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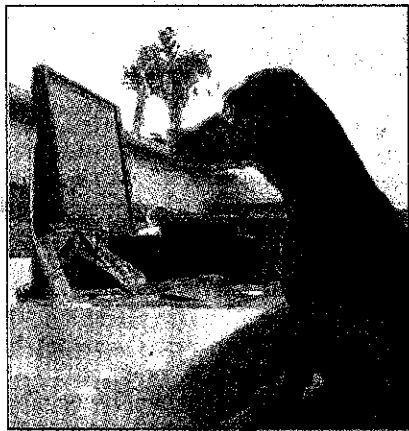
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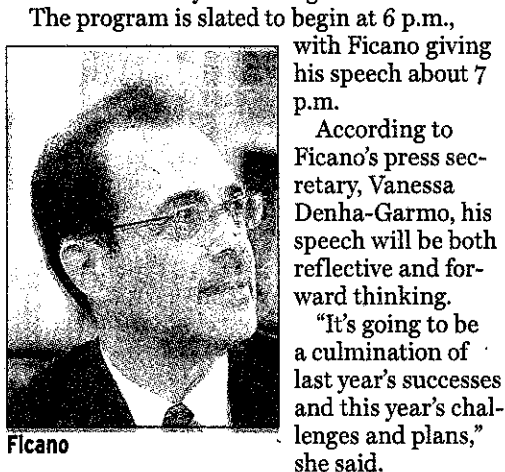
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CONNECTION

Ficano address

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will give his annual State of the County address Thursday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.



Ficano

The program is slated to begin at 6 p.m., with Ficano giving his speech about 7 p.m.

According to Ficano's press secretary, Vanessa Denha-Garmo, his speech will be both reflective and forward thinking.

"It's going to be a culmination of last year's successes and this year's challenges and plans," she said.

Topics will include the expansion of the Cobo Center and the importance of keeping the North American International Auto Show here in Detroit.

"He will really be focusing on economic development," Denha-Garmo said.

Although the Village Theater holds about 300 people, the audience will be made up of invited guests. However, the speech will be broadcast live on the radio by WJR-AM (760) and on television by WWJ-TV (Channel 2). WJR's Lloyd Jackson will emcee the program.

Record collector alert

WSDP, the student radio station for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, will present their first ever 88.1 FM Record Show on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Salem High School cafeteria.

It should be a great show for record collectors, as it will feature dealers from around the state and country. There will be thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, 45's and 78's, T-shirts, posters, and other collectibles. The music will span many genres including rock, jazz, pop, country, r & b and folk. The show will also feature special giveaways and door prizes.

Tickets are \$3. All of the proceeds will benefit WSDP, and will help the station to continue serving the community with unique programming and broadcast training for students.

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road, at the corner of Joy and Canton Center. For more information, visit www.881TheEscape.com.

Board meeting

The Canton Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the administration building. Agenda items include:

- Appointments to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage and DDA board
- Consider cell block renovation plan
- Lease renewal for Human Services Center
- Agreement for payment of election cost to Canton from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
- Purchase of utility vehicle
- Award design and construction management services for the Lower Rouge River Recreational Trail and bridges project to JJR, LLC.
- Award bid for layout/design and printing/sorting of the Discover brochure

'The Chocolate Guy'

Chocolatier brings own brand of exotic flavors to Canton

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Many of his customers know his name, but most refer to him as the "Chocolate Guy."

And why not? Michael Provenzano is the only chocolatier in Canton, making homemade exotic chocolates to go with freshly brewed coffees at his Le Cocoa Bean Chocolatier & Coffee House located in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, just down the block from the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"I've always been a big coffee drinker, and coffee and chocolate is an amazing combination," Provenzano said. "We have a pretty nice following of repeat customers who come in to buy their chocolate and coffee and take it home."

At Le Cocoa Bean — for short — you won't find your ordinary milk or dark chocolates.

"We do a lot of exotic flavors, like a wasabi and sesame truffle," said Provenzano, 45, of Canton. "It has a smokiness to it, which is complimented by the dark chocolate. And the wasabi gives it a finish at the end."

"We have a pork and cocoa bean combination, a candy bar with bacon," he added. "And a truffle with curry in it."

As for the coffees, lattes and other hot drinks, Provenzano said he's always experimenting with the baristas that work at Le Cocoa Bean to come up with better drinks. Michelle Chappell, 21, is one of the baristas who has worked at a number of coffee shops since she was 16 years old, even going to school to learn recipes and techniques.

"There's definitely a difference with us and the other places," Chappell said. "We don't push button anything, nothing is automatic."

"Our beans are roasted three days prior to us getting them, the freshest you can get," she added. "I've worked a lot of places and



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Mike Provenzano combines great coffee and espresso with fine chocolate at Le Cocoa Bean Chocolatier and Coffeehouse.

this is the best quality I've experienced."

Provenzano's culinary career actually started when he was in kindergarten.

"When I was a kid, I used to sit in front of the TV watching *Galloping Gourmet*, surrounded by pots and pans with water ... and I would sit there and stir," Provenzano said. "When I was a teenager and they trusted me to cook, I bought a wok and started making all kinds of stir fry."

However, Provenzano's culinary career was interrupted when he instead became an engineer, working for nearly 10 years at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor. When his job transferred to Kentucky, his children and an opportunity to open his own business kept him home.

LE COCOA BEAN CHOCOLATIER

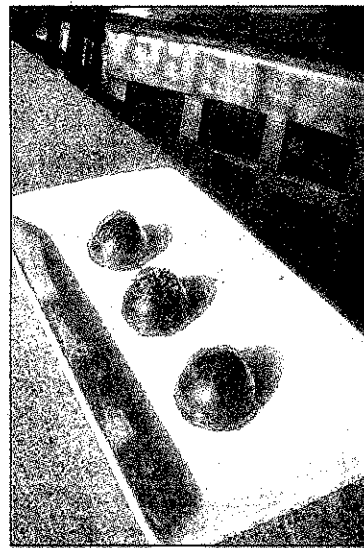
Address: 50166 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

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Phone: (734) 308-6369

Menu: Serve their own brand of chocolate

"I had written this business plan before I left the company, but I never moved forward on it," he said. "I thought maybe this is the catalyst I was waiting for. I wanted to have an espresso and coffee shop, but something had to go with that. One day I was drinking coffee and eating chocolate and I thought, 'This is the best combination ever.'"



