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Dear Readers:

Your hometown *Observer* has a new look. The changes are a result of your feedback in e-mail surveys and local interviews over the last four months. The design has been updated and inside you'll find new features on "Public Safety" and "Strictly Business" and a Hometown Life section with Sports, Filter and Food & Wine. It's all local and packaged with more photos and more local names. In addition, you will see a new emphasis on local opinions - from us and from you.

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

Susan Rosiek
Executive Editor

CONNECTION

Everyone's reading

The 8th Annual Everyone's Reading Program kicked off this week. More than a dozen libraries, including the Canton Public Library, are participating in the program, which this year will feature the book, "Finding My Voice" by National Public Radio personality Diane Rehm.



The book tells the story of Rehm's struggle with a rare neurological disorder, a condition that impacts her ability to speak and threatened to end her broadcast career. Rehm, one of the nation's most well known talk show hosts, will make two appearances in Metro Detroit during National Library Week in April to discuss "Finding My Voice" (April 14 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester and April 15 at the Maple Art Theatre in Bloomfield Township). A ticket will be required for both author appearances. Tickets are free and available at participating libraries beginning Monday, March 23. Call the Canton library for more information and ticket availability at (734) 397-0999 or visit www.cantonpl.org.

International festival

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will host Canton's 2nd Annual International Festival on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 1-5:30 p.m. This program, a special project of the Canton Cultural Commission's Multicultural Committee, is a unique celebration of arts and cultures from around the globe. This educational and artistic event will include stage performances, cultural displays and merchandise, and international sweets for sale and sampling. Cultural displays will include storybooks, jewelry, several Sri Lankan and Indian cultural exhibits, as well as information from the Bilingual Fun Group.

Featured performances include sitar playing, New Hope Baptist Church mimes, steppers, praise dancers, tango ballrooms, Indian classical dance, martial arts, Sri Lanka dancing, interpretive dance, Troupe Ta'amullat belly dancers, and BollyFit. Included in the afternoon lineup with be folk tale readings from a wide variety of different cultures. A classroom activity will also be held by the Bilingual Fun Group and the Canton Public Library will also be represented at the event.

There is a \$2 suggested donation at the door. For more information on this cultural event, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or call (734) 394-5460.



Kelly Hermann, daughter Maggie Hermann and Maggie's pet fish.

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Kelly's Kidz

Organization aids families struggling to find help for physically impaired children

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a contagious smile, 6-year-old Maggie Hermann — born with cerebral palsy — wheels around her Canton Township home in her specially designed wheelchair like an old pro.

MAGGIE'S LUCKY STRIKE CHALLENGE

What: Bowling benefit for Kelly's Kidz

When: Saturday, Feb. 7 (registration is from 2-2:30 p.m. and bowling starts at 2:30)

Where: Super Bowl in Canton, 45100 Ford Road

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Info: Visit www.kellyskidz.net

"It's very frustrating ... (the doctors) don't always provide the information you need to find it," said Kelly Hermann.

The Hermanns weaved their way through the maze, finding Oakwood Hospital's Center for Exceptional Families, which helped with all their questions and needs.

To make it easier for others to navigate the system, the Hermanns in November launched Kelly's Kidz, a nonprofit organization designed to help provide financial assistance and resources to physically impaired children and their families.

"To get therapies, preventative treatment and the durable medical equipment they need, which can cost thousands of dollars," said Dave Hermann.

The foundation has \$30,000 through the generosity of family and friends. On Saturday, Kelly's Kidz will hold its first fund-raiser, an afternoon of bowling, raffles and other activities to benefit the foundation.

"Hang around Maggie enough and she really has an infectious personality," said her father, Dave Hermann. "She captivates people and draws them in."

Maggie's mother, Kelly Hermann, admits "it was really hard to deal with" CP the first year, but after that it was time to deal with reality and "seek out the resources" available to them.



Dave and Kelly Hermann, with daughter Maggie and son Michael, at their Canton home.

"The Hermann family is sort of the epitome of what we hope happens to families on their journey caring for kids with special needs," said Susan Youngs, medical director of the Center for Exceptional Families, and Maggie's doctor. "There are support services available to families, social supports, adaptive recreation and community programs available ... but it's very difficult to find a place where you can get all the answers."

Kelly Hermann said after discovering how difficult it was to find those resources "we just had to give back."

"You meet these families and they have nowhere to turn," she said. "If they just know about this piece and get them the help, it's amazing the progress you can see in a kid. They have so much potential."

MU coach resigns in wake of sex scandal

BY BRAD KADIRCH
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Madonna University officials Monday accepted the resignation of men's basketball coach and Canton resident Chuck Henry in the wake of allegations he had inappropriate sexual contact with a 13-year-old student when he taught in the Wayne-Westland school district more than two decades ago.

The allegations were made by the former student, whose name was not divulged, in a report aired Sunday and Monday nights on WDIV-TV (Channel 4).



Henry

In a statement released Monday by the university, officials said: "Our prayers are with the young woman. We have accepted Mr. Henry's resignation, and he is no longer a university employee."

In the wake of Henry's resignation, assistant coach Myron Brown was named the school's interim coach. Assistants Monte Dennard and Noel Emenheiser will help run the team.

The woman, now 36, alleged the inappropriate contact happened some 23 years ago, when she was a student and Henry, then 37, was a gym teacher at Adams Junior High School in Westland. The girl had a tape recording of a conversation she recently had with Henry, a conversation she recorded without telling Henry he was being taped.

During that conversation, played during the televised report, the woman could be heard asking Henry if she was "the only one or were there others?" Henry's reply: "You were the only one."

When approached by WDIV reporter Karen Drew, Henry at first denied the allegations. When shown a transcript of the recorded conversation, and being told the girl alleged the inappropriate conduct happened multiple times over the course of a year, Henry admitted to recalling "maybe two or three times." He also called it "the one thing in my life ... I've

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Slavens plays prominent role at State of the State

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) was one of four legislators picked by the House leadership to escort Gov. Jennifer Granholm as she walked into the House chambers to give her State of the State address Tuesday night.

Slavens, attending her first address since taking office in November, said she didn't get a sneak peek of the governor's speech. However, Slavens said she's more than willing to take the 10-percent pay cut announced by Granholm for all state legislators.

"I'll do whatever it takes to get Michigan moving," Slavens said. "I had said we should decrease it 5 percent, but if they want 10 percent, that's what I'll do."

Slavens said she has a bill ready to present to the House



State Rep. Dian Slavens was one of a handful of politicians selected to be in the group that walked in with Gov. Jennifer Granholm prior to her State of the State address on Tuesday night.

leadership that would end lifetime benefits for state legislators.

"It will start with those elected into office for 2009," Slavens said. "Someone told me that if you try to get elections prior to

that, they'll hold it up. I just want to get it done. How many companies after six years give lifetime benefits? That's ridiculous."

Former state representative and current Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy was a bit puzzled with Granholm's announcement that she will reduce the state's 18 departments into eight. LaJoy, who tried to pass a bill that would consolidate 18 human resource and purchasing departments into one to save the state money, wondered aloud as to why it hadn't been done earlier.

"I told her about the human resource and purchasing consolidation six years ago," said LaJoy, who spent three terms in Lansing. "It wasn't that people didn't talk about it or have ideas out there. They're hard decisions, but they should have been made a long time ago."

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Nobody hurt in Monday morning house fire

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Dave Kopchia was visibly shaken as he watched Canton firefighters putting out a blaze at his home Monday morning. "It's unbelievable, I can't believe this," said Kopchia,

who lives at the corner of Morton Taylor and Hanford. "I was in line at Kroger's when a friend of mine was coming home from work and saw the smoke and called me. Nobody was home, the kids were at school."

Canton Fire Department Battalion Chief B.C. Arble said

the call came in at 9:15 a.m. "We got the call as a garage fire fully involved, attached to a house," said Arble about an hour after arriving to the scene. "We did a primary search to make sure the house was unoccupied."

"It's pretty much contained to the garage, though you will

see a little bit of damage to the front of the house," he said. "There will be some smoke and water damage throughout the house."

Arble said while the weather was warmer than in the recent past, the cold temperatures make it difficult. "As soon as we use the water the ice builds up," he said at the scene. "It restricts your movements because once you get wet it starts freezing up on your gear. At least it's not bitter cold."

Investigators do not know what caused the fire.

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Labor peace: W-W, union ratify agreement

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials and representatives of its teachers union are hoping that with approval of a new four-year agreement, the district can leave behind the animosity fostered by a four-day strike in October and begin to move forward.

The comments came Tuesday evening as members of the school board voted 5-0 to approve the settlement agreement reached with the Wayne-Westland Education Association during fact-finding, a joint press release about the agreement and a letter related to the strike.

Board Secretary Cindy Schofield abstained from voting, telling the board that she would benefit from the agreement because her husband is a teacher in the district. Trustee William Gabriel was absent.

"We worked very long, hard hours, we were committed to a common goal of getting agreement and moving on for the good of the community," WWEA president Nancy Strachan said. "I'm pleased with where we ended up, but we did a lot of work along the way."

"We're elated that this is behind us, now we can focus all of our abilities and capabilities on moving forward and on the education of our children," Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

Main areas addressed in the new agreement were wages, health care and adjustments in class sizes, which had become a rallying cry for angry parents during the four-day strike.

In the joint press released after the meeting, the two sides acknowledged that strikes are illegal and collective bargaining must be done in good faith. To that end, the new contract includes a no-strike, no-lockout provision. The union also agreed to with-

WHAT WAS AGREED TO

■ Teachers will receive 6.75 percent in pay increases over the life of the agreement - 1.75 percent retroactive to the start of Aug. 28, 2008, and 1.5 percent for each of the remaining three years. Wages for a beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree will go from \$35,011 the first year to \$36,610 in the fourth year. At the top of the scale, wages for teachers with a doctoral degree will go from \$96,112 to \$100,505 respectively.

■ The district will continue to offer the MESSA Choices health care plan as well as an HMO. However, new hires will now have a choice between the two plans.

■ Teachers will continue to pay a \$480 co-pay along with a deductible of \$100 and \$200 the first year and \$200 and \$400 starting in the second year of the agreement. There also will be co-pays for office visits - \$10 - and emergency room visits - \$25 - starting in the second year of the agreement.

■ There also will be some modifications in class sizes. The overload language will be reduced by one student in K-12 for the 2009-2010 school year, and middle school and high school physical education and music classes will be reduced from 40 to 39 students. High school health classes will be reduced from the physical education class size to normal class size and science lab classes also will be reduced by two students.

■ In the 2010-2011 school year, grades 6-12 classes will be reduced by one student as well as fourth- and fifth-grades and four-five splits.

draw all pending grievances, charges and lawsuits related to the dispute. It also agreed that it "will not and does not support" the recall of board members Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit.

"It is recognized that board members acted in what they believed to be the district's best interests," according to the press release.

The letter the board approved is a letter of reprimand of teachers who participated in the strike. It will become a permanent part of their personnel records. It also puts teachers on notice that "similar misconduct in the future will result in additional discipline, up to and including discharge."

According to Baracy, the district agreed not to prosecute the teachers.

"That was never the district's intention," he said, adding the letter was "all part of a packaged deal."

While Pitsenbarger said she was "extremely relieved" that the two sides have an agreement, board Treasurer Steve

Becher let the union know that the agreement, in his estimation, didn't address class sizes.

"There's no real difference in class size," said Becher, a former teacher and WWEA member. "A great deal was brought to this community over class sizes, but you didn't address it. I think you could have taken smaller class sizes than take 6.5 percent over four years. You got what you wanted. You kept the money and your health care, that's what you wanted. I think you won."

His comments drew criticism from Shawn Maxwell who has been spearheading the recall campaign.

"The comments you made weren't necessary," she told Becher. "They deserve what they got. The reason for the recall was when the teachers walked, we realized that we had to take out the people we chose to represent us because they wouldn't listen to us. Our teachers deserve a fair and equitable contract."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Man exposes himself to woman at library

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township police are searching for a man who exposed himself to a woman outside the Canton Public Library on Friday.

Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said the suspect actually exposed himself inside the library before the incident, but no one saw him that time.

"He was standing inside the library near the ATM machine, standing behind a sign that was on a tripod," said Kerr. "He was talking on a cell phone and leaning against the wall when

he pulled his pants down and began masturbating. There were patrons walking past him, but it appeared no one noticed because he was behind the sign."

The 25-year-old female victim told police the suspect talked to her inside the library, but she felt uncomfortable with his conversation and walked away.

"After the library closed, she was sitting on an outside bench waiting for a ride and he sat down next to her," added Kerr. "The suspect then exposed himself to her. The library was closed, but she knocked on the window

to attract attention and the employee let her in to call police."

Kerr said the victim identified the suspect as a black male, approximately 5-feet-5-inches tall and about 160 pounds. He was wearing a knit stocking cap, a black down jacket and dark pants.

Kerr said the suspect drove away, but they don't have a description of the vehicle.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect is being asked to contact Canton Police Department at (73) 394-5400.



Canton police are seeking to identify this man in connection with an incident where a man exposed himself to a woman outside the Canton Public Library on Friday, Jan. 30.

P-CEP employee charged with stealing money from school

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township used an undercover surveillance camera to arrest a maintenance worker Friday for stealing money from a desk drawer in the Phase 3 building at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Deputy Chief Robert Kerr says 34-year-old Sheila Honeycutt of South Lyon was



arraigned Saturday on two counts of larceny from a building, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and a maximum 5,000 fine.

"The problem was brought to our attention last month when \$30 of school money was taken from the drawer of a secretary," said Kerr. "As a result, we put a surveillance camera on a desk and put some plant money in an envelope, and late last week discovered the suspect — working the midnight shift — took the money out. She also admitted to taking the \$30 in cash."

Kerr said the second envelope contained \$28 in cash.

Honeycutt's preliminary exam is scheduled for Feb. 13 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Theft at Wal-Mart

1. Canton police arrested a man who stole automotive headlamps from Wal-Mart on Ford Road. Wal-Mart Loss Prevention associates say the suspect took a pair of headlights from the shelf and concealed them in his pants. The man reportedly paid for some items at the checkout, but not the headlights. Loss Prevention associates stopped the customer outside the store, recovered the merchandise and called police.

Rash of break-ins

2. When the manager of Classy Chassis, 5790 N. Canton Center Road, arrived at work he discovered someone threw several large rocks through the window. The thief looked for money in the desk,

however there was none. It was the third break-in in 18 days at the car wash.

Saw-stolen at complex

3. A maintenance worker at a housing complex at 46000 Geddes Road reported a circular saw missing from his pickup truck. Police say the worker reported the saw was on the truck bed when he started to unload materials. However, when he was finished the saw was gone.

Assault at the Summit

4. A boy was waiting to be picked up from the Summit on the Park when a teen reportedly confronted the boy and hit him several times with his fist. The victim said he didn't know who the suspect was and didn't know why he hit him. The suspect remains at large.

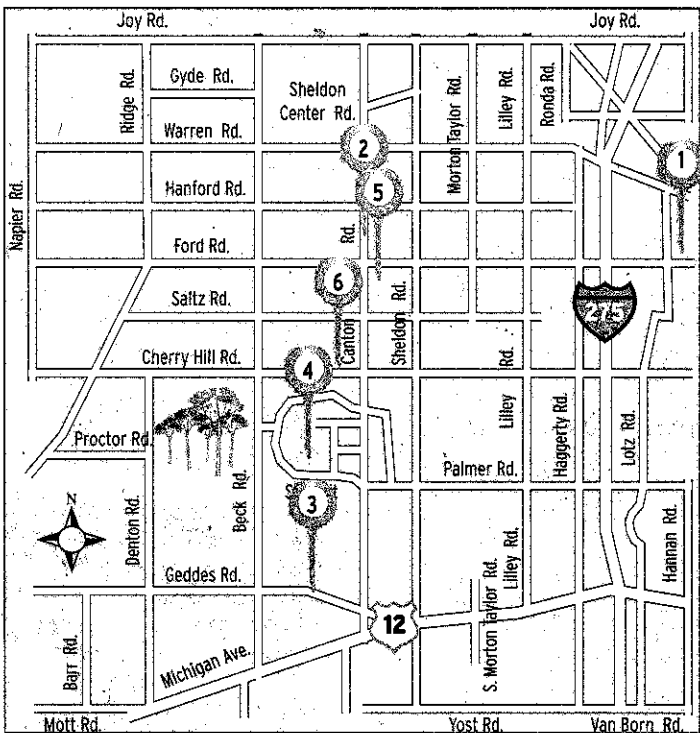
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Cashier arrested

5. A cashier at Meijer (at Ford and Canton Center) reportedly took a \$40.34 CoinStar receipt, which had already been cashed, to another register where he reportedly scanned the slip, took \$40 from the register and put it in his pocket. He told authorities he didn't know why he did it. The cashier was arrested for stealing.

Indian Market theft

6. The owner of the Indian Market, located at 45530 Cherry Hill, arrived at work to find the cash register open, and \$300-\$400 missing. Police say all four doors were locked and there were no signs of forced entry. The owner told police that only he and his brother have keys to the market. The theft remains under investigation.



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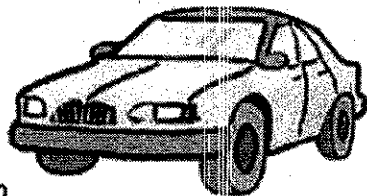
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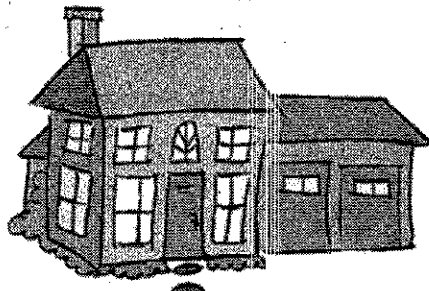
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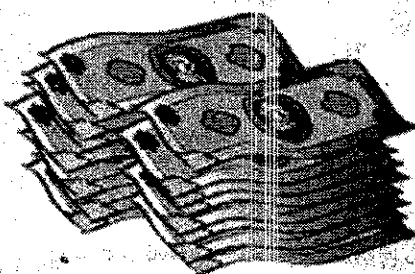


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never been able to understand or forgive myself for."

Neither Henry nor the victim could be reached for comment.

Henry moved from Adams to Wayne Memorial High School, where he was head basketball coach for many years, and then to Canton's Agape Christian Academy, where he also coached. Officials for those schools said no complaints had ever been filed against Henry.

In a statement, Pastor Mark Moore, lead pastor and administrator for the Agape Family Worship Center and Christian Academy, said Henry was "well-respected" in his years at Agape.

"We were saddened to hear the news of Chuck Henry's alleged involvement in the molestation of a former student of Adams Jr. High in the Wayne-Westland Public School District," the statement read. "Chuck Henry was a well-respected coach at Agape Christian Academy for several years. There were never any allegations of misconduct occurring while he was on our coaching staff. We will continue to pray for the alleged victim and also for his family during this time."

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Supt. Greg Baracy said no complaints were ever filed with the district against Henry.

