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Dear readers:

Your hometown *Canton Observer* has a new look. The changes are a result of your feedback in e-mail surveys and local interviews over the past four months. The design has been updated and inside you'll find new features on "Education" and "Neighbors," pages about the special events in your life. It's all local and packaged in shorter stories, with more photos and more local names. On Thursday, look for new features on public safety, business, food and wine and entertainment. In addition, you will see a new emphasis on local opinions — from *The Observer* and you.

I welcome your comments. You can reach me at (313) 222-5397 or srosiek@hometownlife.com.

Susan Rosiek
Executive Editor

CONNECTION

Chamber luncheon

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to meet Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Craig Fiegel, you may want to attend the Canton Chamber of Commerce's luncheon at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday at Canton's Summit on the Park. Fiegel will be the guest speaker at the luncheon, which is being sponsored by Schoolcraft College and Waltonwoods of Canton.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20 for advance tickets and \$25 at the door. To make a reservation or for more information, contact the chamber

office at (734) 453-4040, or e-mail receptionist@cantonchamber.com.

Special meeting

The Wayne-Westland school board will hold special meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the district's administrative offices, 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road in Westland.

On the agenda will be the approval of a new four-year teacher's contract with the Wayne-Westland Education Association. Members of the union voted on the agreement on Thursday and Friday. The proposed settlement agreement was reached while the two sides were working with a fact-finder from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

Financial update

The Canton Board of Trustees will discuss the township's financial situation at a special meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the administration building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.



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Green team

Holly Haddad and Lauren Hildreth hold the trashy trophy at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth Township. The wall at left offers student's tips and ideas for going green. The rest of the Isbister Green Team is: Cequoia Bobee, Sydney Good, Ktisti Belanger, Saniya Kale, Stefan Gligor, Alexis Barbosa, Isabella Bologna, Nikhil Patel, Emma Thornburg, Alysa Meadows, Kate Amin, Meghan Mans, Kelly Torolski, Andrew Paulus, Alyssa Rowley, Josh Gage, Marissa Zorney, Alexa Ebling, Hannah Parent, Maya Leisinger, Alexis Hess and Owen Pollack. For the story and more photos, please turn to our new Education Page on page A4.

Team Obama

Attending the inauguration was culmination of long, sweet journey

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

They came from different backgrounds, and had different reasons for getting involved in Barack Obama's improbable ascendance to the White House. But the one thing that bound Peter Silveri, Natalie Mosher and Sommer Foster together was an undeniable hope for a brighter future for America — one where partisanship and greed would be replaced by civic action and compassion for all Americans.

Like millions of others, the three Canton residents headed to Washington to take part in the events surrounding the Jan. 20 inauguration. For each of them, the trip turned out to be a life-altering event they swear they will never forget.

After months of campaigning for Obama, each said there was no way they would have missed the event.

"I was going no matter what. There was nothing that was going to keep me away," said Foster, who had no ticket for the event,



Canton's Peter and Sharon Silveri were thrilled to be at President Barack Obama's inauguration. They watched the swearing-in ceremony from next to the steps at the Capitol Building, less than hundred yards away from where Obama took the oath of office.

nor was sure where she would be staying.

Silveri, a 57-year-old education consultant, was the most fortunate of the three. He and his wife, Sharon, attended the Midwest Ball, which Barack and Michelle

Obama visited, and were able to meet many politicians, including Al Franken. They were even interviewed for a story in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*.

But without doubt, the best part of the trip for the Silveris

was the actual swearing-in ceremony. They were fortunate to watch it from the base of the steps at the Capitol Building where the ceremony took place. They were less than a hundred yards away from Obama when he officially became the 44th president.

"It was incredible," Silveri said. Silveri worked as a campaign volunteer for Obama. Although he said he has been a lifelong Democrat, it was the first campaign he has worked on since Bobby Kennedy's ill-fated run in 1968.

He said the atmosphere in Washington during inauguration week was filled with an energy and camaraderie he has never witnessed in his life. Looking back, he said it was a wonderful whirlwind.

"By the time we got back to our room Tuesday night, we were totally exhausted. But it was more than just physically exhausted," he said. "It was all the mental anticipation. All of a sudden it was done

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Overcrowded jail leads police to release prisoners

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It didn't take long for the Canton Police Department to get additional justification for a proposed \$754,000 renovation of the cell block area, which hasn't had a major makeover since the facility was built in 1985.

Five days after presenting the Canton Township Board of Trustees with the plan to expand the lockup holding area from 30 to 56 prisoners, Executive Director John Santomauro received an e-mail from his weekend staff about an overcrowded situation that forced the department to release some nonviolent prisoners.

"By (3 a.m.) Sunday morning our cell block was full — 20 prisoners total, six of which were felons," wrote Sgt. Steve Miller. "Prisoner lockers were

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think Canton should spend \$754,000 to renovate its cell block area to accommodate more prisoners? Send your thoughts to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

full so we did personal bonds on four of them that just had traffic warrants, two of those we turned over to other agencies."

Santomauro said the overcrowded situation in the cell block doesn't happen often.

"It doesn't happen every week because by and large you can pretty much stack people in there," Santomauro said. "But with the felony arrests there's no

place to stack.

"The reality is when you're using a facility that locked up under a thousand people a year (in 1985) and this year it will be over 4,000 ... if you do the math it's pretty easy to figure out," he said.

Santomauro said the renovation is mostly about knocking down walls and expanding some areas. Besides increasing cell block space, the project includes expanding the intake center where mug shots and fingerprints are done; and increasing space for present and new technology to eliminate situations where the prisoner kitchen is also used for video arraignments and houses the department's Breathyalyzer equipment.

Trustees are waiting for information from the Finance Department on options to fund the renovation before voting on it.

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OBAMA

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and over. There was a sense of relief. Here we were from little old Canton, and we were part of it."

Foster, 31, who is an African American, worked as an unpaid intern for the Obama campaign and helped set up a campaign office in Canton. When she first got involved in June, she and others were meeting at Panera on Ford Road.

She says there were a total of 75 volunteers working in the Canton area, making calls, knocking on doors and getting the message out about Obama any way possible.

'A MASS OF CRAZINESS'

Although she didn't have any tickets for the swearing-in ceremony, Foster attended several events, including the concert at the Lincoln Memorial.



Canton's Natalie Mosher attended many of the inauguration events, and ran into UAW President Ron Gettelfinger in Washington. Gettelfinger, also a Canton resident, is holding a copy of the Canton Observer.

For the swearing in, she was able to get into the Mall area, which was packed with several million other celebrating Americans.

"I was in the mass of all the craziness and it was wonder-

ful," Foster said. "The crowd was so diverse. The thing that disappointed me was that the media focused on the African Americans that were there. But that wasn't the whole story."

During the campaign,

Foster said she and other volunteers heard plenty of racist remarks about Obama, but she knew those people represented a minority of Americans. She also had arguments with family members and friends who



Peter Silveri took this photo of President Barack Obama shortly after his swearing-in. Silveri was only about a hundred yards away from the ceremony.

said America would never elect a black man president.

"Since the beginning, I never doubted that America was ready for this. During the Iowa caucus, I thought if he could just win one state, especially a lily-white state like Iowa, it would show how much progress America has made," she said. "I have a 3-year-old son (William). I don't want him to grow up in a country where there is no hope. That's why I got involved."

A CIVIC MOVEMENT

Mosher also attended several events. She said the Obama campaign was a "movement never before seen" in America. She said the joy and mass of people at the inauguration was just further proof.

"From the beginning, Obama's message was, 'This is about each and every one of you staying involved. Let's keep moving it forward.' The campaign made a concerted effort to keep everyone together. We had people of all sexes,

colors, young and old, gay and straight. That's what this campaign was all about," Mosher said.

"Obama is not the agent of change. We're the agents of change," she said. "This is what government is about, and what it should be."

The inauguration is not the end of the line for the three. They are committed to staying active in a group called Organizing for America, which Obama is promoting as a new civic action group. Locally, the group has already been active in the Plymouth-Canton clothing bank, and is planning to contribute to a new charity each month. In February, they will volunteer Thursday nights at Open Door Ministries (at Lilley and Michigan Avenue).

Anyone interested in getting involved with the local Organizing for America group can send an e-mail to Silveri at psilveri@wowway.com. For more information, visit www.usaservice.org.

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NAIAS poster shows teen's creativity

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Those who know Michael Frank praise his artistic talent. His elementary school principal says the Redford teen was a "very creative artist as a youngster." His high school graphic design teacher describes his work as "a really nice composition."

Now the world has had a chance to admire his work. His award-winning poster was on display at this year's North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

"Mike has really excelled," said Steve Paulsen, who teaches graphic design at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "He used a lot of abstract images, but they're things that relate to autos."

Frank received first place in the 10th-grade competition for his poster and a \$500 prize. He was one of three of Paulsen's students to win prizes. Mike Cox won a third place in the 11th-grade competition, and Kelsey Blevins was third in the 12th-grade competition.

Frank's poster was a collage of car parts. He created a lot of the images himself, using Illustrator software; some he found on the Internet.

"I knew it would do pretty good, but I didn't think it would win," said Frank who attends Westland John Glenn High School.

"We saw it in the early stages, he found parts to make the collage, it was absolutely amazing," said his father, Jim Frank. "We found out he won when he went back to school. It was unbelievable, but Mike was like, 'Oh, you got to be kidding.'"

Frank, a first-year student at the career technical center, spent five days to creating his collage and then worked with Paulsen on the placement of a Detroit skyline and the necessary auto show verbiage. But what makes Frank's work extraordinary is that he has muscular dystrophy and is on a ventilator and confined to a wheelchair.

"He drew pictures all the time," Jim Frank said. "He was eager to learn and had a great art teacher at Fisher (Elementary School in Redford). He paints, draws, does graphic design ... he's really getting into that. The computer can be a challenge. He's sometimes weak physically."

Jim Frank said his son is concerned about accuracy in his work and strives to have things in proportion to each other. That's evident in a picture on his computer that shows him playing wheelchair rugby. He doesn't in real life, but with the help of Photoshop he superimposed his head on that of one of the players.

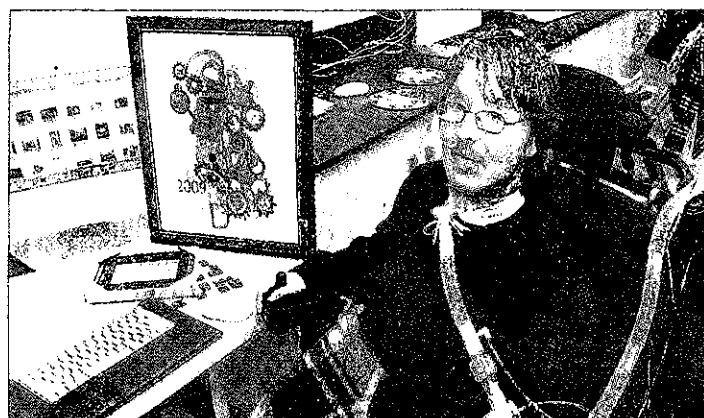
And while he doesn't play rugby, he does play wheelchair floor hockey at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

"I'm more like an artist, I'm into painting and drawing," Frank said. "I'm interested in it probably because of my artistic ability."

As for his newfound wealth, Michael Frank plans to put the prize money in the bank. That doesn't surprise his father.

"He's really sharp with money, he's also very frugal," he said.

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A collage of gears and auto parts, many that he designed himself, highlight a first-place poster Michael Frank of Redford made to the North American International Auto Show.

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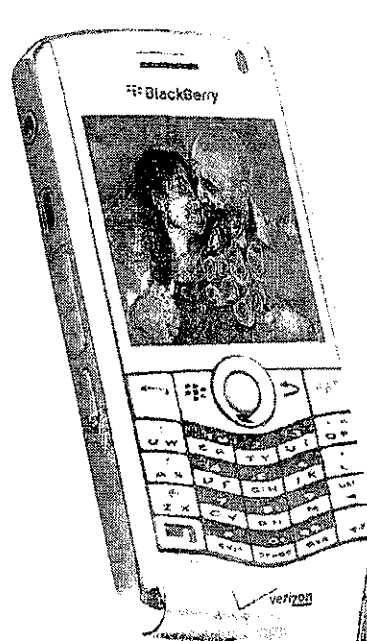
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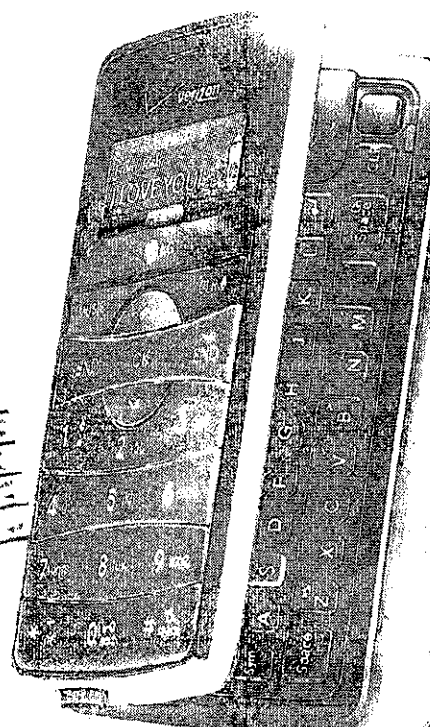
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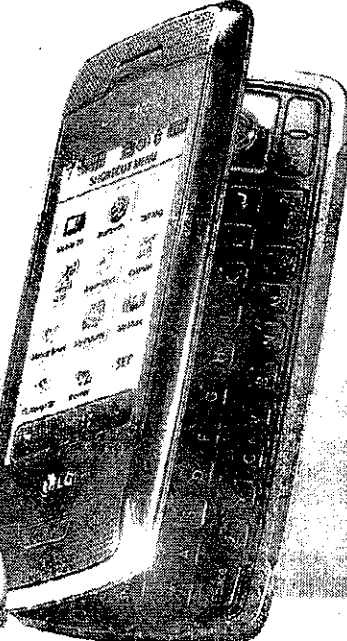
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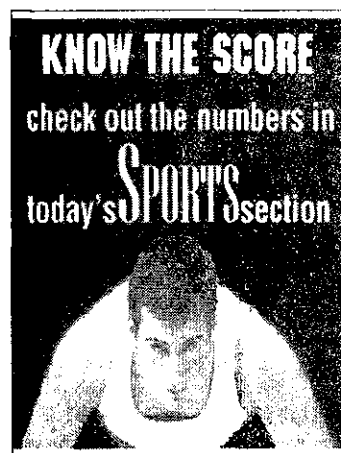
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EDUCATION

Students leading Isbister on path to become 'Green School'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Students at Isbister Elementary are making others green with envy as they're well on their way to becoming Plymouth-Canton Schools first official Michigan Green School.

Green Team fourth- and fifth-graders are Isbister's leaders in energy-saving and environmental activities which are expected to result in an official Michigan Green School designation.

It started with a paper drive in the fall in which the recycling dumpster was filled three times in one day. And, once a month there's a contest among all grades to see which class has the most waste free lunches, ones that contain reusable sandwich containers and thermos bottles instead of throw-away plastic sandwich bags and drink boxes. The winning class gets possession of a traveling trophy made out of materials that would normally end up in a landfill - a cereal box, drink boxes, toilet paper rolls and a plastic 2-liter bottle.

"A lot more kids in the school bring waste-free lunches," said Maya Leisinger, 10, of Plymouth Township, a member of the Green Team who recycles everything she can at home. "Most of the landfills are mostly made out of plastic and paper, and it makes it bigger and bigger every time you throw something away. If you recycle, landfills become smaller and smaller because



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The use of reusable lunch containers like Maya Leisinger's helped Isbister students cut down on the amount of trash barrels filled from 5 to 1.

you are reducing the waste."

Projects underway at Isbister that will lead to the Green School designation include recycling of paper, visits by an ecological spokesperson, recycling batteries and participation by students in an ecology club - the Green Team. The construction of a wildlife habitat and building of bird houses in the spring will help get the needed 10 projects to earn the "green" designation.

"We recycle plastic water bottles, CDs, DVDs, batteries and Crocs shoes," said Lisa Dietz, the school's administration secretary who advises the Green Team with media specialist Becky Cole. "There's a company that will shred Crocs shoes and make new ones and send them to kids in countries that need shoes."

"We have a paper bin in each classroom, and in each of our three learning areas we have a bin for anything else that's recyclable," she said. "The kids on our Green Team empty them once a day and sort them in our bins before we dispose of them."

Students will vote soon on which animal to "adopt" at the Detroit Zoo, with the Green Team selecting a polar bear, tiger and gorilla as the choices.

"Me and my mom decided to go green because it helps global warming, and it reduces animals becoming endangered, like polar bears," said Isabella Bologna, 9, of Plymouth Township.

The Green Team will soon begin a campaign to get students and teachers to turn off lights in unused classrooms.

WHAT IS WASTE-FREE LUNCH?

- Start with a reusable lunchbox, backpack or briefcase. Avoid disposable plastic and paper bags.
- Pack your food in reusable containers. Avoid plastic bags, plastic wrap, aluminum foil and prepackaged foods whenever possible.
- Include a drink in a refillable bottle. Avoid single-use juice boxes, drink bottles and cans.
- Add reusable utensils. Eliminate disposable forks and spoons.
- Use a cloth napkin. Eliminate paper napkins.

"Me and my sister get mad at my brother and mom because they always leave the lights on," said Hannah Parent, 9, of Canton. "I usually go around and turn them off."

Lisa Bologna, Isabella's mother, said students are taking "going green" seriously.

"It's so encouraging that these kids are learning and making a difference in their families so that as they grow this will be their pattern," said Lisa Bologna. "If you plant the seed, the kids want to make a difference."

That difference has become very noticeable to Isbister's plant engineer, Matt Takesian.

"I think it's great," said Takesian. "We've cut our trash down two-thirds."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

Rouge friends award habitat to Smith

Smith Elementary School in Plymouth Township is benefiting from a decision by local non-profit organization Friends of the Rouge to implementing a Schoolyard Habitat program for the 2008-2009 school year.

Smith is one of three schools awarded habitats for the school year. The others are the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City and O.W. Holmes in Detroit.

The habitat program is focused on getting kids outside to learn by providing grants to create outdoor classrooms at local schools. Schoolyard habitats vary widely but usually incorporate four basic elements: food, water, shelter and space - all things required for plants and animals to survive. Habitats are used as multi-disciplinary teaching tools to enhance school curriculum and to teach children why having a healthy, clean environment, is important.

