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School town hall

Parent legislative action groups from a variety of school districts are "Bringing Lansing Home" for a town hall-style meeting on school funding Monday, May 16, from 7-9 p.m. at Walnut Creek Middle School (in the Walled Lake school district).

Join parents, teachers, students and residents from Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, South Lyon, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield to meet directly with local legislators on topics including an overview of both the state general fund and the school aid fund, proposed K-12 budget and reform legislation, legislator positions on passed and pending bills and a public comment portion. Walnut Creek Middle School is located at 7601 Walnut Lake in West Bloomfield.

Numerous legislators have been invited, including state Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

For more information, call Judy Evola, (248) 956-2018.

Plymouth's Farmers Market opens Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in The Gathering in downtown Plymouth.

Farmers market

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce brings the annual Farmers Market back to downtown Plymouth starting Saturday, May 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The market runs every Saturday morning through Oct. 29 in The Gathering across from Kellogg Park and on the street in front of the park. The Farmers Market will be closed on Saturday, July 9, for Art in the Park and Saturday, Sept. 10, for the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

This year's market will again feature a variety of fresh produce, eggs, meat and poultry, baked goods, popcorn, cherry products, salsa and barbecue sauces, vegetable plants for the garden, flowering plants, fresh herbs, fresh flowers and dried flowers. There will also be a variety of handmade items including aromatherapy candles, soaps, hand-painted furniture and frames, children's clothing, aprons, purses, pottery, jewelry, birdhouses and garden and holiday decor.

For more information on the market, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Commission set to hear new voices

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission will have at least two new members following this November's city election.

Commissioners John Barrett and David Workman, who are eligible to seek re-election, have chosen not to do so. The deadline for filing petitions for the commission race with City Clerk Linda Langmesser's office was 4 p.m. Tuesday.

In the running are two incumbents, Commissioners Michael Wright and Ed Hingelberg, and three newcomers, Diane Bogenrieder, Megan Dooley and Oliver Wolcott. With fewer than nine candidates, there will be no primary election in the race; the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Dooley is a lawyer (currently taking time off to raise her and her husband's two sons) and a member of the Plymouth Planning Commission for more than a year. She sees a City Commission spot as a chance to help better the community, and said she'd like to bring a young parent's perspective, and her background in law, to the commission's decision-making.

"I just want to, to the extent I can, give back to a community that has given a lot to me," Dooley said. "Whatever I can do to keep it special, that's what I want to do."

Wright, who is seeking his second term, is the owner of two small businesses and had a long career with the Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau. He said he's fulfilling a long-time desire to serve the community, and that while the commission has done good work, he wants to complete "unfinished business." Wright said he is focused on controlling costs during a difficult economy, adapting the city's firefighting and emergency medical services to a new, lower-cost model, and continuing to nurture a positive atmosphere downtown.

"We're a small community, but that doesn't mean our issues can't be complex, and they often are," Wright said. "I'm not as ideologically focused as I am, 'What's the best thing for my neighbors?'"

Bogenrieder, a retired human services agency administrator, said she's had a long history of being active in politics and political campaigns. She worked for then-state Rep. David

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It's a wrap for 'excellent' Green Street Fair

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Call it the greening of Plymouth.

The Green Street Fair, which had its inaugural event in 2008 as the economy teetered, wrapped up its fourth annual downtown Plymouth event on Sunday with a record number of exhibitors, live music and nice weather on two of its three days.

Organizer Raychel Rork pronounced this year's fair "excellent."

"We had exhibitors running up to us Sunday evening just ecstatic," proclaiming how much they enjoyed the event, and enjoyed downtown Plymouth, Rork said.

The nonprofit Green Street Fair is a showcase for businesses, exhibitors and organizations that focus on ways of reducing our lifestyles' impact on the environment. There were refreshments, free entertainment, crafts and artwork for sale, and venues to discuss, for example, healthier eating, recycling, energy efficiency or alternative transportation.

Rork said the event brings her an outsider's perspective on Plymouth's downtown charms, charms that aren't found in every city and that those who live in town might take for granted.

"It's refreshing," Rork said. "We all get a little spoiled. Most cities don't

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Eight-yea- old Jane Cislo and her mom, Jennifer Meagher, use recycled materials to create an addition to the Fort Box project.

Friday's gray skies and showers were just a memory as Saturday dawned clear.

Natalie Bleau, 5 years old, brother Ethan Bleau, 7 years old, build a birdhouse with a little help from Dad, John Bleau.

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Plymouth's Main Street tulips welcome visitors to the Green Street Fair.

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Senior Expo is May 17: Come join the fun!

If it's spring, it's time for Senior Expo in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Join hundreds of senior adults, their families and friends from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17. Learn a lot by viewing the more than 60 exhibitors, listening to a host of experts and have some playing the Senior Feud — new this year.

Best of all *everything* is free — admission, parking, morning refreshments, workshops, presentations and more. (See the special section inside today's *Plymouth Observer* for a complete list of speakers, demonstrations and exhibitors).

Sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric/ Hometown Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College, this year's event is better than ever.

The first 25 people in line at 8:55 a.m. will receive a small gift.

Baby boomers turning 65 this year or next are invited to come learn about Medicare and Social Security. Exhibitors are experts in various areas, including finance, retirement, housing, legal issues, health care, identity theft and more. You can even get a complimentary jewelry consultation from the staff at Orin Jewelers.

Come spend the day being educated and entertained. Check out the fitness demonstrations on

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Interim schools chief eager to get started

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After nearly 45 years as an educator, one might think Dr. Jeremy Hughes would be ready for retirement.

And he is ... sort of.

First, though, he's got at least one more challenge. Hughes, the former deputy superintendent of the Michigan Department of Education, signed a contract this week to become the interim superintendent of schools for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The contract, which Hughes and district officials signed this week, puts Hughes in charge through June 30, 2012, unless the district hires a permanent superintendent before then. The contract, which could earn Hughes more than $170,000 if he stays to the end, contains a 20-day termination clause for both parties.

Dr. Jeremy Hughes

Board of Education members, who interviewed Hughes and three other candidates last week, unanimously approved the deal Tuesday.

"I've been looking forward to getting started," said Hughes, who interviewed for the post last week. "More than just the job, I have a lot of admiration and respect for the district."

NOT A CARETAKER

Hughes, who earned a Ph.D. in education administration from the University of Minnesota, is familiar with the district. He has done consulting work, including working with Plymouth-Canton administrators on developing the new park-principal leadership concept at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

He's also familiar with what it's like to be a superintendent. He spent 13 years leading the 18,000-student Dearborn Public Schools and was also superintendent in the much-smaller (2,500 students) Haslett Public Schools through the 1980s.

While those were permanent jobs — and this one is just an interim — Hughes doesn't plan on treating it any differently. He knows his first responsibility is to the Board of Education, but he also knows there are pressing issues that need leadership. Decisions have to be made on cutting the $18 million deficit in the budget. Key staffers — among them Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Cindy Swift and several building principals — have to be replaced.

"I don't think of myself as a caretaker," Hughes said. "I'm there to make sure things keep running, but I don't believe the district wants to stay stagnant for a year. They want to move forward. There are initiatives underway, and I need to get in touch with these initiatives so I can become a leader as well as a manager."

Replacing the leadership team will be one of the first challenges for Hughes, according to Board of Education President John Jackson. Hughes and Jackson agree discussions will have to be had with staffers, administrators and board members to determine how to fill those spots.

PICKING A TEAM

"It's one of the first charges he's going to have," said Jackson. "He's coming in with a very balanced approach. He's going to listen to people, and he's going to consult with people."

After 13 years as Dearborn's superintendent, Hughes went to work with the state's Department of Education. In that position, he helped develop the curriculum requirements the state currently places on local districts.

Hughes joked during his interview about having had a hand in making academic life a little more difficult for a district he now hopes to lead.

Hughes downplays the contacts he made in Lansing — "I don't know that that's a big thing ... things have changed so drastically," he said — but his experience and those contacts in Lansing were a big part of the draw for board members.

"What I think we need is a connection to Lansing, and I think that was an asterisk in my thinking on (Hughes)," said Trustee Barry Simescu. "He gives us that power. When I went through the biographical information, I felt comfortable, and (Hughes' interview) reinforced that."

It's a good start for Hughes that all seven board members approved of his hiring. Hughes knows that's where his first responsibility lies — with the board — but he also knows the board has been fractured for some time now. Several board members pointed to Hughes' hiring as a "chance to heal," and Hughes is OK with that. He said helping to heal the board "is part of my job."

"I think it will happen naturally," Hughes said. "I would give them credit for a willingness to take a look at themselves in the mirror, to realize they need to be more of a unified board. I have worked with all kinds of boards in my 23 years as a school superintendent. I've been through situations similar to what's happening in the Plymouth-Canton board.

"I took it as a very positive note that, despite whatever differences existed, they voted 7-0 to offer me the position," he added. "I thought it said something about the board and their willingness to say, 'Whatever has divided us in the past, we need to go forward.'"

Board members have agreed to move ahead with the search for a permanent superintendent once the budget situation is settled. While Hughes' contract runs theoretically until June 30, 2012, it would also be terminated when the new leader is found.

And that's fine with Hughes, who isn't interested in the permanent post.

"I had been retired," Hughes pointed out, "and I intend to go back into retirement."

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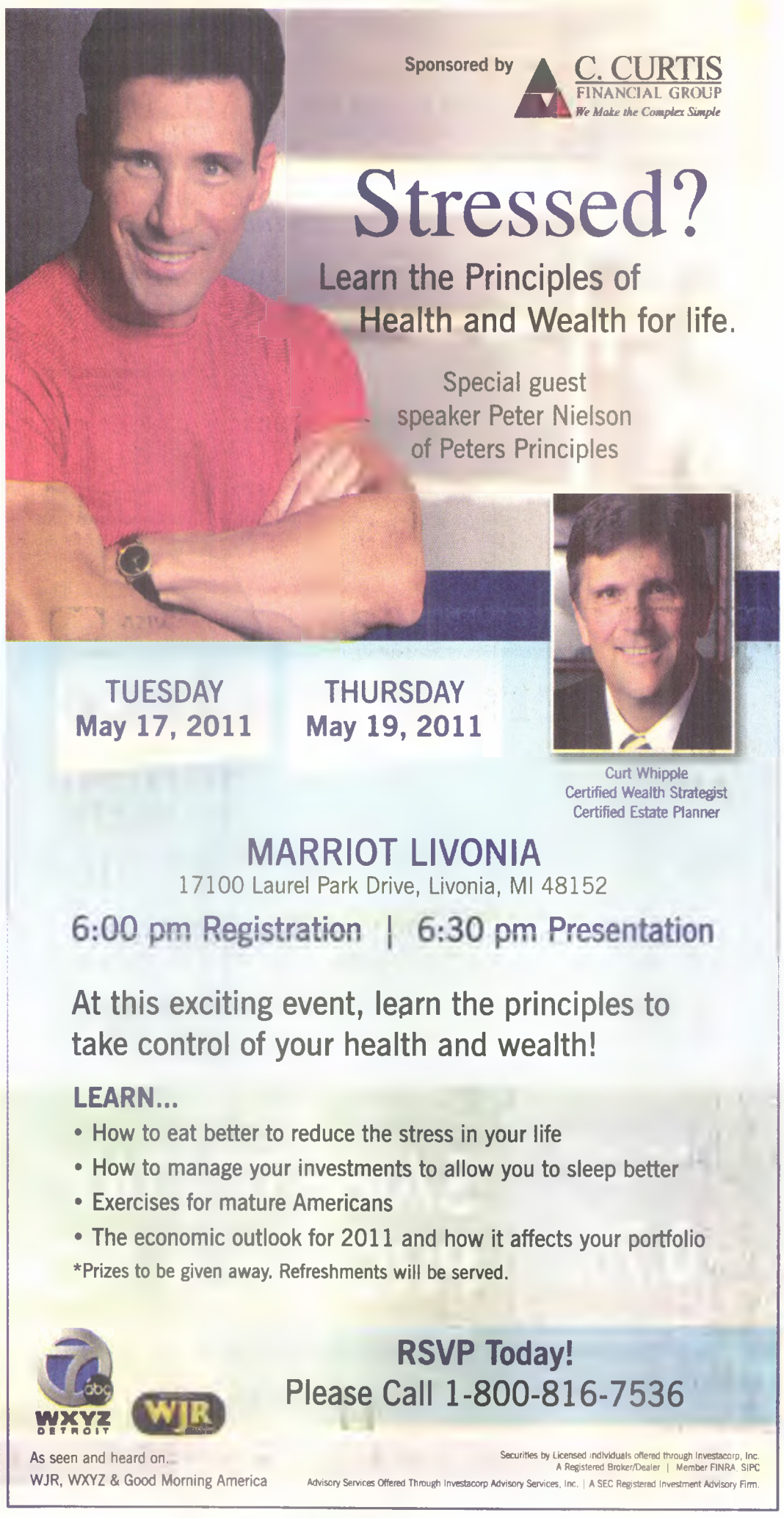

SENIOR EXPO

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Zumba and line dancing, as well as strength training for seniors.

The Entertainment Network of Southfield will host a version of Senior Feud (a fun spoof of the original show *Family Feud*). This realistic, high-tech game show system has it all — questions, sound effects, real digital scoring and lots of prizes. Throughout the expo, The Entertainment Network will have fun-filled activities available every hour, including name that tune, TV trivia and more. Want to win a prize? Come to the Senior Expo and play.

Relax and take advantage of our special Senior Expo Red Trolley Service scheduled at the following locations:

Canton Leisure Services, 46000 Summit Parkway, pickup at 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.

Westland Senior Resources Center (the Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, pickup at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, pickup at 9 and 11 a.m.

Trolley seats are limited, so RSVP is a must. Call Choya Jordan at (313) 222-2412 or e-mail her at cbjordan@hometownlife.com to reserve a seat.

AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

Veterans car wash

Date/Time: Sunday, May 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Main Street Auto Wash, 1191 S. Main in Plymouth
Details: The Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 528 sponsor their annual car wash, with owner Phil Pursell providing the day's proceeds to the veterans. No coupons or credit cards will be taken by the veterans. Money raised will help veterans and the chapter's local projects.

Preschool open house

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5-7 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road
Details: The Salvation Army offers its Tiny Tots Preschool for ages 3 to 5. Come and meet the teachers and see the classroom. To register for the fall's classes, bring $35 for the registration fee.
Contact: Call Sheila Johnson at the Salvation Army, (734) 453-5464. More information is also available online at www.misalplymouth.org.

Scrapbooking event

Date/Time: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main (south of Ann Arbor Road)
Details: Scrapbookers and card-makers are invited to a 12-hour National Scrapbook Day workshop. Scrapbookers can choose between a full day or half day. The cost is $40 for 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., or $25 for a half day. In addition to getting scrapbooking time, meals, and goody bags, attendees will be helping to support the Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program.
Contact: Cassie Hull by May 16 at (734) 612-9000 or e-mail cassiekh@gmail.com.

DAR meets

Date/Time: May 16, 6 p.m. (dessert)
Location: Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: The Daughters of the American Revolution hold an evening meeting, with William George Vette, SAR (in uniform) presenting, "The President's Guard." The committee is made up of Mary Black, Barbara Miller and Donna Busch.
Contact: (734) 453-0750

Run for Hope

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14
Location: Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck, in Northville
Details: The fifth annual Run for Hope is a 5K run/walk presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. Pre-register online by May 2 at www.firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www.newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Cost is $25 for people 16 and over and $15 for children 8-15 who register by May 2. After May 2, and day of the race add $5. Children under 8 are free.
Contact: New Hope Center, (248) 348-0115

Farm exhibit

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

Library friends

Date/Time: Monday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.
Location: Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.
Details: The Friends of the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries are sponsoring a book and author luncheon, which will be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The cost is $25. The featured speaker will be Wall Street Journal columnist Jeffrey Zaslow, who has authored the best sellers, The Girls from Ames, and The Last Lecture, as well as Highest Duty, a memoir of Captain Sully Sullenberg, the pilot who successfully landed U.S. Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River. This is the 25th anniversary of the book and author luncheon.
Contact: Tickets may be purchased between April 15 and May 15 at the Plymouth, Canton, Novi, and Northville Public Libraries. No tickets will be available at the door.

COMMISSION

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Hollister (later the mayor of Lansing) in the 1980s and said she'd bring an experienced point of view to the commission.

Workman

Barrett

"I'm a common-sense person. I can look at different views and different opinions and come out very practical," Bogenrieder said. "I'm a firm believer in what's best for the community."

Hingelberg, the operations director at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit, was appointed to the commission in 2008; before that, he had been a member of the Downtown Development Authority. Hingelberg, the commission's liaison to the Plymouth Youth Commission and the Old Village Association, said the commission has helped keep Plymouth strong during "some very tough economic times."

"I think I have done quite a good job of simply being a citizen that cares and helping connect the dots, so to speak," Hingelberg said.

Wolcott, who works as an analyst for the Michigan House of Representatives, could not be reached on Wednesday.

According to Langmesser, all five candidates filed enough petition signatures to qualify for the ballot. Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to officially withdraw from the race.

Incumbents Barrett and Workman could not be reached before Wednesday's deadline.

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O'Callaghan's toasts a decade in Plymouth

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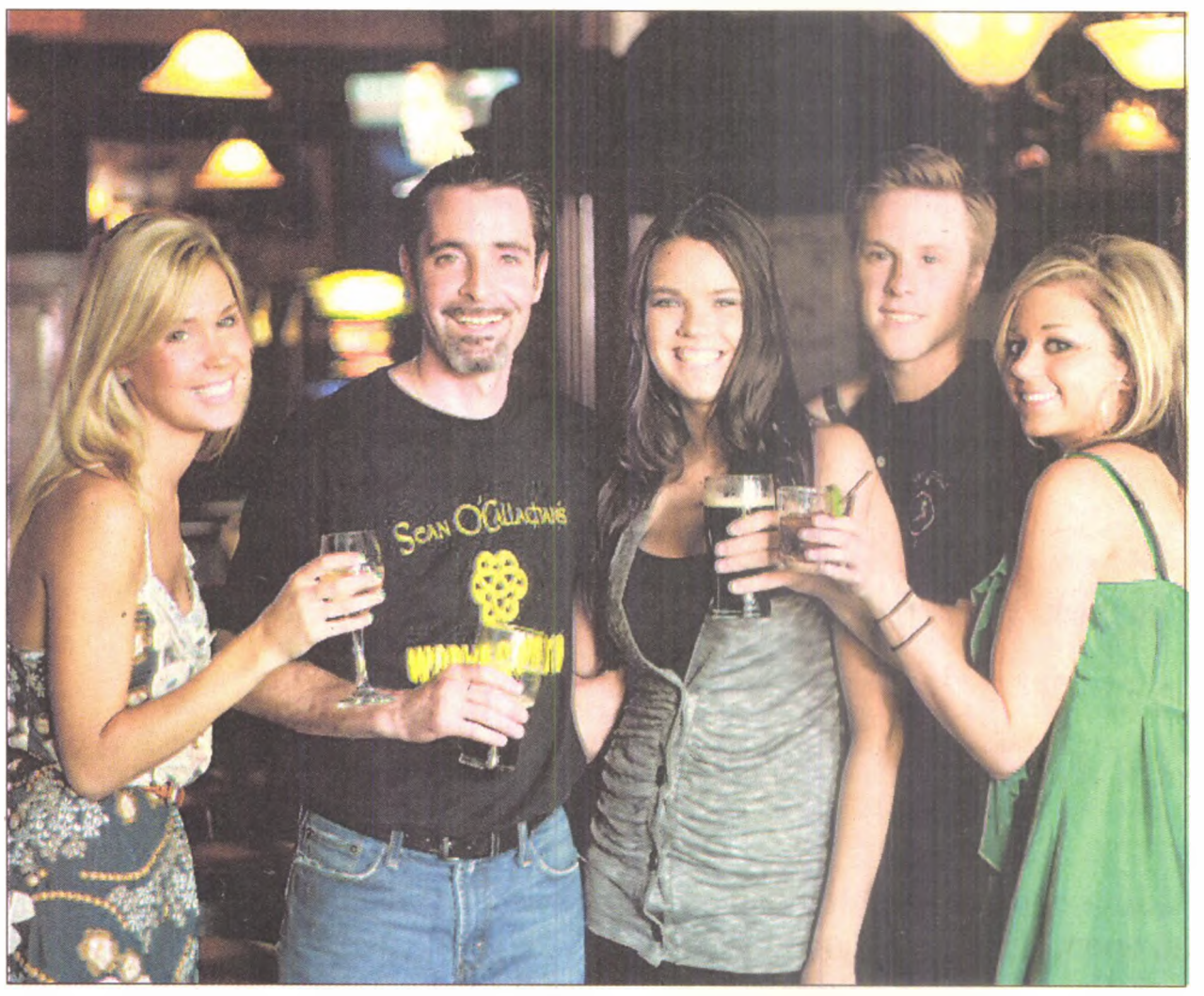

Sean O'Callaghan's employees, from left, Beth Baumgartner, Patrick Quinn, Nicole Martin, Scott Tiderington and Bri Morello will be toasting the downtown Plymouth pub's 10th anniversary on Thursday.

Sam Khashan didn't see his future as a pub proprietor when he began his career as a lawyer. Now, he can't see doing without Sean O'Callaghan's, the downtown Plymouth bar and restaurant that marks its 10th anniversary on Thursday.

"If you enjoy it it's not like work," said Khashan, who opened the Irish-themed pub with brother Kevin, who is also a lawyer, on May 12, 2001. It's interacting with people there, both patrons and employees, that keeps him motivated, he said.

"When you come in you have someone to talk to," Khashan said. "Without the people in here, we're nothing, in my mind."

O'Callaghan's, Khashan said, is where people go for "craic," a hard-to-translate Gaelic word for the fun found in the right mix of atmosphere, company and music.