"The District has learned through the media that allegations have surfaced regarding an inappropriate relationship which occurred over twenty years ago between a teacher/coach and a student," Baracy wrote in a statement. "While the teacher/coach retired from our district several years ago, we are deeply disappointed to learn of these allegations. Our thoughts and prayers go out to this young woman and her family."

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National Wear Red Day

As part of February's American Heart Month, Canton Leisure Services will join thousands of Americans nationwide in celebrating National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 6, by hosting special health and wellness activities at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. These heart healthy events are designed to help raise awareness of heart disease, the number one killer of men and women in the United States each year.

Canton Leisure Services is teaming up with the American Heart Association to provide special activities, including: a "Love Your Heart" walking quiz; weight loss counseling, yoga and personal training demonstrations; a "heart warming" raffle with prizes donated by local businesses. Summit on the Park guests wearing red on Feb. 6 can work out for free.

For more information on the American Heart Association, visit www.Goredforwomen.org. To learn more about National Wear Red Day activities and The Heart Truth, and for information on ordering the Red Dress Pin, please visit www.hearttruth.gov or call the NHLBI Health Information Center at (301) 592-8573. More information about these planned activities and other health and wellness information can be found at leisure.canton-mi.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Band competition

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB), together with the Plymouth Canton Educational Park (PCEP), is hosting an all-day high school invitational for Winter Guard and Winter Drumline groups. More than 39 groups from Michigan will participate in the Michigan

AROUND CANTON



Stella!

The Spotlight Players theater group will perform the comedy 'Divine Stella Devine' starting later this month at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The show runs Feb. 20, 21, 27, 28, March 1, 6, 7, and 8. The show revolves around character Stella Devine, the aging star of the popular Ritz Theatre, and her fellow company of actors, who are preparing for the epic play 'Civil War Darlin'.' The cast is comprised of local actors, including (from Canton and Plymouth) Pat Filios (pictured from left), Christopher Tremblay, Kelley Donnelly, Meg DaPont, Drex Morton, Pat McKane, Patrick Wears, and Lia DeBasi. "This production will add some style and glamour to an already well-written and funny show. With actors frequently in the house engaging the audience, Broadway-style lighting effects, and even a little song and dance, this run of Divine Stella Devine promises to be an 'all out' assault on the senses," said Director Christian Cash. To buy tickets and for more information (discounted tickets are \$13 each and available online only) visit www.spotlightplayers.net. At the box office tickets are \$15-\$18. Call the box office at (734) 394-5300.

Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) sponsored event. Twenty-six color guard teams and 13 percussion groups will participate.

The event will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Canton High School gymnasium (Phase III), 8415 Canton Center Road.

Plymouth-Canton's Winter

A Guard will perform at 5:09 p.m. The Plymouth-Canton Winter Drumline will perform at 8:05 p.m.

Tickets to attend are \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children/students 18 years and under at the gate. For more information, visit www.pcmb.net or www.pcep-bands.net.

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.

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 fifth 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 www.stmichaelchurch.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.

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 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.

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With Valentine's Day around the corner, restaurant reservations are booking up fast, candy boxes are flying off the shelves and love, love, love is in the air.

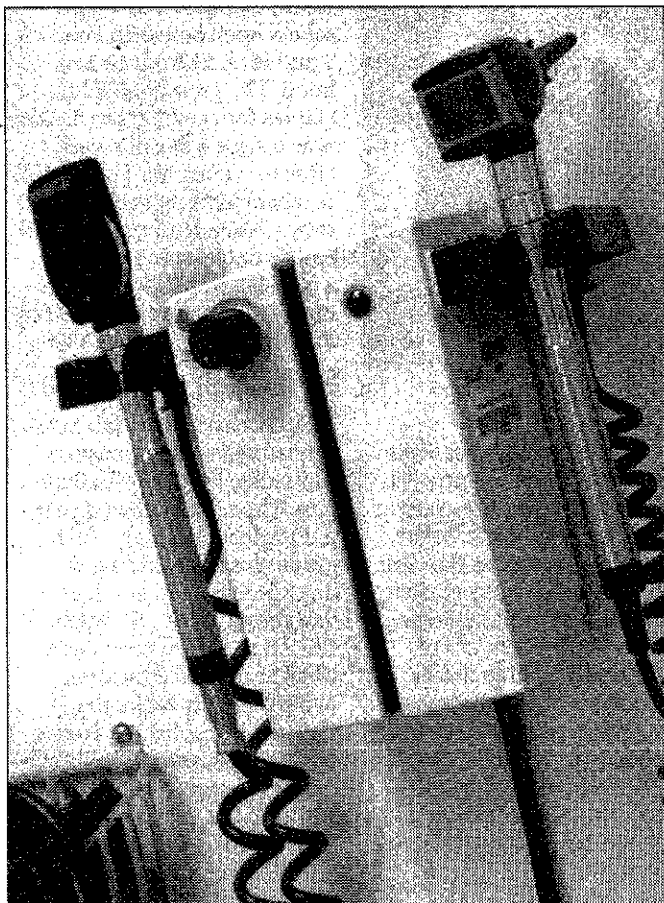
Whatever your thoughtful plans are this month for loved ones, February is also a month for nurturing your own health — starting with your heart.

February is American Heart Month, a reminder that healthy nutrition and fitness habits are essential for reducing the risk of heart disease, diabetes, stroke, lung disease, cancer and injury.

"Heart disease is probably one of the most common causes of illness and death in the country," said David Steinberger, a board certified internist at Infinity Primary Care's Vital Internal Medicine facility in Livonia. "There's a lot we can do to mitigate that risk, and having regular checkups is a great place to start."

Symptoms associated with some heart-related issues often aren't obvious indications of a problem, Steinberger said.

"Even if you feel great, it's important to go over things about how your daily life is going and to go over nutrition and things to do to lower cholesterol and lower your risk," he said. "Many people show no symptoms — or no



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symptoms that they're recognizing."

Now is also a great time for already diabetic patients to come back in and check up on their health.

"If you have diabetes, it makes you susceptible to other diseases that are associated with heart diseases," said Cheryl Schwartz, Chief Operating Officer of Infinity Primary Care. "By managing a health lifestyle and helping patients take care of themselves, we help them stay well."

Diabetic patients are especially at higher risk for kidney disease and should be on certain medications to prevent its onset, Steinberger said.

"Diabetes untreated could also lead to blindness and nerve damage," Steinberger said.

A low-fat, high-fiber diet is generally recommended to maintain good health,

Steinberger added. To maintain a normal weight, a person should aim for a body mass index (BMI) lower than 25. "Americans have a huge misconception about weight," Steinberger said.

"We all think that people look healthier when they are actually slightly overweight. I think that an easy target is that men should have a waist smaller than 37 inches and women should have a waist smaller than 33 inches, but a BMI is a more accurate test based on height and weight."

Infinity Primary Care is a group of family and internal medicine physicians located in Brighton, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Novi.

Infinity recently built a new Diagnostic Testing Center, providing ultrasound, nuclear vascular, echocardiogram, dexta testing, X-ray, CT scanning and laboratory services.

Pilates Fitness Evolution delivers personalized training

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER
ADVERTORIAL COORDINATOR

Maintaining a fit and healthy body can be a difficult priority to manage between a full-time job, raising a family or attending school.

But there are fitness professionals close to home eager to help you achieve your fitness goals.

Pilates, a non-impact exercise that focuses on the deep muscles of the abdomen and spine, is a method increasingly in popularity for those looking to improve their fitness in a low-stress environment.

Ron Jegadeesh, owner of Pilates Fitness Evolution in Southfield, is a Stott Pilates certified instructor and physical therapist. His fitness studio offers Pilates, Gyrotonic, physical therapy and Power

Plate training to those looking to strengthen their minds and bodies.

"Pilates builds strength without building up bulky muscles," Jegadeesh said. "It creates a newly-conditioned body with a long, lean look."

Pilates Fitness Evolution also offers Cardiolates classes — incorporating cardiovascular activity into Pilates routines.

Those looking for a more advanced technique can try the Gyrotonic Expansion System at Pilates Fitness Evolution, a unique exercise system that incorporates three dimensional and circular movements to mobilize the spine and joints.

"Gyrotonic incorporates movement principles from swimming, yoga, gymnastics, dance and martial arts," Jegadeesh said. "It's similar to pilates but slightly more

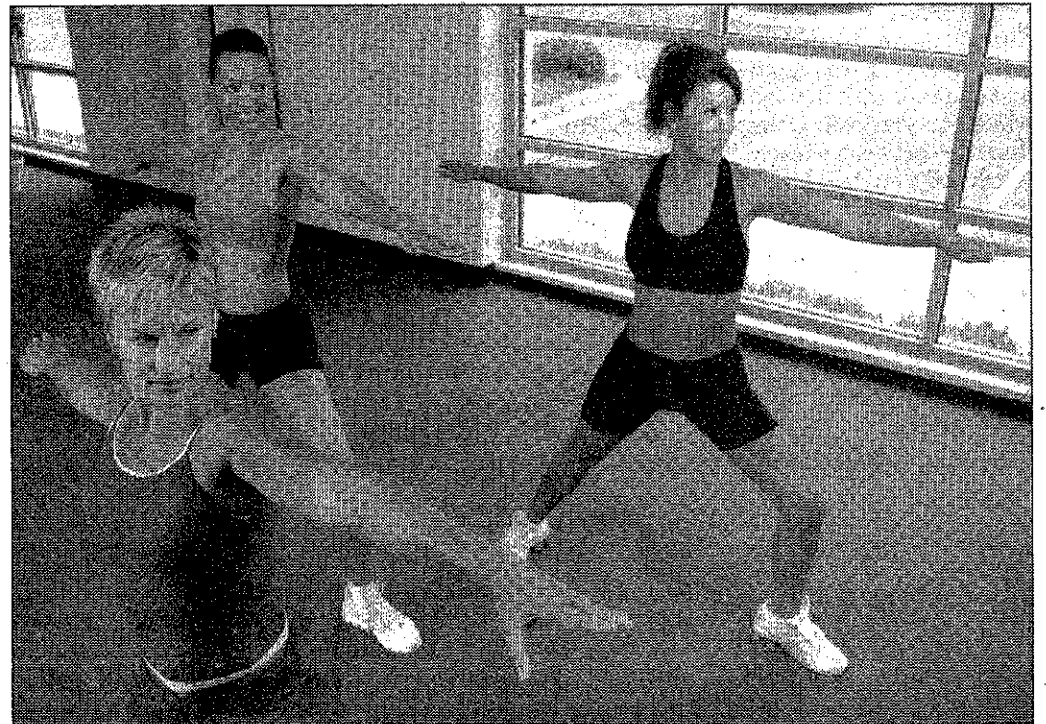
advanced."

For those seeking relief from Osteoporosis, Fibromyalgia, hormonal imbalance, obesity, stress and a variety of other conditions, Pilates Fitness Evolution offers Power Plate Advanced Vibration technology, offering the same strength benefits of conventional strength training at the gym in just 10-minute sessions.

"When you stand on it, it vibrates 30 to 60 vibrations per second and then activates all the muscles and postural muscles," Jegadeesh said. "I use it for arthritis and lower back pain and it also helps for sports conditioning."

Pilates Fitness Evolution is located at 17418 W. 10 Mile Rd. in Southfield. To learn more about Pilates Fitness Evolution, contact Jegadeesh at 248-552-1012 or visit www.pilatesfitnessevolution.com.

Pilates focuses on the deep muscles of the abdomen and spine and is a low-impact exercise regime used to improve overall fitness and strength.



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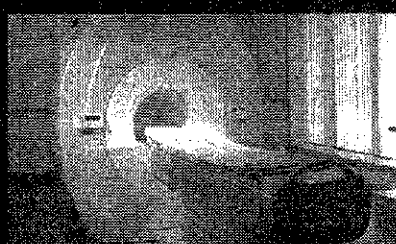
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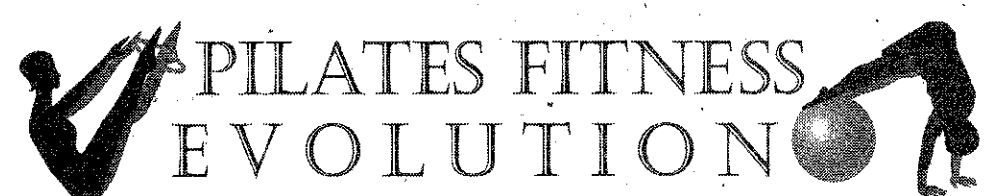
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Local dentist passing on his love of music to youth orchestra

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Since the time he can remember, music has always been an important part of Howard Volk's life. And although he has played and enjoys all forms of music, it is classical music that holds a special place in his heart.

The 51-year-old Volk, who owns Volk Dental Care in Canton, is now trying to pass that passion on to a new generation of classical musicians. Volk has taken on the role of mentor for the members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO), the youth of orchestra of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society.

Since he owned a local business, Volk had been wanting to take a more active role in the community. When he heard about the CYO, he knew it was a perfect fit for him. Not only did he start mentoring the kids last year, he also became a board member of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society and is the main sponsor of the CYO this year.

But ask him his favorite part about being involved and he will tell you it is actually sitting down with the kids and playing with them.

"They're a gas. I love playing with them. I get a lot of energy off of them," said the lifelong violinist. "I think I have a nice influence on them. I think they like my low-key approach."

Although he has been in various bands over the years, including a rock band called Dogs of War, Volk decided to become a dentist, establishing his current practice in 2001. "Dentistry was a natural



Dr. Howard Volk, a Canton dentist, who played in youth orchestras when he was younger, is trying to pass along his passion to the Celebration Youth Orchestra.

segue for me. I love working with my hands," said Volk, who even makes his own musical instruments.

While his profession is dentistry, he said music is still his passion. He still plays regularly and has met some of his best friends because of their shared love of music. And that's what he wants to convey to the kids in the CYO.

"I want the kids to stay with the music. There are so many benefits, even into adult life. My message to them is don't give it up, because that is so easy to do," he said. "It's enriching. It's a social thing. And it's always there for you."

According to Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Executive Director Beth Stewart there are 52 students from the area who participate in the CYO, from elementary students to those starting high

school. There are four different levels of players, and they perform several times a year, including two main performances at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. They also perform alongside members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton.

If you want to check out the CYO, they will be performing alongside members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. The show, "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More!", will celebrate the 200th birthday of composer Felix Mendelssohn.

Order tickets online at www.plymouthsymphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112. For more information about the CYO or the Plymouth Canton Symphony's 63rd season please visit their Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org. For more information about Volk Dental Care, visit www.volkdentalcare.com.



Dr. Howard Volk presents a donation to Plymouth Symphony conductor Nan Washburn, Plymouth Canton Symphony Society Executive Director Beth Stewart, Celebration Youth Orchestra conductor Ariel Toews and Education Coordinator Jane Libbing. Clearly, the kids are excited about the donation, too.

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OUR VIEWS

Legal notices communicate important information

Last week, the Canton Township Board of Trustees voted to stop running the township's legal notices in the *Canton Observer* and instead start publishing them in *The Journal*. Technically this means we are no longer the official newspaper of Canton Township (though the board did vote to continue running classified advertisements in the *Observer*).

Trustee Todd Caccamo, the only one who voted to keep printing the legal notices in the *Observer* (Trustee John Anthony didn't vote because he once worked for Gannett — the *Observer's* parent company), said printing the legal notices (a state law) is all about Canton's government communicating information to its residents, and it made more sense to print them in a newspaper with a higher Canton circulation. While *The Journal's* proposal was less expensive than the *Observer's*, Caccamo said it was a small difference — approximately \$1,700 for the year.

The only other member of the board to make any comment about why they voted the way they did was Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who rejected Caccamo's argument, saying very few people read legal notices in the newspaper. He feels that it would be better if the township could just post the legal notices on its Web site. Essentially he made the same argument that former Supervisor Tom Yack made for years — this is a stupid law that costs the taxpayers money that could be better spent in other ways.

While we understand not everyone reads the *Canton Observer*, we must point out that not everybody visits the township's Web site. And we don't think it's a bad thing that local governments keep their residents informed about important township business, such as when public hearings take place. We think it's important, for example, to let as many people as possible know when the township is considering approving a massive hospital complex for a residential area, or for business owners to know when the township board is holding a hearing to change the sign ordinance that will have an impact on every business in town. Many of the legal notices also let people know what is on the board's meeting agenda, or how they voted during the previous meeting.

It is doubtful that anyone on the board or among township staff would admit that they would rather conduct this kind of business under the cover of darkness, rather than have all township stakeholders at the table. As it is, very few people show up at board meetings. That's why publishing legal notices makes sense. And it makes more sense to publish them in a newspaper that reaches more readers (we are audited to verify our circulation numbers, whereas *The Journal* isn't) and concentrates on Canton (not eight communities like *The Journal*).

"This has everything to do with dollars and cents," LaJoy said of his decision.

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■ The hotter the better had a pizza from here last week. They are definitely the best in Canton. I didn't expect much-judging from the cheap prices, - but I was amazed by the taste. You can definitely taste the difference of the wood burning stove (especially in the crust. I also had the Italian salad to go with my pizza. One word: INCREDIBLE

My only fault is that they don't deliver.
Good Luck Pizza Silicy.