"Schoolyard habitats provide children with an opportunity to become environmental stewards," Friends of the Rouge spokesperson Brianna Knoppow said. "It is this type of place based learning we're working to expand within our educational communities."

The three schools selected to participate in the program this year are all located in the Rouge River watershed and were chosen through a competitive application process. Each school's grant includes \$500 to purchase native Michigan plants and another \$500 for expert assistance with implementing their project.

The Burger School for Students with Autism will be combining the creation of a garden with the conduction of a study on the effectiveness of regular sensory lessons with autistic students.

At Smith Elementary School, Principal Jill D. Cantin was thrilled to get the grant.

"We are are eager to transform a vacant area of our school grounds into a vibrant habitat that will benefit the environment and provide hands-on education for our students," Cantin said. "With the support from the Friends of the Rouge, we look forward to working as a team with the teachers, the students, the parents, and the community to develop a schoolyard habitat that can be used as an outdoor classroom and be enjoyed by the entire community."

The program has been made possible by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Principal honored

Susan Kelty, the principal of Bird Elementary School in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, received the Regional Honors Award at the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association annual conference.

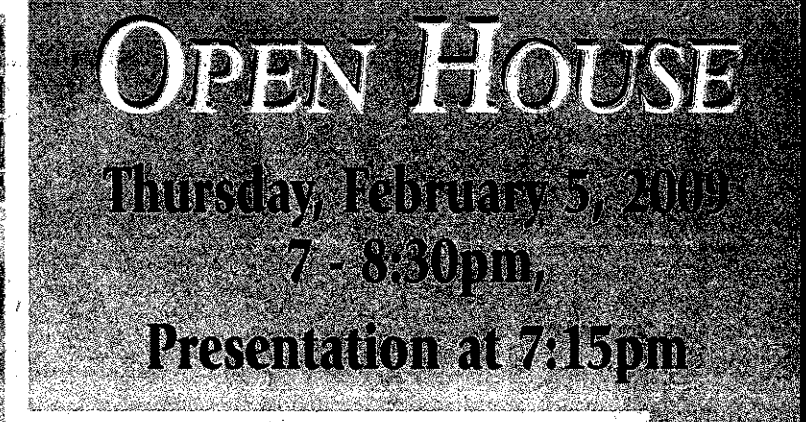
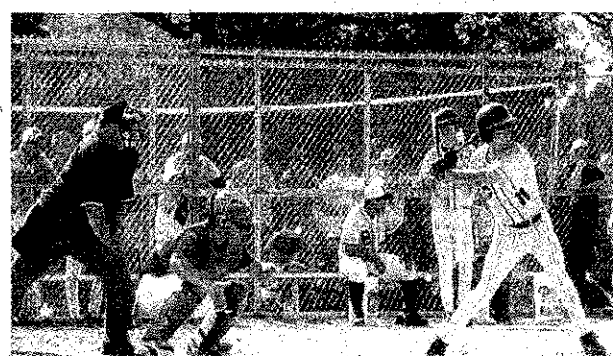


Kelty is in her second year at Bird. She previously served seven years as a learning specialist at Miller Elementary and five years as an elementary principal in the Wayne-Westland District. In all, she has taught in five different states and four districts here in Michigan.

"I was delighted (to get the award) but it's a very humbling experience," said Kelty, a past president of MEMSPA Region 1, which covers Wayne County. "There are many, many fine principals everywhere in Wayne County. We're all working every day to do what's best for kids. I can think of many of them who deserve this award."

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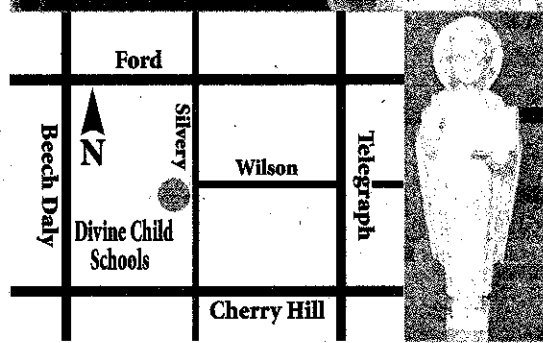


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Charity bowl-a-thon

Seedlings' 22nd Annual Bowl-A-Thon for Braille Books will take place Sunday, March 22, at the Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. This event will help put braille books into the hands of blind children. There will be many great raffle prizes and the bowlers who raise the most pledges will be eligible for top prize packages. The 2009 goal is to buy 25,000 braille books.

Register or pledge a bowler online or download a brochure at www.seedlings.org under the "special events" section. Bowlers will receive three games, lunch, a goody bag, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Tax-deductible door prize and lane or T-shirt sponsorships are still available to local businesses. Register now and reserve a spot at the event. The registration deadline is March 7, and the minimum donation per bowler is \$50.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low-cost braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at this bowl-a-thon will create one more book. Last year, bowlers raised more than \$23,000 to provide blind children access to popular children's books in braille and to bring them the materials they need to "read and succeed."

For more information, visit www.seedlings.org.

Slavens swearing-in

On Monday Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) will be joined by friends, family and supporters for a ceremonial swearing-in at the Canton Public Library. Presiding over the ceremony will be her husband, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens.

"It's an honor that I was chosen to be our community's voice in the State Capitol and it's only fitting that the community be included in this momentous event," Slavens said.

The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Preschool open house

Plymouth Children's

Nursery, 5825 N. Sheldon Road, will host a co-op preschool open house on Feb. 7 and Mar. 21 from 10 a.m.-noon. The preschool offers classes for ages 2 1/2 to 5. They now offer a 4 day per week class for young 5's. The school's teachers instruct each child through academic, social, and emotional learning by using a play-based philosophy. For more information, contact Sue Fairchild at (734) 844-0395.

Comedian to perform

Comedian Chrissy Burns will take the stage of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13. Burns brings to the stage a funny, heart-felt message about the power of laughter as a cancer survivor who's found strength in humor. Beyond the live comedy stage, Burns appears in the documentary film, "Be Funny." Her CD "Soul Music" is played on XM Satellite Radio, and her road story, "Follow That" can be found in the Random House book, "I Killed - True Stories of the Road from America's Top Comics."

Enjoy this entertaining evening of laughs for just \$15, which also includes a performance by comedian Ben Konstantin. Material may not be suitable for all audiences.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person. The Village Theater ticket office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

For more information about the Village Theater at Cherry Hill and to view its complete schedule, please visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater.

Outdoor ice rink

Canton's Flodin Park now has an outdoor 40 foot by 40 foot ice rink for skating. There is no charge to access this outdoor rink, which is currently available as weather permits daily from sun up until sun down on the south east corner of the park, which is located on Saltz Road, between Morton Taylor and Sheldon. The ice will also be refreshed as weather permits.

For more information on



High-energy performance

Singer Mary Rademacher will be featured in the Village Theater at Cherry Hill's 'First Friday Studio Series' at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6. Rademacher will perform a high-energy show featuring a wide variety of songs from jazz standards to Motown classics, and sprinkling in a few disco hits and big band ballads. The Grand Rapids-based Rademacher has an extensive background in music, theater, choreography, and dance. This and all First Friday Studio Series performances are general admission and will take place in the Biltmore Studio, an intimate setting for enjoying live music. A cash bar will also be available. To purchase tickets or to download the entire season schedule, visit www.canton-mi.org/village theater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park or the Village Theater ticket office, which will also be open one hour prior to each performance. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Flodin Park and any of its amenities, including this seasonal ice rink, call Canton Parks Office at (734) 394-5310 or visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

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 commu-

nity. All are welcome to join.

The group's next monthly adult general meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m., 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.

St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School is hosting an open house on Thursday, Feb. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. The school offers 3 year old preschool through sixth grade classes including all day kindergarten and half day Young Fives. St. Michael Christian School provides a Christ-centered education using the Holy Bible, the Concordia Publishing House study series, and a weekly Chapel Service led by the pastoral staff.

St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 459-9720, or visit their Web site at www.stmichael-church.org.

Salem football alumni

If you ever played football for Salem High School, a group of alumni would love to hear from you. The Salem Linebackers Booster Club will be hosting a dinner (date and time to be determined) with all Salem alumni invited. They would like to know your name, year graduated, phone number, address and e-mail.

E-mail or call Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 or dturner@longwalkpartners.com.

The Salem Linebackers Booster Club is also assembling a team of former, current and future high school band members from any school to play at Salem Rocks home (and possibly away) games. This is open to anyone who can play an instrument and would be interested in joining the group in the stands at the Salem Rocks football games. No marching required. For more information, contact Don Turner at (734) 812-0504 or dturner@longwalkpartners.com.

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 mini-workshops, 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.canton-mi.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.

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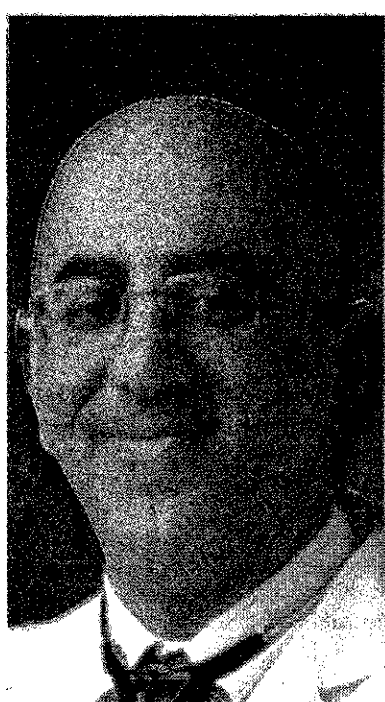
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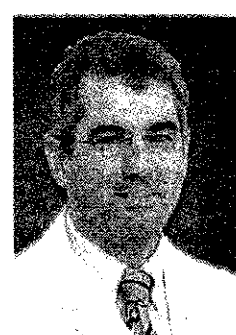
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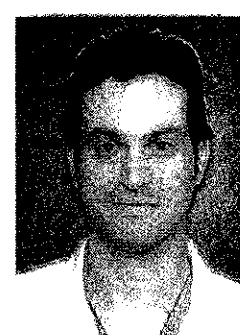
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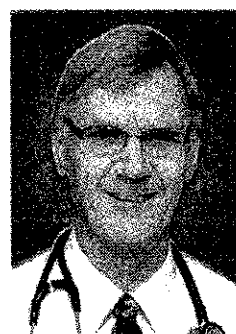
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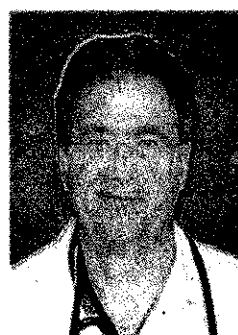
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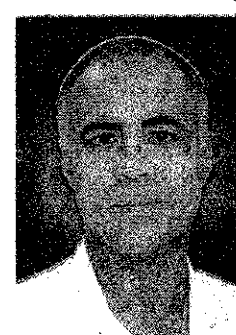
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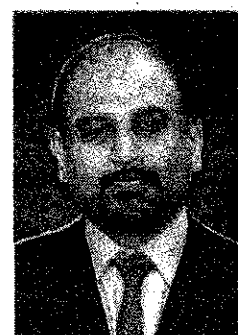
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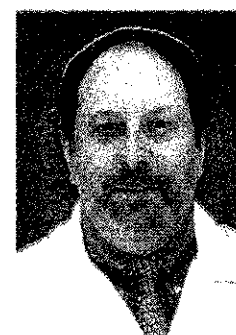
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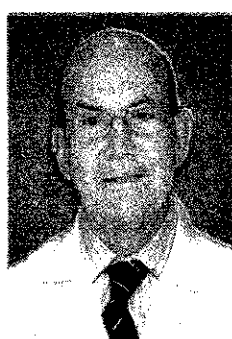
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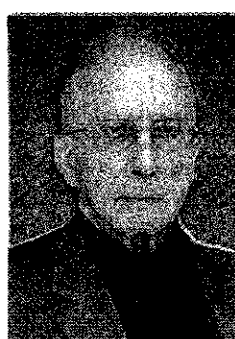
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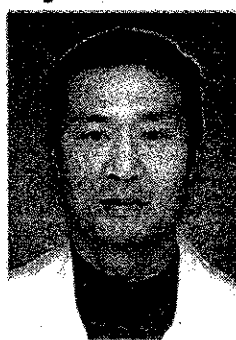
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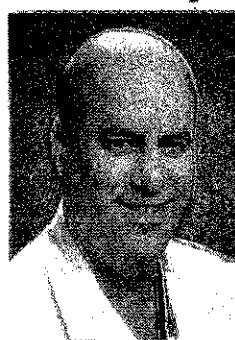
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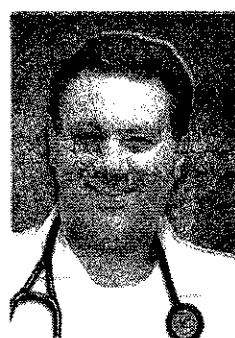
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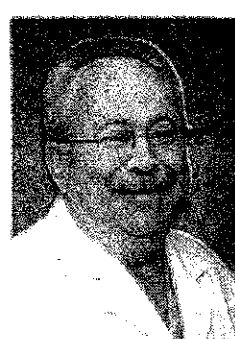
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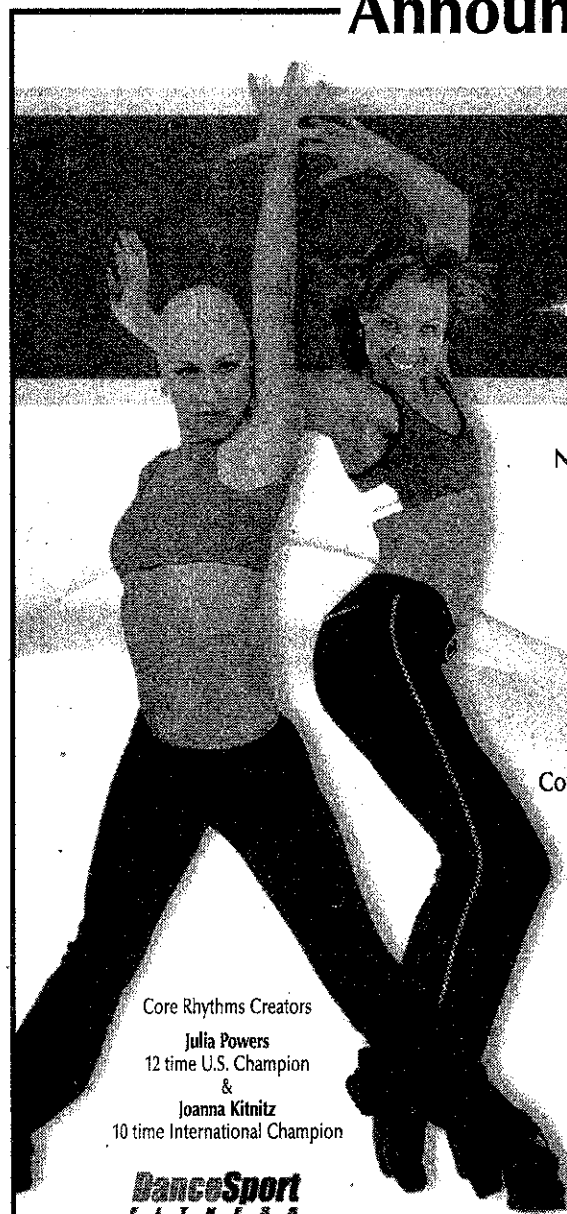
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Father, son put on show to fight homelessness

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Patrick Elliott first learned about homelessness while he was attending Divine Child High School.

He took trips with classmates to St. Aloysius in Detroit to see firsthand the destitute conditions surrounding the poor and homeless.

Even attending Tiger games he would see the homeless.

"It's sad," Elliott said. "My dad and I talked, asking 'What can we do?'"

Four years ago, Patrick and his father, Dr. Gregory Elliott, both of Livonia, started Hilarity for Charity, a comedy show fund-raiser, with proceeds to help St. Aloysius' community outreach program.

Comics will take the stage at this year's event at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Village Theater in Canton, 50400 Cherry Hill (at Ridge Road).

The show features headliner Paul Kelly and special guest Dan Orr. Patrick's uncle, Jerry Elliott, who hosts the radio show "Wags and Elliott" on a Columbus, Ohio, radio station, will host the event.

Patrick Elliott, a 22-year-old marketing student at the University of Michigan-



Musical comedian Dan Orr will do parodies similar to Weird Al Yankovic at Hilarity for Charity at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the Village Theatre in Canton.

Dearborn, and his father, a dentist in Farmington Hills, developed the show to create awareness of homelessness in Detroit. Just days ago, a newspaper published a photo of a man who froze to death inside a block of ice.

"It's really bad right now," Patrick said of homelessness. "St. Aloysius works with drug addicts in their programs, and they have a warming center and soup kitchen." All of the proceeds go to the outreach program, 100 percent to help-

ing the homeless, Elliott said. "They need all the help they can get. They do really good work down there."

They chose the Village Theatre in Canton because "we just love the theater," Elliott said. "It's beautiful and (Canton arts coordinator) Jennifer Tobin does a great job."

Elliott describes Dan Orr as a musical comedian, who does parodies similar to Weird Al Yankovic. Paul Kelly, of Chicago, features a show of comedy surrounding family life. Elliott, who is a filmmaker too, will show his short film of kids and comedy.

"It's definitely a family-friendly event," Elliott said.

Doors open at 7 p.m. The event features free appetizers before the show and a cash bar. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for students. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Village Theatre Web site at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, visiting the Summit at the Park ticket office, 46000 Summit Parkway (located south of Cherry Hill, west of Canton Center Road) in Canton, or by calling Elliott's dental office at (248) 473-2000. Major credit cards, cash or checks are accepted.

Officials approve renting portable restrooms for parks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With all the people attending events and utilizing Canton's parks this summer, you've got to have places for them to go.

Canton Township trustees took on the issue, make that issue, of renting portable toilets to supplement permanent facilities at Tuesday's meeting.

Trustees selected the bid of John's Sanitation, Inc. for \$9,241. The next lowest bid was more than \$15,000.


John's Sanitation has served the township the past five years. The company's bid was the same cost per toilet it charged in 2008.

Two portable toilets will be contracted for the months of April through October and placed at Freedom, Flodin and Griffin parks, as well as

at the Cady/Boyer Barn and Lower Rouge Recreational Trail. None of the locations has a permanent restroom. In addition, one will be placed at the eighth hole at Pheasant Run Golf Club to supplement the three permanent restrooms that exist at the site.