"Having just really good customers makes my job much easier," said Jennie Quinn, the wife of general manager Patrick Quinn, who hails from Ireland. "You definitely look forward to the faces coming in," she added.

The Khashans opened O'Callaghan's at a time when Irish-style pubs were catching on in the U.S. and Plymouth officials were encouraging the opening of downtown restaurants. The brothers toured Ireland to research the business before plunging into it, and hired a company that specializes in building Irish pubs.

The 5,000-square-foot O'Callaghan's, in a building more than a century old, is outfitted with dark wood trim, custom-made furniture, stained glass from Galway and a collection of framed photographs that evoke a slower, more relaxed way of life. Sam Khashan prides himself on the place's authenticity.

"You don't see shamrocks, leprechauns and green beer," he said.

Plymouth was a natural setting for the venture, Khashan said, as he and Kevin grew up nearby in Northville Township and practiced law together from an office in the city before opening O'Callaghan's.

He likes that Plymouth is a destination spot for many people looking for an evening out, and that the city's festivals and fairs bring people in on many weekends.

"The town's beautiful. It just seemed like a nice fit for what we were doing," he said.

It wouldn't be Irish without beer, and O'Callaghan's focus is on its list of 22 draft beers from Ireland and places around the world, including four from microbreweries in Michigan.

"Michigan is known for its craft beers," Khashan said.

Sam Khashan can be found at O'Callaghan's nearly every day; he isn't actively practicing law, leaving that work to Kevin, who also puts in time at the pub. Between the Khashans and Patrick Quinn, at least one of them will usually be on hand when O'Callaghan's is open.

"I couldn't imagine sitting at a desk or a cubicle all the time without having that interaction," Sam Khashan said.

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Food, drink specials celebrate O'Callaghan's 10th

Sean O'Callaghan's, an Irish-themed pub and restaurant on Penniman in downtown Plymouth, is marking its 10th anniversary on Thursday.

Traditional Irish fare, such as corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew, will be $10 through Thursday, and appetizers will be half price.

O'Callaghan's features 22 draft beers from around the world, and drafts will be $3 a glass on Thursday. Wines will be $4 a glass.

The Strangers, who regularly appear at O'Callaghan's, will be performing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., playing traditional Irish and contemporary tunes.

O'Callaghan's is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. six days a week, and from noon on Sundays until 2 a.m. Mondays. The address is 821 Penniman Avenue; the phone number is (734) 459-6666.

Radio station set for annual auction

WSDP 88.1-FM presents its 23rd annual radio auction 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

The radio auction is the main fundraiser for WSDP each year. Items donated by businesses from the Plymouth-Canton community will be auctioned off every half-hour. WSDP will broadcast the auction and listeners can help support the station by calling in bids throughout the day. There will be great items to bid on, including autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift cards and services from local businesses. A Dream Board with more unique items will be available for bidding all day.

This year's auction will feature items such as a hockey stick autographed by Red Wing star Henrik Zetterberg, golf for four at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, a day at the state Capitol with state Rep. Kurt Heise, and a half-hour ride in the Monkee Mobile (the original car from the television show).

Last year, the station raised $9,000 and this year they've set a goal of $10,000.

Local businesses still have time to support the student radio station by donating items. Station volunteers are contacting businesses for donations. Businesses that donate can benefit from the exposure they receive on 88.1-FM. Most importantly, they will be helping out a program that has served the Plymouth-Canton community for 39 years.

Anyone with an idea for the auction can contact the station at (734) 416-7732. Businesses interested in sponsoring a half-hour or hour of the auction can e-mail station manager Bill Keith at bill.keith@pccsmail.net.

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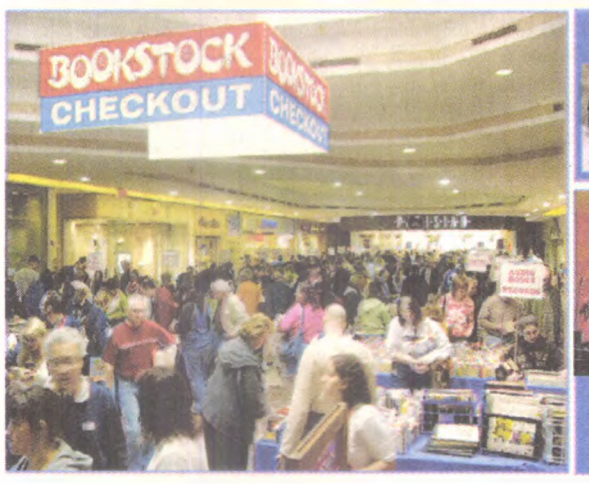

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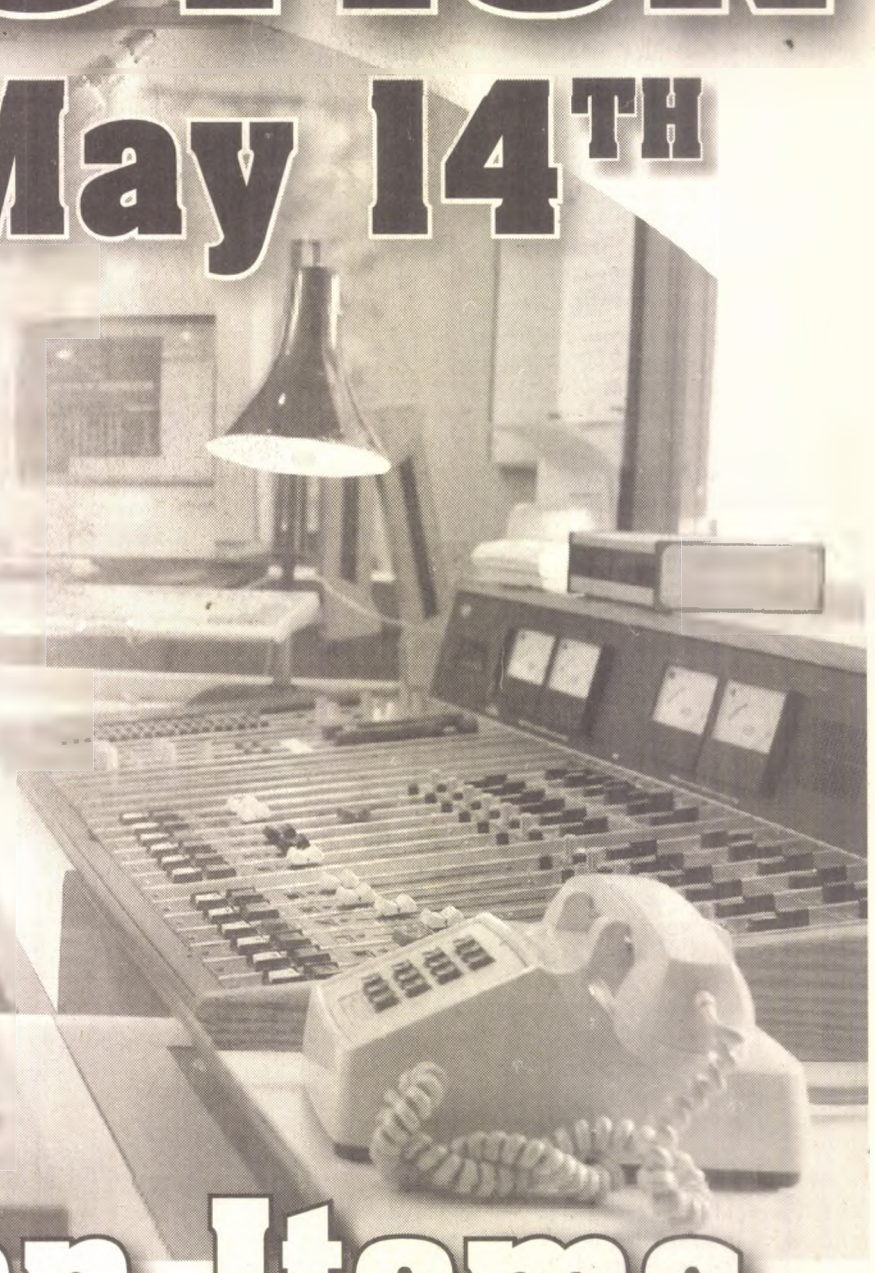

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Weeklong event raises cultural awareness in Canton

BY BRAD KADRICH AND DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

When organizers put together a new event, it's often difficult to gauge how the event will be received.

If Friday's culminating "Bollywood" concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill is any indication, the inaugural Canton Acts of Culture week was a huge success.

More than 400 people turned out for the concert, which included performances by the Michigan Philharmonic and the Meetmala Foundation and concluded the first cultural week designed to bring arts and culture together in the community.

The week spotlighted the work of musicians, actors, dancers, writers, painters and other artists surviving a brutal economy and becoming the catalyst to unite a culturally, ethnically diverse community.

"The week in general was a huge success as we were able to bring together and sample a variety of cultural offerings in the community from the tour of the Hindu Temple, to the Detroit Race and Housing Exhibit at Salem High School, to African American and Cinco De Mayo book readings, a Cuban photo exhibit at the library, to a flash mob in honor of CACW put on by Miller Elementary Student council, to the Building Bridges Panel Discussion and, of course, the Bollywood finale," said ReGina Shamberger, who chairs the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage.

Westland artist Durwood Coffey's wildlife paintings are on display at the Cherry Hill Village Theater. Coffey paints, Carol Vallimont handles the business end.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In another highlight, the Canton Community Foundation hosted an esteemed panel of arts professionals and an audience of 60 people who gathered Thursday afternoon inside the Canton Human Services Center for a lively forum titled "Cultural Arts: The Bridge to Building Better Communities."

The two-hour forum featured a diverse group of arts professionals united by a desire to use the arts as a springboard for improving communities.

Oliver Ragsdale, president of the Detroit-based Arts League of Michigan, recalled how the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage was a fledgling group in 2004 when the Village Theater at Cherry Hill — the community's 400-seat artistic hub — was being built.

"I see the child has grown up," Ragsdale said, lauding Shamberger and the commission for Canton Acts of Culture.

Ragsdale said Canton can only benefit as its culture and arts become woven together to create a local lifestyle that celebrates artistry and diversity.

Shamberger called the event successful and said it did what it was intended to do.

"The community was very supportive," she said. "We have generated more interest in cultural arts and the commission as well as the theater and Canton in general."

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Valve systems stolen from buildings

The theft of an outdoor water valve system was reported at two Plymouth Township businesses, less than a mile from each other, this week.

At one business, on Galleon Court west of Beck, a backflow valve and piping were reported stolen on Monday. The system had been cut away, a Plymouth Township Police Department report said; the theft occurred between Friday evening and Monday morning.

At another, on Cleat Street, east of Beck, an outdoor sprinkler valve system was reported stolen on Sunday. Police said pipes had been broken. That theft occurred some time between April 26 and Sunday afternoon.

Car burglary

Cash and a pair of two-way radios were reported stolen Saturday from a car parked outside a house on Denise Drive, in the area of Five Mile and Ann Arbor Road.

The Buick Lucerne was parked in the driveway at the victim's house at the time it was burglarized, police said. The victim told police he was uncertain if the car was locked, and police found no signs of forced entry.

By Matt Jachman

GREEN FAIR

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have that fun, beautiful downtown setting."

Sunday, which was also Mother's Day, brought good weather for the fair, as did Saturday, Rork said. Friday, on the other hand, was spotty.

"It was kind of like two different days" on Friday, Rork said. "We had a sunny day mixed with a rainy day every other hour." Friday's weather, and the fact that many people are working and children are in school, probably kept Friday's crowds down, she said.

Saturday's performance by Crystal Bowersox, a singer and second-place finisher on television's *American Idol* last year, was one of the highlights of the fair, said Rork. Bowersox was "a perfect fit for this event" and very gracious, she said.

"She didn't have to wait and talk to every person and sign every T-shirt, but she did," said Bowersox.

The major hands-on activities for children — Fort Box and the collage-building project Flip Your Lid — were also popular, Rork said, as were two different booths for the Segway personal transportation device.

Next up for Rork is this weekend's Green Festival in Chicago, a major event that'll spur ideas for next year's Green Street Fair and could provide contacts with future exhibitors.

"We start working on the next show right away," she said. "Our goal is just to be bigger and better every year and offer a wide variety of products and companies.

Rork offered thanks to the roughly 60 volunteers who help her manage the Plymouth event. "They're there at 5:30 in the morning and they're there until midnight," she said.

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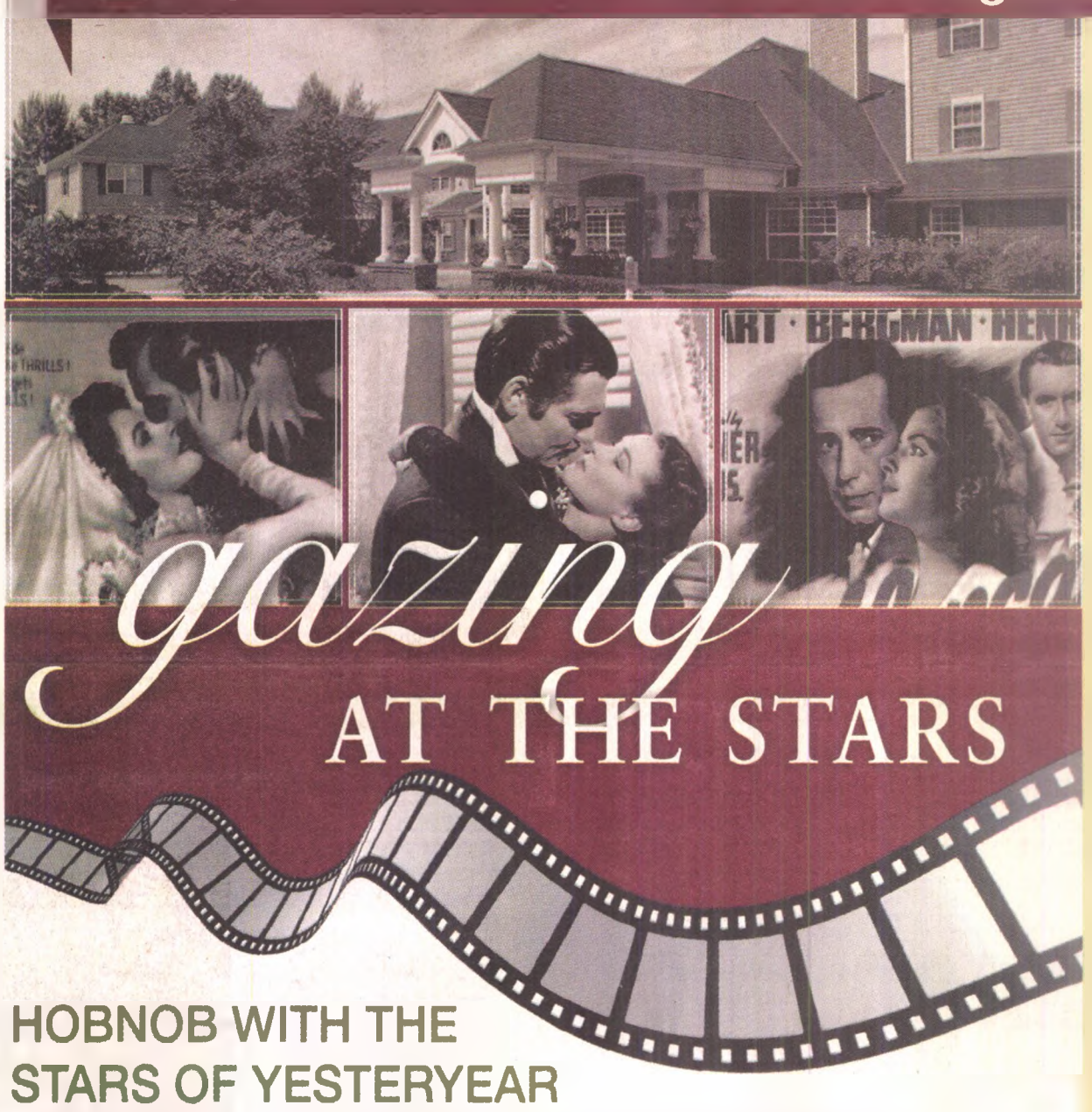

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Former UN Ambassador praises, questions Obama's decisions

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gathered for the Lincoln dinner were Paul Cusick, CDRC board member; U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-11th District Michigan; Michigan State Sen. John Walsh, 19th District; Michigan Republican Party Chairman Robert Schostak; former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton; state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton; state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township; and Joseph Xuereb, chairman of the Wayne 11th CDRC.

John Bolton believes President Barack Obama deserves credit for "making the courageous decision" in sending in the Navy SEALS to kill terrorist Osama bin Laden April 30.

Still Bolton, the former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations under President George W. Bush and potential Republican presidential candidate in 2012, questioned Obama's leadership abilities and challenged his foreign policy decisions in his remarks at the annual Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee Lincoln Reagan Day Dinner at Laurel Manor in Livonia Monday.

Bolton called the killing of bin Laden "a huge victory" for the United States.

"It was a risky decision," Bolton said, remembering a similar rescue attempt that failed in early 1980 to save hostages in Iran.

'REAL VINDICATION'

Bolton added that the SEALS' killing of bin Laden took a long time in planning with information collected under President George W. Bush to eventually locate bin Laden at his hideout in Pakistan.

"This information came from people who were captured, taken to Guantanamo, and some were subjected to enhanced interrogation techniques," Bolton said, in reference to water boarding. "This is a real vindication to President Bush's war on terrorism."

Bolton later said Obama does not list national security at the top of his agenda. "He deals with it when he has to," Bolton said.

Bolton believes Obama isn't tough enough when dealing with Iran and North Korea and their pursuit of nuclear weapons, and criticized Obama for his multilateral approach in attempting to oust Moammar Khadafy from power in Libya, calling that military action a "stalemate." "Khadafy is still in power," Bolton said.

Bolton told the Republican group the military budget should be a top priority and that domestic spending should be cut to pay for a strong military defense. "It's a powerful deterrent to other nations," Bolton said. "When it comes to military capabilities, I don't want the U.S. to be in a fair fight."

Negotiations will not work when the U.S. deals with countries pursuing nuclear weapons, Bolton said. "What are we going to negotiate, that Iran gets small nuclear weapons?" Bolton asked.

CROWD AGREES

Of course, the dinner crowd was a friendly one and receptive to Bolton's ideas.

Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township treasurer, said she had looked forward to the Bolton speech. "I enjoy seeing him on the news and hearing his views of what America is and our role," McLaughlin said. "We have to lead from the front."

Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton talks with state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, during the Lincoln Day dinner Monday.

Matt Frendewey of Clawson said Bolton was insightful. "Any of the 2012 candidates could learn a lot from John Bolton," Frendewey said.

Audrey Robinson, Canton Township's attorney and a Plymouth resident, said Bolton helped put foreign policy in perspective.

"His context on foreign policy and spending priorities was new to me and interesting," Robinson said.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, said Bolton's discussion was topical with recent international events. "He demonstrated that foreign policy if a critical issue for economic succes and a cause for freedom around the world," Heise said.

Steve Kolhoff of Livonia, who learned that the 11th District had named the district's volunteer award after his father, Don, who died last year, called Bolton a "straight shooter."

"If he doesn't run for president, I think that whichever Republican candidate wins would be well-served with him as secretary of state," Kolhoff said.

Kolhoff added that his father "would be very humbled and honored" with the 11th District's award named after him. Don Kolhoff helped with fund-raising and campaign efforts for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, former Attorney General Mike Cox and others.

The first recipient of that award Monday was Christal Smith.

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Renowned musician appears with Chorale

Composer, arranger and pianist Mark Hayes will be the special guest of the BeckRidge Chorale 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Northville High School in Northville, Michigan.

Michael Gross, artistic director of the BeckRidge Chorale, said Hayes is "like a diamond cutter. He sees the beauty in music, makes all the right cuts to expose the brilliance."

"We have been performing Mark's music for over 30 years," Gross said. "He has such a unique and beautiful gift. We were thrilled when he accepted our invitation the lead the chorale and orchestra through some of his work."

Hayes is known for his "American Sound." From jazz and gospel to more traditional settings, Hayes is comfortable in nearly every genre of music. Hayes is a Dove Award winning composer. Audiences will not only experience Hayes at the podium, he is equally as impressive at the piano.

Hayes

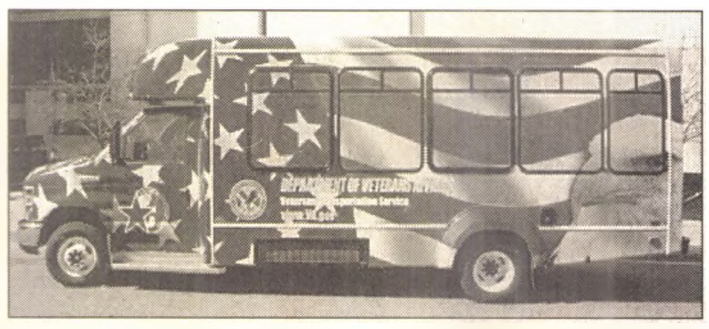
"We have rented two 7-foot Yamaha grand pianos for Mark's appearance," Gross said. "I asked him to play one of his original compositions – *Air in F Major* with cello and his piano duet – *Improvisation on Ode to Joy*."

Nancy Whitecar, accompanist and assistant Director of the chorale, will play the second piano in the duet.

"*Air in F Major* is a beautifully simple and a lyrical melding of piano and cello," Gross said. "*Ode to Joy* is rhythmic exuberance and energy."

The program will include sacred and secular compositions. From arrangements of *Over the Rainbow* and *Summertime*, Hayes will also demonstrate his love of gospel music with settings of *O Happy Day* and *Swingin' With the Saints*.