Mike Provenzano's fine chocolates include these dark chocolates. The center chocolate include wasabi and sesame.

Pedestrian killed while crossing Ford Road

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 55-year-old Canton Township man was killed while crossing Ford Road at Marlowe, just east of Sheldon Road, early Thursday morning.

Police say Joginder Singh was hit by a minivan at approximately 6:30 a.m.

"He was hit by a (minivan) traveling westbound," Sgt. Pat Sullivan said. "It was dark and the driver said he didn't see him until the last minute."

Two women, ironically both nurses, were

the first to stop just moments after the accident.

"I got there about 10 seconds after impact and another nurse arrived at the same time," said the nurse of 17 years, who asked not to be identified. "We both checked his pulse in numerous places. I put my hand over his mouth to see if he was breathing. We were afraid to move his neck in case it was broken."

"His face was bloodied ... even as a nurse it still shakes you," she said, adding the Canton Fire Department EMS unit began CPR when it arrived minutes later.

The nurse said the man driving the minivan

appeared to be in shock as he dialed his telephone after the accident, presumably to call 9-1-1.

Singh was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was pronounced dead.

Police say there likely won't be any charges filed against the driver, calling the incident an accident.

Traffic on westbound Ford Road was diverted for several hours while police investigated.

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Canton, Livonia discussing shared dispatch center

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton Township and Livonia have begun preliminary discussions on the consolidation of police and fire department dispatch centers.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Executive Director John Santomauro and Finance Director Rick Eva met with Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey and his staff last week to determine if there was interest in at least having a dialogue about centralized dispatch services.

"We think, in these present economic times, we would be less than responsible if we did not at least look at this," Santomauro said. "We walked into the discussions with no preconceived notion that it can or cannot work."

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you think it's a good idea for Canton and Livonia to share a dispatch center for police and fire calls? E-mail your thoughts to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com, or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

One immediate common goal for the two communities, which helped spur the discussions, is the fact the Livonia Police Department is in the process of replacing its radio system and Canton police are looking to buy one.

"It's a complicated process that demands both communities have the same type of radio equipment," said Kirksey. "I'm

not sure if it will reach fruition, but it's obviously a high priority to sort out the logistics, expenses and the other details that go with it."

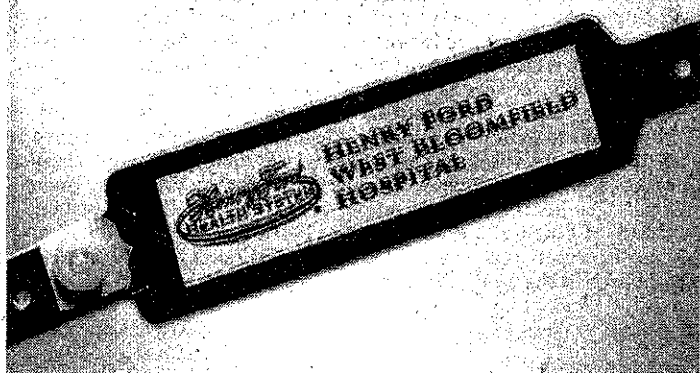
Eva said it costs the township about \$1.1 million annually to pay salaries and benefits for the township's dispatch center, which has 18 dispatchers.

Santomauro said the two communities will look for a consulting firm that specializes in centralized dispatch to study operational needs and put together a plan with a price tag. After that, they'll determine if it's worth moving forward. Santomauro noted that if a centralized police and fire dispatch are part of the future, it will be run by an authority that is accountable to both communities.

Please see **DISPATCH, A5**

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Friends of the Rouge needs frog surveyors

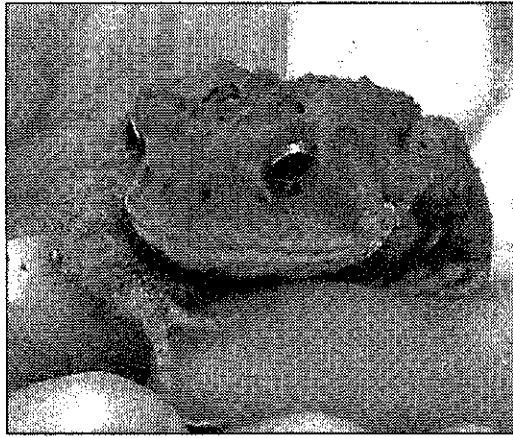
It may be hard to imagine that in as little as one month, our skies will fill with the calls of amorous amphibians. If you are interested in learning more about why and where frogs call, consider signing up for Friends of the Rouge's annual frog and toad survey.

"Participating in the survey is a great way to learn more about the frogs and toads that live in the area," said Sally Petrella, volunteer monitoring program manager for Friends of the Rouge and manager of the annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey. "You need no prior experience, just some interest in the local environment. We provide all the information and materials needed to do the survey at our training workshops."

Interested volunteers simply sign up and attend one of four Frog & Toad Survey Training Workshops being held in February and March. The first workshop is appropriately being held on Valentine's Day, Saturday Feb. 14, at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Center.

The workshops teach residents all about the seven frogs and one toad found in the Rouge River Watershed (the 466 square mile area drained by the Rouge River, including much of metro Detroit). Attendees go home with an assignment to learn the eight calls from a CD they are provided.

Learning the calls is one of the things that volunteers really enjoy about the survey. Once spring comes, they will be expected to venture out to a nearby wetland after dark and determine what type of frogs and toads are calling.



Toads are distinguished from frogs by their dry, warty skin.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in teams and children over 5 are welcome when accompanied by a responsible adult.

The survey is made possible by grants from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project and the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families.

Interested volunteers need to choose one of the workshops and register by calling 313-792-9621 or e-mailing monitoring@therouge.org. Survey blocks are a quarter square mile areas with wetlands that drain to the Rouge River which includes the west side of Detroit and its west and northern suburbs.

Foundation fund-raiser switches gears, focuses on helping charities

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Oscar-like glitz and glamour will be the theme at the Imagine Theater in Canton for Magical Night with the Stars, this year's Canton Community Foundation winter fund-raiser.

While those who attend the \$100 per ticket event on Sunday, Feb. 22, will be able to walk down the red carpet to view that night's Academy Awards show on the big screen as well as Oscar-nominated movies, the subtitle of the event is Helping Hunger and Homelessness Disappear.