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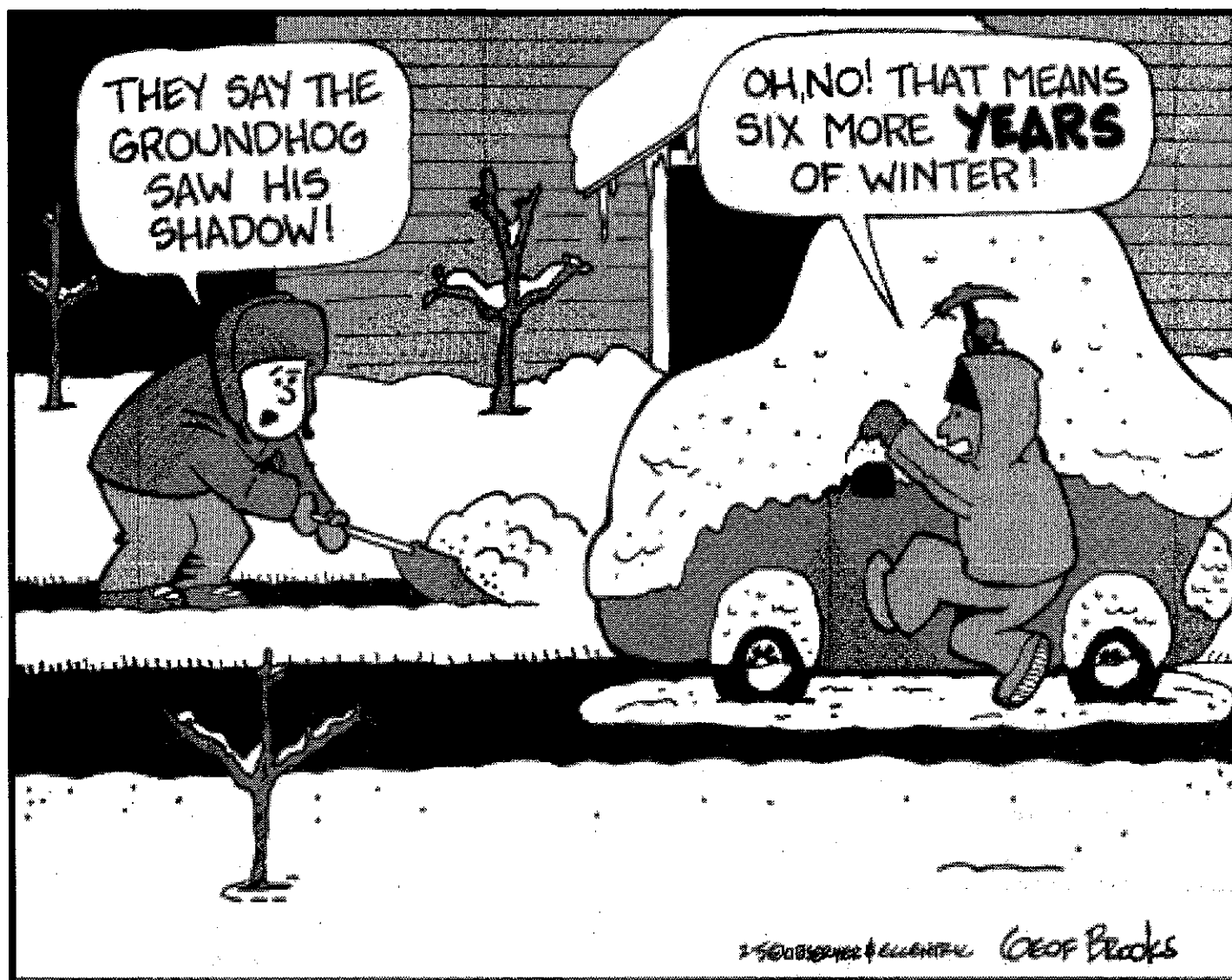


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LETTERS

Improve prisoner management

I read with interest the plan to spend \$754,000 to expand the Canton Township Police holding facility so it can hold a capacity of 56 individuals (up from the 30 it can currently hold). If the numbers are correct and Canton arrests 3,800 people a year and has room for 30 people currently, then on average they should be able to hold the daily number of arrests of around 11 people. I am aware that averages quite often do not apply to reality.

It makes me wonder if the holding facility is being used for more than a holding facility. Is it a jail or a place for those awaiting movement to another place or release? I imagine most of those 3,800 arrests are misdemeanants who generally have a right to post bail and be released even on their own recognizance if necessary. If they are intoxicated when they arrive the facility needs to hold them until they are sober and release them as any other misdemeanor. Even if a judge issues a no bond bench warrant for someone, in a crowded situation a call to a judge can get a release order for the person. Felons could be held for arraignment or transported to the Wayne County jail for holding.

I find it hard to believe that in these economic hard times the township needs to spend this kind of money when I suspect better prisoner management could handle the problems.

Donald Leach
Canton

Disillusioned with school board

I am so very disillusioned and disappointed on recent actions by the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education. At the Jan. 27 board meeting,

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the agenda stated "Consider approval to adopt budget amendments for the 08-09 school year." Included in this bundle of various funds was the food service fund. Routine procedure, happens every year. What was different this year, however, was that the food service management company (Sodexo, formerly Marriott) that has been with this district for well over 20 years was proposed to be fired. Our new finance director, James Larson-Shidler, stated that he "needed a director that he can work with" and that "this will not affect the P-C food service workers." What a joke!

The 85 members of the food service department and the management company have been such a team for these 20-plus years you can bet this will affect everyone involved. Is he really so naive as to think otherwise? Does he not know that this group is perhaps the most cohesive and forward-thinking group of any in this district? That these employees and the management staff consider themselves as a working team? Without any input or discussion with the food service employees or with the management company or any hint that this would be coming up, the vote was taken and the deed was done.

I would hope the board members assumed our new finance director had come to this proposal after discussions with the Teresa Arnold, our food service director and perhaps even some input from district food service staff. I would assume the board figured someone in this

position would have the decency to act in a respectable and responsible manner, but you want to know how she found out? By a call to her the day after the vote. The Sodexo staff was blind sided, the food service staff was blind sided. She didn't even get a heads up by administrators in the board building, who have had such a great working relationship with Teresa for all these years (and I hope you can look yourselves in the mirror).

Is this the way we are now going to do business in this district? Throw ethics to the wind, spit on relationships and be led down a path that we can no longer be proud of? Is this really the example we want to send to our staffs and to our students? That courtesy and ethics really are just words and don't count in the end? That we will no longer take the right path but the path of least resistance?

The way this was handled is disgusting and you should be ashamed of yourselves. Perhaps what this district needs is leadership "that we can work with" and not the other way around.

One more thing: Let's see if the new director is a friend from Toledo.

Cindy Bastion
Canton

Church thanks

On behalf of the Senior High Youth Group of Geneva Church, I just wanted to thank you for your coverage of our Boxing Night event and clothing drive. With your help, we were able to collect enough donations to fill a 24-foot truck! Thank you once again for your help, it would not have been such a successful event without your coverage.

God Bless.

Courtney Koen

Senior high youth coordinator, Geneva Church
Canton

COMMUNITY VOICE

Asked at the Canton Public Library: The groundhog saw his shadow on Monday, which means we will have six more weeks of winter. Do you believe it?



"I think it will be six, we've never had an early spring. This is Michigan."
Jayne Brophy, 54, Livonia



"I think it will be cold for a few more weeks. I'm from New Jersey and Michigan weather is a lot colder."
Phillip McPherson, 24, Canton



"I think we've had enough winter already, so I'm hoping it will be less. We've had more than our share of cold and snow."
Madeleine Deedler, 60, Canton



"We're probably going to have six more months of winter ... it's never going to end."
Brenda Urlick, 68, Canton

pink picks

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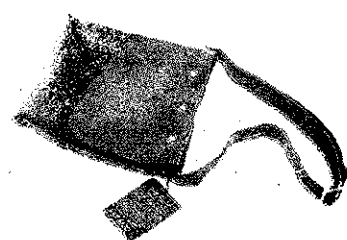
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Eco-Chic recycled tire tube purse at Catching Fireflies



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The Royal Blues at Nordstrom to celebrate Black History Month (proceeds benefit the Thurgood Marshall College Fund)

See It!

Aretha Franklin's inaugural hat at the Smithsonian Institution?

Read It!

Revolutionary Road by Richard Yates, then see the movie with Kate Winslet

Kat Von D signs 'High Voltage Tattoo'

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Tattoos have made Kat Von D an international sensation.

Soon, you'll be able to see them for yourself as the tattoo artist and star of *L.A. Ink* comes to Borders Birmingham to sign her new book "High Voltage Tattoo," at 1 p.m. on Feb. 13.

According to Amy Stanton, Event Manager for Borders, turnout is expected to be so great, Borders will begin handing out colored wristbands in the morning to determine fans' positions in line.

Kat Von D, 25, was born to Argentinian parents and grew up in Mexico and Southern California. She got her first tattoo at age 14, and gave her first tattoo soon after.

After working at several Hollywood tattoo shops, she was asked to join the show *Miami Ink*. The beautiful brunette, with artistic talent to match, quickly stole the spotlight and was asked to star in her own spinoff, *L.A. Ink*, which became Discovery TLC's number-one-rated program. The show's third season started last month.



KAT VON D BOOK SIGNING

Who: Kat Von D, star of The Learning Channel's "L.A. Ink," will sign copies of her new book, "High Voltage Tattoo."

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Where: Borders, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham
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Von D has since been tapped to create a makeup line with Sephora, and is working on a line of apparel along with her own self-titled magazine.

"I think tattooing and makeup and fashion — anything that you wear can definitely be used as a form of self expression so I think it makes sense that tattoo col-

lectors are avid fans of fashion as well for the most part," she said.

Von D also holds the Guinness World Record for doing the most tattoos in a 24-hour period (400).

Now, she can add published author to her lengthy resume.

High Voltage Tattoo (Collins Design, Jan. 20, 2009, \$29.95) is designed to resemble a leather bound journal, and reads like Von D's personal diary.

"Much like the show the book really sparked my interest to show people an insider's view on the tattoo world. I think the show did a really great thing for the world of tattooing and hopefully the book will do the same," Von D said in a recent interview with *Pink*.

In the book, Von D shares stories behind tattoos she has both given and received. It also includes a forward by rocker Nikki Sixx, pho-

tos of her outrageous tattoo machine collection, as well as profiles of other tattoo artists she admires.

Among them is Bob Tyrell of Night Gallery tattoo shop in Eastpointe, Mich. Kat said she met Tyrell on the tattoo convention circuit and has always admired his fine line, black and white portrait work.

"He is one of my mentors," she said. "He's definitely someone I look up to in the industry."

Since Von D is visiting The D the day before Valentine's Day, we asked her about the significance of hearts in the tattoo culture.

"Hearts date back to the old Catholic artwork, the sacred heart of Jesus and the sacred heart of Mary, and since sailor times the heart was definitely a prominent image you saw in tattoos — hearts with banners with 'mom' or wives' names," she

said.

Readers can search for Von D's own heart tattoos in the book's 10-page photo spread of her wearing a yellow bikini.

As busy as she is, Von D still takes appointments at her L.A. Shop High Voltage and responds to every tattoo request. "I don't like to get booked more than like two months in advance, but it takes us about a year to get to everyone's e-mail," she said.

Her passion for tattooing is what gives rise to all her other pursuits, and it's still her top priority.

"I tattoo almost every day. The book tour is going to be pretty tough for me because the longest I've gone in 10 years without tattooing is six days, and it was the worst time of my life," she said. "I'm bringing my kit with me on the road. Maybe I'll tattoo my boyfriend."



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IRS offers free tax filing software for those who qualify

I don't know about you, but I am happy January is behind us. It was a lousy month for investors and for the economy as a whole — hundreds of



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
give you some good news.

Nothing I can say can offset the present difficulties we are experiencing.

The recession is a deepening recession, so try to save money wherever possible. Live within your means because while the government may bail out banks and businesses, it will not bail out the individual taxpayer.

One area for many to save money is 2008 tax returns. A partnership between the Internal Revenue Service and private tax preparation companies allows many taxpayers to take advantage of tax preparation software. Known as IRS Free File, the software is typically available to anyone with an adjusted gross income of \$56,000 or less. This income threshold applies whether you are married or single. Go to the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov and click on "free file program." Once you link to the

program there will be a number of software companies you can select.

Of course, when most people hear the word free they are skeptical. However, this program is free and legitimate.

Why do these companies offer such a program? For a number of reasons. First, from the IRS standpoint, it is one way to encourage people to e-file their return. About 70 percent of taxpayers will e-file 2008 tax returns. The IRS encourages this because it is more efficient and more cost-effective to process.

Private companies benefit in a number of ways. First, it allows them to introduce their product to a variety of taxpayers. Many companies offer a variety of software packages above and beyond preparation of tax returns and this provides an excellent way to introduce those products to the public. Furthermore, the free tax preparation software only applies to federal returns not state returns.

After using the free service for a federal return, these companies will offer to sell the software to prepare your Michigan return. There are many companies that participate in the free tax file system that also provide free state tax preparation software.

The only way to take advantage of free tax software is through the IRS Web site. If you go to the tax preparation company Web site directly, you

will be charged.

For those who don't qualify for free software, can you/should you prepare your return? Over the years, taxes have become more complex. It is virtually impossible for the average person to complete his/her tax return unassisted. I recommend hiring a professional or buying a software package. Most people, with the assistance of a software package, can prepare their own tax return.

The question I get is what tax preparation software is the best? There is no one software package that is better than the rest. Most of the popular tax preparation software is similar and it's difficult to distinguish between them. You will be in good shape no matter what system you use. However, as with all software, pay attention to what you are doing. If you think that you can mindlessly complete your tax return by using a software package, you are mistaken. Following the instructions on the software package and use last year's tax return as a guide.

Finally, when it comes to completing your tax return, take your time, don't rush and leave plenty of time to review the return before filing.

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.

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A special Valentine's treat - Food & Wine, B10

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Remember Salowich for more than record

The youth football camp was barely 20 minutes old, but it was already obvious to the parents who stood along the perimeter of the P-CEP varsity stadium field that it was going to be a productive one — well worth the \$20 registration fee.



Ed Wright

The young gridiron campers — probably close to 100 kids between the ages of 7 and 13 — were divided into even-sized groups before hustling off to the drill stations that were strategically aligned across the stadium's synthetic-turf surface.

Each station was manned by one or two high school football players, all of whom appeared enthusiastic about the prospects of spending the next several hours teaching their young peers vital techniques that may help them excel during the autumn weeks ahead.

The camp was spirited, well-organized and loaded with potential.

And then it rolled in — a massive storm cloud that, on an intimidation meter, would have outscored the one that took Dorothy and Toto for a ride in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Before you could say "Holy Chuck Gaidica!," the storm system unloaded waves of drenching rain and unyielding gusts of wind on the campers, the players, the parents, the field.

SAFETY VALVE

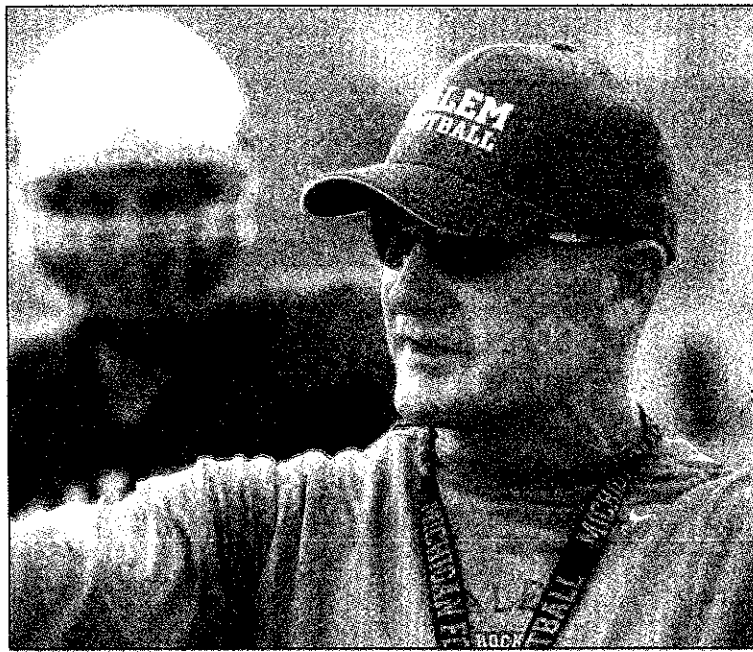
As the orchestrator of the camp — Salem head football coach Parker Salowich — sprinted from station to station, leading the rapid evacuation efforts to the Salem High School weight room a few hundred yards away, one thought must have been racing through his mind that Saturday morning last summer: "Why can't I catch a break?"

On Friday, nearly three years after he was named the Rocks' head coach and seven months after the arrival of that symbolic storm cloud, Salowich resigned.

I'll be the first to admit I don't have one strand of Vince Lombardi-caliber DNA in my body, so I can't even begin to tell you from a strategic standpoint why the Rocks won just two of the 27 games Salowich coached.

Maybe they didn't have the personnel

Please see **SALOWICH, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parker Salowich resigned as head football coach at Salem on Friday. The former North Farmington assistant coach was hired to replace Bob Cummings in April of 2006.

GAME WRAPS

Wildcats pound Zebras

Sparked by a 22-point first quarter, the Plymouth girls basketball team roared to a 51-30 victory at Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

The Wildcats' second consecutive triumph improved their record to 5-8 overall and 3-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Zebras dropped to 2-11 and 0-5, respectively.

"The key to tonight's win was our ability to get out and run," said Plymouth coach Ted Sturdivant. "We also did a nice job of executing our pressure defense."

On a night when every Plymouth player on the roster scored, Shaakira Haywood led the way with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Fellow seniors Jalesa Moise and Kelsi Robinson also sparkled, scoring seven and six points, respectively.

Stacey Klonowski added five points and nine boards while Alysse Calcaterra netted five points.

Holland Boertje paced the Zebras with 12 points.

Plymouth led 27-12 after one quarter and 42-16 after three.

The Wildcats' sank 12 of 25 free throws. Wayne was 5 of 10 from the charity stripe.

Madonna men fall

Junior forward Noah Williams' 22 points was not enough as the Madonna University men's basketball team fell Saturday to host Indiana Tech, 95-84.

The loss drops MU to 9-15 overall and 3-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Anthony Johnson led Tech (15-7, 5-3) with 22 points.

Shaun Cabrera added 18, while Brad Webster and Tim Browning chipped in with 14 and 12, respectively, for the Warriors. Webster also grabbed eight rebounds.

Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) added 12 points and seven rebounds of the bench for MU, which trailed 42-39 at intermission.

Ryan Waidman (Canton) contributed 11 points and eight rebounds, while Leroy Allen scored 10 points.

MU shot 45.6 percent from the field (31-of-68) and only 9-of-26 from three-point range (34 percent). The Crusaders were 13-of-19 from the foul line and committed 18 turnovers.

Langham leads Ocelots

The winning beat goes on for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team.

The Lady Ocelots earned their 21st straight MCAA Eastern Conference victory Saturday with a convincing 85-57 triumph against host St. Clair County CC at the Skipper Dome.

Schoolcraft, 19-2 overall and 12-0 in the conference, pulled away in the second half after leading 41-31 at intermission.

The Lady Ocelots got a game-high 23 points from Salem High's Tayler Langham, while teammates Sheray Brown and April Goins each added 21.

Sheray Brown also had a team-high 12 rebounds, while Jasmine Brown chipped in with nine points, going 4-for-4 from the field and hitting her only free throw.

Shamrockland

Balanced Catholic Central earns title; Salem pins down third, Canton fourth

Please see complete results on B4.

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi Detroit Catholic Central proved Saturday it's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.

The Shamrocks held a 10.5-point advantage over Westland John Glenn heading into the final matches of Saturday's 18th annual Observerland Invitational Wrestling Tournament hosted by Livonia Churchill.

CC, the pre-tourney favorite, then put an exclamation point on its first team title since 2003 by dominating the lower weights and winning first four individual flights to earn its seventh Observerland crown overall with a team-best 218.5 points.

Glenn finished with 181 to earn runner-up honors, with Salem (155), Canton (150.5) and Livonia Franklin (137.5) rounding out the top five in the 17-school field.

CC is ranked fourth in Division 1 behind Rockford, Holt and Hartland and was

just coming off an impressive win over Davison.