Tickets for An Evening with Mark Hayes are available at www.beckridgechorale.org or by calling (888) 459.4887 (press #1).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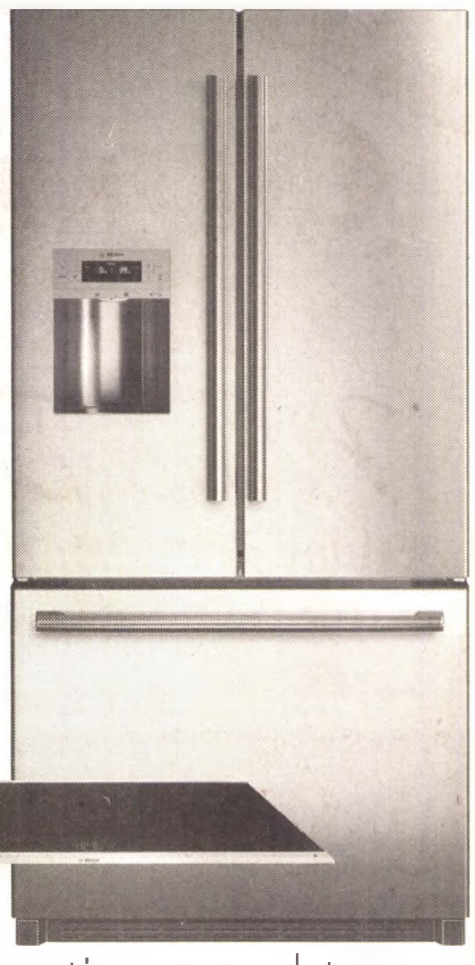

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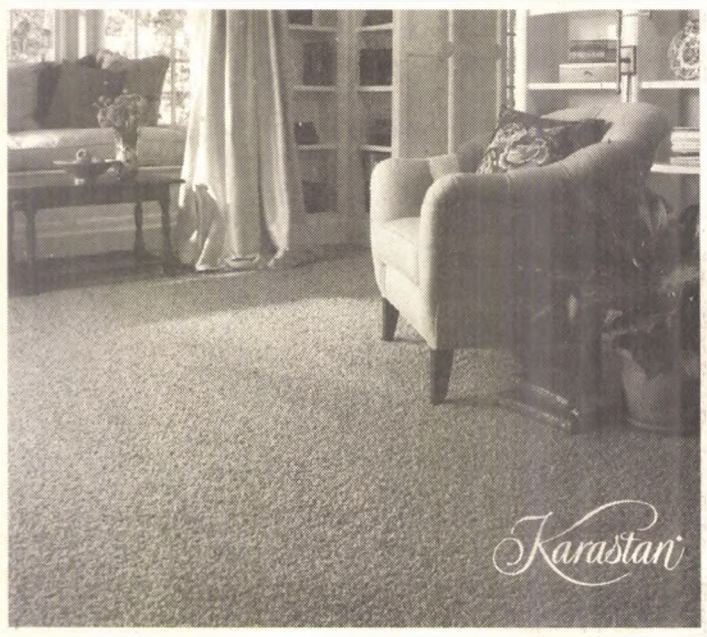

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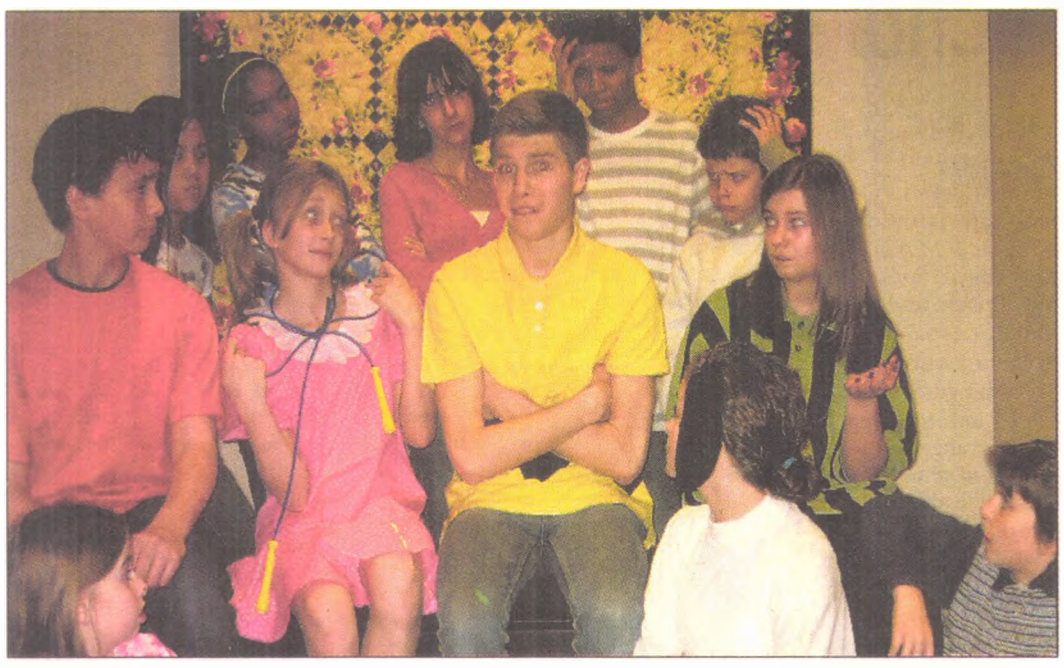

The Spotlight on Youth cast bringing "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" to the Village Theater stage features a number of young, local actors.

Spotlight is on Charlie Brown in youth production

Charlie Brown brings his angst, his dog and his friends to the stage tonight (Thursday) through Sunday when Spotlight on Youth presents its production of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" at the Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton.

Families will enjoy musical numbers such as "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," "The Doctor is In," and "The Kite," in a 90-minute show designed to keep youngsters interested and engaged.

The audience will spend the time with Charlie Brown as he searches for the true meaning of happiness and what it takes to be "a good man."

"'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' is a show everyone can relate to," said director Barbara Bloom of Novi. "It is the kind of musical written about children yet employing humor and language used by adults. If you know or enjoy 'Peanuts' you will love 'Charlie Brown.'"

The cast is filled with local actors. Charlie Brown is played by Michael Petrillo of Commerce Township; Andrew Schafaer of Canton is Linus; Lexi Fata of Westland is Snoopy; Connor Keliikuli of Northville is Shroeder; Melissa Perry of Walled Lake is Lucy; Andrew Angold-Stephen of Canton is Rerun; Amanda Buchalter of Canton is Patty; Brooke Burket of Canton is Charlotte; Alaysha Chavis of Canton is Violet; Tatum Cho of Canton is Marcie; Drew Degener of Canton is Peppermint Patty; Samantha Mattern of Canton is Sally; Richard McCutcheon of Canton is Shermy; Leslie Miller of South Lyon is Belle; Evan Phillips of Belleville is Franklin; Alex Smith of Canton is Pigpen; Miki Somers of Plymouth is Peggy Jean; Kayla Zhu of Farmington Hills is Woodstock; Kirsti Beaudoi of Canton is Freida and Roman Bonacorsi of Canton is Spike.

The play runs tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.; then again at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday; with 2 p.m. matinee performances Saturday and Sunday.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" originally opened on Broadway in 1967 and had a successful revival in 1999. Kristin Chenoweth won a Best Actress Tony Award for her performance as Sally.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or wwwspotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens one hour prior to show-time. Tickets are $12 each.

Spotlight on Youth Theater (SOY) is a Spotlight Players initiative that exists to create an extraordinary, youth-centered theater experience and to advance theater as a means of educating, challenging and inspiring young people.

For more information about Spotlight on Youth or Spotlight Players call (734) 480-4945 or visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

Plymouth photographer in Rochester art show

The Village of Rochester Hills fine art show will feature the work of, among others, Plymouth photographer Brian Hill.

The charming location of the Village of Rochester Hills shopping center will be transformed into an outdoor art gallery when it hosts the eighth annual Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22.

Some 100 artists from across the United States have been invited to show their work at Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills. An outside panel of experts juried the entries and asked artists with the highest scores to participate. Admission to the festival is free and parking is free.

Included among them is Plymouth photographer Brian Hill, whose work organizers called "very clever pieces that are collages of iconic photographic images of cities like Detroit, Chicago, Rochester and Plymouth."

Artwork in every media will be featured including ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, multi – media, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood, jewelry and more. The juried art festival is sponsored by Creative Arts Council, a non-profit art group. A panel of experts will judge the artwork in the festival and award outstanding entries.

"We believe the beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of the Village of Rochester Hills is the perfect setting to view artwork of this caliber and meet the artists," said Donna Beaubien, executive director of the festival. "Along with enjoying the exciting fine art and fine crafts, patrons can stroll the tree lined streets and visit the over 50 intriguing shop and restaurants. Children can enjoy the playground and participate in the free arts and crafts activities."

A special feature of this year's event is live artists' demonstrations throughout Saturday and Sunday as well as the special children's activities for the kids both days. There will also be live entertainment throughout the fair and a delicious food court.

The Village of Rochester Hills Shopping Center is located at the northeast corner of Walton and Adams. Hours for the festival are Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 22, noon to 6 p.m. For more information call (248) 689-8734 or go to www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

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Concert, auction hit all the right notes

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Philharmonic and the Geetmala Foundation played to a huge crowd and thunderous applause as more than 400 people crowded the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for "Bollywood," the Indian-music-themed concert that brought to a close Canton's first Acts of Culture week.

The people came from Plymouth and Canton, to be sure, but also from as far away as Grosse Pointe, Bloomfield Hills, Rochester and Detroit to hear the Michigan Philharmonic team with Indian percussionists in a fusion of musical styles incorporating classical Indian music, folk, western classical and numerous contemporary pop styles.

"The performances were truly amazing," said ReGina Shamberger, who chairs the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage, which sponsored the week-long cultural event. "The crowd was very enthusiastic."

And, while they were at it, the event raised a lot of money for Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. A Silent Auction was successful enough to sell 33 of the 34 items donated by local businesses. It raised $2,365 for the Partnership.

"The entire Bollywood event last night was a huge success," said Jilll Engel, the Partnership's executive director. "It was a true testimonial of how to bring arts and culture together in our community. We created a sense of pride and brought many new patrons to the Village Theater."

Engel said she recently read a quote that said, "Every journey begins with a step." She said she thinks the arts in the local community have taken just that.

"We are making progress in sharing cultural arts with the greater Canton community," Engel said. "We are making a difference in our community."

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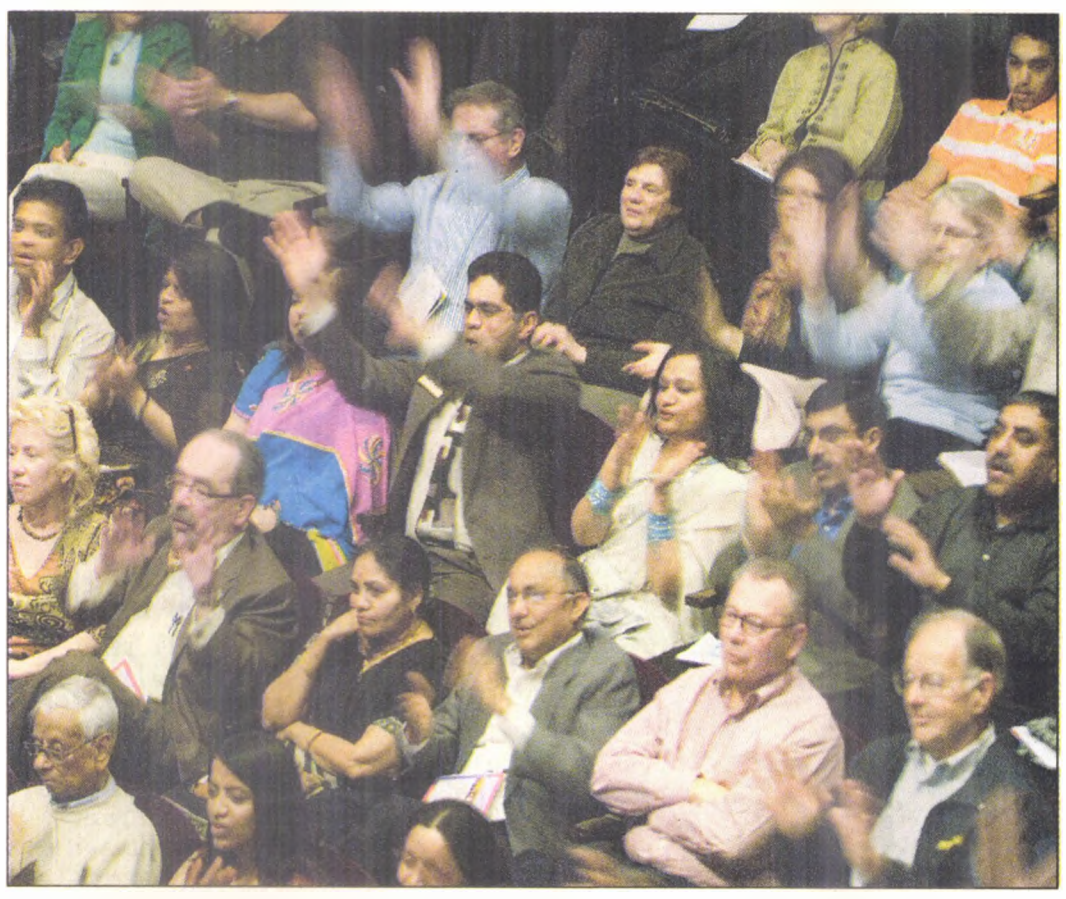

Audience participation during Deewangi Deewangi from Om Shanti Om.

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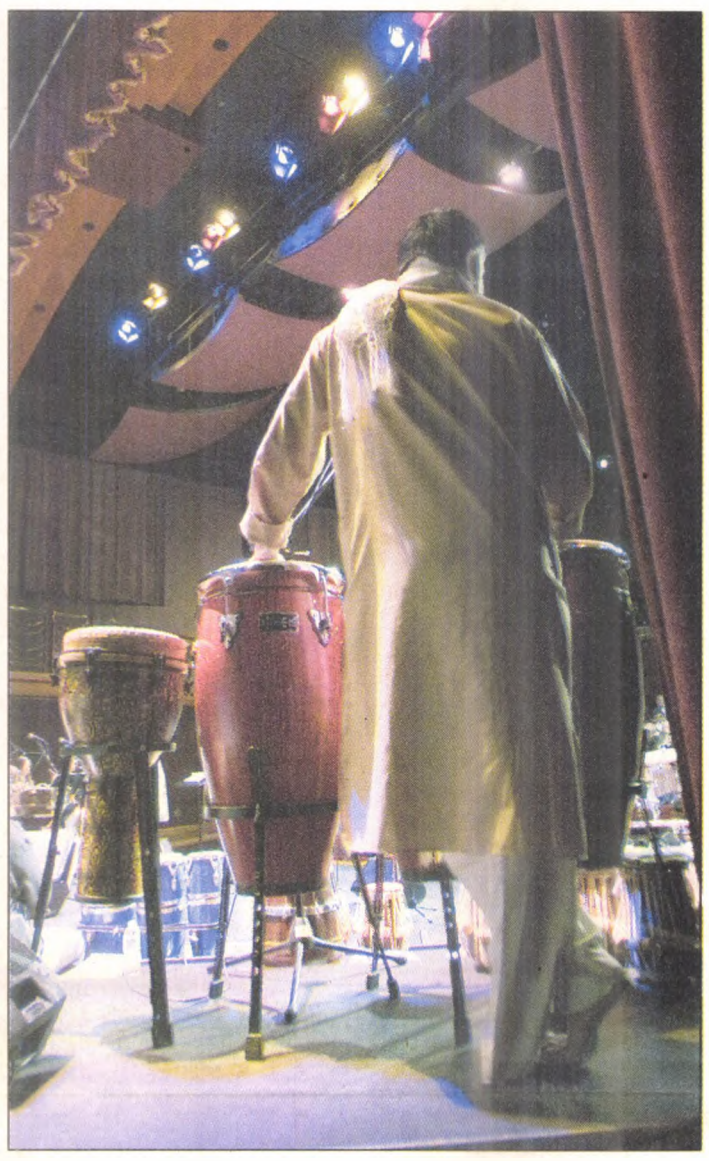
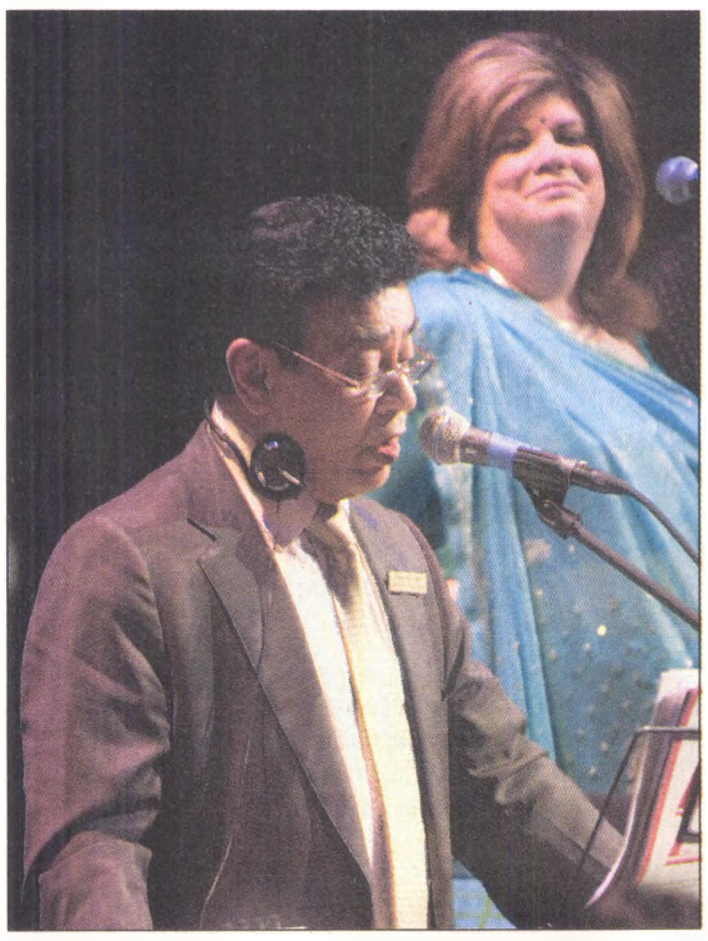
Conductor Nan Wasburn leads the members of the Michigan Philharmonic at Friday's Bollywood concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.



Waiting for the concert to begin.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill held a sold-out audience to hear the Michigan Philharmonic join with Indian musicians in a celebration of Bollywood music.

The silent auction drew concert-goers who purchased 33 of the 34 items and raised $2,365.



Narendra Sheth is the announcer, program director and plays keyboards. Michigan Philharmonic Executive Director Beth Stewart joined the harmony singers for the night's program.

Indian music uses a wide range of percussion instruments.

Rujuta Joshi opens the concert with the Gita Shloak, an invocation.

Senior players bring Christie spoof to stage

Agatha Christie lovers have a chance to get their fill when the Still Got It Players present "Murder by Indecision" by Daniel O'Donnell through Saturday, May 14, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Audiences of all ages will love this clever and well-crafted spoof presented by the all-senior acting ensemble.

Director Debbie Lannen said: "I especially like when grandchildren come to see their grandparents perform," director Debbie Lannen said. "They are such an example for them as well as other seniors. It is as if they are telling the audience, 'Never stop. You can continue to be vibrant as long as you keep active.'"

Lannen said "Murder by Indecision" provides "double the fun and double the suspense with this murder mystery comedy within a comedy!" Age has caught up with Agatha Crispy, the world's best known mystery playwright, as she attempts to crank out her newest and last manuscript. Senility is setting in and the words just don't flow like they used to.

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"When she stops typing, her characters take on a life of their own, lamenting how Agatha is ruining their reputation in the literary world with this last flop of a manuscript," Lannen said. "If only they could influence Agatha somehow to help her and themselves. Any fan of classic Agatha Christie mysteries will love this delightful spoof."

The cast is filled with local actors, including: Madeline Carpenter of Wayne as Agatha Crispy; Robin Hoover of Willis as Ruth Less; Jack Galazka of Redford as Victor Greedly; Philip Lukasik of Westland as Ken Steele; Marion Busa of Canton as Gwen Hubbard; Carol Lapinsky of Garden City as Sophie Greedly; Nana Allen of Plymouth as Victoria Greedly; Jerry Gass of Novi as William Greedly; Tom Strock of Canton as Niles Stern; Beth Brooks of Northville as Mavis Greedly; Dee Merrison of Canton as Miss Maple; Joanna McKay of Canton as Myrna Stern; Shirley Reynolds of as Canton Penelope Biggles; Terry Vivani of Westland as Inspector John Dryfus; Ray Fraser of Dearborn Heights as Officer Bentl; Bernadette Smith of Walled Lake as Jenny Walters and Linda Trygg of Westland as Melissa Hammerstein.

Performances are today (Thursday) at 1 p.m., and Friday-Saturday at 7 p.m. (with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday). Ticket prices are $15 for adults (19-59) and $13 for seniors and students. Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or (734) 394-5300 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Don't try to predict how events influence market

BY RICK BLOOM
GUEST COLUMNIST

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

When the announcement came that U.S. Special Forces had brought justice to Osama bin Laden, I was ecstatic like most other red, white and blue, flag-waving Americans. When the initial euphoria died down, I began to think about what the results of taking down bin Laden would have on the stock market the next day. My initial thought was there would be a rally on Wall Street. However, after I thought about it a little, I figured the market might react to the good news in the morning but by the time the markets closed, things would be back to normal. I was not surprised when the death of bin Laden did not affect the market.

