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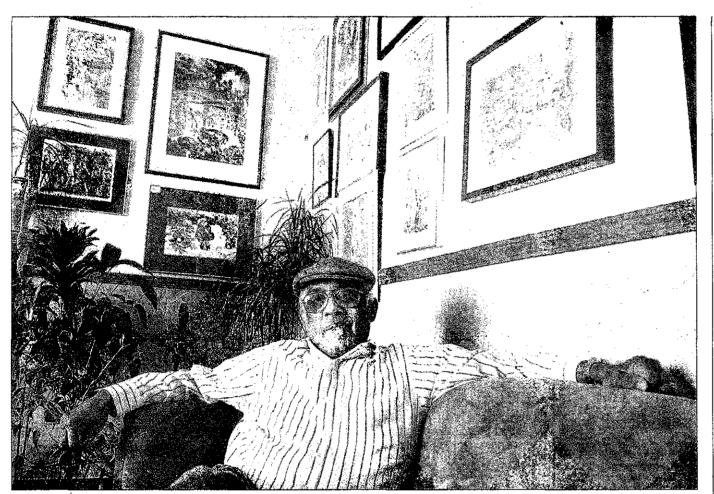
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Canton artist Byron Reed sits in his family room, surrounded by his art.

Looking at the big picture

Local artist's works depict life through the eyes of an African American

BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFE WRITER

Detroit checking on claims. Reed says he developed an eye of what was going on around



Canton eyeing stimulus dollars for local projects

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

As President Barack Obama begins putting together an economic stimulus package rumored to be in neighborhood of \$800 billion, Canton Township officials have put together a list of nearly two dozen township projects they hope will get funded by a federal distribution of funds.

Tim Faas, township municipal services director, said many communities were asked by the "Big Three" in the world of public works and utilities - the American Public Works Association, American Water Works Association and the Water Environment Federation - to detail a wish list of projects should federal money become available. Faas also met Thursday with Wayne County officials, in part to discuss Canton's list of wants should an economic stimulus . package be passed by Congress

and the money trickle down to the state to Wayne County to Canton Township.

"These are defined by the federal government as 'shovel ready' projects," Faas said, "those that can be ready within 90 to 180 days of the funds becoming available. They must have environmental issues resolved and the design is done and ready for bid.

"The challenge to date is that there are no rules relative to what projects are available." he added. "People are rushing to get together a needs list to prove there are a lot of projects that aren't funded and are shovel ready."

Faas said his first list consisted of 18 projects worth an estimated \$27.2 million, which included four water main projects, two sanitary sewer projects, one storm sewer project and one energy efficient building project. Faas has

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Walking into Byron Reed's Canton home is not unlike walking into an art gallery. Colorful paintings and other works of art line nearly every inch of wall space. In a way, it is an art gallery. His art gallery.

All of the works were created by Reed himself. Whether they are oil, watercolors, ink or just things that Reed has found along his travels and compiled on a canvass, each of the works provide vivid depictions of the African-American experience.

Born and raised in Detroit, Reed, 74, first gained an interest in art when he was a child. He used to ride around with his mother, an insurance inspector, as she drove around

him, especially the colorful street life of Detroit.

As a child, Reed first realized his talents when he would draw characters from his Mickey Mouse books. His parents recognized his talents, too, and enrolled him in an arts program at Cass Tech High School. He eventually went on to graduate from the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts.

Reed's first jobs were as a graphic artist in the advertising industry, but he found that work constricting. He could never get those images from his childhood out of his head, and he wanted to devote his life to capturing them

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Byron Reed's work, painted from the memory of past street scenes, has a strong sense of gesture.

Local teacher proud of his small role in 'Gran Torino'

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

David Fedewa, a physical education teacher at Dodson and Tonda elementary schools, wasn't nominated for an Oscar this week for his part in Gran Torino.

But, then again, neither was the star of the movie, Clint Eastwood.

"No Oscar nominations, I couldn't believe that," said Fedewa, 39, who spent three days this summer on the set for his "extra" role in the movie. "You can clearly see me in several scenes. They had me listed as a pallbearer and I thought I was going to get a lot of time on screen. But, they cut that part out."

Fedewa, an actor with the Rosedale Community Players in Detroit, was in several scenes with Eastwood and even grabbed an opportunity to talk to the Oscar-winning actor.

"I didn't plan on it because we weren't supposed to (talk to him)," Fedewa said. "He was standing next to me in the house while they were changing lights



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dodson Elementary physical education teacher Dave Fedewa is also an actor. He landed a role as an extra in Clint Eastwood's 'Gran Torino,' which is playing at theaters.

and we had some down town. I knew he was a golfer so I talked to him about golf. He said he didn't have a chance to play around here, but that they had a course set up for him the next week. I said 'I hope you hit them well.""

Secretly, Fedewa was hoping Eastwood would invite him to be among the foursome.

"At 78 he's still a 12 handicap," said Fedewa, who plays golf during the summer when he's not teaching. "If that had happened I would have shot a 200 that day.'

Fedewa said they were treated like kings with the amount of food available. However, at \$75 for a 10-hour day, he's not ready to quit his day job just yet.

"I love my job and I wouldn't quit no matter what happens," Fedewa said. "I wouldn't mind taking some time off if I got in a movie, but I would never quit. It's the best job I've ever had."

Fedewa said his colleagues "are all really happy" for him. However, because of its "R" rating for language and violence his elementary school students won't be able to see it.

"I'm bummed out I can't tell my kids to go see it," Fedewa said. "But, I'm glad to tell other people to go because it's such a great movie. I'm very proud I was a part of all that."

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Canton's Potbelly Sandwich Works opens for business

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton residents have thus far given two thumbs up to the Potbelly Sandwich Works restaurant on Ford Road, west of Lilley, which opened Jan. 10.

"My goodness, it's been incredible," said Dan Zachow, one of three managers at the new eatery. "I wasn't anticipating being this busy. We've been given a warm welcome by the community."

The signature menu item is sub sandwiches, all of which cost \$4.40, making it easy to concentrate on what kind of toasted sandwich to order instead of the price.

Zachow said the drivethrough at the Canton Potbelly is the first in Michigan.

"It's a brand new concept for Potbelly," said Zachow. "We're known for our customer service, and they worked at creating that same kind of service you get inside when vou order from the drivethrough. When the weather is warmer we'll have someone outside taking the order from your car. That way, the customer will be interacting with a person rather than a voice box.'

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The new Potbelly in Canton is the first in Michigan to feature a drivethrough.

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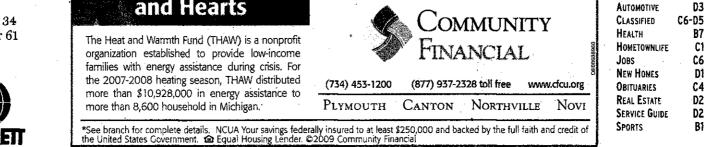
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Local dentist has deep roots in Canton

BY KURT KUBAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When it came time for Joseph Gondoly to break off on his own two years ago and open his own dental practice, he knew Canton was the place to do it.

Gondoly, 38, grew up in Canton and graduated from Plymouth-Canton High. His parents, Dave and Sue Gondoly, still live in Canton, just a few miles from where his practice – Cavalier Family & Cosmetic Dentistry - is located at 44356 Cherry Hill.

"I've always wanted to open a practice in Canton. This is where my roots are," Gondoly said.

Gondoly, who now lives in his wife Linda's hometown of Dearborn, had worked at Preferred Dental in Livonia for about a decade when he decided to open his own practice, though he still works there one day a week. At Preferred Dental, which is the official dentist of the Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers, Gondoly has worked on the teeth of some of Detroit's biggest sports stars.

'They're really nice people," Gondoly says of the professional athletes he has worked on. "Everyone thinks they are uppity or something, but I've found them to be really nice and easy to deal with.'

At Cavalier, though, Gondoly is more concerned about serving the dental needs of everyday people. Gondoly performs

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Dr. Joseph Gondoly and staffers Ashley Condon (from left), Erica Greer, Jessica Oberey, and Linda Johnson.

a number of services including smile makeovers, tooth whitening, veneers, bonding, metal free crowns, white fillings, and implant restorations.

And because the economy that has wreaked havoc on most business sectors has also impacted dentists, Gondoly accepts most insurances and participates in PPOs. He also offers a number of financing plans to make sure his patients still get their dental needs taken care of. He says far too many people are foregoing

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needed dental work because of the economy.

"I've heard people making life and death decisions based on whether or not they have medical insurance. Where does that put dental? Let's face it, it's not as high a priority," Gondoly says.

With only six employees, Gondoly says his practice is very much a family-oriented business. In fact, his wife, Linda, is quite involved with the practice and has been since the beginning.

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They have two children, Kevin and Jenna. Gondoly said one of his

greatest skills is being able to communicate with patients on a personal level. He realizes a trip to the dentist makes a lot of people uptight, so he does his best to make them enjoy the experience as much as possible.

Most people are afraid of the dentist. I do all I can to make people comfortable and put them at ease," he said. Nobody wants to be here. If they did, they would call it Starbucks."

Officials move closer to expanding police holding cell

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton Township trustees appear to be moving closer to approving a \$754,000 renovation of the police department's cell block area, which hasn't had a major makeover since the facility was built in 1985.

The cost is substantially lower than the architect's recommendation of slightly more than \$2 million.

"We went back to the architect and said 'nice plan, but it's really not going to fly," said John Santomauro, Canton executive director. "It really wasn't maximizing the utilization of that space. The proposed final plan is really more knocking out walls and expanding space."

Among the reasons for the renovation: to expand the lock up from 30 to 56 prisoners; expand the in-take center where mug shots and fingerprints are done; and to make space for present and new technology. The space currently designated as the prisoner kitchen is now also used for video arraignments and houses the department's Breathålyzer equipment. "Simply put, the pres-

ent lock up is overcrowded and that overcrowding potentially results for us in exposed liability and inmate and officer safety," Santomauro told the board. "Whèn you're dealing in confined areas, you're really heightening the opportunity of resistance and confrontation. As much as we may not be concerned with (prisoner) comfort, we have to be concerned with their safety and well-being because we're certainly responsible for them when they're locked up."

Things have changed since 1985 when the Canton Police Department processed 931 arrests the entire year. In 2007, there were 3,811 arrests.

Trustee Pat Williams said he favored plans to increase the cell block to accommodate more prisoners.

"Anyone who toured the facility would say if you put 15 people in that small area intoxicated, frustrated, angry, they would be a danger to one another, a danger to the officers," Williams said

Finance Director Rick Eva said the township could sell bonds to pay for the project or take money from the general fund.

"The drawback (with bonds) is the additional interest we would have to pay," said Eva. "We could use part of the fund balance to pay cash for it, but it would bring our reserves down lower than what we normally like to keep it." The board directed Eva

to come back to them with more specifics about funding the project.

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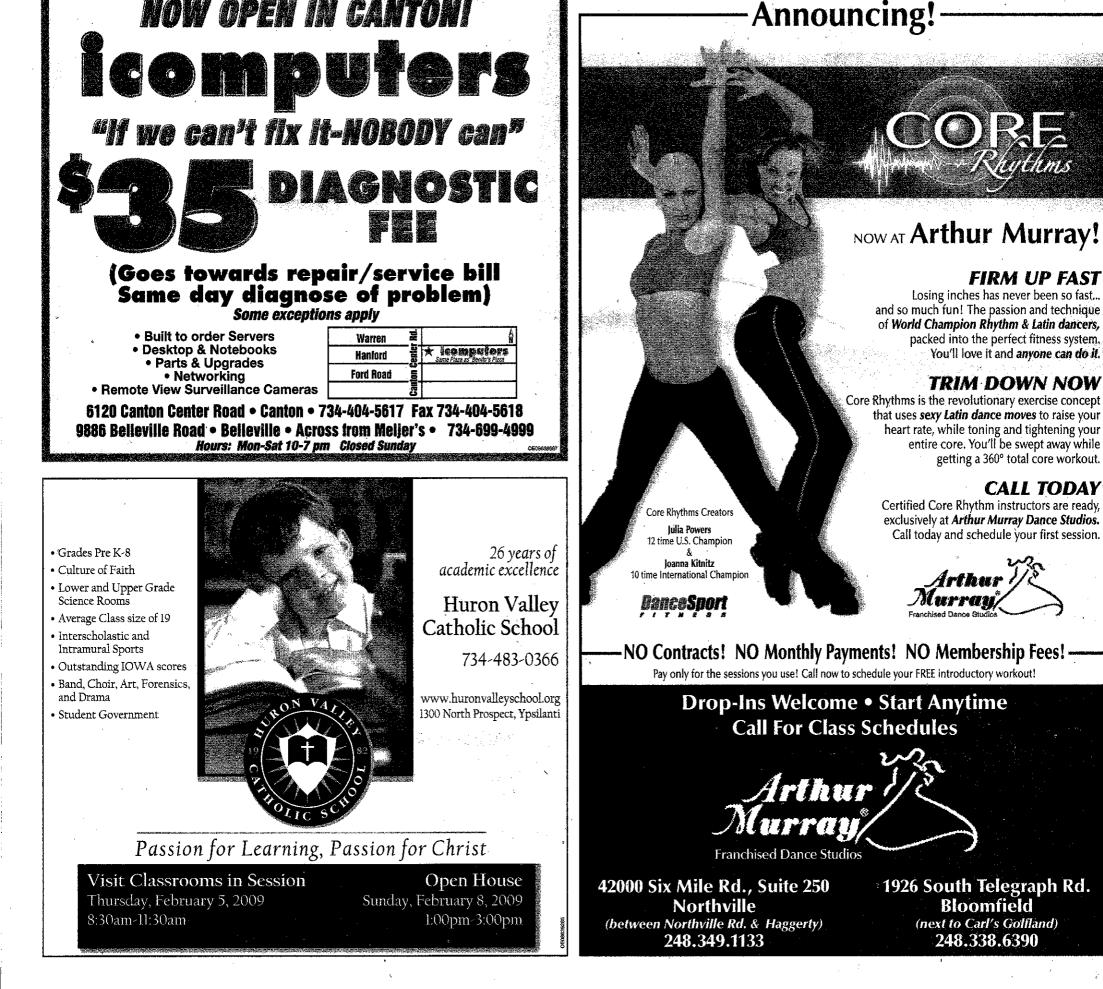
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since added a few more and continues to find others to add to the final list.

Faas said part of the federal stimulus money is expected to be earmarked for infrastructure improvements, and he's identified the reconstruction and widening of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer. as well as Sheldon Road between Warren and Joy, as the two top road projects. While the Canton Center project is already funded, the township will be paying \$1.2 million of the \$3.8 million cost of Sheldon Road.

"If we could get stimulus money for that, it frees up money to put into other road projects," Faas said. "In a way,

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it's like a double stimulus." Following a number of costly

sewer projects, Faas identified \$1.2 million for energyefficient retrofits in township-owned buildings as a top priority.

"It's not in our budget anywhere right now," Faas said. "Even though many of our facilities are fairly new, there's more we can do to make them energy-efficient."

And Faas has added the landfill gas project - a partnership between Canton Township and Republic Waste - to capture methane gas from the township landfill and produce electricity.

"That clearly fits a component of this bill on the renewable energy side," Faas said. "I don't know if it's shovel ready yet to fit the definition, but it's close."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said if Canton is able to secure money for roads and other projects, it will have a wide-ranging impact.

"We have taken the proactive steps to be ready when it happens," LaJoy said. "In addition, think about the economic impact to the community, it's significant. Not all the jobs would be given to Canton

residents, but people working here would be eating in our restaurants and shopping in our stores."

Faas said if the federal money doesn't become available to Canton Township, some of the projects may never see the light of day.

"We're positioning ourselves in every possible way to capture any part of the money, Faas said. "If it happens, and we all hope it will, this might be the one-time shot to help accelerate and fill the gap in the needs we have."

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m., Jan. 27 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:

Senior Alliance update

Proposal for legal publications

Consider re-approval of the site plan for the

Wal-Mart supercenter Consider authorizing the township clerk to sign the inter-agency agreement with Wayne County for the Round 9 Lower Rouge River **Recreational Trail and** bridges grant

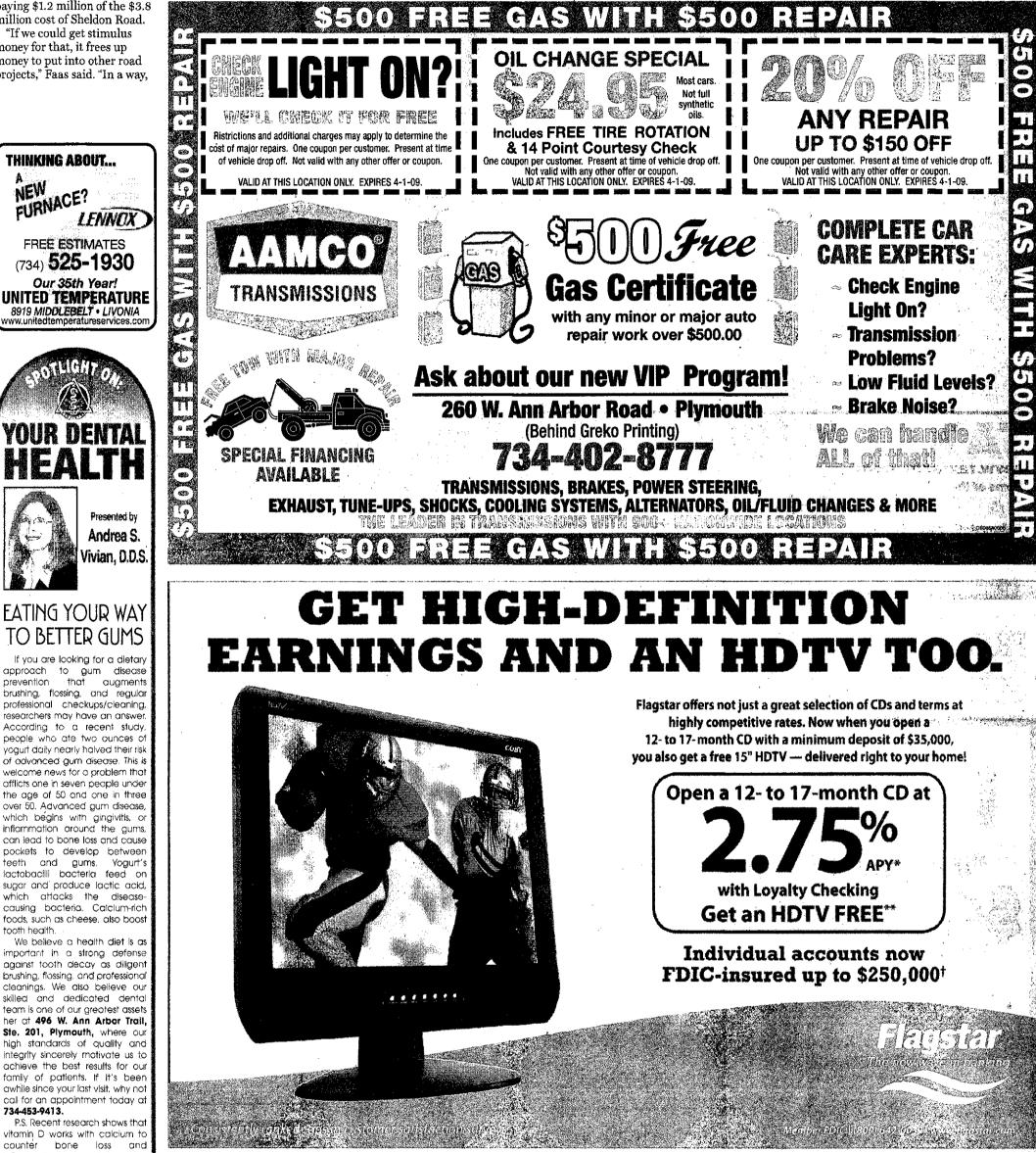
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Swing City Big Band

The Swing City Big Band, which is comprised of local musicians, will be hosting a CD release party from 7-11 p.m., Feb. 4 at the Cherry Martini, 50296 Cherry Hill Road. Live music will be performed from 7:30-8:30 p.m. There is no cover charge, and there will be drink specials all night.