The Canton Community Foundation - which has used the annual fund-raiser to earn \$30,000-\$40,000 for the foundation - will donate this year's proceeds to First Step, a shelter for abused women and their children; and Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, which has several distribution points in Canton to help feed those in need.

"We wanted to do something fun, with all proceeds from the event going to two

MAGICAL NIGHT WITH STARS

What: Canton Community Foundation's annual winter benefit

When: Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m.

Where: Imagine Theater, 39535 Ford Road, Canton

Tickets: \$100 per person, \$1,000 per table of 10

More Info: (734) 495-1200, e-mail info@cantonfoundation.org

local charities working to end hunger, homelessness and domestic violence in the greater Canton area," said Joan Noricks, CCF president. "We know these two agencies are helping the real needs in the community."

Connection Church in Canton, through its Open Door Ministry, distributed 930,000 pounds of food last year, of which 90 percent came from Gleaners. Open Door Ministry director, Steve Darr, said of the 36,000 people who received food last year, the highest number came from Westland, with Canton second.

"We're averaging about 15 calls a day from new families, most of whom have had someone laid off," said Darr. "We get food from some other sources, but if we didn't get it from Gleaners it would be difficult to get the volume of food we need."

The First Step shelter has been in Canton for 20 years, but the converted farm house, which was once a nursing home, is in such disrepair the women and children have been moved to other living quarters. First Step is in the middle of a capital fund-raising campaign to raise \$5.5 million for a new family center in Wayne.

"In this time, with this economy, we're very grateful for support," said Theresa Bizou, associate director for First Step.

Over the past 14 years, CCF has held an annual Winter Ball. However, Noricks said it was time to try something different.

"Everything has a life, and it was time to change things," Noricks said.

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Site-work at Gallimore and Isbister Elementary Schools**. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; PW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.


There will be a pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, at the office of the construction manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.** This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

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- 148: Landscaping

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. **Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2009 where they will be opened and read publicly.** These projects are to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.


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Comedian to perform

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

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

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

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

Canton Toastmasters

The Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club, a non-profit group where members learn both communication and leadership skills, meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island at 8533 Lilley Road, just south of Joy Road, in the Golden Gate Plaza. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

Business Network Professionals

Business Network Professionals, a local chapter of Business Network International, meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Canton Coney Island (at the corner of Lilley and Joy roads). Any person in business in the Plymouth,



Winter production

Benjamin Karl of Redford plays George and Betty Berryman of Canton is Doris in Barefoot Productions' Same Time, Next Year, a romantic comedy by Bernard Slade, directed by Barefoot's Craig Hane, and presented Feb. 19-21 and Feb. 26-28 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 22 and March 1 at 2 p.m. at the old Walker/Buzenberg furniture store in Plymouth. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and seniors 60 and older. The building is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. For tickets and reservations, call (734) 560-1493, visit www.ticketleap.com or Barefoot's Web site at www.justgobarefoot.com.

Canton and surrounding area is invited to attend as a guest and meet with other businesspersons, for purposes of networking, referrals, and supporting one another.

Contact Bill MacFarland, chapter president, at (734) 812-3845 for more information.

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.stmichael-church.org.

Salem football alumni

If you ever played football for Salem High School, a

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

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

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

Preschool open house

Plymouth Children's Nursery, 5825 N. Sheldon Road, will host a co-op preschool open house on Mar. 21 from 10 a.m.-noon. The preschool offers classes for ages

2½ 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.

Charity bowl-a-thon

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

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

donation per bowler is \$50.

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

For more information, visit www.seedlings.org.

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.

Grief support group

The Compassionate Coffee Hour is an ongoing grief support group for widows and widowers hosted by Compassionate Care Hospice. The group is held 3-4 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Heartland Healthcare Center, 7025 N. Lilley Road, Canton. The focus of the group is on the later stages of grief, with an emphasis on learning to live with the loss. This group is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse or partner. There is no charge. For more information, contact Ann Christensen at (734) 983-9050.

American Legion meets

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township.

All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

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Plymouth Christian Academy student Drew LaBelle of Whitmore Lake is intent on spelling his word correctly. He took the first-place medal for first grade at the ACSJ Spelling Bee in Auburn Hills.

'Bee' in their bonnets PCA's spellers on target in district bee

Plymouth Christian Academy students stood out in the recent 2009 Association of Christian School International District Spelling Bee Competition in Auburn Hills.

According to school officials, family and friends from dozens of schools around the district "filled the stands, cheering the students on to do their very best."

The spelling bee is not only a chance for students to demonstrate new levels of English proficiency, but a time for their families and friends to celebrate their academic achievement.

"I'm always amazed at the hard work and dedication our students put forth each year," said Beth Larabee, PCA's elementary coordinator. "Throughout December and January our students spend countless hours preparing for the Spelling Bee and improving their academic performance beyond the classroom. We are so proud of them!"

Ten PCA students placed in the grade-level bees and three students from the fifth - through eighth-grade finals advanced to the regional bee.

Fifth-graders Paul McCubbrey and Austin

Greuber and seventh-grader Rachel Grit advanced to the regional spelling bee in Indianapolis next month.

The following students placed in the district bee:

■ First-place medal winners: Drew LaBelle, 1st grade; Caleb Godin, 2nd grade; Paul McCubbrey, 5th grade; Jayme Putney, 7th grade; Jon Manni, 8th grade.

■ Second-place winners: Kevin Jiang, 3rd grade; Austin Greuber, 5th grade; Natalie Laurence, 6th grade; Rachel Grit, 7th grade.

■ Third-place medal winner: Greg Manni, 6th grade.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Student honored with state award

Gabriel Teichman, a fourth grade student at Eriksson Elementary, recently won the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children 2009 "Yes I Can" Award.

His classroom teacher, Christine Rushlow, submitted a nomination packet with letters of recommendations from the district's special education department. Gabe is recognized for his turned-around attitude toward school and his social growth.

As a second grader, he was moved (mid-year) to Emotional Impaired, self-contained program for defiant and aggressive behaviors. Today, Gabe is back in a general education classroom and is fully included.

He has become a role model to his peers.

U-M partnership

Based on practices learned at the Harvard Leadership Institute, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has initiated a new partnership with the University of Michigan, according to school officials.

Since it has been proven that one-on-one academic help improves student achievement for struggling students, the University of Michigan has provided junior teacher candidates to work with a selection of the district's high school students.