As long as I have been following the market, one thing I have always known is that it is nearly impossible to predict how world events will affect things. When certain world events occur, it may seem obvious how the market will react but that's not the way the market works. What makes following the market frustrating is when the outcome seems obvious and then the exact opposite happens. What affects the market one day may be irrelevant the next. The bottom line is that investors who think they can outsmart the market generally find that they can't, and the result is that their portfolio underperforms.

It never ceases to amaze me that one day the market may be concerned with inflation while the next day, it's not even an issue. Being a golfer I'll analogize golf. Every round of golf is a new round and there is no carryover from the previous round. It's the same thing with the stock market. There rarely is any carryover.

In understanding the stock market and how it moves, investors need to remember the market is not rational in the short run. Emotions affect the market. If the bin Laden news had come in the middle of the day, who knows how the market would have reacted. The bottom line is that investors can't get caught up in emotions.

In this ever-changing, fast-paced world we live, there's always another story waiting to dominate our attention.

My advice is, don't get caught up in the game. When you consider that the great majority of people that do play the game lose, why would you even want to get involved?

Good luck!

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

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OUR VIEWS

Our All-Stars

These students represent a bright future

This Sunday, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will publish a special section in print and online (hometownlife.com) honoring the 2011 Academic All-Star Team.

The 25 students of this year's team and the 53 others who are runners-up represent the most accomplished of local public, private and parochial high school students.

These students are future physicians, scientists, engineers, teachers and political leaders.

Local students named to the team include **Sahithi Gogineni** of Canton High School, **Ishani Shah** of Plymouth High School, **Lynne Krutty** of Salem High School, **Sarah Kang** of Salem High School, **Justin Heck** of Plymouth High School and **Nicholas Alaniva** of Canton High School.

Runners-up include **Rachel Yerke** and **Max Wilkinson**, both of Plymouth Christian Academy.

All of the students profiled in this section have set high goals for themselves. In addition to preparing themselves academically for a career, they also are concerned about helping others. They have great praise for the teachers who have influenced them over the years. Teachers have challenged these students and instilled in them the love of learning. They have given them lessons about life, including doing your best, being responsible citizens and knowing how one person can make a difference. The students have thanked the many teachers who spend countless hours not only teaching but encouraging and listening these young men and women.

They shine in many ways — in test scores and grades and in their extracurricular and community activities. They are all examples of intelligence, involvement and industry. They have contributed to their schools, their communities and beyond. They will undoubtedly make a difference as they head off to college and new academic adventures.

The All-Stars are selected based solely on academic achievement — grade point and test scores.

The 2011 team marks the 26th year that the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has honored and celebrated academic excellence. At the core of our mission as a local company is "enhancing the lives of our readers and nurturing the communities we serve."

We can't think of a better way to fulfill this mission than to profile the best and brightest of students in area schools and show our communities what is good and right with education today.

All of the students profiled in this section have set high goals for themselves. In addition to preparing themselves academically for a career, they also are concerned about helping others. They have great praise for the teachers who have influenced them over the years. Teachers have challenged these students and instilled in them the love of learning. They have given them lessons about life, including doing your best, being responsible citizens and knowing how one person can make a difference. The students have thanked the many teachers who spend countless hours not only teaching but encouraging and listening these young men and women.

Don't miss this special section. It's a good reminder about the good things happening in our schools today. Help us celebrate this awesome group of 2011 graduates.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Has the streetscape construction work in downtown Plymouth changed your habits as far as shopping there, dining out, etc.?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.

"Just the post office, but I go through the parking lot."

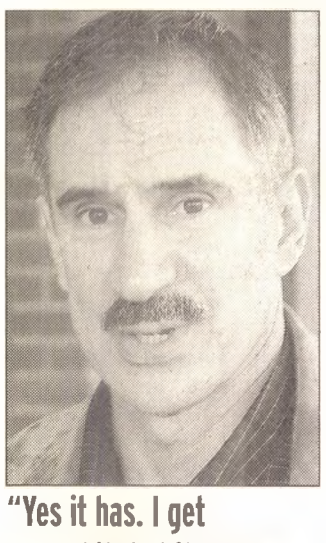
Toni Bila
Plymouth

"Nope, not at all."

Amy Rico
Livonia

"Slightly. Just park where they direct me to park, take the detours, and take if from there."

Steve Antonucci
Plymouth Township



"Yes it has. I get around it, but it's an ... inconvenience."

George Bonemer
Canton Township

LETTERS

Colbeck is different

On Wednesday, May 4, I was given the privilege to shadow state Sen. Patrick Colbeck. I got to sit in his three committee meetings and a legislative session. I got an inside view of how Lansing works.

But I also got to see how great a person Sen. Colbeck truly is. I'm rather a cynic when it comes to politics, but I can say without a shadow of doubt that Colbeck is different from the typical connotations "politician" brings. His moral character, belief in our creator, his willingness to serve his district, and his friendly demeanor distinguish him as one with honorable character.

So please don't lump Colbeck in with other politicians, even if his political views are the opposite of yours. I truly believe he is doing what he thinks is right, instead of what special interests think or what popular opinion is. I know – I campaigned for him, interviewed him, had lunch with him, I saw the way he conducted himself, and saw the questions and votes he did in committees and in session.

Andrew Montgomery
Plymouth Township

Work collaboratively

Dear Gov. Snyder,

In the spring of 1994, my father invited me to attend a town hall meeting hosted by broadcaster Rich Fisher and Gov. John Engler at a television studio in Southfield. As a second-year teacher in a relatively wealthy school district (and also a renter), I was eager to ask Gov. Engler what I had to gain by voting "yes" on a new way to finance K-12 education in Michigan.

When I was chosen to go onstage to ask Gov. Engler why someone like me should vote for the proposal, he responded that it was "for young people like me" that Proposal A was designed. He stated that even though my district (Allen Park) was doing well, there were many throughout the state that were not, and ultimately many K-12 students would suffer in the future if the spending gap was not closed. He added that he wanted "people like me" to be shielded from the exorbitant property taxes that precluded us from becoming homeowners.

Satisfied by Gov. Engler's response, and after discussing the situation with my father (a local school superintendent) and his guest (a school board member and financial planner), I eagerly decided to vote "yes" on Proposal A, not for the short-term sacrifice that it would cause me, but because of the greater good. Overwhelmingly, the voters of the State of Michigan agreed.

Clearly, the intention of the School Aid Fund is to fund K-12 education, as prominent Republican sponsors of the law such as Dan Degrow and Dick Posthumous will attest to.

Now, almost 17 years later, I am about to start my 20th year in the fall. Allen Park is no longer considered a "rich" district. I am grateful to work in a district that has scrimped, saved, consolidated, and cut so many expenses over the course of my career that we are in a position to be solvent if we can manage to cut an additional $1.6 million by June 2012. We have clearly been utilizing "shared sacrifice" and "best practices" to be in this position, and yet we will still have to cut more.

In addition, I took Gov. Engler's advice and bought a house in Canton. My wife and I based our purchase in large part on our respect for the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools. We now have two children, one in kindergarten and the other in second grade. We are horrified about what could happen in the PCCS district if your budget proposal is accepted. Even though the district has reduced expenses by $40 million since 2002, your current proposal creates a $20 million problem for the 2011-12 school year.

I do not live in a bubble. I understand that some cuts may have to be made and additional sacrifices on everybody's part are part of the solution to Michigan's economic recovery. My wife and I also own a small business franchise, and we have an enormous stake in a healthy state economy However, isn't K-12 public education a major component to that recovery?

Therefore, as a teacher, small-business owner, citizen and, most importantly, a parent, I am asking you to work collaboratively with stakeholders to find a way to appropriately fund our schools. All of our futures depend on it.

Andrew C. Jackson
Canton

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ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

• In response to "bin Laden's gone, 'still work to do,'"

All comments are really quite true. My heart breaks for all those that have lost family in this endless fight against an invisible enemy. No amount of gratitude expressed in words can tell how much many of us appreciate the efforts made on behalf of our liberty.

skyhawk63

People returning from the mid-east said he was dead in 2001. Show me the body.

trashfinder

Doing the most good: One act can help many live better lives

BY MAJ. JOHN TURNER
GUEST COLUMNIST

Doing the Most Good. What does this statement mean to you?

To me, it could be setting time aside to volunteer each week, donating to a local charity or something as simple as flashing a smile to a passer-by. But, I challenge you to reflect on these words and create your own meaning. How do you do the most good?

Maj. John Turner

The Salvation Army is asking metro Detroiters this question during our sixth annual "Doing the Most Good" Week from May 9-14. This is a time for people to make a stronger commitment to helping others. It's a time to make "doing good" a priority in our lives.

Maybe you don't have enough time to volunteer in between work, soccer practice and dinner. Or maybe you're not in a position to make a large monetary donation. Each one of us can make "doing the most good" our personal mission; to do the most good for the most people in the most need with the time and resources that we have. Because after all, doing the most good is much more than making grand overtures of service; it's about the little things too. Things like holding the door open for someone, checking in with an old friend or making a new one.

Each one of us has a personal responsibility to get out and do what we can to help those less fortunate in our community. Opportunities to change someone's life surround us every day, and while we may not have the power to change the world, we can change someone's day with something as simple as a few cans of food, or a $10 donation. These small donations may not seem like much, but they can mean the world to someone who cannot afford a daily meal — let alone two or three.

Even a kind word of compassion can offer hope for someone feeling like they have nowhere else to turn. We all have time to consciously do one good deed each day. If we all do one good deed, that turns into millions of good deeds and even if just for a moment, brightens someone's day.

We may not all be able to make a monetary donation, or find the time to volunteer each week, but we can still create small gifts of our own. Spring is here, and I'm sure a few things in the house could be put to better use by someone else. So, maybe you could take some time to clean out the clutter and donate the items you no longer use. Even better — get your kids involved. There is no greater lesson than to learn selflessness.

The Salvation Army has chosen the phrase "do the most good" as our commitment to doing the most good with every dollar, minute and resource donated. In fact, 85 cents of every dollar donated is directly allocated to services that assist people in need.

"Doing the most good" is a compassionate commitment made to people who are hurting, to help anyone, anytime, anyplace. Our goal is to give them a hand up — not a hand out — to help them see a brighter tomorrow.

So how do we know if we're really "doing the most good"? By asking this question of ourselves daily, it challenges us to make sure that the answer is a positive affirmation that makes us feel good about our contributions to society.

Maj. John Turner is the general secretary of the Salvation Army of Metro Detroit.

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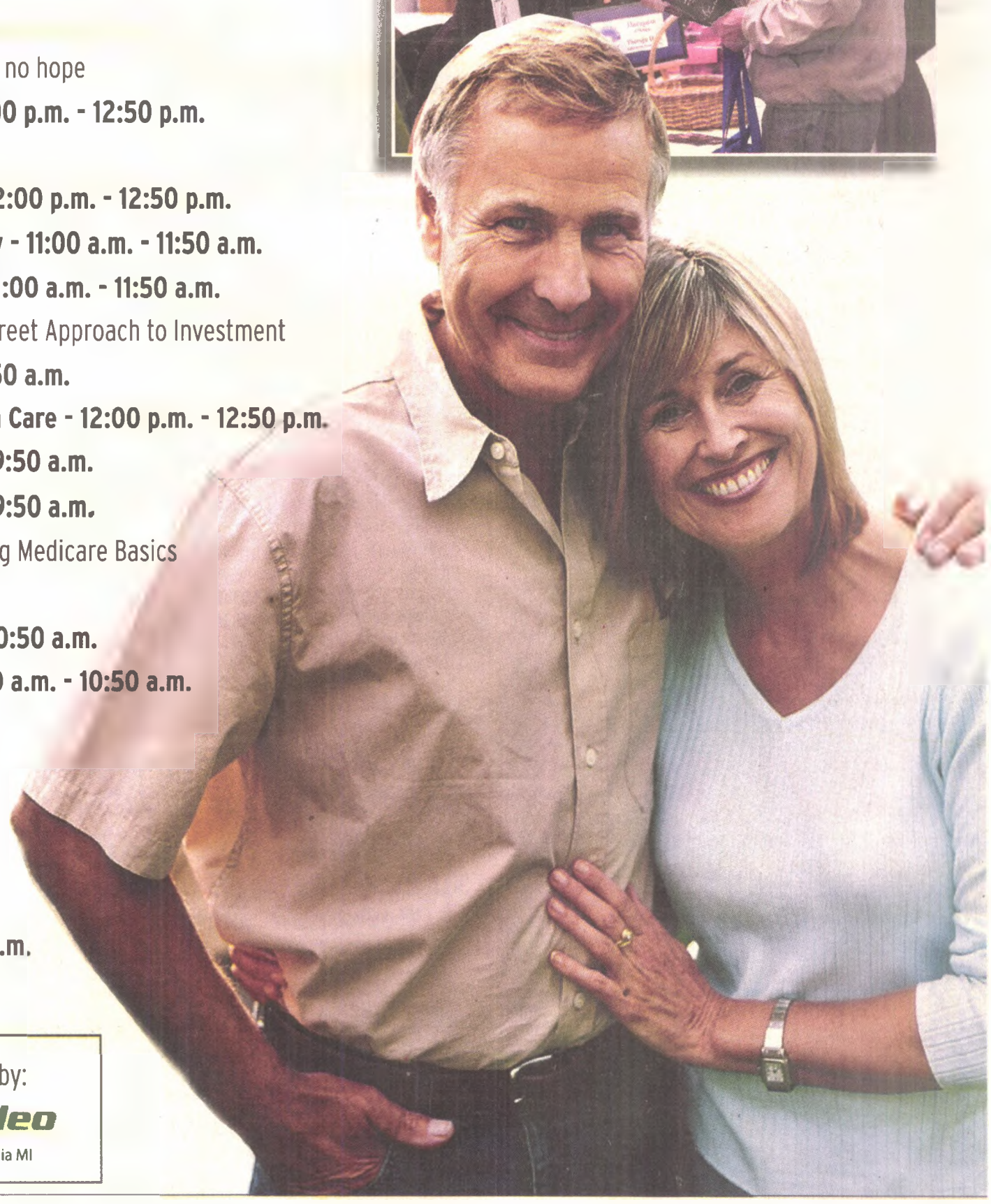

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SALEM GIRLS PLAY TIE AGAINST HOLT
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Rally lifts Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's varsity girls soccer matchup between Canton and Plymouth turned out to be a game of two halves.

After the Chiefs dominated the first half, carrying a 2-0 lead into halftime, the Wildcats flipped the switch — and the script — after intermission.

Plymouth scored three unanswered goals for a 3-2 KLAA South Division victory. The Wildcats improved to 6-2-3 overall and 4-1-2 in the division.

GIRLS SOCCER

"It was a huge win for us," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "They're a very strong team. I think they might have thought they had us at halftime when were down 2-0."

With a smile, the coach added "But don't count out the 'Cats."

WANTING IT MORE

Conversely, Canton head coach Jeannine Reddy was wondering what happened to her team (5-4-1, 5-2-0).

"I told the girls they were going to come out strong, they were down 2-0," Reddy said. "It was still anyone's game, and they (Wildcats) just wanted it more. They tried harder."

Scoring the winning goal was Plymouth freshman midfielder Alyssa Dillon, who also assisted on the Wildcats' first goal (by senior forward McKenzie Hengesh).

"I just wanted to score really bad and I just kind of figured that I might as well go all out for it," Dillon said, "and if anything happens it happens."

On the play, with just over 11 minutes left in regulation, Dillon's speed enabled her to get to the ball and she dribbled it to

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Lutheran High Westland's Zach Musial (second from left) barely edges Canton's Ben Spreitzer (far left) in Saturday's 110-meter hurdles, one of three individual events at the Observerland relays. Salem's Dion Walker placed fifth.

Shamrocks rule Observerland Relays

Canton senior Nick Alaniva sparked the Chiefs' pole vault relay to a second-place finish during Saturday's Observerland relays.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Every year since moving from Redford to Novi in 2005, the Shamrocks of Detroit Catholic Central are invited back to the Observerland Relays.

They wouldn't miss it for the world, or the wins.

"I tell you, I appreciate them inviting us every year," veteran CC boys track and field coach Tony Magni said. "We're out of the Observer area, but they are kind enough to invite us back and we'll come back every year they invite us back."

Other teams from the area might not be thrilled to know that. On Saturday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, CC won the Observerland championship for the third consecutive year.

This time, the Shamrocks tallied 114 points — taking the honors in eight of 16 events to best 16 other boys track and field teams.

"It (first place) means a lot because it was a total team effort," Magni said. "Everybody contributed tonight, everybody. We scored in almost every event that we were in.

"So everybody got a medal (awarded to the top-six finishers per event) and everybody did really well."

The highlight for CC was setting a new Observerland record in the 6,400-meter relay with a time of 17-minutes, 56-seconds.

That eclipsed the former mark of 18:05.0, set in 2001 by the Shamrocks.

Winning the runners-up trophy with a late surge was Farmington, with 61 points.

The Falcons, also second place in 2010, edged third-place Canton (57 points) and fourth place Livonia Stevenson (52 points). Observerland-host Salem finished in fifth place, with 42 points.

"We ran extremely well and set a lot of PR's today," Farmington coach Chip Bridges said. "Our 4-x-400 PR'ed. We scored in all the events we entered. We won two and there were three events we didn't enter."

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SIDELINES

Chief could yet be a Chip

Canton junior Ryan Jones did not turn down a football scholarship offer from Central Michigan University after all.

Although Jones did not accept the offer, which came shortly after he placed first out of 610 Michigan athletes at the Michigan Preps Combine, he did not decline it either.

Jones

Instead, he is still considering becoming a future Chippewa as well as not closing the door on other offers that might come in.

In the meantime, he still has business to attend to as a Chief, both as an accomplished sprinter with the track and field team and as a offensive/defensive back with the football squad.

Fundraiser on menu

Canton High School alum Chelsea Olson, who is a lacrosse player finishing her sophomore year at Indiana Tech University, has been invited to play this summer with the USA Women's Lacrosse Team in Germany and the Czech Republic.

But Olson is hoping to defray some of those travel costs and a local restaurant is ready to help her do that.

On Tuesday, May 17, Rose's Restaurant & Lounge in Canton is hosting a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Rose's Rich Constantino said anybody who comes in May 17 who mentions Chelsea Olson, or even brings a clipping of this Observer article, will receive 15 percent off the total bill (not including taxes).

"They're customers that come in and they wanted to keep it (fundraiser) local," said Constantino about the Olsons. "We do a lot of things, like donate food, to help out the (prep) sports teams."

Rose's Restaurant & Lounge is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road. For more information, call (734) 981-9904.

Golf for Canton football

Here's a way to combine helping out the Canton High School football program with enjoying a day of golf.

Come out to Salem Hills Golf Club on Saturday, Aug. 6, for the annual golf outing/football fundraiser. Cost is $100 per golfer. It will be a four-man scramble format. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, free range balls, lunch at the turn, a barbecue chicken and rib dinner, numerous contests and prizes.

For more information and a printable registration form, please go to www.cantonfootball.com. You can also call Lina Williams at (248) 240-1125 or Julie Baechler at (734) 645-7777.

Canton grid camps

That's not all of the news about Canton football. The Chiefs will be hosting three grid camps this summer.

The first one is for players going into grades seven-nine this fall and is a skills camp, with sessions 5-7:30 p.m. June 13-16. Contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 for more information.

After that will be the Wing-T Camp, slated to run 2-5 p.m. on June 20 and 5-8 p.m. on June 21-23. This camp is for players going into grades 10-12. Call varsity coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 for more information.

The Fundamental Camp for kids entering grades three-six will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon June 27-30. Contact Enza Laneva at (313) 300-1173 for more information.

Also, check out www.CantonChiefsfootball.com for forms and further information.

MARY THEISEN

Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski chats with Salem shortstop Drew Thompson (No. 11) during the opener of Saturday's 'Strike Out Prostate Cancer' twinbill.

Park's place for philanthropy

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whatever the cause, baseball players at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park really stepped up to the plate Saturday with dueling benefit doubleheaders.

The Plymouth and Salem varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams squared off for the second annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" event.

Meanwhile, across the Park was a benefit twinbill for disabled Canton sophomore Jesse Lindlbauer, featuring a doubleheader between the varsity Chiefs and Kalamazoo Central.

"We've got a lot of good people around here," Plymouth varsity coach Bryan Boyd said. "Our community is full of good people that are willing to rally around a good cause."

Two of them, actually.

Kicking the philanthropic day off, the Plymouth and Salem varsity teams divided their doubleheader. Plymouth won 4-3 in the opener at Salem, before the Rocks returned the favor on the Wildcats' home field with a 9-2 win in Game 2.

WANTING TO HELP

But the real winner was the Prostate Cancer Foundation, in association with the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association.

The foundation will receive an estimated $2,000, raised thanks to the sales of raffle tickets, baked goods and powder blue "awareness" wrist bands, said parent Audrey Rodriguez of the Salem Baseball Boosters.

Players from the teams also wore the wrist bands throughout the day.

"This one is stacking up better than

Please see **BASEBALL, B2**

Late lead slips away

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth literally threw a victory away Monday against Livonia Stevenson, putting a damper on a benefit softball game for the American Cancer Society.

The host Wildcats took a 6-4 lead into the top of the seventh and sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou retired the first two batters.

Gerou had the win on her fingertips after fielding a comebacker by Allie Koestering. But the throw to first went awry and the Spartans pounced on that chance to score three runs for a 7-6 victory.

Ashley Avery's single up the middle scored Jackie Johnson with the lead run.

The Wildcats (10-5) then were unable to respond in their last at-bat of the KLAA crossover game against relief pitcher Morgan Copperstone (who picked up the win).

"Softball is such a fast game, you got to take advantage of the other team's mistakes," Stevenson head coach Rob Witherspoon said. "And fortunately, we had a chance to take advantage."

Witherspoon said it was good to see junior co-captain Avery notch the winning hit.

"Ashley was a little down on herself during the game," he said. "She wasn't hitting the ball like she normally does. I told her 'Your time's going to come,' and it came."