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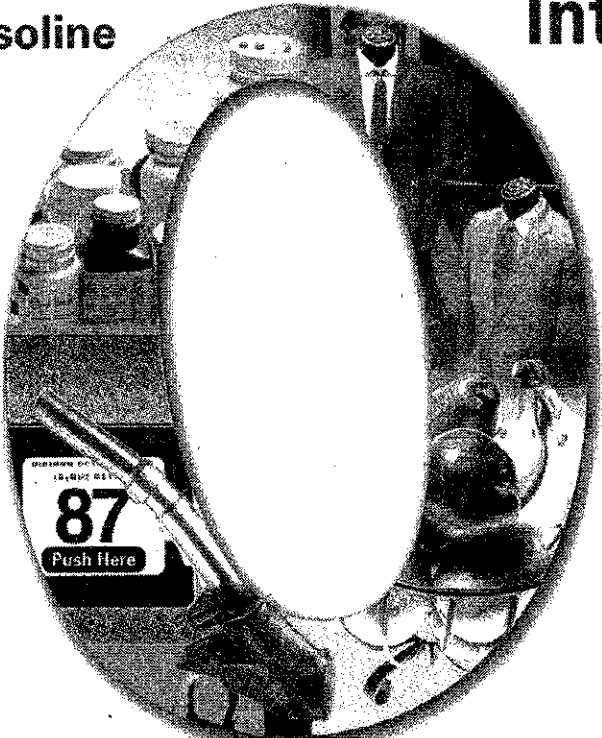
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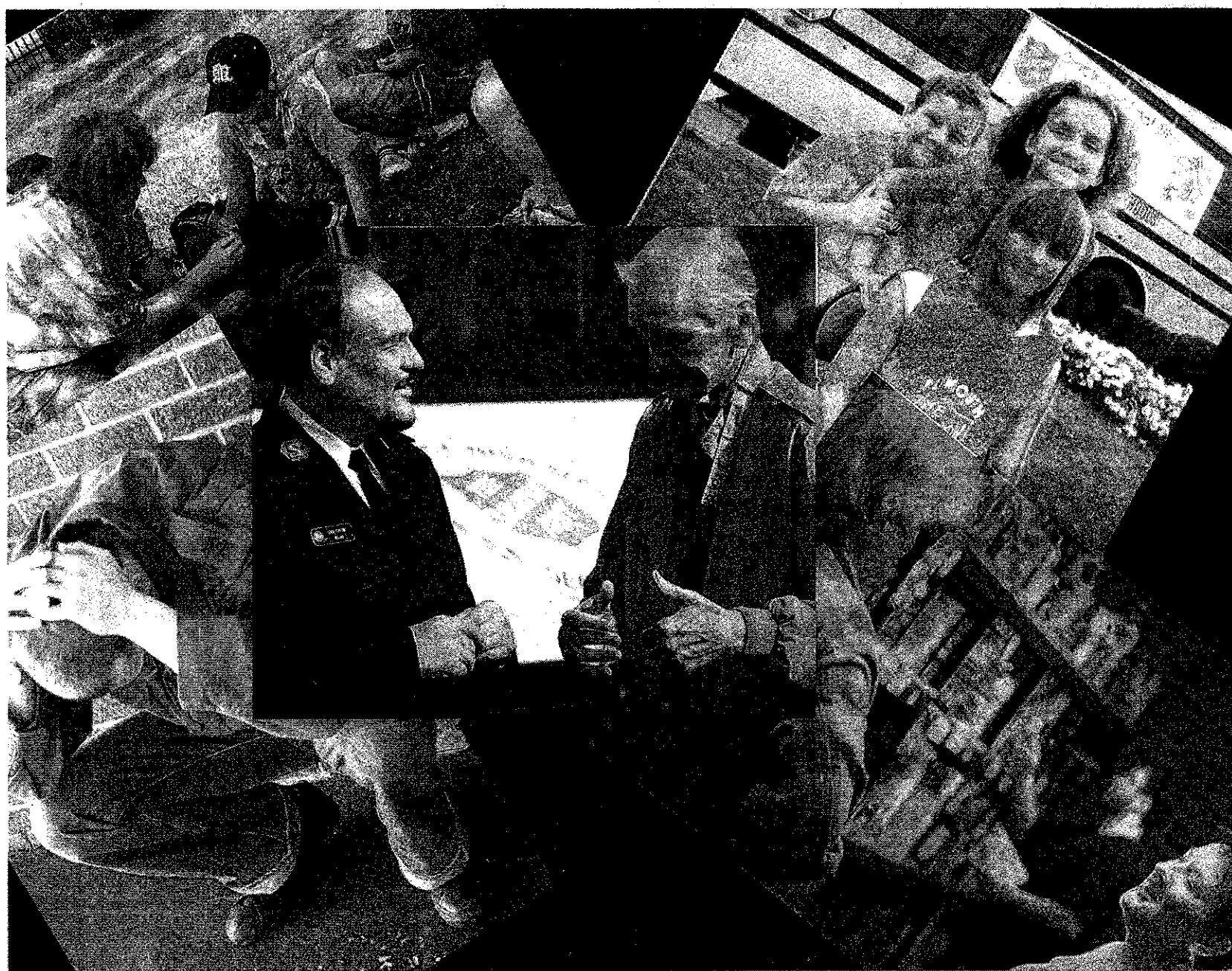
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There is no doubt we are in difficult times and I have no idea when things will turn around. I am confident that the markets will turn and I believe investors must maintain



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No matter what, investors should never invest in anything they do not

a discipline during these times.

I hope, as I assume all Americans do, that the new economic team can work through our difficulties to put the economy back on solid ground. I have confidence in the American people and ultimately, it is the American people who will bring us out of this crisis.

feel comfortable with and that applies to stocks. I would not recommend stocks for you. There are, however, a couple different investments with no principle fluctuation that can offer positive returns. The first is the old-fashioned certificate of deposit (CD). Certificates of deposit are sold through banks, are federally insured and will give you a guaranteed rate of return. You can shop five- or seven-year CDs around the country. A good Web site to use is www.bankrate.com. The key in buying a CD is to use a federally insured institution. Bankrate.com only provides information regarding federally insured institutions. In

addition, since you do not need the income from the CD and you will be rolling over the interest, the rate to focus on is the *effective rate of return*. The other investment vehicle to consider is a traditional-fixed or equity-indexed annuity. Both are insured up to \$100,000 and have no principal fluctuations. The one advantage an annuity has over a CD is it grows tax deferred. Taxes are paid when the money is withdrawn.

Unfortunately, it is not as easy to buy an annuity. They are more complex and you cannot buy them directly through the insurance company. You must go through a

representative of the company. I recommend Hutton Financial, (800) 870-4444.

We are in difficult times and no one knows when things will turn around. However, as hard as this may sound, as investors it is important we don't let short-term comfort cause long-term pain.

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

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Madonna offers Chinese students new degree

Increasing campus diversity with international programs has been a top priority at Madonna University.

The recently approved China 3+1 business bachelor's degree program will enable Chinese students to attend Madonna, successfully complete their bachelor's degree and experience American life and culture.

The majority of Chinese students earn a three-year degree with a concentration in a specific major, based on the British model for higher education. Madonna University will offer these students an opportunity to complete the fourth-year of their education

and earn a bachelor's degree in applied management or applied technology.

"There is stiff competition in China for educational programs beyond the three-year degree," said William McMillan, business professor and 3+1 program director. "These highly-respected business programs will prepare students for China's expanding, yet fiercely competitive employment market, where a four-year Western degree is valued."

McMillan and other Madonna officials believe the China 3+1 program not only will benefit Chinese students, but also other Madonna students.

"Madonna University prepares students to be successful in a global society, where the workplace is characterized by diversity and international linkages," said Ernest Nolan, vice president for academic administration. "By increasing campus diversity, the University will enrich the educational experience of all its students and create opportunities for intercultural communication and understanding."

Currently, Madonna University is recruiting throughout China, so as to have students begin the program this summer. The Chinese students will live on Madonna's

campus in Livonia for a year taking courses specifically designed to educate them on American culture and business.

New courses added for the China 3+1 program include: Orientation to American Higher Education; American Culture through Literature, Music and Art; Science and Social Responsibility; and Advanced Reading and Writing for Business. To aid in their success, the students are tested on their English skills before being accepted into the program and are offered English as a Second Language (ESL) classes the summer before their courses begin and throughout.

Madonna University offers film boot camp Feb. 7

Members of the community can train for jobs in Michigan's burgeoning film industry at Madonna University during "Production Algebra/Production Assistant (P.A.) Boot Camp," offered through the Michigan Production

Alliance (MPA). The unique workshop, hosted by the Madonna University Broadcast Club, is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.


The P.A. Boot Camp will provide more than just an overview of what is expected of production assistants on

both film and video sets. MPA instructor Mark Adler will engage students with demonstrations, hands-on activities, form usage exercises, and give a review of set/client etiquette. Students will gain job search tips from a panel of production profes-

sionals during an informative discussion on local production companies, unions and film organizations, and the resources they offer.

"Those who attend the workshop will gain valuable skills and credentials that will help prepare them to work in Michigan's growing movie industry," said Charles Derry, director of Broadcast and Cinema Arts at Madonna University.

The P.A. Boot Camp takes place at Madonna University's main campus in Livonia, room 1605, located at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, at the intersection of Levan and Schoolcraft Roads, off I-96. The cost is \$40 for general admission and \$35 for students. For more information, contact Mark Adler at (313) 447-0566. Register and pay online at www.mpami.org.






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Modest priest served those most in need

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A priest known by thousands of suburban Catholics was remembered Friday as a modest, quiet man whose actions spoke volumes.

The Rev. Paul Berg, who died Monday at age 87 after a battle with leukemia, marched for civil rights in the 1960s, helped the Rev. William Cunningham found Focus: HOPE after the 1967 Detroit riots, and taught local seminarians for more than 50 years. But he rarely spoke of his accomplishments, family members and friends said.

"He was a man of a few well-chosen words," said a nephew, John Berg, at the close of Friday's funeral in



Rev. Berg

the packed chapel at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

His uncle had a special calling for ministering to the less fortunate — the disabled, the sick and the imprisoned, John Berg said.

"He taught us how to follow in the footsteps of Christ, without calling any attention to himself," he said.

"He acted in a way that served whomever was most in need," said the Rev. Robert Morand, during the formal eulogy at Friday's Mass, which was celebrated by newly installed Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron.

The Rev. Berg, a priest for nearly 61 years, regularly said Mass at St. Kenneth in Plymouth Township until late last year. He had also assisted at Our Lady of Loretto in Redford and at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

"He was a wonderful person and a great homilist. Always had a kind word and a smile for everyone," said Art Michalak, a co-president of the parish council at St. Kenneth.

Michalak said Berg's homilies stood out because he didn't spoon-feed lessons to churchgoers. "He led you along the path and let you find your way," he said.

Berg taught philosophy at Sacred Heart and also coached the seminary

basketball team for many years.

Morand said Berg had a passionate love of sports, particularly University of Notre Dame football.

"To say he was interested in the Fighting Irish was a tremendous understatement," Morand said.

Asked how a coming Notre Dame football season was shaping up, Berg would typically reply, "The schedule is murder," Morand said, drawing laughter.

He also once gave a cryptic response — "woosh" — when asked about a point guard on the Detroit St. Martin DePorres High School basketball team, Morand said.

Michalak said Berg had expressed regret at Christmastime when he didn't feel up to visiting St. Kenneth.

"We're very much going to miss him," Michalak said.

In addition to his nephew John and John's wife, Patricia, Rev. Berg is survived by two other nephews, Paul (Susan) and James Berg; a sister, Sister Barbara Berg of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order; a sister-in-law, Betsy Berg Jachman; and grandnieces and grandnephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Emil.

Burial was to take place Friday at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Condolences may be sent to Sister Barbara Berg, IHM, 15603 Northline Road, Southgate, MI 48195.

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County grant to fund trail's completion

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Canton Township has received another matching grant to construct the final two bridges on the Lower Rouge Recreation Trail, which — when completed — will link more than six miles of trails from Canton Center Road to I-275.

The \$150,000 grant from the Wayne County Department of Environment through the Rouge program office will be matched by Canton Township in the 2010 budget year. The project is

a continuation of the existing trail system, with the two bridges extending the trail from Sheldon Road west to Canton Center Road along the Lower Rouge River.

"We anticipate \$115,000 (from the township) will be in-kind," said Ann Conklin, leisure services director, which would be comprised of staff time and equipment costs, not actual dollars. "This particular grant ... is a really vital component to the entire trail."

Conklin pointed out that the trail will ultimately be connected to a trail that will lead to Cherry Hill Village along

the ITC power line corridor.

"What is going to be complete is 6½ miles, and when we get west to Cherry Hill Village that will give us 9½ to 10 miles," she said. "And a lot of different areas that people can go off and get additional distance because the trail loops around."

It's the second grant in the past two weeks announced by Canton Township to connect the walking, running, mountain biking and cross country skiing trail. A \$350,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources — along

with \$200,000 from Canton Township — will be used to construct five bridges and a number of wayfinding signs on the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail this year.

The first phase of the project opened last summer with a trail head on Morton Taylor Road, north of Michigan Avenue, and a trail that stretches about 1.5 miles. The trails are all within the Wayne County-owned Lower Rouge Parkway, which encompasses nearly 300 acres of woods and wetlands within the township.

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Police: Woman's death 'suspicious'

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Police in Plymouth Township on Friday were continuing to investigate what they are calling the suspicious death of a 20-year-old Farmington Hills woman.

Erin Gillis was found Wednesday unresponsive in a home in the 9400 block of Rocker. She had been visiting a 40-year-old male friend, the brother of the homeowner, said township Detective Sgt. Steve Rapson, the detective in charge of the case.

The friend called police around noon Wednesday, Rapson said.

Ambulance crews were unable to revive Gillis, police said, and she was pronounced dead at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

An autopsy was performed



Gillis

Thursday, but a spokeswoman at the Wayne County medical examiner's office said Friday the cause of death was pending.

Rapson said Gillis lived primarily with her father in Farmington Hills, and that police have been talking to her friends and relatives in order to piece together her background.

He said a preliminary investigation found Gillis had met the 40-year-old man several months ago at a Royal Oak coffee shop.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Rapson at (734) 354-3233.

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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 St. John's, Grande Ballroom, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. A reception will immediately follow. Judges are asked to bring their robes. The public is welcome. For more information, call (734) 414 0600.

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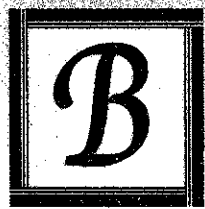
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HOMETOWN LIFE



The senior-less Canton's girls basketball team has raced to a 10-2 record this season. Pictured are (front row from left) Robyn Mack, Ciara Williams, (back row from left) CarolAnn Sexauer, Melanie Pickert, Kelly Larimore, Sara Schmitt, Kayla Bridges, Alyssa Cottrell, Kari Schmitt, Yuki Krolicki and Lindsey Winters.

GAME WRAPS

Chief girls dominate

Canton's girls basketball team surged to a 29-4 first-quarter lead before handing visiting Wayne Memorial at 73-16 setback Friday night in the Phase III gymnasium.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 10-2 overall and 3-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Zebras plummeted to 2-10 and 0-4, respectively.

Canton led 49-7 at the half and 60-7 with eight minutes to play.

"The girls came out and played hard and we did a nice job executing our offense," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "All 11 girls on the roster contributed and scored, which was nice."

Canton was led by Kari Schmitt, who tallied 11 points, six rebounds and five steals. Kayla Bridges and Alyssa Cottrell netted 10 points each while Kelly Larimore poured in a season-high eight points.

Allie Coleman led the Zebras with six points.

Canton made 4 of 5 free throws. Wayne was 2 for 4 from the stripe.

Whalers triumph, 5-3

Ryan Hayes scored twice, Matt Caria, RJ Mahalak and Tyler Seguin scored singles and goaltender Matt Hackett stopped 39 shots as the Plymouth Whalers built a 5-1 lead into the third period and withstood a late Sarnia rally to defeat the Sting, 5-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Wednesday evening at Compuware Arena.

Steve Ferry (7th), Mark Katic (8th) and Justin DiBenedetto (34th) replied for Sarnia.

Following the game, Plymouth (23-21-5-0, 51 points) was two points behind Sarnia (24-20-2-3) for fifth spot in the OHL's Western Conference playoff race.

PCA cagers win big

Freshman center Kristin Malcolm played like a senior in the Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team's 52-43 victory over visiting Detroit Urban Lutheran Friday night.

Malcolm netted 12 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks for the Eagles, who led 28-20 at the half and 39-32 with eight minutes to play.

Jessica Murphy (11 points) and Megan Greve (eight) also played well for PCA.

Brenna Draper scored 15 to lead Urban Lutheran.

PCA coach Carol Gerulis praised the play of Autumn McKenzie, who grabbed 10 offense rebounds and scored six points.

So young, so good

Senior-less Chiefs thrive thanks to chemistry and gritty play

My pre-season expectations for this season's Canton's girls basketball team were about as high as my vertical leap, which on a good day can barely clear two telephone books stacked atop one another.

My modest forecast for the Chiefs was formed by a combination of factors: They were just a year removed from a 6-15 season, their leading scorer had graduated, they had no seniors on their roster and their December schedule was as daunting as

the Pittsburgh Steelers' defense.

On a positive note, a majority of the players on this year's roster starred on last season's 20-0 junior varsity team, so they knew how to win.

However, the leap from JV to varsity is comparable to jumping from long-division math to advanced-placement calculus overnight.

For coach Brian Samulski, I figured the early phase of this season would be kind of like buckling up his seatbelt on a 747 as it taxied down the runway and hearing an announcement on the intercom that went something like this:

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. This is your pilot speaking. My crew and

I have never been in a plane this big, let alone fly one, but don't worry — we kicked butt in the flight simulators."

Cool, calm and confident

But as I talked to Samulski in November while collecting information for a preview story, he couldn't have sounded less like a nervous, white-knuckle flier.

In fact, I noted a calm, confident tone in his voice.

I sensed he had a feeling this young, sophomore-led team would not only get off the runway, but that it would soar.

Please see **WRIGHT, B3**

ALL ABOUT THE CHIEFS

Record through Friday: 10-2 overall, 3-1 in the KLAA South;

Roster make-up: 5 juniors, 5 sophomores, 1 freshman;

Significant team stats: Through 10 games, Canton outscored its foes by an average score of 45.8 to 35.2 and outrebounded them 31-25;

Vital individual stats: Sophomore forward Kari Schmitt leads the team in both scoring (11.4) and rebounding (8.5); sophomore guard Melanie Pickert leads in both steals (2.8) and deflections (2.1);

Double-duty: All 11 players on the Chiefs' roster play at least two sports.