The Teacher Candidates provide tutoring, teaching, evaluations and research with the goal of increasing student achievement. The future teachers will continue to work with the students twice a week until April.

Pen pals and the Amigos

Kathy Hunt, a Spanish teacher at Canton High School, has teamed with Lisa Montes (first grade teacher) and Lupe Guzman (second



Grant winner

Stephanie Peterson, a teacher at Plymouth High School, received a \$1,300 mini-grant from the MEEMIC Foundation for the Future of Education. Peterson petitioned the foundation to underwrite technology to help her French students obtain greater fluency. "I wanted to be able to offer audio lessons to my high school French students that were interesting to them," Peterson said. "Some of the materials they were using before didn't pertain to the lesson plan and wasn't exciting for my students. To improve their listening skills and pronunciation, I started researching and finally found a series of podcasts that I felt would be much more appealing." Local MEEMIC insurance agent Tom Wilson of the Wilson Insurance Agency in Farmington helped make teachers aware of the MEEMIC's mini-grant program by distributing applications in their schools.

grade teacher) from Maybury Elementary School in southwest Detroit.

The high school students and elementary students have been exchanging letters in Spanish since November. On Feb. 13, the Maybury students will visit Canton High School to read, color and play with their high school pen pals.

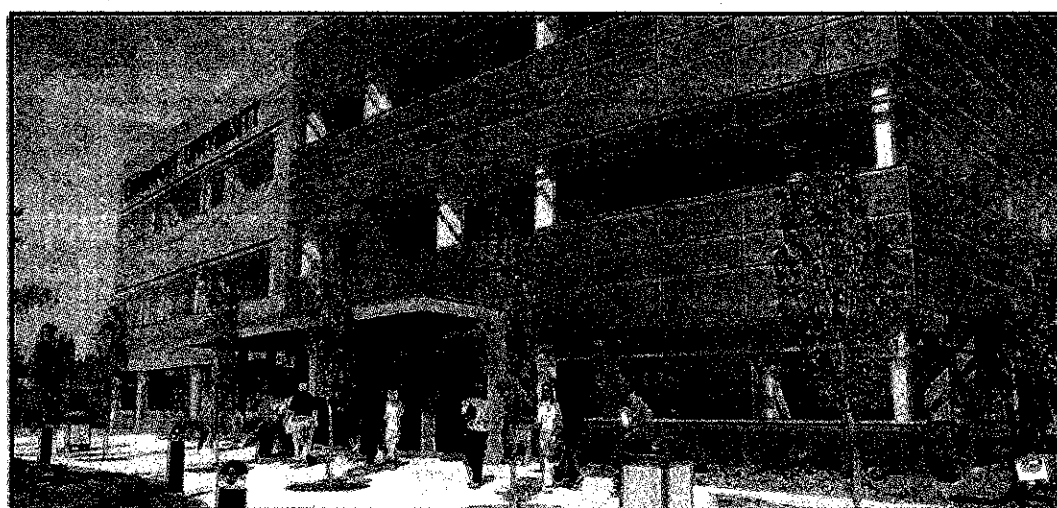
The highlight of the visit will be a puppet that the students will make together. The high school Spanish students will return the favor and visit Maybury Elementary School in May, when the high school students will perform a play in Spanish that the elementary students have written.

GEMS volunteers sought

The 2009 Girls Excel in Math and Science Conference will be held on March 21, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Plymouth High School. This conference is open to

any girls in grades five to eight and their parents. The conference is co-sponsored by Livonia Public Schools and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Events include a keynote address, hands-on activities, role model sessions, information tables with local colleges and a demonstration by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Robotics Team. The conference is seeking volunteers in several capacities: conference planning, help on the day of the conference, local role models (women in careers using science, technology, engineering or math) or leaders for the hands-on sessions. If you would like more information, or want to volunteer, please contact Janet Kahan, P-CCS Math/Science Coordinator at (734) 416-3010 or Gary Cienuich, Livonia Schools Science Coordinator at (734) 744-2614.



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Throng welcomes new archbishop to suburbs

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If parishioners at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth were concerned about presenting a sense of seriousness Monday as they welcomed new Archbishop of Detroit Allen Vigneron, he let them know they could relax pretty quickly.

Vigneron, appointed last month by Pope Benedict XVI to replace Cardinal Adam Maida, cracked a joke that drew laughter from some 1,000 people who attended a celebration of the Eucharist to welcome Vigneron.

"I was talking to one of your deacons, who told me he remembered when I was rector at the seminary," Vigneron told the throng gathered at OLG. "He was taking classes at the time and said he thought I was a pretty decent teacher. High praise, indeed."

Vigneron, 60, had been a bishop in Oakland, Calif., prior to his appointment to replace Maida. A Mount Clemens native, he's happy to return to his southeast Michigan roots for such an important job.

"I feel a great confirmation in it," Vigneron said. "This is the community that nurtured my faith, and I'm happy to come back and nurture others."

Vigneron went to Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary high school and college. Before being appointed bishop of Oakland, Calif., in 2003, Vigneron was an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Among his other positions: rector/president of Sacred Heart Seminary; work



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The new Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron was welcomed at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Monday evening for a celebratory Mass.

in the administrative section of the Vatican Secretariat of State; and service as associate pastor at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Harper Woods.

With all that experience in southeast Michigan, Vigneron said he knows the state's economy is among the hottest issues for his new flock.

"The people are feeling very significantly the economic downturn," Vigneron said.

"I want to help the priests respond to that need for their people."

His message of renewal in faith and in love of God resonated with his OLG. flock.

"It was overwhelming to see the shepherd of the Lord," said OLG. member Mary Poskie of Plymouth. "For me, it's hard to put into words. When I saw him coming down the aisle ... you just felt the presence of the Lord. To be that close to the

one chosen to be our shepherd was an honor."

The evening closed with a reception during which parishioners waited in long lines to shake Vigneron's hand. That kind of welcome didn't surprise the archbishop.

"Certainly, (OLG. members) are very welcoming, very accommodating," Vigneron said. "With Father (John) Riccardo in the parish, there's a good tradition of hospitality."

DISPATCH

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"There has to be political oversight in terms of operations and authorization of funds, but you want to keep the politics out of the operational part," Santomauro said.

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ing match," said Kirksey of partnering with Canton. "This holds a tremendous potential to keep the same quality of service but at a savings to the taxpayer."