Comprised of professional musicians from all over the metro area, this 18-piece performance band specializes in dance music of all styles, including big band and salsa.

To RSVP via e-mail to be put on the VIP guess list and receive a free CD, e-mail jim@swingcitybigband. com. For more information, visit swingcitybigband.com.

Canton Newcomers

Interested in meeting your neighbors and getting involved with various interest groups? If so, the Canton Newcomers might just be for you. No matter how long you have lived in the Canton area – you are invited to join. The Newcomers are a social, civic and charitable organization designed to acquaint area residents with other local residents and the Canton community. All are welcome to join.

The group's next monthly adult general meeting will be held at 7:15, Feb. 4, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center). The evening will include socializing, neighbor introductions, sign ups for our more than 20 interest group activities (Playgroups, Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social and more), and a raffle to benefit a local non-profit in need.

The meeting will include dinner and a special local speaker. If you would like more information, or receive a complementary copy of the group's newsletter, please visit www. cantonnewcomers.org or call Melanie at (734) 207-3341.

Blood drive

Canton Township will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building's lower level meeting room B. For more information or to make an appointment, contact John Spencer at (734) 394-5246 or jspencer@cantonmi.org.

Plakas investiture

The investiture of James A. Plakas as judge of the 35th District Court will be held at 5

p.m., on Wednesday,

Feb. 4, at The Inn at

Mile Road, Plymouth

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Canton's Home Expo

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

This year's Expo many home improvement-related businesses, including interior decorating, landscaping, flooring, plumbing, kitchen repairs, and deck companies, as well as home financing businesses.

How-to workshops will be held all weekend on a variety of topics from landscaping to installing brick pavers, crown moldings and ceramic tile and 15 minute miniworkshops, targeted to home owners, homeowner associations and businesses, will also be held on a wide range of topics including detention pond maintenance, home security, safety tips, property standards, and tree and landscaping maintenance. The mini-workshops will be held in the Parkview Room and a full list of topics and start times will be made available to all Expo attendees.

A hands-on children's project center will be available for kids of all ages to construct projects made from wood donated by Home Depot. A special guest appearance will be made by Murray Gula, host of Murray Gula's Home Improvement Team on WXYZ-TV Detroit and Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" will be broadcasting his 1600 WAAM talk radio program live from the Expo. Multiple raffles will also be held throughout the weekend and refreshments will be available during the entire event.

To view a complete list of the vendors, obtain the Expo layout, and download workshop and mini-workshop schedules visit www.cantonmi.org/homeexpo.aspx. The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. For more information please call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at (734) 394-5200.

Finance department award

Canton's Finance and Budget Department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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Witnesses to history

All the students at Canton's Tonda Elementary had the opportunity to watch President Barack Obama's swearing in ceremony during his inauguration Tuesday. This is Mr. Scott Roberton's 5th grade class. The students were clearly enthusiastic about the historic event.

the past, we have had help from our auditing firm in the compiling of the report. This change will save Canton in audit fees. We have great people working in our department. This was a team effort."

The CAFR was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

Arts and crafts exhibitors wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 14. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb. net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by early February or contact Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, more than 6,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fund-raisers we host each year," stated Dennis Carnevale, president of the 2009 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the concert and marching bands, color guard and percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our craft shows have built a reputation for being some of the best run arts and craft events in the area."

For more information, visit www. pcmb.net.

Divorce support group

DivorceCare, a divorce recovery seminar and support group meets at Calvary Baptist Church (43065 Joy Road, Canton) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Child care and children ministries programs are provided. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness."

This is a safe place where confidentiality is required. If you are divorced, separated, or considering either, this could be a good fit for you.

For more information, call Tony and Jean Laughter at (734) 981-1767.

'Hilarity for Charity'

The homeless fund-raiser "Hilarity for Charity" will take place at 7 p.m., Feb. 6, at the Village Theater in Canton. The event will feature appetizers, a cash bar, two stand up comedians, and a premier for a short comedic film. It is a family friendly night with 100 percent of ticket sales going straight to benefit the homeless of downtown Detroit. Tickets are \$25 for a student and \$40 for everyone else. If interested tickets can be purchased by calling (248)-473-2000 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or through the Summit on the Park by calling (734)-394-5460. Cash, Visa, and MasterCard are all accepted.

Home school programs

Canton Leisure Services is offering new home school programs to the Canton community that will provide children ages 5 to 12 with classes that encourage physical fitness, art education and social opportunities regardless of where they study. All of these new programs were created in response to feedback received in 2008 from focus groups with area parents of home school children. More than 20 parents provided input on various classes they would like to see made available for their children.

The new programs are scheduled to begin throughout the month of January. Activities geared toward students, include: swim lessons; aerobics; gym and art classes, as well as drop-in opportunities in the Summit Aquatic Center on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m., located at 46000 Summit Parkway, and at the BLOCK Youth and Teen Center on Tuesdays from noon- 3 p.m., located at 44237 W. Michigan Avenue.

Registration fees vary per class or program. Some programs offer a 20 percent discount for additional children. The Summit Kids Corner will be available for parents with young children. Normal rates will apply. For more information or to see a complete class schedule, please visit leisure.canton-mi.org or contact the Summit Front Desk at (734) 394-5460. Parents who would like to be added to our news group and receive updates on current home school opportunities though Leisure Services, please e-mail Jason Lombardo at jlombardo@ canton-mi.org.

Slavens coffee hour

New State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, is inviting residents to join her at her first coffee hour to enjoy a cup of coffee and share their ideas and concerns. The coffee hour is set for Monday, Feb. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Slavens's the new State Representative for the 21st House District; which covers Canton Township, Van Buren Township and Belleville.

"I'm eager to sit down with the residents that I represent in the Michigan House and listen to their thoughts and concerns," Slavens said. "Talking with our residents about issues that are important to them and their families will help me to better represent our community at the Capitol. I know that Michigan is facing tough challenges right now. Through hard work and determination I will fight to cre-

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The public is welcome. For more information, call (734) 414 0600. duced the CAFR in-house," said Richard Eva, Director of Canton's Finance and Budget Department. "In

workers and get our economy back on track."



COUNTY NEWS

Purtan and friends treat the whole gang to lunch at Buddy's

The first Dining with the Stars of 2009 tuned out to be a big party thanks to Dick Purtan and Purtan's People and the generosity of Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.

Purtan and his radio crew picked a winner - Dr. Margaret Sartori of Livonia - but then decided to invite all of the finalists because they are "all huge fans.

Sartori's winning entry was "Top 10 Reasons Why I Would Love to Lunch with Purtan's People.'

10. I'm low carb, so I'm a cheap date!

9. I admit I made the \$250 donation to Salvation Army mostly to get Dick's CD!

8. I've had great bladder control due to listening to Purtan's People.

7. I can name all the stations Dick's worked at since I moved here in 1974.

6. I know the names of all Dick's daughters!

5. I changed a patient's appointment so I could sneak to Kroger to see Purtan's People in action!

4. Someone needs to tell Dick where the Kroger's in Livonia really is. (West of Merriman? South of Five Mile? Huh?)

3. I'm a psychologist like Dick's daughter Jessica!

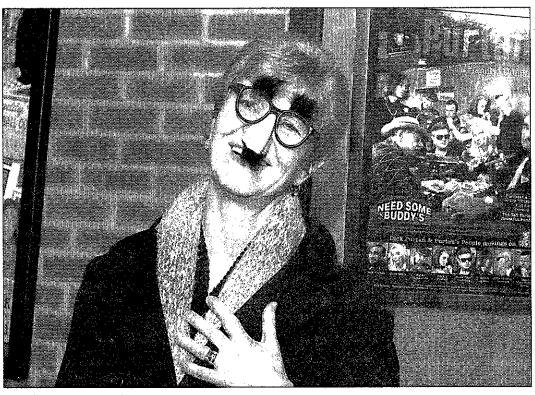
2. Purtan's People has much better side effects than an antidepressant!

1. Next to my husband, there is no one I would rather wake up with than Purtan's People.

Other finalists and guests at the Jan. 15 luncheon sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers included Bob Feldmaier, who bears a striking resemblance to Dick Purtan; Nicole Bovee, community service coordinator/circulation supervisor at the Rochester Hills Public Library; Nancy Slowik of Plymouth; and Linda Beggs of Roseville. A sixth finalist, Anna Kutlich, was unable to



Contest winner Dr. Margaret Sartori (front row, center) with Al Muskavito and Dick Purtan. Other finalists, friends and the crew of Purtan's People joined Sartori last week for lunch at Buddy's in Farmington Hills. Pictured are (back row, from left) Bob Feldmaier (finalist), Dana Mills (of Purtan's People), Nicole Bovee (finalist), Rebekah Rhodes (of Purtan's People), Nancy Slowik (finalist), Jackie Purtan (of Purtan's People), Linda Beggs (finalist) and Nancy Brown.



Dr. Margaret Sartori of Livonia dons the Dick Purtan signature evebrows, nose and moustache as she gets ready to meet Dick Purtan and Purtan's People at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills.

Stress and brain aging topic of seminar

Explore the connection between stress and brain aging at a seminar presented by Dr. Scott Moffat, Ph.D., a leading researcher on brain function, on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 10-11 a.m. at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Moffat, a professor at Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology, is studying how the stress hormone cortisol affects the brain as it grows older. Participants will learn about research into improving older adults' quality of life.

The seminar is part of the Senior Division's Lifelong Learning at Longacre series, which offers topical issues and enrichment presentations for adults 50 & better. There is a \$5 fee and the registration deadline is Jan. 27. For more information, call (248) 473-1830.



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attend.

The group lunched on pizza, laugĥed a lot and danced with Lorenzo and Karla of the Fred Astaire Dance School in Bloomfield Hills.

"It was a party of 14 people – all huge fans of Dick and the gang," said Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza. "Dick Purtan could not have been kinder and really seemed happy to be with his fans.

"Dick was fabulous.

Big Al, Jackie, Dana and Rebekah were incredible. They made everyone down to their servers feel important and special," Brontman added.

Sartori, the contest winner, was treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo and a makeover courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon J Lyle Ltd. in Birmingham.

She also received a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver

Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Purtan and Purtan's People (Al Muskavito, Dana Mills, Rebekah Rhodes and Jackie Purtan) danced with the contestants and professional dancers and filmed the episode for their radio station Web site.

To get into the spirt of the day, all Buddy's Pizza employees and Sartori wore

various disguises of "Purtan looking" (bushy) eyebrows, nose and moustache - a tribute that delighted the veteran radio man, according to Brontman.

Buddy's presented Purtan with a check for \$500 for his charity Children's Hospital.

"Dick Purtan and Purtan's People - there's nothing like the original," Brontman said.

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No W-2? You still need to file an accurate tax return

Q: Dear Rick: I heard through a friend that a company I worked for last year is out of business and won't send me a W-2. If I don't get a W-2, do I have to pay tax on the money I earned? A: Whether you receive a W-2 form or not, you are still liable to report the income

on your tax return. The same applies to a 1099 or other forms of income. The law places the responsibility on the individual to report income correctly.

You sign your return and your signature basically confirms that you are filing a cor-

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rect tax return.

Just because your friend says you won't get a W-2 doesn't mean that you won't.



Employers still have time to send out W-2s and it is likely you will receive one. Employers recognize their legal obligations, some

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Rick Bloom

which contain personal liability with

regards to tax filings. It is not unusual - in fact, it is common and normal that businesses which shut down still file the necessary tax documents. Of course, there are situations where employers do fail to meet their legal obligations.

I recommend contacting your old employer. You can send a letter and even though they may be out of business, the mail may be forwarded. In addition, contact the state of Michigan to obtain current contact information. If you know the accounting firm that handled your old employer, you can contact it.

If all else fails and you cannot contact the company, complete Form 4852, a substitute W-2 form, and file with your tax return.

Remember, by reporting income you received, you are also reporting the withholding by the company. Therefore, by reporting your income and taking advantage of what has been withheld from your paycheck, you may actually get a refund and not owe taxes.

To complete a substitute W-2 form, use an old pay stub to help compute the numbers. Most pay stubs keep cumulative records of what has been earned and withheld. If you don't have any documentation, you probably need to contact a certified public accountant to help prepare your return.

People ask whether something is deductible or not or if they have to report income or not. The real question is, what are the odds of getting caught, not what the law actually requires.



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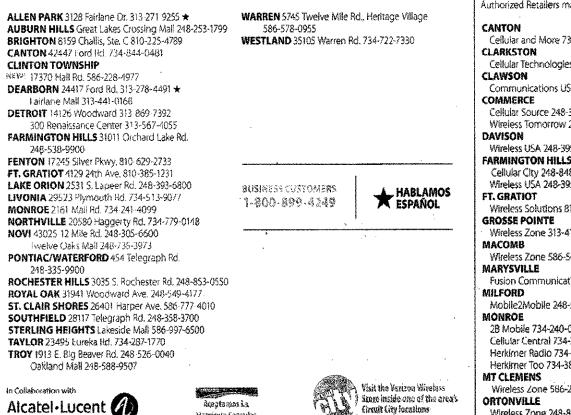


My advice is when it comes to taxes, we are responsible to file accurate tax returns. The penalty for failure to comply can be substantial. Do yourself a favor, follow the law to the best of your ability. That does not mean that you should not use the law to your advantage, because vou should. Take every deduction you are entitled to and if there is a gray area in the law, use it to your benefit.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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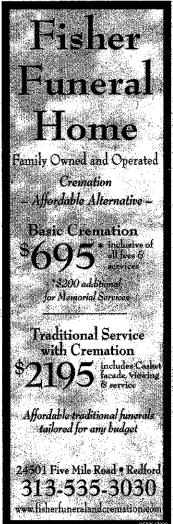
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Pan takes on Hook in annual AAUW play ARTIST FROM PAGE AT

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Sandra Iannucci was looking to venture out of her comfort zone when it came to performing in the children's play presented each year by the Plymouth-Canton branch of American Association of University Women. In the past, she had played animals and little boys; this year she was thinking about playing Smee, Captain Hook's righthand man in Peter Pan.

She got a surprise when the directors selected her to play the role of Wendy.

"I was surprised and a little nervous, I wondered what I was getting myself into, but it's been fun," said Iannucci. "When we do tryouts, you can put down your preference. I knew I wanted to change, I wanted something new. The directors were kind enough to let me try Wendy."

Iannucci and the rest of the cast have been meeting at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium twice a week, rehearsing for the production, which will be presented there at 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

Due to previous commitments, the play is being staged a month earlier than usual. While there's less time to prepare, the cast has come to the rehearsals well-prepared.

"They've been doing an awesome job," said Monica Nick who is co-directing with Mickey Edell. "They knew we had to pull this off and they're doing double duty. We started rehearsing the first week of January and they were expected to know their lines by then. It's worked out pretty good. Things are falling into place."

This is Nick's first time directing since joining the organization seven years ago. While she admits that it



Sandra lannucci (from left) plays Wendy, with Michelle Churchill as John and Melissa Uhl as Peter Pan.

seemed "scary," it's a lot like her teaching job.

"You have to do a lot of little things," she said.

To keep the plays fresh, the scripts are reworked. The idea is to involve the audience and draw them into the play. New to this Peter Pan production is Tinker Bell. In the past, a light has sufficed, but this year Mary Kroeger will play the role.

"I think the kids will love it," said Uhl. "She's a little sprite herself. She'll move across the stage and ring her bell. This is her first year and she does have a big part. She doesn't talk, but she's on stage a lot, ringing her bell."

Also playing a major role in Melissa Uhl as Peter. That's the role she wanted after missing the Pan tryouts seven years ago.

"I ended up being cast as one of the Lost Boys and had loads of fun," Uhl said.

Uhl remembers watching Mary Martin portray Peter Pan, and had the opportunity to see Cathy Rigby perform Peter Pan live on stage in Detroit. Her performance was "amazing."

"While I am no where near

as good or professional as either of them. I try to have just as much fun," she said.

Uhl has been a member of the Plymouth-Canton AAUW since graduating from Michigan State University in 1994. She grew up watching her mother perform in the same productions. She also is playing opposite her first-grade teacher, Sharon Belobraidich, who will reprise her role of Captain Hook.

This is her 15th production, and Uhl sees the organization and the play as an outlet from her day-to-day work as an automotive engineer. She enjoys her "network of wonderful women" and the smiles and excitement on young children's faces, including her own.

"But more importantly, it's the money we raise, it goes towards college scholarships for women and young girls in our communities to further their educational opportunities," she said.

Iannucci also loves the fact that the production exposes children to live theater.

"Kids today have television and movies. With live theater, they still have to use their

'PETER PAN'

What: The 49th annual Plymouth-Canton AAUW's children's theater production of "Peter Pan"

When: 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday. Feb. 5-6, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Thursday will be the annual "Scout Night" performance for Boy and Girl Scout troops. Scouts, families and friends are invited to this special evening for a "behindthe-scenes" look at live theatre by the cast at 6:15 p.m., followed by "Peter Pan" at 7 p.m.