Salem icers run on all cylinders against 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With their forwards executing with the precision of surgeons and goalie Adam Powers numbing Plymouth's offense like an anesthesiologist, Salem's hockey team skated away with a 5-1 triumph over the Wildcats Friday night at Compuware Arena.

The Rocks' fourth consecutive victory elevated their record to 9-6-3 overall and 2-1-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. Plymouth slipped to 10-6-2 overall.

Salem jolted the Wildcats with four goals in the game's opening 5:32 and was never threatened thereafter.

The winners scored on their first two shots and on three of their first five.

Always steady, Powers was

spectacular at times, knocking away 20 of 21 shots.

The Rocks outshot their hosts, 26-21.

"The size of the ice surface plays to our strength since we have a strong skating team," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher, analyzing his team's fast start. "We were able to move the puck well tonight and the larger surface gave us more time to react."

"Adam played very well. He's getting stronger as the season goes on. He's probably the most athletic goalie I've seen at this level this year."

The cheers from the "National Anthem" had barely subsided before Salem

bolted to a 2-0 lead on goals from Kurt Driscoll, who was assisted by Josh Jarvela and Kenneth Novak; and Sam Ott, who whistled a shot through

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Plymouth's Brennan Beyer (42) battles Churchill's Adam Bedell for a rebound during Friday night's overtime victory for the Wildcats.

Super sophs pace Plymouth victory

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys basketball team used a "soph" touch to upend Livonia Churchill Friday night.

A trio of Wildcat sophomores — Justin Moss, Dan Nadratowski and Brennan Beyer — combined for 46 points in Plymouth's 66-57 overtime triumph over the visiting Chargers.

The win boosted Plymouth's record to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Chargers dropped to 4-5 and 1-3, respectively.

Moss led the way with a monster game that included 23 points and 18 rebounds. Nadratowski added 12 points while Beyer notched 11.

The winners also received key contributions from seniors Cliff Buttermore (11 points) and Brad Lineberry, who tallied seven points, seven assists and six rebounds.

Four Churchill players reached the double-digit scoring plateau: Adam Bedell (15), Scott Sencyszny (11 points) Ryan Woods (10) and Tony Frezzell (10).

The Chargers raced to a 22-13 halftime lead before the Wildcats narrowed the gap to 30-27 at

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Unbeaten Lions toppled by Stone

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The South Lyon girls basketball team's aspirations for a perfect season were deflated by a Stone Friday night.

Salem's Sara Stone enjoyed a career night against the Lions, tallying 19 points, nine rebounds and six assists to lead the Rocks to a 48-32 triumph over previously unbeaten South Lyon.

The victory was a pivotal one for the 5-7 Rocks, who remained in the thick of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division race by improving their division mark to 3-1, the same as the Lions. Novi sits atop the standings with a 4-0 record.

"We played as well tonight as we've played all year,"

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emphasized Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We had a good week of practice leading up to this game and it seems like we're starting to get into a rhythm."

"I thought we played really well Tuesday against Novi, but we didn't quite finish."

The difference-making quarter Friday night was the second when Salem outscored their visitors 18-3 to seize a 26-10 halftime lead. The teams battled to a 22-all draw over the final 16 minutes, which was just fine with Salem.

Joining Stone in the major-contributions category for Salem were Victoria Brötz (11 points, five assists),

Chelsea Davis (eight points, 10 rebounds) and Rachel Norman, who scored six points while playing 12 stellar first-half minutes while Davis sat out with foul trouble.

Thomann also praised the play of Brett deBear and Tracy Whalen. deBear chipped in with four points and five assists while Whalen provided four rebounds and a shut-down defensive effort on South Lyon leading scorer Danielle Gotham, who stands 6-foot-3.

"I thought Sara and Brett did a great job handling South Lyon's full-court pressure," said Thomann. "They helped us get a number of open looks."

Salem made 1 of its three free throws. South Lyon was 13 for 20 from the charity stripe.

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Running game sparks Wildcats' win

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's girls basketball team offset a height disadvantage with a speed advantage Friday night at Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats improved their record to 4-8 overall and 2-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities South Division by running whenever the opportunity presented itself.

"We more of an up-tempo game tonight," said Plymouth

coach Ted Sturdivant, whose team overcame a 19-16 halftime deficit with a 25-point second half. "We were able to get out on our break and key times in the game and push the ball."

"I thought Churchill played a good game as well. Every time we managed to get a little lead, they powered their way back into it."

Senior guard Kelsi Robinson led the winners with 12 points, half of which were the result of a pair of triples.

Senior forward Shaakira Haywood contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds while Troi Davis netted six points.

Plymouth's Stacey Klonowski scored just two points, but she hauled down a game-high 11 boards.

Alysa Boldiszar paced the Chargers with 11 points. Boldiszar knocked down three three-point shots.

Plymouth connected on 8 of 15 free throws. Churchill hit half of their six freebies.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 004

ACTION: AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXVII, NONCONFORMITIES, related to Effect of Denial of a Class A Designation; ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, related to Fire Apparatus Access; and ARTICLE XXXI, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, related to Petitions Previously Denied.

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 18, 2009

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township on its own motion proposes to amend Ordinance No. 99 Article XXVII, Section 27.3.6; Article XXVIII, Section 28.17; and Article XXXI, Section 31.13, as follows:

A. Section 27.3.6, Effect of Denial of a Class A Designation, is proposed to be amended by replacing the existing language with the following new text:

6. Effect of Denial of a Class A Designation

Neither an application for a Class A designation that has been denied by the Planning Commission, nor an administrative decision made by the Chief Building Official regarding a modification of a Class B structure or use that has been previously considered by the Planning Commission shall be eligible for appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals, but may be resubmitted for Planning Commission consideration as a new application after a minimum of three hundred sixty five (365) days have elapsed from the date of denial.

B. Section 28.17 is presently RESERVED. Section 28.17 is proposed to be amended to add new language as follows:

SEC. 28.17 FIRE APPARATUS ACCESS

1. Definition

A fire apparatus access is defined as a road (this is a general term inclusive of all other terms such as fire lane, public street, private street, parking lot lane and access roadway) that provides fire vehicles access to a facility, building and portions thereof.

2. Fire Apparatus Access Requirement

All buildings, facilities and all portions thereof shall be located within 150 feet of a fire apparatus access. This distance shall be considered the maximum distance unless otherwise modified and approved by the Township Fire Chief or his designee

3. Additional Fire Apparatus Access Required

a. Multiple Family Residential

Every multiple family residential development with more than 100 units must include a second separate fire apparatus access. Subject to the approval of the Township Fire Chief or his designee, the second access road may be permitted to be closed to public access, and may be a locked, gated entrance accessible only by fire and emergency vehicles.

b. Commercial and Industrial

Every commercial or industrial development with a building exceeding 62,000 square feet, including every facility, building, or portion of a building constructed or moved within the Township, must include a second separate fire apparatus access in the determination of the Fire Chief or his designee.

4. Length, Width and Turnaround Requirements

In addition to the requirements above, all access roads shall meet the following requirements:

| Length | Width | Turnaround Required |
|--------------|---|---|
| 0 150 ft. | 20 ft. | None |
| 151 500 ft. | 20 ft. | Must have one of the following turnarounds: |
| | If a hydrant is present, the width shall be increased to 26 ft. for a distance of 20 ft. on either side of the hydrant. | 1. 120 ft. hammerhead; |
| | | 2. Y turn; or |
| | | 3. 96 ft. diameter cul-de-sac |
| 501 750 ft. | 26 ft. | Must have one of the following turnarounds: |
| | | 1. 120 ft. hammerhead; |
| | | 2. Y turn; or |
| | | 3. 96 ft. diameter cul-de-sac |
| Over 750 ft. | | Special Approval Required |

5. Vertical Clearance

The vertical clearance above the fire apparatus access shall be a minimum height of thirteen feet and six inches (13' 6") and maintained as such.

C. Section 31.13, LIMITS ON AUTHORITY, is proposed to be renumbered as Section 31.14. New language for Section 31.13 is proposed to be added as follows:

SEC. 31.13 PETITIONS PREVIOUSLY DENIED

Where a prior petition for an appeal applying to a specific piece of property or a part of such property was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals, a new application for the same appeal shall not be accepted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for consideration for a period of three hundred sixty five (365) days, unless the Zoning Board of Appeals determines that one or more of the following conditions has been met:

1. There is a substantial change in circumstances relevant to the issues or facts considered during review of the application that might reasonably affect the decision-making body's application of the relevant review standards to the development proposed in the application.
2. New or additional information is available that was not available at the time of the review that might reasonably affect the decision-making body's application of the relevant review standards to the development proposed.
3. The new application is materially different from the prior application.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 3
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Trillium Academy at Agape, 6 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6
John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Agape at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton
Oakland Christian at PCA, 8:30 p.m.
GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 3
PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m.
Agape at Franklin Rd., 7 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6
Oakland Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.
Agape at Huron Valley, 4 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
GIRLS PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Feb. 3
Country Day at PCS at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
PCS at Grosse Pointe North
at Grosse Pointe Civic Arena, 7 p.m.
BOYS PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Feb. 3
Canton at Riverview Gab, Richard, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 3
South Lyon at Plymouth
at Compuware Ice Arena, 6:10 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6
Salem at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Feb. 4
Canton at Plymouth Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville Quad, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 6
Canton, Plymouth at KLA Quad, 5:30 p.m.
KLA Quad at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Feb. 3
Canton at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5
John Glenn at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Plymouth at Woodhaven Invitational, TBA
PREP GYMNASTICS
Monday, Feb. 2
Farmington at Canton

at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4
Canton at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Walled Lake Maroon
at Walled Lake Central, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Canton Invitational at
Plymouth High School, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 4
Madonna at Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m.
Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 4
Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Cornerstone at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 1 p.m.
Madonna at Siena Heights, 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Feb. 6
Owen Sound at Plymouth
(Compuware), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7
Belleville at Plymouth
(Compuware), 7 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Canton gymnasts vault to 4-1

Canton's gymnastics team improved its record to 4-1 Tuesday night in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association by sweeping conference foes Howell and Brighton.

The Chiefs racked up 138.95 points to edge the Highlanders, who tallied 137.625. The Bulldogs netted 132.85.

"The combination of our top two girls — Robyn Piowar and Cathy Huang — and contributions from some other kids carried us to

the wins," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

The Chiefs trail only unbeaten Livonia Blue and Northville in the KLA Quad standings.

Piowar earned first-place honors in the all-around with a score of 36.90. She won the vault (9.3), balance beam (9.35) and floor-exercise (9.55) and took second on the uneven bars with a score of 8.7.

Huang took third in the all-around with a 35.0 score. The sophomore won the bars

(9.15) and placed second on the floor (8.85).

Also shining for the Chiefs were Marina Milad (second on the beam), Brittany Granowicz, who was fourth on the bars and Mallory Hudak, who placed fourth on the bars and fourth on the floor; and Lauren Martin, who was third on the beam and fourth on the vault.

Olivia Stephens, performing in her first meet of the year, excelled on the vault, posting an 8.5.

ICERS

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Plymouth goalie Mike Justus' five-hole 2:44 into the contest.

Garrett Berg earned the assist on Ott's goal when his hard shot deflected high off Justus' blocker before settling in front of the curved blade on Ott's stick.

Novak made it 3-0 with 10:42 left in the first period when he maneuvered behind the 'Cats' defense and secured a slick pass from Kyle Zink.

Plymouth called a timeout, but it didn't help as Salem lit the lamp again just over a minute later when Ott scored off helpers from Berg and Mario Macari to make it 4-0.

Thanks to some nifty net-minding by Powers, Salem extinguished a 1:23 two-man Plymouth advantage late in the first stanza.

The Rocks' final goal came 1:48 into the second period when Ryan Quigley deposited a pass from Steve Haburne. Ryan Blakey also garnered an assist on the play.

Plymouth avoided the shut-

out thanks to a third-period goal from Nick Sofios, who was assisted by Taylor Carrier.

Ossenmacher said his team was pumped to face off against its cross-campus rival — but not too pumped.

"In the past, we've had a tendency to get a little too emotional when we play our rivals, which leads to us ending up in the penalty box a little too often," the second-year coach said. "Tonight, we came out and played on more of an even keel."

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WRIGHT

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Boy, was he right.

"During the summer, I could tell this was a special group of kids," said Samulski. "I wasn't sure this was going to be a special season as far as number of wins, but I knew it was a special group in terms of how hard they'd work and how much they liked to compete."

No messin' around

Playing with a tough-minded scrappiness that would make Tom Izzo smile, the Chiefs won their first seven games, including a confidence-building triumph against perennial power Birmingham Marian, which has more gold in its trophy case than Fort Knox.

They did so with a top-eight player rotation that included one freshman, five sophomores and two juniors — and not one player taller than 5-foot-10.

Following Friday's win over Wayne Memorial, they're 10-2 and 3-1 in the KLAA South Division — impressive numbers for a team whose nucleus of players don't even have their driver's licenses yet.

The amazing thing about this team is that six of its 11 players technically should still be competing on the junior-varsity level — and I can reel off about 12 junior-varsity teams in the area that are thankful they're not.

"Our chemistry is a lot better this year than it was last year," said sophomore forward Kayla Bridges, the lone player on this year's Canton roster who spent the entire 2007-08 campaign on the varsity roster. "Our team is more together this year."

Admirable work ethic

Bridges said the team's success can be traced back to its practice habits.

"We're very competitive in

Canton hoops player watches history unfold

If ever there was a golden, non-illness-related excuse for missing a basketball game, Canton sophomore forward Kayla Bridges owned it last Tuesday.

Bridges missed the Chiefs' game against Livonia Franklin so that she could witness history.

"My mom's family lives in Washington, D.C., so we got to go to President Obama's inauguration," said Bridges. "We stayed in D.C. Monday night, then got up early to get down there."

Bridges said she hated to miss the game against one

of the Chiefs' top rivals in the KLAA South Division, but she wouldn't have missed the history-making event in the nation's capital for anything.

"It was amazing," she said. "We were right by the Washington Monument. There were big screens everywhere so you could see everything that was going on."

"There were people crying; everybody was happy. It's something I'll never forget."

- Ed Wright

practice because we want to do whatever we can do to make each other better. We really go after it."

"Yeah, our practices can get kind of physical, but it's because everybody on this team is so competitive," said smooth-shooting sophomore CarolAnn Sexauer. "You might even catch an elbow every once in a while. Everybody plays as hard as they do in the games."

The foundation for the Chiefs' toughness has been laid by twin sophomore sisters Kari and Sara Schmitt, who, believe it or not, are even better hockey players than they are basketball players.

The Schmitts set the tone for the Chiefs by banging the boards with a relentless drive and diving through opponents after loose balls like bowling balls through pins.

"We've been known to get a little too aggressive when we're playing hockey," said Sara Schmitt, smiling. "And that probably carries over to the

basketball court sometimes."

"When we're off the court, this team is always laughing and fooling around," added Kari Schmitt. "We hang out a lot together and have pasta parties at different players' houses."

"Brian's a good coach for us because he knows when we need to stop giggling and get down to work."

No excuses

Samulski is adamant about one thing regarding his youthful squad.

"When we do struggle or lose a game, we lost because we didn't play well or I didn't do a good enough job of coaching — we didn't lose because we're young," he said. "We're not going to lean on our youth as an excuse."

In closing, I'd like to say my expectations for the Chiefs are still as high as a vertical leap. Only now it's LeBron James', not mine.

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PLYMOUTH

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the break. Plymouth led 44-42 with eight minutes to play but, according to Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, failed to convert a series of makeable shots down the stretch, leading to the extra session.

Nadratowski was the hero of the OT for the winners, going 4-for-4 from the free throw line along with scoring a field goal.

"This was a big win for us," said Van Wagoner, whose team remained in the thick of a KLAA South Division logjam. "Churchill just beat John Glenn, which has a very good club."

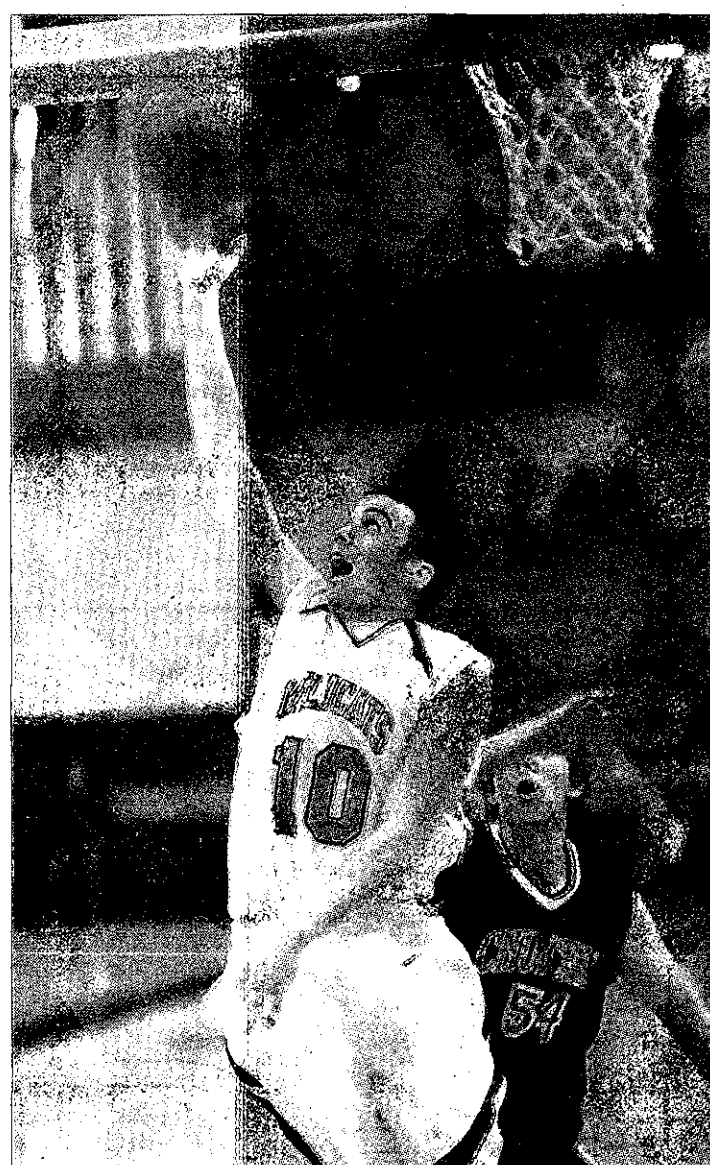
"At 2-2, we're still in the hunt for the division because everybody seems to be beating everybody else up."