Plymouth head coach Val Canfield had little to say about the disappointing finish to a roller-coaster game.

The Wildcats trailed 3-0 early on, with Johnson accounting for two runs with a homer to left-center in the first off Plymouth starter Lauren Smith.

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Plymouth freshman shortstop Lindsay Lutton tries to tag out Livonia Stevenson baserunner Molly Knoph (No. 9) during Monday's KLAA crossover softball game. Both teams wore pink T-shirts as part of a benefit to raise proceeds and awareness to help fight breast cancer.

Wildcats' bats still cold; Canton sweeps John Glenn

Livonia Stevenson doesn't appear to be losing its stranglehold on first place in the KLAA Central Division baseball race anytime soon.

The state-ranked Spartans, getting a one-hitter from senior Evan Piechota, improved to 16-6 overall and 10-0 in the Central with a 3-0 Kensington Conference crossover victory host Plymouth.

Piechota struck out six and walked only three to earn the complete-game victory.

Tyler Goble had the lone hit for the Wildcats (10-7, 5-5).

Josh DeYonker went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Stevenson.

Mark Wagner also had two hits, while Piechota and Justin Small each knocked in a run.

Losing pitcher Harrison Michels went all seven as well, allowing seven hits and a walk. He struck out three.

CANTON 11-13, JOHN GLENN 2-2: On Tuesday, the host Chiefs (16-3, 9-2) moved into a first place tie in the KLAA South Division by sweeping Westland John Glenn (6-15, 1-9).

Salem junior Scott Theisen delivers a pitch toward the plate during his complete-game win over Livonia Stevenson on May 4.

Winning pitch Braden Price helped his own cause by going 3-for-3, while Evan Rinke added two hits and an RBI double as Canton took the opener, 11-2.

Shane Anderson went 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Derrick Ammons contributed an RBI sacrifice fly for Rockets.

Glenn starter Rob Schurig took the loss.

In the nightcap, Canton pitchers David Blythe and Art Chavez combined on a one-hitter in Canton's 13-2 triumph in five innings.

Dirk Willette led the Chiefs eight-hit attack going 2-for-3 with two runs score.

Anderson doubled in a run for Glenn. Starter Jesse Reid took the loss.

CANTON 6, SOUTH LYON EAST 5: A home run by Chris Perkovich, his second in three days, lifted the host Chiefs to this KLAA crossover baseball win on Monday.

Helping the offense with a two-run single was Garrett Bryden.

Earning the win in relief was Mike Stafford, who worked two solid innings after taking over from freshman Nick Hazergian (strong in his first varsity start).

JOHN GLENN 4, SALEM 3: Winning pitcher Kevin Karsnick belted a solo homer in the bottom of the sixth to break a 3-3 tie Monday and host Westland John Glenn (6-13, 1-7) posted a Kensington Conference crossover triumph over the Rocks (7-6, 5-3).

Karsnick allowed eight hits, walked two and struck out seven over seven innings. He also went 2-for-3.

Shane Anderson added two hits, while Brian Monty contributed an RBI double for the Rockets.

Markus Olind was the losing pitcher in relief for Salem.

Brett Ramirez and Devin Price each had two hits for the Rocks.

STEVENSON 3-6, SALEM 2-10: On May 4 in a KLAA Central doubleheader at Salem, Livonia Stevenson prevailed in a pitching duel in the opener, but the Rocks showed their mettle to bounce back in Game 2.

The Spartans were only able to score in one inning against Salem starting pitcher Matt Rowland. But it was a three-run homer and that held up.

Tallying two hits each for the Rocks were Scott Devine and Brett Ramirez, while RBIs were collected by Drew Thompson and Brad Trublowski.

Throwing his first varsity complete game to notch the win in the nightcap was junior pitcher Scott Theisen, while a five-run third inning lifted the Salem offense.

Thompson and Trublowski drove in two runs each in a five-run third inning.

But after Stevenson fought back to tie the game, Tommy Rodriguez had a huge two-out double to drive in three runs and put the Rocks on top for good.

"I was just focused on my strikes and pitch count," said Theisen, about the complete game. "I had 97 pitches but only 32 balls, so I was really happy with that.

"It's nice because then everyone else is able to be saved for the next game, so we have more pitchers to win in later games."

BASEBALL

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last year I think," Rodriguez said, "because people understand what we're doing. It's a great cause, everyone's coming out."

Concurring was Joanie Spryszak, mom of Plymouth JV player Sawyer Spryszak.

"I'm glad the boys are out here supporting the cause," she said. "We've had a lot of wonderful parents that have worked really hard. And we got beautiful weather and hopefully we'll make a lot of money that will help strike out prostate cancer."

Players such as Salem junior Scott Theisen also was glad to participate, especially since his grandfather (Chuck Theisen) had prostate cancer and died in 2010.

"It's important to me and I think everyone else has a big appreciation," of why such events are needed, Scott Theisen said. "We just want to help raise awareness."

UNITING FOR JESSE

Over at Canton High School was the benefit twinbill for Jesse "Super Jess" Lindlbauer, a Canton sophomore who suffered a brain abscess rupture in December, which impaired his speech and movement.

Through ongoing speech and physical therapy, the 16-year-old is working hard to regain at least some of those functions back.

Between business donations and raffle-ticket sales, approximately $1,660 was generated to help Jesse's family deal with mounting medical bills.

Included in that total was a check for $1,000, donated by John Perkovich (brother of Canton senior shortstop Chris Perkovich), who runs Coyote Logistics in the Chicago area.

Other members of the Perkovich family also went all-out for Jesse, including Chris and his sister, 2005 Canton graduate Erika Perkovich.

Chris Perkovich and teammates pounded the pavement to garner various donations of food, gift cards, 18 holes of golf at area courses, an iPod touch and autographed sports memorabilia from businesses in Plymouth and Canton.

Former Plymouth Whaler and current Montreal Canadien James Wisniewski also chipped in with an autographed hockey stick.

"I think the whole Park has really come together and put together what they can just to really help Jesse out," Erika said. "He was here for the whole first game ... We introduced him and the whole team, varsity, JV and freshmen took a picture with him."

"My brother Chris went to all the restaurants, and brought the flier that talked about what happened to Jesse and about this baseball game. And that any donations would be appreciated."

MARY THEISEN

Following Saturday's benefit varsity baseball doubleheader between Salem and Plymouth, both teams got together for a group photo. All players and coaches wore blue wrist bands for the event, which raised money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

GAME BALL

Perhaps the biggest hit of the whole day was by Chris Perkovich, who homered and then presented the ball to a beaming Jesse after the opener (which the Chiefs won 7-5; Canton took Game 2 by a 13-9 score).

In the nightcap, freshman relief pitcher Nick Hazergian (just up from JV) collected his first varsity victory.

"At the beginning of the game the coaches said 'Somebody hit a home run for Jesse today,'" Chris said. "So I went up there, I hit a home run. That was the first one of my high school career.

"It felt really good and I wanted to give it to him because this is for him."

Canton head coach Mark Blomshield said it was a plus for the Chiefs to get the victories for Jesse.

"That was a big deal," Blomshield said. "It was nice to see Jesse out here. He had his game uni on, there were a lot of friends, food and baseball."

The prevailing sentiment among the 150 to 200 who came to the games between the Chiefs and Giants was expressed by Canton senior Laura Fcasni.

"I didn't know Jesse before, but I met him recently," said Laura, who is a friend of classmate Sarah Lindlbauer, Jesse's sister. "It's a great family, awesome family."

Fcasni also was at the "Run for Super Jess" on May 1 at PCEP. The 5K run, sponsored by the PCEP National Honor Society, drew more than 1,300 participants.

"Everything we've been doing to help him out is cool," Laura said, "just to see the community come together and support him."

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Campus rivals split pair

BY TIM SMITH
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When they are teammates with the Michigan Blue Jays 16U baseball travel team, Justin Thompson knows what kind of damage Demetrius Dunlap can create at the plate.

On Saturday, in the opener of a KLAA baseball crossover between Thompson's team (Plymouth) and Dunlap's (Salem), the pitcher was reminded of that twice.

But Thompson, despite serving up two home runs to Dunlap, emerged victorious in a 4-3 victory in the first of two games played at the second annual "Strike Out Prostate Cancer" twinbill.

"Oh yeah, I've seen him hit those a lot," Thompson said. "I knew I made a bad pitch right when I threw it."

According to Dunlap, a sophomore standout who also had a bunt single to go 3-for-4 in the first game, hard work in the batting cage has keyed his recent success.

"I've been working on my swing and I'm hitting the ball a lot better," Dunlap said. "I'm quicker, (but) I have a good team behind me."

Dunlap's homers did not spoil Thompson's seven-inning performance in Game 1.

"It was my first complete game," Thompson said. "I was making good pitches, throwing them low, getting ground balls and having my defense do the work for me."

Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd tipped his cap to his pitcher.

"Justin pitched great," Boyd said. "He kept us in the game despite the fact we didn't do a whole lot offensively."

The big hit for the Wildcats in the first game was Tyler Goble's two-run roundtripper.

Salem, meanwhile, avenged the opening loss with a 9-2 trouncing in the second game.

Each high school hosted one of the varsity games; junior varsity and freshman teams from Plymouth and Salem also participated.

Dunlap also sparkled in the second game, only with the leather.

He made identical diving catches in center against the Wildcats' Jamarl Eiland (in the fifth) and Ben Wohl, to end the game.

Both teams traded runs in the first inning and the Rocks went up 3-1 in the second against Plymouth starting pitcher Eiland.

Austin Silletti's single to left drove home Markus Olind (who walked) and Evan Gambino (who doubled).

A four-run third without the benefit of a hit really broke the contest open for Salem.

But for good measure, run-scoring hits by Scott Devine and Brett Ramirez tacked on two more runs for the Rocks.

After the final pitch, both teams gathered for a team photograph to commemorate the special day.

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City of Plymouth Ordinance Notice

2011 Season **Grass, weeds and property maintenance code to be strictly enforced.**

Grass and Weeds

Section 302.4: All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight (8) inches in height. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs as further delineated in Section 18-751 of this Article, provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Sec. 18-752. Duty to cut. It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any land within the city to cut down or cause to be cut down and destroyed all noxious weeds prior to May 15 in each year and to again destroy same prior to August 1, and as often as may be necessary to prevent same from going to seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average.

(Code 1982, § 9.62; Ord. No. 86-3, § 2, 3-17-86; Ord. No. 2006-2, § 2, 7-17-06)

Sec. 18-753. Cutting by city.
If any owner, occupant or person having charge of any land within the city shall refuse or neglect to cut and destroy all noxious weeds as provided in this division, then the city manager shall cause the land to be entered upon by city employees for the purpose of cutting and destroying such weeds and such entering upon shall not be deemed a trespass.

(Code 1982, § 9.63)

Property Maintenance

Sec. 18-230. Standards for maintenance of premises. All premises in the city shall be maintained in accordance with the following provisions:
(1) No machinery, equipment, vehicles, lumber piles, crates, boxes, building blocks, furniture, recreation equipment or other materials either discarded, unsightly or showing evidence of a need for repairs, with or without a current license, shall be stored, parked, abandoned, or junked in any yard; and should such use of land occur, it shall be deemed a nuisance.

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PCA surges to 9-8 win

Dillon Rahill went 3-for-4 with the game-tying double in the top of the sixth inning to propel Plymouth Christian Academy to a wild, 9-8 comeback victory Monday at Livonia Clarenceville.

Clarenceville led 8-1 through six innings before the Eagles exploded for seven runs in the seventh.

PCA sent 10 batters to the plate in that frame. Rahill got the ball rolling with a hit and then stole second before moving up on a passed ball.

Four straight walks followed and the Eagles scored two runs on a single by Matt Dodson.

Rahill eventually delivered his second hit of the inning (a double) to knot the score up at 8-8.

The Trojans had a chance to win the game in the bottom of the seventh, but Rahill caught a fly ball in center field and threw a strike to catcher Daniel Jipping to cut down the run.

Plymouth Christian broke the tie in the eighth, with Ben Cochrum walking to force in a run. The big hit of the inning was Dodson's double, which followed a bad-hop single by Jared Cobb.

Earning the win with a complete game was Daniel Slater.

Salem girls battle to tie with Holt

BY TIM SMITH
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The sun shined Saturday on Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team, and the senior members of the squad, as the Rocks posted a 10-10 tie against favored Holt.

Although the host Rocks could not prevail at the Senior Day Game, it was a step in the right direction from a competitive standpoint.

"I asked our girls to step up for this game and for their seniors," Salem head coach Dave Medley said. "For the most part, they delivered.

"There's no two ways about it, we've been in a stretch of playing far superior competition. But at times you get an inclination there are much better days to come."

Medley said his team, now 3-10-1, might have stunned Holt (now 7-6-1) by scoring first and holding the lead until midway through the opening half.

Leading Salem with four goals was Rose Krasofsky while Breanne Beaver chipped in with two.

Also scoring were Bridget Maul, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Kiersten Valla and senior Allie Carter, registering her first varsity goal.

Medley said all but Maul (in her second season) are first-year players.

CANTON 11, PLYMOUTH 8: These two PCEP teams got together for the second time this season, and this time it was the Chiefs to come away victorious.

The Chiefs were able to win despite trailing 6-4 at halftime and then losing top scorer Stephanie Bower to a knee injury while she warmed up before the second half began.

Senior captain Lauren Allard and sophomore Annelise Niermann stepped up by each scoring three goals in the second half (each tallied four for the night).

Rounding out the scoring for Canton were Bower, Kaitlyn Allard and Jordan Richter.

The Chiefs scored five unanswered goals to go up 9-6 and they never gave up the advantage after that.

Taylor Birman and Shannon Lubin scored three and two goals, respectively, for the Wildcats.

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Salem senior Allie Carter (No. 32) checks a Holt player (left) during Saturday's varsity girls lacrosse matchup. Carter scored her first varsity goal during the 10-10 tie.

Mixed results for Wildcats and Rocks

Plymouth's varsity softball team followed up a big 3-1 victory Friday with mixed results at Saturday's Canton Classic.

Although the Wildcats played some excellent softball against Tecumseh, Summerfield and Trenton, they could only eke out two ties and a loss (5-2 to Trenton).

"These teams are ranked teams and they have good pitching," Plymouth head coach Val Canfield said. "I was pleased with the day, actually."

The Wildcats were leading 7-3 against Tecumseh and 2-0 against Summerfield, but couldn't hold down their opponents. Because of time constraints, the games ended up 7-7 and 2-2.

On Friday, however, freshman shortstop Lindsay Lutton hit a two-run home run to spark Plymouth's win over the Mustangs.

"She's strong and consistent," Canfield said. "And we need more players like that."

STEVENSON 6-3, SALEM 4-4: In KLAA Central Division twinbill Wednesday, May 4, Livonia Stevenson (7-5, 2-2) and the host Rocks (2-4, 2-2) settled for a split.

Allie Koestering tripled twice and knocked in three runs as Stevenson took the opener, 6-4.

Ashley Avery also added two hits and two RBI in the victory, while pitcher Jackie Johnson scattered eight hits and struck out five in seven innings.

Losing pitcher Heidi Schmidt and Kelly Janiczek each went 3-for-4 in the loss. Alexis Powell went 2-for-3, including a homer and three RBI.

Salem won the nightcap, 4-3, despite being out-hit 11-6. Kristine Zink was the winning pitcher, while Stevenson's Morgan Copperstone, who gave up four earned runs on six hits, took the loss.

PLYMOUTH 8, NOVI 7: In a KLAA South Division clash on Monday, May 2, Brooke Senkbeil singled home Karen Rebain in the seventh inning for the winning run.

Senkbeil went 3-for-4 in the game, while Brianna Giordano also went 3-for-4, with two runs and two RBI.

Chipping in with two hits and three stolen bases was Jessica Bondy. Winning pitcher Elaine Gerou (2-for-3), Lutton (2-for-4, two stolen bases) and Lauren Smith (2-for-4, one RBI) also had big days at the plate.

SALEM INVITATIONAL: The Wildcats reached the semifinals at the April 30 tournament, but lost 3-2 to eventual champion Flat Rock.

After trailing 3-0, Plymouth scored twice in the seventh. But that comeback bid fell just short.

Earlier in the tournament, the Wildcats racked up 31 hits over two mercy-rule victories — 11-1 over Boston Huron (five innings) and 15-0 over Ann Arbor Pioneer (three innings).

Against Boston Huron, Gerou smacked two doubles among her three hits while Bondy contributed three hits, two RBIs and two stolen bases.

Giordano singled, doubled and drove in three.

In the rout of Pioneer, Senkbeil, Gerou, Bondy, Giordano, Smith, Karen Rebain and Allison Raylean each had two hits.

Meanwhile, the host Rocks went 1-2. They defeated Redford Union but fell to Livonia Franklin and Wyandotte.

'Classic' win for host Chiefs

After three relatively easy wins earlier at Saturday's Canton Softball Classic, the host Chiefs needed an international tie-breaker in the eighth inning to squeak out a 4-3 victory over Tecumseh to grab the championship.

Senior Kaitlyn Mattson, who doubled in two runs in the first, singled in the bottom of the eighth for the winning tally. Mattson went 3-for-4 in the championship tilt.

Going the distance for Canton (14-2) was junior pitcher Alyssa Boucher. She gave up seven hits but did not walk a batter..

The Chiefs reached the title contest with a 4-0 win in the pool final over Portland, behind the shutout pitching of freshman Hannah Warren (a complete-game four-hitter).

At the plate, senior CarolAnn Sexauer went 2-for-3 while sophomores Sarah Wagner (1-for-3, two RBI) and Jessica Webster (1-for-3, one RBI) helped the cause.

Canton defeated Belleville 7-2 and Sterling Heights Stevenson 12-3 earlier during pool play.

Against Belleville, Boucher pitched seven innings for the win while Sexauer (2-for-3), senior Lauren Leskovitz (2-for-3, three RBI), Webster (two-run HR) and sophomore Catherine Porter went 2-for-4.

Warren and Boucher teamed up to pitch Canton to the opening win, but the Chiefs' offense was the real story.

Going yard were Sexauer (a three-run HR), Webster (two-run HR) and Leskovitz, with a solo shot. Junior Jesse Larner had a 3-for-4 game and Porter and Webster each contributed two hits in four at-bats.

SOFTBALL

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But Plymouth sent 12 batters to the plate in a six-run fourth against Stevenson starting pitcher Johnson.

Big hits in that frame were doubles off the centerfield fence by sophomore Kayla Rebain and freshman Brooke Senkbeil. Freshman Lindsay Lutton collected two singles during the inning, including one to get the surge started.

But Plymouth's bats cooled off for the rest of the day, with just singles by Senkbeil and Karen Rebain.

"I think we just pressed too much at the plate," Canfield said.

The victory improved Stevenson's record to 9-5 overall.

"I tell you what, I told the girls that might be one of the best games I've been associated with ... in my many years of coaching," Witherspoon said.

DOING THEIR PART

Canfield was happy to talk about the benefit for breast cancer awareness. Players from both teams wore pink T-shirts while the Wildcats also wore pink ribbons in their hair.

"I was pleased with the turnout, pleased with all the work that was put into it to make it successful," Canfield emphasized. "And it is so good to acknowledge a disease that's a silent killer like it is.

"Hopefully one day, with research and additional money and funding we'll really get a cure for this."

There were baked goods for the cause as well as a silent auction; the fourth was a "miracle inning." Containers were passed around for spectators to donate dollar bills and coins.

It was estimated that about $500 was raised at the game.

Getting the ball rolling for the benefit, Canfield said, were mailings from Coaches vs. Cancer.

She added that it was nice that Stevenson agreed to participate.

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SOCCER

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just outside the box where she pitched a high shot over Canton senior goalkeeper Kayla Bridges.

"Honestly, it was just a blind shot," Dillon said. "But it went in."

Reddy absolved Bridges on the winning goal. "There was nothing she could have done. It was a great shot."

The Chiefs were in control during the first half, with senior forward Liz Ferrill (on an assist from junior midfielder Megan Trapp) and junior midfielder Allison Krause (from freshman defender Rachel Winters) scoring past Wildcats' senior goalkeeper Marissa Williams.

"We were in their part of the field at least 75 percent of the first half," Reddy said.

Reddy, as she usually does, changed keepers at the break with junior Danielle Schendel coming in for Bridges.

RALLY TIME

But the Chiefs could not pad their lead and Hengesh put the Wildcats on the board with 29:12 to go.

Dillon made that play happen, too, getting to a 50/50 ball and sending a crisp feed up the middle to Hengesh — who ripped a rising shot in off the middle of the crossbar.

Just 2:48 later it was all even at 2-2. Senior midfielder Katie Moss started the sequence with a restart that bounced in to Hengesh inside the box.

Hengesh redirected the ball on goal but Schendel dove to her left to get in front of it.

But the goalie could not cover it up. The ball trickled away from her and sophomore midfielder Stephanie Dillon chipped it in from close range.

Just past the halfway point of the second half, Reddy switched keepers again, but that didn't stop Plymouth's momentum.

According to Neschich, he made some adjustments at halftime.

"We stacked our forwards and moved Katie (Moss) into centermid, to try and win the central-mid areas of the field," Neschich said. "I think that was the difference. But more than any adjustment change, I think we started winning the one-on-one battles and winning the 50/50 balls."

Along with the adjustments, Neschich urged his team to step on the gas.

"I told them we were playing real conservative and backing off and giving them way to much respect going after the ball," he added. "We needed to close that gap."

NOVI 4, SALEM 0: Host Novi scored two goals in each half Tuesday night and Salem had no answer in the KLAA Central Division matchup.

Rocks head coach Joe Nora said his team got off to a flat start and fell behind. Although the team played better in the second half it could not make up for the early deficit.