Where: Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City. Scout troops interested in attending must register by Jan. 28 by e-mailing troop information to AAUW PlymouthCanton@vahoo.com.

Tickets: Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City; Sideways - Plymouth, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth, and Perkos Shoes, 33426 Five Mile, Livonia. They also available by sending a check, payable to the Plymouth-Canton AAUW, and self-addressed stamped envelope by Jan. 28 to Play Tickets, 13270 Foxboro Ct., Plymouth, MI 48170. Tickets also will be available at the door on performance dates at \$6 each.

Why: Proceeds from the play provide college scholarships for girls and women in the members' communities.

imaginations," she said. "Live theater doesn't have those bells and whistles. It's wonderful to expose them to it at a young age and show them that it's something they can do."

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on canvass. So in the 1960s, he began his career as a fine artist and has been cranking out paintings and other forms of art ever since.

"Those days driving around with my mom gave me a real feel of the street. They stick with me even today," Reed said. "I still have ideas I haven't put to canvass yet. I don't draw what I see. It's what I hear in my head."

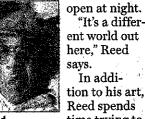
Like many African Americans, Reed said he has experienced instances of racism during his lifetime, but the great-grandson of a slave hasn't let it define his life, nor his art.

"Fortunately, I grew up in a way that I don't have animosity toward anyone," Reed said. "That stuff is like water off a duck's back for me. We all have to look at the big picture. That's what I've done in my life. I think my art depicts that."

Reed is encouraged by the fact that an African American has been elected president. He believes it will change the world view of a younger generation of blacks in America, though he knows Barack Obama - or any president, for that matter - can't solve all the racial problems in this country.

"Obama has given black kids a view they never had before. A lot of black people never thought it would happen - me included," he said. "Obama is a good man, but he is only a man. It's up to us to help our kids - our own kids and everyone else's kids. We're all in this together."

Reed moved to Canton 11 years ago to get his two children away from some of the negative elements in their Detroit neighborhood. One of the things that shocked him when he got to the suburbs was the fact that children could leave their bikes out without getting them stolen and people would leave their garage doors



"It's a different world out here," Reed says. In addition to his art,

Reed

Reed spends time trying to pass along his passion for art to a younger generation. He is one of several

artists who will be participating in an upcoming program at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill called "African-American History through the Artist Eyes." In fact, Reed has been involved in the program one way or another since it was conceived four years ago. The program is open to all Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders, who visit the theater and interact with various artists about the African-American experience.

According to Village Theater director Jennifer Tobin, Reed talks to the students about art, shows them some of his paintings and talks about his life and what it was like growing up. She said he knows how to get each student's attention with his vivid storytelling - and his paintings.

"He's vibrant. He's fun. He's cool. He's definitely in touch with what's going on today," Tobin said. "The students are also very respectful of him. He's been around, and they know it. And, of course, they are also in awe of his work."

Reed says kids relate to him and the other artists involved in the program more than they can to a history book.

"Kids can't relate to George Washington like they can to someone alive today. I think the kids out here are too sheltered," he said. "My mission as far as teaching the children is to let them know there's a whole big world out there. It might not be to their liking, but it's out there and they need to know about it."

If you are interested in buying one of Reed's paintings or would like to make an appointment for a viewing, give him a call at (734) 398-5054.



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Pictured are several members of the Michigan Synchro Masters synchronized swimming team, which won several medals at the U.S. National Meet in Las Vegas last October. Pictured front to back are Sandy Allen (Westland), Fran Saenz (Livonia), Ruth Quah (Farmington Hills), Gail Scherer (Plymouth), Carrie Tluczek (Garden City), Maureen Kelly (Beverly Hills), Scotti Nichols (Livonia), Marie Lamberg (Livonia), Nancy Gorham (Canton) and Peggy Brady (Beverly Hills).

In sync with success

Local synchronized swimmers hit jackpot in Vegas

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The medals are nice, the trips to exotic destinations are great, but it's the non-materialistic treasures that have kept several members of the Michigan Synchro Masters swimming team together for more than three decades. "The best part about this team is that it is made up of a group of great friends who support each other both in and out of the pool," said Plymouth resident Gail Scherer. "We get a little exercise and we have a lot of fun." They also win a lot of medals. This past October, the 30-member team - whose athletes range in age from 20 to 86 — hit the jackpot at the annual U.S. National Masters Synchronized Swimming meet in Las Vegas. Competing in team, solo, duet and trio events, the Michigan contingent earned three gold medals while placing in the top five in several other categories.

On target Canton 6th-grader is free-throw queen

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Shaq, Ben Wallace and every other struggling NBA free-throw shooter could learn a thing or two from Canton resident Katie Latack, a sixth-grader at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township.

Latack recently earned a berth in the state-final round of the Elks Club Hoop Shoot free throw competition set for Midland Jan. 30 and 31.

Displaying impressive calm under pressure, Latack drained 16 of 25 shots from the charity stripe to win the regional portion of the competition in Flat Rock in December. She advanced to the regional by winning a local contest.

At a time when many players from high school through the pros fail to make half their shots from the line, what is Latack's secret?

"I concentrate and try to block out all the sounds around me," she revealed.

Unlike Shaq and Wallace, Latack jumps when she launches her free throws

"I just straight up and down, though, so I don't have to stand back far from the line," she said.

The skill hasn't been acquired by chance for Latack, who plays for a local rec league team and is currently trying out for an AAU squad,

She practices whenever she can. "I'll shoot outside on my driveway every day," she said, "as long as it's not freezing cold. "And I'll stay after practice and shoot for 10 to 15 minutes, too."

How does Latack stay calm when the butterflies start fluttering around in her belly during pressure-packed shots?

I just try to take a deep breath before every shot and relax," she said.

A first-place showing in the state competition would earn Latack and an expenses-paid trip to the national tournament in Massachusetts later

this year. That would be cool," she said. Just like her demeanor on the line.



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2009 Salem baseball clinic

The 2009 Salem varsity baseball clinic will be held Saturday, March 21, and Saturday, March 28, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Session 1, which is for players 11 to 15 years old, will be held March 21

from 9 a.m. to noon. Session 2, for players 7 to 10 years old, will be held March 21 from 1-4 p.m.

Sessions 3 and 4, both for players 7 to 10 years old, will be held March 28. Session 3 will run from 9 a.m. to noon while Session 4 will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of each session is \$25, which includes three hours of instruction from the Salem coaching staff and varsity team members; a snack served after each session; and a T-shirt.

Space is limited to 75 participants per session. For more information,

contact Cathy at (734) 451-0761 or at posler5@ gmail.com

Cezat in Sl

Former Canton basketball standout and current Hillsdale College basketball star Katie Cezat is featured in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" section in the Jan. 26 edition.

Flaky forecast

And they did it in weather more suited for the wintry Midwest than normally balmy Las Vegas.

"It was so cold it was snowing when we were there - and the pool was outdoors," said coach Joyce Lindeman. "The



Members of the Michigan Synchro Masters perform a routine during Wednesday night's practice at Schoolcraft College.

water was warm, but it wasn't very pleasant when you had to get out of the water," she said, smiling.

The sport of synchronized swimming is judged a lot like figure skating. It begins with a compulsory routine that requires the execution of certain elements, followed by a freestyle routine, that is performed to music and judged on artistic impression and how well the swimmers perform the often-tricky maneuvers in unison.

"Ideally, it's best if you've had synchronized swimming experience and competitive swimming experience in the past," said Lindeman, who has coached the Michigan Synchro Masters for the past five years.

"It helps if you're a strong swimmer, too. We had some new ladies come out this year who hadn't competed in synchronized swimming since high school, and they're doing great."

Regular regimen

The team holds one 90minute practice nearly every Wednesday night at the Schoolcraft Community College pool.

However, a month or so before the annual national meet - this year's is set for Florida - the team doubles its time in the pool to sharpen its skills for the formidable competition they're sure to meet.

"It requires a lot of endurance," said Plymouth resident Rhonda Madej. "Outside of practice, most of us do other training-type activities like Pilates, long-distance running and yoga. A lot of us are involved in a lot of different kinds of exercise that helps us when we get to the pool."

Local nucleus

The team's roster includes swimmers from Saline and Port Huron, but most reside in the metropolitan Detroit area.

"I'm officially in the cult," joked Livonia resident Scotti Nichols, smiling. "I swam as an age group athlete at the age of 9, retired from it when I was 24 but got right back into it two years later for the exercise and to get back together with my old friends. 'The camaraderie is great,

which is why we all stick with it like we do." The team is always looking for new members, Lindeman

assured. For more information, contact Peggy Brady at (248) 646-5466.

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Katie Latack is pictured with Elks representative Terry Barrett after the Canton resident placed first in the regional portion of the Elks free throw shooting competition in Flat Rock.



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Freshman stands tall in PCA's win

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Future opponents of the Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team had better beware of "Malcolm in the Middle."

Kristin Malcolm, a 5-foot-10 freshman center, continued her strong inaugural high school season by taking over the paint - and the state sheet — in the Eagles' 34-31 victory over Southfield Christian Friday night.

Malcolm tallied 16 points, 15 rebounds and seven blocked shots as the PCA defeated the Eagles for the first time in recent memory, said coach Carol Gerulis.

"Kristin was awesome tonight,"

said Gerulis. "She started slowly and only had a free throw in the first quarter. But she really came on in the second half and scored six points in the third quarter and seven in the fourth."

The victory improved PCA's record to 5-3 overall and 1-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Southfield slipped to 3-5 and 0-1, respectively.

Brianna Harris scored six points for the winners while Allyson DeKruyter added four - all in crunch time, Gerulis said.

Gerulis also praised the work of Brooke Williams, who pulled down eight rebounds and played "great defense," and Autumn McKenzie, who only scored two

points, but sparkled at the defensive end.

PCA held Southfield star Naiesha Bussey - the daughter of former Detroit Lion running back

Dexter Bussey — to 12 points. Southfield led 15-11 at the half. PCA cut its deficit to 23-21 after three quarters before outscoring the Eagles 13-8 over the final eight minutes.

"It was an especially nice win because it came on our homecoming and because we hadn't beaten Southfield in a long time," said Gerulis. "It's the first time we've beaten them in the four years I've been head coach."

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The 6-foot senior is lauded for netting 36 points, 20 rebounds and a conference-record 13 blocked shots in a 76-61 win over Ferris State in December.

She was also named WBCA Division II player of the month for December.

Cezat is averaging 27.7 points per game this season and has led the Chargers to a No. 4 school's highest ever.

Ocelots honored

Schoolcraft College's Allyson King, a sophomore midfielder from Livonia Stevenson, recently earned National Junior College Athletic Association Division I honorable mention honors in women's soccer.

The fourth-ranked Lady Ocelots also had five players make the NJCAA All-Region 12 team including King, Meghan Horgan (Livonia Franklin) Claire Baptist (Plymouth), Sally L'Esperance and Samantha Harrington.

■ Schoolcraft College's Rick Larson was recently named NJCAA Region 12 Coach of the Year in men's soccer.

Among the first-team All-Region 12 selections for the Ocelots, who reached the NJCAA **Division I National** Tournament, were Michael Iyoha and Andy Addlington.

Second-team picks included John Swistyn, Hunter Robertson and Chris Riley.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

REPEAL OF CHAPTER 23, EXISTING STRUCTURES CODE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-05

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. C-91-04, CHAPTER 23, EXISTING STRUCTURES CODE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section provides that Ordinance No. C-91-04, Chapter 23, Existing Structures Code be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

Publish: January 25, 2009

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

> Joe Bridgman, CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Brad Lineberry served a dual role for Plymouth's basketball team Friday night: captain and 'Cat'-alyst.

The senior forward provided leadership and a team-leading 14 points in the Wildcats' 66-54 triumph over Livonia Franklin.

The win improved Plymouth's record to 5-3 overall and 1-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. Franklin dropped to 2-5 and 0-2.

"Brad is capable of having games like this all the time,' said Plymouth coach To Van Wagoner. "That's why he's on the court as much as he is. It's nice to see him have a big game right before the Canton game."

The 'Cats take on Canton Tuesday on the Chiefs' floor.

Lineberry was the headliner of a balanced attack. Also making major contributions were Justin Moss (12 points, eight rebounds), Cliff Buttermore (11 points), Mike Nadratowski (nine points),

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LIVONIA FRANKLIN 46 Jan. 14 at Canton High School 200-yard mediey relay: 1. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Kyle Dull, Ethan Christenson, Alex Jouney), 1:55.41; 2. Plymouth, 1:55.69; 3. Franklin, 2:18.35.

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ul Snyder (P), 2:23.46; 3. Adam Liakos (P),

.42.61. **50 freestyle:** 1. Jason Oldani (P), 24.66; .. Brandon Larkins (LF), 25.01; 3. Adam Wing

1-meter diving: 1. Kyle Wilkinson (P),

100 butterfly: 1. Scott Ansteth (LF), 1:00.75; 2. Ethan Weiner (P), 1:05.37; 3. Zach Koch (P), 1:06.38.

100 freestyle: 1. Adam Wing (P), 55.52; 2. Peter Burns (P), 58.35; 3. Todd Maslyk (P), 1:02.32.

102.32. 500 freestyle: 1. Brandon Larkins (LF), 5:25.30; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 5:43.03; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 5:48.72. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Ethan Weiner, Adam Wing, Alex Jouney), 1:41.18; 2. Plymouth, 1:45.44; 3. Franklin 1:46.71

Franklin, 1:46.71. 100 backstroke: 1. Scott Ansteth (LF),

1:06.89; 2. Jason Oldani (P), 1:09.32; 3. Dan Stoscup (P), 1:10.53. 100 breaststroke: 1. Kyle Dull (P), 1:11.19; 2. Alex Jouney (P), 1:15.60; 3. Todd Maslyk (P), 1:17.02

Oldani, Chris Wilson, Ethan Weiner, Paul Snyder), 3:39.86; 2. Plymouth, 3:51.66; 3.

Franklin, 3:53.50.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Jason

BOYS HOOP WRAP

Lineberry's the 'Cat'-alyst of Plymouth's win

Marquee Taylor (nine points) and Brennen Beyer (five points and eight boards). Jeff Poole led the Patriots

with 14 points. "The key tonight was our balanced scoring," Van Wagoner said. "Plus, we held them to 12 points in the first half, so we were playing some pretty good defense."

Plymouth led 9-8 after one quarter, 23-12 at the half and 45-30 with eight minutes to play. The teams combined for 45 points in a run-and-gun fourth quarter.

Plymouth drained 15-of-25 free throws while Franklin went 12 of 18 from the line. CANTON 55, CHURCHILL 43: On Friday at Canton, the

Chiefs overcame a 30-23 halftime deficit to post their second consecutive victory.

Canton will take a 5-3 overall record and 2-0 KLAA South mark into Tuesday's home cross-campus clash with Plymouth.

The Chargers slipped to 4-3 and 0-2, respectively.

Canton junior Kevin Weisz close game and cruise to their continued to establish himself as one of the top juniors in the area as he notched a game high 18 points and nine rebounds. Three other Chiefs hovered around the doubledigit line: Dietrich Lever (11 points), Marlan Glenn (10) and Sherif Hassanien (nine). Lever also added six steals.

Ryan Woods Led Churchill with 15 points. Adam Bedell chipped in with 10.

Canton coach Dan Colligan credited his team's defensive intensity for the victory.

"Kyle Biega, Sherif Hassanien, Dietrich Lever and Marlan Glenn - all of our guards, really – did a great job of shutting down their dribble penetration *in the second half," said Colligan, whose team yielded just 13 points after the break.

"I feel fortunate to win this game. Churchill is a very good basketball team and they're going to be in the (KLAA South) race until the end." **STEVENSON 73, SALEM 52:**

On Friday at Salem, the Spartans used a 25-point second quarter to break open a

fifth win in seven games.

Salem, which was coming off a stirring last-second victory over Northville on Tuesday, dropped to 3-5. Both teams are 1-1 in the KLAA South.

"They beat us every which way," lamented Salem coach Bob Brodie. "This hit a lot of threes, they hustled and scrapped the entire game. Every time we'd start to close the gap, they'd hit a three.

"They're a very scrappy team that never goes away."

The Spartans led just 17-15 after one quarter before turning on the after-burners and surging to a 42-24 halftime advantage.

Salem cut its deficit to 60-43 with eight minutes to play, but couldn't dent the Spartans' inflated lead. Jimmy Dexter paced Salem with 14 points. Joe Posler added 13 and Anthony Mullins netted 11. Bobby Naubert twined 20

for the winners.

Salem made 6 of 11 free throws while Stevenson was 12-of-20 from the stripe.



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BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-10

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES, IN PART II – BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR FEE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING FOR BUILDING CLEANUP; **PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND** EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. FEE SCHEDULE.

This section provides that a building department fee schedule shall be established and all fees shall be paid at the time of application.

SECTION 2. BUILDING CLEANUP.

This section provides for a building cleanup bond.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provisions of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Publish: January 25, 2009

This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC Clerk

Charter Township of Plymouth

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The Club Extreme ASICS U16 national volleyball team won first place at the Dunes Volleyball Tournament in Rolling Prairie, Ind., on Jan. 18. The Club Extreme ASICS Volleyball Club has nine teams of girls, whose ages range from 12 to 18. Pictured are (front row from left) Lauren Ascherman (Salem), Danielle Borthwick (Northville), (middle row from left) Kerstin Johnson (Salem), Kayla Bridge (Plymouth), Grace Halloran (Birmingham Groves), (bottom row from left) Tim Manley (assistant coach), Shea Manley (Waterford Kettering), Rachel Staudt (Novi), Lauren Meadows (Kettering), Jillian Sommerville (Salem), Kerry MacDonald (Salem) and coach Peter Lau.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

REPEAL OF CHAPTER 25. MECHANICAL CODE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-06

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. C-08-01. CHAPTER 25, THE MECHANICAL CODE OF THE CODE OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section provides that Ordinance No. C-08-01, Chapter 25, Mechanical Code be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

REPEAL. SECTION 3:

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This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

REPEAL OF CHAPTER 27, PLUMBING CODE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-08

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. C-98-02, CHAPTER 27, PLUMBING CODE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section provides that Ordinance No. C-98-02, Chapter 27, Plumbing Code be and is hereby repealed.

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This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Poise under pressure leads Rocks over Stevenson

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Instead of panicking when down six with 2:40 left Friday night against Livonia Stevenson, Salem's girls basketball team caused panic.

As a result, the Rocks escaped the Spartans' gym with a 36-33 triumph.