Van Wagoner said his 10th-graders are gaining more confidence with every passing minute of the season.

"They're definitely getting more comfortable," he said. "If they start playing better against the more athletic teams in the league — teams like Wayne and John Glenn — we'll be a contender."

Plymouth swished 11 of 20 free throws. The Chargers connected on just 4 of 11 shots from the charity stripe.

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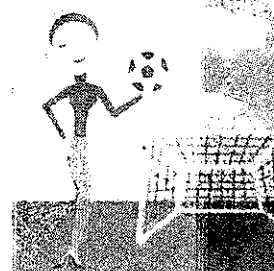
Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski soars for two of his 12 points Friday night.

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Ethan Weiner, Alex Jouney, Ethan Christenson, Adam Liakos), 1:57.13; 2. Plymouth, 2:01.77; 3. Churchill, 2:06.98.
200 freestyle: 1. Adam Wing (P), 1:59.79; 2. Nate Larsen (LC), 2:02.40; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 2:03.39.
200 IM: 1. Dan Stoscup (P), 2:17.34; 2. Kyle Dull (P), 2:21.30; 3. Peter Burns (P), 2:29.78.
50 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 24.43; 2. Ethan Weiner (P), 25.18; 3. Jacob Rimatzki (LC), 25.31.
1-meter diving: 1. Travis Holt (LC), 202.95 points; 2. Andrew Richards (LC), 197.30; 3. Kyle Wilkinson (P), 172.05.
100 butterfly: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 1:01.71; 2. Jack Gruczynski (P), 1:07.35; 3. Dan Stoscup (P), 1:07.47.

100 freestyle: 1. Jason Oldani (P), 52.92; 2. Nate Larsen (LC), 55.55; 3. Greg Van Gorp (LC), 56.29.
500 freestyle: 1. Paul Snyder (P), 5:44.69; 2. Alex Jouney (P), 5:54.14; 3. Jacob Rimatzki (LC), 5:58.07.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Ethan Christenson, Jason Oldani, Adam Wing), 1:39.12; 2. Churchill, 1:43.06; 3. Plymouth, 1:44.35.
100 backstroke: 1. Ethan Weiner (P), 1:06.24; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 1:09.76; 3. Kyle Dull (P), 1:10.67.
100 breaststroke: 1. Adam Wing (P), 1:15.48; 2. John Yurgill (LC), 1:15.54; 3. Jack Gruczynski (P), 1:18.95.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Chris Wilson, Ethan Weiner, Adam Wing, Jack Gruczynski), 3:39.15; 2. Plymouth, 3:39.94; 3. Churchill, 4:00.84.
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 4-2 overall, 3-1 in KLAAs South Division.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Daniel Hill's game might be described as "old school." And the 6-foot-3 junior forward from Wayne Memorial continued to stay ahead of the curve Friday night as he scored a game-high 20 points to lead the host Zebras to a convincing 64-47 boys basketball win over Canton.

The battle for first place in the KLAAs South Division was all Wayne as the Zebras led 24-9 after one quarter and by as many as 25 early in the fourth. Wayne is now 4-0 in the KLAAs South Division and 7-3 overall, while Canton drops to 6-4 and 3-1.

Hill, plays with his back to the basket and uses either hand. He was his usual efficient self offensively, going 9-of-12 from the floor and 2-of-2 from the foul line. He also grabbed 11 rebounds and made life miserable around the basket with his inside post presence for the Chiefs, who made just 4-of-24

first-half shots to trail 30-16. "I like Tim Duncan," said Hill of the San Antonio Spurs' center. "He's not the most exciting player, but I like his moves. I just try and do all the intangibles to get the win. I'm not too flashy and don't force it, just try to play unselfish and play within the offense."

Canton coach Dan Colligan certainly agreed that his Chiefs were taken to school with Hill being the main culprit. "He was tough tonight," Colligan said. "We tried to double-team him, but they (Wayne) do a good job of spreading the court. And once he catches the ball down low, you don't want to be in a one-on-one situation. He's a unique combination, a player who is quick and strong. He gives defenses trouble and finishes around the rim. Give him the credit."

Senior point-guard Robert Woodson added 17 points and Delorean Holland six for the Zebras, who made 27-of-55 shots from the floor. Sophomore Dietrich Lever

had 12 points for the Chiefs, while Marlan Glenn and Kiere Daniels added 11 and nine, respectively. "We had a hard time making shots," Colligan said. "Because of Wayne's high pressure, it make things tough and took us out of our offensive flow. Wayne's quick, they play aggressive defense. And in our case, our offensive looks were not great looks. They were contested shots."

Wayne was coming off a come-from-behind 57-44 KLAAs crossover win Thursday night against Northville. The Zebras erased a late 43-30 third-quarter deficit by outscoring the Mustangs 27-1 to end the game. "I kind of mentioned that we did play well last night – not to take anything away from Northville – but we had an opportunity to redeem ourselves," Woodard said. "It was nice to get back at it."

And it's nice to have Hill on his side. "Daniel has great hands, he's strong around the hoop,"

Woodard said. "He was our first 'big' off the bench last year. He got some minutes as a sophomore, but he's really stepped up his game this year and his having a nice junior year."

Woodard said Hill remains a "work in progress." "He has a good feel and we keep working on his footwork," the Wayne coach said. "He has a nice left-hand and he'll tell you prefers dunking with his left hand. He's good with both hands around the basket. He was a 37 percent free throw shooting last year and now he's up to 60 percent."

Hill, a captain, is also a delight to coach both on-and-off the court. "He's a good student, I never worry about him being in the wrong place at the wrong time," Woodard said. "His brother (Robert) Hill was a two-year captain for us. Same kind of kid. Both of his parents are prison guards, so they've seen the other side. They do a great job."

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KLAAs wrestling standings in a 3-team dead heat

There's a three-way logjam atop the KLAAs South Division in wrestling following Wednesday's quad meet hosted by Westland John Glenn.

The Rockets, coming off a dual-match setback the night before against Canton, opened the evening by rallying in the final two matches to beat Livonia Franklin, 38-31.

The Patriots then turned the tables by handing Canton its first division defeat, 34-29, as Brandon Conger's pin in the last match sealed the victory.

Canton, Franklin and John Glenn are all now 3-1 in the division. "Overall it was a pretty exciting night," Franklin coach Dave

Chiola said. "We felt like we let one slip away against John Glenn. I wasn't sure how we were going to respond, but we wrestled pretty well against Canton."

Glenn was down 31-26 heading into the final two matches against the Patriots, but pins by Malcolm Allen at 130 and Jared Stephens at 135 gave the Rockets the win. "So many of these meets have come right down to the wire and this one was no different," Chiola said. "A lot of guys wrestled hurt and sick, so winning was truly a team effort. I was very proud of how they came through."

QUAD MEET RESULTS
Jan. 28 at John Glenn
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 38
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 31

140 pounds: Mikkel Tipton (WJG) pinned Josh Hartfield, 2:40; **145:** Brandon Billau (LF) won by technical fall over Mike Johnson, 21-5; **152:** Elvin Ferriera (LF) dec. Jeff Adkins, 10-6; **160:** Don Stratz (LF) won by major dec. over Jeff Adkins, 14-2; **171:** Garrett Hay (LF) dec. Zach Redden, 7-2; **189:** Zach Leuenberger (LF) won by void; **215:** Cody Hay (LF) won by major dec. over Gerald Powell, 12-0; **285:** Justin Gajowiak (WJG) dec. Mike Modes, 7-1; **103:** Steve Wakeford (WJG) p. Rian Klein, 12-2; **112:** Steve Tuyo (LF) won by void; **119:** Joshua Austin (WJG) won by tech. fall over Paul Hanni, 17-2; **125:** Mark Thompson (WJG) won by injury default over Erik Czech; **130:** Malcolm Allen (WJG) p. Justin Jacobsen, 3:00; **135:** Jared Stephens (WJG) p. Nick Clendenin, 5:14.

CANTON 55 WAYNE MEMORIAL 16
103 pounds: Tristen Jaroscicz (WM) decided Daniel Filippelli, 8-3; **112:** Waleed Faraj (C) pinned Devon Adams, 15:3; **119:** Carl Lucke (C) p. Avery Barron, 0:45; **125:** Michael Wallace (WM) won by major dec. over Julie Salata, 0:45; **130:** Jeremy Filippelli (C) p. Jalen Jones, 3:50; **135:** Tevin Hines (WM) won by technical fall over Zach Marsh, 22-7; **140:** Sean O'Keefe (C) dec. Anwar Oliver, 12-10; **145:** Brent Winekoff (C) p. Brandon Whittenberg, 1:59; **152:** Anthony Abro (C) p. Josh Mills, 3:40; **160:** Austin Mach (C) p. Rod McCarta, 5:40; **171:** Keith Zech (C) won by major dec. over Dimitrus Renfro, 13-2; **189:** Ben Poirier (C) p. Jimmy Kassis, 0:48; **215:** Dylan Korzetki (WM) won by major dec. over Robert Lincoln, 10-0; **285:** Tyler Bourcier (C) p. Chris Bowie, 2:55.
Wayne's dual match record: 11-8 overall, 13 KLAAs South Division; 2-4 KLAAs Kensington Conference.

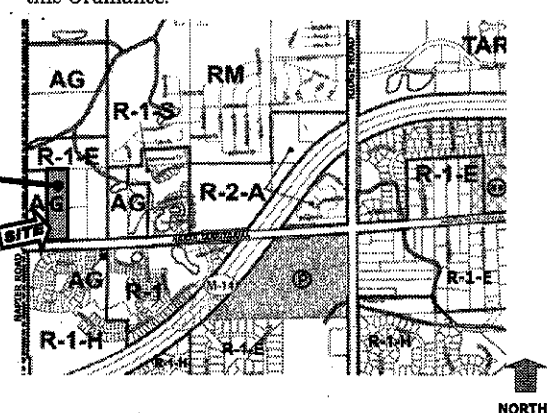
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 54 WAYNE MEMORIAL 18
103 pounds: Steven Wakeford (WJG) won by technical fall over Tristen Jaroscicz, 21-5; **112:** Devon Adams (WM) won by void; **119:** Joshua Austin pinned Avery Barron, 0:16; **125:** Mark Thompson (WJG) decided Michael Wallace, 9-4; **130:** Malcolm Allen (WJG) p. Jalen Jones, 4:3; **140:** Jared Stephens (WJG) dec. Tevin Hines, 4:3; **145:** Justin Robinson (WJG) p. Anwar Oliver, 14:4; **152:** Mike Johnson (WJG) dec. Brandon Whittenberg, 8-6; **152:** Jeff Adkins (WJG) p. Josh Mills, 15:7; **160:** Zaid Ammani (WJG) p. Rod McCarta, 0:58; **171:** Zach Redden (WJG) won by major dec. over Dimitrus Renfro, 9-1; **189:** Jimmy Kassis (WM) won by void; **215:** Dylan Korzetki (WM) p. Gerald Powell, 0:45; **285:** Justin Parker (WJG) p. Chris Bowie, 1:45.
Glenn's dual match record: 31 KLAAs South, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 34

CANTON 29
145 pounds: Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Alex O'Connor, 0:31; **152:** Elvin Ferriera (LF) decided Anthony Abro, 3-1 (overtime); **160:** Don Stratz (LF) p. Austin Mach, 1:56; **171:** Keith Zech (C) dec. Garrett Hay, 1-0; **189:** Zach Leuenberger (LF) won by major dec. over Pat Durocher, 17-7; **215:** Cody Hay (LF) dec. Tyler Bourcier, 3-2; **285:** Mike Modes (LF) p. Robert Lincoln, 0:55; **103:** Rian Klein (LF) dec. Daniel Filippelli, 9-3; **112:** Waleed Faraj (C) dec. Paul Hanni, 8-2; **119:** Carl Lucke (C) p. Ryan Derry, 12:9; **125:** Justin Jacobsen (LF) dec. Mitch Woisk, 4-2; **130:** Jeremy Filippelli (C) p. Ryan Haarala, 5:54; **135:** Donnie Watkins (C) p. Nick Clendenin, 1:05; **140:** Brandon Conger (LF) p. Sean O'Keefe, 3:25.
Franklin's dual match record: 16-7 overall, 3-1 KLAAs South Division.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 99.009

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.
THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 011, attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



ORDINANCE NO. 99.009
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 011
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-042-99-0003-004.

Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on February 20, 2009.

Part IV. **ADOPTION.** The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 110 of Public Acts of Michigan, 2006, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on January 20, 2009, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: January 20, 2009
Effective Date: February 20, 2009

Publish: February 1, 2009

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION: AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 93, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 93.420.H, CUL-DE-SAC STREETS, AND SECTION 93.430.A, STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY ROADWAY WIDTHS OF SAID ORDINANCE RELATED TO MINIMUM TURN-AROUND RADIUS ON CUL-DE-SAC AND LOOP STREETS.

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 18, 2009
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township on its own motion proposes to amend Ordinance No. 93, Section 93.420.H and Section 93.430.A, as follows:

A. **Ordinance No. 93, Section 93.420.H, Cul-de-sac Streets**, is proposed to be amended to increase the radius from 55 feet to 60 feet, by replacing the existing language with the following:
H. Cul-de-sac Streets. Cul-de-sacs shall not be more than 600 feet in length. Special consideration shall be given to longer cul-de-sacs under certain topographic conditions or other unusual situations. Cul-de-sacs shall terminate with an adequate turn-around with a minimum radius of 60 feet for right-of-way.

B. **Ordinance No. 93, Section 93.430.A, Street Rights-of-Way Roadway Widths**, is proposed to be amended to increase the turnaround diameter from 110 feet to 120 feet, by replacing the existing language with the following:

A. **Street Rights-of-Way Roadway Widths.** Street and road rights-of-way and roadway widths shall conform to the adopted Major Street Plan and the rules of the County Road Commission and the State Department of Highways.

| Street Types | R.O.W. Widths |
|-------------------------|---|
| Major Thoroughfares | 120 Feet |
| Secondary Thoroughfares | 86 Feet |
| Boulevards | 86 Feet |
| Marginal Access Streets | 35 Feet |
| Minor Streets | 60 Feet |
| Cul-de-sac Streets | 60 Feet |
| | Terminated with a 120 Foot Diameter Turn-Around |
| Loop Streets | 110 Feet |
| | Terminated with a 120 Foot Diameter Turn-Around |
| Alley | 24 Feet |

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

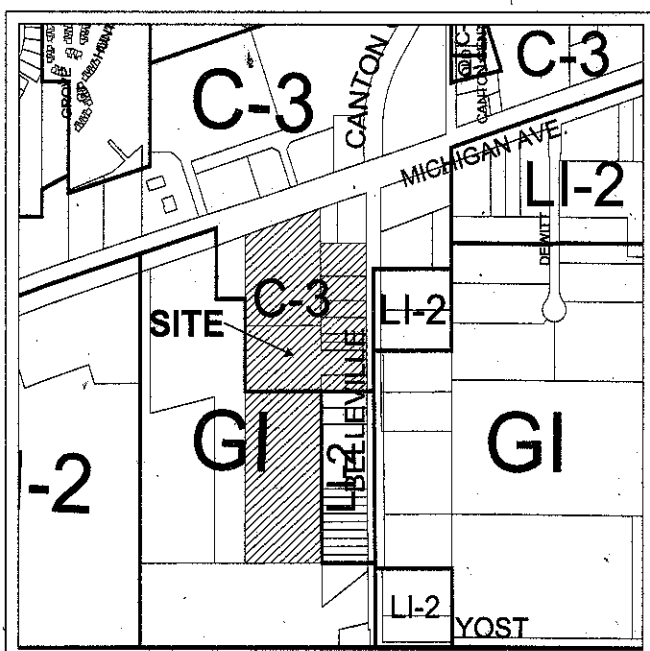
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 16, 2009, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WAL-MART SUPERCENTER PDD AMENDMENT NO. 2 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S): 132 99 0003 701, 132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000, 132 01 0014 000, 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0017 000 and 132 01 0021 000. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 12, 2009 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Vic Gustafson, Chairman



Wal-Mart Supercenter PDD Amendment #2
132-PDD-081C

CREATED BY:
PLANNING SERVICES DIVISION
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188
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NOTICE
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Public Works, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-354-3270, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

Thank You
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JOE BRIDGMAN, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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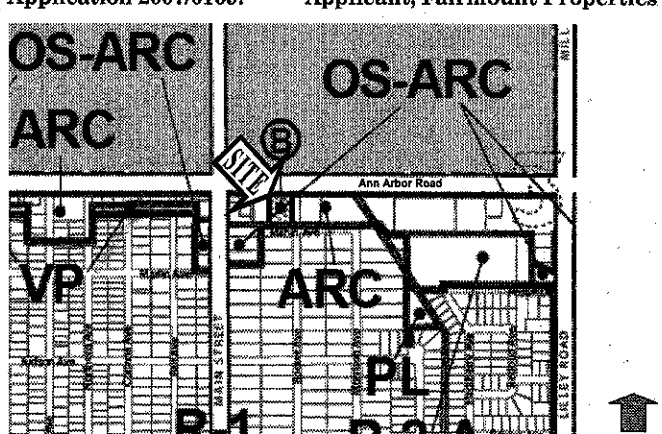
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 18, 2009
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for proposed automotive showroom and sales, in the Ann Arbor Road Corridor District (ARC), on Tax ID R78-061-02-0049-000, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 14.2.3(j). The property is located on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, west side of Rocker Avenue, north of Marlin Avenue, and east of South Main Street at 605 Ann Arbor Road.