Salem goalkeepers Ali Eggenberger and Jamie Hunley split time in the cage and performed well. "The mistakes we made left them no chance on Novi's goals."

The loss dropped Salem's record to 5-5-2 overall and 3-3-1 in the KLAA Central.

PCA 3, ROEPER 0: Jenna Abraham scored two goals and Emily Gerulis one on Tuesday as Plymouth Christian blanked Birmingham Roeper.

Brianna Harris made five stops for the shutout, which upped PCA's record to 8-0-1.

PCA 7, CLARENCEVILLE 1: The Eagles had the offense going in Monday's nonconference girls soccer matchup against Livonia Clarenceville.

Sophomore Kendall Groenwoad and freshman Martha Mullet each scored two goals while Emily Gerulis, Jenna Abraham and Brittany Baxter also found the back of the Clarenceville net.

PLYMOUTH 3, WLW 1: In a KLAA crossover Saturday, two goals by Zoe Foster sparked the Wildcats to victory.

Also scoring for Plymouth was Katie Moss.

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RELAYS

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Bridges said he was careful not to have his athletes overdo it Saturday, considering the Falcons were coming off the Farmington City Meet.

"We only ran two guys in two events," he said. "So to get second place ... we were surprised and very happy."

TOO MUCH DEPTH

The Shamrocks, meanwhile, were "just deep in every event," Canton coach Bob Richardson said.

"It's like they have no weakness in their armor, so to speak," Richardson said.

For much of the meet, it looked as if the Chiefs would finish second. But Farmington won the second-to-last event (the 1,600-meter relay) to bypass Canton.

"We knew second place was up for grabs," Richardson said. "And there were three or four schools that were all in the hunt. It came down to the 1,600 relay."

In that race, the Falcons finished with a time of 3:28.20 to nip Canton's 3:29.10.

The fourth-place Spartans had an overall solid performance, despite not having top 400 runner Pat Smith in the lineup due to reportedly suffering a concussion playing soccer earlier in the day.

"I thought we did well," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "We had some good times and performances. Jake Colley took second in the mile (1,600), a 4:38, which is a nice surprise to us.

"I think he dropped his personal best by about seven seconds. He ran a nice race."

Shaw added that the long jump relay's second-place showing (57-07.5) was another plus.

"We hung in and did a nice job in the long jump where we took a second, which I wasn't expecting necessarily," Shaw said. "Two guys had their best performances."

Other teams in the top-10 included Livonia Churchill (37), Westland John Glenn (23), Livonia Franklin (22), Redford Union (20) and Farmington Harrison (16).

A unique meet because it features relays of typical individual field events (pole vault, high jump, etc.), Catholic Central also earned wins in the discus and long jump relays with respective marks of 405-feet, 01-inches and 57-10.25.

COMING UP BIG

According to Canton's Richardson, his team "didn't back down from anybody. (Kevin) Buford had a big day, (Ryan) Jones had a big day, (Nick) Alaniva had a big day, (Ben) Spreitzer had a big day. I can't complain."

Buford was part of the winning sprint relay team, with Matt Schacht, Demetre Lopez and Scott Piwowar (2:31.8).

And Jones' 11.0 time in the 100 dash earned second place behind Livonia Clarenceville's Kassius Kelly (10.80).

Spreitzer teamed up with Schacht and Zach Smilo to win the high jump relay. That team finished in 18-feet even.

Alaniva set a new Canton record with his 14-6 in the pole vault, as part of the second-place pole vault relay with Ryan Kilgore and Mitch Nickert.

Livonia Churchill's trio of Carl Rayford, Alex Rytarsyk and Jacob Hage won that relay with a combined distance of 35-06 (ahead of Canton's 34-00).

In the 110 hurdles, Lutheran Westland's Zach Musial led the way with his 15.30 edging Spreitzer (15.50), Westland John Glenn's Maxwell Kelly and Farmington's Matt Craven (15.70 each).

BRIGHT SPOTS

The lone first-place points of the day for Livonia Franklin came courtesy of the first-place shot put relay team of Adam Clay, Jay Woolfork and Alex Forde. They threw a combined 138-feet, 04.5-inches. That was enough to nip Catholic Central (137-10).

Salem's sprint and shuttle hurdle relays placed second while the long jump relay team (Dan Adsit, Thomas Crawford, Kalon Bond-Jackson) and the pole vault relay team (Andrew Willmer, Riley Voxtader, Avery Bruni) each took third.

"Steve McEvilly (4:46.10) shattered his own personal record in the 1,600 tonight, which is fantastic," said Salem coach Kurt Meteyer.

Salem's other fourth-place finisher was Dan Martin in the 100 dash (11.10).

One of the top teams in the 2010 Observerland, Plymouth's Wildcats, managed just 10 points.

Positives for Plymouth, coach Jon Mikosz said, included respective fourth- and third-place finishes for the 6,400-meter relay and distance medley relay.

"After those guys all ran (Friday, at the Golden Triangle meet in Saline) and all of them set season PR's, to come back today and run I thought was pretty good," Mikosz said.

The rest of Saturday's field included 11th-place Clarenceville (12), Northville (11), Plymouth (10), Lutheran Westland (10), Redford Thurston (7), Wayne Memorial (2) and Garden City (no points).

Divisional nailbiter

On Tuesday, visiting Canton lost a dual meet and the KLAA South Division title by the slimmest of margins — losing 69.66-to-67.33 to Livonia Franklin.

The Patriots clinched the division with a 5-0 mark, while Canton dropped to 6-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South.

But Canton's Richardson praised some of his athletes for having their best efforts of the season.

And the Chiefs, by finishing second, qualified for the May 24 association meet at Novi.

Meanwhile, they will compete Friday at the Kensington Conference meet (as will Plymouth and Salem).

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OBSERVERLAND RESULTS

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 114 points; 2. Farmington, 61; 3. Canton, 57; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 52; 5. Salem, 42; 6. Livonia Churchill, 37; 7. Westland John Glenn, 23; 8. Livonia Franklin, 22; 9. Redford Union, 20; 10. Farmington Hills Harrison, 16; 11. Livonia Clarenceville, 12. Northville, 11; 13. Plymouth, 10; 14. Lutheran High Westland, 10; 15. Redford Thurston, 7; 16. Wayne Memorial, 2.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

Shot put: 1. Franklin (Adam Clay, Jay Woolfork, Alex Forde), 138 feet, 4.5 inches; 2. Catholic Central, 137-10; 3. Farmington, 131-5.5; 4. Churchill, 131-00; 5. Clarenceville, 130-3; 6. Stevenson, 121-3.

Discus: 1. Catholic Central (Steve Monarch, Matthew Godin, George Darany), 405-1; 2. Farmington, 371-10; 3. Churchill, 370-8; 4. Stevenson, 342-6; 5. Franklin, 336-5; 6. Canton, 332-9.

High jump: 1. Canton (Ben Spreitzer, Matt Schacht, Zach Smilo), 18-0; 2. Catholic Central, 17-4; 3. John Glenn, 17-2; 4. Farmington, 17-1; 5. Harrison, 16-10; 6. RU, 16-8.

Long jump: 1. Catholic Central (Ryan Majsak, Joshua Carolin, Steve Wyatt), 57-10-25; 2. Stevenson, 57-7.5; 3. Salem, 57-1.5; 4. Canton, 57-0; 5. John Glenn, 56-9; 6. RU, 56-4.5.

Pole vault: 1. Churchill (Carl Rayford, Alex Ryktarszyk, Jacob Hage), 35-6; 2. Canton, 34-0; 3. Salem, 32-6; 4. Franklin, 32-6; 5. Harrison, 30-6; 6. Northville, 27-0.

6,400-meter: 1. Catholic Central (Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Ryan Boyd, Austin Zebrowski, John-Paul Zebrowski), 17:56.0 (meet record); 2. Stevenson, 18:24.4; 3. Churchill, 18:53.2; 4. Plymouth, 18:57.0; 5. Franklin, 19:36.5; 6. Canton, 19:49.5.

Distance medley: 1. Catholic Central (Carolin, Jack Malinowski, Evan Badge, Mackenzie Boyd), 10:53.0; 2. Northville, 11:08.7; 3. Plymouth, 11:21.3; 4. RU, 11:24.7; 5. Stevenson, 11:27.8; 6. Churchill, 11:47.5.

3,200: 1. Catholic Central (Carolin, Garcia-Garrison, A. Zebrowski, J.P. Zebrowski), 8:06.1; 2. Stevenson, 8:08.9; 3. Farmington, 8:21.0; 4. Churchill, 8:27.2; 5. Northville, 8:29.7; 6. Franklin, 8:32.2.

Sprint medley: 1. Canton (Matt Schacht, Demetre Lopez, Scott Piwowar, Kevin Buford), 2:31.8; 2. Salem, 2:32.9; 3. Harrison, 2:34.8; 4. Catholic Central, 2:35.2; 5. Farmington, 2:35.4; 6. Thurston, 2:36.6.

Shuttle hurdle: 1. Farmington (D'Marco Mills, Darius Davis, Josh Craven, Matt Craven), 1:01.3; 2. Salem, 1:06.1; 3. Catholic Central, 1:06.8; 4. John Glenn, 1:07.1; 5. Stevenson, 1:08.0; 6. Franklin, 1:08.9.

400 relay: 1. Catholic Central (Michael Shields, Ryan Majsak, Dominic Salinas, Jake Spuller), 44.0; 2. RU, 44.4; 3. Canton, 44.4; 4. John Glenn, 44.5; 5. Thurston, 44.5; 6. Stevenson, 45.2.

1,600: 1. Farmington (Anthony Ward, Wale Edu, James Vincent-Taylor, Anthony Rutledge), 3:28.2; 2. Stevenson, 3:29.1; 3. Harrison, 3:30.6; 4. Salem, 3:30.6; 5. Catholic Central, 3:30.9; 6. Canton, 3:32.6.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

110 hurdles: 1. Zach Musial (Lutheran Westland), 15.3; 2. Ben Spreitzer (Canton), 15.5; 3. Kelly Maxwell (John Glenn), 15.7; 4. Matt Craven (Farmington), 15.7; 5. Dion Walker (Salem), 15.8; 6. Tom Brokaw (Franklin), 15.8.

100 dash: 1. Kassius Kelly (C'ville), 10.8; 2. Ryan Jones (Canton), 11.0; 3. Jake Spuller (CC), 11.0; 4. Dan Martin (Salem), 11.1; 5. James Vincent-Taylor (Farmington), 11.1; 6. Stefon Anthony (John Glenn), 11.2.

1,600: 1. Jon Malone (CC), 4:31.9; 2. Jake Colley (Stevenson), 4:38.3; 3. Thomas Windle (Churchill), 4:43.9; 4. Stephen McEvilly (Salem), 4:46.1; 5. Daniel Malcolm (Wayne), 4:46.6; 6. Andrew Brown (Farmington), 4:47.1.

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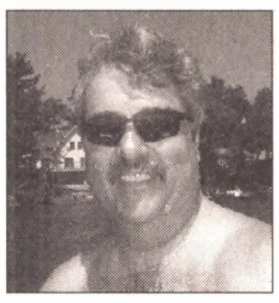

MULDOON, DOUGLAS J.

Age 50, May 5, 2011 of Livonia. Loving father of Christopher, Jaclyn (Josh) Truax and Scott. Beloved son of Sarah and the late Jerome. Dearest companion of Stephanie Gilliland. Dear brother of Jack, Tim, Barbara Salvadore, Kathy Nakoneczny and the late Norman Muldoon. Also survived by many dear friends. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford on May 10. Visitation was at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center or the American Cancer Society. Please share a memory of Doug at www.rggrharris.com.

STANLEY, JEANE M.

April 10, 2011, age 88. Beloved wife of the late Alan. Loving mother of Karen (Marshall) and Julie (Ed). Dearest grandmother of Tony Atkins, Sara Weingarden, and Alexander Brezinsky. Memorial Service to be held Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard (at the corner of W. Chicago) in Livonia. Arrangements entrusted to the Leonard A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home, 9300 Middlebelt in Livonia. www.neely-turowski.com

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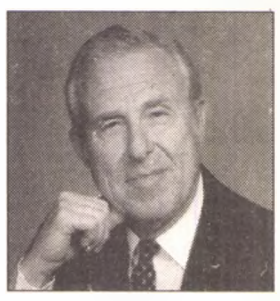
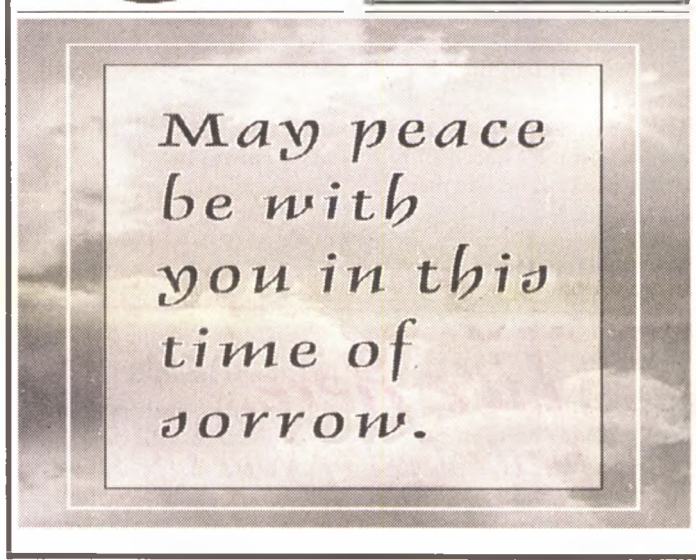


YEAGER, WELDON OSBORNE

Retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died April 30, 2011 at his home in Palm Beach at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager of Palm Beach and Tallahassee. He was born July 26, 1922, in Hillsboro, Ohio to Carl O. Yeager and Stella McCall Yeager. He graduated from Wayne State University with a B.S. Degree and lived in Bloomfield Hills, Harbor Springs and Birmingham, Michigan. While living in Michigan, he was very active in the Republican Party, holding several positions. He was elected to the Michigan State Legislature and also ran for Secretary of State. Governor George Romney appointed him as Director of the Michigan Workman's Compensation Department where he served for four years prior to starting his own insurance company. He moved to Ocean Ridge, Florida, and later Palm Beach following his retirement. While living in Ocean Ridge he served a term as mayor. Mr. Yeager was a generous philanthropist, supporting many charities; as well as The Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, where he was a member. Mr. Yeager was also a member of the Four Arts, Beach Club, Club Colette, Old Guard Society, Palm Beach Yacht Club, and the English Weldon Osborne Yeager, retired insurance executive and President of Yeager and Company, Inc., died on April 30th in his home in Palm Beach, at the age of 88. He is survived by his wife Beverly White Yeager Speaking Union. Mr. Yeager also served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, and left the service with the rank of Captain. He is also survived by his son, Mark Yeager; his stepson David Gilman; his three granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; and his brother, David Yeager. Other survivors include an adopted daughter, Carey Yeager; an adopted son, Skye Yeager; a step-granddaughter Shana Gilman; and a step-grandson, Thomas E. Gilman, V. Mr. Yeager was preceded in death by his son, Richard Yeager; and step-son, Thomas E. Gilman, IV. Services were held earlier in Tallahassee and Palm Beach, Florida. Gifts in memory of Mr. Yeager may be made to The Royal Poinciana Chapel, Sixty Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach, FL 33480; or to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. BEVIS FUNERAL HOME of Tallahassee (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) assisted the Yeager family.



Battle of the Bands raises money, awareness for mission

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

A Bible is just as important as a paintbrush or shovel when Michigan Missions volunteers help paint, garden, spruce up and make repairs for a homeowner in need.

"Our main mission is we want to fix someone's home and fix their heart. We want to be able to show them what love is rather than pay them lip service and just tell them," said Jo Anne Pooley, founder and executive director of the Garden City-based organization.

"We want to help people who have a need. If they have a (home) need they probably have a heart need, too."

The Mission's youth volunteers generally sign a Bible and leave it with the homeowner after they have finished repairing their house. Pooley also encourages young adults and teens to reflect on their mission work by writing in the journals they receive from Michigan Missions.

"We may do a devotion on the lawn and give them questions to think about. At the end of the day we usually go back to the host church and we sometimes have a praise and worship band while we eat or we do more journal questions. It's the beginning of them being missionaries in their own backyard."

Pooley, a single mother of four, created Michigan Missions in 2005 after taking a mission trip to Florida. She realized the money she spent on the trip could have helped needy individuals closer to home. The group became a 501 (c)3 nonprofit last year.

Volunteers have painted houses, planted tulip bulbs, shoveled snow, cleaned, repaired flooring and more at the homes of needy individuals and families. Most volunteers are members of church youth groups, although adults help with organizing behind the scenes.

"It's not a denominational thing. It's a group of people with the same mindset. We're serving God by serving others. This year our goal to help as many people as we can and really expand on being able to share our faith."

The Mission's annual Battle of the Bands will help raise awareness and money to continue its work. All proceeds will go into the organization's general fund to help pay for supplies used on home repair projects.

Seven bands will perform from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at The Community Baptist Church, 28237 W. Warren Road, Garden City. They'll play all kinds of music with Christian lyrics and will include Jonah's Lament and RockHead Company recording artist, Audio Remedy.

Admission is $3. Food and T-shirts will be available.

Applications are available on the Michigan Missions Web site for homeowners in need of help, as well as for young adults and teens interested in volunteering through day, weekend and weeklong mission trips. Volunteers all receive food, a T-shirt, and a journal. Weekend and weeklong missions also include lodging, small group sessions, praise and worship time, free time and showers. Visit www.michiganmissions.com

Volunteers on a Michigan Mission trip take time to write in their journals.

Volunteers on a mission day trip spruce up landscaping.

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Schoolcraft College was among the many colleges and high schools using Compuware Arena for their commencement exercises.

Arena moves forward with diverse events

While the Plymouth Whalers are preparing for the upcoming 2011-12 Ontario Hockey League season, Compuware Arena officials say they're gearing up for another busy spring and summer of events.

The arena – located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township – has become a diverse 12-month-per-year operation.

While the Whalers, who took part in the annual Ontario Hockey League Draft May 7, hold their annual rookie orientation May 21-22, Compuware Arena will house a variety of other events:

The arena has become a popular place for high school and college graduations. Both Schoolcraft College and Madonna University held their commencements at the arena, so to are a variety of high schools planning graduation ceremonies at Compuware. Among them are Mercy, Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin high schools, all of Livonia; West Bloomfield, Northville, Hartland and the Farmington school system; and Baker College.

The drive-in season is also about to begin at Compuware. The drive-in, housed in Compuware Arena's parking lot and utilizing three screens, starts up for another season with "Sneak Peek" Weekends May 20-21 and May 27-29. The grand opening for the summer is Friday, June 10; the drive-in will go seven nights a week starting Monday, June 13, and run through Sunday, Sept. 4.

The movies for the Sneak Peak Weekends will be announced soon. For more information, call the Compuware Arena Drive-In Movie Hotline at (734) 927-3284 or go online to http://www.compuwarearena.com/drivein.html.

Other events at Compuware:

• Compuware Arena drive-in seeking classic car shows: The Compuware Arena Drive-in is looking to host classic cars shows during the season. Any group that is interested is holding a car show can contact Compuware Arena Drive-in Manager Mike Henry at (734) 453-8400.

• Plymouth Township Hazardous Waste Pick-Up: Compuware Arena will be hosting the Plymouth Township hazardous waste pickup in the parking lot on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a list of acceptable items to drop off, go online to: http://www.plymouthtwp.org/Community/SpecialEvents/HHWDay2.htm.

• Check out CJ's Brewing Company: The restaurant at Compuware Arena draws its own audience. Check out CJ's on Thursday night between 7-9 p.m. for Motor City Trivia for the chance to wish cash prizes, gift cards and most of all, have fun. For more information about Motor City Trivia, please go online to http://motorcity-trivia.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the 22nd annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth. This year's event will be moving to the Grande Ballroom and adjoining Garden Gallery to create more space for the expanded attendance.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth was created to celebrate the Plymouth Community, its businesses, restaurants and the people who live here. Chamber officials expect more than 800 attendees. Admission is $10 at the door and includes complimentary food, cash bar and a chance to win over 70 door prizes.

There will be a live Chef's Cooking Challenge with three judges and an announcer describing the action. Also, as part of this event, we will be recognizing outstanding citizens from our local service clubs and presenting scholarships to local students.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is sponsored by Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

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

Business development

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop, "6 Business Killers," Tuesday, May 24.

Attendees will learn how to protect your assets. As a business owner, you are focused on running the business. Every day brings new challenges, opportunities and decisions.

New in town

The Blue Margarita 2 is the Plymouth community's newest Mexican restaurant. With more than 40 years of experience and two other restaurants in metro Detroit, owner Joyce Ramirez and her family are bringing a proven winner to the Plymouth area. They are located just east of I-275 at 39500 Ann Arbor Road. Pictured are members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Ambassadors Committee, the Ramirizes and their staff.

This workshop will guide you in learning about the six common mistakes business owners make and the impact of those mistakes.

The event includes a panel of experts including Joe Barone of Barone Law, Jeffery Schultz of Schultz & Assoc., and Karl Carter of Michigan Financial.

To register for this workshop e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no charge to attend the workshop, but space is limited to 30 reservations.

Chamber map

The Chamber's 2011 map of the Plymouth Community is due to arrive soon. Chamber officials called the maps "one of the most requested items from the Chamber's Visitors Center."

The maps are also great give-aways. Chamber officials want to thank all of the members who made this map possible through their advertising. Businesses wanting a supply of maps can call the chamber office at (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org

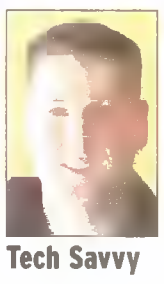
Penn dinner auction

The sixth Annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place on Friday, May 13, from 6-11 p.m. at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Downtown Plymouth. This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entree, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing.

