off old electronics beginning this week from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. There's a list of accepted items on the website www.geepmichigan.com. For more, call (877) GEEP-4-YU (433-7498). A fee is charged.

Examples of e-waste include desktop computers, laptops,

monitors, printers, keyboards, mice, phones, VDRs, PDAs and televisions.

GEEP also has operations in Canada in Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal and Vancouver. In the U.S., it's currently in Texas and North Carolina in addition to Michigan, although Verkeyn noted company plans to expand in the U.S., beginning with California. GEEP began with just a few employees in Barrie in 1984.

GEEP also has a partnership with Fortech in Costa Rica and operates in southern Germany as well.

"We currently have 12 (Redford employees) and we're hoping to grow," Verkeyn said. The privately held company will need varied skills, including information technology.

Mike Kay is general manager for the Redford site, which serves the Midwest, including such states as Kentucky and Tennessee as well as closer.

"We're excited," Verkeyn said. "We're happy to be here. Hopefully with people dropping off their mail at the post office, they can also drop off their e-waste."

GEEP has proprietary software, EBAN, used to sanitize hard drives for business customers. Being delivered to Redford is a roughly 6-foot by 10-foot shredder for hard drives.

For business customers, the data wiping is done to Department of Defense standards, Verkeyn said. Shredding is also effective and a bit less expensive.

"It gives customers an option," he said.

In the Redford conference room, there are small jars of circuit board pieces, copper, aluminum and mixed plastic. GEEP breaks down materials into those at Barrie and North Carolina facilities and sells them for reuse.

"It makes it easy when you have a passion for recycling," said Verkeyn, dad to two daughters ages 8 and 5 and a recycler at home. "We want a cleaner, safer environment for the future generations."

E-waste is a source of environmental toxins, with an average of six to eight pounds of lead in a CRT monitor. Exposure can cause brain damage, blood disorders and kidney damage, so GEEP officials are careful about environmental standards and disposal.

Verkeyn earned a bachelor's degree with a finance major from Wayne State University and has been with GEEP about five years. "Just with technology, e-waste is the fastest growing waste stream in our nation," he said.

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# Growth component important part of any portfolio

Peters brings budget debate to local Dems

**BY RICK BLOOM**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

**Q: Dear Rick: I am a recent widow and I need some financial help. I don't have a lot of money, so I need to protect what I have. I receive a small pension and Social Security, which leaves me short about \$300 a month. With the money from my husband's life insurance, I have about \$140,000. I am in my mid-70s, my house is paid off and I have no debt. I want to make sure that I have enough money for the rest of my life and whatever I have left, I want to leave to my daughter. Could you give me some ideas as to how I should invest the money?**

**A:** I'm sorry to hear about your husband. While we know that eventually all our days are numbered, it doesn't ease the



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

to make sure you can have a rising income throughout your life.

We know that five, 10, even 20 years from now, it's going to cost more to live than it does today. Because of that, it is important to have money invested for the long run. Many people believe when someone is in their 70s, they don't have to think long term. The opposite is true. What happens if you live into your

90s and you don't have the resources? For as great of a country as we are, there are not many things worse than being old and poor.

In your situation, I recommend starting an emergency fund. Take six months of living expenses and use that as an emergency fund. Keep the money liquid so you'll have instant access. This should also provide you with a sense of comfort knowing you could access this money at any time for any reason.

I would invest the remaining money with Vanguard (1-877-662-7447; www.vanguard.com) and divide the money as follows:

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To cover your income needs, my recommendation is to have a \$300 monthly distribution come from your Vanguard U.S. Treasury fund. The account provides check writing, or you can arrange direct deposits to your bank account just like most people do with Social Security. Let everything else in the portfolio reinvest and grow. Down the road, you should rebalance the portfolio to ensure you're always keeping the proper allocations.

The portfolio I proposed is totally commission-free, which means you save thousands

of dollars in commissions. Vanguard is a very easy company to deal with and if you don't feel comfortable dealing with it online, it has excellent customer service via the phone.

In every portfolio I design there is a growth element. Costs continue to rise and we are living longer, so to keep up, we must have a growth element in our portfolios.

When investing money, remember to find out all fees of the investment — including up front cost and carrying charges. If more investors focused on cost, they'd have more money in their pocket and, as far as I'm concerned, it looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

Good luck!

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

U.S. Rep. Gary Peters will discuss the debate between two competing visions of the future of America at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Spring Gala event at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville.

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# Former foster child collects classroom of clothing for adoption agency

BY KAREN SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shirley Brown and her brother Tim were naked, sick and lying in their own vomit when the Wyandotte police took them from their parents eight Decembers ago.

The officers had to put adult-sized T-shirts on the toddlers just to remove them from their home because they couldn't find any children's clothing to dress them in.

Now the adopted daughter of a loving couple, Shirley held a clothing drive at her school for foster care children.

"I knew how it was when I was little," the Johnson Upper Elementary School fifth-grader said. "I didn't have any clothes."

Shirley came up with the idea for the clothing drive after her teachers urged her and her classmates to think of a project for the Youth Making a Difference program.

## INVOLVED ENTIRE SCHOOL

Shirley was one of hundred of youths recognized Tuesday by the Livonia PTSA Council for their volunteer efforts.

Her teacher, Heather Barnes, said Shirley's project stood out because she went above and beyond what kids normally do.

"She got the entire school community involved," Barnes said. "Most kids, they do it on their own or maybe with one other student."

And she didn't hesitate for a second in deciding on the clothing drive. "Shirley knew right away this is what she wanted to do," Barnes said.

Shirley sent a letter home to every one of the 600-some students at her school, collecting an entire classroom full of new and gently used clothes. The clothing will be donated to Orchard Children's Services, the agency through which Shirley was adopted.

She and classmates Hailey Domzalski, Vanessa Spring, Chloe Ramsay and Charlene Phillips have been spending their recesses and lunch periods for the past several weeks sorting the clothing by sex, size and season — with help from teachers Tammy Clayton and Barnes.

Her father, Tim, will use a trailer to deliver the clothes to Orchard Children's Services.

## A NEW FAMILY

Shirley's mother, Mia, said foster parents get about \$125 to clothe a child when they first take him or her in. That doesn't go far, especially when the child is older and wears adult-size clothing or needs a winter coat and boots, she said.

Shirley and Tim were ages 2 and 3 when they came to live with the Browns, who had tried in vain for 10 years to have biological children.

The children were placed in the Browns' care at first because authorities thought they were distant relatives. When it was determined they were related by marriage, not

blood, the Browns applied to become foster parents so they could keep the children and eventually adopt them.

The children were put in another foster home while the Browns went through the approval process.

The children's biological parents were addicted to drugs and alcohol and had moved often, sometimes living in their car.

Shirley doesn't remember those early years. "I don't remember from when I was 7 and down," she said.

## GRATEFUL FOR NEW LIFE

But she knows what her parents have told her about her past, and she's grateful for the life she has now. "I feel lucky for what I have," she said, explaining her desire to help other children who are less fortunate.

Shirley and Tim have come a long way, their mother said. The two had been neglected and physically abused — and never knew what the next moment would bring.

Shirley mothered Tim, just 11 months younger. "They were left alone with each other," their mother said. When they first came to the Browns' home, Tim wouldn't eat unless Shirley told him to.

The children were taken to the Browns' home right after Christmas so their new foster father, a professional Santa, decided to dress up and ring the doorbell. The children had never been taken to see Santa — their biological parents never celebrated any holidays — but Shirley knew about Santa from seeing him on TV. Upon opening the door, Shirley said, "Where have you been?"

Santa answered, "I've been trying to find you, my love." Then Shirley told him: "You'd better have something for my brother."

## 'TALK ABOUT RESILIENCY'

Every night at bedtime for two years, Shirley would ask what was happening the next day. And Mia would patiently explain that she would be going to school, like always.

To make them feel safe in their new home, the Browns have provided the structure the children needed, adhering to regular mealtimes and establishing family traditions on holidays.

Today, Shirley plays five instruments and is one of her hardest-working students, her teacher said.

Perhaps more importantly, Barnes said, she is one of the kindest children she has taught in her 15-year career.

"She's the first to give a compliment after someone makes a presentation and the first to be someone's partner if someone doesn't have one," Barnes said. "I am so proud of her. I feel very lucky to know her. You talk about resiliency; she's amazing."

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Shirley Brown organized a clothing drive to benefit foster care kids. "I knew how it was when I was little," she said. "I didn't have any clothes."

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Canton senior second baseman Bernabe Salinas (No. 12) connects for another hit during Thursday's first game against Wyandotte. He tallied five hits in the doubleheader.

GOLF PREVIEW

Top quartet set to lead Salem

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With several talented returnees on the roster, look for Salem's varsity boys golf team to take a swing at reaching the top of the KLAA Central Division standings this season.

Leading the way is a group of four strong golfers who were part of the 2010 team that finished 5-5 in the ultra-competitive KLAA Central.

Those golfers include senior Josh Perrin, junior twins Eric and Brandon Duprey and sophomore Brian Patterson.

According to Rocks head coach Ryan Nimmerguth, they will have a lot to say about just how successful Salem is in 2011. The schedule opens Tuesday against Northville at Fox Hills.

"Our division is very competitive with Northville and Novi probably being the favorites,"

Please see SALEM, B4



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brandon Duprey, shown teeing off in 2010, is one of the key returning members of this year's Salem's varsity boys golf team.

SIDELINES

'Cats sweep two

Plymouth's varsity baseball team took both ends of a doubleheader Thursday at Swartz Creek, 7-1 and 13-3.

In the opener, starting pitcher Harrison Michels gave up one run and three hits over six innings to improve to 3-0. Tossing a perfect seventh was Justin Thompson.

Getting the job done on offense in Game 1 were Ben Wohl (three hits, two runs), Mike Nadratowski (three hits, two runs) and Nick Sandberg (two hits, two RBI).

Nadratowski then started the nightcap and earned his second pitching win by giving up two runs over a four-inning stint.

Closing out the game were Thompson, Austin Ebeling (one perfect inning) and Jamarl Eiland.

John Etienne collected three hits and scored three times, while Tyler Gobel chipped in with three hits, two runs and two RBI. Helping his own cause, Nadratowski had three hits and knocked in a pair.

Plymouth will play at Milford in a makeup doubleheader Monday before visiting Livonia Churchill for a big KLAA South showdown (a Wednesday twinbill).

YMCA, Wings team up

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and Detroit Red Wings Foundation have teamed up to offer the kids of Hockeytown a new iceless (floor) hockey program that instills the values of fair play and teamwork while developing the fundamental skills of hockey.

Iceless Hockey leagues are now forming at the Plymouth YMCA. Skill development, team practices and games will focus on the YMCA's four core values of

Please see SIDELINES, B4

Canton bounces back for split

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shaking the rust off from a weeklong break took a bit longer for the Canton varsity baseball team — which had opened the season on a seven-win roll.

But after dropping a sloppy 13-11 game to Wyandotte (6-5) in the first of two games at Eastern Michigan University's Oestrike Stadium on Thursday, the Chiefs put together a solid, 8-0 victory.

A big reason why Canton (8-1) bounced back in Game 2 (8-1) was junior starting and winning pitcher Ryan Bazner. He pitched four scoreless innings, helped calm any leftover frayed nerves from the opener and got the Chiefs back on track.

"For me it was just important to throw strikes, work hard, get ground balls like I did and give the team more confidence," said Bazner. "Our coaches weren't happy with the first game, obvi-

ously.