Trailing 33-27 with just under three minutes to play, the Rocks' amped-up defense forced a series of late turnovers that led to a game-ending 9-0 run.

"We're starting to finish games, which is a good sign," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose squad improved to 4-6 overall and 2-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. "Tonight's win was especially satisfying because this team seems to be getting in a rhythm."

The game's pivotal points game with 56 seconds left and the game tied at 33-all when Salem's Chelsea Davis converted an oldfashioned three-point play.

Junior guard Sara Stone led the winners with 14 points. Davis added nine points and eight rebounds, while Victoria Brotz and Tracy Whalen both scored five. Whalen added six assists.

Sarah Smith led Stevenson with 10 points.

Salem made 6 of 7 free throws while Stevenson did not attempt one

CANTON 49, CHURCHILL 38: On Friday at Churchill, the Chiefs snapped a two-game losing streak thanks in large part to an 18-

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point/seven-rebound night from sophomore Kari Schmitt.

The victory improved Canton's record to 8-2 overall and 1-1 in the KLAA South Division. Churchill dropped to 5-4 and 1-1, respectively.

"The girls came out and played hard and really got after it defensively," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We had a nice second quarter, holding them to six points.

"When Churchill switched from a man to a zone in the second half, we made our outside shots."

Joining Schmitt in the contribution category were CarolAnn Sexauer, who contributed 10 points, Sara Schmitt, who added seven, and Kayla Bridges, who chipped in with six.

Lindsay Graciak led the Chargers with 13 points. Darcy Deroo added 11.

Canton made 7 of 10 free throws while Churchill was 9 of 13 from the stripe.

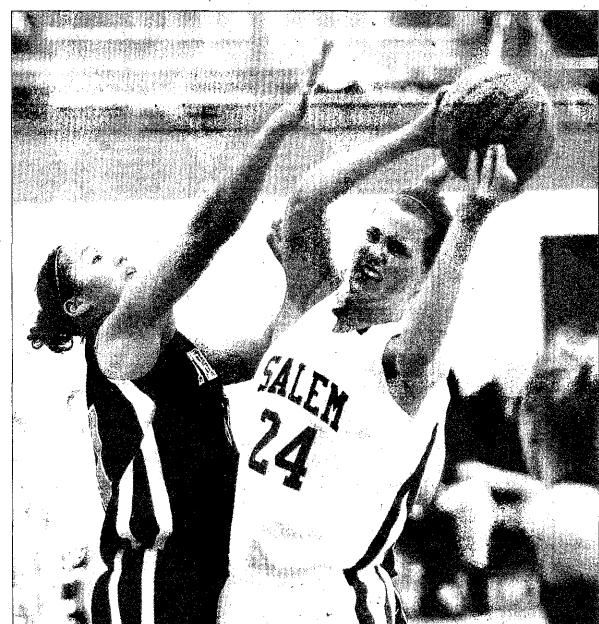
Canton led 8-7 after one quarter, 19-13 at the break and 36-28 after three quarters.

FRANKLIN 48, PLYMOUTH 34: On Friday, Briauna Taylor paced the winners with 25 points and Chelsea Williams added 11.

Shaakira Haywood led the Wildcats with 12 points. Troi Davis added nine.

"We couldn't defend them in the fourth quarter," said Plymouth coach Ted Sturdivant.

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Salem's Tracy Whalen, pictured in a game earlier this season, recorded five points and six assists in the Rocks' 36-33 victory at Livonia Stevenson Friday night.

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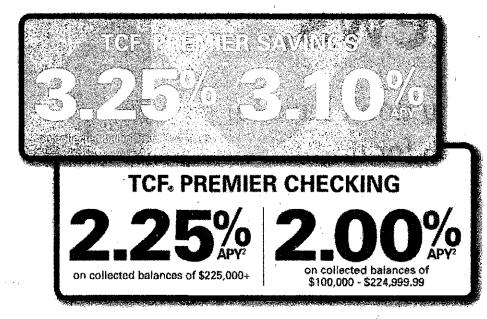
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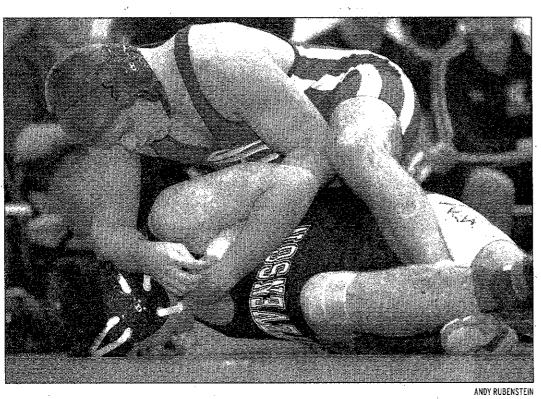
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WRESTLING REPORT

Jan. 21 at Salem SALEM 46, LIVONIA STEVENSON 27 103 pounds: Nick Kim (Salem) pinned Ash Alhaj, 0:50; 112: Ian Phillips (Salem) p. Omar Mostafa, 3:45; 119: Devin Stratton (Salem) won by major decision over Corey Davis, 13-1; 125: John Bills (Salem) pinned David Bernier, 1:32; 130: Kyle Middleditch (Salem) p. Jay Bishop, 1:10; 135: Jamaal Reld (LSO p. James Middleditch, 1:22; 140: Mitch Gonzales (LS) dec. Josh Morhofer, 17-12; 145: Raz Markosian (LS) p. Dylan Hatcher, 0:32; 152: Robbie Schultz (Salem) dec. Dan McCarthy, 4-2; 160: Chris Arnold (LS) p. Brad Sugg, 1:30; 171: Jake Burns (LS) p. Adam Turner, 3:09; 189: Austin Root (LSD) dec. Andrew Schramm, 10-5; 215: Sam Lepper (Salem) p. Derek Winderlich, 0:45; 285: Ali Ajmi (Salem) p. T.J. Austin, 2:54

2:54. WAYNE MEMORIAL 47, PLYMOUTH 27 103 pounds: Said Youssef (P) decisioned Tristen Jarosicwicz, 11-6; 112: Darryl Ison (WM) pinned Shadi Jammoul, 0:28; 119: Nick Rizzo (P) p. Devon Adams, 1:47; 125: Michael Wallace (WM) won by major decision over James Ahearn, 12-4; 130: Jalen Jones (WM) won by major dec. over Ryan Schultz, 17-4; 140: Anwar Woliver (WM) dec. Zack Feschenko, 14-11; 145: Brandon Whittenberg (WM) p. Brandon Crowther, 4:26; 152: Josh Mills (WM) p. Rob Barackman, 0:33; 160: Derrick Davey (P) p. Cleero Chandler, 3:42; 171: Wineent Rizzo (P) p. Nate Cavanaugh, 1:38; 189: Dimitrus Renfroe (WM) p. Curtis Crosier, 5:19; 215: Alex Winn (P) p. Dylan Korzetki, 1:58; 285: Chris Bowie (WM) won by void.



Salem's Sam Lepper led Salem's wrestling team to an impressive victory over Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday. Lepper won the 215-pound match by pinning Stevenson's Derek Winderlich in 45 seconds.

Canton icers unplug Chargers, 7-2

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's hockey team reestablished itself as the team to beat in the South Division of the KLAA's Kensington Conference with a convincing 7-2 win Wednesday night over host Livonia Churchill at Edgar Arena.

The state-ranked Chiefs, coming off a 7-3 setback Friday against rival Plymouth, improved to 11-2-1 overall.

Alex Berlin had two goals and three assists, while Ryan Lash also scored twice and drew two assists as the Chiefs improved to 6-2-1 in the South and now enjoyed a four-point divisional lead with 13 points. Both Churchill and Plymouth are tied for second with nine points each, four behind the Chiefs.

Nick Tomilenko, Jordan Emery and Donnie Barlow also tallied goals for the Chiefs, who led 3-1 after one period and withstood a 15-4 Churchill shot advantage in the second period while adding another goal.

Anthony Bennett contributed three assists as the Canton outscored Churchill 3-1 in the final period.

"We had to refocus our game plan to suit our style," Canton coach Dan Abraham said. "We got away from that the previous game and played very poorly.

Prior to that game our defense and goaltending were awful, and our forwards did not score because they did not play position hockey. We worked on that and included some motivation because it was Churchill, and they have a great team history."

Canton goaltender Zane Birchler turned away 36-of-38 Churchill shots to help secure the win. He made 15 straight saves to hold the Chargers scoreless in the second period.

"If Zane doesn't play the way he did in the second period, we don't win by that margin," Abraham said.

Joe Williams tallied Churchill's first goal in the opening period from Brent Mishowski and Robert Louwers in the opening period. Scott Hamill added a third-period goal from Drew Sieber and Stefan Kubus as the Chargers fall to 3-5-3 overall and 3-2-3 in the South Division.

Churchill started Adrian Motta, who gave up five goals before being lifted early in the third period.

"They (Canton) played a smarter game," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "They were able to capitalize and we were unable to match it (in the second period). They had a good game plan and once they got the lead they played responsibly in their defensive zone."

Talented Northville gymnasts edge Canton

Canton's gymnastics team dropped a 143.60 to 138.85 decision to Northville Tuesday night.

The loss dropped the Chiefs to 2-1 while the Mustangs improved to 2-0.

"With one day of final exams behind us and three more to go, our team wasn't as focused as I'm used to seeing it," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "But it was a decent meet for us. Northville just has a very strong team."

The Mustangs' earned the top two spots in the final allaround standings as Chloe Presley placed first with 37.60 points, just under a point more than runner-up MaKenna Pohl.

Canton's Robyn Piwowar was fourth with a 36.05 while Chief Cathy Huang earned fourth with a 34.825.

Presley captured three of the Piwowar.

four individual events, winning the balance beam with a 9.65, the uneven bars with a 9.15 and the floor exercise with a 9.65.

Pohl won the fourth event --the vault -- with a 9.35, just .15 more than second-place Piwowar

SC women cagers derail Henry Ford

There was an Amber alert Wednesday night as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team rolled to a 101-41 triumph over host Henry Ford Community College.

The Lady Ocelots, now 16-2 overall and 9-0 in the MCCAA's Eastern Conference, got a game-high 24 points and 15 rebounds from Amber Avery, a 5-foot-8 freshman forward from Southfield Lathrup.

Jasmine Brown chipped in with a career-high 20 points for Schoolcraft, which started the game with a 32-0 run before the Hawks, who missed their first 24 field goal attempts, answered with a free throw with 7:38 left in the half.

Schoolcraft led 50-28 at intermission and outscored the Hawks 51-13 over the final 20 minutes. The Lady Ocelots' bench accounted for 49 points. Also getting into the act for the Lady Ocelots, who made 46-of-90 field goal tries (51 percent), were Sheray Brown (15 points), Brittany Collins (eight assists) and Antania Shepherd (eight points, six assists).

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Taquweisha King scored 19 points to lead Henry Ford (4-12, 1-7), while Chelsea Manasian (Livonia Churchill) added nine.

MADONNA 62, CONCORDIA 43: Because of a coach's decision by Carl Graves, only six players saw action Wednesday as Madonna University (8-13, 3-2) downed host Concordia University (6-13, 0-6) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

The Crusaders, who led 27-18 at intermission, got a game-high 16 points from Tabatha Wydryck.

Katie Mount and Erin Bentley added 15 and 13, respectively, while Kim Olech (Plymouth) finished with 10 points and 13 assists.

Betsey Barlow and Elyse Schlump each scored 10 for the Cardinals, coached by former Livonia Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski.

PREP WRESTLING

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 27 Macomb Christian at Agape, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.

Inter-City Baptist at PCA, 7 p.m. Novi at Salem, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 Agape at Franklin Road, 7:30 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. Salem at South Lygen, 7 p.m. PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p. GIRLS BASKETBALL 7 p.m Tuesday Jan. 27 PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 7 p.m. Agape at Macomb Christian, 6:30 p.m. Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Salem at Novi, 7 p.m. Salem at Novi, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 Agape at Washtenaw Christian, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Churchill South Lyon at Salem, 7 p.m. GIRLS PREP HOCKEY Wadacaday Ion. 29 GIRLS PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Jan. 28 PCS at Mercy at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 PCS at Bloomfield Hills at Southfield Sports Arena, 8 p.m. **BOYS PREP HOCKEY** Wednesday, Jan. 28 Canton at D.H. Crestwood, 8 p.m. Plymouth at Franklin at Eddie Edgar Arena, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 Churchill at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m. Salem at Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 7:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 Salem at Lakeview, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28 Canton at John Glenn Quad, TBA Salem at South Lyon East, TBA Plymouth at South Lyon Last, 194 Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 Observerland Tournament at Churchill, 9 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING Turchart Jan. 27 Tuesday, Jan. 27 Churchill at Saleim, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m. Churchill at Plymouth at Canton pool, 6:30 p.n PREP GYMNASTICS Tuesday, Jan. 27 Brighton at Canton, 6:30 p. Wednesday, Jan. 28 Salem vs. W.L. Gold at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m. **MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** Wednesday, Jan. 28 UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m Saturday, Jan. 31 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Jan. 28 Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 5:30 p.m. Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 Indiana Tech at Madonna, 1 p.m. Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 1 p.m. TBA – time to be announced. ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Sunday, Jan. 25 Plymouth at Windsor, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 Sarnià at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 Windsor at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 Mississauga at Plymouth (Compuware), 7 p.m.

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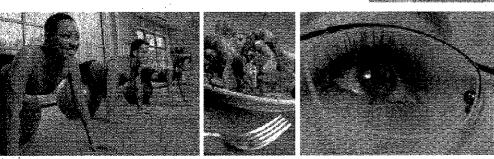


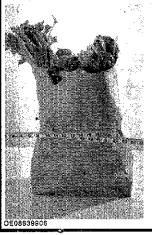


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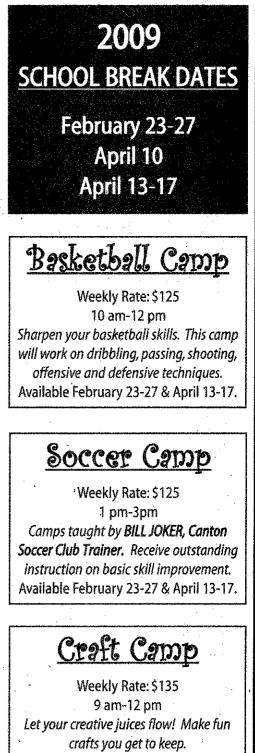
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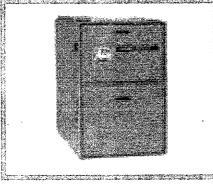
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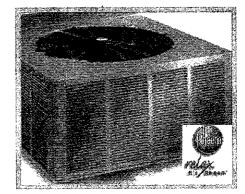
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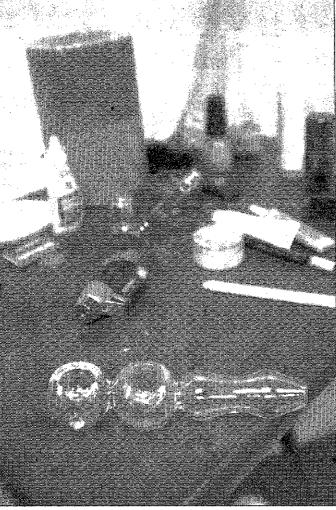
Mock teen bedroom tells tale of substance abuse

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

The dryer sheet stuffed inside a cardboard toilet paper roll looks like a piece of trash in the mock teen's bedroom, but Cheryl Phillips knows it's a sign of trouble. The homemade drug paraphernalia is a dead giveaway that drug experimentation, at the very least, is going on. Users exhale into the tube to mask the scent and smoke making it difficult to detect substance abuse. That's why it's important for parents to learn firsthand to spot such things as books and sandals used to hide contraband.

Phillips and health educator Gretchen Nachazel will place nearly 70 of these items in the interactive exhibit as part of "Drugs 101: What Every Parent Needs to Know" on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Summit on the Park Recreation Center. The program is one of several offered by the Health Exploration Station, the interactive learning facility in St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center. Phillips and Nachazel designed the talk to educate parents of middle and high school students about marijuana, inhalants, ecstasy, prescription medicines and alcohol after visiting a similar presentation by the Byrnes Health Education Center in Pennsvlvania.

"We're seeing an increase in prescription drug use," said Phillips. "Kids rifle through their parent's medicine cabinets and take one or two from the bottles so they're not missed. They might be selling in school to make money or using it themselves, pain meds like Vicodin and Percocet or stimulants Adderall and



Drug-related paraphernalia are part of an interactive exhibit used for an educational presentation by St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

Ritalin which is used a lot on college campuses to stay up and study."

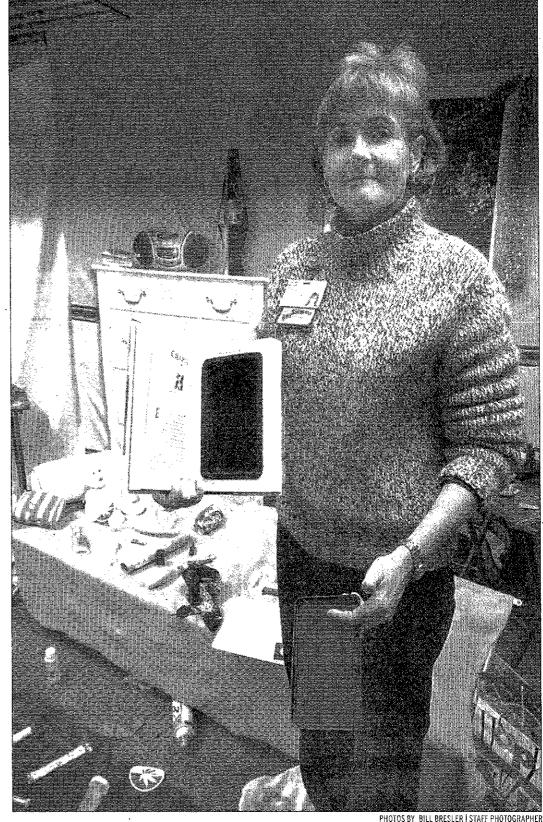
"They can get hallucinogenic effects from cold medicine, pseudoephedrine," said Nachazel.

Philips demonstrates how a teen might use a punched-in pop can for smoking marijuana or a bandana, headband or scrunchy for sniffing inhalants throughout the day. She points out that the numbers 420 on a T-shirt are a clue a teen may be using marijuana. It refers to a time kids assemble after school to smoke a joint. Candy necklaces help relieve the teeth clenching caused by ecstasy. Other drug paraphernalia in the room was ordered on the Internet

and delivered to the health center. A drinking game, popular on campuses and high schools, was bought at a head shop in Ann Arbor.