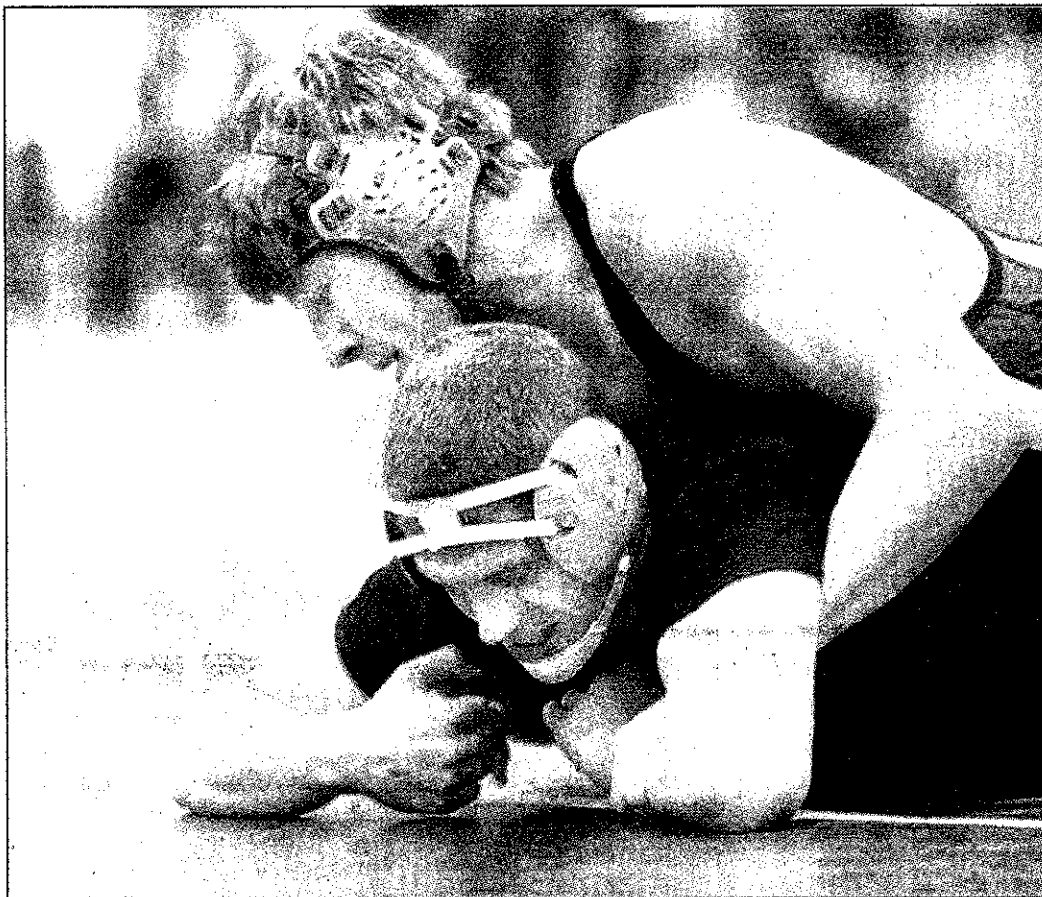
"It's very unusual for a CC team to be stronger at the lower weights, but it's something we've prided ourselves on all season," CC second-year coach Mitch Hancock said. "Usually it's the football-type guys in the upper weights who have carried us, but we've had some young guns step up."

CC took a team-best six individual titles, including wins from Todd Melick (103 pounds), Alec Mooradian (112), Juston Melick (119), Charlie Joseph (125), Trevor O'Connor (152) and Mike Kinville (189).

The Shamrocks did it with only 11 available wrestlers after voiding three weight classes — 145, 160 and 285. Two grapplers were ruled out because of skin abrasions, while another was injured.

"It hurts, but you have to do what's right for the sport and it's for the good for the greater number of people," Hancock said of the disqualifications. "Even with 11, I knew we could do it with these guys. I knew they could accomplish this. We had a good week of practice."

Please see **WRESTLING, B4**

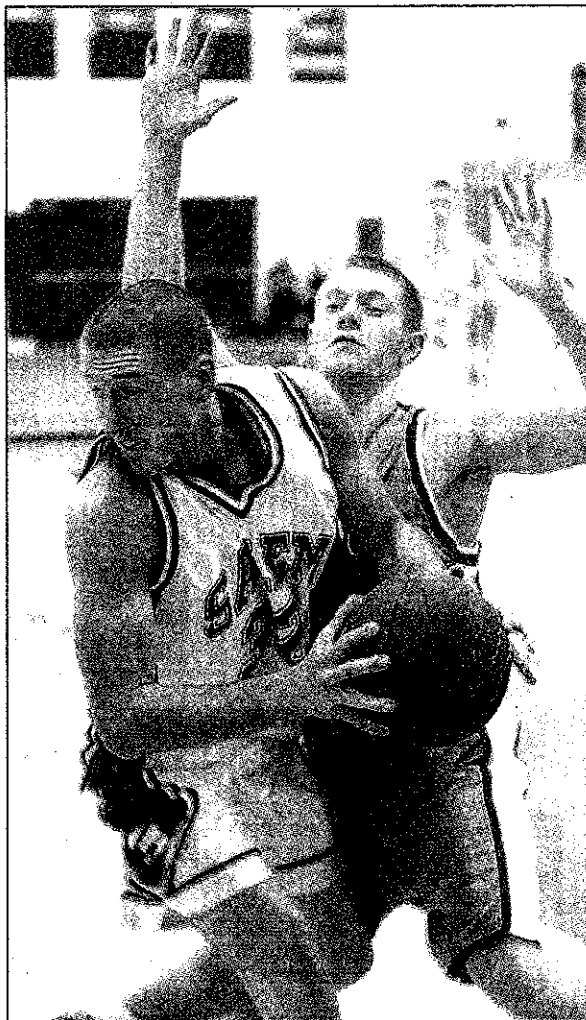


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Above, Salem's Austin Root (top) gains the upper-hand against Belleville's Kaare Cigan during a 189-pound semifinal match at Saturday's Observerland Wrestling Invitational. Root advanced to the finals before falling to CC's Mike Kinville, 3-1. At left, Canton's Carl Lucke (left) locked up with John Glenn's Joshua Austin in a 119-pound match. Lucke beat Austin, before dropping a hard-fought decision in the final match.

Salem's Jim Dexter (with ball), pictured in a game earlier this season, poured in 11 points in Tuesday night's victory over South Lyon East.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cougar sighting

Rocks hold off winless South Lyon East

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The most dangerous kind of Cougar is a hungry Cougar.

And the South Lyon East Cougars' boys basketball team was ravenous for its first win of the season heading into Tuesday night's Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division showdown with host Salem.

They were dangerous, too, but the Rocks survived, 59-56, after fighting off a game-long attack from constantly improving East, a school that won't have seniors until next fall.

"It was nip and tuck all the way; it was a battle," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose squad improved to 4-7 overall and 2-3 in the division. "The lead went back and forth the whole game. We changed our defense up in the second half and started trapping some because they were hitting their outside shots."

Brodie couldn't rest easy until Heath Parling calmly drained a pair of free throws with three seconds left to give the Rocks their final margin of victory.

"They're an up-and-coming team," Brodie

said of East. "I talked to their coach before the game and he said they're getting it going. They have a good ball club."

Steady senior forward Joe Posler led the winners with 14 points. Senior forward Jim Dexter and junior forward Jake Peterson both registered 11 points while senior post player Courtney Frazier contributed 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

"Courtney and Jimmy Dexter both made a couple of key buckets down the stretch for us," Brodie added.

The Cougars, who have lost their last three games by a combined six points, were led by Blake Jones, who netted 16.

East led 16-12 after one quarter before Salem bounced back to take a 28-27 halftime lead.

The Cougars regained the advantage, 45-44, with eight minutes left, but couldn't eclipse the more-experienced Rocks.

Salem nailed eight of 13 free throws while the Cougars went 2 for 6 from the line. The Rocks host Northville in a rare Thursday night game tonight.

The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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SALOWICH

FROM PAGE B1

necessary to execute Salowich's intricate spread offense.

Maybe their opponents were just a little bigger, a little faster and a little stronger. I'm not exactly sure.

But after observing Salowich the past three years, I'm confident of two things:

1. The 25 losses weren't the result of a lack of effort and passion; and
2. The guy didn't get a lot of breaks.

BAD BREAK NO. 1

My first face-to-face meeting with Salowich came in August 2006 in an unlit Pioneer Middle School hallway. The Rocks' two-a-day practices that year — Salowich's first as coach — were moved to Pioneer because of ongoing construction work at Salem.

Before I located Salowich in his makeshift office, I walked through halls lined by tired, sweaty players who were taking a well-deserved break between that day's two practices.

The situation was comparable to asking a very large family to spend a couple of

weeks in a Motel 6 while their home was being rebuilt. It was not, to say the least, the ideal setting for someone who was kicking off his high school head-coaching career.

NO EXCUSES

But Salowich didn't lament the inconvenient setup. Instead, he accepted it with an "It-is-what-it-is-so-let's-make-the-best-of-it" attitude.

And what I found most impressive about Salowich the ensuing three years was that this positive, always-look-ahead attitude never wavered — not even in the face of 25 losses in 27 games.

While he may not have improved the school's all-time winning percentage during his tenure, Salowich did leave a lot of positive marks on Salem.

He played a major role in renovating the school's weight room and locker room.

He instituted an annual bond-building rope-climbing exercise that Salem players enthusiastically participated in each summer and, most importantly, he nearly doubled the size of the program in terms of the number of players — despite the fact he faced the daunting obstacle

of not having a teaching job at the school.

These are the things I will remember most when I look back on Parker Salowich's three years at Salem.

FITTING ANECDOTE

After waiting close to two hours for the stubborn storm to pass that Saturday morning last summer, with the young campers getting antsy waiting indoors, a steady rain still falling and the field getting more damp by the minute, Salowich reluctantly announced that the rest of the day's activities — the ones he had diligently planned the

details for weeks in advance — would be cancelled.

And then — wouldn't you know it? — not more than 15 minutes later, as the campers' parents' cars pulled out of the Salem parking lot and headed for home, the clouds parted and the sun shone.

At which point, Parker Salowich must have looked up to the Salem blue sky and asked himself, "Why can't I get a break?"

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Dustin Piepsney
Memorial fundraiser

The Canton Wrestling Club Boosters Little Kids Club has organized a fundraiser in the memory of 13-year-old Dustin Piepsney, one of the club's former wrestlers who passed away on Dec. 12.

The fund-raising event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Buffalo Wild Wings, which is located at 41980 Ford Rd. in Canton.

A 20-percent-off-all-purchases certificate can be downloaded off the www.cantonchiefs.com Web site. All proceeds from the certificates will be donated to the Dustin Piepsney Memorial Fund.

Dustin was an eighth-grader at East Middle School at the time of his death.

Free open skate
at Arctic Edge

In celebration of the 4th Annual Hockey Day in Michigan, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will be offering a free public open skate on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Skate rentals will be available for \$3 based on availability.

The "Declan's at the Edge" concession stand will be offering a hot dog, bag of chips and small fountain drink for just \$3 during the open skate.

Hockey Day in Michigan is a state-wide initiative to celebrate the game of hockey and all those involved at all levels and to expose hockey to new audiences.

For more information, call the Arctic Edge at (734) 487-7777.

John Glenn edges Canton boys hoop team in OT thriller, 75-74

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Notice to all fans who attended Tuesday night's Westland John Glenn-Canton boys basketball game: You can exhale now.

In a breath-taking overtime thriller, the 6-4 Rockets prevailed 75-74 to join the Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division log-jam.

Thanks to Plymouth's 57-46 upset victory over previously unbeaten-in-the-division Wayne Memorial Tuesday night, five teams — including the Rockets (2-3) and the Chiefs (3-2) — are within two games of first place.

"That was a great game to be a part of," said Canton coach Dan Colligan, whose team slipped to 6-5 overall. "I was proud of the way our guys played the entire game. Our first lead of didn't come until overtime, so we were

battling back most of the night."

Junior guard Austin Anderson was the catalyst of the John Glenn attack, netting 30 points. Anderson was nearly flawless at the free throw line, sinking 10 of 11 attempts.

Junior Jeremy Langford, Anderson's back-court running mate, also excelled, contributing 16 points and a late-game steal that led to Anderson's eventual game-winning layup.

Dorian Prather chipped in with 14 points for Glenn.

Canton sophomore guard Dietrich Lever continued to play at a higher level, registering 26 points, eight assists and five steals.

Marlan Glenn tallied 14 points for the Chiefs while junior forward Kevin Weisz added nine.

Trailing 67-65 with 23 seconds left, Canton forced the OT when Glenn knocked the ball from a Glenn player and into the

hands of Lever, whose scored the equalizer.

A similar scenario unfolded for the Chiefs with less than two minutes to go in the extra session when, trailing by two, senior guard Sherif Hassanien buried a three-pointer to put the Chiefs ahead 72-71.

Canton regained possession of the ball, but only temporarily as Langford stole an in-bounds pass and pushed the ball to Anderson, whose layup gave Glenn the lead for good, 73-72.

Anderson added two final-minute free throws to put the Rockets up 75-72.

Dan Stoney's last-second tip-in accounted for the Chiefs' final points.

Glenn led 39-35 at the half and 55-52 after three stanzas.

Canton made 10 of 15 free throws. The Rockets buried half of their 12 shots from the charity stripe.

Salem girls hoop team thumps Cougars, 59-9

Salem's girls basketball team rolled to a 59-9 triumph over South Lyon East Tuesday night in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division contest played in the Cougars' gym.

The victory improved the Rocks' record to 6-7 overall and 4-1 in the Central. The Cougars slipped to 1-12 and 0-5, respectively.

"We're really starting to play well as a team," Salem coach

GIRLS PREP HOOP

Fred Thomann said.

The Rocks were never threatened, building leads of 8-0 after one quarter, 18-2 at the half and 38-2 with eight minutes to play.

Sara Stone led all scorers with 15 points. Chelsea Davis turned in a solid, all-around performance, tallying 11 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Tracy Whalen added nine points and five assists while sophomore guard Heidi Schmidt netted six points.

Four players scored four points for the Rocks: Brett deBear, Victoria Brotz, Tara Durocher and Tabitha Mann.

Both teams shot 50 percent from the free throw line.

Salem travels to Northville tonight for a rare Thursday night game. The opening tip is slated for 7 p.m.

CANTON 63, JOHN GLENN

37: On Tuesday at Glenn, the Chiefs led 28-16 at the half and never looked back to improve their record to 11-2 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South Division. The Rockets slipped to 5-8 and 1-4, respectively.

CarolAnn Sexauer led the Chiefs with 16 points. Melanie Pickert added 12 and Kayla Bridges tossed in 11.

John Glenn was paced by Chanel Payne, who twined 14.

Canton extended its lead to 50-27 with a 22-point third quarter.

The Chiefs connected on 11 of 19 free throws. John Glenn hit 13 of 16 from the line.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

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, 7 p.m.

Oakland Christian at PCA, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

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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.

BOYS PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Feb. 6

Salem at Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Friday, Feb. 6

Canton, Plymouth at KLAA Quad, 5:30 p.m.

KLAA Quad at Salem, 5:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

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

Saturday, Feb. 7

Canton Invitational at

Plymouth High School, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Feb. 7

Siena Heights at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Kirtland CC, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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

(Compware), 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Bellefonte at Plymouth

(Compware), 7 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Farmington gymnasts edge Canton

Farmington's formidable gymnastics team proved to be a little too strong for fall-prone Canton Monday night in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Farmington earned a 145.825-140.150 victory to remain unbeaten in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The Chiefs slipped to 4-2.

"We literally fell out of contention," quipped Canton coach John Cunningham. "We were falling left and right. Despite that, I thought the girls had a good meet. You get rid of some

of those falls and a 140 score turns into a 143 or 144."

Canton was led by third-place all-arounder Robyn Piwowar, who racked up a score of 36.375. The Chiefs' Cathy Huang placed fifth in the all-around with 34.25 and Alex Hamric was sixth at 33.30.

Piwowar placed second on the vault (9.35), sixth on the bars (8.75), in a second-place tie on beam (8.7) and second in the floor exercise event.

Huang placed fourth on the vault (9.2), fifth on the bars (8.95) and fifth on the floor (9.20).

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WRESTLING

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We practice hard for five days and then the match is like a day off to them."

Glenn put four in the finals, but lost three head-to-head bouts with the Shamrocks.

"CC is an impressive team, solid top to bottom," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "We're impressive in the lower weights, and they beat us in all three. Even with the two kids DQ'ed out, they deserved it."

Salem, which captured third place, hasn't won an Observerland title since 1998, but is making a resurgence this season.

Senior Sam Lepper (215) came home with an individual title, while Austin Root



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Plymouth's Ahmad Fawaz (bottom) looks to gain leverage against Farmington's Derek Southerland during Saturday's Observerland Wrestling Invitational.

(189) was runner-up to CC's Kinville.

"The kids are working great, working together and work-

ing hard," Salem coach Greg Woohuk said. "When Sam (Lepper) was a freshman, he had no wins. As a sophomore,

he had a couple. He started coming around as a junior and now he's put his whole being into wrestling. We hope it's infectious with the other kids."

Woohuk hopes the Rocks have turned the corner this season. They currently sport a 12-4 dual-match record and lead the KLAA Central Division at 3-0.

"It can be done," Woohuk said. "Jeremy Henderson started in the ninth grade and became a state champ. He did it in 2006. It's done with hard work and dedication. And now we finally have middle school wrestling."

Canton came away with three individual titles, led by upper weights MVP Brent Winekoff (145), who pinned Garden City's Tyler Twigg in 2:22 for the title. Jeremy Filippelli (130) and Donnie

Watkins (135) also garnered firsts.

Franklin boasted a pair of individual winners — Don Stratz at 160 and Mike Modes at 285. Stratz beat Canton's Keith Zech, 10-3, while Modes avenged a 7-2 dual-meet loss three days earlier to Glenn's Dustin Gajowiak with a 2-1 overtime win.

The 171-pound final also went to OT, with Plymouth's Vince Rizzo outlasting Churchill's Curtis Castleberry, 12-5.

One of the most impressive performers on the day was RU senior Dwuan Burris, a 140-pounder who came in as the fourth seed.

Burris used his quickness and brute strength to pin second seed Raz Markosian of Livonia Stevenson, in 1:57, for the championship. He also

upended top-seeded Jimmy Mann of Westland John Glenn, 1-0, in the semifinals. Mann, a transfer from New Boston Huron, is a three-time state qualifier.

"Both of his losses were at 145," RU second-year coach Marcelle Roberson said. "He hasn't wrestled since his freshman year. He's always had the talent, but now he's putting it together in the classroom, which will get him somewhere. He's an athlete."

Meanwhile, it was another highly competitive tournament.

"This tourney gets more solid every year," Polk said. "You've got your top four or five teams, then you get some really good talent sprinkled in."

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PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF PLYMOUTH
CITY HALL
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

February 16, 2009
7:00 P.M.

LWCF GRANT APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to take comments regarding the submission of a LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) Grant Application for improvements at Don Massey Field. It is the City's intention to apply for grant assistance for the construction of a permanent restroom facility as well as a shade structure over the bleachers at Don Massey Field.