"So they just wanted us to come out and do what they thought we should do."

CHANGE OF PLANS

Bazner, now 3-0, added that the Chiefs were a bit "tense" in the first game, in part because they were playing at EMU due to poor playing conditions at Canton's field. The doubleheader start time also was pushed back two hours.

"It was supposed to be a home game for us originally, but then it got moved here," Bazner said. "So it wasn't bad, just a little adjusting."

Canton pushed across two runs in the bottom of the first in Game 2, both scoring on a single to center by senior leftfielder Garrett Bryden.

A nice dive and flip to senior shortstop Chris Perkovich from senior second baseman Bernabe Salinas helped Bazner escape a jam in the second.

And then the Chiefs broke it open with three more runs in the second against Bears starter Gerald Mayhew for a 5-0 edge.

Junior Evan Rinke singled to right to plate Mike Stafford and another run came home on a groundout. Perkovich then singled to left-center to bring in Rinke.

Bazner helped his own cause with two on and one out in the Wyandotte fourth, starting a 1-6-3 double play.

He snared Ben Mekolon's smash up the middle, spun and threw to Perkovich — who completed the play with his throw to first.

HIT PARADE

Canton added three more runs in the fifth, two scoring on wild pitches by reliever Devan Stewart and another crossing the plate thanks to senior centerfielder Braden Price's sharp single to center.

Please see CANTON, B3

Trio of all-staters bodes well for Penguins

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With three players from the PCS Penguins girls hockey team making the Division 2 All-State Team, the program looks to be on the rise.

At least Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson thinks so.

"Having three all-state players on our team will definitely help with recruiting for future years," Johnson said last week. "And we had two all-state players last year as well."

Selected to the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 team were senior defenseman and captain Sarah Coleman, top-scoring senior forward Amanda Heisler and sophomore netminder Cortny McAdoo.

All three were honored at a recent banquet sponsored by *Hockey Weekly*.

The Penguins, composed of players from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, finished with an 8-10-0 record in the regular season and 1-1

in the playoffs.

But in 2009-10, all three players were instrumental in the team winning the Division 2 playoff championship — along with last year's all-staters Shauna Siebert and Jordyn Moore.

IMPACT PLAYERS

"The great thing about all three players is their character," Johnson said. "Not only do they make a big impact on the ice, but in the locker room as well. They are well-rounded kids and (they) feel very honored to be named to the all-state team."

Coleman played 20 games and contributed six goals and six assists, along with solid play on the blue line.

The coach described her as "a fantastic defenseman who has the ability to not only break up a play in the defensive zone, but to then carry the puck all the way down the ice for a quick scoring opportunity."

Please see ALL-STATERS, B3



JEFF CARTER

One of three players on the PCS Penguins to earn all-state honors was defenseman Sarah Coleman, shown from a game during 2010-11.



VICTORIA KAYE



**Who:** Victoria Kaye, senior co-captain of Salem's varsity girls soccer team.

**Miscellany:** The 18-year-old Kaye carries a 3.8 grade-point average. She is in her fourth season on the varsity, earning All-District honors in 2010. Her parents are Jason and Nora Kaye.

**Captain's job:** "The job of a captain is to lead the team by example on and off the field. As one of the team leaders, I believe in encouraging my teammates, always working hard, being a communicator and modeling good sportsmanship."

**Leadership style:** "I constantly communicate with my teammates and encourage them to always work their hardest."

**Why her?** "I think that my coach chose me to be captain because I am a 'go-to' person who is a role model to my teammates by always working hard, having a positive attitude and having a good sportsmanship toward not only my team and coach, but to the opposing team and referees."

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# All-area boys bowling team big on talent, desire

## FIRST-TEAM

**Jordan Hornes, Soph., Westland Glenn:** The sophomore reached pinnacle by capturing the coveted Division 1 state singles title over close friend Ryan Clark of Salem.

He also lifted the Rockets place runner-up in the MHSAA Division 1 team competition and was individual regional champion.

Hornes also helped Glenn to a first at the Plymouth-Canton-Salem, KLAAs Central Division and Kensington Conference team titles.

He averaged 214 per game with a high of 279 along with a two-game best of 515.

"What Jordan brought to the Glenn varsity team this year — more than his accomplishments — was a new attitude," Glenn coach Ron Brusseau said. "Since last year, Jordan matured not only in his athletic ability, but more importantly his mental attitude. He learned to put aside a bad shot, or a bad break, and just roll with the flow."

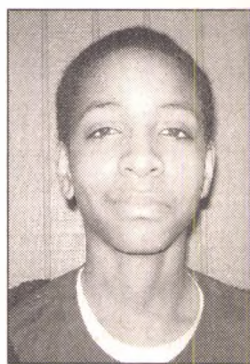
**Ryan Clark, Sr., Salem:** There was little that the hard-working, team-leading senior wasn't able to accomplish throughout a high school career that culminated with an outstanding 2010-11 season.

Clark threw games of 279, 280 and 297 along the way for the Rocks, placing third at the Division 1 individual regionals before finishing second at the state finals. He lost the finals to Jordan Hornes of Westland John Glenn after finishing in a tie for fifth (with Hornes) in the qualifying block with a total of 1,280 pins.

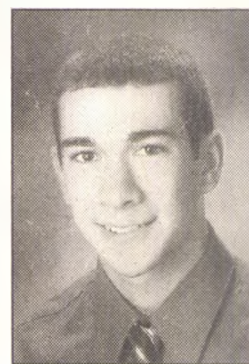
He was the first pick for the Michigan High School Interscholastic Coaches Association All-State first team as well as a MHSAA Scholar Athlete for the third straight year.

"What a tribute to him to maintain a 3.7 grade-point

**2010-11 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BOWLING FIRST TEAM**  
 Jordan Hornes, Soph., Westland Glenn  
 Ryan Clark, Sr., Salem  
 Elliot Arnold, Jr., Wayne Memorial  
 Jeremy Brown, Sr., Wayne Memorial  
 Brian Monty, Sr., Westland Glenn  
**SECOND TEAM**  
 Erik Grinbergs, Sr., Farm.-Harrison  
 Davis Vandercook, Jr., Farm.-Harrison  
 David Nikkula, Jr., Salem  
 Daniel Ammons, Soph., Westland Glenn  
**THIRD TEAM**  
 Thomas Brusseau, Jr., Westland Glenn  
 Justin Lapidus, Sr., North Farmington  
 Eric Thompson, Jr., Plymouth  
 Justin Thompson, Jr., Plymouth  
 Tyler McLean, Jr., Liv. Clarenceville  
 Alex Champagne, Soph., Canton  
**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
 Ron Brusseau, Westland Glenn  
**HONORABLE MENTION**  
**Canton:** Kurt Kowalski, Andrew Klein, Ryan Washburn; **Plymouth:** Brandon Congdon, Rob Korstjens, Evan Grimme, Ryan Riva; **Salem:** Kevin Williams, Tyler Foley, Steven Cadwell, Joe Mirsky; **John Glenn:** Steven White, John Cleavenger, Tommy Ruark, Deandre Plear; **Wayne:** Zack Huffman, Scott Franklin; **Clarenceville:** Sean Diaz, Mike Uren, Tyler Fox, Brad Martin; **North Farmington:** Kameron Caldwell, Steve Vorenberg; **Farmington-Harrison:** Tyler Vance, Ian Elliott, Matt Prosniewski.



Jordan Hornes  
John Glenn



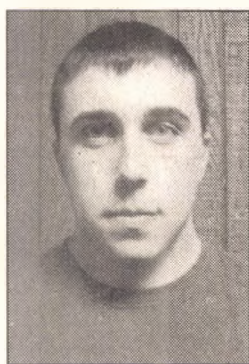
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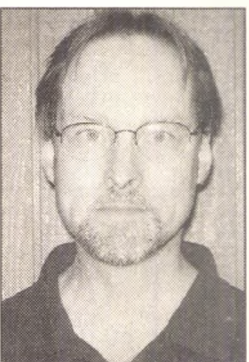
Jeremy Brown  
Wayne



Brian Monty  
John Glenn



Ross Terrasi  
Canton



Ron Brusseau  
John Glenn coach

average and also achieve so much in bowling," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "There is so much more about Ryan that I just can't put into words. He is truly a humble young man."

**Elliot Arnold, Jr., Wayne:** The junior helped the Zebras to a semifinal finish in the Division 1 state team finals and earned a top 16 finish individual after placing fourth in the qualifying block.

Arnold, seventh at the regional, rolled eight games over 256 with a high of 286. He also posted three 500-plus two-game series with a 535 high in KLAAs competition.

Arnold's best outing came in the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament when he bowled a 732 three-game set.

He paced the KLAAs with a 230 average for the season.

"Elliot had a fantastic season for us this year, he was our

MVP and leader," Wayne coach Bob Jawor said. "He has really grown in the three years that I've known him. He's a great young man who never seems to have a bad day. I expect one more great year out of him next season."

**Jeremy Brown, Sr., Wayne:** The junior was a Division 1 state singles semifinalist after winning a roll-off for the 16th and final qualifying spot.

Brown, fourth individually at the regional, also helped the Zebras to the Final Four of the state team competition in Division 1.

Brown bowled a 300 game in the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tournament and averaged 208 for the season.

"Jeremy is a fine young man who I enjoyed having on the team the last two years," Jawor said. "He is very intense on the lanes and very quiet off the lanes. He bowled very well and got strong as the year went

on. I wish him luck next year at the University of Toledo."

**Brian Monty, Sr., Westland Glenn:** The senior captain made it all the way to the state singles quarterfinals before being ousted by his teammate and eventual state champion Jordan Hornes.

Monty averaged 200 for the season with a high game of 278. He also posted a two-game high series of 477 as the Rockets captured the KLAAs Central and Kensington Conference team titles, as well as placing runner-up in the regional.

"Brian was instrumental in leading our team to a 13-2 record in the Central Division," Brusseau said. "His leadership skills helped guide us to the P-C-S Tournament championship and runner-up finishes at the Ladywood Invitational, regional and ultimately the MHSAA state team finals. His senior leadership will be greatly missed next year."

**Ross Terrasi, Sr., Canton:** The senior brought leadership and other intangibles to the Chiefs, along with his excel-

lent bowling skills which enabled him to average 202.57 during conference meets, said Canton co-coach Jim Keppen.

"Ross is a leader for our team, and all year he displayed excellent focus and fine-tuned his game, working hard on different lane conditions and tough spares," Keppen said.

After finishing fifth at D1 regionals, Terrasi qualified for the individual finals — where he demonstrated his character during the qualifying block

Only the top 16 reach match play finals, and Terrasi gave it his all to try and make the cut.

"Ross was still in the hunt," Keppen said. "And true to his nature he was still battling with all that had. A couple of stubborn pins meant that he came up just short."

Terrasi, who rolled a 223 in one of the qualifying games, finished with 1,134 pins — just 21 short of 16th place.

During the regular season, highlights included high games of 254, 247 and 245 (on two occasions).

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Ron Brusseau, Westland Glenn:** The fifth-year coach repeats guided the Rockets to a runner-up finish in the MHSAA Division 1 team finals after placing second at the regional.

Glenn also won the KLAAs Central Division crown with a 13-2 record and captured the Kensington Conference tournament.