Application 2007/0109. Applicant, Fairmount Properties



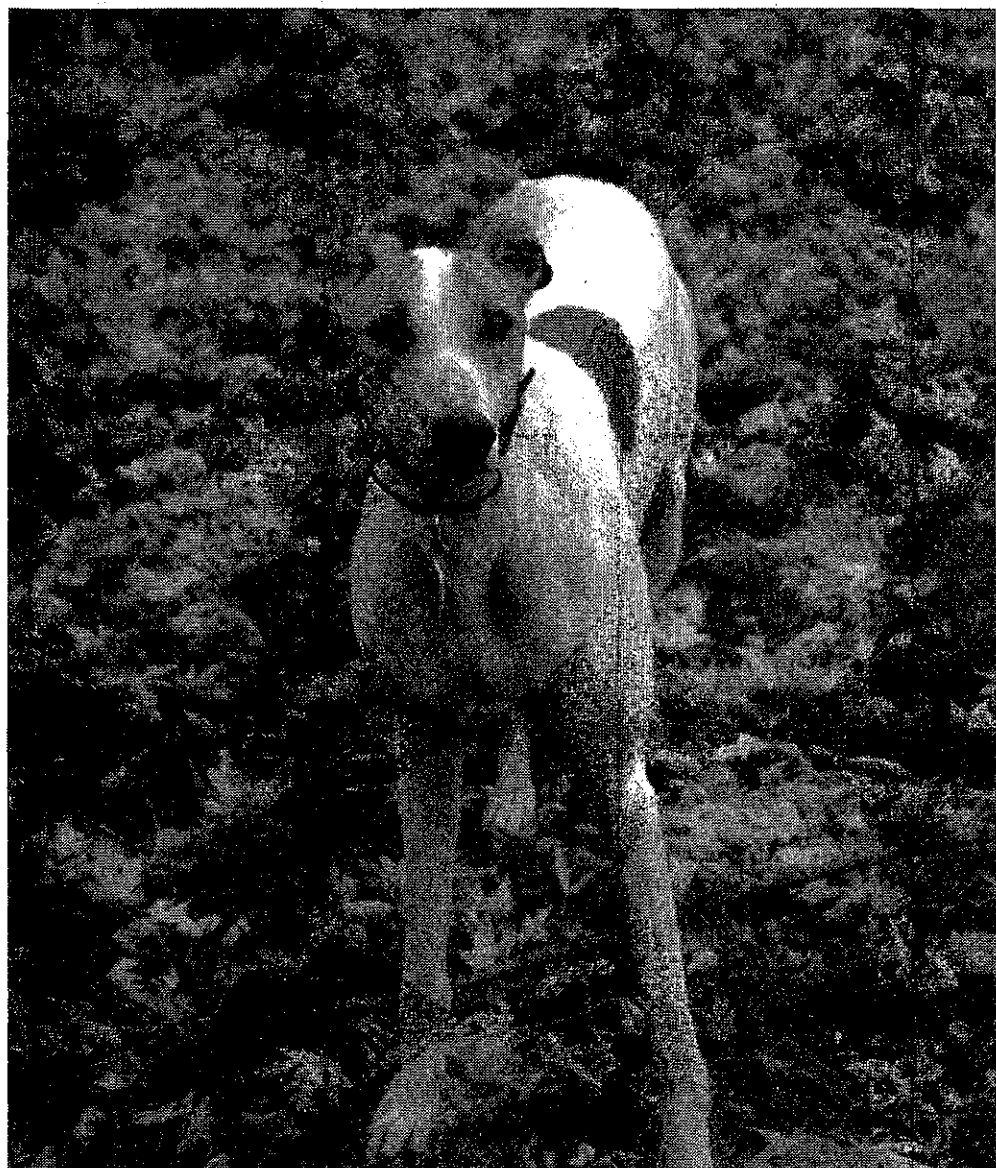
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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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Stunning and sweet

Jill is a very nice 2-year-old greyhound looking for a permanent home. She's just learning about retirement because she hasn't been off of the track for very long. She's looking for a family to love her because she's very shy and a little nervous about her new life. She loves car rides and to go for walks. She has been spayed and is up to date on vaccinations. To meet Jill, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739 or visit www.greyheart.org.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Grow vegetables

Marlene Uhlianuk of Coon Creek Farms, Armada, will offer tips on growing vegetables in gardens and containers, during a meeting of the Community House Garden Club, 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 6, at The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. The presentation is open to the public. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Or \$20 for Garden Club membership. For more information, contact The Community House, (248) 594-6410, or e-mail patj@communityhouse.com.

Rain Gardens

This day-long how-to-do-it seminar is designed for ecological gardeners who are working with clay soil. Register beginning at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9, at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen, south of I-696. The program will run from 7-8:30 p.m., and cover topics such as compost benefits and water quality, native wildflowers and shrubs for rain gardens, and sizing and locating a rain garden. Speakers will include Rick Lazzell, landscape designer and consultant; Suzan Campbell, Michigan Natural Features Inventory; Lilian Dean, Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) Healthy Lawns and Gardens program. There is no admission charge, but advance registration is required. Call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

At English Gardens

The store celebrates its 7th Annual Orchid Festival with free seminars, visits from growers and displays of more than 50 varieties of orchids shipped weekly from Florida, California and Hawaii.

■ Introduction to orchids, 1 p.m., and



Orchids, such as this Dendrobium, will be on display and for sale at English Gardens' Orchid Festival this month.

orchid repotting demonstration, 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, at all English Gardens stores.

■ Growing beautiful orchids, 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, at all English Gardens stores. Orchid experts will give an overview on the best varieties to grow, and offer tips for proper watering, fertilizing and advice for re-blooming. A repotting demonstration will be held at 2:30 p.m.

■ How to start seeds indoors, 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, at all stores. Learn how to grow your own plants. English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seed. Learn which varieties work best, and what's required to get the best results.

■ Perennial gardening, 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, at all stores. Garden

experts will discuss the basics of design, care and planting perennials in the garden, and will provide information on selection, as well as combining colors and varieties.

Visit English Gardens stores at 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248)

851-7506; 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver in Dearborn, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Postage Stamp Gardens

Michael Saint, certified master gardener, will teach a one-night session in planting small garden areas, such as entrances or courtyards, from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, at Waterford Kettering High School, 2800 Kettering Drive, Waterford. Cost is \$19. Register by calling (248) 682-1088. Saint owns Good Earth Landscape Institute in Clarkston and is a member of the Michigan Wildflower Association, The National Wildlife Federation and the Remineralize the Earth Foundation.

Michigan Orchid Society

Jim Heilig will talk about "Multiflora Phalaenopsis" at the organization's next meeting, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information go to www.miorchids.com or call (586) 416-1496.

Mark Abe Lincoln's birthday in Plymouth

The Plymouth Historical Museum is showcasing original furniture from Abraham Lincoln's home in Springfield, Ill., through Nov. 4.

"In the Presence of Lincoln" includes four furniture pieces — two rockers, a claw-foot table, and a mantle clock, all on loan from The Henry Ford in Dearborn — that have not been available for public display for many years.

Shortly before Lincoln left Springfield for his inauguration in 1861, he held a furniture auction. Harry Wilton, a Lincoln acquaintance and Springfield neighbor, bought several pieces. In 1930, the Wilton family sold many of the pieces to Henry Ford while he was gathering historic items for Greenfield Village. After a lengthy application process, The Henry Ford approved the request from the Plymouth Historical Museum to borrow

the furniture to enhance its collection.

Although the furniture is the highlight of the exhibit, the Museum also is displaying original historic ephemera associated with Lincoln, on loan from the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Museum's own voluminous Weldon Petz Lincoln Collection will enhance displays throughout the Main Street exhibits, as well as in the permanent Petz Lincoln Collection area. The permanent collection's displays recently were refreshed with new signs and a more historic interpretation. Items of note from the Petz Lincoln Collection include:

- Artifacts from Lincoln's youth
- A rare book belonging to Lincoln as a boy
- Rare family genealogy and

photographs

- Handwritten legal documents and law books
- Life mask of Lincoln made in 1860

■ A lock of Lincoln's hair

Artifacts relating to Lincoln's assassination

Lincoln's birthday is Feb. 12. He was born 200 years ago.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street just north of downtown Plymouth. Hours are 1-4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday-Sunday. Admission prices are \$5 for an individual, \$2 for students, 6-17, and \$10 for families. Call in advance for tour groups. For more information, call (734) 455-8940 or visit www.plymouthhistory.org. The exhibit is made possible through sponsorship from Hines-Park Lincoln Mercury, as well as donations from Citizens Bank and the McLaren Family.

Mercy artists brush up regional awards

Mercy High School in Farmington Hills announced six students who won 13 awards in this year's Regional Scholastic Art Awards competition.

They are Tara Ellis, Jessica Ford, Egan Franks, Christina Lehman, Kathryn Smith and Kelly VanDenBerg.

These Mercy artists captured either gold key, silver

key, and/or certificate awards in mixed media, apparel design, painting, ceramics, glass, and digital photography.

The winning pieces will be on display at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit from Feb. 14 through March 6 on the following schedule: Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and

Sunday from noon to 5 p.m..

Seniors Jessica Ford of White Lake and Egan Franks of Northville had their portfolios make finalist status and will compete in New York City for talent scholarships. Junior Kelly VanDenBerg of Farmington was awarded a gold key for a digital photography piece, which will also compete on the national level.

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SGT. BRYAN A. DEVLIN

Age 24. Of Pickney and Livonia, MI. Killed Dec. 17, 2008 in Hawaii. Father of Landon A. Arquette of NY. Son of James Devlin of MI and Linda Fruth of FL; sisters Nichole Devlin, FL, and Annette Porcario, MI. Grandson of Dan and Cathie Devlin of MI and Jack Fruth of FL. Memorial Service Feb. 14, 2008 at 9318 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48185. Contributions to Landon A. Arquette Education Fund.

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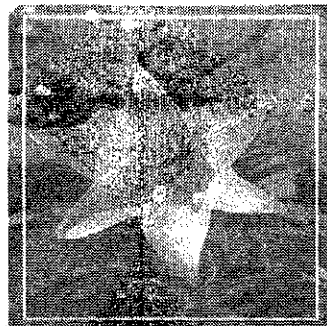
STEPHEN KOZAK

Age 88. Passed on January 4, 2009. Beloved husband of Neoma for 65 years. Loving father of Judith Ann (Genereaux), Gail Marie (Sartelle), Paula Sue (Hollens) and the late Alan Paul. Grandfather of six and great-grandfather of four. Resident of Rochester since 1966. Retired from GM. Steve was a WWII Veteran serving in the 101st Airborne. Funeral services were held at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home and he was laid to rest at Van-Hoosen Jones Cemetery.



KEREN ELYSE WARNEMUENDE

Age 6, January 28, 2009. Of Canton. Beloved daughter of Kraig and Loren. Loving sister of Clarissa and Evelyn. Granddaughter of Lawrence and Sharon, and David and Elizabeth Givens. Visitation Sunday 2:00 pm until time of service at 4:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Please share a memory of Keren at www.rgrharris.com. Those wishing to make a contribution in Keren's name are asked to consider Old Village School, Northville, MI



MARVIN R. KEMP

Age 86. January 26, 2009. Loving father of Bob (Pat), the late Terrance Clay (Diane), Linda (Marty) Droz and Jeffrey (Lori). Eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Memorials requested to a charity of your choice. Share a memory of Marv at www.rgrharris.com



JANE UNDERHILL MOSHER

Born December 1, 1922 in Buffalo, NY, died peacefully at home on January 25, 2009. Beloved wife of W. Edwin Mosher, Jr. for 67 years. Dear mother of W. E. Mosher III, Robert Lawrence Mosher (Denise Sica) and the late Richard Underhill Mosher. Grandmother of W. E. Mosher IV, Mary Elizabeth Cinnamon, Melissa Anne Smith, Andrew Mosher, Jamie Mosher, Ashley Naegle, Sophia Sica Mosher, Elena Sica Mosher, and six great-grandchildren. Mrs. Mosher was the director of community relations for Meadowbrook Music Festival and Meadowbrook Theater, and a member of the Village Women's Club. She was a long-standing member of Christ Church Cranbrook where a memorial service will be held this spring. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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The Senior Alliance will team with Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia for a night of entertainment, food and spirits on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Eighty percent of ticket proceeds will be donated back to The Senior Alliance, helping the organization with funds for advocacy, programming, planning, contracting, and hiring personnel necessary to enable older

persons to function as independently as possible in their community.

Tickets are \$20. Ticket-holders can receive 25 percent off their meal at Kickers All American Grill, the restaurant located below Joey's or half off a pizza during the show. Reservations are required for dinner. Call (734) 261-0555.

Joey's is located at 36071 Plymouth, Livonia.

Order tickets and find out more about The Senior Alliance by calling Linda DeVore at (734) 722-2830.

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NEIGHBORS

Don't leave pets out in the cold

A co-worker recently reminded me that winter can be especially dangerous for pets when left outdoors. It's hard to believe anyone who loves an animal could perpetrate this kind of cruelty. Imagine standing on ice or snow for hour after hour. His friend made an innocent mistake by letting out the cat who proceeded to climb under a vehicle hood. When the engine was started the cat was nearly eviscerated. It did survive but not without pain and suffering.



Linda Chomin

Nancy Gunnigle of the Michigan Humane Society says many of the injuries to animals during winter could be prevented by not leaving them outdoors by themselves for any length of time.

"Our cruelty investigators are responding to large numbers of animals being left in the cold without proper housing. One was frozen to death. He had a dog house, a little bit of straw but not enough and was a short-haired dog," said Gunnigle, MHS communications manager. "We're educating animal guardians to bring animals inside. We always recommend animals live inside year round. Dogs have coats but most short-haired dogs or small animals need to be brought in when it drops to 15 or 20 degrees, taking into account wind chills or precipitations. Otherwise, they can face charges."

Leaving a dog outside without proper shelter, food and water is against the law. Gunnigle urges the public to keep an eye out for animals whose owners don't provide extra food (10 to 20 per-

Please see COLD, B7

It's all about meow

Women unite to open rescue shelter

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's funny how a little ball of fur is able to draw people together. Less than a year ago, Ann Grenier had never met Donna Brewer, JoEllen Wuotinen or her daughter, Carolyn Foster. Even though they're all cat lovers, the four women led separate lives, Grenier working in a factory, Brewer enjoying retirement, Foster driving a delivery truck, Wuotinen running a business, but all had one thing in common. They were cat lovers who couldn't see a stray without taking it home. Each has collected so many cats and kittens they're planning to open a rescue shelter in the building owned by Wuotinen and her husband, Wayne, in Livonia.

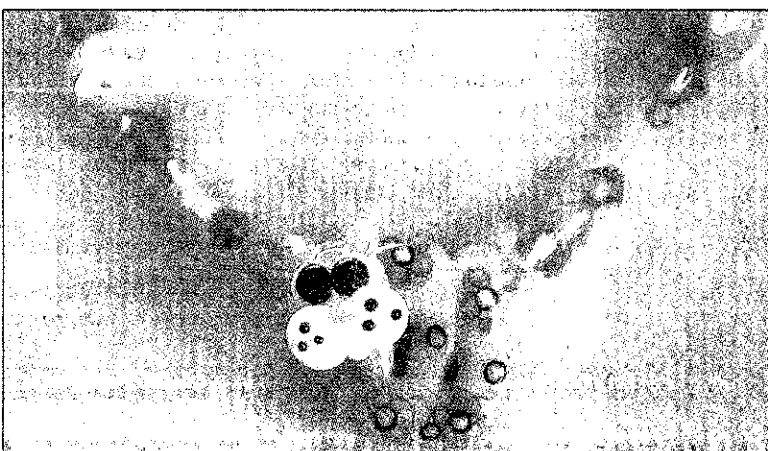
There's one small problem, though — money. It takes funding to apply for licenses and provide food for the felines. A recent garage sale brought in some cash to care for the cats, but Grenier pays for the rest. The Livonia woman took in her first stray 15 years ago and has been looking for homes for kitties ever since.

"We believe in 100 percent no kill," said Grenier who affectionately calls all cats kitties regardless of their age. "Everybody stays until they get adopted."

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JoEllen Wuotinen and Benedicta at the building she and husband Wayne own in Livonia.



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At left, Donna Brewer makes cat-themed jewelry. The Livonia woman is donating as well as selling necklaces and earrings at a fundraiser for Country Cat/City Kitty Rescue Group March 28-29.

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COLD

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cent more), unfrozen drinking water, a well-built and correctly sized dog house, and straw for bedding, not linens which quickly become wet and freeze. Take the time to report dogs without proper shelter. It's not uncommon for MHS to receive more than 100 cold weather calls a week and although MHS responds quickly, many times it's too late because the animal has been left outside too long. MHS says, if a pet is shivering, trying to curl up into a tight ball, or attempting to dig a bed in the snow, he is probably too cold to remain outdoors. If extremely cold to the touch or if paws, ears or tail tip have turned bright red, he may be showing signs of frostbite. If so, the pet needs to be moved to a warmer area and a veterinarian contacted immediately.

NEGLECT PENALTIES

According to MHS, "lack of proper care or shelter can result in misdemeanor animal cruelty charges, carrying a sentence of up to 90 days in jail, up to a \$1,000 fine, community service and loss of pet ownership for a specified amount of time."

"We can all be on the lookout for animals who are at risk. To report pets outside, call our cruelty hot line for Detroit, Hamtramck or Highland Park, or contact local animal control or police. We can remove an animal by state law. Visit the Web site and review the laws about providing conditions for animals. Even if left outside with proper housing, food and water, it's ideal for animals to live indoors with the rest of the family around. Dogs are pack animals and need to be around others for social reasons."

VEHICLE DANGERS

A number of dangers lurk outside besides the cold. According to MHS, outside cats often seek the warmth of car engines. Be sure to knock on the car hood or honk the horn before starting your car. Antifreeze is extremely toxic to dogs and cats. Carefully cap antifreeze containers and keep them out of the reach of pets. If small amounts drip when antifreeze is being added to the car radiator, clean and flush the area with water.

To report pets left outside without proper shelter in Detroit, Hamtramck or Highland Park, call the MHS Cruelty Hotline at (313) 872-3401. To view Michigan's anti-cruelty laws, visit www.michiganhumane.org and click on Cruelty & Rescue.

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



Ann Grenier holds Benedict and Benedicta. Donna Brewer holds Jean-Paul and Waldo lounges on the couch.

CATS

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HOW THEY MET

The four women just seem to attract strays as evidenced by the half a dozen purring creatures padding around on paws. That's how they were drawn to each other. Grenier initially called Wuotinen in response to an ad to find homes for four kittens born in a wood pile near her cottage Up North. Brewer gave her phone number to Grenier after seeing the cats at one of the adoption days at Pet Supplies "Plus" in Livonia. Foster grew up watching her mother bring cat after stray cat into the house. Today, Foster oversees the Web site page for the group at www.myspace.com/countrycatcitykitty.

Although some of the cats are currently in foster homes, more could be helped if Country Cat/City Kitty is able to open a shelter inside R & L Wall. Wuotinen says business is down anyway because the building of new homes has come to a halt. "We have

a shop in back we could use if business does come back. There are a lot of possibilities," said Wuotinen.