"They can take 15 to 20 minutes to wander through the scene to see what they can spot," said Nachazel. "It's not just related to the inner city. The rates (of substance abuse) are the same in the suburbs."

"Kids as young as middle school and late elementary are using gateway drugs which are so easy to get, mineral spirits, inhalants," added Phillips. "A lot of balloons could be a sign of inhalant use and they still use glue and markers. Rarely does someone use heroin as their first drug." A resource sheet in the



Health educator Gretchen Nachazel shows a book that is hollowed out and can be used to hide contraband. She is standing in a mock bedroom of a teen drug user.

parent's packet offers tips to communicate with a child, especially if they notice sympsigns. "The child may be more into experimentation," said Nachazel. "We talk about

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"The younger you are starting a drug, the more addictive," added Phillips. "The

toms like blood shot eyes, an abrupt change in behavior, defiance, sliding grades or the smell of booze or marijuana. Sometimes there may be no trends and ways they can hide it even from a savvy parent, and we role play a parent communicating with a kid on topics involving drugs." goal is to get school officials to come and take the program back to their school."

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Anti-cancer diet reduces risks

Registered dietitian Betty Boscarino wants to help reduce cancer risks bite by bite.

"Diet-related factors may account for up to 30 percent of all diagnosed cancer in the United States," says Boscarino, who's on staff at Beaumont Hospital, Troy. "And obesity may replace smoking as the number one preventable cause of many cancers."

Diet and obesity are linked to breast and colon cancers and may be linked to aggressive forms of prostate cancer. Antioxidants in food may block or stall the process of cells becoming cancerous.

Boscarino offers the following tips to avoid potential cancer-causers, ensure an adequate intake of antioxidants found naturally in plants, and maintain a healthy weight.

Different colored fruits and vegetables contain different antioxidants, so strive to "eat a rainbow" every day.

Pass up the salt shaker. A high-salt diet is associated with stomach cancer.

• Limit your intake of charbroiled and fried meats, which are linked to stomach, colon and rectal cancer.

Dietary fiber, found in abundance in whole grains, nuts, fruits and vegetables, may play a role in cancer prevention.

Consider a vegetarian or flexitarian diet. Flexitarians eat a limited amount of meat. A plant-based diet may help control weight.

Exercise. Physical activity may decrease cancer risk by speeding up digestion, decreasing insulin levels and suppressing high levels of hormones. Some cancers, such as breast and prostate, are hormone-sensitive.

Fill your plate two-thirds or more with plant-based foods and one-third lean meat, poultry, fish or low-fat dairy foods.

Boscarino teaches a class for those who want to reduce their risk of getting cancer or of having cancer recur.

The next session of "Reducing Cancer Risk One Meal at a Time" is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Beaumont, Troy, 44201 Dequindre, south of M-59). Registration is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Call Beaumont's Physician Referral Service toll-free at 1-800-633-7377 for more information or to register.

JANUARY Stress clinic

Continues with Dr. Arthur Weaver 7:30-9

p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 29, at the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. No charge; donations accepted. Call the Livonia Department of Community Resources at (734) 466-2540.

Healthy eating workshop

Start the New Year Healthy: What Are You Eating? is the topic for a workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, with guest speaker Dr. William H. Karl, D.C. The workshop is for everyone who needs help making healthy choices when buying food at the grocery store, deciding what to eat at a restaurant or cooking family meals. Karl will talk about organic vs. non-organic, GMO foods and the role of supplements in diet. To register, call (734) 425-8588.

Lung cancer talk

St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents "Let's Talk... About Lung Cancer" 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. A panel of physician experts speak and answer questions about symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of lung cancer in an interactive format. No charge, but registration required. Call (734) 655-8940.

Breast feeding classes

Began Jan. 15 and continue 10:30 a.m.-noon Thursdays through Feb. 5, at the Oakland County Health Division, 27725 Greenfield, Southfield. Public health nurses cover topics ranging from pumping to starting solids and weaning. Mothers are encouraged to bring their babies to sessions. Information is targeted to mothers involved in the first year of breastfeeding. Call (248) 858-4003 or toll free (888) 350-0900, ext. 84003. For other classes and services, visit www.oakgov. com/health.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit

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Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

UPCOMING Winter fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women begin Monday, Feb. 2, and continue through April for 22 sessions at the Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The session infuses Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility, and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957 to register. For information, e-mail to jeanieweaver@charter.net.

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder meet on Monday, Feb. 2, at Way Elementary, 765 W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Sign-in, 7 p.m.; meeting, 7:30 p.m. The Parent group will have Neuropsychologists Isabelle Beaulieu Ph.D and Roger Lauer Ph.D speaking on AD/HD, Sleep'Problems, and Executive Functioning: What are the Links?

The adult group will hear psychiatrist Dr. Phil Parker speaking on Medication Treatment for AD/HD: Bringing us back to the Future. Meetings are free to members and their families. Non-member families can donate up to \$5 to attend and receive literature. Call (248) 988-6716. The website is www.chadd. net/527.

Medical certificate programs

Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, for Madonna University's Office of Continuing Education and Professional 'Studies' 13-week or less medical certificate programs. The winter schedule runs 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 17-April 16, for EKG Technician; Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 16-April 13 for Pharmacy Technician; and Feb. 16-May 20 for Medical Billing and Coding.

All courses prepare students to take national board exams and apply for entry-level positions. As part of the classes, students are able to attend free workshops at Madonna University for resumé writing and job interviewing tips. Classes offered at the main campus at the intersection of Schoolcraft and Levan Roads, off I-96 in Livonia. Visit

www.madonna.edu or call (734) 432-5804. **Understanding diabetes**

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a Diabetes Support Group presentation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use the Main Entrance on Five Mile. Registered dietitian Judy Swancutt presents Diabetes and Vitamins, Minerals and Herbs: What's Right for You. All are welcome. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults, with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, pre-registration not required. For information, call (734) 655-8961.

Metro Fibromyalgia support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. Feb. 12, at Merriman Road Baptist Church. 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Rd., Garden City. This is an opportunity to meet some of our advisory board members and ask questions. No dues, but donations accepted. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

'Go Red' luncheon

The American Heart Association event features a fashion show, keynote speaker Dr. Annabelle Volgman, and a silent auction including celebrity purses donated by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 100 Renaissance Center, Detroit. Tickets \$250,. available by calling Tasheena Young at (248) 936-5806. Proceeds benefit education and research for women and heart disease.

Lupus support group

The Lupus Alliance hosts a free meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Lupus Alliance of America's office, 26507 Harper, St. Clair Shores. Guest speaker is Chuck Pottenger on how memory is affected by lupus. Call (800) 705-6677 to pre-register of for more information online at www. milupus.org.

Thyroid cancer support

The group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. The next meeting is 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 1641 Charlevois Drive, Troy. For more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Reconnect with food

Registration is now being taken for a

Candlelight Yoga and Discussion Program

7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the Center for Yoga, Birmingham. The program is for individuals interested in exploring their relationship with food, body image and emotions. Cost is \$29, one week prior to program. Pre-registration required. For information, log onto www.reconnectwithfood.com or call (248) 390-4150.

Nutrition for life

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering classes led by St. Mary Mercy's registered dietitian Jenny Kasprzyk 5-6 p.m. each month in Classroom 11 in St. Mary Mercy's Marian Professional Building. The class is free but registration required. Call (734) 655-8950. Topics are Destination: Heart Healthy Living on March 4, Eat from the Rainbow: The Benefits of a Diet Rich in Fruits and Vegetables on April 1, and The Truth about Fad Diets May 6.

Butterfly Ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan has rescheduled its black tie fund-raiser to 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets \$250 per person. The Butterfly Ball will include a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing, and a live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica Jimenez, Development specialist, (248) 784-2018 or jjimenez@alam. org.

ONGOING

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road); Livonia, Call (734) 655-1100 for more information, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for more information. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.



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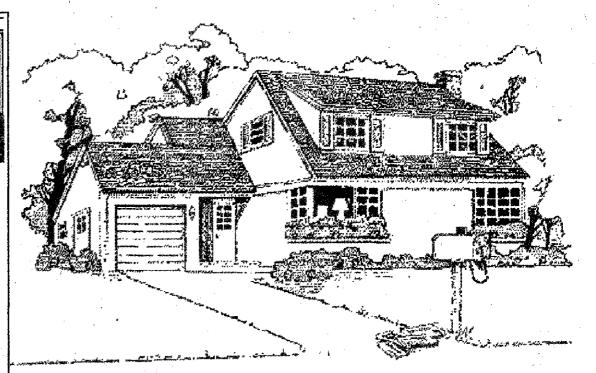


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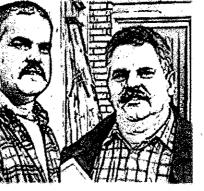
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Keep kids safe from dog bites

🕻 t never ceases to amaze my sister and me how some parents can be so careless. On more than one occasion we've had children run up to us while walking our Irish Wolfhounds in local parks. These are big dogs, but even



small ones can bite no matter how lovable they look. My favorite excuse is "we have a big dog at home."

As a master trainer and dog behaviorist, Bonny Wainz has heard her share over the years — that's why she developed the Kids &

Canines: Keep 'em Safe program to prevent children from being bit by dogs. My sister, Gwen Dietrich, created the illustrations for the coloring book showing the don'ts of approaching a strange animal or even the family pet in certain situations. The next session takes place Sunday, March 8, at Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth.

"All dogs are not safe, are not your friend," said Wainz of Alternative Canine Training. "So many times I'm working with clients and kids run up and don't even ask to pet the dog. They're probably not going to bite the owner, but don't trust any dogs."

Wainz offers a number of tips for children and adults to heed.

"Kids have more of a chance of becoming a victim because they're more like litter mates because of their size and how they act. They run, have high squeaky voices," said Wainz, who specializes in rehabilitating dogs with behavioral problems. "They need to know how to meet a dog, to approach from the side and hold their hand with fingers curled under like a fist. Don't make eve contact, then you can pet the dog, but underneath the chin. Over the head you're taking a dominant position which the dog might not like. Under the chin is a friendly gesture." Parents should never let children



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St. Vincent de Paul employee Sharonda Smiley assembled these outfits. The suit on the right is from Lord & Taylor and priced at \$12.

Seniors expert at saving money in trying economic times

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Mary Ciolek doesn't mind spending time to save money. The 71-year-old Westland woman regularly wades through the merchandise at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift





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Mary and Bernie Ciolek shop regularly at the St. Vincent de **Paul Thrift Store** in Westland. They like the selection of

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tease, yell or throw objects at a dog. In the session she explains to kids that they don't like it when someone is teasing them.

"Never run up to a dog and startle them or give a big hug. Sometimes you just want top be left alone," said Wainz, "and never approach a sleeping dog. You don't like it when someone wakes you up suddenly."

Each of the illustrations in the coloring book teach children what not to do. Never approach a dog while eating or chewing on a toy.

"A Labrador retriever, golden retriever, you even have to be careful of these types," said Wainz. "If you're playing outside and there's a stray dog first try to tell your parents. Go in the back yard and close the gate. Get out of the situation by walking to a friend's house. Cross the street after looking both ways. If a dog is almost on top of you (and) if you have a baseball cap, throw it to the side to distract the dog, slowly back away. If you turn your back you're submissive and prey."

Wainz teaches kids to speak Doglish. Does the face look positive and welcoming or are the ears pinned back, the dog stiff, hair standing up, growling or barking? Dogs will tell you when they want to be left alone.

For dogs with fear, aggression the tail is tucked underneath the body. Do not pet the dog as it might think you're a threat and bite.

"Act like a tree and cross your chest. Usually a dog will lose interest and leave. If a dog knocks you over, put your hands over ears and huddle into a little ball."

Wainz has some advice for parents as well. If a dog is cranky, take him or her to a veterinarian to rule out illness as a reason for the behavior. And train the

dog. "Teach the dog that lunging and biting at the kids is not acceptable," said Wainz, who's been training dogs since 1983. "Get the kids involved in training. It elevates their social status with the animal."

For more information, visit alternativecaninetraining.com or call (734) 462-2810.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and Community Life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at ichomin@ hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.



Barbara Flood is known for the gift baskets she creates at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland.

Store in Westland looking for bargains. 2 III C D TI C On a recent Tuesday, her cart was filled with books and a nativity scene which was half off the already low price. Bernie, her husband of 50 years, picks up World War II videos

and Mills Brothers records. In the warmer months of the year, the Cioleks buy items at garage sales to resell at flea markets to supplement their income.

We come because it's cheap. The bottom line is money. I also go to the DAV thrift store in Westland," said Ciolek, who taught religion to second- and fifthgrade students at St. Damian's and was an R.N. at Garden City Hospital for 17 years. "We just had lunch at the Maplewood Community Center in Garden City for \$2.25. At suppertime I'll make soup. We had six children at home so_I used to get vegetables on sale, carrots, cabbage and a little meat."

Barbara Flood offered plenty of ideas for gifts for Ciolek's 15 grandchildren. After grabbing a wicker basket priced at Attractive displays are created by employees at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland.

ABOUT THIS STORY

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is beginning a series of occasional stories to help readers save money. The first installation features words of wisdom from senior citizens who many times live on fixed, limited incomes. If you have any money-saving tips, send them to Ichomin@hometownlife.com.

50 cents the Redford woman began filling it with Hannah Montana products and a doll.

"I love to see people's faces when they see how inexpensive it can be to create a gift basket," said Flood, assistant store. manager.

"We have complete outfits for under

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Barbershop quartet delivers surprise valentines

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Jeff Cheek was looking for a way to impress girlfriend Kara McPhail last Feb. 14, when he called the Renaissance Chorus to have one of the barbershop quartets deliver a singing Valentine at Compari's in Plymouth. The 22-year-old Canton man thought the restaurant would be the perfect place to surprise the young woman he'd only known for about six months.

The quartets will travel to communities within a 15-mile radius of Westland, including Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Garden City, Canton, Wayne, Ann Arbor, Novi, and Northville, this year on Valentine's Day weekend, Feb. 13-14. The cost is \$40, or \$20 for those brave enough to chime in and sing with members of the Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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Last year, Jeff Cheek of Canton surprised his girlfriend Karah McPhall with a Singing Valentine by Jerry Beamish (left), Mark Pritchard, Jim Farkas, and Frank Adams, a quartet from the Renaissance Chorus.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunionannouncement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail Ichomin@hometownlife.com. Brighton High School

Class of 1989

Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups. vahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge. Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

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Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com. Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information

about classmates. Garden City High School East

Class of 1959

3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 High School Tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum Tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Rd., and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park Large Pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

-Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of 1-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send email to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

20th reunion Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor (6 p.m. to midnight. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Rochester Adams Paula at ochs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

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Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy,

(313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

-A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Milford High School

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com. Mother Of Our Savior

All class reunion

Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information. Call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School Class of 1970

Planning a May 23, 2009 reunion at OLF Bradley Hall. Still looking for classmates that graduated with us or joined us any time during those years. E-mail Joan Barrett-Stec at stecland@aol.com.

Class of 1989

Announces its 20 Year Reunion Saturday, July 18, 2009. For details and more information, visit rochesteradams89.com or e-mail rahs89@gmail. com.

Youth Theatre casts net for 'Annie Jr.'

The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre invites young actors in grades 3-12, with or without previous experience, to audition for the spring production of Annie Jr.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Annie Jr. is based on the beloved Broadway musical, and has all the fun and adventure, great songs, and lively spirit of the original. Many parts will be available for girls and boys, in two large casts.

The audition schedule is as follows:

- 12:30 to 2 p.m., Grades 3-4 2 to 3:30 p.m., Grades 5-7 鼝
- . 3:30 to 5 p.m., Grades 8-12

Auditioning students are asked to bring a recent school photo to the audition; otherwise, photos taken at auditions will cost \$2. All other materials are supplied and nothing needs to be prepared in advance.

Actors cast in the play will



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'Annie Jr.' is based on the original Annie musical. Auditions will be held for the local performance at the **Costick Center in Farmington Hills.**

need to pay a registration fee of \$135 residents/\$140 nonresidents (includes costumes.) Class/rehearsal dates and times will vary depending upon role. Show dates are Thursday through Sunday, May 7-10, at the Costick Center.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

REPEAL OF CHAPTER 29, SWIMMING POOLS ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-09

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 25, CHAPTER 29, SWIMMING POOLS **ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES** THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OF PLYMOUTH: PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; **PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR** SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

This section provides that Ordinance No. 25, Chapter 29, Swimming Pools Ordinance be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEAL.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4: SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall

COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

REPEAL OF CHAPTER 26, ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-07

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. C-97:06, CHAPTER 26, ONE AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLING CODE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE

This section provides that Ordinance No. C-97-06, Chapter 26, One and Two-Family Dwelling Code be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEAL.

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SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Bid Packet #21: Remodeling Projects at Bentley & Tonda Elementary Schools along with the Administration, Transportation, and Curriculum Buildings. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection and pick-up (1 set per company) at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; (248)-427-8400. They can also be viewed at; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders. Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition / 104:Flatwork / 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades / 109:Roofing / 114:Aluminum Windows/ Entrances/Glass & Glazing / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Carpet, Resilient Flooring, & Hard Tile / 120:Painting / 130:Window Treatments / 135:Overhead Doors / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 19, 2009 at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board Office located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Project Documents should be addressed in writing and faxed to the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy), a valid familial disclosure statement, and a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 29, 2009 where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed bids will not be accepted. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

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Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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COUNTY OF WAYNE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

REPEAL OF CHAPTER 22, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-04

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 22. ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR **REPEAL**; **PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE**; **PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE. SECTION 1:

This section provides that Ordinance No. C-94-03, Chapter 22, Energy Conversation Code be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEAL.

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SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.

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> Joe Bridgman, CMC Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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REPEAL OF CHAPTER 20. BUILDING CODE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2008-03

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. C-97-03. CHAPTER 20, BUILDING CODE PART II, BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL: PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. **REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**

This section provides that Ordinance No. C-97-03. Chapter 20, Building Code, Part II, Building Regulations, be and is hereby repealed.