The Rockets also won the Plymouth-Canton-Salem tourney and were runner-up in the Ladywood Invitational. Glenn also reached the quarterfinals at both the Wayne County and Tri-County invitational.

"I can sum up the season with one word — determination," said Brusseau said. "This season we had a good mixture of youth, experience, and leadership. There were five of the eight 2009-10 state finalists returning, three of the five with two state finals under their belt. Losing in the Quarterfinals last year made the returning starters even more determined to win."

"I believe the biggest reason for this year's success is that the group really came together as a team. There was no quit in any of the bowlers from the captains down the first year varsity starters."

Brusseau also credited assistant coach Steve O'Harris for the team's success.

"It was right after the try-outs that Steve and I saw that we had a team that could have a special season," Brusseau said. "We pushed them hard all season to get them prepared to win a state championship, and they responded well. Although we fell short of our ultimate goal, Steve and I could not be more proud of them."

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This project includes: Building improvements to Beck Education Center including: parking lot improvements of asphaltic paving and striping; building improvements of selective demolition, concrete work, masonry restoration, aluminum curtainwall and FRP doors at building entrances, corner guards at classrooms, display cases, ceramic tile, carpet replacement, boiler and associated pumps and electrical panel and lighting upgrades.

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Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the scheduled time of opening bids, without the consent of the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to accept any bid or to reject any or all bids, or parts of such bids, and waive informalities or irregularities in bidding.

A voluntary pre-bid meeting will be held on April 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Beck Education Center, 27100 Bennett, Redford, Michigan 48240.

The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the project on or before August 26, 2011.

Board of Education  
 REDFORD UNION SCHOOLS

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

### BULMAN ELEMENTARY DEMOLITION AND SITE RESTORATION 15995 Delaware Redford, Michigan 48239

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This project includes: Complete demolition of the Bulman Elementary School (approximately 46,750 SF); removal and capping of utilities serving the building and restoration of the site.

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The Owner requires Substantial Completion of the Site Restoration on or before October 28, 2011.

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## Public Budget Hearings will be held for the following Public School Academies:

Achieve-3250 Denton Rd., Canton-  
 May 12th, 4:30pm  
 Canton-49100 Ford Rd., Canton  
 May 11th, 5:30pm

Copies of the Budgets for the listed Public School Academies will be available at the school office.



## PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN CITY HALL, 201 S. MAIN WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

### SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 11-02 New 2-Story Building  
 789 W. Ann Arbor Trail  
 Zoned: B-2, Central Business  
 Applicant: Pated Investments, LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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 Plymouth, MI 48170  
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## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 11-03 614 Harding  
 Non-Use Variance Requested  
 Garage - Side yard Setback  
 Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential  
 Applicant: Frank & Trisha Jaksch

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Canton senior Rob Golematis (No. 23) rounds third base during Thursday's first game at Eastern Michigan University. At right is Wyandotte third baseman Tyler Groat.

## CANTON

FROM PAGE B1

Price and Salinas each collected two hits in Game 2 and five for the doubleheader. Senior catcher Rob Golematis went 2-for-2 in the second game.

Pitching the final three scoreless innings were juniors Vaughn Birchler and David Blythe, with the latter going the final two frames.

Meanwhile, the opener was filled with walks, errors and base-running blunders by both teams.

Wyandotte scored twice in the first against sophomore lefty Stafford to go up 2-0.

The Chiefs battled right back in their half to even things. Price (3-for-4, two runs, 1 RBI) singled on the first pitch he saw from Bears starter Devin Jones and stole second before scoring on a single to center by Salinas (3-for-5, two runs, two RBI).

Bryden plated Salinas with a sacrifice fly to right field. In the fourth, however, Wyandotte put up a five-spot against Stafford and two relievers.

The frame got started with a misjudged liner that went for a double. It continued with a run scoring on a wild pitch, two more coming in on bases-loaded walks and another on a squeeze bunt.

Canton answered with two runs to make it 7-4 after four, with the big hit an RBI-double to left by Price.

With senior Jason Lynch on the mound in relief, the game settled down for Canton for a

while. He pitched three innings without giving up a run, striking out three.

The Chiefs kept pecking away and scored another run in the fifth on a single to right by senior Seth Tschetter, who caught the opener.

In the bottom of the sixth, Canton finally caught the Bears at 7-7. With runners on second and third and two out, Bryden ripped a triple to the 370-foot mark in left-center.

But the Bears sent 11 batters to the plate in a six-run seventh against two more Canton pitchers to open up a 13-7 advantage.

### NEVER SAY DIE

The Chiefs did show some moxie, scoring four runs themselves in the bottom of the seventh, three on Perkovich's double to the gap in right-center.

Bryden, stepping into the batter's box representing the tying run, then grounded out to end the contest.

"We tied it up in the bottom of the sixth there," Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said. "And Vaughn Birchler came in, who had been throwing well for us, (but) he couldn't hold them. ... We just didn't play good, crisp baseball today, at all." Blomshield said the week off probably led to some of the mistakes, but he called it "unacceptable" to force three runs in with walks.

"We're a lot better team than we showed in the first game," he noted. "But hats off to Wyandotte, they did a nice job, they're scrappy."

Another layoff awaits Canton, who next host Westland John Glenn on Wednesday.

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## ALL-STATERS

FROM PAGE B1

Heisler is a power forward who used speed and agility to become one of the top scorers in the league with 16 goals and eight assists in 18 games.

But Johnson stressed that Heisler also is a very reliable player on the defensive end of the ice.

"Most forwards only think offensively," Johnson said. "But she sees the whole ice and can switch into a defensive mode very quickly."

As for the diminutive McAdoo, she plays huge in pressure-packed moments. She earned a shutout in the 2010 D-2 playoffs to clinch that championship, for example.

"Cortny McAdoo is a goaltender who will always step up to the plate when she is faced with the big games," Johnson said. "She could not have played any better against Regina in the (2010) championship game that went into double overtime."

In 2010-11, McAdoo had another strong season. She played 18 games (7-11-0), had a goals-against average of 2.50 and a save percentage of .869. There were 343 shots sent her way this year.

According to Johnson, it will be tough to replace Coleman and Heisler. But she is buoyed to know McAdoo will be back between the pipes in 2011-12.

"The coaching staff is very proud of all three players and their accomplishments," she added. "We will unfortunately have to say goodbye to two of them as they will be graduating."

"But we look forward to another season with Cortny McAdoo and the rest of the PCS Penguins."

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RENA LAVERTY

Honored at a recent banquet is the Division 2 all-state girls hockey team. The team includes: (from left) Maddy VanAntwerp, Detroit Country Day; Madeline McClain, Farmington Hills Mercy; Amanda Heisler, PCS Penguins; Sarah Coleman, PCS Penguins; Sierra Kett, Warren Regina; Cortny McAdoo, PCS Penguins. Standing behind McAdoo is former Detroit Red Wing Chris Chelios.



JEFF CARTER

Amanda Heisler (No. 22, top) outraces an opponent during a 2010-11 game for the PCS Penguins. Heisler is one of three players on the squad to earn Division 2 all-state honors.



JEFF CARTER

Stretching to thwart a Regina player during the 2010-11 season is PCS Penguins all-state goalie Cortny McAdoo.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Plymouth at Milford (2), 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Canton (2), 4 p.m.  
 Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.  
**Friday, April 29**  
 Canton at Novi, 4 p.m.  
 PCA Tournament, TBA.  
**Saturday, April 30**  
 (all double-headers unless noted)  
 Plymouth at Pinckney, 11 a.m.  
 Salem at Milan, 11 a.m.  
 PCA Tournament, TBA.  
**PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Farmington at Salem (2), 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Canton (2), 4 p.m.  
 Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.  
 Ladywood at Maric (2), 4 p.m.  
**Friday, April 29**  
 Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Novi, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 30**  
 Salem Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Macomb Classic, TBA  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Monday, April 25**  
 South Lyon at Salem, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Ladywood at A.A. Gab. Richard, 6 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 28**  
 Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
 S.L. East at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Divine Child at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.  
 Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, April 29**  
 Ladywood at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.  
 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Novi at Salem, 3:30 p.m.  
 Canton at John Glenn, 3:45 p.m.  
 Wayne at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 30**  
 Charger Inv. at Crestwood, 8 a.m.  
 Ypsilanti Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 Stafford Relays at W.L. Western, 9 a.m.

**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.  
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 28**  
 Ladywood at Trenton, 4 p.m.  
 Canton at Divine Child, 4 p.m.  
 S.L. East at Salem, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 30**  
 Howell Highlander Inv., 8:30 a.m.  
 Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Franklin vs. Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
 John Glenn vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Northville vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
 Huron Valley, Macomb Christian, PCA at Hickory Creek, 3:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Stevenson vs. Salem at Fox Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.

John Glenn vs. Canton at Fellows Creek G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
 Wayne vs. Plymouth at Gateway G.C., 3:30 p.m.  
**BOYS LACROSSE**  
**Monday, April 25**  
 Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, April 29**  
 West Bloomfield at Salem, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 30**  
 Canton at Rochester Adams, 1 p.m.  
 Rockford at Plymouth, 2 p.m.  
**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
**Tuesday, April 26**  
 Plymouth at Waterford, TBA  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
 Dexter at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
 Canton at Notre Dame Prep, 7:30 p.m.  
 South Lyon at Plymouth, 8 p.m.  
 Northville at Canton, 8 p.m.  
**Friday, April 29**  
 Salem at Canton, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 30**  
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TRACK & FIELD PREVIEW

Eagles eye record performances

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's boys and girls track and field team is retooling following the graduation of five seniors from the 2010 squad.

But Eagles head coach Jennifer Lemieux is optimistic that the team can be competitive in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The team includes 14 boys and eight girls.

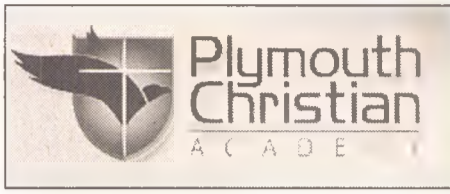
"We had five seniors graduate, and so most of the team are sophomores and freshmen," Lemieux said. "Therefore it is a building year. But they are very competitive (and) still working toward the upper levels."

PCA broke 11 school records last year, but Lemieux sees the potential to again set new marks in boys shot put, girls 3,200-meter relay, high jump and 800-meter run.

Senior boys co-captain Joshua Allen is just one inch shy of setting a new PCA mark in the shot put. He needs to surpass 29-feet, 0.5-inches to do that. "He will be well past that by the end of the season," Lemieux said.

AMONG THE BEST

Allen also is one of the top discus throwers in PCA's region, and the coach expects him to reach the state meet in



both events.

The other senior co-captain is distance runner Robert Fergan, who will be counted on for the mile and two-mile runs along with relays.

Sophomores Ethan Levack and Jacob Nichols will score points in the 800 run, and Lemieux said both want to finish below 2-minutes, 10-seconds in that event.

Levack also wants to eclipse one minute in the 400 dash.

All-state cross country runners Trevor Baloga and Jimmy Parks (both sophomores) also will be top PCA competitors in the 1,600-meter run, with an eye on finishing quicker than 4:45.

They also are slated for the two-mile run.

Among the girls on PCA's roster is sophomore Karen Windle, who collected school records last year in the 1,600 run, 1,600 relay and 300-meter hurdles.

"She is on her way towards another fast year," Lemieux said, adding that she wants to reach school marks in the 800 run and 100 hurdles.