Tickets are $75 and must be purchased in advance. For reservations, e-mail: tickets@friendsofthepenn.org; stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call (734) 453-0870.

Why you shouldn't pay for text messaging for much longer

BY JON GUNNELLS
GUEST COLUMNIST



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

The only thing that costs more than a tank of gas these days is a month's worth of unlimited texting. The cost of text messages is as expensive as home phone plans were 15-10 years ago, and as expensive as cell phone minutes were five-10 years ago.

People have routinely found more efficient and more cost-effective ways to communicate which is why you shouldn't pay for the ridiculous cost of text messaging much longer.

Maybe you don't think text-messaging costs too much — in which case, maybe I need to have a sip of whatever you're drinking. If I were to go back to the 1990s and tell you that in 2011 a family of four would willingly pay $80 per month to type messages to each other — you would hit me in the ear with your two-pound brick of a car phone.

The costs are nearly the same for all major wireless provides. Some $20 for an unlimited texting option with AT&T or Sprint — or a bit less if you want a smaller allotment. But this isn't about how many texts you or your family need. I don't know, maybe talk it out among yourselves.

This is more about how you really don't need texting because of the advancement of technology and the emergence of smartphones with apps that cant do just about anything — including texting.

If you own a Blackberry, you already know that instead of texting contacts in your phone, you can send a Blackberry message. There are no character limits and the messages are free.

For those who have other types of smart phones there are other free apps that will let you talk to virtually anyone for free. Google offers an app called GoogleTalk and with it, users can message anyone in their e-mail contact list for free. And if you are anything like me — you have more e-mail contacts (including close friends) than you have contacts in your phone.

Want to access even more contacts? Developers have created a mobile version of Facebook chat. Since most people have more Facebook friends than phone numbers, they can instantly message anyone they are friends with from their handheld device.

Speaking of instant messages, remember AOL Instant Messenger (AIM)? It has a mobile app too.

The apps can be easily downloaded and installed and before you know it you can begin checking your phone bill to see how many less texts you are using each month.

With any luck you can cut down your texting plan without extending your contract, or maybe eliminate your text messaging service completely.

With the savings, you might be able to pay for about 10 percent of your smartphone data plan.

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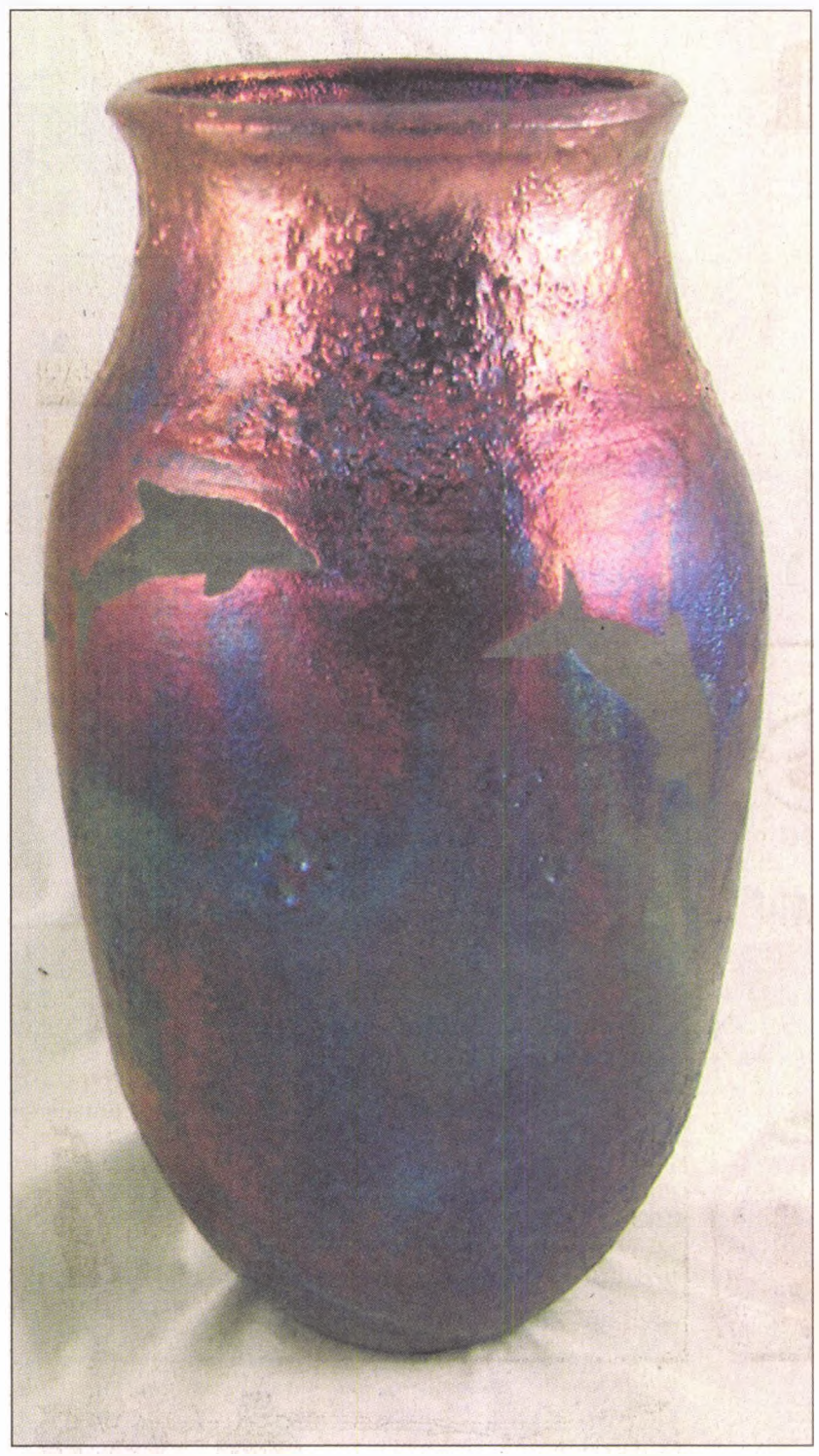


Dennis O'Neill of Farmington Hills creates raku pottery. He'll sell his works at the 30th Annual Art Birmingham festival May 14-15.

Art al fresco

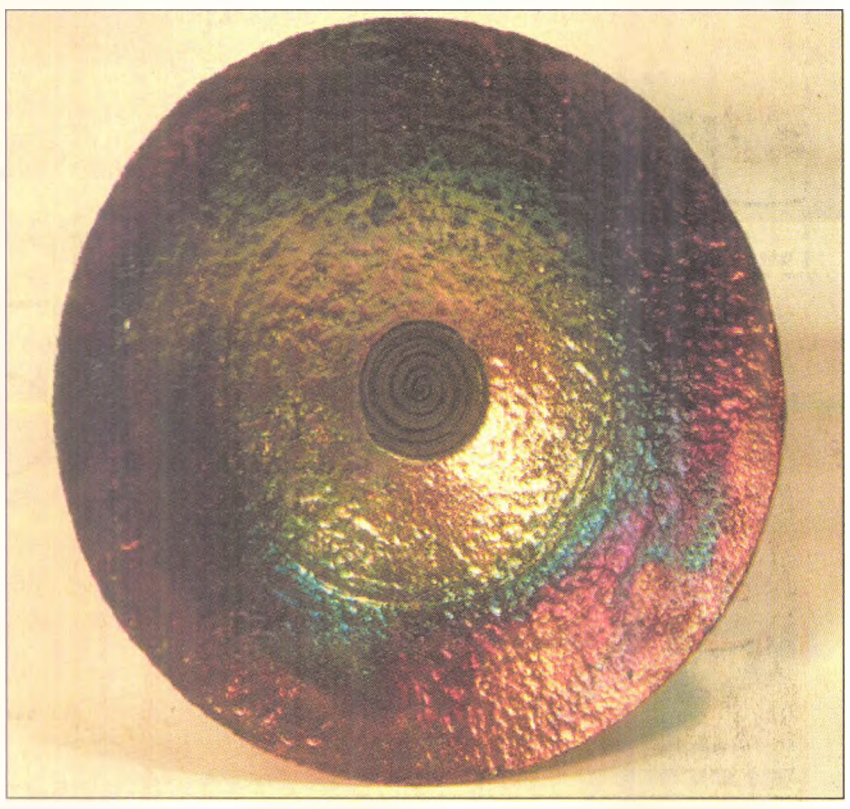
Festival season kicks off this weekend for local artists and shoppers

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dennis O'Neill of Farmington Hills will view the Art Birmingham festival this weekend the way he's always wanted to — as an exhibiting artist.

"I've tried to get into this festival for a couple of years and couldn't get in," said O'Neill, who creates raku pottery. "I was in the Ann Arbor fair for five or six years but I wasn't able to get into this one. The reason I wanted to get into this show is that it's very high quality. I'm doing five (spring-summer) shows and they are all in Michigan."

O'Neill, 72, suspects he got into the show in part because The Guild of Artists & Artisans, best known for its Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, is running the Birmingham event this year. He's a Guild member and has been juried into the Ann Arbor fair in the past. Art Birmingham also is a juried show, which runs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 14 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 15, in Shain Park, located in downtown Birmingham. More than 175 artists will sell their art at the fair, one of the first festivals of the spring-summer outdoor art show season.



Dennis O'Neill's raku pottery will be on display at several art fairs this summer, including Art on the Grand in Farmington.

ART HOBBY

O'Neill, who owned a home improvement company before retirement, began taking pottery classes at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus 25 years ago.

"I did a few shows when I was working, but nothing big time. But once I retired I got into it, doing six or seven a year."

His wife, Denise, helps him set up and take down his booth, which includes vases, plates and other ceramic pieces fired in the Japanese raku style. They no longer travel out of state to fairs and O'Neill has retired from the Ann Arbor fair because of its tiring four-day schedule.

"When you do something as a hobby, it's a fun avocation. Once it's not fun any more, there's no reason to do it. All the shows I do now are two days and close to my house. I can pick

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Hear gospel, classic rock, Motown music at festival

Jamapalooza ll, an all-day musical festival Saturday, May 14, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in Livonia, will feature a Michigan music tribute.

Michiga-Musi-Palooza will celebrate the state's contribution to music and will be a part of Jamapalooza ll, which benefits Doorway to Recovery, an organization that helps the homeless.

Nahajewski

St. Andrew's is located at 16360 Hubbard.

"It's a wonderful coincidence to have two paloozas in one," says Allan Nahajewski, a former Livonia resident and creator of Michiga-Musi-Palooza. "We're delighted to be able to debut our palooza for such a worthy cause."

A trip he and his wife, Donna, took to New Zealand last year inspired the new festival. While there, they heard songs by Bob Seger, Kid Rock, Uncle Kracker and other Michigan-based musicians, in pubs, on the car radio and in hotel lobbies. They also attended a native Maori feast, designed to give tourists a taste of the local culture. Maoris in native attire talked about their native traditions, then sang a couple of songs in their native language.

Nahajewski recognized a familiar tune in one of the songs — *My Guy* by Mary Wells. The grand finale was sung to the tune of *I Just Called To Say I Love You* by Stevie Wonder.

"It made me wonder how songs can travel across cultures, and it made me realize that we really do provide the soundtrack for the world," he said.

Michiga-Musi-Palooza will include Nahajewski on keyboard and harmonica, Tom Zakarian on vocals, guitar, Kari Holmes on vocals and Marc Hubbel on drums. The group also performs throughout the state under the name "Half-Whacked."

Jamapalooza II will feature four musical acts. Theophilius will open the show at 1 p.m. with an hour of gospel music. Michiga-Musi-Palooza is slated for 2-4 p.m. Devereaux Dawgs will play classic rock from 4-6 p.m., followed by New Fossils and The Heat, also classic rock, from 7-10 p.m.

The all-day benefit includes all-you-can-eat barbeque, 50/50 raffles and a kids' bounce-and-play area. Admission is $15 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more information, or to make a donation, call (877) 751-7925 or visit www.TheDoorwayToRecovery.com.

For more information on Michiga-Musi-Palooza, including song samples and a blog, visit www.reverbnation.com/michigamusipalooza.

GET OUT!

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: May 12-July 2; artist reception 5:30-9 p.m. May 14; gallery hours are 1-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 1-7 p.m. Friday-Saturday or by appointment
Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth
Details: "Parts of a Whole," an exhibition of assemblage, includes works by Lynn Krawczyk and Leann Meixner, both of Plymouth, and Joan Potter Thomas, manager of Northville Art House.
Contact: (734) 420-0775 or www.artandideasgallery.com

VAAL

Time/Date: Through May 27
Location: Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive
Details: Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) presents its spring art exhibit, "Artistic Expressions." The exhibit features the art work of VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, mixed media and more. Show juror is Leslie Masters of the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.
Contact: (734) 838-1204 or vaalart.com

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JD's House of Comedy

Pint-sized tribute

Mini Lady Gaga, aka actress Terra Jole', will perform Friday, May 13, at The Liquor Store, a night club at Fountain Walk, 44325 12 Mile, Novi. Doors open at 10 p.m. In her sets, Jole' pays homage to Lady Gaga's top hits, complete with Gaga's iconic choreography and high-end replicas of her edgy costumes. In addition to her live show, also has appeared on television and most recently in the feature film Jack Ass 3-D. For more information about the club, call (248) 305-8135.

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

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Rob Little, Through May 14; Drew Thomas, May 18-21; Jef Brenan, May 25-28; Carlos Mencia, May 31; Bike Bobbit, June 1-4; Steve Lott, June 8-10; Dave Dyer, June 15-18
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Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: John Pinette, May 12-14; Harland Williams, May 19-21; Erik Allen, May 26-28; Jessi Campbell, June 2-4; Allan Goodwin, June 9-11; Nathan Timmel, June 16-18; James Johann, June 23-25; Dwayne Gill, June 30-July 2
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The Ark

Time/Date: Girlyman and Coyote Grace, May 13; The RFD Boys, May 14; Dan Hicks and The Hot Licks, May 15; Raul Malo and Seth Walker, May 17; Lynn Miles, May 18; Eddie from Ohio, May 21; The Greencards and ChessBoxer, May 22; Crash Test Dummies, May 26; Take a Chance Tuesday featuring Dragon Wagon, May 31; Gaelic Storm, June 1; Suzanne Westenhoefer, June 3; Lipbone Redding and the Lipbone Orchestra, June 4; Leo Kottke, June 5; Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart, June 6; Joe Ely, June 7; The Hillbenders, June 8; Eliza Gilkyson and Sunny War, June 9; Bell X1, June 10; The RFD Boys, June 11; Mississippi Heat, June 12; The Hot Club of Cowtown, June 14; The Boxcars, June 15, Ivan & Alyosha, June 16; Paul Thorn, June 17; Christine Lavin and Don White, June 18; The Deanna Bogart Band, June 19; Guitar Shorty, June 20; Jimmie Dale Gilmore and the Wronglers, June 22; Lloyd Cole, June 23; Livingston Taylor, June 24; Annie and Rod Capps and Jason Dennie, June 25; The Waymores, June 26; J.D. Souther and Jill Andrews, June 27; Sara Swenson and Red Tail Ring, June 28; Stewart Francke, June 30
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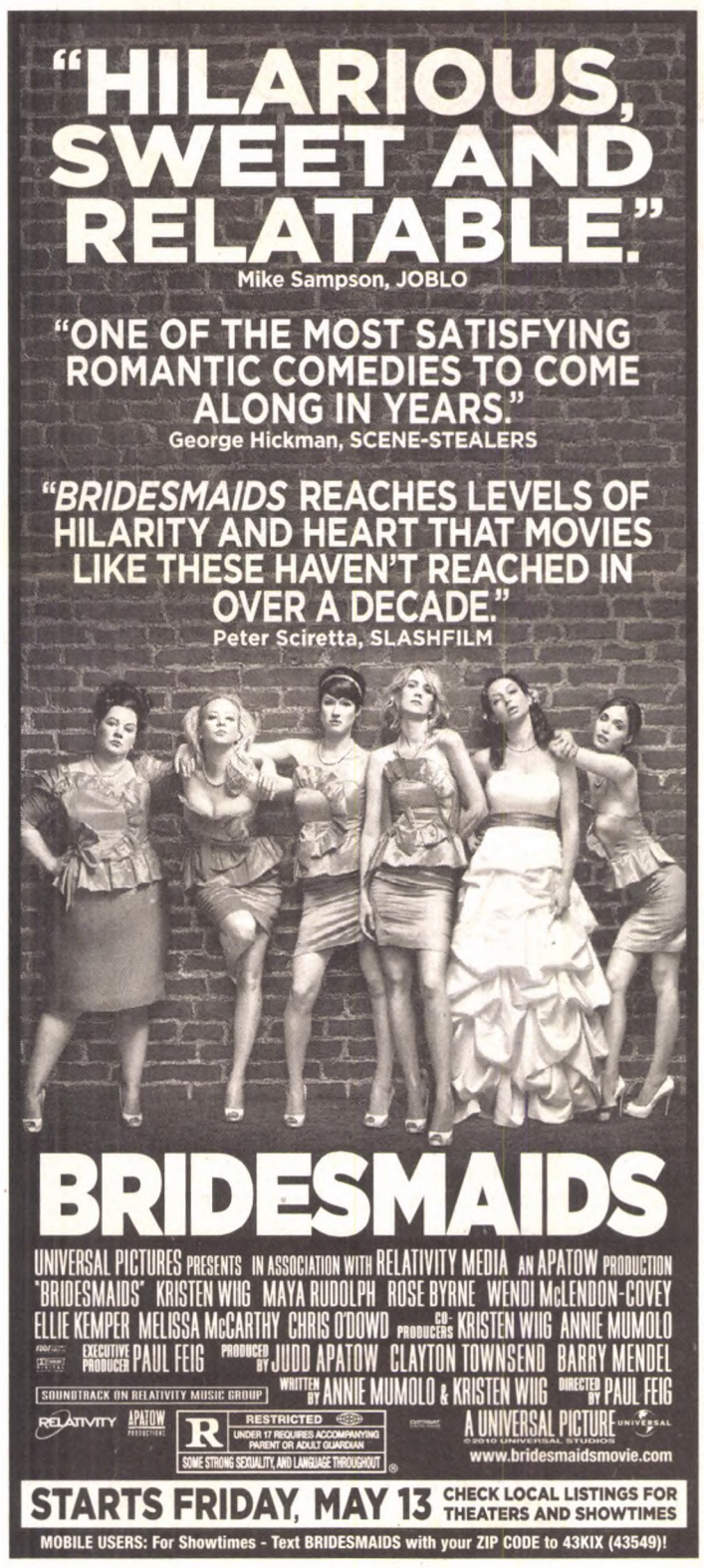

FESTIVALS

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and choose now."

One of his favorites is the Funky Ferndale Art show in September because of its "kooky art" and interesting conversations. He calls Farmington's Art on the Grand show in June "magnificent" and looks forward to participating again this year. Royal Oak Clay, Glass and Metal show, also in June, is "a biggie" and "a very good show." Another Birmingham show, in September, will round out his outdoor festival schedule this year.

WORKING A FESTIVAL

O'Neill displays about 35-40 pieces, ranging in price from $40-$110, during an outdoor festival.

"If I were to sell 20 pieces, that would be a big day," he said, recalling only one show at which he made no sales.

"It was two or three years ago. We set up on Friday and it poured rain all day Saturday. I don't think five people walked by my booth. I was going to give them a pot just for showing up," he said. With a forecast for high winds the next day, many of the artists, including O'Neill, began packing it in just an hour after arriving on Sunday.

Windy weather isn't kind to fragile pottery.

"I've broken a few pieces. I did an art show in Southfield a few years ago. It got real windy and the shelves blew back a few inches and blew forward a few inches. A pot fell and landed on the ground but didn't break. It was the second pot that fell on top of it — they both broke — and the third and fourth. These poor ladies were there, watching, their eyes big as saucers. They were backing out as if they were saying 'I didn't do that.' I lost a few pots."

On the rare occasion that his pieces break, O'Neill says he simply makes a few more.

In addition to O'Neill, Plymouth artists Michele Riddel Bagnasco and Donna Williams will sell their works at Shain Park. Bagnasco creates mixed media pieces and Williams is a ceramics artist.

Here's a sampling of other art fairs and festivals through July:

Brian Hill of Plymouth spells out city names with photographed letters.

• Brian Hill, a photographer from Plymouth, will show his photographic collages at the Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills, May 21-22. Hill spells out city names with sign letters and icons he photographed around town. Other local artists at the show will include painter Barbara Spraul of Livonia, weaver Andrea Anderson of Farmington Hills, Anne Marie Fisher of Farmington Hills with 3D works, and Farmington Hills jewelers Lisa Kull and Kathleen Smith. The show runs 10 a.m.-8 p.m. May 21 and noon-6 p.m. May 22 at the Village of Rochester Hills, located at Adams and Walton in Rochester Hills; (248) 689-8734.

• More than 115 artists, including O'Neill, will sell their paintings, sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry, and fiber at Art on the Grand, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 4 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, June 5, on Grand River Ave., from Farmington Road to Grove Street in downtown Farmington. The festival will include music, food, a children's area with hands-on art, demonstrations and strolling performers. (248) 473-1848

• Royal Oak Clay, Glass and Metal show, another O'Neill favorite, will run 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 11 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 12 on Washington Ave., in downtown Royal Oak. The festival features 125 artists, a children's area, food and music. Music will continue to 11 p.m. Saturday. (248) 547-4000

• Art from the Heart, a family friendly arts and crafts festival, is held in conjunction with Livonia Spree, the city's six-day birthday celebration. The art fair will run 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 26, at Spree, located at Ford Field at the corner of Farmington Road and Lyndon. (734) 466-2542

• The 2011 Westland Summer Festival will run June 30-July 4 and will include an arts and crafts area. The festival is held on the grounds of Westland City Hall, located on the south side of Ford Road, east of Newburgh.