SEVERABILITY. SECTION 2:

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 3: REPEAL

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Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Publish: January 18 and 25, 2009 QE08840107 - 2x7

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning **Board of Appeals**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed: ΄,

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steven Johnson, Vicki Welty

Alternate: Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

North Canton Professional Building Assoc. Inc., 28525 Beck Road, Suite 118, Wixom, MI 48393, for commercial property located at 44633 Joy Road, south side of Joy Road between Sheldon and N. Canton Center Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00. Section 6A.14 signs permitted in office districts. Zone O-1 Parcel 010 99 0001 701 (Building)

Brian and Lori Levi, 45584 Morningside Drive, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant residential property located at same address, and William Cooley, 45563 Baldwin Court, for vacant residential property located at same address, both addresses located on the north side of Morningside Drive between Marshall and Canton Center Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.24 A and C to allow for grading to establish wetland mitigation areas with the required stormwater protection buffer and existing wetlands along the Fellows Creek.

Zone R-4 Parcels 036 99 0004 707 & 036 99 0003 704 (Planning)

- Chris Karapatsakis, 6231 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant property located on the south side of Ford Road between Morrison and Morton Taylor Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinances Article 6.00, Section 6.10.D footnote d Schedule of Regulations- request to side setback of 5 ft and rear setback of 53 ft, and Article 4.00, Section 4.01.B.1 location of off-street parking-request is for a 4 ft variance to allow parking up to the screening wall.
- Zone O-1 Parcels 054 01 0030 000, 054 01 0031 000, 054 01 0032 000, 054 01 0033 000, 054 01 0034 000, 054 01 0035 000. (Planning)

Approval of the January 8, 2009 Minutes

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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Local thrift stores offer variety of recycled items at reduced prices

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Thrift stores offer everyday clothing, furniture, appliances, electronic items, and children's toys at discounted prices but are a good place to find men's and women's attire for job interviews as well. Increasing numbers of people have lost their jobs and need to save money. Michael Saine thinks the answer is recycling goods. Not only does shopping at thrift stores keep costs down but help the environment by reducing the amount consumers throw away in landfills.

"It's a redistribution of wealth," said Michael Saine, manager of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland. "Those who donate don't need it anymore. It's a perfect form of recycling."

On a recent Monday, assistant store manager Sharonda Smiley of Westland was busy matching a blouse to a Lord & Taylor woman's suit priced at \$12 to show it's possible to dress professionally for a fraction of the cost. Several thrift stores in the area carry blazers and dress slacks in addition to new dollar store items like socks, shampoo, soap, and energy-saving light bulbs.

"We've been working with Michigan Works so people have business clothes to interview with success," said Saine. "We have men's shirts for \$3 to \$4, shirts and slacks, no rips or tears, no smudges, and any proceeds go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, food banks, the society's children's camp allowing our good works to continue. Every penny stays in the Detroit area." Here's a list of thrift stores in the Observer Newspapers area:

■ St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 6613 Wayne Road, between Warren and Ford roads, in Westland. Call (734) 729-3088.

 DAV (Disabled American Veterans), 8050 Middlebelt, Westland, (734) 513-6020.
 Presbyterian Thrift Shop (affili-

ated with First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth), 746 N. Mill, Plymouth, (734) 459-1250.

■ Salvation Army, 33600 Plymouth Road, west of Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 425-7573.

■ Salvation Army, 28982 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 261-7175.

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\$20, ladies career wear, shoes and purses, for people who just want to save a dollar," said Michael Saine, store manager. "We know times are tight for a lot of people. I have six kids so I know what it's like to stretch a dollar."

LOTS OF VEGETABLES

Josie Smith shops for fruits and vegetables at Joe Randazzo's in Westland to save money. The 77-year-old Livonia woman makes a special lunch every Sunday for her daughters, but during the week shares meals with neighbors. On Monday afternoon, she was volunteering at the Livonia Senior Center.

"The economy has hit hard, especially the seniors. I made a pot of bean soup with a ham bone my daughter gave me and this Sunday lunch is roast beef which was on sale with carrots and potatoes. I eat a lot of vegetables and salads," said Smith, president of the Silver Village senior association. "I save coupons for food and restaurants, clip them out of the *Observer*. At Silver Village we car pool to save money. The cost of gas floors me for heating and driving. I've turned my thermostat down to 68 at night, 71 in the daytime."

Like Smith, Nancy Klein uses coupons and senior discounts in addition to regularly watching for sales.

"I try to plan my trips for the day to save gas. I don't just jump in the car," said Klein. The 61-year-old Livonia resident



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Manager Michael Saine is proud of the quality of the stock at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Westland.

was volunteering at the desk of the senior center. "I cook things I can reheat. I try to make a two-day meal for my husband, He's good about eating leftovers and we turn the heat down to sometimes 66 at night. We have a colonial and don't keep vents all the way open because heat rises." Donna Nowak, 73, draws her drapes, closes the blinds and wears warm clothes to keep heating bills low.

"You can cuddle up with a kitty or dog," said Nowak who likes to snuggle with her cat, Buddy.

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One senior who wanted to remain anonymous wished stores would bring back time payment plans, especially for items like refrigerators and washing machines.

"I don't buy it if I can't pay for it," she said. "I haven't had a credit card in 20 years."

Thomas Gerovac taught school for 40 years and has a pension, so he's not as strapped as some of the seniors. He lived through the biggest economic crisis in American history and values the lessons.

"I remember the Depression," said Gerovac, who was born in 1922. "My mother always gave food to anyone asking for food. I eat here for \$2.25 and later might go get a mocha at Costco."

John Ashe still bakes his own Irish soda bread and sweet rolls. The 87-yearold Livonia man learned about pinching pennies during the Great Depression as well.

"My family scrounged for dinner and food. I used to cry when I saw people in the garbage can squeezing liquid from bread and eating it," said Ashe, who was waiting for the lunch many senior centers in the area serve through a county program.

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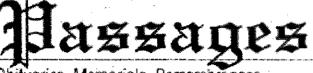
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DOROTHY MAE BROWN

Of Livonia. Age 92. Passed away on January 23, 2009 in Novi, Michigan. Dorothy was born January 14, 1917 in Toledo, Ohio. She is survived by her loving sons, Thomas (Ceceile) Brown of Brighton and Robert T. (Barb) Brown of Livonia, five grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death is her husband Robert. A Healing Farewell will be on Tuesday, 9:45 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2009. Burial, Grandlawn Cemetery, Memorial contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice. Envelopes will be available at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Monday 5-9 p.m. Please leave a verbal Message of Comfort to Dorothy's family by calling 877-231-7900 or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com. Arrangements by Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel.

MARJORIE NAN GRISWOLD

Died January 14, 2009. Survived by her children, Dr. Mary Lynn Griswold and Dr. John D. (Carol) Griswold. She was preceded in death by a son, Dr. James F. Griswold. Also survived by her grandchildren Emilia Griswold, Kevin Rebrovich and Daniel Rebrovich, and siblings Phyllis Jenson and Jerry (Pat) Jehle. Marjorie was born to her parents Emil and Harriet (Ewald) Jehle in Detroit on August 25, 1923. She graduated from Detroit Western High School with High Distinction before moving on to Michigan State University (then Michigan State College). While at Michigan State, Marjorie served as President of the Mortar Board Honor Society and as President of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. There she met metallurgic engineer student Richard F. Griswold whom she married on May 11, 1944, prior to his shipping out with the U.S. Navy during WWII. They remained happily married for 52 years until his death in 1996. Marjorie graduated from Michigan State in 1944, with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with High, Honors. After the family moved to Farmington in 1958, Marge earned her Teaching Certificate. She taught as a substitute teacher into her 80's, primarily at the Sarah Fisher Home and Boys and Girls Republic in the Farmington School District. During her life, Marge was a very active founding member of the Hope Lutheran Church where she volunteered regularly. She was a voracious reader having read thousands of books in her lifetime and also kept in shape by walking and swimming at the YMCA well into her 80's. Marjorie had a profound impact on many people in her life and will be truly missed.



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ILENE J. INTIHAR

April 1, 1929 - Jan. 17, 2009. A private family gathering will be held at a later for Irene J. Intihar, 79, of date formerly of Detroit Granville, Michigan. Ilene passed away peaceful-ly after a prolonged illness, Saturday, January 17, 2009 at SharonBrooke Inn in Newark. She was born in Detroit April 1, 1929 to the late Louis and Jennie (Kosnik) Urban. A retired school teacher with the Livonia Michigan School system, Ilene, earned her bachelor's degree in social work in 1950 at Mary Grove College in Detroit. She furthered her education earning a master's degree in education at Wayne State University. As an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, llene contributed generously to the Detroit Institute of Arts and to the Detroit Metropolitan Opera and was an active docent for several Detroit area museums and theaters. After moving to Ohio, Ilene became a supporting member of the Columbus Art Institute and the Columbus Area Performing Arts Council. Being active in her community, Ilene helped to arrange for Jose Feliciano to sing the National Anthem at Detroit Tiger Stadium causing a national controversy. She was a world traveler visiting all continents with her family and the Nomads. She enjoyed seeing the Beatles in Helsinki, prior to their arrival in the United tates, and being one of the first to fly from Detroit to Paris on the Concorde. Surviving are her daughter and son-inlaw, Carrie Mumma MF.A. and Paul Mumma D.O. of Granville and her grandchildren, Casey Ilene and Christopher Louis Mumma. In addition to her parents, Ilene was preceded in death by her former husband Victor Intihar of Detroit. Arrangements are in the care of McPeek-Hoekstra Funeral Home in Granville. Condolences may be expressed at www.mcpeekhoekstra.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Human Society, 40 E. Main St., #364-I, Newark, DE 19711 or to the Michigan Opera Company, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.



DOROTHEA M. PETERS Age 89, of Northumberland, PA, Died Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. Born May 17, 1919, in Elmira, NY, she was a daughter of the late John and Aimee (McMillan) Murphy. Dorothea was a 1941 graduate of Elmira College. Surviving are her husband of 62 years, George; one son, John (Carrie) Peters of Lewisburg; one daughter, Ann (Thomas) Williams of Dallas, TX; two grandsons, George and Michael Williams; one granddaughter, Shannon Peters; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 20, at Sacred Heart Church, 814 St. Louis St., Lewisburg, PA with Monsignor William M. Richardson officiating. Burial will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Edmundite Missions,

1428 Broad St., Selma, AL 36701. The family is being assisted by Cronrath-Grenoble Funeral Home, S. 2nd & St. Louis streets, Lewisburg. www.cronrathgrenoblefuneralhome.c

CLARA SCHARMEN

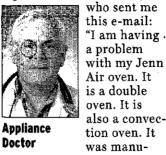
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Was born to Jesse and Sara Tyler in the family heritage home in Plymouth, Michigan on May 15, 1908. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1926 and received a bachelor degree in liberal arts from Michigan State College (now MSU) in 1930. Clara taught 10th grade English and History at Plymouth High School from 1932 to 1943. On August 1, 1943 she married Leon T. Scharmen. Clara was a founding member of the Plymouth Chapter of the American Association of University Women. Clara was a lifelong resident of Plymouth and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Her interests included reading, quilting, flower gardening and she was a member of the Audubon Society. Her most notable accomplishment was successfully raising three boys. Clara was survived by two sons, Charles of Plymouth and Don of Traverse City, four grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in James. Family and friends gathered at 10 am on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am. Please consider a memorial contribution to the Plymouth District Library in her memory. To share memories, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

Manufacturers ignore dangerous problems

ne of my favorite sayings in the last 10 years is, "they don't make them like they used to." I would like to add a new one: they don't treat us like they used to.'

An example of these often repeated words are Stacy



oven. It is also a convection oven. It was manufactured in Joe Gagnon 1996. The past

two nights the bottom

oven has been turning on by itself. This morning the bottom oven broiler was on. I called Jenn Air and a service tech is coming out. Jenn Air will pay for the diagnosis but says that the oven is no longer under warranty. I am wondering if Jenn Air should be responsible for any of the costs that will/might result from this issue since it is a dangerous malfunction."

I don't know yet what sort of response Stacey has received from Jenn Air but I can bet all the tea in China that it is not going to be one that takes care of the serious

nature of her complaint. I will let you know.

Sharon called me to tell me that her 12-year-old dishwasher ran all night. Her husband turned it on when they went to bed around 10 p.m., and when she walked into the kitchen at 7 a.m., it was still running. She opened the door and the blast of heat was like opening an oven door. She called the manufacturer who sent out a service technician who couldn't tell her why the dishwasher didn't shut off. The manufacturer then told her they couldn't do a thing for her because it was well out of warranty and besides that, they told her the average life span of the dishwasher was six years. They offered her \$50 towards the purchase of a new dishwasher provided it was their brand.

My dear reader, I am receiving a lot of complaints these days relating to serious product problems that can cause great harm to a home or even take someone's life. From what I'm being told, it is quite evident that manufacturers don't really care about the product malfunction as long as it is out of the warranty period.

Two years ago the manufacturers announced that they would no longer have

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Flamme

Albert Flamme and Patricia Patterson Flamme, lifelong residents of Canton, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next month. The couple married Feb. 7, 1959 at St. Raymond Church in Detroit. They have three children: Dennis of Ann Arbor, Lynda Meadows of Troy and Lisa Mihm of Orlando, Fla; and five grandchildren. Albert has retired after 37 years as an electrical engineer at Ford Motor Company. He also taught math courses at Schoolcraft College. Patricia was a delivery room nurse at Cottage Hospital prior to raising their family. Albert now volunteers on the Ski Patrol at Mt. Brighton. Both Albert and Patricia enjoy their retirement playing golf and traveling.

extended warranties on key components of their appliances. Warranties would be for one year only on everything. This new policy of theirs was a clear indication that they were spending too much money taking care of problems and building consumer confidence in their products. The mighty dollar took over from there and the smart business ethics went out the door. Can you imagine what the automobile industry would do to itself during these tough times if they took on the same attitude? It's called, shooting oneself in the foot.

There are agencies and safety commissions that ensure that the auto industry takes care of threatening problems with their vehicles. There are fewer recalls. because American cars are made better than ever.

Maybe the government should get involved with making sure that major appliances are made better. Until then, I'll just keep saying, " they don't make them like they used to." Stay tuned.

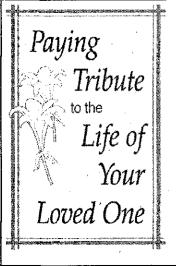
Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and 2 p.m. Sundays on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.





ROBERT "BOB" HOFFMAN

January 19, 2009, of Bloomfield Hills. Bob taught Latin, History and served as the Assistant Dean for Cranbrook Schools, completing a fifty-nine vear history with the school before moving to Canterbury-on-the-Lake in Waterford five years ago. A memorial gathering is planned for Tuesday 6-8 p.m. at Page Hall Common at Cranbrook. Another time to honor Bob and his wonderful career at Cranbrook will occur during the June 2009 Alumni Reunion Weekend. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Cranbrook Schools, Robert Hoffman Faculty Appreciation Fund, Office of Development and Alumni Relations P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801; Canterbury-on-the-Lake, 5601 Hatchery Rd., Waterford, MI 48329, Attn: Susan Dembiec, Executive Director; or In-House Hospice Foundation, 24293 Telegraph Rd. Suite 102, Southfield, MI 48033. J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500* View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



STELLA KOSKI

Age 90, of Billings. Passed away Monday, January 19, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home. The daughter of George and Nellie Kulchesky, Stella was born December 24, 1918 in California, PA. She received her Bachelor Degree from Western Michigan University and a Master's Degree from The University of Michigan. Stella worked as a teacher and Counselor in the Michigan Public School system until retirement in 1983. In 1944 she married John C. Koski in Hamtramck, MI. He preceded her in death in 1980. Stella enjoyed theater, golfing, reading and writing. She has made her home in Billings since 2000. Survivors include two sons, John, his wife Tracy and their daughters Caitlin and Lindsay of Billings and Mike of Interlochen, MI and his son Michael Vincent of Keego Harbor, MI. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Julius and George Kulchesky and Harry Kool. Cremation has taken place and memorial services were held at 1:30pm on Saturday, January 24th at the Ocee Chapel located within the Johnson main building at St. John's Lutheran Home. Interment services are planned for the spring or summer at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Nursing Home. Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary has charge of arrangements. Remembrances may be shared with the family by visiting

www.michelottisawyers.com

RICHARD D. OLSON

Age 60, of Plymouth, passed away January 21, 2009. He was born November 8, 1948 in Detroit, MI to Albert and (Hayes) Ólson. He was a Marion graduate of Livonia Bentley High School. Richard proudly served his country during Vietnam as a Sergeant with the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his loving brothers Gary (Elaine) Olson and Keith Olson; his brother-in-law David Richeson; his Aunt Dorothy Hinkle; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, greatnephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Nina Richeson. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held Monday, January 26, 2009 11:30 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Mr. Olson will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. **IRA JOSEPH STEELE**

January 23, 2009, Age 88, Of

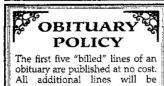
Birmingham, formerly of Bloomfield Twp. Proud vet-eran US Navy-WWII. Long-time employee at Michigan Bell. Beloved husband of the late Beverly (nee. Koeller) for 56 years. Dear father of Richard J. (Patti) and Thomas I (Mary). Grandfather of Joanna Schultz (Jason), Daniel, Jesse and Chyna. Brother of the late Vivian McNamara (James). Also survived by several lieces and nephews. Funeral service Monday 11 a.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8 p.m. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 View obituary and share memories at

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KRIS NEAL WHITE

January 22, 1959 - December 27, 2008, Beloved husband of Norma White. Devoted son of Conception and the late Ronald White. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Raphael in Garden City on January 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.



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Improve pet health care with these simple tips

This January as many pet owners resolve to improve their eating habits and fitness routines Banfield, The Pet Hospital of Livonia, urges them to remember to consider their pets health as well.

"Feeding your pet a balanced diet promotes overall health and allows you and your pet to enjoy more quality years together as a family," said Karen Johnson, DVM at Banfield pet hospital.

In honor of January Pet Food and Fitness Month, Johnson offers the following tips:

Feed your pet a high-quality diet. Select food made by companies known for staying current on the latest nutritional research. Your veterinarian can recommend the best diet for your pet based on factors including age, health and life-

Offer fresh food and water every day. Also, remember to wash bowls regularly.

Feed your pet the correct amount of food. Determine portions according to your pet's weight and avoid overfeeding. Use feeding recommendations on the pet food label as a guide and adjust for activity level. Your veterinarian can help determine the correct amount to feed your pet.

Follow a daily feeding schedule. This will help your pet maintain normal elimination habits and avoid indoor accidents.

Most pets do better when fed two smaller meals rather than one large meal.

Avoid people food. Your pet's digestive system is simpler than yours and can be easily upset by feeding him or her table scraps. Feeding from the table makes it more difficult to control calorie intake which can lead to weight problems.

Watch the treats. It's often not the dog or cat food fed to the pet that adds unwanted

pounds but high calorie treats multiple times a day.