Windle, junior Marisa Pfister and freshmen Katelynn Barkell and Rachel Smith are just 1.3 seconds away from setting a new PCA standard in the girls 3,200-meter relay.

Barkell also is consistently reaching the 4-10 mark in the high jump, and would set a new school record by hitting the coveted 5-0 mark.

"We hope she can make it to state this year," Lemieux said.

Pfister is a promising newcomer, who "loves to run distance and is striving to drop her time below the six-minute mark, which for our division is excellent."

PCA's lone female thrower is sophomore Megan Lemieux, described as one of the top discus throwers in the area. She will also round out sprint relays.

Other girls on the squad include sophomores Leah Dotson, Sydney Carpenter and Lindsay Roedding. The latter two share the school's record in the 1,600 relay.

Other boys on the squad include sophomores Gage Danley (sprinter), Ian Rose (distance), Robert Stanford (shot/discus), Mousa Farraj (shot/discus), Steven Zomermaand (1,600), Tyler Manns (sprints) and freshmen Justin Allen (shot/discus), Jayme Putney (sprints) and Chase Robinson (distance).

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton hockey meeting

The Canton Chiefs varsity hockey program will be holding an informational meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

at the Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Drive.

Head coach Jeremy Majszak invites all hockey players who attend Canton High School and their parents to attend the session. Eligible are any students who will be in grades 9-12 in 2011-12.

The Chiefs are looking to improve on a stellar season in 2010-11, where they won the

KLAA South Division with a record of 16-72, tied the team record for most wins in a season and were ranked seventh in Division 1 at the end of the season.

Majszak said the meeting is important because the team will be losing 11 varsity players and hope to replenish the roster.

'Super Jess' 5k run

The 'Run for Super Jess' 5K is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The run, hosted by the PCEP National

Honor Society, will go from 8-11 a.m. and more than 1,300 people have already signed up to take part.

Proceeds will help the family of Jesse 'Super Jess' Lindlbauer to help generate funds for the Canton High School sophomore.

He is recovering from a brain abscess rupture, but needs physical and speech therapy. Costs to run are \$20 for students and \$25 for adults. E-mail Salem senior Tommy Halewicz at thalewicz@aol.com for registration forms.

SIDELINES

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caring, respect, responsibility and honesty - preparing players for success on and off the "ice."

"We are very grateful of the Detroit Red Wings Foundation and the generous grant they provided to make this program possible," said Josh Landefeld, regional director of youth sports at YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. "The Y knows kids in the metro Detroit area have a strong interest in hockey and we are happy to provide a fun and positive opportunity for young players to explore the sport."

Each branch will be home to eight teams; four teams for players ages 6-7 and four teams for players ages 8-9. Each team will have one practice and one game each week. The Detroit Red Wings Foundation donated all necessary equipment through a community grant to make this program possible.

The cost of the program is \$40 for YMCA members and \$55 for community members and includes all required equipment. Thanks to the support of the Detroit Red Wings Foundation and the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, scholarships are available for those in need. The

program runs from April 25 to June 18.

Parents can register their children online at www.ymcadetroit.org or in-person at a participating YMCA branch. For more information, please call (248) 553-4020.

Strike out prostate cancer

Salem Baseball Boosters will host the second annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" benefit double-header Saturday, May 7. The twinbill between Salem and Plymouth starts at 11 a.m.

There will be raffles, baked goods and concessions to help raise money for the cause. Go to www.salemrockbaseball.com for more information.

Benefit softball game

Meanwhile, the Plymouth varsity softball team will dedicate its game Monday, May 9, against Livonia Stevenson to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Spectators are asked to wear pink and bring change for a "miracle inning." There also will be a bake sale and team baskets for bidding. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Visit www.softball.plymouthwildcats.com for more info.

SALEM

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Nimmerguth said. "But the nice thing about golf is on any day anybody can get hot and shoot low scores and win."

"I expect our team to be very competitive and every year it is our team goal to win the division."

Nimmerguth said this year's group also is a confident one, namely that "we can compete with anybody" just by hanging around the other Central contenders.

All told the Rocks will have

16 golfers, including three seniors, seven juniors, two sophomores and four freshmen.

"All are very hard workers and really enjoy the game of golf," the coach said.

Others on the Salem roster looking to contribute during the season will be: seniors, Tom Halling, Nick Riley; juniors, Kyle Eggenberger, Jake Leib, Mike Lesinski, David Nikkila, Austin Strobridge; sophomore, Kevin Luo; and freshmen, Nick Danis, Josh Eldridge, Noah Hirvela and Jake Sealy.

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## Expo helps gay couples plan their weddings

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Todd Jordan and Tom Surnick of Royal Oak tied the knot in a group ceremony during the gay community's Pridefest last June.

Partners for more than 20 years, the couple celebrated afterward in a restaurant that looked out on "big hairy men in neon bikini bathing suits" at a car wash.

A few months later when Joe Plambeck and Joe Bailey wed in their Ferndale theater, a local actress officiated the nonreligious ceremony and guests partied afterward at a local comedy club.

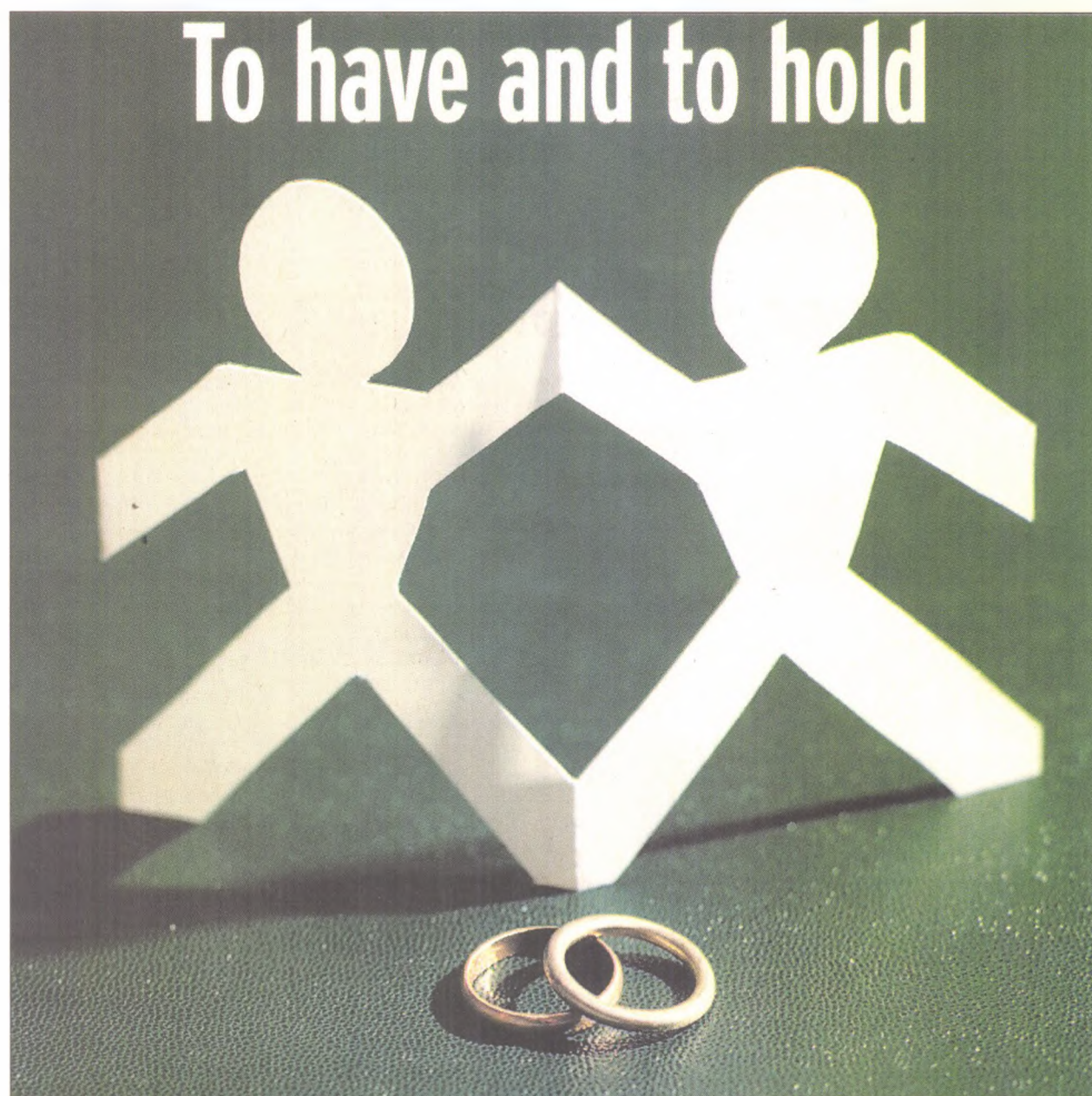
"We made things up since there's not really a blueprint for a same-sex wedding," Plambeck said. "We didn't have to follow the regular wedding rules from previous generations. Neither of us wanted to subscribe to a format that's been handed down."

But Danielle Bastianelli, director of sales and marketing for the Detroit Marriott Livonia, suspects many same sex couples gladly would trade impromptu, off-beat or costly destination venues for more traditional trappings if local banquet halls and wedding services were more welcoming to the gay community.

"You may see a lot of unique receptions in this market. But it's stepping out of the box to come to a banquet center. There is a stigma about it ... that they won't be welcomed," Bastianelli said.

"We're excited to put ourselves out there. We'd like to offer a traditional option for the reception and ceremony. I'm hoping other people will sign on board."

Bastianelli, in partnership with Livonia-based Pride Source Media



Group, has recruited approximately 40 vendors, including caterers, jewelers, salons, photographers, churches, florists, gift registries, clothiers, printers, travel agents and entertainers for the first annual "To Have and To Hold," wedding expo for same-sex couples.

The expo will run from 3-8 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the hotel, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia.

Admission is \$10, with a \$2 discount for those who regis-

ter in advance online at www.pridesource.com. It includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks, gift bags and raffle entries. Those who register in advance also are eligible in a drawing for a honeymoon.

### TAG-APPROVED

Bastianelli reached out to Pride Source Media last fall after a few potential customers asked if the hotel could accommodate same-sex commitment ceremonies. Hotel

staff was surprised by the inquiry.

"We were disappointed to find out the reason they asked was that they had been turned down by other venues," Bastianelli said, adding that she began to wonder how the hotel could let gay couples know "that it's not a problem and we'd be happy to work with them."

The Detroit Marriott Livonia is a Travel Alternatives Group-endorsed hotel. The Community Marketing, Inc. in San Francisco,

Calif., launched the TAG program in 1997 to help hotels, resorts and bed and breakfasts to serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community. TAG approval is based on pro-LGBT business practices, including diversity training for staff, nondiscriminatory hiring policies and treating heterosexuals and same-sex partners equally.

Bastianelli asked her TAG contact for suggestions and then called Jan Stevenson, Pride Source publisher.

### LOCAL VENDORS

"I had always wanted to do an expo," said Stevenson, a Farmington Hills resident.

She said it's important for the LGBT community to know which businesses are open to working with same-sex couples as they plan their special day.

"You want to work with people who support the community," she said, adding that the gay community "is a big market" with the potential to generate millions of dollars for local wedding services.

"People spend \$20,000 on weddings. I went to one wedding reception at Big Rock in Birmingham. That reception had to cost \$100,000. They flew in stars from Broadway and gave away party favors that cost \$40 or \$50 each."