LaJoy said the discussions are a continuing effort to look at all costs in the township.


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Small church reaches out to community

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From a tiny, storefront church tucked away in one of Westland's poorest neighborhoods, the Rev. Karl Childs hopes to change the lives of downhearted folks who pass his way.

Some days, the former Canton High student may minister to only six or seven

people who take a seat in his Ecclesiasticus Temple Church, located at 2361 S. Venoy south of Palmer. Some evenings, he may stir the souls of 25 former drug addicts and alcoholics who show up for his 12-step Celebrate Recovery meetings. Other times, he may find himself advocating for missing and exploited children, or their parents.

"We're reaching out to the

downtrodden," Childs, 45, said as he took a break from scribbling inspirational messages on a church chalkboard that stood in front of 12 folding chairs, six to a row.

Childs, who gets help from people like church secretary Rhonda Griffin, is an ordained pastor who started having services in his Westland home last March. His small congregation also met outdoors in

Garden City Park, but since October it has had a home in the Norwayne neighborhood, across the street from The Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps.

Childs' non-denominational church has services at 11 a.m. Sundays, Bible classes at 3 p.m. Saturdays, and Celebrate Recovery meetings at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Fridays. Its mission, according to

Childs, "is to lead poor pilgrims from darkness into the marvelous light."

The church also has a book store, which consists of book shelves lined against a wall. It is stocked with Bibles, including those with large print, and books that delve into history, jazz music and overcoming addictions.

Childs, a Westland resident who grew up in Detroit, has

had a diverse background. He worked as a Detroit cab driver and a pizza delivery man, and he was self-employed in masonry and construction after he obtained his residential builder's license in 1994.

Childs studied juvenile issues, including delinquency and counseling, and had a court law class at Wayne State University. He completed 42 credits in liberal arts and sciences at Wayne State University and then moved on to the University of Detroit for a six-month, polymer technician program through the city of Detroit's CETA, or Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

Childs completed an adult-education building maintenance program at Plymouth-Canton High School, and he went on to earn a paralegal associate degree from a Southfield-based court reporting academy.

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The Rev. Karl Childs, a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High, sits inside the small Ecclesiasticus Temple Church he has opened in the Norwayne neighborhood.

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Schoolcraft College bails on Northville property purchase

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

After waiting for months, Northville Township officials learned Monday that Schoolcraft College officials have decided to scrap plans to build a \$30-million-plus public safety education building in the township.

The facility, which would have trained police and fire personnel, would have been located north of Five Mile Road and west of Ridge Road.

College officials announced several months ago their intentions to purchase the property and build the facility. However, after several months went by without township and college officials being able to agree on a sale price, the township set a deadline for next month for a decision from the college.

Mark Abbo received a letter Monday from Conway A. Jeffress, Ph.D., president of Schoolcraft College, about the decision to forego the property purchase.

"We are all aware of the deteriorating economic climate both here in Michigan and the rest of the United States as well," Jeffress said. "Our situation in Michigan is particularly bleak. Forecasters are predicting decreasing tax revenue (SEV) for colleges as well as the likelihood of decreasing, or at best, zero increases in state appropriations.

"As a result of this climate and rapidly escalating cost estimates (over \$30 million) for the Public Safety Project in Northville Township, Schoolcraft College has elected to withdraw its request to purchase and develop land at Five Mile and Ridge roads."

Jeffress said officials reached this decision, with the consensus of the college's Board of Trustees last Wednesday.

He went on to say that, "On behalf of the Board and myself, we appreciate the effort extended to reach agreement on a project which gave every indication of being mutually beneficial to both Schoolcraft College and Northville Township.

TOWNSHIP REACTIONS

Chip Snider, township manager, said, "It had long been known that they (Schoolcraft College officials) were going to modernize their police academy facilities, which now exist in Garden City. This (new facility) was the fulfillment of that promise. In a business sense, this would have

put them at the same level with Oakland County is with their new facility in an effort to serve 42 Wayne County departments."

Snider noted that township trustees had been enthusiastic about the possibility of having an academic building within the community's borders.

"I'm disappointed that Schoolcraft is unable to close

on the transaction," Abbo said. "However, it appears they're encountering the same pressures that most local units of government will be encountering and that's dropping property values, thus, reduced property tax revenues. So, they've got to be very cautious, as does Northville Township going forward, with monies that are spent in any way."

Trustee Margie Banner said, "We were certainly hopeful that they would come here (with the facility), and we were disappointed with their decision. We feel like we tried to work with them in the best way we could."

"We're disappointed that this isn't working out," said Banner. "We felt that they would have been a wonder-

ful anchor for that piece of property, and we would have welcomed them into our community with open arms. We would have been proud to have Schoolcraft College as a part of Northville Township."

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Despite current market, 401(k) is still a good investment

Dear Rick: My employer just stopped the 401(k) match. I have been contributing the maximum. Should I continue to put money in? A friend recommended that I take the extra money and pay down my mortgage. I have a 5½ percent, 30-year mortgage. I figure that I will be working for at least another 20 years. Also, if I do contribute to my 401(k) plan, should I put it into the Stable Value Fund until the market comes back?

It's always nice when an employer matches 401(k) contributions. However, that should not be the deciding factor whether to invest in a 401(k) plan. The benefit of a 401(k) plan is it allows you to save money for retirement on a relatively easy basis and provides some tax benefits. Whether an employer matches or not, I believe people should be contributing to a 401(k) plan.

It's an easy way to invest. If you had to write a check every week to add new money to your investment, most people would stop making the contribution. In a 401(k) plan, the money is automatically invested.

Another advantage of a 401(k) is you are not currently taxed on the money you contribute. All the earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. This provides you with some tax breaks, now and in the future. For instance, if you stop contributing to your plan and use the money to pay down your mortgage, you won't pay



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down the mortgage as much as you are able to contribute into the 401(k). For example, if you contribute \$100 from each paycheck, all of it would be invested.

On the other hand, if you did not contribute, you would have to pay tax on the \$100, netting — after taxes, approximately \$65. The \$65 is the amount available to pay down the mortgage.

I know in today's difficult economic times, where 401(k) plans continue to drop, it appears to make sense to pay down mortgages. However, in your situation, with a 5½ percent mortgage, that money is costing you approximately 4 percent after taxes. The question is will investing in the long run earn more than 4 percent. I believe it will.