Physically challenged persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City offices at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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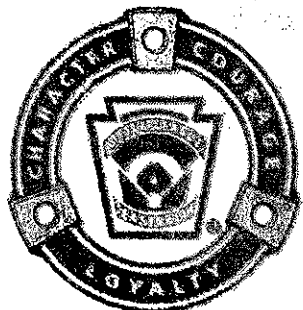
PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, February 16, 2008 @ NOON. TATE & CO. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Extra Space Storage, 6729 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48187 @ NOON.

Todd, Edna	J345 10x10	Gas stove & range, Washer, Dryer, Professional grade Recording & Sound Mixer, Wheel barrow, 7+ boxes of misc. goods, child walker, high chair, and crate with misc. toys.
Kearney, Julie	F229 5x10	Curio cabinet, 8 ft. aluminum "a-frame" ladder, 4+ totes, 5+ misc. boxes of paint and other household goods.
Smith, Dennis	C73 5x5	Standing dolly, skill saw, 2 ladders, misc. boxes & totes, many misc. tools.

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Plymouth-Canton
Little LeagueSpring Registration
Walk-in Registration

Jan. 24, 2009
12-5pm • High Velocity Sports
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Feb. 14, 2009
11am-4pm • Plaza Lanes
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18th OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Jan. 31 at Livonia Churchill H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 218.5 points; 2. Westland John Glenn, 181.3; 3. Salem, 155; 4. Canton, 150.5; 5. Livonia Franklin, 137.5; 6. Belleville, 117; 7. Farmington Hills Harrison, 92.5; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 76; 9. Livonia Churchill, 68.5; 10. North Farmington, 62.5; 11. Plymouth, 57; 12. Farmington, 53; 13. Lutheran High Westland, 48; 14. Garden City, 39.5; 15. Wayne Memorial, 36; 16. Redford Union, 28.5; 17. Livonia Clarenceville, 19.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: Todd Melick (CC) won by major decision over Steven Wakeford (WJG), 13-0; 3rd place: Nick Kim (Salem) pinned Said Yousif (P), 2:08; 5th place: Jacob Meadows (LC) p. Matt Conn (FHH), 2:54.

112: Alec Mooradian (CC) dec. Anthony Pavlich (WJG), 3-2; 3rd: Brendan Papin (Bell.) won by major dec. over Ian Phillips (Salem), 9-0; 5th: Steve Tuyu (LF) won by major dec. over Jordan Russell (NF), 12-2.

119: Juston Melick (CC) won by major dec. over Carl Lucke

(Canton), 9-0; 3rd: Joshua Austin (WJG) dec. Matt Jaisle (NF), 7-2; 5th: Ali Bajrami (Farm.) dec. Brad LaRose (WJG), 10-3.

125: Charlie Joseph (CC) dec. Mark Thompson (WJG), 10-9; 3rd: Lait Francis (WJG) dec. Justin Jacobsen (LF), 6-5; 5th: John Bills (Salem) p. Garrett Fisk (NF), 1:13.

130: Jeremy Filippelli (Canton) dec. Doug Eldridge (CC), 8-5; 3rd: Kevin Beazley (FHH) p. Jon Bannoura (LC), 4:55; 5th: James Middleditch (Salem) p. Tyler Schneider (Bell.), 1:22.

135: Donnie Watkins (Canton) dec. Tommy Kozak (Bell.), 6-2; 3rd: Devin Hines (WM), dec. Mitch Gonzales (LS), 12-11; 5th: Mikkel Tipton (WJG) dec. Roland Neal (CC), 10-4.

140: Dwuan Burris (RU) p. Raz Markosian (LS), 1:57; 3rd: James Mann (WJG) dec. Kevin Sullivan (CC), 7-2; 5th: Jake Johnson (CC) dec. Nick Tomski (Farm.), 7-3.

145: Brent Winekoff (Canton) p. Tyler Twigg (GC), 2:22; 3rd: Robbie Schultz (Salem) dec. Kirk Tomski (Farm.), 9-3; 5th: Mike Johnson (WJG) dec. Matt Russell (NF), 7-6.

152: Trevor O'Connor (CC) won by major dec. over Elvin Ferreira (LF), 8-0; 3rd: Anthony Abra (Canton) dec. Grant Morgan (LC), 12-8; 5th: Jeff Adkins (WJG) p. Chris Sweet (Salem), 1:55.

160: Don Stratz (LF) dec. Keith Zech (Canton), 10-3; 3rd: Stephen Kemp (WJG) dec. Zaid Ammari (WJG), 7-0; 5th: Jimmy Gross (Salem) dec. Marcell Snodgrass (FHH), 10-5.

171: Vince Rizzo (P) dec. Curtis Castleberry, 12-5 (OT); 3rd: Rahmi Chaghouri (NF) dec. Alex Juchartz (Bell.), 11-5; 5th: Garrett Hay (LF) won by major dec. over Zach Redden (WJG), 11-3.

189: Mike Kinville (CC) dec. Austin Root (Salem), 3-1; 3rd: Kaare Cigan (Bell.) dec. Andrew Schramm (LS), 9-3; 5th: Zach Leuenberger (LF) p. Alex Winn (P), 2:14.

215: Sam Lepper (Salem) won by major dec. over Forrest Sampson (Bell.), 14-4; 3rd: Ryan Roberts (FHH) p. Joe Hapalaia (LC), 13-2; 5th: Cody Hay (LF) won by major dec. over Craig Kowalsky (WJG), 13-5.

285: Mike Modes (LF) dec. Dustin Gajowiak (WJG), 2-1 (OT); 3rd: Mark Mouawad (FHH) p. Dylan Wells (Farm.), 3:15; 5th: Dustin Staton (Bell.) p. Blake Abbey (Salem), 4:18.

MVPs: Burris (RU), 140 (lower weights); Winekoff (Canton), 145 (upper weights).

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NOTICE OF SALE

The following vehicles will be sold at Public Auction for cash to satisfy lien pursuant to F.S. 713.78 on February 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

1992 Pontiac	Bonneville SSE	1G2HZ52L5N1246920
1995 Plymouth	Voyager	2P4GH2530SR294588
1993 Geo	Storm	J81RF2369P7536928
1993 Chevrolet	Lumina	2G1WL54T9P1142308
1973 Chevrolet	Caprice	1N67R3S170146
2002 Ford	Focus/SE/SE Co	1FAPP34P52W323092
2000 Chrysler	Concorde LX	2C3HD46R0YH234347
2002 Dodge	Neon SE	1B3ES46C42D598986
1995 Saturn		1G8ZH528KSZ19962
2007 Mercury	Mountaineer Lux	4M2EU47EXTUJ19402

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2009 for the following:

PROFESSIONAL MARKETING PROJECT
MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 27, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams. Staff Present: Executive Director Santomauro, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Fire Chief Rorabacher. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as amended adding G-11. Consider Settlement in a Lawsuit filed by Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. against Canton for Extra Work on the Pilgrim Hills Water and Sewer Project. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to approve the Board Minutes of January 13, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Team Leadership Minutes of January 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR)

Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the reappointment of John Burdzik, James Malinowski, Garad Markey, Donald Nash and Anthony Rosati to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire March 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT. (SUPERVISOR)

Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to reappoint Mr. Damon Garrett and Mr. Brad Cambridge to the Canton Township Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2011. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING ST. THOMAS A' BECKET'S MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve special event status and placement of signs at the attached list of locations for St. Thomas A' Becket's Mom to Mom Sale which will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2009 at 555 Lilley Road. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE HOME IMPROVEMENT EXPO. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Home Improvement Expo. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER MERIT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to appoint Mr. Gregory Demopoulos to fill the board representative position on the Merit Commission, for a six-year term to expire on December 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR MAPCO TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 2007-442. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for Mapco to amend the industrial facilities exemption certificate no. 2007-442. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. AWARD PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL PUBLICATIONS. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award of contract for the Charter Township of Canton's legal publications to the Journal Newspaper at \$5.25 per column inch (account No. 101-00.900.0010 Printing and Publishing Legals). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Williams, Taj. Nays: Caccamo. Abstain: Anthony (conflict of interest) Motion carried. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award of contract the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper for the publication of local classified employment advertising as required (account No. 101-200.900.0020 Printing and Publishing Classifieds). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, McLaughlin, LaJoy, Williams, Taj. Nays: Caccamo. Abstain: Anthony (conflict of interest) Motion carried. Item 3. CONSIDER RE-APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE WAL-MART SUPERCENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution to reapprove the site plan for Wal-Mart Supercenter. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF THREE (3) RICOH AFICIO MP 4000 SPF DIGITAL SCANNER, PRINTER, COPIER AND FAX MACHINES FOR PLANNING SERVICES, BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES AND MSD/DDA. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the purchase of three Ricoh Aficio MP 4000 SPF copiers from Ricoh through the U.S.

Communities Government Purchasing Alliance in an amount not to exceed \$7,982 per copier, for a grand total of \$23,946 (Building & Inspection Services Capital Outlay Account #101-371-970.0060 and Planning Services Capital Outlay Account #101-853-970.0060. MSD and the DDA have \$4,000 budgeted each in Account #101-305-970.0060 and Account #248-730-970.0060 respectively). Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MANHOLE ENCAPSULATION SYSTEM FROM HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS FOR SANITARY SEWER AND STORM SEWER STRUCTURES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$19,991.75 from Account #592-537.930.0050 to HD Supply Waterworks to purchase the manhole encapsulation system supplies for placement around the sanitary sewer and storm water manhole structures being adjusted as part of the 2009 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR HYDRO DESIGNS INCORPORATED TO IMPLEMENT CANTON'S CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo that Canton Township award the professional service contract extension to HydroDesigns, Inc. to provide management services and inspections for the Township's Cross Connection Control Program for an amount of \$36,432.00 per year (Account Number 592-538-801.0050). Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE ROUND 9 LOWER ROUGE RIVER RECREATIONAL TRAIL AND BRIDGES GRANT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Taj to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Inter-Agency Agreement with Wayne County for the Round 9 Lower Rouge River Recreational Trail and Bridges Project. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. AWARD CONTRACT FOR PORTABLE TOILETS FOR 2009 SEASON. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for portable toilets for the 2009 season to John's Sanitation, Inc. of 24700 Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178 in the amount of \$9,241.50 to be taken from the following accounts: \$1,627.50 from account# 101-270-81.801.0050 (Flodin Park-Contracted Services), \$1,627.50 from account #101-270-83.801.0050 (Freedom Park-Contracted Services), \$1,627.50 from account # 101-270-85.801.0050 (Griffin Park-Contracted Services), \$4,359.00 from account # 101-270-88.801.0050 (Other Sites - Contracted Services). Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. PURCHASE OF DIGITAL SCANNER, PRINTER, COPIER AND FAX MACHINE FOR ASSESSING. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio MP4000SPF in an amount not to exceed \$7,982 (101-209.970.0060 Capital Outlay Office Equipment and furniture) from Ricoh through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA FOR DISPATCH. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the service agreement for on the Public Safety Dispatch System, Centra Com with Motorola, 13108 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693 for an amount of \$17,901.72, funds to come from E-911 Contracted Services 261-346-34.801.0050. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. CONSIDER SETTLEMENT IN A LAWSUIT FILED BY LAWRENCE M. CLARKE, INC. AGAINST CANTON FOR EXTRA WORK ON THE PILGRIM HILLS WATER AND SEWER PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the terms of the court-entered settlement between Lawrence M. Clarke and Canton Township resolving claims for extra work on the Pilgrim Hills Water and Sewer Project as outlined in the attorney's letter dated January 26, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor LaJoy stated there will be a study session meeting on February 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. followed by a closed session for employee negotiations in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. ADJOURN: Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

PHIL LAJOY, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site <http://www.canton-mi.org>

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Canton Strictly Business

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Special celebration

★ Vintner's Canton Winery (8515 N. Lilley Road), winner of 12 awards from WineMaker Magazine, is hosting "An Icy Affair" on February 13 and 14. On Friday, Feb. 13, sample five ice and ice styled wines and enjoy a chocolate fountain from 7-9 p.m. This adult only event is \$15 per person and entitles guests to tastes of Vintner's Canton's White Ice, Raspberry Ice, Mango Ice, Bello Bacio - a cherry chocolate ice styled dessert wine and Dolcezza - a red ice styled dessert wine and winner of a Bronze Medal from WineMaker Magazine. Saturday, February 14 beginning at 1 p.m. enjoy ice carving demonstrations by Mary Daniels and students from the Culinary Arts Program at Schoolcraft College will be honing their skills on 300 pound ice blocks. Children between 3 and 10 are invited to participate in an Icy Art Competition from 1-2:30 p.m. with the winner receiving a \$25 Master Card gift card. At 7 p.m. on Saturday, the event will feature An Icy Affair Dinner (singles

welcome). Enjoy dining in the ambience of the winery with a special menu, developed and served by "A Family Affair Catering" of Plymouth, paired with a tasting of Vintner's Canton wines. The cost is \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Reservations are limited to 32 and must be confirmed by Feb. 9. Vintner's Canton Winery, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary, is a full service Winery featuring 36 styles of wine made on premise. Vintner's Canton also offers free, private wine tasting parties as well as open wine tasting during winery hours. Vintner's Canton Winery can assist you in creating, bottling and labeling your own vintage wine, creating custom wedding wine favors, or creating custom wine for any of life's celebrations. Visit their Web site at www.vintner-canton.com for more information including winery hours and directions.

Free skating

★ In celebration of the 4th annual Hockey Day in Michigan, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena of Canton will be offering a free public open

skate on Saturday Feb. 14, from 1-2:50 p.m. Skate rentals will be available for \$3 a pair based on availability. Declan's at the Edge concession stand will be offering a hotdog, bag of chips, and small fountain drink for just \$3 during the open skate. For more information please call the Arctic Edge front office at (734) 487-7777, or visit www.arcticarenas.com.

Instructional classes

★ Dr. Brian Brackney, a Canton-based chiropractor with offices located at 8524 N. Canton Center Road, is offering health and wellness classes to the public at no charge. They are all held at his office on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. and last a half hour. Topics of the classes include Live Well, Wellness 365, CSI: Lessons of Life from the Dead, Sleep Well, Explosive Energy, Trigger Point Massage, Stress Reduction Workshop, Move Well, Eat Well, Think Well (Paradigms), and Qi Gong. For more information, including dates for specific classes, contact Brackney at (734) 455-4444.



SEND IT

Get in on the new Strictly Business page of the *Canton Observer* by sending us your business news, promotions, events or milestones.

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Our new local business page runs each Thursday in your *Canton Observer*. We welcome comments and suggestions, too. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Susan and Kevin Moutsatson own Entree Vous.

Fresh meals are ready to go at Entree Vous

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

Susan Moutsatson: Entree Vous is a meal preparation kitchen that offers busy families and people on the go great tasting, fresh made meals to have on hand at home to simply heat on the stove top or pop in the oven. We feature 14 different terrific entrees each month, as well as tantalizing appetizers, flavorful sides and tasty desserts. At only \$4-\$5/per serving, it is an economical way to bring meals to your dinner table that your family will enjoy. If you are a busy person without time to cook, call in an order, and let us assemble your meals at no extra charge. Simply pop by the kitchen to pick it up.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Susan Moutsatson: Our kitchen is unique because we offer meal prep private parties, where people can gather and enjoy chatting with one another, while preparing great entrees, sipping on your favorite beverage, and enjoy trying samples of our terrific meals. You can have your party be a fun night out and receive a hostess bonus gift certificate as our thanks for hosting a party at our kitchen, or receive a percentage back of your party's total sales to give to a local charity that you hold near and dear to your heart.

Observer: How did you first decide

ENTREE VOUS

Address: 43347 Joy Road, Canton (corner of Joy and Morton Taylor roads)

Your name: Owners Kevin and Susan Moutsatson

Your hometown: Van Buren Township

Business opened when?: May, 2007

Number of employees: 2

Your business specialty: Delicious, nutritious, fresh made meals ready to go for your busy family!

Hours of operation: Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday.

Business phone/Web site: (734) 454-3690, www.entreevous.com. Phone in a pick up order and mention this Observer article and receive a 10 percent discount.

to open your own business?

Susan Moutsatson: We decided to open a business that would highlight our talents. With Kevin being a trained chef and me in hospitality management, it was a great foundation to build our meal prep kitchen and offer our guests terrific food quality and great taste. We also wanted to make our kitchen inviting, a fun place to make meals, or drop by and enjoy the convenience of picking up meals to give the Canton community families less time spent in their own kitchen, and more time to enjoy quality family dining together.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in the Canton community?

Susan Moutsatson: We decided to locate our kitchen in the Canton community, initially because I grew up in the Plymouth/Canton area, and the fact we saw the need

here in Canton for busy families on the go, many with both parents working outside of the home, to have a healthier alternative to fast food, and give our community families the chance to have meals ready to go at home.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Susan Moutsatson: For our grand opening, we decided to give all the people that helped us get started the opportunity to come in to our kitchen to make meals for their families as a gift to them from us. Everyone made one additional meal each that was donated to First Step, a terrific local charity organization here in Canton. We have always wanted to give back to our community and owning a business is a way to do that.

Parks and recreation board

Greg Hohenberger, of Canton, has been elected treasurer of the Michigan Park and Recreation Association Board. MRPA is an organization of nearly 2,000 professionals dedicated to creating community through people, parks and programs. Hohenberger is the business supervisor of Canton Leisure Services, and has served as treasurer for MRPA since 2006.

"It is an honor to serve again on the MRPA board. I look forward to using my business and recreation background to further the goals of MRPA, and to inform Michigan residents about the crucial role parks and recreation facilities play in our everyday lives," said Hohenberger. "Greg has played a crucial part in the implementation of several MRPA board initiatives," said Dennis Schornack, executive director of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. "His continued presence on the board will ensure that these programs succeed, and that the people

of Michigan are informed about the role that professionally-managed parks and recreation programs play in our quality of life, the property values of our homes, the improvement of public health and the protection of the environment."

Hohenberger began his second term this week during the annual MRPA Conference and Trade Show in Dearborn. For more information about MRPA, visit www.mrpaonline.org.

Nicholas to speak

Canton's June Nicholas, a certified American Heart Association instructor, will be the guest speaker when the Canton Business & Professional Women host their next meeting from 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9 at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road, Canton (located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road).

With February being National Heart Month, Nicholas will discuss heart attacks in women, as well as other medical emergencies and their symptoms.

Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 6, by calling June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561, or e-mailing her at junenicholas@comcast.net.



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RELIGION CALENDAR

To submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-second level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Linda Chomin. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

FEBRUARY

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. to 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 dherriman@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.

Couples prayer series
7-9 p.m. Wednesday, through Feb. 18, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. Cost is \$55 per couple. Those unable to pay because of financial difficulty may register and join the group. To register, visit www.coupleprayer.org or send e-mail to davidjconrad@staidanilivonia.org. The six-week Couples Prayer Series is for married or engaged couples, and designed to nurture a life-long pattern of sharing daily prayer together.