She and her partner married six years ago in Canada, but held their reception in Michigan. Many of their friends have celebrated their weddings out of state. "That's a shame, because business is walking out of Michigan."

Bastianelli hopes the expo will help reverse that trend. She anticipates at least 200 attendees.

Lonnie Elswick, manager of Elite Sweets in Livonia, one of the expo vendors, welcomes the potential for more customers.

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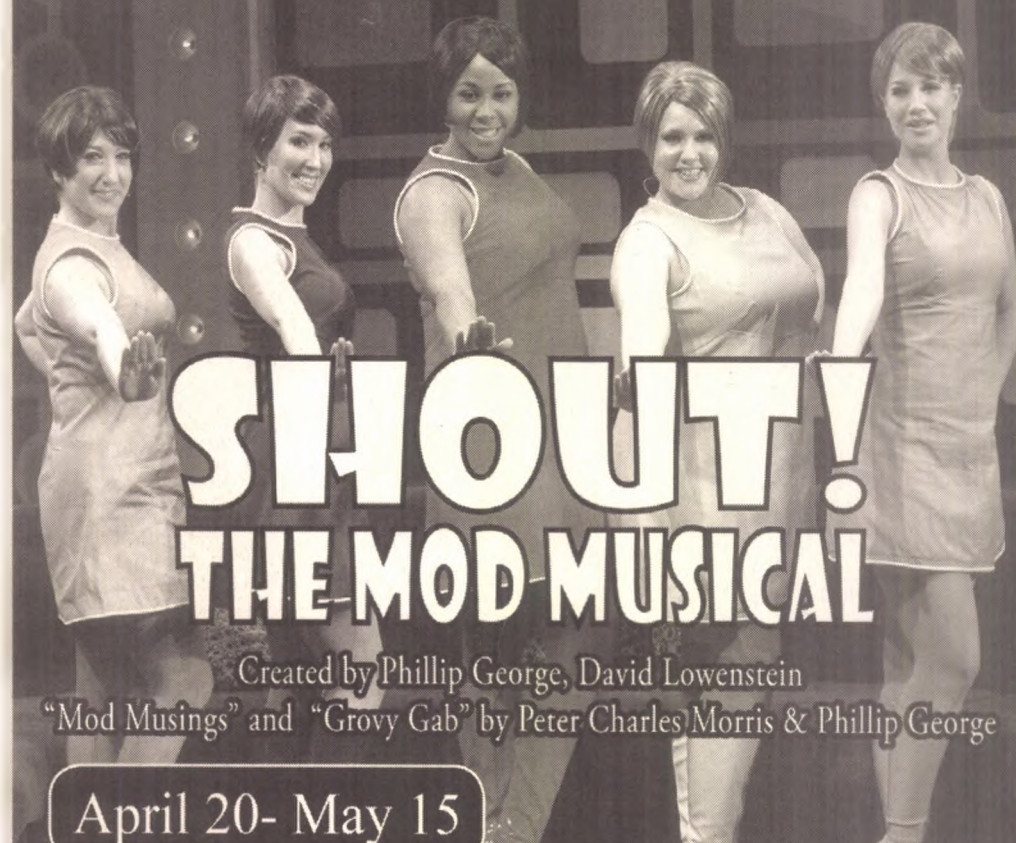
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# Event raises funds for nonprofit groups

Bon-Ton Stores, Inc., the parent company of Parisian in Livonia, raised more than \$4 million for nonprofit organizations at its semiannual Community Day event, held earlier this year.

Twice a year, local 501(c)3 organizations, schools and churches sell \$5 coupon booklets to shoppers for use at local Bon-Ton stores to earn funding needed to support their mission. Groups selling the booklets keep all of the funds. Some

success stories from this year's event include:

• The Michigan Pug Rescue raises money to help with the veterinary costs that it incurs for the dogs it rescues. Through Community Day, it is able to pay outstanding bills and put away funds for future expenses. This year the group sold almost 900 booklets, raising \$4,375. Miss Sciuto, a former abused pug who lost her leg when she was 7 years old, found a last-ing home through Michigan

Pug Rescue. She takes her throne — the table where booklets are sold — during each Community Day event.

• Community & Home Supports, Inc. doubled its goal of selling 300 booklets and earned more than \$3,000 to support community awareness of the homeless population in the Metro Detroit Area.

• Chicks 4 Charity (Woman's Life Chapter 827) took in almost \$2,400 to help the eighth grade students of

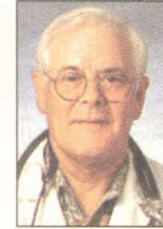
Pioneer Middle School, Plymouth, attend their educational trip to New York by reducing their out of pocket costs. Also supporting education initiatives was the Greater Rising Star Grand Chapter of the Order of Easton Star which raised almost \$2,000 for its youth scholarship fund.

In addition to the money earned through booklet sales, 41 organizations also received donations of \$189.37 each from Parisian in Livonia.

# Dehumidifier freezes, freezer defrosts

BY JOE GAGNON  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Jim writes: "I have a dehumidifier in my basement that freezes up in spring and fall. I read that



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Joe Gagnon

they are temperature rated and mine could be for warmer areas, but there are no specs with it. It was from a Sears's store. It was pretty expensive

then. Is there something wrong with it or do I need one for colder temperatures, as my basement gets damp on the floor in spring. If I need a new one, can you suggest the best for the money, as I have seen some online for \$1,000 and that's too much."

Reply: There are dehumidifiers today that will operate during winter months where cold temperatures will not affect them. These are designed for homeowners with severe humidity problems and you're correct, they are expensive. The type of unit you have is for the normal basement used during the hot months. Your type can only function properly when the temperature and relative humidity are in the range of 70 degrees. In other words, if it's too cold downstairs the unit will form frost on the coils. That is normal when used too early in the year or too late in the summer. A dehumidifier should be cleaned every year with a garden hose making sure you don't bend any of the metal fins. A word of caution when doing this: Let the unit dry for a few days as the electrical components which are wet will be destroyed when you plug it in. You can use a hair dryer or let it sit in the

Sun for a few days. Just make sure it's dry.

Majid writes: "I have a (commercial grade) Gibson upright 20+ freezer in my garage. Once in a while, once every year, or so, it decides to stop and defrost everything. It acts more like a refrigerator. Then, it will come to life again. We are seriously thinking about replacing it as we are fed up with this behavior. I was told by my colleague at work that you advised him on a problem he had with his freezer and told him where to go and look underneath to replace a timer that apparently controls the defrost cycle! Could this be my problem and can you help me?"

Reply: Refrigerators and freezers made today are not meant to be located in areas where the temperature will fall below 55 degrees. I believe Whirlpool makes a model refrigerator that will operate in lower temperatures but it is expensive. In the case of your freezer what is happening is quite normal. The cold control is measuring the temperature in the cold garage and shutting off the compressor which may not start to run again for a long while. This allows the food to warm up to the temperature in the garage. And so you have a freezer which turns into a refrigerator. Another very important factor besides spoiling all of your food is that the compressor can lock up on you costing more than \$600 in repairs. The oil in the compressor will get as thick as molasses and when it tries to start, you'll break a valve. For those folks with a cottage up north, remember this tip when you winterize it next fall. Stay tuned.

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less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

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Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

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In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at **1-800-331-3530** for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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## LEARN ABOUT FUNDRAISING

A two-part class for individuals involved in nonprofit organizations will include information about basic fundraising principles and techniques, May 17 and 24 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

Small nonprofits are growing in number to meet pressing social and community needs. After a nonprofit organization is formed, fundraising is critical to its survival.

The class, "Fundraising for Small Nonprofit Organizations," which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will include such topics as sources of support, how to ask for money, use of special events, nonprofit marketing, creating fundraising plans, donor relations and recognition, planned giving, and the board's role in fundraising. Participants also will develop a fundraising plan.

Cost is \$135 per person; \$108 for senior citizens. For more information, or to register for the class, visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd); (734) 462-4448.



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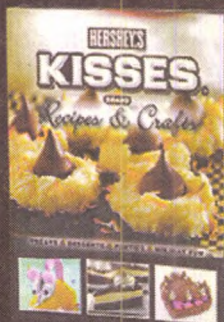
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## Buddy's Pizza delivers to animals

Forget the pepperoni and cheese. The polar bears will take their pies topped with fish and peanut butter. They and other animals at the Detroit Zoo will take a delivery of specially-prepared Buddy's Pizza, Wednesday, April 27.

The restaurant, with nine locations including Livonia and Farmington Hills, will create the "enrichment pizzas" in collaboration with the Zoo's animal welfare staff, kicking off a multi-year partnership agreement with the Detroit Zoological Society.

As the Detroit Zoo's pizza partner, Buddy's Pizza will offer discount coupons to Zoo guests who buy tickets to rides and attractions such as the Tauber Family Railroad, Wild Adventure Ride and Wild Adventure 3-D/4-D Theater. Buddy's also will subsidize field trips to the Zoo for underserved elementary students throughout Metro Detroit.

Its special delivery on Wednesday will help to make the animals' environment more engaging and dynamic. Daily animal enrichment includes the introduction of novel and sometimes unpredictable elements such as objects, sounds, scents or other stimuli that give the animals choice and control in their environment and encourage them to respond in species-typical ways.

- Zoo visitors can watch the animals devour their pizzas:
- 9:30 a.m. – polar bears will eat giant pizza with fish and peanut butter
  - 10 a.m. – snow monkeys receive personal pan pizzas with cereal, honey, raisins and crackers
  - 10:30 a.m. – wolverines love pizza with bones, meat and scents
  - 11 a.m. – tigers will get meat lover's pizza
  - 11:30 a.m. – reptiles take their vegetarian pizza with bugs and worms on top

- 1 p.m. – penguins like their pizza frozen with fish and krill
- 1:30 p.m. – meerkats won't pass up a pizza with baby food and meal worms
- 2 p.m. – coatis will wolf down pizza with honey and crickets
- 2:30 p.m. – anteaters will get pizza with avocados, oranges and bananas

In addition to the Zoo, Buddy's also is an "Official Pizza Partner" of the Henry Ford/Greenfield Village and Detroit Institute of Arts. Patrons can register for a chance to win tickets to Buddy's partners by registering at its restaurants. The Detroit Zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. Admission is \$12 for adults, 15 to 61, \$10 for senior citizens, 62 and older, and \$8 for children, ages 2 to 14. Children under 2 are admitted free. (248) 541-5717; www.detroit-zoo.org.



### PET PROJECTS

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Four years after it was founded, Shelter to Home, a rescue that takes impounded animals off death row, is poised to open its own office and adoption center.

"I think we're close to closing on the deal," said Jason Turri, a Canton resident who's helping with the organization's upcoming golf outing. Turri's wife, Kalin, is a manager at the Allen Park Animal Shelter and a founding member of Shelter to Home.

"We're having a golf outing to raise money for the building. We're hoping to raise \$10,000," he said.

The group is accepting registration for its second annual outing on May 21 at Dearborn Hills Golf Course, 1300 S. Telegraph in Dearborn. Check in that day will be at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast and golf beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch and a steak dinner — or vegetarian option — are included.

"We'll have raffles and prizes, longest drive and closest to the pin competitions, and everyone will have a gift bag of goodies," Turri said.

Cost per person is \$90. Supporters can register online with PayPal at www.shelertohome.com or can request a registration form by e-mailing to info@shelertohome.com.