Since you are a long-term investor, I do not recommend the Stable Value Funds. The first lesson most investors learn is buy low, sell high. For long-term investors, this is a great buying opportunity. My advice is, despite the lousy market, continue to invest in your 401(k) plan and concentrate on long-term growth areas.

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HOMETOWN LIFE

Chiefs forge first-place tie with Franklin

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was another knock-down, drag-out affair Friday night with Canton still standing after Round Two with a 36-33 girls basketball win at Livonia Franklin.

The Chiefs, who lost the first meeting between the two teams on Jan. 20 by a 37-34 count, came out and answered the bell in must-win situation in the KLAA's South Division race by outscoring the Patriots 10-4 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Both teams are 11-2 overall and now tied for the lead in the South Division at 5-1.

Sara Schmitt, who led Canton with 10 points, nailed two free throws with 2:47 left in the final period to give the Chiefs its first lead since late in the first quarter, 32-31.

Canton then made 4-of-6 four shots during the final 1:04 and got a key rebound from CarolAnn Sexauer (eight points) after a Kari Schmitt missed the

second of two free throws.

That set up two more free throws for Sara Schmitt and a Robyn Mack foul shot with only nine seconds remaining to ice the victory.

"We did not do a great job of executing against their zone (defense) the last time and we were better at it tonight," Canton coach Brian Samulski said. "We not only had to be super patient, but be in the right spots. The last time our guards got too narrow. We had to get wider we were able to get CarolAnn some shots."

Franklin trailed 6-2 early, but got up by as many as eight, 17-9, on a pair of back-to-back fast-break layups by sophomore Chelsea Williams, who led the Patriots with 11 points.

The Patriots took a 29-26 lead in the final period, but went only 1-for-6 during from the field during the final eight minutes.

Canton also limited Franklin's top scoring tandem, senior twins Brianna and Brittany Taylor, to a combined 14 points.

But junior forward Senneca

Scott, making her first appearance since breaking her wrist on Jan. 6, gave the Patriots a lift with seven points and nine rebounds off the bench.

"The last time we got down nine in the first half and we had to battle our way back in the fourth quarter," Samulski said. "Tonight we were a little more solid the entire game."

Franklin's downfall was foul shooting (7-of-17) and some costly turnovers down the stretch.

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GAME WRAPS

Rock girls win

Following a 1-6 start, Salem's girls basketball team is experiencing a reversal of fortunes.

On Thursday at Northville, the Rocks used an air-tight defensive effort to upend the Mustangs, 36-28.

The triumph was Salem's sixth in its past seven games and evened its record at 7-7 overall and 5-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division. Northville dropped to 7-7 and 2-4, respectively.

The Rocks are deadlocked in a three-way tie for the division lead with Novi and South Lyon.

"We got out to a nice lead early and then they ran us back down," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We never trailed in the game, but they cut our lead to one at the start of the fourth quarter."

"I thought we did a nice job on defense and rebounding in the fourth quarter. We made our free throws down the stretch, too."

Overall, Salem made 9 of 13 free throws. The Rocks were 6 of 7 over the final eight minutes.

Senior forward Chelsea Davis paced the Rocks with 14 points. Junior guard Sara Stone added 12 and senior forward Tracy Whalen netted six.

Salem led 6-2 after one quarter, 16-13 at the half and 26-25 with eight minutes to play.

PCA boys fall

Oakland Christian led 25-23 at the break Friday, but used a 21-5 third-quarter run to pull out a 58-35 MIAC Blue Division victory at Plymouth Christian Academy.

Kurt Schneider scored 16 points and Ben Schomer added 10 points for the Lancers (12-1, 5-0, honorable mention Class D).

Brent Zinn scored 12 for the Eagles, who slipped to 5-6 and 2-4, respectively.

Chiefs upend Patriots

Sophomore guard Dietrich Lever poured in 24 points and dished out five assists to lead Canton to a 53-46 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin Friday night.

After trailing 21-15 at the half, the Chiefs took the game over in the third quarter, outscoring Franklin 23-13. Lever netted 10 third-quarter points.

Marlan Glenn scored 13 for the winners while Kevin Weisz added eight. Daniel Stoney led Canton with six rebounds.

The victory improved the Chiefs to 7-5 overall and 4-2 in the KLAA South Division. Franklin slipped to 4-7 and 2-4, respectively.

7's ENOUGH

Shorthanded Agape cagers upend Hawks

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With just seven players on its varsity roster, there are two things the Canton Agape Christian girls basketball team must avoid at all costs: foul trouble and the flu.

Even though one Wolverine was recovering from a bout with strep throat Friday afternoon, Agape prevailed over host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 54-40, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division contest.

The victory evened the Wolverines' overall record at 7-7 while improved their MIAC Red mark to 5-3.

"We came out strong and led by 10 at one point in the first quarter," said Agape coach Dan DeWitt. "But we beat them pretty easily the first time we played them, so the girls kind of relaxed in the second quarter and let them back in the game."

"We came out strong again in the third quarter."

Freshman Ayanna Martin had a monster game, netting 19 points, 12 rebounds and eight steals. Brooke Purcell (16 points and 13 rebounds) and Madison Miller (nine points and four steals) also excelled for the winners.