Consult your veterinarian for exercise needs. If your considering adding a pet to the family, first determine the pets need for exercise and whether those can be blended into your lifestyle. Your dog needs a walk at least once a day. If the pet has been inactive, start slowly gradually increasing the pace and length. Find a schedule that works for both of you whether a short walk twice a day or one long walk.

Help your cat stay active. Overweight cats are at risk for medical conditions such as diabetes and arthritis. There are a variety of toys designed to help your cat stay fit and active.

"One of the best ways pet owners can increase the strength of the bond they share with their pets as well as improve their own fitness levels is to introduce daily walks and interactive play," said Johnson.

Banjo players bring sound to Livonia library

The Friends of the Livonia Library present The Banjos of Michigan 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

They began as a small group of banjo players who met in a basement in West Bloomfield and grew to more than 100

members who had to move to larger quarters to accommodate everyone.

The Banjos of Michigan have become one of the largest clubs in the Midwest. They play in nursing homes, hospitals, retirement homes, civic events, and concerts across the metro area.

The players come from all walks of life but share one thing in common and that is they all enjoy the banjo and take great satisfaction in bringing the happy sound of that instrument to audiences.

This is a free program. For more information, call (734) 455-2495.

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Irish ladies looking for new members

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (Catherine McAuley Division) is looking for new members.

Meetings are held every second Wednesday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at Six Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia.

The organization donates to many charities.

For more information, call membership chairwoman Bridie Flynn at (734) 464-8556.

Seminar on finance topics coming to senior center

On Wednesday Jan. 28, Livonia resident Dru Girard will hold an informative seminar at the Livonia Civic Senior Center. The event begins at 5:15 p.m.

Topics of discussion will include the current financial markets and how to safeguard

attend the seminar, RSVP to (800) 259-3886.

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QUARTET

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Training sessions upcoming for Crohn's & Colitis benefit

Over the years, Mark Pritchard has sung in fast food restaurants and even **Divine Child High School** where his wife. Karen. "We'll surprise them any-

where, some in unlikely places," said Pritchard of Garden City. "One year we went into a dentist's office and they helped us with the subterfuge for one of the clinicians. We were presented as being a new patient and suddenly there were these four guys in tuxedos. We've even sung to couples who bought valentines for each other.

"It was really exciting and I'm looking forward to

this Valentine's Day," said

teaches.

Adams of Farmington Hills.

"Generally we sing romantic songs like I Love You Truly, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, but we do take requests. If we don't know it, we might sing the melody but like singing in harmony when we can.'

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The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation will kick off local training and information sessions next month for upcoming half-marathons in Hawaii or California.

The foundation's Michigan Chapter's Team Challenge is an endurance training and fund-raising program that sends people to run or walk in 11 at University of Michigan a half marathon.

Expenses are paid, but those involved commit to raising funds to help find cures for Crohn's and colitis. The Foundation provides training by professional coaches over approximately 16 weeks and gives them fund-raising assistance and advice.

This summer, Team Challenge participants will either run or walk at events on June 28 in Kona, Hawaii and July 19 in Sonoma, Calif.

The Team Challenge program is open to anyone who is healthy enough to walk or run 13.1 miles.

Information Meetings will

be held:

■ 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9 at the Detroit Public Library, Jefferson Branch, 12350 E Outer Dr, Detroit.

7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

■ 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. Hospital, room 1H201 University Hospital, 1500 E Medical Center Dr, Ann Arbor.

7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17 at PVM, The Village of Oakland Woods, 420 S. Opdyke, Pontiač.

6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 at Peter Nielsen's Town Center Health Club, 3000 Town Center-Atrium Mezzanine, Southfield.

A kick-off will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19 at Peter Nielsen's Town Center Health Club. For more information call Pam Barclay, Michigan Chapter, at (248) 737-0900.

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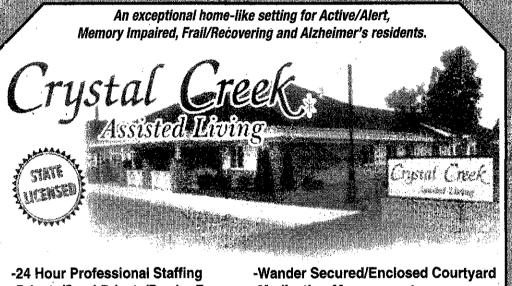
brought criticisms of the procedure which have little scientific backing. The most prevalent of these unproven ideas are 1) that you can have only 3 injections a year into a joint and 2) injection of steroids "softens" the bones and thins

the tendons and ligaments. Common sense would say you can have more than one injection a year; reason would also say you shouldn't have one a week. However, your doctor cannot determine how many injections are proper for you by picking a number between those two extremes.

The appropriate number of injections comes out of the benefit from this therapy If hiections help you over come shoulder and knee pain and allow you to maintain activity, then continuing injection therapy is appropriate. If you derive scant benefit, then continuing injection therapy is out of order. In short, response, not number, determines the use of joint injection.

The claim that injecting a steroid softens the joints and tendons, is only an assertion. No one has investigated in humans if such softening occurs; the only studies are in animals and done in laboratory settings far removed from real world conditions.

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WHEN CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES COLLIDE



Even in the best workplace, employees and contractors collide. The likelihood of conflict increases in a fast-paced workplace fighting to keep its head above water. How can they resolve the conflict?

Take the case of a seemingly tireless seasoned contractor working with a young employee, both extremely competent. When the employee asks the contractor to take on an unexpected task, the contractor agrees, little realizing that it requires a certain set of skills. Resentment, anger and frustration ensue.

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Culp

Christine Kane, founder and CEO of Purple Cow L.L.C., in Scottsdale, Ariz., specializes in business development for companies that seek to increase their effectiveness. She doesn't necessarily perceive a generational problem if an employee and contractor are years apart. "The issue is one of strategy and communication on the part of the contractor," she observes.

Like Kane, Holly Green, author of "More Than a Minute" (Career Press, \$15.99), believes that this problem could arise between any two people. "The company person

doesn't understand and appreciate what the contractor's role is. The contractor doesn't know how to communicate effectively," given fear of potential loss of image, loss of the contract and/or loss of goodwill. She indicates that the same type of problem occurs between employees. If you're going to blame anyone, she pins it on you: "Once you've stepped in it, it's your own fault.'

If this is a long-term relationship, Kane maintains that something must be done. However, give the task a good try before stopping to move toward resolution. Document the time it takes. Green emphasizes the importance of your knowing the value you bring: "This helps you determine the appropriate role to play in the organization.

"Remember that sometimes this just happens and it's part of the deal," she adds.

David Lewis, regional manager of Express Employment Professionals in Oklahoma City, defines this as "an intergenerational communication problem." His company trains and coaches client companies in a range of issues, including generational dynamics. He maintains that both people "may not know how to communicate properly with each other. Millennials tend to be overly optimistic. They want everyone to be on the same page. They don't like conflict. They value intergenerational goodwill."

REMEDIES If you find yourself in an unhappy situation in the

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middle of a project, consider several simple tactics you can use to communicate effectively:

-- "Remember that they're bringing you in because they're not sure of what they're doing and need your expertise (Kane).

-- If you fear you're on a suicide mission, step back a second. "We make stuff up in our head. It's almost always negative. Thought-bubbles drive much behavior. What if they thought more of you because you were already doing higher-value work (Green)?"

- Sounding upbeat, appeal to a Millennial's need for continued goodwill. Treating the person as a peer, explain that you're not happy, rather than you're not good at something, and that "you can be the one to help fix it." Millennials views themselves very much like their grandparents. They'll change it not because you aren't good at it but because you're not happy with it. Stay buddies, friends and happy (Lewis).

-- Bring solutions, such as "giving it to someone else, someone who wants to learn" (Kane) or "another employee who would be excited to have the project and be prepared to stay involved to make certain a good job is done (Lewis).'

Next time around, discuss procedures at the outset Lewis advises. Kane suggests assessing your strategy daily, over the long-term. If you can't stick up for yourself

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Christine Kane maintains that good strategy, with communication, helps contractors and employees work effectively. She is CEO of Purple Cow L.L.C.. in Scottsdale, Ariz. Here she is with David Cooke, a client who founded Strategic Resource Group L.L.C., in the same city.

when you get to a roadblock, go back to it on another day and take the steps. Your project will be better for it.

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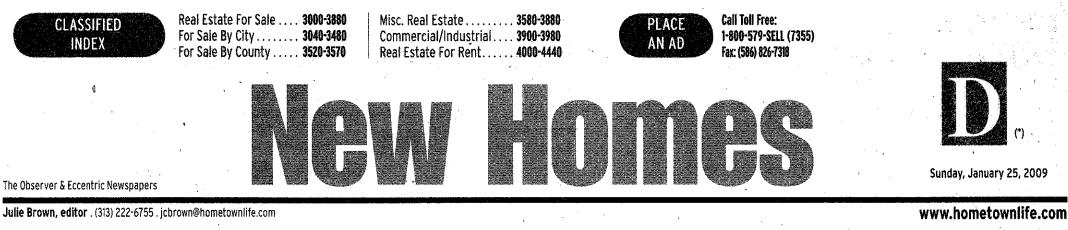
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Double doors lead to the master suite on the right, while the sunken family room is to the left. The master suite creates a luxurious escape with a window seat for daydreaming and a sitting room with French doors leading onto the deck. A double-sided fireplace offers a cozy touch to the suite, while many windows brighten the space with natural light. The master bath provides his and hers walk-in closets, two separate sink areas, and both a spa tub and a shower. The entire bath is made private by pocket doors.

Rounding the open banister u-shaped stairs, the sunken family room is open to an eating bar and a fireplace. A large window gives a view, and a door leads onto the rear deck. Two skylights and a garden window brighten the nearby kitchen. Several cooks could work together in this kitchen with ease. Plenty of counterspace, a vegetable sink, and a separate cooktop and oven, make any

are on the left. The utility is equipped with a washbasin, and counter space for sorting and folding laundry. The large garage has room for three cars and provides a workbench near the service door.

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Featured guest speakers are David Crowe, Ph.D,, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.; Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County executive; and Dennis W. Archer, former mayor of Detroit, and chairman of Dickinson Wright, PLLC. The speakers will address topics pertinent to those involved in the residential and light construction industries including: what can builders, developers, remodelers and industry suppliers expect during 2009?; what new companies are locating in Michigan?; potential economic stimulus for our area; the vision for moving Michigan into the future.

Registration fees are \$40 for **BIA or Apartment Association** of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 21; \$60 for members at the door, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www.builders.org

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Michigan Building Training on Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon at association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chris Pratt of Construct

ry task more enjoyable.

The three bedrooms upstairs are generously sized and only two share a bathroom while the third room has a private bath. Each room has its own attic access for storing seasonal items. At the bottom of the stairs, a hall leads into the sewing room and den. Each room has a desk or built-in counter area. These two rooms could be used as bedrooms since they are located near a bath.

From the garage entry, the utility room is on the right, while a closet and bench

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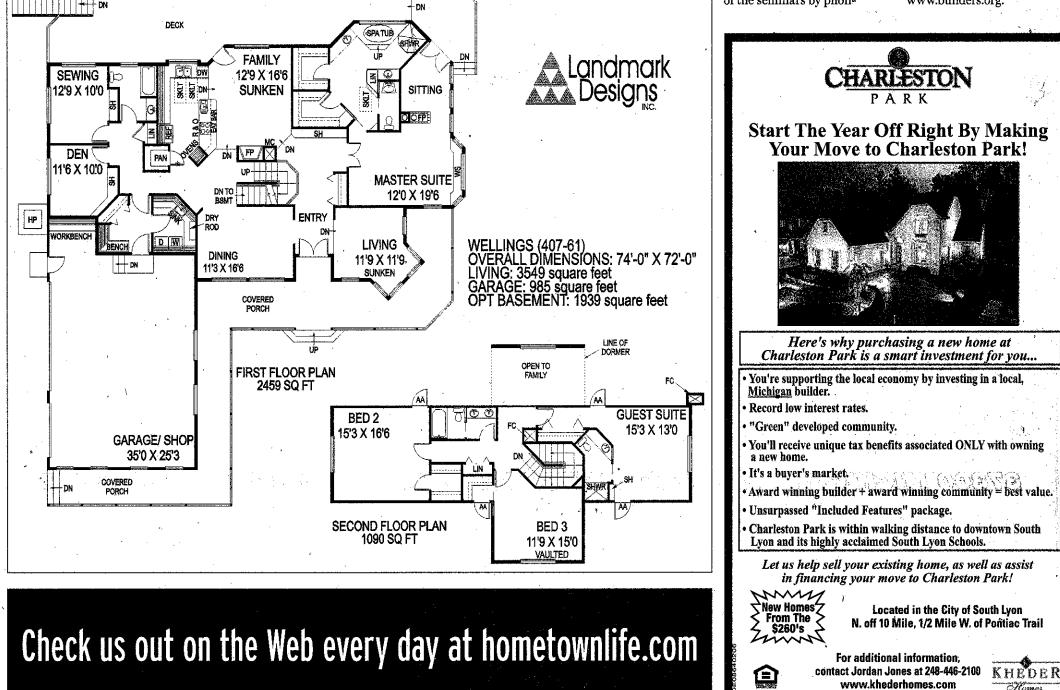
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2009 Jeep Compass Offers Car-Like Ride, Suv-Like Versatility

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The first time you see the 2009 Jeep Compass 4x2, you might not be quite sure what to make of it. From the front it looks like a Jeep, sharing design elements like the seven-slot grill and round headlamps with its larger siblings. But this particular Jeep is smaller; in fact, at first glance it might be mistaken for a slightly larger version of the Dodge Caliber. But a Jeep it is; one that tries to combine the utility of an SUV with the size and handling of a car, and at a price point lower than a lot of mid-size cars.

As a compact SUV, it competes in a relatively new but competitive segment. Going up against the likes of the Honda CR-V, Toyota RAV4, Saturn Vue, Kia Sportage, Nissan Rogue, even sport wagons like the Subaru Outback, the Jeep Compass Limited needs to bring a lot to the table, and it does.

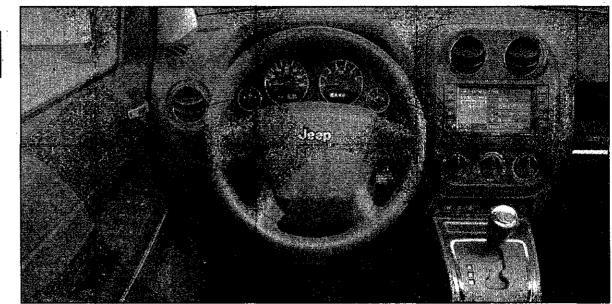
I like the design – I'm more of a car guy than an SUV guy anyway. Like I mentioned above, it reminds me a lot of the Dodge Caliber, just a little beefier. It's a four door 4x2 (you can also order it with four-wheel drive), with a hatch and spoiler in the rear.

The rear seats fold down for extra cargo area; 53.6 cubic feet with the rear seats down and 60.7 cubic feet if you fold down the front passenger seatback, too. In addition to the Jeep front fascia, the Compass Limited comes with fog lamps, side roof rails, and 18-inch aluminum wheels. You can order chrome clad wheels, if vou like.

Inside, the Compass Sport feels like a car, at least to me. Although a few inches higher than the Caliber I'm using for comparison, the seating position is not as high off the road as with other SUVs – hence the term "compact SUV."

The interior has been redesigned for 2009, and is simple and functional. With the Limited, air conditioning, remote keyless entry, power windows and locks, power heated mirrors, universal garage door opener, rear reclining seats, and cruise control are standard. A sunroof is optional.

The instrument panel is simple and well laid out, with the optional driver information center display inside the speedometer. The standard seats on the Limited are leather-trimmed and provide good support.



2009 Jeep Compass Limited looks like a Jeep, rides like a car.

The steering wheel is leather-wrapped and houses auxiliary audio controls. There is a center storage console that includes cupholders, and a storage slot below the transmission shifter. There's also storage in the glove compartment and in a compartment located right above that.

A 12-volt power outlet and a 115-volt outlet are standard.

The standard audio package on the Compass Limited is an AM/FM/six-disc CD system with an auxiliary audio jack and four speakers. Satellite radio with a one-year subscription is included. You can upgrade to a voiceactivated Boston Acoustic system with 30-gigabyte hard drive, nine speakers, subwoofer, liftgate speakers and hands-free communications system as part of a package.

An integrated navigation is also available. There's plenty of room inside the Compass, for both driver and passengers. The rear seating area is quite comfortable, even for tall passengers seated behind tall drivers. There are cupholders in each of the rear doors, plus two more in the center console in the rear. The standard vinyl load floor is removable and washable.

The Compass Limited is powered by 2.4-liter 16-valve 4-cylinder engine. It's rated at 172 horsepower and 165 lb.-ft. of torque. Not exactly blazing off the line, but the trade-off is decent gas mileage, 21/25 according to EPA, and it does take regular fuel.

The other half of the powertrain is a standard 5-speed manual transmission. You can get a continuously variable transaxle automatic with AutoStick. The automatic in the test vehicle performed very well.

As I mentioned above, you can also get the Compass in a four-wheel drive version, featuring a lockable center coupling.

The car-like ride of the Compass was surprisingly good. Electronic stability program and traction control

are standard. The suspension system features an independent MacPherson strut system up front with gascharged shocks and stabilizer bar, while in the rear, it's a multi-like system with a link-type stabilizer bar and gas-charged shocks. Combined with the comfortable and supportive seats, you can really get a pretty good ride in the Compass Limited.

Power-assist rack-and-pinion steering is standard, and the Compass is fairly easy to maneuver. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard and they work very well.

The Compass comes with advanced multi-stage airbags up front, seat-mounted side airbags, supplemental side curtain airbags and a theft deterrent system.

The price point of the 2009 Jeep Compass Limited is bound to spark some interest - it starts around \$22,000. Add the package that includes sunroof and upgraded audio and the automatic transmission and you're around \$25,000. That's pretty comparable to some mid-size cars, and even some upgraded small cars, and still much cheaper than a full-size, or even a mid-size, SUV or a lot of minvans.

If you need SUV-like room but still like the ride and feel of a car, the Jeep Compass gives you something to consider.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SEEKING LOW DRAMA SWF, 36, long brownigreen, N/S, athletic build, pretty, animals lover, in search of attractive, fit, funny, easygo-ing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. 12286634

VERY ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 97, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tail, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friend-ship possibly leading to LTR. 12282115 TAKE & CHANCE

TAKE A CHANCE SBPF, looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time, I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activi-ties. Lefs develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **17306228**

ARE YOU LONELY? Attractive female, 55", 1201bs, fur-toving blonde, retired, would iove a little of your time to enjoy each other's company. Seeking pleasant gentleman, 65-75. 12691247 ARE YOU LONELY?