DESIGNING A SHELTER

Brewer traveled to Utah to visit Best Friends Sanctuary for ideas to turn the one-story building into a haven.

"We hope to have an open area with cats roaming the room not in cages," said Brewer.

In the meantime, the four women are putting their heads and hearts together to make the dream of opening the shelter reality. In late March, they're holding a fund-raiser where shoppers can buy jewelry and crafts or even adopt a cat. They need help to do both. Volunteers as well as artists, vendors, and foster cat parents are being sought to enable the organization to continue its work. From July to December of last year, they were able to find homes for 105 cats and kittens through adoption events thanks to a lot of people in the community working together. Dr. Shera Dickie of St. Julian's Cat Care in Dearborn provides veteri-

narian services at a discount to the rescue group. Grenier's sister, a nun in Ohio, even is helping. The Sisters of Charity are donating a guitar and amp, and keyboards to the fund-raiser. Brewer is making whimsical cat jewelry and stained glass panels for the raffle.

"We're looking for anyone who wants to donate or has skills to fix up the building," said Grenier. "At the fund-raiser we're going to have a blessing of the animals and Dr. Dickie will be there to answer questions. We want to educate people about spaying and neutering and not to take kitties away from the mother too soon if they've found a litter because they won't survive."

The charity fund-raiser takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28, and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Livonia Elks, 31117 Plymouth Road, between Merriman and Middlebelt. For more information, call Brewer at (248) 777-1430 or e-mail dmbrewer1@aol.com, or Grenier at (248) 249-9267.

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Milestones

Powers-Bufalini

Jesse and Susan Powers of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Ryan Bufalini, son of Gary and Kim Bufalini, of Westland. The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University. Her fiancé graduated from John Glenn High School and Michigan State University. The



couple plans to wed in May 2009 in Pisciotta, Italy.

Kosik-Templeton

Richard and Rosanne Kosik of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin, of Canton, to Ryan Templeton, also of Canton, son of Sandra and Darrell Templeton of Middletown, Ohio. The bride-to-be graduated from University of Michigan with an undergraduate degree in 2001 and an MBA in 2007. She works in marketing for Ford Motor Company. Her fiancé graduated from Ohio State University in 2001 with a degree in elec-



trical engineering, and works as an engineer at an automotive supplier. The couple plan to wed in August 2009 in Plymouth.

Ciszewski-Silvestri

Natalie Ciszewski of Livonia, daughter of Tom and Connie Myler and the late Keith Ciszewski, announces her engagement to Michael Silvestri, son of Lorenzo and Barb Silvestri, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be graduated from Stevenson High School and Madonna College of Nursing, and works at Karmanos Cancer Institute. After graduating from Divine Child High School, her fiancé also attended Madonna



College of Nursing, and now works at Harper Hospital. The couple will wed in June 2010 at St. John's Chapel with a reception to follow at the Italian American Club.

Sydney Marie Hartke

Brandon and Amanda Hartke of Royal Oak announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Marie Hartke, on Dec. 22, 2008 at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Sydney is the granddaughter of Bruce and Mary Barnes of Rochester and Michael and Toni Hartke of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Ethel Barnes of Rochester and Joan Barton of Belleville.

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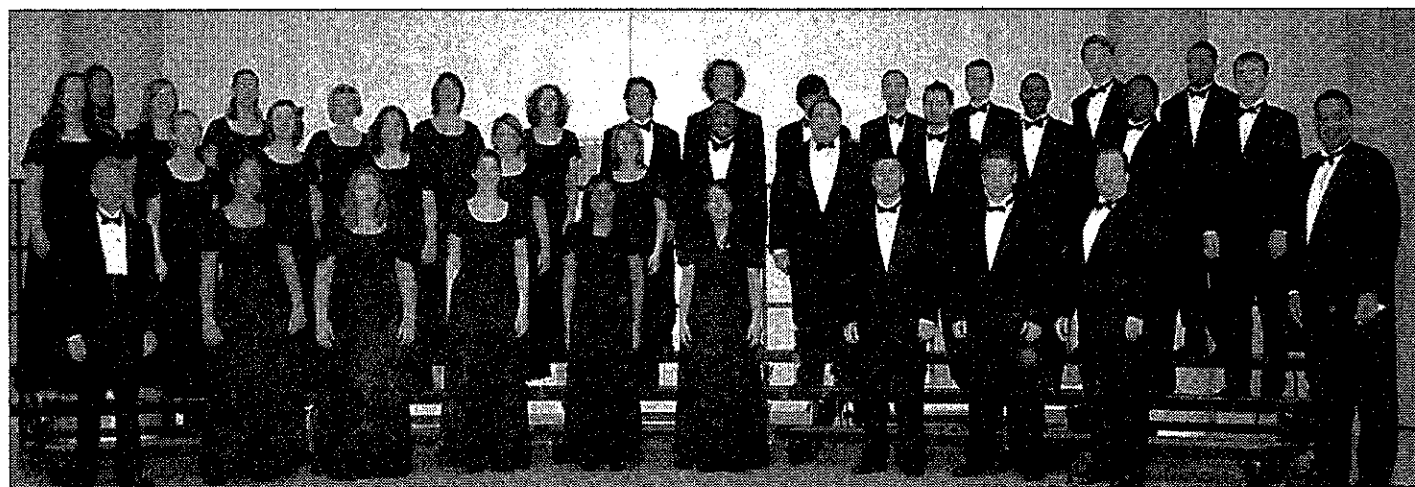
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Wayne State University's Concert Choral.

New suite to debut at WSU concert

Wayne State University Big Band and Concert Choral will perform the world premiere of *Suite Justice*, an original jazz composition by WSU professor Russell Miller, at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, at 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Suite Justice includes eight pieces representing each of the beatitudes from Matthew (5: 3-10) wherein the strengths of the Concert Choral and the Big Band are combined in a presentation of original jazz compositions that reflect the composer's thoughts and feelings about these teachings. The rhythm and inflection of the text of each of the beatitudes suggests a melodic shape and song form that allows for musical expression of the idea. Employment of a wide range of musical textures — a Capella chorus, vocal solo, chorus with jazz band, full jazz band, small ensemble and jazz soloists — provide variety from piece to piece while the treatment of the text assists in maintaining continuity.

Saxophonist, flutist, composer and arranger Russell Miller teaches jazz improvisation, jazz bands and arranging and orchestration classes at Wayne State. His 30-year professional music career includes performances with Dizzy Gillespie, Buddy DeFranco, J.C. Heard, Rob McConnell, Jon Faddis, Joe Williams, Milt Hinton, Rosemary Clooney and Sammy Davis Jr. among others. Miller has also performed with his own group and guest artists at the Detroit International Jazz Festival, the Michigan Jazz Festival, Music on the Plaza in Grosse Pointe and at various local venues.

Big Band performs a wide range of traditional and contemporary repertoire. Led by Professor Christopher Collins, the elite ensemble has performed to sold-out concerts with the legendary Joe Lovano and his quartet at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Max M. Fisher Music Center and to enthusiastic audiences on the main stage of the Detroit International Jazz Festival with Diane Schuur and Kurt Elling.

Concert Choral, a highly selected mixed ensemble of 30-plus voices under the direction of Dr. Norah V. Duncan IV, performs a diverse and demanding repertoire literature of the 16th through 20th centuries including compositions with orchestra and works in contemporary formats.

The Concert Choral has performed and recorded internationally, including featured performances at festivals in the Central and Eastern Europe.

No tickets are required for this concert.

Donations (suggestion: \$10 per person, \$25 per family) will be accepted at the door.

All donations will go directly to the WSU Music Program.

Information about the Wayne State University Department of Music is available at the WSU web site: <http://music.wayne.edu/>. Information about the Performing Arts Series at First Presbyterian

Church of Farmington is available at the church's Web site: www.farmington-pres.org.



WSU professor Russell Miller will debut his new suite at a performance of the Wayne State University jazz Big Band and Concert Choral.

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DIA LECTURE SERIES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents lectures 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main, and noon Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road. The evening topic is *The Beauty of Bronze*, noon is *Life After Death*. No charge.

Lectures are given by volunteers from the Detroit Institute of Arts. For information, call (734) 416-4278.

SATURDAYS @ THE PENN

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society and Plymouth Community Arts Council spotlight guest performers, Like Water Drum and Dance, with special host Guy Louis of Chautauqua Express noon Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman, Plymouth. Tickets \$3 and available at the door. For group purchases, call (734) 377-0914. For more information, visit www.PennSaturdays.com. Doors open at 11:15 a.m.

DIVERSITY PROGRAMMING

Madonna University's Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs offers two events to inaugurate Diversity Week Programming. Detroit Police Chief James Barron discusses his academic and professional journey 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9. Rick Robinson, first chair bassist from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Both take place in the Kresge Auditorium at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan, Livonia. To RSVP, call (734) 432-5308 or send e-mail to bjohnson@madonna.edu.

NEIGHBORS MEETING

Livonia Neighbors & Friends (a women's club) holds their annual Bingo and Pizza meeting on 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10H, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile, west of Gill Road. New members always welcome. For more information, send e-mail to LivoniaNeighborsFriends@hotmail.com or visit www.geocities.com/LivoniaNeighborsAndFriends. Questions? Call Dorrie at (248) 777-3848.

SCHOOLYARD HABITATS

Smith Elementary in Plymouth and Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City will participate in The Friends of the Rouge Schoolyard Habitat Program thanks to funding from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. The program is focused on getting kids outside to learn by providing grants to create outdoor classrooms. Schoolyard habitats vary widely but usually incorporate four basic elements: food, water, shelter and space, all things required for plants and animals to survive. The multidisciplinary teaching tools educate children on the importance of having a healthy, clean environment.

Each school receives a \$500 grant to purchase native Michigan plants, and \$500 for expert assistance with implementing programs.

Burger students will combine the creation of a garden with the conduction of a study on the effectiveness of regular sensory lessons on children with autism.

Smith students will transform a vacant area of the school grounds into a vibrant habitat that will benefit the environment and provide hands-on education, according to principal Jill Cantin.

BENEFIT DINNER DANCE

Two charities, Goodwill Industries and the Livonia Elks, are working toward one goal to help the community by holding the 4th Annual Valentine's Dinner Dance and Reverse Raffle Saturday, Feb. 14. The event benefits the Elks National Foundation and Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. For more information, call (734) 425-2246 or (313) 557-8791.

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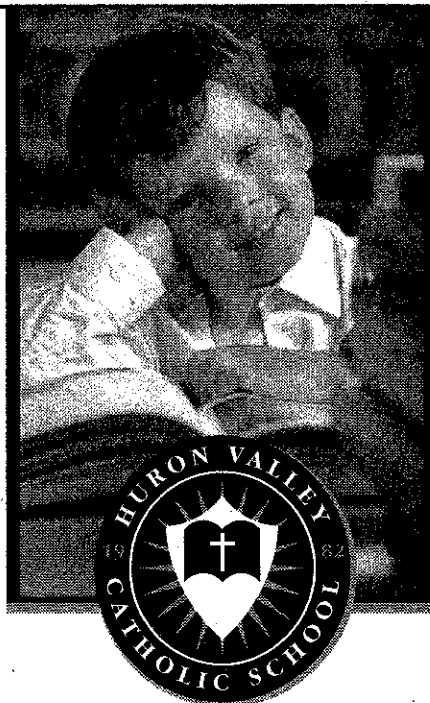
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JANUARY

New worship schedule

Sunday worship at 8 a.m., Faith Forum at 9 a.m., worship and Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday worship at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Time change

Worship is 9:30 a.m. Sunday, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Learning hour is at 8:15 a.m. for all ages. For more information, visit www.livon-faith.org.

Church moves

Westwood Community Church has moved to 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Service time is 10:11:15 a.m. Come as you are. Coffee and doughnuts every Sunday. Children's church.

UPCOMING

Healing training

Learn how to receive and offer the healing of one's body, heart, mind and spirit in Christian training sessions 6-10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information or to RSVP, call (734) 427-3660. Steve and Beverly Bubbs, directors of the Community Healing Rooms of Southeast Michigan lead the two sessions.

Special needs dance

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and its Open Arms Ministry hosts a valentine's dance for adults with special needs, developmental disabilities, and their caregivers 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the church 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Snacks will be served. Reservations required as space is limited. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz no later than Friday, Feb. 6. If Livonia schools are closed due to inclement weather, this event will be canceled.

Bethany singles

■ Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Feb. 7, in Redford. Cost is \$10, includes

refreshments. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call Diane for information at (734) 261-5716.

■ Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's) in Garden City, 48135. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy at (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit Office for Family Ministry. Bethany provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peer-to-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths.

Sunday night lights

Riverside Park Church of God presents the non-traditional service designed to touch all the senses, every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 11771 Newburgh, corner of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for more information. Step into the light with relevant messages and modern music within a casual atmosphere.

Special needs Bible class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class Monday, Feb. 9, at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.

Kids against hunger

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth hosts a benefit for Kids Against Hunger, 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 and available by contacting Jeanne Baldwin at (734) 414-8900, by e-mail at jagonyer@ameritech.net, or Dan Herriman at (734) 459-5440 or dheriman@herriman.net. The event will feature a Las Vegas-style wedding chapel, silent auction, the new Liberty Street Microbrewery beer, strolling buffet dinner with cash bar and dancing. Attendees will have the opportunity to renew their vows at the chapel to help raise money for Kids Against Hunger, an international food relief campaign that began in 1999. It has operations in metro-Detroit and distributes a specially formulated

dry rice-soy casserole to starving children and their families in Detroit, elsewhere in Michigan, the U.S. and more than 40 other countries. Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth regularly organizes food packaging activities by partnering with other local organizations that provide both funding and volunteers for their packaging events. Proceeds from the event go to assist in defraying the cost for the food that is packaged.

Hunger workshop

Bread For The World, a Christian non-partisan hunger legislation organization, holds a Hunger Offering Of Letters workshop 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 North Campbell, Royal Oak. Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:30 a.m. For information, contact Bob Krzewinski at (734) 487-9058, e-mail wolverbob@gmail.com or visit www.breadmichigan.org. During an Offering of Letters, individuals and congregations are asked to write to Congress on specific hunger-fighting legislation. This hunger advocacy event is free and open to the public.

Valentine's Day dance

7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at First United Methodist Church of Garden City, 6443 Merriman, north of Ford Road. Music by Solitaire. Tickets \$8. For information, call Kay at (734) 522-8868 or Sally (734) 421-0699.

VBS preview

Presented by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. A day of meeting Christian publishers to view their curriculum. Sit in on four of 20 workshops. This is a nondenominational event. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org. Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, Lenten Evening Prayer 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Music at St. John's

Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works, 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers, 6 p.m., Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

All-you-can-eat pancakes

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continues its more than 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, with an expanded menu that features pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style at family friendly prices: \$5, adults, \$3 children ages 4-11, free for children under age 3, \$15 a family (2 adults and all children). Everyone is welcome.

Clothing bank

Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of each month, at Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy between Haggerty and Lilley. For information, call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org.

ONGOING

Church schedule

9:30 a.m. Sunday School followed by 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion each Sunday, Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. For information, call (734) 427-3660.

Caregiver's support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month 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.

Worship

Sundays 8 a.m. worship; 9 a.m. Adult Faith Forum, 10 a.m. worship service, Sunday School and Nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414.

Sunday school

Takes place at 9:30 a.m. with worship service and communion at 10:30 a.m., each Sunday, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail lchomin@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.yahoo.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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Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Garden City High School East

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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 Road 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 Kendrick (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth (734) 522-1845.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959

Planning a Sept. 13, 2009 Class Reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at

Pjcrusin@wowway.com.

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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 I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

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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 Paula at gchsi989reunion@hotmail.com.

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Livonia Franklin

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Milford High School

Class of 1978

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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.

Love is in the air at choral concert

St. John Lutheran Church of Farmington continues its 2008-2009 concert series Sunday, Feb. 8 with "A Valentine Concert," a selection of love-themed songs by The Novi Choralaires.

Songs on the program range from Broadway hits by Lerner and Lowe and Gershwin to pop hits.

The Novi Choralaires is a non-profit, self-supporting group under the auspices of Novi Parks Performing Arts. Established in the Fall of 1975, the chorus is open to men and women from Novi and surrounding communities by audition in September.

The group performs a Christmas concert series each December; their major concert is a spring show which is per-

formed in May. They also sing for senior adults, service clubs, and at civic events. "Many of our folks have been in the group for 20 years or more and have forged lasting friendships. We really enjoy the fellowship as well as the music," said Johanna Bermann, a member.

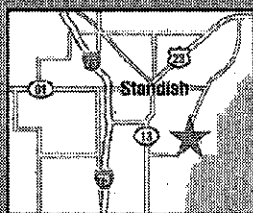
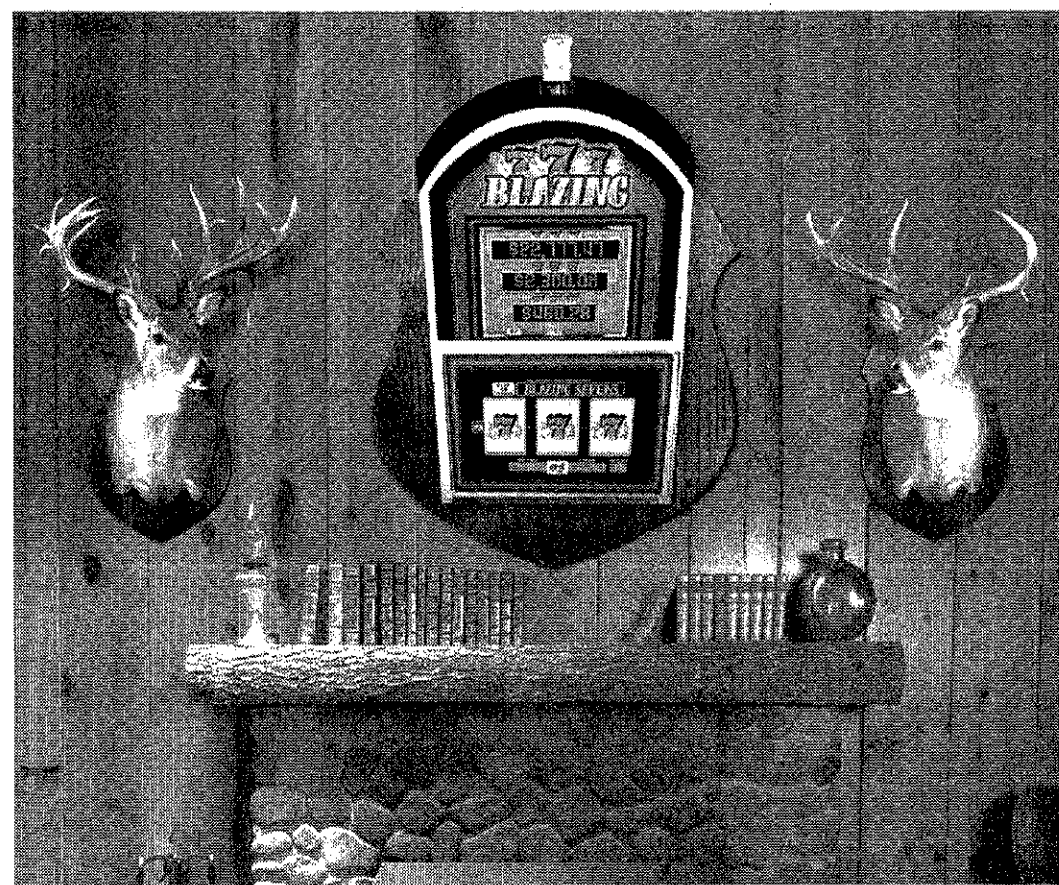
Director Janet Wassilak has directed the Novi Choralaires since 1977. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree and a Master of Music degree in Applied Voice from Boston University. An active church musician in Massachusetts and Michigan since 1967, she is currently Director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church in Farmington.