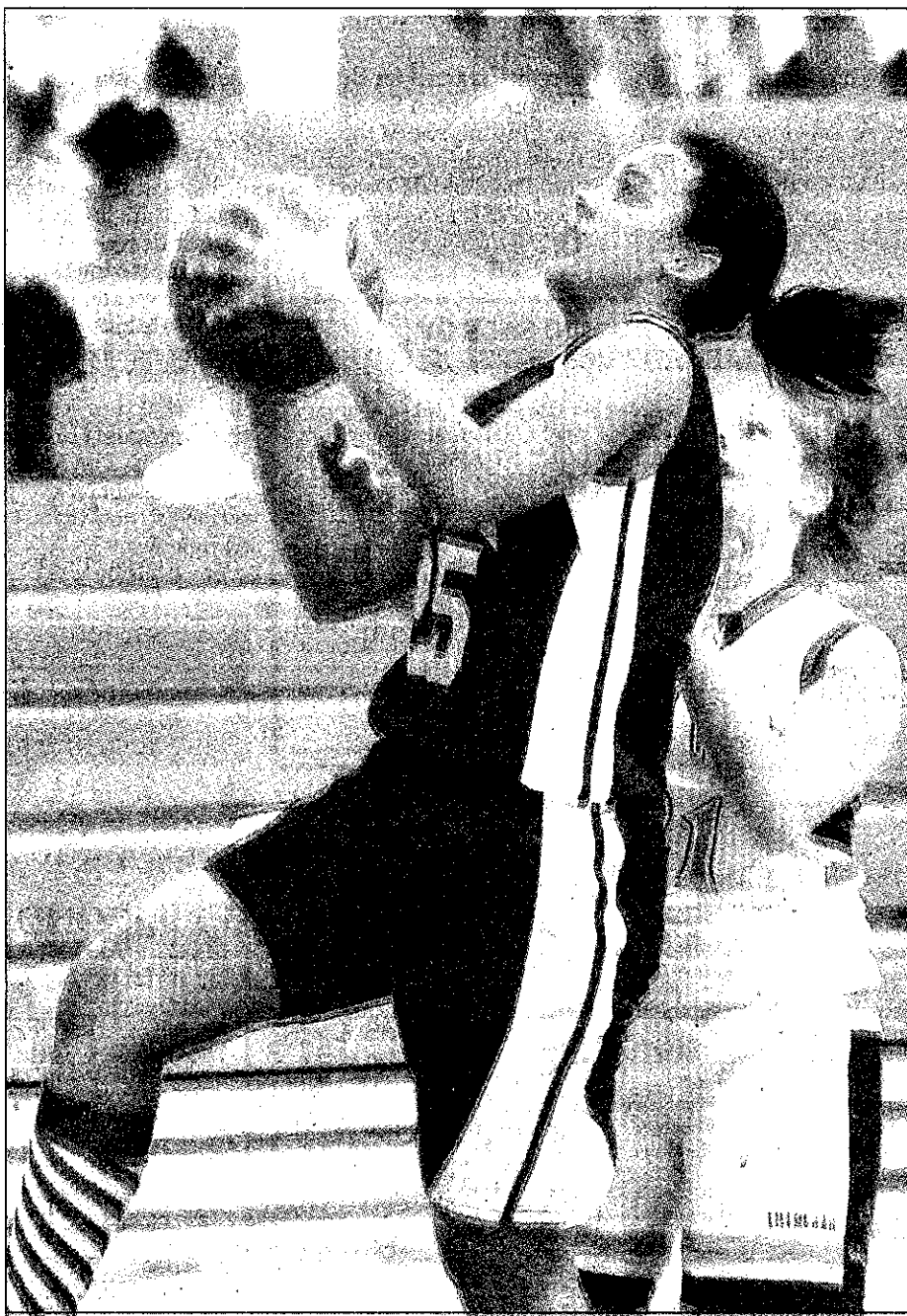
Katie Nell led HV with 15 points.

Agape won despite hitting just 6 of 14 free throws.

HV also struggled mightily from the line, connecting on 5 of 18 attempts.

Sequoia Hood, the Wolverines' tallest player at 6-foot-4, returned to the line-up after overcoming a bout with strep throat.

The Wolverines won just six games all of last season.



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Canton Agape's Ayanna Martin drives to the hole for two of her 19 points Friday afternoon in the Wolverines' 54-40 victory over Huron Valley Lutheran.

Mustangs tip Rocks in 3OT barn-burner

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Just when it appeared there was no conceivable way Thursday night's Northville-Salem boys basketball game could get any more spine-chilling thrilling, it did — over and over again.

And as soon as the 200 or so fans in the Salem gym figured they'd seen the most clutch, pressure-packed shot they'd seen in a long time, another jaw-dropping, long-range, buzzer-beating effort ripped through the net.

Then another, and another. When the final buzzer sounded — following 32 minutes of high-tension regulation play and three out-of-this-world overtime sessions — the Mustangs survived with a 72-70 victory in a game so exciting it made last Sunday's Super Bowl seem as dull as a lawn-bowling tournament.

Sophomore guard Al Myers ended the drama with a running, eight-foot bank shot with eight seconds left that broke a 70-all deadlock. Salem failed to get a decent look as time expired on the classic. "That is definitely, without ques-

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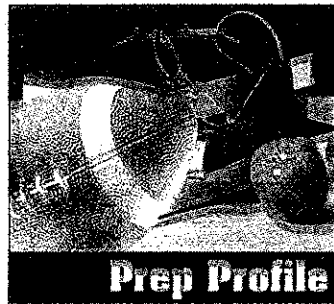
Daughter of ex-NBA star displays supreme court skills

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Blessed with a long, athletic body, a bright mind and a passion to compete, there was little doubt Shaakira Haywood was going to excel in a net-related sport when she entered Plymouth High School in the fall of 2005.

The only question was: Would she make life difficult for opponents under a basketball net or in front of a tennis net?

"I was actually a really good tennis player growing up," Haywood revealed. "My dad got tennis coaches for my little sister (Isis) and me and we got



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pretty good playing against older players.

"When I got to high school and I had to choose between tennis and basketball, my dad would joke and say, 'Come on, play tennis. You can make us some money.' But I told him I

loved basketball too much to give it up. It's in my blood."

Runs in the family

Basketball is also in Haywood's DNA. Her dad is former legendary player Spencer Haywood, whose 10-year professional career included a five-year span for the Seattle Supersonics when he averaged 24 points and 12 rebounds a game.

"The best advice my dad has given me about basketball is to have fun," said Haywood. "After some high school games, he'd say, 'I could tell you were think-

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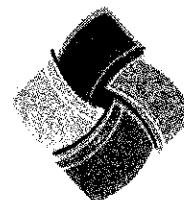
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Plymouth senior Shaakira Haywood finished her homework before a recent basketball practice. The four-year varsity player has earned an athletic scholarship to Northern Illinois University. She also shines in the classroom, taking a 3.4 grade-point average into her final semester of high school.

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Canton gymnasts outperform Wildcats in cross-campus meet

The fact that several regular performers watched from the sidelines Wednesday night didn't stop Canton's gymnastics team from pulling off a victory over cross-campus neighbor Plymouth.

The Chiefs improved their record to 5-2 with a 130.05-117.95 triumph over the Wildcats in a meet held in the Plymouth High School gymnastics room.

The loss dropped the Wildcats to 0-4. Canton's Alex Hamric continued her strong rebound from an early-season injury by taking top honors in the all-around with a score of 33.50. Hamric barely edged teammate Mallory Hudak, who chalked up 33.40 points.