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.

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.

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.livonfaith.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.

ENDOW
■ St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Course VI, called "Salvifici Doloris" addresses the Christian meaning of suffering. Based on the writing of Pope John Paul II, this is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, in the convent meeting room. The class began Jan. 13. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Mulieris Dignitatem" (On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), the Course II group, meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays (began Jan. 22), in the convent meeting room behind the rectory, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. Women of all ages and faiths are welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www.endowonline.com.

■ St. Aidan Catholic Church also offers ENDOW. The eight-session course focuses on the ideas about human beings and God that St. Thomas Aquinas explores in his work Summa Theologiae, 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, through March 5, in the parish office conference room at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$60 for materials. Registration required. Visit www.endowonline.com or call (734) 425-5950. Facilitator is Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or mtschmidt@sbccglobal.net.

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, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. Bible study 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Call (734) 427-3660.

Hall rental
Volkmars Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-

3660.

Parkinson Support
Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia. And 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call Wendy first at (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous Information visit www.oa.org or call (248) 559-7722.

Mid-week Service
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church offers a Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. in the church at 9600 Leveine, Redford. Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m.

New worship schedule
Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Bible study
St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of the Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the rectory. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

Wednesday activities
Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebrew Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore. For information, visit www.gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

Thursday fellowship dinner
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church is open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

Worship schedule
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

Sunday worship
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www.hischurch.us.

Sanskrit chanting
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Church schedule
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

Single Place Ministry
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Prince of Peace Church
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help

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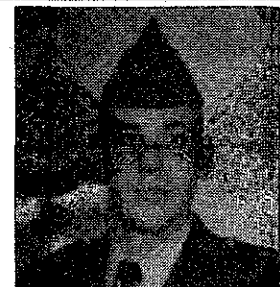
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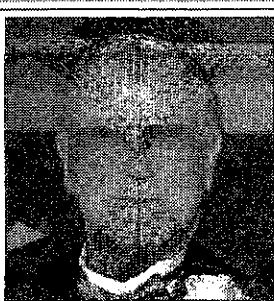
NANCY BOBCEAN

My Darling, I will love you forever. My heart will always be with you. Miss you so much. Your loving husband, Mel. Nancy was born in Warren, Michigan on July 28, 1938 and graduated from Mt. Clemens High School. She married her husband, Mel, and they moved to Plymouth where they raised their family. Early in life, Nancy was a member of the Plymouth Newcomers, was a Girl Scout leader for many years and worked at Kresges. She battled Multiple Sclerosis for 38 years. Nancy loved camping, gardening, sewing, and celebrations with her family. She, along with her family, was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth where she and her husband were involved with the Merry Methodists early on. Nancy was a humble example of strength and perseverance to all who knew her. She was devoted to her family, encouraged them and helped guide them daily. She was the heart of her family and will be dearly missed. She is survived by her husband, Mel, and her children Julie Ash, Laura (Jim) Freeman and Kurt (Donna) Bobcean. Also surviving are grandchildren Colton, Meghan, Audrey, Luke, Kayla, Sagan, and Noah, sisters Janet and Karen and brother James. Visitation Saturday, February 7, 2009 10:30 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 12 noon from the 1st United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial, Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at schrader-howell.com



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 Porcaro, MI. Grandson of Dan and Cathie Devlin of MI and Jack Fruth of FL. Memorial Service 1-6 p.m. Feb. 14, 2008 at 9318 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48185. Contributions to Landon A. Arquette Education Fund.



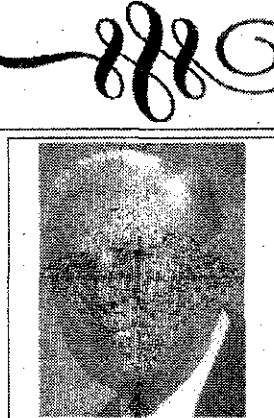
JOHN E. DUNSMORE

Age 79, of Lake Orion. January 27, 2009, passed away peacefully with his family and friends by his side. He is the beloved father to Lorrie (Russ) Hall of Minnesota and Gale (Tom) Marion of Oxford. Loving grandfather to Amy (Nick) Rettinger and John Hall of Minnesota, Abby Marion and the most precious and recently deceased, Mac Marion of Oxford. John was born in Stratford, Ontario, on October 11, 1929. He joined the U.S. Army in 1948 and is a Korean War veteran. Following his military service, he lived in Rochester for many years and worked for the Martin Bus Lines and for his aunt and uncle, Nelda and Earl Carmichael, and the Carmichael School Bus Lines of Rochester. In 1956, he began his 40 year long career working as a test driver at the Ford Michigan Proving Grounds in Romeo where he was a dedicated and loyal employee until the day he retired and was almost always seen proudly wearing his Ford hat. He eventually moved to Lake Orion where he became a favorite friend to many, especially Nick and Tara Christi, owners of Christi's Bar & Grill, Jaqui McMahon, & Keith Flannigan, with whom he enjoyed yearly trips to Cancun, Mexico. John was a simple and genuine person who enjoyed the comfort of having good friends in his life, his own stool to sit on at his favorite bar, and the family he was very proud of. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him! A special thanks to all of the wonderful people who cared for John at Harbor Chase Memory Care facility in Auburn Hills and to In-House Hospice. Your friendship and kindness will never be forgotten! Visitation Saturday, February 7, 2009, 5-9 pm with a 7 pm service at Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell Rd., Orion. Burial Monday, February 9, 2009, 11 am at Guardian Angel Cemetery, 4701 N. Rochester Rd., Rochester. Suggested memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., Farmington Hills, MI. Online guest-book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

NANCY ROBERTS

HAAPANIEMI

Age 85. Of Livonia, MI. January 30, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.



PAUL W. MERIVIRTA

Age 83, died January 31, 2009. Beloved husband of Nancy for 59 years. Loving father of Cynthia (William) Cederholm, Steven (Candice) Merivirta, and Kurt Merivirta. Dear grandfather of Elizabeth, Jessica, Melissa, Austin, Matthew, Cullen, Caitlin, and Ethan. Dearest great-grandfather of Nathan and Jack. Also survived by his sister, Mary Watson; brother and sister-in-law Barbara and David Drisko; and many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation, Wednesday 5-9 pm and Thursday 3-8 pm at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 W. 12 Mile Rd., (two Bldgs. W. of Woodward), Berkley. Mr. Merivirta will lie in state Friday 10:30 am until the time of service 11:00 am at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21575 W. 10 Mile Rd., Southfield, 48075. Burial, White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Rd., Ste 150, Bingham Farms 48025. Share your memories at www.sawyerfuller.com

MARTHA JOAN O'CONNOR

Age 77, of Carmel, IN. Went to be with our Lord and Savior on February 2, 2009. She was born January 31, 1932 in Youngstown, Ohio and attended Youngstown State University. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Michael, Patrick O'Connor, Jr.; her children, Kevin (Donna) O'Connor, Kathleen (John) Ackerman, Margaret (Scott) Keane, Michele (Michael) Medzigan, Maureen (Jeffrey) Whiting, and John (Lauranne) O'Connor. She will be remembered lovingly by her 14 grandchildren, Amanda, Erin, Megan, Allison, Kayla, Jeffrey, Brendan, Sean, Connor, Colleen, Kelsey, Margaret, Elizabeth, and John. She will also be missed by her brother, Reverend John Summers and her sister, Mary Moran, as well as nieces, nephews and loving friends. Family and friends will gather on Saturday, February 7th from 10:30am to 11:30 am at St. Luke Catholic Church with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 12:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Catholic Church or Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.



MINERVA POPP

Age 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died peacefully February 1, 2009, surrounded by her family. Mrs. Popp was born September 20, 1921, in Highland Park, to Irmie and Sanfra Burz. She married John L. Popp, who founded Nu-Car Driveway on November 2, 1941, at St. John the Baptist Church in Detroit. Mrs. Popp was an extremely generous person who did so much for so many people, including helping many Romanian refugees. Throughout her life she experienced many health problems but always kept a positive and upbeat attitude. She had the ability to lift people up, even when she was down. Mrs. Popp always kept in touch with her family in Romania and was considered by her family to be the best mother and grandmother of all time. Mrs. Popp is survived by her daughters, Carolyn (Walt) Lindow, Violet (Philip) Vestevech, and Patricia (Michael) Raelzer and grandchildren, Johnathon Lindow, Jennifer Lindow, Wendy Vestevech, Christina Vestevech, Johnny Philip Popp Vestevech, Adam (Colleen) Raelzer, Katie Raelzer, Michael Raelzer, and Stephanie Raelzer. She is also survived by her siblings, Irmie "Jim" Burz, Aurelia "Irene" Metes, and Nicholas (Helen) Burz and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Popp is preceded in death by her husband, John. Funeral from St. John the Baptist Romanian Byzantine Rite Catholic Church, 2371 Woodstock Dr., Detroit 48203, Thursday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Wednesday 2-8pm. Sarcasta, Wednesday 7pm. Interment in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials appreciated to St. John the Baptist Church.

NORMA P. RUDZIENSKY

Age 83. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Jan. 30, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.



WM. TAYLOR BALL

Who Passed away on Feb. 5, 2004. You are dearly missed. Esther

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community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Tai Chi and strength classes

Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drop-ins welcome.

For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

Tai Chi class

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi.

This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants.

For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

Thrift store

Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

New schedule

9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages

and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

Day of service

A Day of Service and Spirituality is available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, meet and have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Worship services

Sunday worship services are at 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary), at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For more information, call (734) 637-8160. Sunday school and Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.

Celebrate Recovery

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Worship service

At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from 1 Peter. Call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes

Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those wishing to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening. For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at

(734) 421-0472.

Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Personal ministry

Due Season Christian Church is a nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

Scripture studies

From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Learner's Bible study

At 7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Unity of Livonia

Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services open to all in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 or visit www.betchaverim.com.

Detroit World Outreach

A nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service at 6:15 p.m., Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study at 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner, child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

Sunday school

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FILTER

Home tour highlights two private art collections

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O & E STAFF WRITER

Most home tours are done for the love of architecture, antiques and decor.

An upcoming Canton home tour is being conducted "For the Love of Art."

Set for 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, the tour focuses on two homes owned by avid art collectors Walt and Mary Menard and David and Judy Johnson.

The tour was staged by the Public Art Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture,

Arts & Heritage. According to volunteer Sandy Gillig, the idea was hatched when committee members visited the Johnsons' South Lyon home.

FOR THE LOVE OF ART

What: A unique home tour sponsored by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage
When: 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15
Where: The homes of art collectors Walt and Mary Menard in Plymouth, and David and Judy Johnson in South Lyon
Cost: \$40, includes bus transportation to the two homes, hors d'oeuvres, chocolates and a rose for the ladies. Shuttle service begins and ends at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
RSVP: (734) 394-5484

The Johnsons' art complements the country setting of their Victorian farm house, on land with a barn, horse and white fences.

"Their collection is mainly comprised of 19th and 20th century pastoral art — pastures, farm animals, still lifes and portraits," Gillig said.

The Menard art collection is very different. Owners of Lotus Arts Gallery in downtown Plymouth, they have their pick of work. Walt Menard said they tend to hang their most prized pieces at home.

"We have a tendency to fall in love with our inventory which we're not



"Concert on the Beach" by Yuroz, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Menard.

supposed to do," Menard said. "What I have at the house are more originals and probably more expensive works that probably aren't going to do very well at an art gallery price-wise, especially in this economy in Michigan. They're just out of reach for most people looking to purchase art."

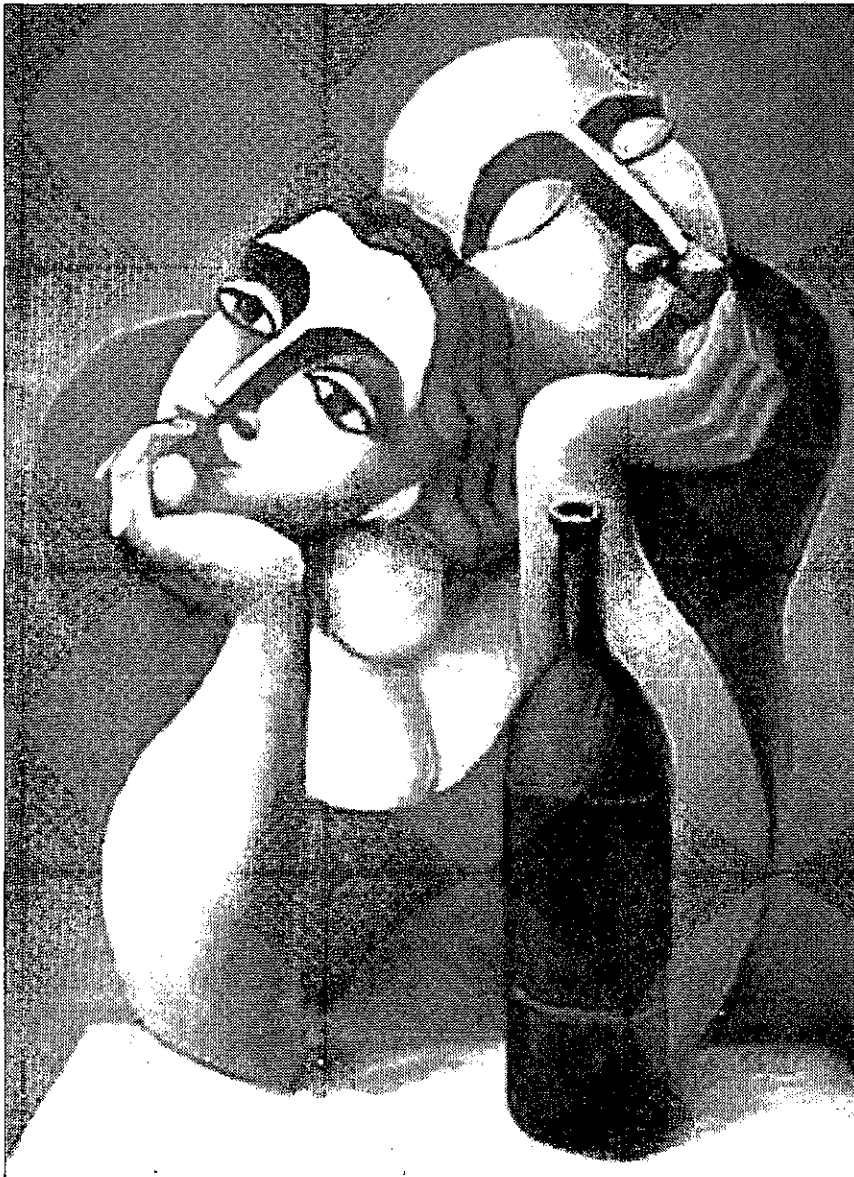
Artists on display include Edna Hibel, Salvador Dali, and the actor Anthony Quinn. Paintings by Todd White, lead animation designer for SpongeBob SquarePants, depict cosmopolitan nightlife scenes, while those by Michele Delacroix capture downtown Paris.

Also prominently featured are works by Yuroz. An immigrant from Armenian Russia, the Menards met Yuroz in New York in 1990.

"At first some of his works didn't really appeal to me, then they kind of grew on me and we became friends," Menard said.

Yuroz was a starving artist when he arrived in Los Angeles in 1985, but today one of his simple line drawings can sell for \$1,000, while a large oil painting can fetch \$150,000, Menard said.

Yuroz supports many humanitarian causes, and the Menards attended a ceremony to dedicate one of his paintings for use on a United Nations stamp in 2005.



"Dreams" by Yuroz, is among paintings found in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Menard.

Since the Menards are custom home builders as well as gallery owners, their country French-style Plymouth home was designed with art in mind. It features special nooks and lighting, along with door panels and a fireplace mantle carved and chiseled based on Yuroz sketches.

A shuttle will transport home tour participants to and from both homes from the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill. And since the tour falls on Valentine's Day eve, it also offers drinks, hors

d'oeuvres, chocolates and roses.

Gillis said it's a one-time opportunity to get a glimpse into the homes of serious art collectors, and spots are filling fast.

"What we wanted to achieve through this tour was an understanding of art collecting from the experts," Gillis said. "To hear about the process of finding and buying the art, restoring it, and displaying it. To basically remove the mystery that keeps us all too intimidated to purchase art for our homes."

HAPPENINGS

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

LIVONIA — The Senior Alliance will team up with Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia for a night of entertainment, great food, and spirits on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Tickets are \$20, and Joey's will donate 80 percent of proceeds to assist TSA in sustaining its mission to provide advocacy, programming, planning, contracting, funding and personnel necessary to enable older persons to function as independently as possible in their community.

Tickets also include a 25 percent discount on meals at Kickers All American Grill, located below the comedy club, or half-off pizza during the show. Reservations required for dinner. Call (734) 261-0555 and tell the operator you are supporting The Senior Alliance's "Comedy for a Cause." Joey's Comedy Club is located at 36071 Plymouth Road in Livonia.

JCELEBRATE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY AT MUSEUM

PLYMOUTH — Abraham Lincoln turns 200 this month, and he and his wife, Mary, have agreed to celebrate at the Plymouth Historical Museum 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Abe, portrayed by Fred Priebe, and Mary, portrayed by Fred's wife Bonnie, will be joined by Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Senator Jacob Howard and reenactors from the 21st Michigan Infantry.

The Plymouth Historical Museum's current exhibit, "In the Presence of Lincoln," showcases original furniture from Lincoln's Springfield, Ill. home — on loan from The Henry Ford — as well as original historic ephemera associated with Lincoln.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5; \$2 for students 6-17; and \$10 for families. Tour groups can be accommodated. Call (734) 455-8940 or visit www.plymouthhistory.org.

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FOOD & WINE

A sweet treat for Valentine's Day

Why not use this Valentine's Day as an excuse to bake something sweet for your sweet? Here's a recipe for an exotic dessert from Ristorante Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills.

NAPOLEON DI LIMONCELLO

Prep Time: About 30 minutes

Cooking Time: About 20 minutes

Refrigeration Time: At least 30 minutes

- 1 lb. hand-made puff pastry (or pre-made if preferred)
- 1 shot of limoncello liquor
- 4 cups whole milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
- 7 oz. butter (room temperature)
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 2 vanilla beans
- 10 egg yolks
- Additional flour to roll out pastry crust
- Additional butter for baking sheet (or use parchment paper as a lining)
- Powdered sugar to decorate

Preheat oven to 400°F

- On a lightly floured surface, roll out pastry into a large rectangle that you will be able to cut into three even parts. Transfer rolled out pastry onto a baking sheet (lightly buttered or else lined with parchment paper). Prick top of pastry with a fork. Cover pastry with a layer of parchment paper and place another baking sheet, of the same size, on top, to keep pastry flat. If you don't have another baking sheet, just pour rice or any dried bean over the top. Put in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.

- Remove pastry from the refrigerator and bake (with either the additional baking sheet on top, or with the rice/beans on top) for 10 minutes. Take out of oven, remove baking sheet (or rice/beans) and remove top layer of parchment paper. Put back in oven for another 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and let cool off entirely before spreading on cream filling.