Accompanist Trena Baldridge currently works with the University of Detroit-Mercy Jazz Ensemble and Chorus. She has also been the musical director of the Redford Youth Theater and is actively involved in several churches in the Detroit area.

The Novi Choralaires are available to sing for church functions, nursing homes, service clubs, and at civic events. A free will offering will be taken.

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The short walk from the parking lot to the front door of the new Botsford Cancer Center was planned that way. Radiation oncology is only a few steps further on the first floor. One flight up is the doctor.

Cancer treatment is taxing enough on patients' bodies without having to travel from location to location for care. The 30,000-square-foot building is meant to be a one stop center bringing not only chemotherapy and radiation together in one building, but offices of oncologists and surgeons as well as a lab for blood testing.

In the past patients had to leave the Botsford Hospital campus in Farmington Hills if they needed radiation. The \$17 million building offers state of the art equipment for treatment and diagnostics.

"Our objective was to make the cancer center convenient and comforting for patients," said Dr. Paul LaCasse, president and CEO of Botsford Health Care including the hospital. "Here they don't

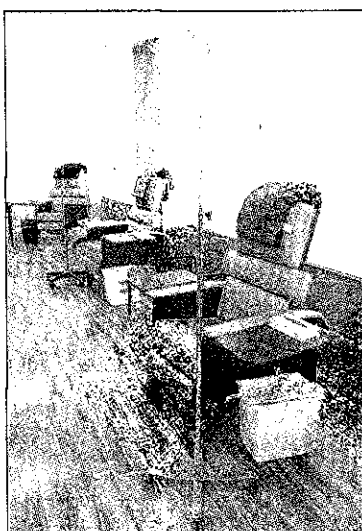
have to drive a distance and navigate the parking and facility."

Ted Tenenbaum was especially concerned that all systems were operational by the time the first radiation therapy patient was treated Thursday, Jan. 22. From the beginning in early 2005 the vision was to offer all cancer related services close to home.

"A diagnosis like this does consume your life," said Ted Tenenbaum, chief administrative officer for the cancer center. "You've already lost control and you get moved around from appointment to appointment. The cancer center makes their life a lot easier."

The availability of partial breast irradiation and diagnostics such as digital mammography is only a few months away once a breast care center in the building is completed. CT scan is already in use to plan radiation treatments customized for each patient. Diagnostic imaging should begin this week.

"It's the first step in planning safe treatment," said radiation therapist Clare English. "The new equipment takes slices through the body and does everything but



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This infusion room is one of the locations where chemotherapy is administered.

cook dinner. It has the ability to line up the patient to reproduce treatment consistent from day to day."

Clinical trials should be available later in the year through the Community Clinical Oncology Program at Beaumont Hospital. Tenenbaum is currently in the process of hiring a nurse trained at Beaumont. The Botsford and Beaumont connection is a strong one.

Dr. Larry Kestin was at Beaumont until four months ago when he became the Botsford Cancer Center medical director. Like Kestin, all of the radia-



Radiation technician Clare English prepares a CAT scan machine for a patient at the new Botsford Cancer Center in Farmington Hills.

tion oncologists in the Botsford Cancer Center are also on staff at Beaumont.

"I've been involved since the beginning with (medical oncologist) Jeff Margolis," said Kestin. "We're a comprehensive cancer center and plan to lease space to surgeons to make it a multidisciplinary clinic with three doctors to see all in one day."

Every thought was given to the care of patients including the \$2 million spent on the renovation of the historic Botsford Inn which eventually will serve as a meeting place for physicians as well as patients seeking support.

LaCasse is equally as proud of the history as the LEED certification of the building designed by Marshal Erdman & Associates in Wisconsin. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design registration means the building has met the highest environmental and health standards. The center uses 30 percent less water and 17 percent less energy.

"The Inn's been restored to 1924 configuration, the year Henry Ford bought the inn originally built in 1836," said LaCasse. "It was the resting point between Detroit and Lansing on the stage

coach trail. It's next to Clara Ford Rose Garden outside the cancer center. All infusion bays overlook the healing garden. We wanted the building to be convenient, aesthetically pleasing. It's a green building. We used environmentally friendly paints and wall coverings. Our mission is to provide health care to the community. There are toxins linked to some cancers. We felt we should reduce all those risks and toxins, reduce the hazards. We treat about 2,000 patients a year, diagnose about 800 cases a year. The prevalence seems to be increasing in our community."

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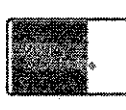
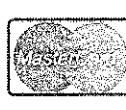
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WORKWISE
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Pieper is account executive in finance and accounting to positions in data entry up to CFO. She landed her job at Protis Executive Innovations on October 3 after three and one-half weeks of job-hunting, during which time she interviewed with an impressive seven companies and received three offers. "We were a small private company doing recruitment process outsourcing," she says. "We lost one of the largest accounts, which led to layoffs and terminations for financial reasons. I was one of the shortest-tenured individuals." She conducted an all-points-bulletin campaign, like a professional.

On August 13, Tommy Landry of Austin, Tex., learned that his job had disappeared, for financial reasons, in a company of 50. He thought he'd breathe for two days, then planned to spend the next six months with his 18-month-old son. He also hoped to get his fantasy sports advice site to generate revenue. Within 24 hours, the telephone rang with a manager at IT

networking solutions company Anue Systems Inc., on the line. Landry didn't even have a current resume. He grabbed the opportunity to be manager of Product Marketing. He was concerned that "in six months there might not be any jobs."

Brandon Mendelson, now of Glen Falls, N.Y., closed his business, an eight-year venture, on the Fourth of July. He was trying to get advertising and sponsors to buy a building for his college entertainment business, which involved giving away radio and television content while being compensated through advertising and corporate sponsorships. Sales didn't materialize. "People knew bad times were ahead," he says. On October 15 he landed a job as a floating substitute teacher, three days per week, at William Hackett Middle School in Albany, N.Y. His wife provided the contact.

PEOPLE
Although Landry didn't have much time to think, Pieper and Mendelson did. Both concede that they were fearful. Pieper was aware that well-qualified people were crowding the market. Mendelson, because of a heart condition and learning disability, had abandoned the very best thing for him -- small business ownership. He discovered that staffing agents couldn't relate to his experience, because it was so unlike that of his contemporaries. "I had to explain that I sold to major corporations," he comments. "They wanted 80 words per minute."

However, all three found jobs through people they knew. "My networking strategies with past co-workers and managers really paid off," Pieper states. "They helped me identify possible opportunities within my field with people they had built relationships with through business. I found this job through someone ... at my old company. He told me about a company where he'd worked previously, that 'they're a great group' and that he thought I'd fit there well. He talked to the owner and called me back. Within an hour, I received a phone call and had a phone interview in the next couple of days."

Mendelson used what he calls a "mixed approach," because he's skeptical of online resources. "I found that if a job was posted, companies were saying they posted it before their financials came out," he remarks. Two weeks later, the job wouldn't be there. The pattern kept recurring.

Was Landry just lucky? No, sir. When he'd left a large computer components manufacturer in 2004, he discovered that he had no network. In an up-and-down industry, he remarks, "I embarked on a diligent journey to build a network so I'd never find myself unemployed and without a clue again. When you don't have a job and you don't have anyone to talk to about it, the optimism runs away quickly."

This time he e-mailed some marketing vice presidents about project-based assignments.



Chay Pieper, account executive, dove into the phone her first week of recruiting at Protis Executive Innovations in Indianapolis. Here she's screening a candidate in a surprise photo taken by her boss.

Meanwhile, the vice president of Marketing at Anue, a total stranger, called him. "Apparently, one of my colleagues strongly urged him to contact me immediately," Landry notes, "knowing of my now-extensive network."

As of this writing, only one of the three knows another person who landed a job within the last three months. Are other job seekers working their contacts?

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The new SRX is Cadillac's offering to the popular crossover SUV segment. Crossovers are car-based as opposed to truck-based. So with the SRX you get the roomy cabin, elevated driving position and confident power of an SUV, without the awkward driving dynamics typically associated with them.

Cadillac didn't reinvent the wheel when it designed the SRX a few years back. Instead it based it on the same platform of its CTS luxury sport sedan. This was a smart move, because the sharp-edged styling and precise handling of the CTS has translated perfectly to the SRX.

The SRX, assembled in Lansing, has earned an award-winning reputation for its crisp design, outstanding performance, practical functionality and value, as evidenced by being named a Car and Driver Best Luxury SUV a few times.

Despite its high accolades, Cadillac enhanced the SRX's interior two years ago with a new instrument panel, hand-wrapped upper trim, console, center stack, door trim, wood trim, analog clock and steering wheel.

The SRX has soft tactile surfaces, new flush-mounted switches and controls, and classy, not tacky, use of wood-grain and chrome trim. The SRX's spaciousness is complemented by a streamlined center console and the addition of a new storage compartment on the passenger side of the instrument panel.

The SRX's instrument panel and door trim were built using Cadillac's "cut-and-sew" interior process that combines advanced technology with the hand-rendered expertise of expert craftsmen. The SRX's cockpit is hand-built, in the same way the limited-production STS-V and XLR-V models are.

On the exterior, the SRX has a large profile. Besides giving the SRX a bold stance, its long wheelbase, which is the longest in its class, help provides superior ride quality and dynamic stability. A near 50-50 weight distribution, low center of gravity and stability control system help the SRX deliver a fine balance between sports-car performance and refined ride quality.

The SRX is offered in two trim levels, which are separated by what's under the hood: V6 or V8. The V6, at just over \$37K, includes 17-inch alloy wheels, leather seating, OnStar telematics, a Bose audio system with CD player and XM satellite radio, dual-zone automatic climate control, an auto-dimming rearview mirror, full power features and rear park assist.

With the V8 for around \$44K you'll also get 18-inch alloys, xenon HID headlights, a tire-pressure monitor, heated front seats, power-adjustable pedals, real wood accents, a power front-passenger seat and a six-disc CD changer. Most of the V8's features are optional on the V6.



The Cadillac SRX offers a luxurious interior that befits the Cadillac moniker. So if you want the prestigious driving experience of the Escalade, but don't want to be robbed at the pump, the SRX is for you.

Stand-alone options for both models include a Magnetic Ride Control suspension, a third-row seat, a separate rear air-conditioning system, an extra-large Ultra View sunroof, a DVD rear entertainment system, surround-sound audio and a navigation system. The Sport Package adds larger 18- or 20-inch wheels, unique front and rear ends and a limited-slip differential.

On a sunny day, if you want the wind in your hair while seating in the second row, an optional Ultra View sunroof is available. It spans both front rows, allowing nearly all passengers to experience open-air driving.

Also available is UltraView Plus, a vented glass panel that extends over the available third-row seating, and turns the SRX into a greenhouse on wheels.

The V6 SRX comes with a 5-speed automatic transmission and the V8 SRX has a 6-speed automatic. Both versions are available in a rear-wheel or all-wheel-drive.

The technologically advanced interior of SRX boasts a voice recognition system that is programmed to understand around 40 commands, enabling drivers to switch between audio controls and map views without taking their hands from the wheel. While the system doesn't support destination entry via voice command, it does let you "voice tag" destinations that have been manually entered on the map.

The cabin may be sleek, but the steering wheel doesn't telescope, and its manual-tilt function adjusts in wide increments rather than a precise range. It may be small, in retrospect, but those are the types of things a discerning luxury-car buyer wants.

Standard safety features on the SRX include anti-lock disc brakes, stability control and front-seat side as well as side curtain airbags for the first two rows.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the SRX scored four out of five stars for driver and front-passenger protection in frontal impacts. Side-impact tests resulted in a perfect five-star rating for front and rear passengers. In Insurance Institute for Highway Safety frontal-offset crash tests, the SRX scored "good," the highest rating possible.

Another standard safety feature, though underrated, is the

rearview mirror, which is auto-dimming with an eight-point compass. Its ultrasonic rear parking feature will let you know if you are close to backing into another object. This is most useful when you are backing into a tight parking space.

The SRX is not only a good people hauler, but also a good luggage hauler. There's plenty of room in the second row, though the optional power third-row seat should be reserved for kids. But with the third seat folded flat into the floor, 32 cubic feet of capacity behind the second-row seats is freed up. And with the second-row down, too, you'll have 70 cubic feet available.

In addition to numerous storage areas, an optional rear cargo management system, available as an alternative to the third-row seat, offers three cargo compartments and includes a removable storage bin. It's perfect for stowing anything from emergency kits to sports equipment to DVDs or CDs for a long drive. For still more cargo packing, large side storage bins along the rear cargo area are standard.

Although the SRX is a big vehicle, weighing around 4,500 pounds, it blends a smooth ride and sporty handling of a regular-sized car. For an even more superior ride the optional Magnetic Suspension system is available. This system uses shock absorbers that are filled with a special fluid that changes its flow when subjected to a magnetic force. The result is a computerized, real-time adjustable suspension in which the shocks can switch from their softest to firmest settings in the time it takes the Cadillac to cover 1 inch of the road at 60 mph.

If you want the capability of an SUV and the luxury that is synonymous with the Cadillac name, get the new SRX. It is one of the best all-around American luxury vehicles there is.

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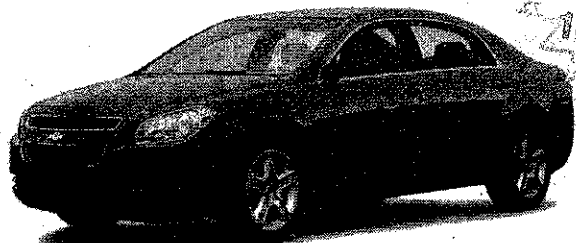
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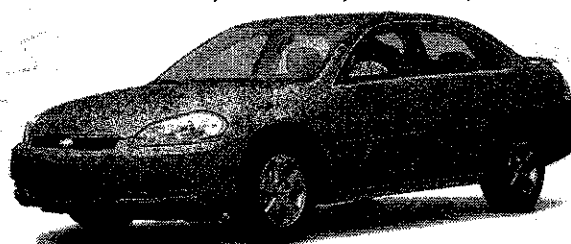
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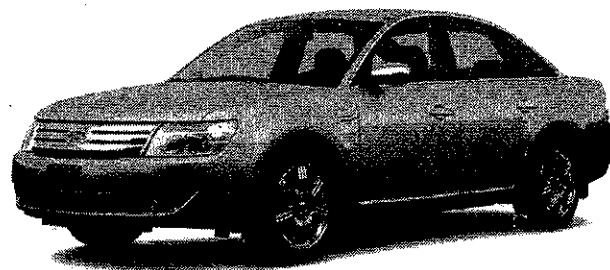
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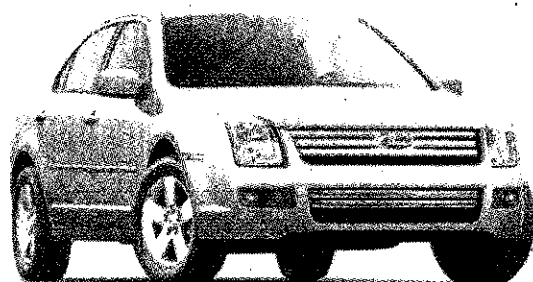
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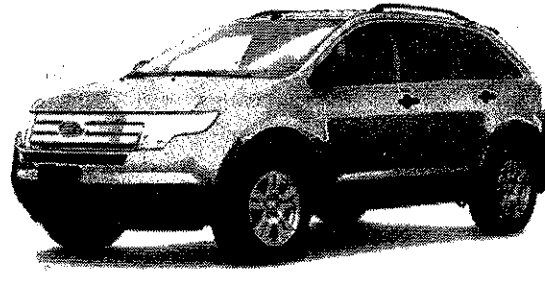
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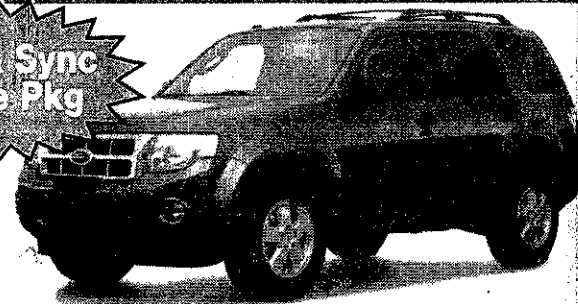
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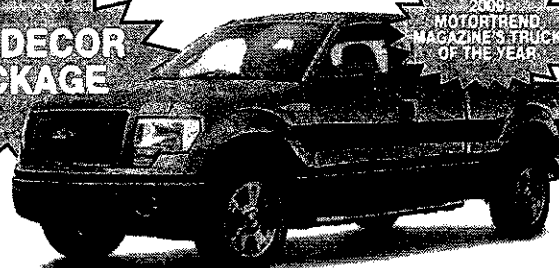
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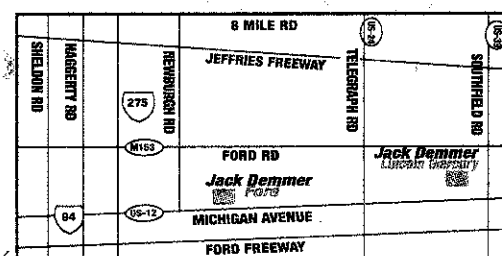
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