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Good looking SBF, Iwp, Intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 577 +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, toving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2147056**

HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME SBF, 44, NS, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, NS, hornebody, to explore all life has to offer I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tannis. 27274519

CLASSY LADY I am in my early 60s, 52°, brown/brown, I enjoy dano-ing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. **33962305**

SEEKING FRIEND WCF; 71, looks much younger, 52°, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, positive attrude, seeks faithful SWM for LTR. 22656264 PM UNIQUE.

complex with a good sense of humor, good listener and great talker, God-fearing, enjoys movies, music, books and more. Searching for a male companion with the same or similar qualities. 35-50. (23:301099)

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the out-doors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassion-ate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **17235421**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN ... 40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laugh-ter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 17962317

TAKE A CHANCE SF, 48, 57", 210bs, medium brown/blue, N/D, N/S, no children, erjoys drama films, shooting pool, playing darts, sporting events, long drives, more. Seeking SM, 45-55, who enjoys the same. 12253036

LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT Outgoing, laid-back SWF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, fun SW, who knows how to enjoy life, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. 27255010

LET'S GET TOGETHER Sexy, malure, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130bs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friend-ship. **17257624**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR? GOOD SERVE OF humon r WF, 48, 5'3', brown/brown, has pets, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums; movies, reading and more, to do things with. 2280581

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME SBE, 44, 5/2", 165(bs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, din-ing, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBM, 38-51. **T2284368**

ARE YOU THE ONE? SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 2289947

CURVACEOUS SWF, 47, 57" 1550s, haze leyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, lazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. \$2283605

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, silm build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowing, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43, \$299111

ARE WE A MATCH? SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very inde-pendent, toxes movies, sports, shooting pool, dlring. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **12299793**

JUST A NICE PERSON... looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, WM a plus. 12249320

HONESTY A MUST BF, 42, 5'4", 186ibs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Druge, who enjoys the good trings in life. Ilke plays, dancing, dring out, good com-pany and working out. **1226608** '

BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS ... White Knight. Sportaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. 37262020

MATURE MAN WANTED SBF, 33, 54", 115bs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short bionch hair, wears glasses. Seeking tail, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, mov-ies, dining, water. **17287856**

WARM SMILE SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for triendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each otherl 22287187

LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST SF, 13, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with pas-sion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? 22247152 ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bow-ing, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. 2262181 HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5/2", 180bs, sim, attractive, health-con-scicus, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys clining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and pos-chku more **69113001** sibly more. 22113901

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69 who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? 22271085 ch of a SWM, 62-69.

DOWN-TO-EARTH Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a realiy nice WM, 5046; with the same qualities, minimal bag-gage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking pos-sible LTR. 12279[7]

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR SWF, 27, mother; enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being outdoors. Seeking similar SWM, 23-45, for com-panionship, **37282578**

LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 58°, N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SB/WM, 48-62, N/S, for friendship or more. 17282444

OUTGOING BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. 27292940

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

WWF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, NS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **17976914** PRETTY EYES

SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **27293970** WORTH A LOOK

SBF, 30, 57", 195ibs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship and maybe more. 32253834

TAKING A PEEK Attractive SWF. 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. 27254474

IT'S WORTH THE CALL SBF, 20, 5'3', 250ibs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. 27255979

GORGEOUS SMILE! SBF, 26, 5'6", 130/bs, sim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-60, smoker, for friendship, possible ro-mance. I enjoy movies, dining, television, ouddling.

2257889 FUN & OUTGOING SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for

friendship or more. 22257908 GET TO KNOW ME BF, 577, full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. 22260756

SEF, 27, NS, seeks one good man, 29-51, NS, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friend-ship first. 17265509

HITHERE! Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet score 1972/99729. meet soon! 22268278

MUST LOVE WRESTLING! Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fiehing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more, 22268699 VERY LOVING PERSON Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun.

22273294 COUNTRY GIRL Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blue, 55°, HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback fulling, exercise, dancing, Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious reliationship. If you love motorcycles call me. 2775845

ARE YOU HERE? SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, play-ing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honset SBM, 66-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. 12269770

Ready to meet great new people?

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6'', 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive geniteman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. 27245846

READY FOR A FRESH START? READY FOR A FRESH START? DWF, 51, 557, 1201bs, horg bionde/blue, well-propor-tioned, very ferminine, attractive, self-employed. Seek-ing SWM, 45-57, 51"+, 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentieman. **32592549**

STILL SEEKING Very cute SBF, 57, 57, 122/b, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone spe-cial. 17113198

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HARD-WORKER SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45, **13296097**

CALL THIS MANI Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. 27112288.

doors, working out, new activ age/location open. 2531308

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 5'10', handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wisense of humor, who enjoys travel, candle-ight dinnes; plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies, Friendship, possible LTR. **57269648**

SEEKING REAL WOMAN SM, 38, 6/2°, brown/brown, likes cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking for an easygoing female who is honest and secure. 22305549

HAPPY NEW YEAR I HAPPY NEW YEAR I Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored SBM, 38, 5'11", 165tbs, goatee/beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking, for drama-free, good-hearted woman, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. **37250650**

LONELY, GENUINE HEART 9, no children, light smoker, seeks sexy, attrac-20-31, who wants to see the real side of me. SBM 29 n 2287987

LET'S GET TOGETHER BM, 6'1", 220lbs, would like to meet a woman, 25-48, who knows what she wants in life, for fun, dating, com-panionship and possible LTR. 17299087 BM 6'1" 220ib

MOVING FORWARD SWM, 39-years-old 5'8, thin and fit, N/S, light-blue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and caring, interests: film, music, and iterature. Looking for friendship pos-sibly leading to a more serious relationship. \$3304387 NO DISAPPOINTMENTS

SBM, 32, looking for cute, down-lowerth female, 18-32, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's see if we connect 27305211

EASYGOING Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, mo-tor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 2187614

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44, ISO ro-mantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR. 2968147 FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 44, 577; likes outdoor activities, cooking, mov-ies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time tractime (2007) 42 together. 12297143

OUTDOORSMAN BM, 57", 1650s, likes boating, swimming, basketball, fishing and enjoying life. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. **12302424**

THE ONE FOR ME SBM, 38, 5'6", athletic build, seeks attractive lady for dining, movies, taking walks, reading poetry and more. 17302986

SEEKING A FRIEND SBM, 40, 6'3", 240lbs, wants to meet a down-to-earth SBF, 35-42, who is easy to get along with, for friend-ship, maybe more. 27303036

SWM SEEKS SBF DWM, 37, NS, no kids, looking for SBF, 46+, to get to know. Im a cool dude who cooks and has a good job. 27303043

WANT TO TALK? Sexy SBM, 35, N/S, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SB/WF, 18-24, to chat with. Like movies, dining, just chilling out. 23303045

EVINENCY COUNTING AND A CONSTRUCTION OF A CONSTR NOT A GAME PLAYER NUT A GAME PLAYER SWM, 46, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the out-doors, is honest, caring, loving. **73302998** SBM, 30, 6', 235lbs, dark complexion, outgoing; real and affectionate, looking for sexy, sweet, honest wom-an who loves life and knows how to live it to the fullest.

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to de-velop a relationship with hopefully. If interested, give me

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FOREIGN FEVER new to michigan 39, 63°, white male good sense of humor enjoy sports, concents, movies, dining out seeks foreign female for dating, possible relationship. 1253132

LOOKING 4 A SWEET WOMAN HArd-working, caring, warm-hearted SM, 47, enjoys dancing, dning, boxiling, documentaries and comedy films, cooking, nice times home, laughs and more. Looking for loving, happy lady to share these. Friend-ship/LTP. 37253142

LOOKING FOR A DREAM SM, Black and Native American, 43, 578', 1751bs, en-joys camping, solt rock music, fishing, Looking for a nice, honest, carling SW/HF, 30-43, average with few extra pounds, for possible LTR. **17257062** WEST SIDE

SBM, 36, 5'9", 150lbs, light brown eyes, smoker, seeks woman, 20-40, race open, who is open-minded.

COUGAR LOVER Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, hand-some SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like qualities, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc. 27244260

Stractive, Truster By Stor. 12/24/200 SEEKING EBONY WOMAN Attractive SWPM seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easy-going, attractive, HWP proportionate, affectionate, es-tablished, likes to travel. 27/25/2579

A GOOD MAN

SM, 45, 5'8", looking for a full-figured female, 25-50, for dating, possible LTR. Race unimportant. **127264078**

GOOD MAN FOUND

Recently divorced BM, 43, 5%; 200bs, educated enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation weekend tros, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. 17267088

SEEKING A SLIM GOODIE Attractive SBM, 43, 5'11", 1901bs, medium build, light complexion, N/S, seeks slender BF, 18-43, who wants to be treated like a princessi \$257553

TIRED OF BEING ALONE SWM, 47, homeowner, looking for some female com-partionship. Seeking a woman, age open, who wants to meet a good man. 2268640

DOWN-TO-EARTH Slim, hard-working SBCM, 48, 140bs, looking for a SF, 33-53, N/S, N/D, for friendship leading to marriage.

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART

Hardworking WM, 62, 1981bs, blonde/blue, enjoys comedy movies, horseback riding, soccer, softball, camping and more. Seeking outgoing AWF, 25-45, for dating, possibly leading to more. **27268231**

NEW TO THE AREA

JUST ME AND MY DOG WM, 511", 180bs, short dark/green, likes rolerblading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool personality and can appreci-ate an awesome guy. 52272374

LAID-BACK GUY BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out sometimes. Looking for a BF, 19-45, who enjoys life. 32272875

SOLID MORALS? BM, 40, 56°, 201bs, athletic build, enjoys volleyball, fishing, swimming, skating, walks in the park, more, Looking for a woman, 40-45, 52°-55°, who is church-going and has similar interests. **73274290**

Soling and the solinial intercedes **VIII (1997) LOOKING FOR YOU** SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who en-loys Backgammon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bailys, piano bars, comedy clube, coffee houses, at galleries. Must be social dinker, NS, HW proportion-ster 5714877

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL

Affectionate SVM, 40, 509, 2006, 6ark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront taiks, quiet times home. Look-ing for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life.

A LOT TO OFFER SBM, 38, N/S, loves walking, jogging, dinner and a movie, having fun, partying. Looking for SF, 28-70, for friendship first, maybe more. **13/278442**

GIVE ME A CALL BM, 35, 55°, 150bs, secure, family-oriented, looking for a SWF, NS, who shares the same interests and passions. I enjoy life, going places and trying new things. (2271820)

IMMATURE WM, 61, good-looking, good sense of humor, interest-ed in politics, sports, the arts, food. Seeking BF, 45-63. Glasses a plus. 27278802

LET'S TALK SBM, 52, NS, looking for a SBF, 45-56, 180-200ibs, to spend some time with and get to know. Friendship possibly leading to more. 23305631

COOL DUDE SEEKS COOL LADY

ARE WE COMPATIBLE? Very affectionate, loving SM, enjoys spending time at home, dining out and more. Would like to meet a beautiful woman, 18-49, for dating, hopefully more

LET'S HAVE SOME FUNI SBM, 20, 6'5", N/S, seeks attractive BF, 19-28, N/S, to have some fun and kick it with! \$265907

SEEKING A LADY SWM, 75, wants to meet an active WF, 55-70, who likes dancing, walks, movies, travel in the US. Will re-spond to all. 7274642

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE SWM, 705, 54°, NS, would like to meet a lady, 65-72. I enjoy taking walks, ricing bikes, taking trips. Seeking SWF, 62-75, for friendship, maybe more. **13275370**

RETIRED SWM, 65, smoker, wants to meet a SWF, 48-67, prefer heavyset, for friendship first. I love cooking, devoting time to a loving companion. 72284754

SINGLE DAD

WM, 57", 150bs, brown/brown, medium build, two chi-dren, likes the outdoors, working on cars, having fun. Locking for a good, down-to-earth, honest, attractive WF, 23-33, for dating. **Tr284933**

WELL-ROUNDED DWM, retired gentleman of independent means, emo-tionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit woman who loves the outdoors. 12284895

KEEP IT REAL SWM, 65, 5'10", 150lbs, father of two, homeowner, wants to meet slender, average female, 25-45, who likes music, art, just hanging out. **17287896**

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SBM, 61, 61°, HW proportionate, brown eyes, beautitul smile, affectionate, getting ready to retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gardens, endques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 45-63. **17295048**

WANTED: NEW BEST FRIEND

Fun-loving, humorous SWM, 57, 6, seeks attractive silm, HW proportionate women, 35-55, prefer NS. love outdoors, fishing, gardening, movies, museums 2299425

CALL ME1 SBM, 50, 195lbs, 61", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowling. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. 12289335

GOOD SETTER BEST SWM, 49, 59°, 135ibe is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. 12992943

ARE WE A MATCH? SWM, 61, N/S, looking for a lady, 55-64, who enjoys life in general, taking walks, shopping, movies, the arts, card gemes. \$3301709

COMPLETE ME SWM, 32, looking for compassionate, honest SWF, late 20s-early 30s, who knows where she is going in life. I love music, travel and more. 2302601

A WALK AND A TALK

Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and con-certs. I seek a like-minded counterpart for where ever

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DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST SBF, 36, 5'10", N/S, short hair, no children, locking for SBM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. 22280950 SBF, 36

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ship first. 2284932

KEEP COOL SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real. 22287598 PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10', 165bs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. 13/29/2913

GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, en-

joys music, dining, concerts, travel, JSO honest, com-passionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. 22963760 I NEED LOVE

Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SB/WM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. T3300110

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34, 200bs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call mei 22217234

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THE ONE TO CALL. BM, 42, 5'8', 165bs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet nights at home and barbecues. Looking for an attractive, homest lady, 21-49, to go out and have fun with. 27303275

A LOT TO OFFER SBM, 43, 59', 1430bs, grown children, enjoys fishing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SBWF, 21-45, for friendship first, maybe more. 27303815

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HI LADIES SWM, 46, kind, hard-working, N/S, seeking SB/HF, 32-34, N/S, for sharing conversation, enjoys dates, laugh-ter and just living life. Possible LTR: **17254080**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST WM, 5'11", 160lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with 1 enjoy rac-ing, the water and more. \$2257001

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WM, late 306, 63°, darkblue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/ Hispanic female, 25-50, for dating. **17257496**

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LETS GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, filendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. T128302

SPEND TIME TOGETHER Attractive SM, 37, 511", 190lbs, searching for an attrac-tive SF, 23-44, with a nice attractive, who loves to laugh and have fun. 1249665

SM, 35, 5'11', 160lbs, enjoys the basics:movies, din-ing out, and just having fun. Looking to share friendship and/or relationship with loving, happy HW proportionate lady. 22251185

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SBM, 45, educated, degreed, enjoys canceling, basket-ball, cycling, jogging. Seeking a special, kind, Christian lady 25-40, slim-medium build, D/D-free, to share the good things in life. 2251319

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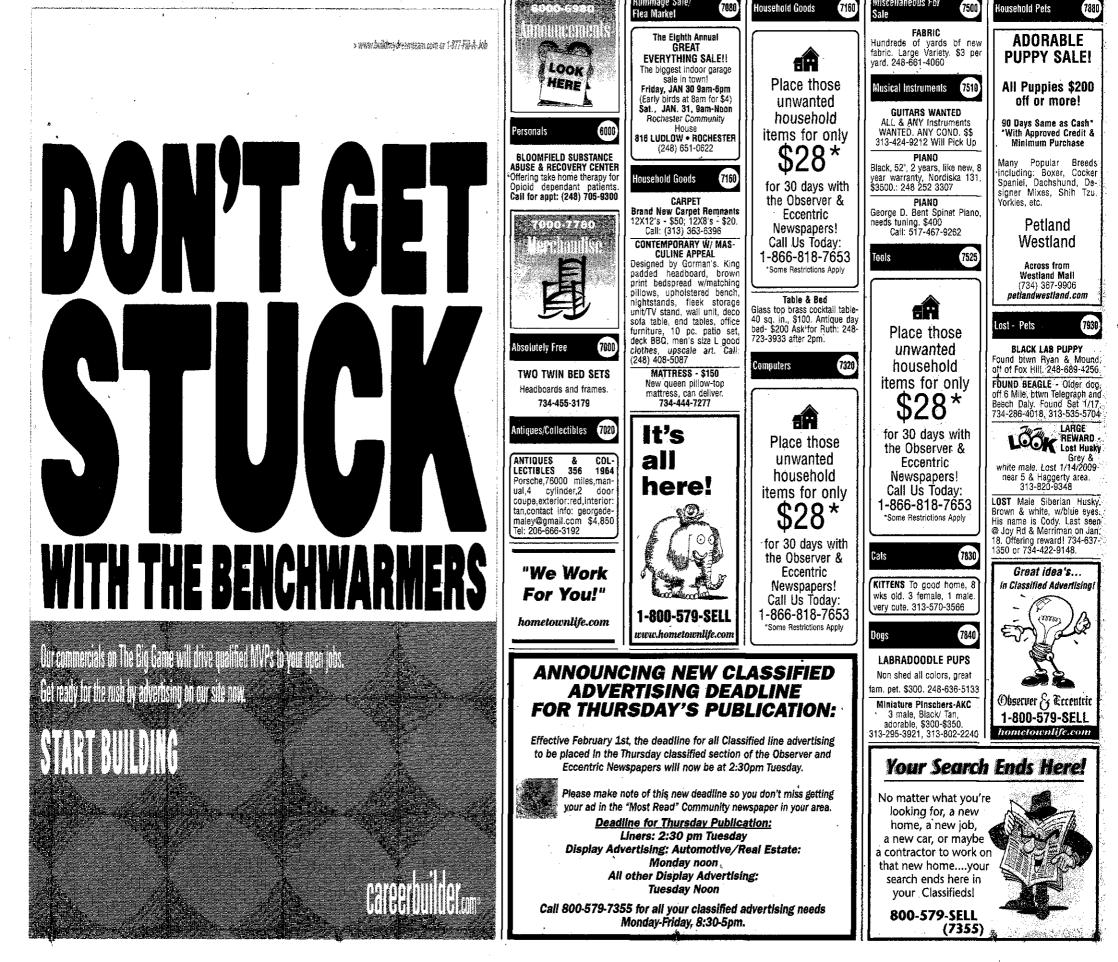
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