Businesses interested in sponsoring a hole on the course can obtain a sponsorship form online.

Shelter to Home's new office and adoption center will be located in downtown Wyandotte, although the group will continue to

## Rescues work the greens, catwalk



A cat awaits adoption through Shelter to Home.

two blocks east of Main.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under.

Guardians for Animals founder Alex Whitney has worked for animal welfare causes for more than 30 years. She decided to create her own rescue seven years ago after witnessing "73 dead bodies," at a shelter where she was volunteering. She talked about her plans

with her friend, actress and animal welfare activist Tippi Hedren, and in the process, clarified the group's purpose.

"If it's one rescue, it can help a couple hundred animals. If it's an umbrella group, it can help thousands," Whitney explained. "Last year we pulled, in a 50-mile radius, 3,241 animals from death row."

Her affiliates will bring approximately 70 adoptable animals to Pooch-a-Licious. Guardians for Animals also will offer stuffed animal toys for individuals who can't adopt a live pet. For a \$5 donation, adopters will receive the stuffed animal of their choice and an adoption certificate.

Tickets for Pooch-a-Licious are available at www.simplydonevents.net through PayPal or with a credit card. They'll also be available at the door. Visitors who donate pet food at the event will receive an entry into a raffle.

For more information about Pooch-a-Licious call Barbour at (248) 318-3353.

show adoptable cats at the Petsmart on Ford Road west of Haggerty in Canton.

Shelter to Home is one of approximately 30 affiliate rescues assisted by Guardians for Animals. The nonprofit organization helps no-kill animal rescues with funds, food, supplies and animal placement.

### POOCH-A-LICIOUS

Guardians for Animals will benefit from an event Saturday, April 30, that will include 30 fashion hounds, decked out in evening wear, sporty active attire and superhero duds, strutting and sniffing their way along the catwalk at Farmer's Market in Royal Oak.

The fun canine fashion show is one of several activities planned for Pooch-a-Licious, a first annual fundraiser and adoption event for Guardians for Animals. Six of its affiliate rescues will be on hand with adoptable animals. Games, raffles, a silent auction, pet vendors and prizes will keep animal lovers busy from 5-10 p.m., at the market, located on 11 Mile at Troy Street,

## Class teaches eco-gardening

Learn how to create beautiful landscapes while protecting the Rouge River at a gardening seminar Wednesday, April 27, at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Friends of the Rouge, a Dearborn-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River, and the City of Farmington Hills are offering the program, which is free and will run from 7-8 p.m. in the council chambers.

"The leading source of pollution in the Rouge River today is pollutants carried to

the river by rain water," stated Cyndi Ross, who manages the River Restoration Program for Friends. "Even more destructive to the river ecosystem is the amount of water that rushes to the river every time it rains.

"Since much of the land is covered by impervious surfaces — buildings, parking lots, roads, houses, — rainwater is directed to storm drains that carry the water directly to nearby lakes and streams to prevent flooding on our roads and in our neighborhoods. That rush of water scours stream banks and destroys habitat for fish and other

organisms." Gardening seminar attendees will learn about rain gardens that temporarily hold back rain water. These gardens are planted with native plants that can withstand the fluctuating water levels. Water evaporates or is slowly released to the sewer system over time. Residents who live along a creek or river will learn how to protect their property from erosion by planting native shrubs and wildflowers along the bank.

RSVP for the seminar by calling the Farmington Hills City Manager's office at (248) 871-2500.

### WALK/RUN BENEFITS CANCER RESEARCH

North Brothers Ford and the City of Westland have teamed up for the 13th annual 5K fun run and walk to benefit Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The event is at 9 a.m., May 14, starting at the Bailey Recreation Center, located south of city hall on Ford Road, north of Marquette, between Carlson and Newburgh, in Westland. Registration includes prizes

and recognition for the top three male and female participants in all age groups, refreshments at various check points throughout the race, T-shirts if registered by May 5, awards for the top three handicapped participants.

Preregistration deadline is May 11. Registration fee for students, 18 and under, is \$10 and for adults is \$15. Late registra-

tion fee, after May 11, is \$18. Registration will open at 8 a.m. on race day. No inline skates or pets will be allowed.

To obtain a registration form, call Jackie Marcaccini at North Brothers Ford, (734) 524-1243, or e-mail to info@northbros.com.

North Brothers will match the cost of all registrations with a donation to Karmanos.

## Club shares plants, butterfly info

Learn about butterflies in the garden at Livonia Garden Club's next meeting, Tuesday, May 3, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association and an Advanced Master Gardener, will explain how to attract butterflies to the garden. The meeting, which is open to visitors, will start at 7 p.m.

The club also plans its annual plant sharing event from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Admission is free and will be held rain or shine.

For more information call Sue Rakay at (734) 425-6880.

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Physicians are seeing a new arthritis, one with no name but an undeniable presence. The arthritis occurs in older people, usually over age 80 or 90, appearing as a sudden and intense pain that stops the person from any activity. The new arthritis has many of the characteristics of gout in its unexpected and rapid onset and its effect to cause incapacitating pain.

But the new arthritis exhibits features very different from gout. First, the pain is not accompanied by redness or swelling. Second, the ankle, toe or hand joints are not the places where the new arthritis hits. Rather, the arthritis will strike the middle of one of the bones in the hand or be on the top of the foot. When the physician palpates the involved site, the patient feels violent pain despite the absence of any visible inflammation.

Treatment poses another problem for the physician. An injection of steroid to the involved area stops a gout attack, but the same result does not occur in cases of the new arthritis. Injection will decrease pain but not eliminate it; if the doctor does not follow with oral cortisone, then the intense pain returns.

Furthermore, the patient needs a high dose of oral cortisone to control the pain and the doctor must keep the patient on this high dose for days or weeks. In patients in their eighties and beyond such steroid does cause osteoporosis, high blood pressure and impaired immunity. Therefore, the effort continues to find another and safer treatment for the new arthritis.

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**MARCH WEDDING**

Catherine Leigh Cezat and James Joseph Faysal II were married Saturday, March 19, 2011, by The Rev. Tom Belczak at St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth.

Parents of the bride are Liz Cezat of Canton and Keith Cezat of Plymouth. The groom's parents are George and Vicki Faysal of Novi.

The bride's brother, Daniel, served as a groomsman and her sister, Kelly,

was the Maid of Honor. The groom's sister, Amber, was a bridesmaid.

Other bridesmaids were Jaclynn Croyle, Jessie Miller, and Christina Moniodis, all friends of the bride.

Best Man was Christopher Johnson, friend of the groom.

Other groomsmen were Eric Aytes, Jon Hoffman and John Walzack, all friends of the groom.

The reception was held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

The bride and groom met at Hillsdale College, where each earned a bachelor's degree. James is completing his third year of medical school and will start an internal medicine residency in 2012. Katie, a CPA, works as an auditor at a public accounting firm in Southfield. The couple resides in Novi. A summer honeymoon is planned.



Faysal-Cezat

PHOTO BY SARA MICHELE

**60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Floyd and Martha (Abraham) Ertman of Canton marked their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, April 21. The couple married in 1951 in Parisville.

Their children are Deborah (John) Tripp of Fairview, Dennis of Belleville, Patrick of Canton and David (Kathy) of Westland. They also have three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Floyd, a former engineer for Wayne County, and Martha, a former executive assistant, both retired in 1983.

After retirement they moved to a home on a lake in the Mio/Fairview area. They also spent winter months in Florida.

Two years ago they moved back to Canton.

Floyd and Martha celebrated their milestone anniversary with their children at dinner.



Floyd and Martha Ertman of Canton on their wedding day in 1951.

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**BORTZ, JOHN 'JACK'**

Age 68, went home to his heavenly father on Monday, April 18, after a 2 year courageous battle with cancer. He was born March 9, 1943 in Detroit. Son of the late George and Claudia Bortz. Beloved husband of JoAnn for 32 years. Cherished and loving Daddy of Rebecca. Dear Step-Father of Debra Guyn and Tammy Durbin. Also survived by five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was kind, loving and funny. His legacy will be his sense of humor and the joy of laughter he shared with those who were lucky enough to know and love him. Funeral services were Thursday at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Memorials suggested to Angela Hospice. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)



**CHRISTIE (STREMICK) LOU ANN M.**

Age 74. Memorial services were held 12:00 Noon Saturday at Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home 667 Mentor Ave Painesville, OH with Rev. Jimmy Riley officiating. Born on August 29, 1936 in Nekoma, North Dakota, Mrs. Christie grew up in Plymouth, MI and was a resident of Painesville, OH and formerly of Gold Canyon, AZ. She passed away on April 17, 2011 at Kemper House in Mentor, OH. She was a Legal Secretary for Atty Joseph Dillon and an Executive Secretary for Howmet Mfg in Plymouth

Member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Painesville, OH

Lou Ann enjoyed singing with church and community choirs, playing the organ, gardening and arts and crafts

Survived by Husband Jack G. Christie, whom she married on March 10, 1979

Daughters Cheri (Dan) Frantz of Painesville, OH Cindi (Tim) Chapman of Garden City, MI

Lori Leveille of Greensboro, NC Son Doug (Jodie) Leveille of Royal Oak, MI

12 Grandchildren Kim, Brian, Jacob, Jenny, Laurie, Christine, Ben, T.J., Gabrielle, Lauren, Michael, and Shannon

Preceded in death by 1st Husband Dale Leveille in 2000 Parents Louis and C. Mary (Spanier) Stremick

Friends received from 11:00 am to Noon Saturday at the Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home in Painesville, OH

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve 5786 Heasley Rd. Mentor, OH 44060 or to the Alzheimer's Foundation Cleveland Area Chapter P.O. Box 74924 Cleveland, OH 44194-4924

**COIL, SANDRA JEAN**

Age 56, April 16, 2011 Beloved daughter of Mary Ann and the late Harold. Sister of Ronald. Sandy was loved and cherished by all her extended family that cared for her. Funeral was April 20, 2011 at St. James Church, Novi. Donations to ARC of Western Wayne, 2257 South Wayne Rd, Westland MI 48186.

Online condolences: [www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com](http://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com)

**HARRINGTON, RAMONA ELIZABETH**

Age 88, a long time resident of West Branch and formerly of Southfield, passed away April 16, 2011 in Warren. She was born June 9, 1922 in Detroit to the late Marie and Rudolph Breiting. Ramona was a secretary in the manufacturing industry. She was a member of VFW Post 3775 Auxiliary of West Branch and was very active at St. Joseph Catholic Church of West Branch. Ramona was a very happy active person who loved people, sports like golf and Tiger's Baseball. She was very talented at quilting, baking and loving her family and friends.

Survivors are her daughters Laura (George) Dutton, Lisa (Michael) Little and Marjorie (David) Heathcoat; eleven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert C. (2008) and siblings John and Anna. Visitation was 2-9PM Monday, April 18th with a 8:00PM Scripture Service at Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 Twelve Mile Rd., Berkley (2 Blocks West of Woodward). Her family would appreciate memorial donations to St. John Hospice. Share a memory at: [www.sawyerfuller.com](http://www.sawyerfuller.com)

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**HEDGER, KIMBERLY A.**

April 17, 2011 Age 49 of Westland. Beloved mother of Tiffany Marie Hedger & Mariah Manier. Dear daughter of Geraldine (William) Smith & William (Joanne) Hedger. Loving grandmother to Devon, Owen, Savanna, Madison & Noah. Also survived by many aunts, uncles & cousins. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland Thurs. 1 PM. Family will receive friends Thurs. 10-1 PM. Donations to the family appreciated. Please visit and sign a tribute at: [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com).