- As your pastry is baking, you can prepare the cream filling. In a large saucepan combine the yolks and sugar and stir well. Then stir in flour, and cornstarch.

- Cut vanilla beans in half lengthwise, and scrape out the seeds into the mixture and stir well. Add Limoncello.

- Slowly stir in the milk until homogenous. Put the cream filling on the stove (light heat) and very gently bring to a simmer — when you see small bubbles, take it off the heat and refrigerate.

- In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter so that it rises. Gently mix in the rest of the cream filling.

- Once the pastry has cooled, cut it carefully (a serrated knife works best) into three even parts. Using a spoon and a spatula spread a thick layer of cream filling on two parts of pastry crust. Stack these two layers and cover with the third (top) pastry piece. Sprinkle top with powdered sugar. Refrigerate until serving.

Source: Ristorante Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-3033 or visit www.cafecortina.com



Layered Napoleon di Limoncello from Ristorante Cafe Cortina.

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Aroma and flavor profiles of syrah depend on the climate and soil where grapes are grown, a notion the French refer to as *terroir*. Tasting a series of vineyard-designated syrahs illustrates the distinct taste differences determined by place.

Jeff Cohn (JC Cellars) makes wine in his urban winery in Oakland, Calif., but he sources grapes from vineyards as far south as Santa Barbara County and north to the Rockpile American Viticultural Area (AVA) in Sonoma County.

He likes steep, rocky vineyards producing distinctive fruit, resulting in wines of complexity and concentration. Each wine is fermented with a yeast selected to enhance the *terroir* aspect of the fruit. Wine is then aged up to 16 months in oak barrels sourced from more than 10 different French coopers.

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Fess Parker's Vineyard 2006 Syrah, Santa Barbara County, \$30

Broken Compass 2006 Syrah, California, \$40

Caldwell Vineyard 2005 Syrah, Napa Valley, \$45

Rockpile Vineyard 'Haley's Reserve' Syrah, Sonoma County, \$60

Steve Beckmen farms Purisima Mountain Vineyard in Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County, Calif. He grows his grapes biodynamically, a very strict organic method of farming, originally proposed by the Austrian scientist Rudolf Steiner. Beckmen has noticed that his vines are healthier and his wines more flavorful since he adopted biodynamic farming techniques.

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REAL ESTATE

Obama presidency gives real estate pros cautious hope

BY JULIE BROWN
Q&E STAFF WRITER

Local real estate leaders are cautiously optimistic about new President Barack Obama's impact on the housing industry. They realize the new commander in chief has a lot of work to do in areas both domestic and foreign.

"We are the No. 1 economic engine in the world. You start building at the bottom and get that flow up," said Walt Baczkowski Jr., chief executive officer of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, representing primarily Oakland and Macomb county professionals. "I think it has to be one of the prominent issues."

The message coming from the National Association of Realtors and locally is that the bailout OK'd by Congress and the housing stimulus shouldn't just be passing out money to financial institutions. Baczkowski points to the NAR's favored plan now in Congress which would include 4.5 percent interest on home loans and a \$7,500 tax credit.

In the past, some buyers got money to purchase a home when they shouldn't have, he said. "We presold a lot of people." That led to heavy foreclosure volumes, which have in turn impacted the "move up" market of people moving into larger homes as families grow.

"Let's give incentives to the people coming in, new first-time buyers," Baczkowski said. The number of sales are up, although some half of metro

properties sold are foreclosures. "We have some of the best prices on properties now," he said.

He and colleagues don't just want to see lenders bailed out. "Let's help the people in getting them forward." Baczkowski is concerned about the lack of hope and would like to see Obama's presidency turn that around: "Hopefully, we'll see some new hope."

Baczkowski remembers when he bought his first home. He had to have 10 percent down and a job. "Then we bought the property." He wants the new Obama administration to have good guidelines in place to help those who are responsible and have stable jobs.

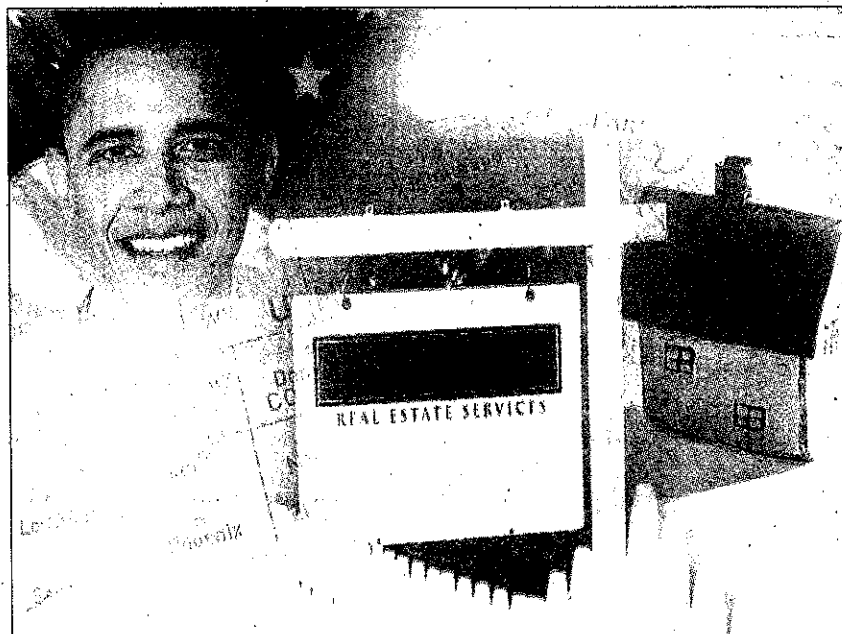
"Why not give them some kind of break, too?" said Baczkowski of such consumers.

"It's no short-term solution," he said, noting it took several years to get to this point. "It's going to take us some time to get out of it." He's encouraged by recent sales.

"There is affordable property out there everywhere," he said.

Gary Reggish is president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, and associate broker/owner with Remerica United Realty in Novi. "I hope that it's going to mean some great things for the real estate industry," he said of the new presidency.

The housing industry has a staggering impact on the economy, Livonia resident Reggish said. "There has to be a stabilization of the real estate market and housing prices."



Reggish isn't sure additional bailout funds will do the job; he's focused on the need to free up lending. Some buyers did get into home loans where they couldn't make the payments, but tight credit now is a factor for many.

"A large number of homes are being sold on what's called a short sale," Reggish said. In such a transaction, the bank agrees to take less than what's owed.

Regardless of the side of the political aisle, "property values continue to decline affect everyone," he said. Few buyers can wait the three-six months to close on a short sale with a bank.

"As a result, most buyers are not looking at short sales right now," said Reggish, who favors standardizing and streamlining that process.

He noted homes that go back into foreclosure then are often stripped; the negative connotation means they tend "to solicit much lower offers."

Some legislators in Washington, D.C., are in synch with the problems, he said. Reggish also advocates for the 4.5 percent interest rate on home loans and the \$7,500 tax credit now available for first-time buyers, defined as someone who hasn't

owned a home for three years or longer. The NAR proposes extending that tax credit to all purchasers.

Reggish points with pride to WWOCA's Project Jump-Start Michigan, with Grand Valley State University researchers looking at what to do to put our state back on track.

"We are already meeting with legislators and locally," he said. The 2001 recession's still a factor in Michigan, as is the subprime/housing crisis.

Reggish and colleagues favor a tax structure to create jobs to replace the more than 500,000 lost since the start of the century.

He's pleased with the film incentive program, and plans to make Michigan "the battery capital of the world." At the same time, Reggish notes those combined mean about 5,000 jobs statewide.

"So it's a step in the right direction but it's also a drop in the bucket. If we don't have people, there's nobody to buy these houses."

The NAR Web site at realtors.org has details on the plan in Congress.

Law applies to service personnel

Q: I have heard about the Serviceman's Civil Relief Act. I am wondering how it affects our association. Do you have any information?

A: The Serviceman's Civil Relief Act (SCRA) is a law that affects your association's collection of assessments against a member in long-term active military duty. The law is intended

to temporarily suspend judicial proceedings and transactions such as foreclosures and debt collection proceedings that may negatively affect the service member's rights during their

military service. The SCRA protections begin when a person enters active military service. The members of the military service are covered on the date they receive active duty orders and the SCRA terminates on the date the service member is released from military service. In general, a service member may postpone any pending court proceedings against him or her including the stopping of the filing of liens and the entering of a judgment. Your best advice is to check with your attorney to insure that you are complying with this act.

Q: I have read something about a new tax credit for homebuyers. Do you have any information about it?

A: In July, Congress passed the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 which President Bush signed into law. This act contains multiple provisions aimed at stimulating the housing market, along with several revenue raisers designed to hold the government's costs. One key provision is a tax credit for first-time homebuyers. This allowance may be valuable to many individuals and families but it is not a pure tax credit. Instead, selected buyers will receive what amounts to a loan from the federal government. Taxpayers can repay this loan over many years with no interest. The tax credit in the housing act is retroactive to April 1, 2008. If you bought a home on that date through Dec. 31, 2008, you can claim a credit on your 2008 tax return (assuming you meet various qualifications). If you are qualified and buy a house in the first half of 2009, you can choose to claim the credit on either your 2008 or 2009 tax return. You should consult with your CPA or tax adviser concerning these potential benefits.

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

Building Industry Assn. taps 2009 leaders

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) has announced its 2009 Executive Committee. BIA's new president is Darshan S. Grewal, Singh Development, L.L.C., West Bloomfield. He and the other Executive Committee members took the oath of office as part of BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Best Western Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

In addition to Grewal, the Executive Committee includes Richard Kligman, Superb Custom Homes, Plymouth, moving into the position of secretary, Richard



Grewal

Ives, Trinity Land Development, Clinton Township, as immediate past president and Norm Finkelstein, Norwood Homes, LTD, Farmington Hills, as vice president.

Continuing in their positions are Adorno Piccinini, Adco Group, Novi, as treasurer, James S. Bonadeo, Bonadeo Builders, Plymouth, as president emeritus; Richard Komer, Wineman & Komer, Southfield, as first vice president; and vice presidents Paul

Aragona, Aragona Properties, Clinton Township, Michael Mocer, Leader Homes Inc., Novi, and Sam Palazzolo, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co., Sterling Heights. BIA's executive officer, Michael C. Stoskopf, CGP, also serves on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is responsible for furthering the building industry's relationship with municipal and county governments and providing representation in the state and national associations.

Additionally, the committee assists in overseeing BIA's mission to provide education, information, programs, networking, political action

and all other activities that advance the building industry, while making the American dream of home ownership a reality for Michigan families.

Headquartered in Farmington Hills, BIA is a trade association representing more than 1,200 builders, remodelers, multifamily property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multifamily residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Membership nationwide includes more than 235,000 individuals and companies.

BRIEFS

Seminar

There will be a Homebuyers & Sellers Seminar Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. It will cover: What is a short sale? Should I sell or buy with a short sale transaction? Sponsored by Great Lakes GMAC Real Estate & Homesite Mortgage. Location of the seminar is 2915 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills (on the northeast corner of Rochester and Auburn roads).

To reserve a seat, call (248) 293-0000. Space is limited.

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Learn "How Do You Make Money in Real Estate in a Downturn" at the Metropolitan Detroit Real Estate Three-Day Conference presented by Woodward Promotions LLC and Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. Friday/Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 6-8, at MSU Management Education Center, 822 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Pre-register for \$97; or \$129 at the door. Call (248) 991-1851.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded Oct. 13-17, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	6498 Carlton Dr	\$212,000	28956 Bock St	\$104,000	29303 Douglas Dr	\$173,000
	3158 Greenwich Ct	\$238,000	31448 Marquette St	\$187,000	23923 Greening Dr	\$235,000
	1323 Heritage Dr	\$150,000	951 Radcliff St	\$82,000	42991 Novi	\$176,000
	769 Pheasant Woods Dr	\$270,000	1252 Ralph St	\$127,000	47370 Sunnybrook Ln	\$40,000
	2542 River Woods Dr N	\$320,000	33081 Sheridan St	\$89,000	24475 Surfside Rd	\$163,000
	7872 Thornwood St	\$240,000			28364 Wolcott Dr	\$368,000
	1932 Wentworth Dr	\$259,000	Livonia		Plymouth	
			30246 Acacia St	\$135,000	345 Burroughs St	\$129,000
			27517 Buckingham St	\$80,000	9950 Fellows Hill Ct	\$505,000
			19138 Canterbury Dr	\$85,000	41465 Greenbrier Ln	\$129,000
			16854 Country Club Dr	\$199,000	13542 Hilltop Dr W	\$375,000
			35825 Dover St	\$177,000	673 Kellogg Dr	\$165,000
			16431 Levian Rd	\$258,000	46330 Lafonde Ct	\$325,000
			9928 Marie St	\$180,000	49908 Pointe Xing	\$129,000
			36524 Marier St	\$159,000	Redford	
			31658 Scone St	\$139,000	17357 Denby	\$88,000
			34527 Summers St	\$185,000	15346 Dixie	\$62,000
			16590 Wayne Rd	\$195,000	8935 Kinloch	\$85,000
					9043 Lenore	\$75,000
Farmington	33999 Moore Dr	\$180,000	Milford		15914 Macarthur	\$69,000
			1795 Brookbury Dr	\$385,000	8974 Rockland	\$112,000
Farmington Hills	30539 Ambeth St	\$157,000	3061 Central Blvd	\$95,000	15824 Woodworth	\$90,000
	29515 Ashford Pkwy	\$201,000	525 W Buno Rd	\$160,000	Westland	
	31678 Bristol Ln	\$299,000	Northville		7006 Bison St	\$169,000
	38847 Country Cir	\$108,000	1040 Bristol Ct	\$115,000	8085 Coventry St	\$45,000
	37011 Driftwood	\$150,000	16607 Dorai Dr	\$225,000	2101 E Williams Cir	\$125,000
	28961 Green Castle Rd	\$137,000	19848 Irongate Ct	\$100,000	8589 Ingram St	\$105,000
	27339 Hystone Dr	\$159,000	17870 Maple Hill Dr	\$295,000	7590 Manor Cir	\$41,000
	24066 Middlebelt Rd	\$46,000	16037 Morningside	\$140,000	924 Mitchell Dr	\$198,000
	29501 Pendleton Club Dr	\$70,000	16058 Morningside	\$136,000	202 N Christine	\$126,000
	22464 Springbrook Ave	\$130,000	49879 Parkside Dr	\$320,000	6025 N Crown St	\$85,000
	32260 Tall Timber Dr	\$240,000	21543 Woodfarm Dr	\$284,000	232 S Wildwood St	\$130,000
	24131 Tana Ct	\$120,000	Novi		1757 Surrey Hts	\$128,000
	29680 White Hall Dr	\$233,000	42032 Borchart Dr	\$349,000		
Garden City			21685 Chase Dr	\$421,000		



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- 4 Sponge feature
- 8 Hectic places
- 12 A Carter
- 13 Dairy-case buy
- 14 Karachi language
- 15 Disallow
- 16 Caesar's worst day
- 17 Prospector's find
- 18 Gathered wool?
- 20 Gold, in the lab
- 21 L. — Hubbard
- 22 Six-shooter
- 26 Come clean
- 29 Kipling novel
- 30 Summer in Cannes
- 31 Attack
- 32 Spoil
- 33 Hairy humanoid
- 34 Vote in favor
- 35 Author's need
- 36 Floor models
- 37 Twin drums

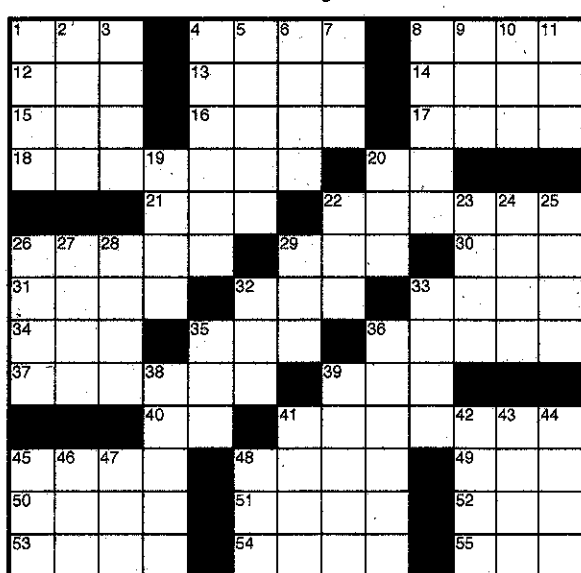
DOWN

- 39 Barn habitant
- 40 — hoc committee
- 41 Went below freezing
- 45 Pipe fittings
- 48 Modern-speed unit
- 49 Yes, in Kyoto
- 50 Farm structure
- 51 Ayla's creator
- 52 40-cup brewer
- 53 Makes a choice
- 54 Wheel part
- 55 Fast transport
- 1 Talks on and on
- 2 Memsahib's servant
- 3 Homer's instrument
- 4 Belgian sleuth Hercule —
- 5 Of the past
- 6 Tall grass
- 7 Dawn goddess

Answer to Previous Puzzle

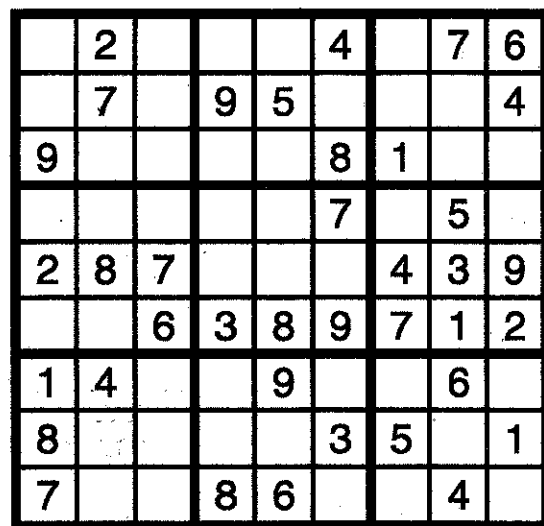
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- 8 Bantu people
- 9 Pizarro's quest
- 10 Goofy
- 11 Haul into court
- 19 Moistureless
- 20 Draw a bead on
- 22 Orchestra's place
- 23 Crawl with
- 24 Conductor
- 25 Aloha tokens
- 26 Bedouin
- 27 The Banana Boat Song (hypn.)
- 28 Pose
- 29 "Tiki"
- 32 Thing, in law
- 33 Hedge shrubs
- 35 Bean hull
- 36 Draw squiggles
- 38 Pants
- 39 Hardhearted
- 41 Artificial, as pearls
- 42 Like this
- 43 Bunny features
- 44 Force
- 45 Kind of system
- 46 Hack off
- 47 Realty offering
- 48 Pasture sound

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By Dale Buss

At this year's Detroit auto show, the biggest drama involved a visit by Bob Corker, the Republican senator from Tennessee who had been the point man for Congressional opposition to the automotive bailout last month. He dutifully toured the show floor with company executives, politely nodding and asking questions.