• Art in the Park will run 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, July 8; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, July 9; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 10, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. It will include live entertainment, 400 artists, kids' activities, interactive theater, strolling characters and food. (734) 454-1314 or info@artinthepark.com

• IArt Festival runs noon-9 p.m. July 16 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. July 17 at the Redford Township Marquee, behind the township hall, located on Beech Daly south of Five Mile. During the interactive art festival, attendees will take mini workshops in poetry, acting, playing music, painting and drawing. Its focus is on participating in the arts. The Marquee Stage will offer live music, poetry and theater performances. www.rpaconservancy.org

• The Ann Arbor Art Fairs is made up of four art fairs. The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, with 200 artists selling their works near the clock tower on the University of Michigan campus, is the oldest of the four. The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair is located around the city's Main street area. State Street Area Art Fair includes works by 325 artists as well as merchant displays. The South University Art Fair features 150 artists. They all run July 20-23. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. visitannarbor.org and click on art fairs.

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THE FACE OF HUNGER

— Food-insecure households lack consistent access throughout the year to adequate food for active healthy living for all household members. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's latest annual study measuring food security in the United States, 14.7 percent of households were food insecure in 2009.

— The "Hunger in America 2010" study showed that Feeding America is providing food to 37 million people, including 14 million children each year. That means that one in eight Americans now rely on Feeding America's network of more than 200 food banks for food and groceries.

STAMPING OUT HUNGER

The Stamp Out Hunger drive is a nationwide effort to provide food to local food banks and pantries.

On Saturday, May 14, the nation's 300,000 letter carriers will collect food donations left at the mailboxes of generous Americans in more than 10,000 local communities and deliver them to regional food banks and local hunger relief organizations. The timing is important, because many organizations would otherwise face depleted food stocks during the summer months, which is when demand increases to meet the needs of children no longer being served breakfast and lunch by school programs.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Helping Stamp Out Hunger is as easy as checking your mailbox. Just leave a bag of nonperishable food where your letter carrier normally delivers your mail on Saturday, May 14. Your letter carrier will then pick up and deliver the food to a local food bank. Examples of nonperishable items include:

- Canned soup
- Canned meats and fish
- Canned vegetables, fruits and juices
- Boxed goods (such as cereal)
- Pasta and rice

These items are not expensive and will go a long way toward helping others. For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger effort in your community, ask your letter carrier, contact your local post office or visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

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BUDGET COOKING TIPS

Here are some creative ways to cook a good meal, save money and get the whole family involved.

- Double dinners: If you have time on the weekend, prepare a double batch of the family's favorite dinner with your kids. It's a great way for them to learn to cook, and even young ones can help. Set enough aside to serve that night and freeze additional batches for days when dinner has to happen in a hurry. Classics like lasagna and chili are perfect for making and freezing.
- Kids' night in the kitchen: If your kids are old enough (around 10 or 12), assign them a night for creating the family's dinner. Simple casseroles or skillets are easy for young chefs to assemble on their own and are inexpensive options.
- Interactive menu ideas: How about a fajita, taco, pasta or baked potato bar for dinner? All the ingredients are inexpensive, but the best part is that everybody has a good time building their own dinners.

One Dish Chicken and Rice Bake

GREAT BUDGET MEALS

While not everyone is food insecure, many are looking for ways to stretch their grocery budgets. These recipes let you create a delicious dinner for four — and they cost less than $10. Find more budget-friendly recipes at www.campbellskitchen.com.

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Serves: 4

1 pound ground beef
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4 slices cheese
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Shape beef into 4 (½-inch-thick) burgers.

Heat 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add burgers and cook until well browned on both sides. Remove burgers from skillet. Pour off any fat.

Stir soup into skillet and heat to a boil. Return burgers to skillet. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until burgers are cooked through. Top burgers with cheese and cook until cheese is melted. Serve burgers on buns with soup mixture for dipping.

Serving Suggestion: Serve with romaine salad tossed with fresh basil and Italian salad dressing. For dessert, serve orange slices.

ONE DISH CHICKEN AND RICE BAKE

Prep: 5 minutes/Bake: 45 minutes
Serves: 4

1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular or 98 percent Fat Free)
1 cup water
3/4 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Stir soup, water, rice, paprika and black pepper in a 2-quart shallow baking dish. Top with chicken. Season with additional paprika and black pepper. Cover baking dish.

Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and the rice is tender.

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Bowling benefit mixes fun, giving back for Realtor association

BY JULIE BROWN
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Some 67 bowlers — "Realtors and family and friends" — participated Wednesday, May 4, in a Bowling for Charity event of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

Proceeds from the event at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia will support the ARC of Northwest Wayne County, which helps developmentally disabled people and their families, and the Warm Hearts organization, which provides scarves, hats, coats and other clothing to needy people. Warm Hearts also provides goodie bags for soldiers.

WWOCAR's Member Services Committee picks the charities each year, said Terrance Baker, tool shop manager. Realtor Kim Hahn has a daughter who uses ARC services, and Realtor Meriem Kadi, a Westland City Council member, had an earlier fundraiser for Warm Hearts.

WWOCAR has held bowling benefits for other nonprofits in the past. "Just for the organization to give back to the community," said Baker, noting the $2,300 raised May 4 will be divided equally between the ARC and Warm Hearts.

"Everyone had a good time," he said. "Everything went like clockwork. Everyone I talked to had a nice time."

Bowlers from Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel are a happy bunch.

Carol Sharp and friends from the Warm Hearts organization take a break during the bowling benefit May 4.

The Realtors, their family and friends liked socializing and networking, Baker said.

"It was an excellent event. We had both of the charities there, so we got a chance to meet them," said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of WWOCAR. Participants enjoyed meeting charity representatives, Smith said, and learning about their work.

This was a WWOCAR benefit. WWOCAR is merging with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors to form the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, a move announced earlier this year. The merger will wrap up in the next couple of months, Smith said.

Tony Schippa, WWOCAR 2011 president, Jamie Jones and Terrance Baker have some fun at the bowling benefit. Jones was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Christine Lerchen and friends from the ARC Northwest Wayne County enjoy some bowling fun at the benefit.

State mulls licensing firms that manage

Q: I understand that there is some discussion about the licensure of professional management companies. Do you have any information about it?

A: As I understand it, Michigan is one of four states that are considering the licensing of professional management companies. The Community Association Institute has apparently engaged the legislature to ensure that if a licensure statute is adopted, the requirements for such licenses are based upon industry-developed certifications and designations. Additionally, any administrative body set up to oversee such a program must consist of a majority of professional community association managers. You may wish to let your state legislator know of your desires with respect to the licensure of professional management companies which, in this writer's view, is long overdue.

Robert Meisner

Q: What do we do about a co-owner who refuses to leave a board meeting that he was invited to?

A: You might consider adopting a policy resolution addressing "Decorum at Association Meetings or Board meetings" that lays out the standard code of conduct for attendees at association meetings and functions. That way, the misbehaving unit owner is, by acting out, breaking the rules. This would also help if you wanted to assess fines and I believe it builds an expectation as to the proper behavior that could also be enforced by the sergeant of arms according to Robert's Rules of Order. Obviously, the association should have the right to a civilized meeting and, hopefully, it will not be necessary to call the police or other security. If that doesn't work, adjourn the meeting and regroup.

Q: Our association is thinking about trying to keep our neighborhood safer and property values from declining by banning sexual predators and offenders from living in our community. Do you think that is possible?

A: I am aware of some cases where a restriction on sexual predators being precluded from living in a condominium has been upheld. Of course, in many jurisdictions, those convicted of the most serious sexual crimes are banned from living within one thousand (1,000) feet of areas where children frequently interact such as schools, day care centers and playgrounds, but, obviously, you would want to take it further. You are best advised to consult with your community association attorney who hopefully can draft it in a fashion which will be enforceable.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for $9.95 plus $1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for $24.95 plus $5 shipping and handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Senior lifestyle: It's often about staying put

BY NANCY AUSTIN
SENIORS REAL ESTATE SPECIALIST

SENIOR LIVING

Moving isn't always about moving. Sometimes it's about aging in place, which is a rapidly growing, conscious movement in senior living today.

Nancy Austin

In 2002, AARP, working with the National Association of Home Builders, began offering three-day seminars for builders to earn certification as aging-in-place specialists (CAPS). To date about 3,000 contractors have completed the program according to Therese Crahan, the executive director of the homebuilders' remodeling division.

I have a close friend who moved from Kansas City to Tennessee where she and her husband built their dream retirement home. (Tennessee, along with six other states does not tax have taxes on their personal income and wages. Tennessee does, however, tax interest income and dividends.) Because they were mindful enough of the fact that this was their final purchase, they had installed several aging-in-place options. These include elevated toilets, wheelchair accessible doorways and arches, as well as between the island and cabinets in kitchen, grab bars and a hand-held shower head with long flexible hose in bathroom showers. They also built a first-floor master bedroom.

Another friend has decided to put a shower in her first floor laundry area. She doesn't want to leave her two-story house. She loves her location on a lake and the house itself which is close to her three children and grandchildren. She is exploring the various kinds of walk-in showers and tubs that are available. The tub with jets is very appealing to her due to her arthritis. Grab bars will be also be installed.

There are many CAPS-certified companies in the local metropolitan areas that will retrofit homes with devices and will make changes to things like lowering countertops and electrical plugs, making bathrooms and kitchens accessible and barrier-free. Barrier-free areas of the home would include widening archways and doorways, leveling entrances to rooms in the house, as well as exterior entrances.

For the bathroom, you may want to consider installing low-level shelves next to the sink and cabinet for additional storage. A hand-held shower may solve bathing problems. I have seen bathtubs with built-in bench seats as well as the ever-necessary grab bars in the tub and shower.

Change appliances when convenient, to side-by-side refrigerator and electric stove with controls in the front. Garbage disposals can have a button installed on the counter so you don't have to reach to the back of the counter to turn it on.

These are just a few of the many options and suggestions to help you stay in your home.

On May 17, a Senior Expo, which is sponsored by this newspaper will be held at Schoolcraft College. I attended the event last year and will be a participant this year. I can assure you that if aging in place and staying in your own home is a priority, you will find many companies participating who are willing to help you accomplish that goal.

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HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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42820 Arlington Rd	$145,000
43892 Arlington Rd	$135,000
7945 Charrington Dr	$137,000
7301 Chichester Rd	$195,000
46872 Creeks Bnd	$180,000
1946 Echo Woods Dr	$260,000
1578 Heritage Dr	$113,000
45093 Horseshoe Cir	$136,000
4744 Pond Run	$165,000
2822 River Meadow Cir	$166,000
Garden City	
31741 Brown St	$29,000
32761 Maplewood St	$40,000
Livonia	
20121 Ellen Dr	$285,000
15205 Houghton St	$105,000
28872 Olson St	$130,000
14400 Stonehouse Ave	$123,000
Northville	
19605 Cardene Way	$160,000
16749 Carriage Way	$100,000
17960 Ridgeview Dr	$580,000
Plymouth	
804 Arthur St	$145,000
44424 Brookside Rd	$287,000
740 Kellogg St	$46,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	$40,000
Redford	
18465 Dalby	$13,000
12889 Leverne	$82,000
15001 Lexington	$85,000
17396 Olympia	$35,000
24804 Ross Dr	$40,000
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Westland	
1959 Ackley Ave	$66,000
7698 Cherrywood Dr	$135,000
38452 Chestnut Ln	$75,000
4956 Julius Blvd	$28,000
507 N Wildwood St	$61,000
32660 Sandra Ln	$75,000
2289 Stieber St	$10,000

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 24-28, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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381 N Old Woodward Ave	$75,000
2348 Northlawn Blvd	$228,000
215 Poppleton St	$240,000
1333 S Cranbrook Rd	$125,000
819 Suffield Ave	$410,000
1965 Webster St	$395,000
Commerce Township	
8548 Cascade St	$455,000
3525 E Commerce Rd	$277,000
5340 Inverrary Ln	$288,000
2140 Sunnybrook Rd	$256,000
4999 Wavewood Dr	$250,000
2619 Wixom Rd	$257,000
Farmington	
33336 Grand River Ave	$212,000
31740 Lee Ln	$118,000
23900 Pickett Ave	$215,000
Farmington Hills	
38275 Fleetwood Dr	$242,000
29805 Hemlock Ave	$69,000
29075 Millbrook Rd	$285,000
21336 Mulberry Ct	$142,000
29315 Raleigh Rd	$124,000
Milford	
1500 Duff Ln	$30,000
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1435 Hunters Lake Dr	$422,000
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41620 Monterey Dr	$134,000
22333 Peachtree	$99,000
25634 Portico Ln	$116,000
23127 Sarnia Dr	$585,000
25800 Sullivan Ln	$312,000
28305 Wolcott Dr	$84,000
South Lyon	
54085 Birchwood Dr	$30,000
21750 Natasha Ln	$264,000
787 Norchester St	$99,000
176 Princeton Dr	$23,000
385 Princeton Dr	$142,000
61643 Rambling Way	$145,000
Southfield	
25844 Arrowhead St	$118,000
17665 George Washington Dr	$77,000
29515 Heritage Ln	$132,000
20220 Ledgestone St	$21,000
17223 Louise St	$38,000
19597 Melrose Ave	$85,000
17161 New Jersey St	$111,000
25590 Saint James	$58,000
5000 Town Ctr	$65,000

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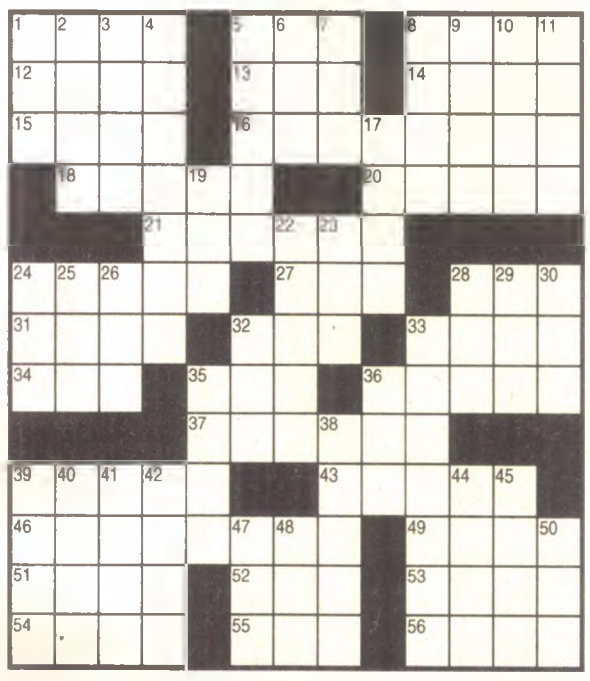

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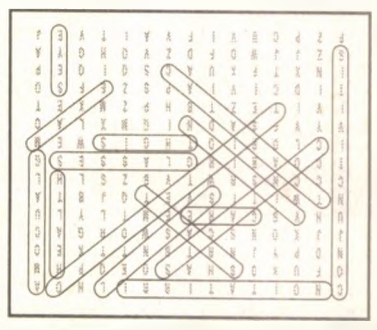

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CANTON - Wed-Fri, May 11-13, 8-4. Home goods, children's clothing & toys, greeting cards. 2811 Doncaster Dr., E of Beck, off Newton.

CANTON
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FARMINGTON HILLS
Neighborhood Sale
Stratton Hill Ct. N. of 13, E. of Drake. May 12-14, 9am-4pm. Household goods, clothes, furniture & a few antiques.

FARMINGTON HILLS
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LIVONIA- 1964 Impala, household goods, books, mens bike, yard equip. & more! May 12-14th, 9-4pm. 15981 Norwich, 5 Mile & Farmington

LIVONIA: 29809 Pickford, S of 7, W of Middlebelt. Thurs-Sat, 9-5. Huge multi-family. Little bit of everything, new & used. Tons of crafts & children's.

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LIVONIA: household, crafts, kid's toys & gams, Christmas items, hardware. 14744 Flamingo, E of Merriman, S of 5 Mile. May 14 & 15th, 9-4pm

LIVONIA: Household misc, craft supplies and fabric, clothes, toys, etc. 18949 Doris, S of 7, W of Middlebelt. May 12-15, 9-5pm.

LIVONIA-Moving/Garage Sale
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LIVONIA WOODCREEK FARMS SUB - 15-20 HOMES!
May 12, 13 & 14, Thu-Sat, 9-4. Furniture, toys, tools, etc. E. of Farmington, btwn. 5 & 6 Mile

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NORTHVILLE- Appli., toys, housewares, clothing. TVs, stereo equip. Fri, 5/13 & Sat., 5/14; 9-4pm. 46501 Greenridge Dr., 8 Mile & Beck.

NORTHVILLE Blue Heron Pointe Condo Community Garage Sale - Sat., May 14th, 9am-5pm. W. side of Beck Rd, btwn 6 & 7 Mile. Furniture, books, clothing, appliances, & misc.

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NOVI SUB SALE! Multi-Family Garage Sale - Royal Crown Estates - 9 Mile & Taft. May 12, 13 & 14, 9am-5pm.

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PLYMOUTH: 3 family moving/garage sale. 13266 Karl Dr, off N. Territorial btwn Ridge & Napier. May 12-14, 9-4:30pm. Furniture, children's items, etc.

PLYMOUTH: 4 Family Sale
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PLYMOUTH: 879 Forest Ave. N. of Sutherland, W. of Main. May 12 & 13, Thurs. 9-5. Fri. 9-1. Tools, a lot of books, Legos, household items.

PLYMOUTH: Furniture, TV's, snowblower, freezer, some toys, household. 5/12-5/14, 9-4. 51202 Plymouth Lake Dr., near Ann Arbor Rd & Napier.

PLYMOUTH Heather Hills Sub Sale - (W of Beck, S of M-14, across from Our Lady Of Good Council Church) - May 12-14th, 9am-5pm.

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

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SWM, 53, 5'11", 180lbs, N/S, like chess, backgammon, coffee houses, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. ☎218827

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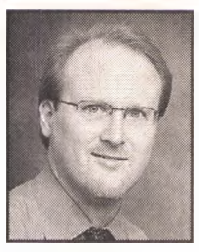

By Dale Buss

The new Ford Explorer boasts about a 25-percent improvement in fuel efficiency.

The 2012 Ford Focus is a hot model, with gas prices rising.

U.S. auto makers sold 1.17 million vehicles in April, up 18 percent from their performance a year earlier. And while Ford's 13-percent increase ranked third among the domestic Big Three for the month, it wasn't because its vehicles were less in demand: Ford's Focus and Fiesta, as well as its new Explorer SUV, were among the hottest vehicles in the market.

Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. sales and marketing, said, "Obviously, the market has shifted. It's the first month for our new Focus, and dealers were selling them right off the convoy trucks."

Subcompact and compact cars overall accounted for 24 percent of industry sales in April, about the same percentages as March, when fuel prices began taking hold in the consumer consciousness - but three percentage points ahead of a year ago. "If the industry had an unlimited supply of small cars, that percentage may have gotten to 28 percent or 30 percent in April," said George Pipas, Ford's head of U.S. industry analysis.

Ford reported April sales of 189,778 units, up 13 percent from a year earlier. And if it weren't for tight supplies of its small cars, company executives said, they would have sold even more. "The availability of small cars is putting a cap on the segment," Pipas said.

So Ford has been able to sell its year-old Fiesta, and its new 2012 Focus, at a breathless clip. Fiesta transaction prices are the highest of any vehicle in its segment, Pipas said, and the model sold more than 9,000 units for the second month in a row. Focus experienced "a ramp-up month" during April, Czubay said. "Availability will continue to be lean because the producdt is in such high demand."

Combined, Fiesta and Focus - with the new version still in limited supply - accounted for 15 percent of Ford's retail sales in April, six percentage points higher than realized by Fiesta and th previous version of Focus a year ago.

Sales of Ford Fusion, a compact, were 12 percent ahead of a year ago. Taurus, Ford's mid-size sedan, was 2 percent ahead of last year's pace. Even Mustang sold 59 percent more units than a year earlier, largely because of an increase in fleet sales this year compared with last year, Pipas said.

Over half of Mustangs were sold with a V6 engine that yields 305 horsepower and 31mpg on the highway. "People are saying, 'I can get everything in that category I want' with this six-cylinder engine," Czubay said.

The model that propelled Ford sales more than any other, however, was the new Explorer, whose 25 mpgon the highway is a 25-percent improvement over the fuel economy of the old version. And Ford won't begin production of a four-cylinder EcoBoost version of Edge until later this year, which promises even better mileage.'

Already, "It's the fastest-turning vehicle in the Ford showroom," Czubay said, indicating that Ford also could sell more Explorer - as well as Focus and Fiesta - units if they were available.

Czubay mentioned Ford's overall positioning for the times. "I've never seen a company better positioned" for a market shift than Ford, he said. "No matter where the consumer wants to go, Ford is lined up to give them the fuel efficiency they want.

The best example of that may be what's happened with buyers' approach to the F series trucks. Ford just began in January offering a couple of six-cylinder engine alternatives to its previous offerings of only eight-cylinder versions of the F150, and in April the two smaller engines accounted already for half of the model's retail sales.

"That's the most startling number" of the month, Czubay said. "That's a high-volume model. What consumers are saying is that they're willing to go with a six-cylinder engine" if it meets their performance standards. Overall, F Series sales were up 11 percent in April.

Lincoln's problems have been much discussed, and that woin't stop after the brand registered a 1-percent decline in April sales compared with a year ago.

Ford reduced its incentive spending in April by more than $600 per vehicle compared with March levels, Pipas said, while the overall industry registered an incentive reduction averaging only about $300 a vehicle.

Fleet sales in April were 36 percent of the total for Ford, on the high end of its desired range. Year-to-date, the figure was 34 percent.

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