**MARSTON, GENEVIEVE**

Died April 18, 2011 age 90. Beloved wife of the late Dr. George Marston. Dear mother of Blaine (Jeanette), Nancy (John) Nowak, Dr. Carol (Mark Foucher) Marston, and Joseph (Kimberly). Proud grandmother of Michael, Nicole, Julie, Elizabeth, Matthew, Christopher, Nick and Chris. Sister of Thaddeus Gudsden. Caring for her family was her passion in life. She was happiest at a sewing machine or in the kitchen. An accomplished seamstress and devoted gourmet cook, she took great joy in sharing her delicacies with family, friends and neighbors. Visitation was held at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home. The funeral Mass took place at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia. Share a memory at: [www.mannsfuneralhome.com](http://www.mannsfuneralhome.com)



**JONES, MARY R.**

Mary Reneau Hunt Jones, 90, of Charleston, South Carolina lived a full and blessed life, with a peaceful passing, on Sunday April 17th, 2011. The family and friends of Mary are invited to attend her memorial service at The First Baptist Church of Charleston, 48 Meeting Street, on Thursday at 2:00 in the afternoon. The family will visit with friends directly after the service, and are invited to their home, in the Crescent, at 12 Johnson Rd., Charleston. Born on October 16, 1920, in Miami, Florida, Mary was the daughter of the late Mary Harris Hunt and Reneau Clyde Hunt. Mary is survived by her daughter Catherine Lee Jones Mitchell and her husband James Robert Mitchell Jr., of Charleston, SC and Highlands, NC; Granddaughters, Ashley Brook Mitchell, Senior at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH and Courtney Erin Mitchell, Sophomore, at Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, Grandsons, Hunter Brendan Mitchell, Junior at Porter-Gaud School, Charleston, SC and James Robert Mitchell III of Charlotte, NC. Mary was a proud attendee of Miss Harris School in Coral Gables, FL. She graduated in 1938 from Miami Senior High School and then attended the Coral Gables School of Business. While volunteering for the US Coast Guard Reserve Auxiliary, Mary began her career with the Miami Air Depot War Assets Administration. She retired from South Miami Hospital, Development. Mary was a member of the First Baptist Church of Charleston. She was a faithful volunteer with Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons. Mary lived to travel. Her heart will always remain in the mountains of North Carolina. Mary was never happier than when surrounded by her grandchildren, who sustained her with joy and a youthful spirit. Her infectious laugh and love of life will always be remembered amongst family and friends. She leaves us all with a legacy of love, and her life has served as a role model to guide us in our thoughts and actions as we honor and celebrate her life. Memorials may be made to The First Baptist Church of Charleston, Senior Garden, 48 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401 or Roper Foundation, 125 Doughty Street, Suite 790, Charleston, SC 29403. Arrangements are by JAMES A. MCALISTER Funerals & Cremation, 1620 Savannah Hwy. Charleston. (843) 766-1365. Mary's guest book may be signed online at [www.jamesamcalister.com](http://www.jamesamcalister.com)

**McKELLAR, MALCOLM R.**

Of Bloomfield Hills, April 8, 2011; Age 90. Husband of the late Noreen. Father of Diane Birrell. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954. [SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com](http://SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com)



**MENSER, BETTE G.**

72, of Walled Lake, passed away at her home on April 15, 2011. She is survived by her high school sweetheart & loving husband of 52 years, William. She was a loving Mother to their 4 children, Grandma to 8. Caring sister, aunt, and friend to many. Bette's most enjoyable times were spent with her family and friends. She will be remembered for always putting others first, her loving thoughtful ways, and giving helpful advice whenever needed. A memorial service will be held at St. Georges Episcopal Church in Milford, MI on Monday April 25, 2011 at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The American Lung Association.



**SENKBEIL, DAVE**

Age 64 of Livonia. Loving father of Justine (Allen) August, Danny and David (Cindy). Proud grandpa of many. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Service were held at Fred wood funeral home. Please visit online guestbook [fredwoodfuneralhome.com](http://fredwoodfuneralhome.com)

**STUART, ALAN D.**

Age 81, April 18, 2011. Beloved husband of Lois. Dear father of Lisa (Brent) McVeigh, Jane Stuart and Celia Stuart Whitman. Grandfather of Mariah and Austin McVeigh. Memorial Mass Monday, April 25, 2011 10:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

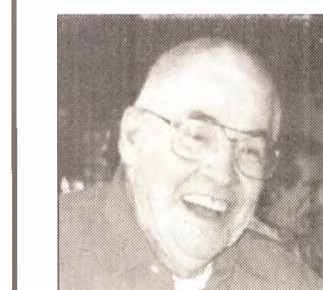
**VALKA, JEAN E.**

Of Pontiac, April 5, 2011, Age 85. Mother of Rene, Jeanette Cherry and Donald. Arrangements by Simple Funerals (248) 227-1954 [SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com](http://SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com)



**BURTON, CYNTHIA MARIE**

Age 56. Cindy passed away peacefully on March 22, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Words cannot express how much Cindy will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her mother Marge Burton of Check, VA, brother Steve Burton (Kelly) of Miami, FL, brother Terry Burton (partner Diane Belli) of Livonia, MI, sister Ann Harmon (Dave) of Hamburg, MI, sister Peggy Streetman (James) of Fountain Hills, AZ, and brother Michael Burton of Check, VA. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Leo R. Burton. Cindy happily lived her entire life in Westland, MI, dedicating her life's work to the restaurant business. She proudly began working at an early age at the family-owned restaurant known as the Windjammer Lounge in Livonia. Later, she continued her career at Sandy's By The Beach in Redford. She was very dedicated to her career, loved working with people, and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Cindy also loved animals, especially her two four-legged friends Freddie and rescue dog Max. She gave freely to the Humane Society and had compassion for all animals in need. With respect to her wishes an anatomical donation for medical research has taken place. Close friends and family will gather together to celebrate her life. A "Celebration of Cindy" memorial will be held at "Slingsers" (formerly the Windjammer Lounge) located at 11791 Farmington Rd. on Saturday, April 30, 2011 between 1:00 and 4:00 pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society in loving memory of Cindy Burton.



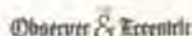
**CHAPMAN, HARVEY WALTER (MIKE)**

Age 82. April 16, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Marie (Peterson) and the late Jenny (Neil). Dearest father of Nancy Kapitan (John), Mike (Mari), Kim, Carol Spreitzer, and Chris. Proud grandfather of Krista, Bryan, Joel, Faith, Christian, and Marie. Dearest brother of the late Butch, Earl, Josie, Hank, Bill, Don, Grace and Dick. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Mike was born on July 28, 1928 in Farmington Township. He graduated from Farmington High School and served in the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion, Groves Walker Post 0346. Mike was a co-owner of "Mike and Tom's Pub" in Farmington Hills for 26 years. He sponsored golf leagues, the March of Dimes Wild Game Dinner, and other charities. He loved baseball and he loved life! A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



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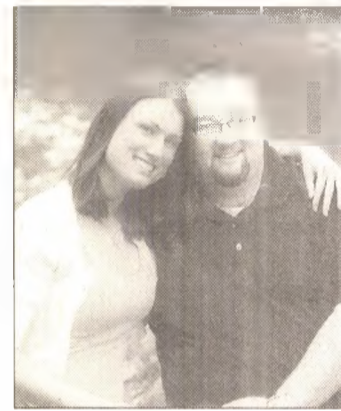
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**AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED**

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Her fiancé graduated in 2004 from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor and in 2009 from Eastern Michigan University. He earned a degree



Sabatini-Hunter

in accounting and is employed by Stefansky, Holloway and Nichols, Inc.

An August 2011 wedding is planned at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Wayne.

**2010 WEDDING**

Kristin Witt and Carl Johnson were married Aug. 21, 2010 at Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church, Racine, Wis. The Rev. Dr. Tony Larsen officiated.

The bride, daughter of Skip and Sandy Witt of Canton, is an engineer at SC Johnson.

The groom, son of Wayne Johnson and Ruth Bradford-Johnson of Racine, Wis., is an attorney for the State of Wisconsin Public Defender's Office.

Matron of honor was Michelle Schafer, friend of the bride. The bride's attendants were Jeffrey Witt, the bride's brother, Jillian Gross, Ryan Majkrzak, Kelli Steckbauer, and Emily Reese. Flower girl was Neenah Hershberger, niece of the groom.

Best man was Todd Johnson, brother of the groom. The groom's attendants were



Johnson-Witt

Wesley Rohan, Javier Alaniz, Sarah Young, Leif Griffin and Matthew Johnson, the groom's cousin.

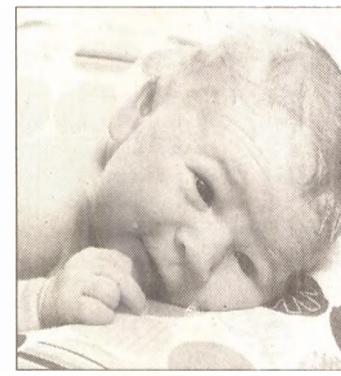
A reception was held at Racine Marriott Hotel.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Fiji. They have made their home in Kenosha, Wis.

**ELIOT ARRIVES**

Ian and Christine Moore of Canton announce the birth of son, Eliot Tadahashi Moore, born Feb. 28, 2011 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital, in Commerce Township.

Grandparents are James and Carolyn Moore and John and Carol Kapusky, all of Northville. Walter Miyao of Redford is Eliot's great-grandfather.



Eliot Tadahashi Moore

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

**APRIL 24-27**

**Easter service**

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m., April 24

**Location:** Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

**Details:** Rev. Kimi Riegel talks about "Miracles Abound." In place of an Easter egg hunt, the children will

hunt for canned food to donate to Gleaners. The children will receive filled Easter eggs after the hunt.

**Easter**

**Time/Date:** 9:30 a.m. April 24

**Easter Sunday service;** 8-9 a.m. free Easter breakfast

**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

**Details:** Easter sermon theme is "It's all about Life." All visitors will

receive the free DVD "The Road to Emmaus."

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

**Easter**

**Time/Date:** Services, 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 24

**Location:** Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington, Farmington Hills

**Details:** A children's Easter egg hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. Easter Sunday

**Contact:** (248) 626-3620

**Easter**

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24

**Location:** The Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

**Details:** Agape service

**Contact:** (734) 422-0010

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Sunday, April 24, 2011

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Weaver, a Northville resident and retired cancer surgeon, began offering the camps in 1978 for smokers who couldn't quit without a live-in program.