Naturally, some journalists also asked him questions -- about his opposition not only to the loans to GM and Chrysler but, specifically, to the UAW wage rates that make Big Three plants so non-cost-competitive with those operated by foreign automakers in this country, including the Nissan complex near Nashville in Corker's home state.

"I actually scratched my head reading some of the media reports here as if I was living in a different world," said Corker, who ran a highly successful family-owned construction firm before he came to Washington. "The solution I offered was tough love, and I realize that, but it was a solution to that problem."

The only thing about Corker's views that didn't come out of this scrum was how he came by his views which are so vile to many Michiganders. It apparently didn't occur to reporters that he might have come by them honestly, as a matter of principle. Why would Senator Corker want to make Michigan autoworkers more competitive with his electorate? The success of his plan to bring UAW wages immediately in line with those of his constituents in Tennessee would have made the Big Three far stronger rivals.

The Corker visit illustrated three major flaws in how the news media are covering the American auto industry during these crucial times: ignorance, bias and parochialism.

Perhaps the best example of parochialism is the attitude of political, cultural and media elites from the coasts who really do consider the Big Three automakers -- like the rest of us in the Midwest -- residents of some



GM caravanned these Saturn Vue hybrids to Washington in support of its cause.

strange fly over country that they don't understand. Exacerbating this reality is the fact that the people who do business journalism tend to go to the same elite schools and cocktail parties and don't know people who went to General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) or even to Michigan State.

And in Washington -- where the political and media elites are distilled into a robustly dangerous concentrate -- an astounding 80 percent of new-car registrations are foreign makes, according to the latest figures compiled by R.L. Polk and reported by Warren Brown in the Washington Post.

But these shortcomings really have shown themselves in how the news media have covered the automotive bailout. They resulted in a handful of perspectives that have emerged as strong themes during this period.

First, media coverage has been strongly tilted in favor of a bailout. As everything was taking shape, between November 1 and November 18, the three broadcast networks' morning and evening shows aired 31 stories with a pro-bailout tone compared with 12 balanced stories and only one -- on ABC's Good Morning America -- that had a negative tone. That's according to the Business and Media Institute, a conservative watchdog organization in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, the American people remained evenly divided in their sentiments about the auto bailout. According to a Gallup poll released on November 18, about 49 percent opposed a federal bailout of the industry while only 47 percent supported it.

The second theme of bailout coverage has been the

preposterous notion that bankruptcy isn't such a bad option for General Motors or Chrysler. Never mind the fact that executives of the companies uniformly insisted that this was not a viable possibility and thoroughly explained why.

A third theme: Big Three management is stupid. It's difficult to defend them because of all that has gone wrong over the last generation. And of course the Big Three CEOs did themselves no favors by showing up in Washington for the November hearings without a clue as to how to state their plea to Congress -- and on their private jets.

But the national media are ignorant about the reality of what the Big Three automakers have accomplished. The politicians focused on snapshots of the industry from 10 and 20 years ago, and many national journalists dutifully reported them as if they were modern fact. They ignored what GM indeed has achieved over the last decade, for example, in the areas of product design, quality, innovation, organization, and globalization.

And the pundits and the politicians who said that Detroit hasn't been building what America wants are out-of-touch elitists who are wrong on two counts. First, for 15 years, the Big Three have been building the SUVs and trucks that American consumers actually wanted -- otherwise, they wouldn't have been able to generate the huge profits they did in selling them. And, second, the American people really don't want the "green" cars that the global-warming lobby has been pushing for -- at least, not yet.

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WELL-MAINTAINED 4 BEDRM COLONIAL! Corner lot w/side garage, 2-story hrdwd foyer, kitchen w/bkfst nook. Fam rm w/FP, formal dining/living rms, fin bsmt. Exterior painted in '08. Priced to sell!
(29011426) \$230,000



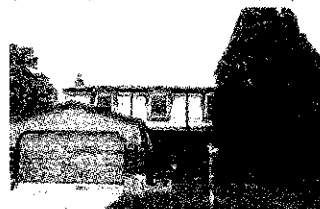
Canton 248-851-1900
3 BR 2.1 BA HOME/LARGE FENCED BACKYARD Overlooks nature preserve. Wood floors in foyer, dining rm, kitchen & half bath. Master suite w/master bath & large WIC.
(29012355) \$200,000



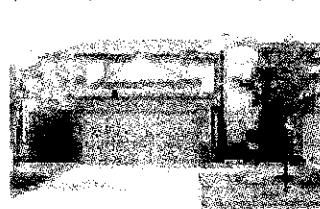
Canton 734-455-7000
GREAT CANTON RANCH! Newly listed 3BR/2.5BA ranch offers many updates, incl redone kitchen, family rm w/FP, florida rm, huge fin bsmt w/bath. Quiet setting in sub., and much more!!!
(28188596) \$161,900



Canton 734-455-7000
BEST BUY FOR THE MONEY IN CHATTERTON! Very well-maintained and conveniently located corner. Cherry cabs, wood floors, neutral carpet & paint, bonus loft, WIC, open & spacious floor plan. Att. garage.
(29013290) \$159,900



Canton 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS UPDATED COLONIAL ON CUL-DE-SAC! Porgo style fr in hall/kitchen, berber carpet & bay window in family rm, thermo windows '05, furn 02, FP w/raised hearth, crn moldings, new drive & steel door.
(28172550) \$159,900



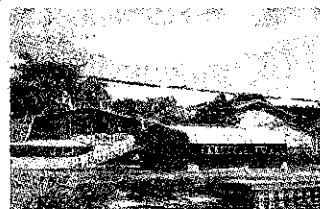
Canton 734-455-7000
SUPERB LOCATION! NEVER KID OR PET TESTED! Huge deck backs to pond. Open fr pin. Vaulted ceiling w/skylights overlooks GR from huge loft area w/ countless possibilities. Mstr ste w/separate shower & tub.
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(28162752) \$148,000



Commerce 248-684-1065
Immaculate builders home on 1.67 acres. Wood windows/trim, GR w/ cath ceiling & FP. Gourmet island kit, 3 bd, 2.5 ba. HRWD in den. Great view from covered porch.
(29007847) \$259,000



Commerce 248-348-6430
Sports Commerce Lake! 265 acre LK Commerce. 2 full kit & ba's on separate flrs. New kit w/ ceramic island, brand new furnace, Anderson win 06, cir staircase, dock & seawall. Hurry!
(27137133) \$195,000



Commerce Twp 248-348-6430
Updated Ranch in Park-Like Setting 1,040 SQ FT, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, new windows, central air, fenced yard. Beautifully landscaped, oversized 2 car garage, & deck. Neutral decor. Move in condition!
(2810667) \$160,000



Dearborn 734-591-9200
Absolutely beaut. Complty updated. Fin bsmt w/carpet 04, furn, C/A 03, updted Bthrms 04. Light fix 04, hwh 04, gls blk wind 03, prof decor thru-out, updted kit, stl drs, updted elec, tremo wind, rf, blk por, x-tra dp yd.
(28176835) \$139,000



Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200
Brk Rch w/Wide open floor plan. Updt kit w/ Ceram tile, oak cabs & tons of count sp. Kit opens to spec LR w/hdwd flrs. Fin bsmt w/bonus rm & full BA. Cedar, dk. As is sale. Buyer respons for city inspect.
(29003077) \$99,500



Dearborn Hgts 248-437-3800
Sharp Move In Ready Ranch! Updated thru-out. Updates include roof 2008, kitchen, windows, bath, furnace, C/A, hot water heater, carpet & much more! Located across from a quiet park.
(29012388) \$113,900



Dearborn Hgts 734-284-5400
HOME IN NEED OF A BUYER! Nice tree lined street. 3 bedrooms w/large master bedroom upstairs. 2 1/2 car detached garage w/ opener & workshop. Home needs a little TLC. Being sold as is.
(28138432) \$39,900



Detroit 248-348-6430
Four Bedroom Unit Quadruplex. Great Income Producer! All brick. Updated: Brand new windows, electric system, 2 story deck, new carpet and paint, glass block in basement and parking in rear.
(28168002) \$40,000



Detroit 248-348-6430
Loads of Potential! LR w/bay, DR and eat-in kit. Large mstr upstairs w/bath, convert as a walk-in closet. Fin'd bsmt, separate laundry & bath. One car garage. Immediate occupancy.
(27133297) \$25,000



Fenton 248-684-1065
Build your dream home on this fabulous Lakefront acreage! 500 acres of all-sports lakes, wooded, W/O sites, gorgeous views! Minutes from dwn Liden.
(29002286) \$225,000



Garden City 734-591-9200
Newer hme built 2001. Move In Ready. Needs no work. Well Maintained in excell cond. Every new on 2001. Spac kit w/opn fr plan. Hwdwd flrs, newer crpt, excell stor, neut decor. Lg MBR w/BA. Min 1% EMD to be hid by LB.
(29004146) \$139,900



Green Oak 248-437-3800
Ring In The New Year With This Colonial! Set in great family neighborhood! Extensive landscaping surrounds h/w many mature trees for back yard privacy. Large deck wraps around side entry & back of h/m.
(28204093) \$208,000



Hartland 248-684-1065
Super 3BR, 2.5 BA Ranch in great neighborhood w/Hartland schools. Lrg MBR; vaulted ceiling, ceramic BA. GR: FP, skylight, door to deck. Fin LL: FR, BA.
(29002254) \$189,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/40x40 pole barn w/12x12 office w/heat & AC. New gourmet kitchen. Mstr suite w/jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/FP. Much more!
(29004908) \$200,000



Holly 248-684-1065
If you're looking for country retreat, this is it. Oak cabinets, island counter, walk-in pantry, granite vanity top in MBR. Large deck. Swimable pond.
(28160806) \$228,000



Howell 248-684-1065
Superbly maintained 3 BR, 2 BA home on 1.27 acres with huge 60x40 pole barn with 14 ft. calling & 220 volt electricity. FR with FP in finished W/O.
(29005284) \$160,000



Livonia 248-851-4100
NEW RANCH MODEL CONDO-8 Mile & Newburgh. Spacious & open. High ceilings, large GR & DR, eat-in kitchen, 1st flr laundry. Customize to suit. Site condo includes landscape & street maint. Upgrades avail.
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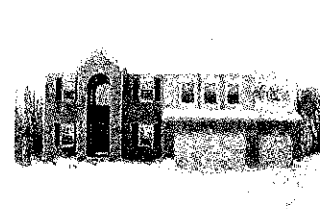
Livonia 248-348-6430
Desirable NW Livonia Burton Hollow Woods Features: 2200sqft, HDWD in LR, DR, KIT. Brand new KIT w/Corian counters, ceramic backsplash & pantry w/rollouts, leaded FR glass DR, cozy FP in all season FLA RM.
(28109425) \$180,000



Livonia 248-851-1900
POTTERY BARN PERFECT! LOADS OF UPDATES LR w/HWF & vaulted ceiling. Huge FR w/FP. Doorwall to brick paver patio. Newer main bath w/corlan sink, maple vanity. Newer vinyl windows. Walk to elementary school.
(28181207) \$94,000



Livonia 734-284-5400
GREAT 3 BEDROOM HOME Perfect for the 1st time buyer. Updated kit w/lots of cabinets. Appl are included. New furnace & hwt in 2003. Lifetime composite deck around above ground pool.
(28154570) \$93,900



Lyon 248-437-3800
WOW! Brand new 3 story home W/W/O LL 5 BR located on 2nd fr w/computer rm & laundry. The real bonus is the 3rd flr family /rec rm. Kit w/granite, hrdwd flr & FP.
(29011534) \$289,990



Milford 248-684-1065
Charming 3 BR ranch w/1.1 BA. HDWD flrs. New carpet. Neutral decor. Skylight in kit. Part fin bsmt. Patio and fenced yard. Sep. fenced kennel. Shed.
(29003227) \$125,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Stately Custom Colonial Spacious RMs t/o. Gorgeous entry w/curved strce. Gour KIT. FR w/2 sty paladium windows. Priv lib. All BR suites. Deck, sidewalks, pool & clbse in complex.
(28086672) \$724,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Desirable Nville Hills Prestwick Estates Stunning & Picturesque updates galore! Cape cod w/FP MSTR, premium lighting & plumbing fixtures. European MSTR shower, KIT, HDWD FLRS, community amenities.
(28188154) \$564,500



Northville 248-348-6430
Great Location In Sub. Extremely nice 4 bedroom colonial, newer items incl gorgeous kitchen, cabinets, wood floors, six panel doors, garage door. Large deck and private fenced yard.
(29004366) \$255,000



Northville 248-348-6430
Beautiful Architects House Built In 1963. 2 FP lots of light, wood floors, master suite w/ Jacuzzi. 2.5 garage w/lots of storage. Beautifully landscaped. Deck, sandstone patio. Walk to town & schools.
(28168581) \$224,900



Northville 248-348-6430
Lovely Private Entry Condo. Nice condo located on quiet cul de sac. 1,220 sq ft, newer carpet, nice KIT inclds all appls, LR w/FP, fin'd BSMIT, clubhouse, pool, tennis CRTs, & LK in complex.
(28111585) \$115,000



Novi 248-851-1900
BUILDER'S HOME. NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Custom built '07.1 acre lot. Gourmet island kit. w/granite, stainless, travertine & walk-in pantry. Great library. 4 BR including MBR suite guest suite. 4 car garage.
(28197795) \$550,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Stately Brick Colonial Cul-de-sac setting on .93 acre lot. 4,000 sq ft +2,000 in fin'd W/O LL 9' ceilings 1st flr, Gour KIT w/new gran counters. LR, FR, Den, 3 car heated gar, ingr pool.
(28122171) \$548,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Imagine Owning This Beautiful Home. Accent on details, hwdwd flr highlights kit & brkfst area. FR w/vaulted ceiling, elegant LR & DR, lib, nice mstr, extra wide 2 car garage, patio & lg priv yard.
(27164836) \$336,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Good Value On This Very Nice Home. Nice circular dr, 6 pane DRs, spacious rms, priv den, formal LR & DR, nice KIT, FR w/cathedral ceiling, 1st flr laundry, side entry gar. Awaiting your inspection.
(28121025) \$275,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
THE HOME YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! Gorgeous granite kitchen; hardwood; French doors; 4 bedrms; charming & spacious. Walk to downtown!
(29011881) \$399,900



Plymouth 734-591-9200
Spacious Ranch in Deer Creek! Very Open Flr Plan. Lg kit & BFT rm; all kit appls stay; Grt Rm w/FP&D/W to lg deck. Mstr BR w/BA has roll-in shower. Home has hadicap access w/ramp from gar to bsmt.
(29009792) \$339,000



Plymouth 734-455-7000
PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER"! Great potential in this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates. Large treed yard. Much more!
(28170441) \$127,500



Redford 248-684-1065
Quaint brick home on treed lot. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq. ft. and rec room. 3 BDRM/1.1 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely neighborhood.
(28094937) \$132,000



Redford 248-684-1065
Move in condition! 30x21 full fin. bsmt. HDWD flrs, all appls. Included including washer & dryer. 2 1/2 car garage w/ workbench. Home warranty offered.
(28170969) \$119,000



Salem 248-437-3800
Charming Farmhouse. Lots of class put into this charming farmhouse in quaint downtown Salem. Inviting front porch and large yard. Huge kitchen with lots of natural light.
(28185861) \$104,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Great Opportunity! Motivated Seller! High traffic area for retail or office visibility, or warehouse facility. Building has had recent build outs for offices & open areas. For sale or lease.
(28186235) \$450,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Premium Lot Overlooking Pond! Well maintained home in desirable Trotters Pointe Sub. Hrdwd flrs in kit. & foyer. Bay window. Custom window treatments stay. Workshop in bsmt. Freshly painted.
(29007937) \$224,900



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Darling Bungalow! Almost 1 acre. Newly painted, hardwood flrs thru-out. Stained woodwork, new window, new vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/oval archways. Formal dining & living rm.
(28086463) \$159,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Ready To Move In Ranch style condo w/open flr plan. Features 2 BR, mstr br w/2 closets. 2 full baths, gr rm w/gas fp, dining rm w/doorwall to deck. Home is handicap accessible.
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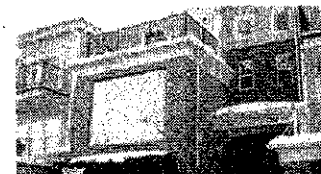
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Well Maintained, Freshly Painted Unit. Have your morning coffee on the private courtyard/patio area. Back of bldg location. Close to pool. 2 BR, 2 full baths, beautifully decorated. Most appls. incl.
(28149395) \$104,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Best Price & Location! 55+ complex. Well kept end unit by woods. View of lake in front. New paint, light fixt, kit sink, faucet/disp. Newer neutral carpet. Appl stay. Open Sun. 12-2.
(29000669) \$69,900



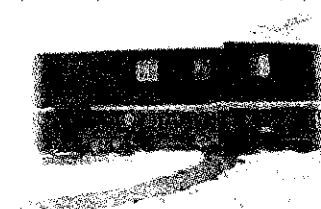
Southfield 248-348-6430
Complete Renovation Affordable home. 2 story, 3 bed, 1.5 baths on 3 lots. Neutral decor, covered deck off FR, jetted tub, fenced, 2 car garage, vinyl siding. Well cared for home.
(28170784) \$145,900



Walled Lake 248-684-1065
Spectacular loft condo w/ numerous upgrades, private entry, HRWD flrs, gourmet kit, 42" cherry cabs, granite, SS Appliances, MBR w/ WIC and balcony.
(29011102) \$175,000



Waterford 248-684-1065
Great buy with this bank-owned condo in super condition. 2 BR and 2 full baths. Ready to move in!
(29006254) \$50,000



Waterford 248-684-1065
Great investment or wonderful place to live. Very clean 1st flr condo w/ pergo & parquet flrs. Views of pond/fountain. Walk to clubhouse/pool.
(29007790) \$39,900



Wayne 734-455-7000
WOODED RAVINE LOT! Plaster walls, cove ceilings, stained trim, fireplace & hardwood floors. 3 bedrms, dining rm, 2.1 baths. Basement, garage & much more!
(29012453) \$169,500



White Lake 248-348-6430
Lake View From Rare 2200 SQ. FT. Ranch! Wonderful open floor plan! Master suite opposite side of home from other bedrooms. Walkout BSMT. On beautiful low maintenance lot. Built 2004. Also for lease.
(28080850) \$275,000



White Lake 248-684-1065
Charming & well-maintained home. Open fr plan. LR w/gas FP. Eat-in kit, HDWD flrs, new carpet, fin. LL w/FP and half BA; All appl. Deck/wooded yd.
(28134393) \$200,000



Ypsilanti 734-591-9200
Move In Condit & Priced to Sell. Short Sale. Separate Liv & Fam Rms. Fam Rm w/cath ceiling. Firept & doorwall to hge wrap around deck. Eat in kit w/new appliances. Mstr bed w/priv BA. 1st floor laundry.
(29006674) \$139,900