Over the years Weaver and his wife, Natalie, have added seminars on stress control, weight management, exercise, vegetarian cooking and nutri-

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**12:00 pm – 3:30 pm**  
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**Wednesday, May 18, 2011**

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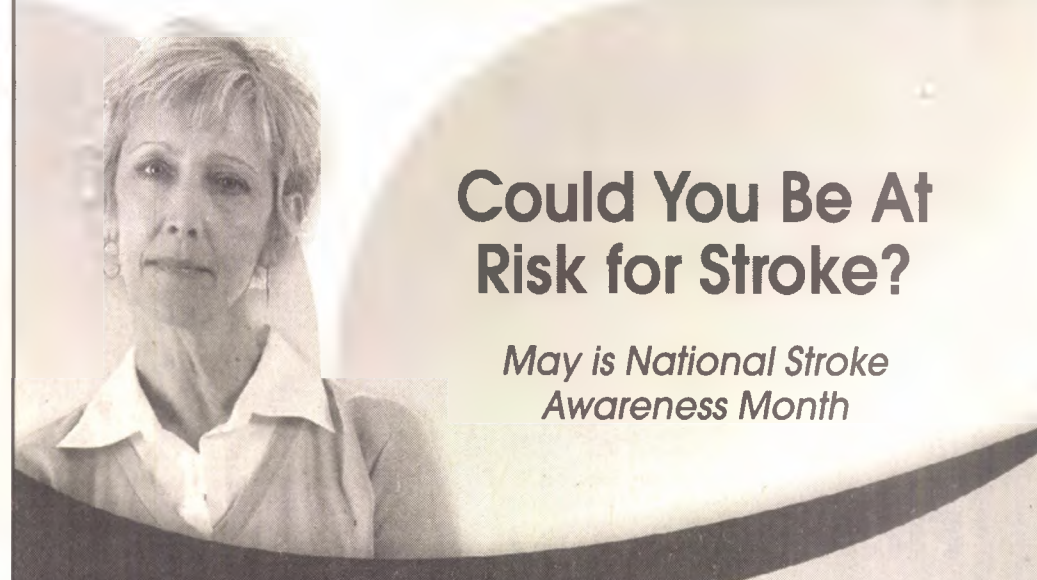


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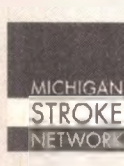
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 St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium

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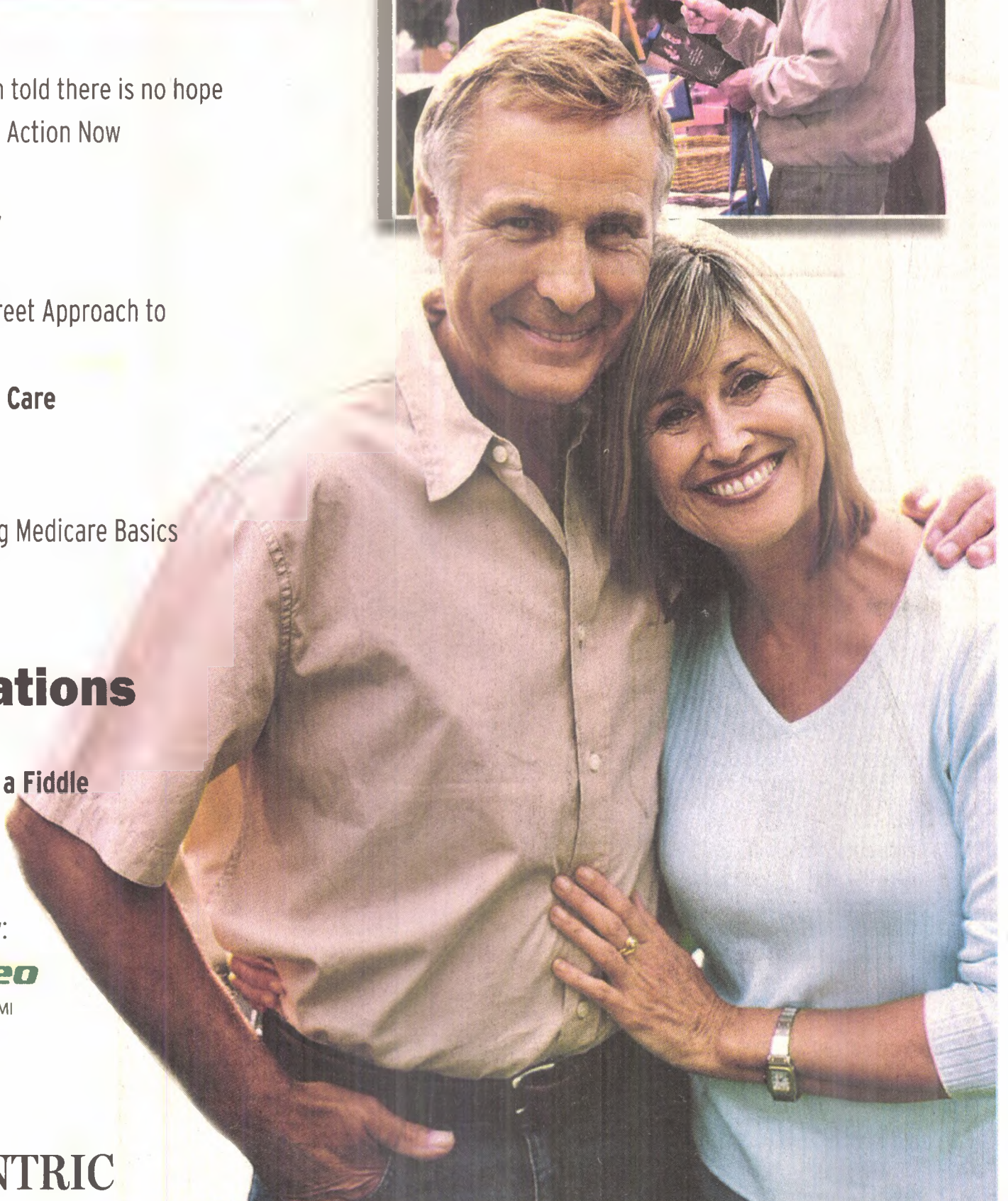
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## "Overqualified": Should You Leave Things Off Your Résumé To Avoid The Label?

Beth Braccio Hering,  
Special to CareerBuilder

Doug Hadley of Mansfield, Texas, estimates that he has applied for more than 600 jobs -- with no positive results. "I have been told I am overqualified many, many times. The few times I have been granted interviews, I hear, 'We are afraid this position will not challenge you enough.'"

Moving in on two years of unemployment, Hadley is willing to try different tactics to see what might work. He has begun to leave off some of his education as well as the fact that he is a published author. "I don't want to have to omit such things, but I feel as though I don't even get considered if they are on my résumé," he laments.

While only time will tell if this strategy works for him, plenty of other job seekers deliberate the same issue. Here, a few perspectives on leaving info off a résumé.

### Crafting

Many experts will caution job seekers about even applying for positions for which they are overqualified because of decreased earning potential, boredom and a larger applicant pool (not to mention the bruised ego if one doesn't land that "crummy" job). For applicants who still decide to give it a shot, "crafting" is often the route of choice.

A good application for any position should be created to match the employer's needs as closely as possible. Thus, simple (yet truthful) changes can make you a better candidate.

Duncan Mathison, a career consultant and co-author of "Unlock the Hidden Job Market: 6 Steps to a Successful Job Search When Times are Tough," recalls a client who felt his master's degree in psychology might be hindering his chances for a business sales job. "We dropped the degree and replaced it with an 'Additional Professional Training' statement that said, 'More than 500 hours in professional training on topics such as buyer motivation, persuasion and organizational behavior.' This allowed him to position the value of his psychology training for a sales position without listing the degree. It was truthful, and it worked."

Similarly, terminology changes such as "manager" becoming "project team leader" may be a better match to a particular job ad. Some job seekers tone down executive-sounding titles, especially if inflated (such as opting for a managerial title rather than showcasing that you were vice president in a company with only five employees).

"I often tell my more experienced and older clients to omit their dates of graduation (if

they graduated on schedule rather than mid-career)," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "This frees them up to leave off as many years of experience as necessary, so the application doesn't feel burdened by the weight of their careers."

Another option is creating a functional résumé instead of a chronological one. By sorting experiences into skill clusters, there becomes less of an emphasis on the length or extensiveness of past positions.

### Beyond the résumé

Candidates are free to present themselves in the way they see most fit (outside of lying, of course). But

what happens, say, if an employer asks about items like missing dates?

"First, that's a good thing because the applicant was invited in for an interview with the company," Cohen says. "He can always respond, 'I left it off intentionally. I wanted the attention to be focused entirely on my relevant and very valuable experience. Let me tell you about what I've done ...'"

Some job seekers, however, find it hard to sell themselves.

"I took my MBA off my résumé and tried to dumb myself down, but in the interviews, it got tricky," says Tiffany Bradshaw of California. "They would ask about

certain experience and if I had it, and I felt like I was telling stories/ lies to try to cover up the items I had taken off."

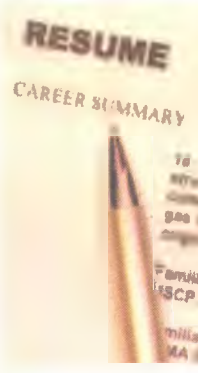
Likewise, employers may feel duped if the applicant who shows up is older than his résumé suggests or if the conversation feels disjointed.

"It's dangerous to leave relevant experience off a résumé, especially in the legal field," says Cheryl Heisler, president and founder of Lawternatives, a career-consulting firm for lawyers. "In much of the law, the devil is in the details. If you are perceived as loose or careless about those 'unimportant little details,' you can send the exact wrong message to a future employer. Better to 'spin' the parts of your background that might make you seem overqualified than to extract them."

### The decision

Like most career decisions, there isn't an easy answer about what to keep or delete on a résumé. Perhaps reflecting on how to make the document appealing to a prospective employer while still painting a portrait you are comfortable with is key. For when a candidate feels confident about her presentation, it is bound to get noticed.

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- 24 Took the trolley
- 25 Illustrations
- 27 Karpov's game
- 28 Bastille Day season
- 29 Whisper sweet nothings
- 30 Spew ash
- 33 Sidekicks
- 37 Gridiron play
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- 39 Pantyhose color

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- 41 Tennis return
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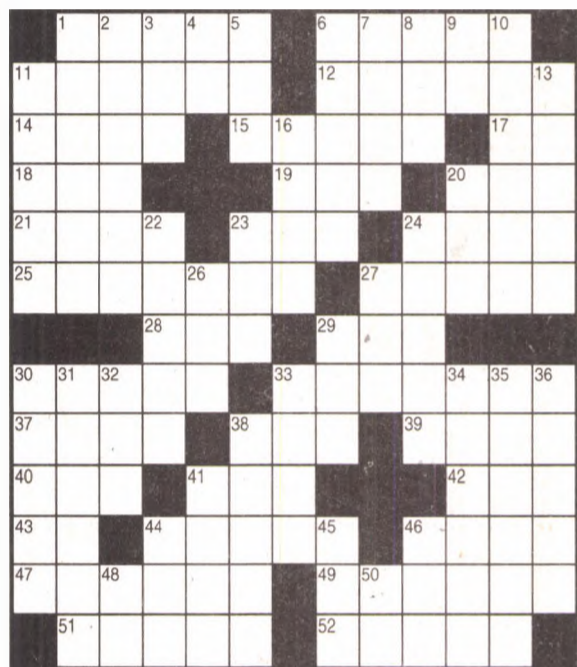
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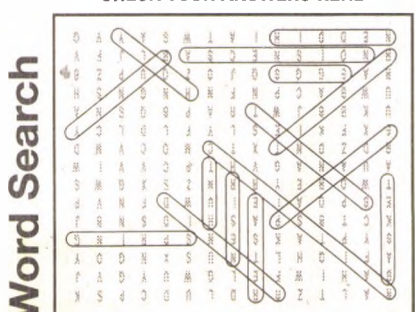
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3	9	2	6	7	4	1	8	5
5	8	4	9	1	2	3	6	7
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