Plymouth's top gymnast was Erica Kosmowski, who tied for third with Canton's Olivia Stephens with 32.05 points.

Wildcat Reagan Engstrom placed fifth with 31.40, just ahead of sixth-place Kathy Marion of Canton.

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DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 5:2; Plymouth, 0:4.

Plymouth's Goble takes linebacking skills to BG

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Even win-win decisions can be excruciatingly difficult to make — especially when you're 18 years old and the next four years of your life will be significantly molded by your ultimate choice.

Plymouth senior football standout Ronnie Goble has learned this lesson all too well the past few days.

On Wednesday afternoon, Goble signed a national letter-of-intent to play football for Bowling Green State University, forgoing an opportunity to become a preferred walk-on at the University of Michigan, the school he's

rooted for since he was big enough to grip the laces on a football.

"I had a 30-minute, one-on-one meeting with (Michigan head coach) Rich Rodriguez on Saturday," Goble said. "He explained that if I had become a preferred walk-on, I'd get in the school and I'd have a chance to prove myself when practice started next summer just like all the other recruits. But I wouldn't have received a scholarship until next season at the earliest."

"I thought long and hard and eventually decided to sign with Bowling Green. I loved everything about the school when I went on my official visit there in January and I

felt a loyalty to the school."

Goble will be entering Bowling Green during a transition period for the football program, which will be guided by first-year coach Dave Clawson, the former offensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee.

"Right now, they have me slotted to play a position on defense that's a hybrid linebacker/defensive end," said Goble, who excelled at linebacker and tight end at Plymouth. "It's a lot like what I played in high school."

"The new coach is changing the offense from a spread to more of a power offense. Since they ran a spread, there aren't any fullbacks in the program,

so they said they might look at me at fullback in camp this summer."

Goble said the realization of playing Division 1 football is the culmination of a life-long dream.

"I'm super-excited," said Goble, who has been clocked as fast as 4.58 seconds in the 40-yard dash despite his formidable 6-foot-3, 235-pound frame. "Both my parents played Division 1 sports in college — my mom (Lisa) played volleyball at Eastern and my dad (Ron) played baseball at Eastern — so it's nice to be able to carry on the family tradition."

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Pair of Rock gridders signs with Grand Valley

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Heath Parling and Anthony Mullins' gridiron kinship is about to extend from little league to big-time college football.

The two Salem seniors signed letters of intent to play college football at NCAA Division II power Grand

Valley State University beginning this fall.

The duo — Parling is a quarterback; Mullins a running back — have shared the same backfield since eighth grade when they starred for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers.

Mullins impressed the Lakers' coaching staff during a camp held in late December on the GVSU campus.

"Heath put in a good word for me when he visited there, so they invited me to the camp," said Mullins.

"Don't give me any credit," Parling added. "They were looking at him before I said anything. He did it all himself."

After performing a series of drills, Mullins and his fellow hopefuls ate lunch.

Then he received something more appetizing than dessert.

"After we ate, we worked out a little bit more for them," Mullins recounted. "The coach approached me, told me they liked what they saw and said they were going to offer me a scholarship. I loved everything about the school. Everything seemed so new there. I accepted right away."

The decision was a little

more gut-wrenching for Parling, who had to decide between offers from Army and GVSU.

"The success of Grand Valley's program had a lot to do with my decision," said Parling. "I felt comfortable at Grand Valley. It felt like a place I'd like to spend the next four years of my life."

Actually, it may turn out to be five years, the Rock quarterback revealed.

"They've already told me they're going to red-shirt me right off the bat," Parling said. "Their quarterback this past season will be a senior next year and he's a two-time All-American. Hopefully, I can compete for a starting job in 2010."

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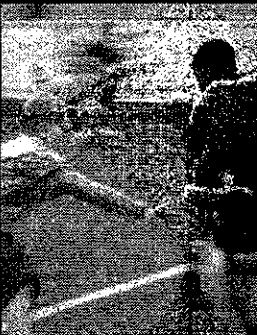
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HOOP

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tion, the most exciting game I've ever been a part of as a coach, at any level," said Northville coach Todd Sander, whose team improved to 3-9 overall and 2-4 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association. "The best part about it was that we never got down. The kids always kept their spirits up even when it would have been easy to go the other way."

The drama was old-hat for the Rocks, who have played in more nail-biters than yawners this season.

"We've played in a lot of exciting games this season — the last time we played Northville we won it at the end when Heath Parling made a three and got fouled," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose squad dropped to 4-8 overall and 2-4 in the division. "The Canton game went down to the wire and the Garden City game went two overtimes."

"The biggest thing with this game was the number of clutch shots that players made to tie the game or give their team the lead at the end."

Arguably, the game's most incredible sequence — during a night when their were countless incredible plays — unfolded during the closing seconds of the first overtime. With Salem securing a 52-49 lead, Northville inbounded the ball with 5.2 seconds left.

The Mustangs worked the ball to Bryce Groshek, who defied a suffocating Salem double-team and swished a game-tying triple from the deep corner as the buzzer sounded to extend his team's chances.

Ironically, Groshek had knocked down an equalizing triple moments earlier, however, it came a split second after Sander had signaled for a timeout.

"I knew they were going to try and guard me above the screen and play me tight," Groshek said, remembering his big-time shot. "I knew they would rise on my first shot so I gave a pump fake, both of the players guarding me went up, I took a little dribble in

the corner, got a little space and shot it."

Groshek, a sophomore, netted a game-high 23 points and drained 9 of 11 free-throw attempts. The Mustangs were in a zone at the line, sinking 17 of 20.

"Bryce doesn't get rattled too much," Sander said. "He wants the big shots. He gets excited when he gets to take the big shots."

"I felt horrible when I called the timeout and then Bryce made the three at the end of the first overtime, but he bailed me out a little bit later."

A mid-game uniform change (from No. 5 to 40) due to a bloody jersey didn't faze Northville's Andrew Baldwin, who contributed 14 points and five rebounds.

Tim Hasse (11 points) and Scott Wagner (10) added to the winners' balanced scoring attack.

Senior guard Anthony Mullins sparked for the Rocks, scoring 22 points, including a long-range three with 15 seconds left in the third OT that knotted the game at 70-70.

Senior forward Jim Dexter also played well, netting 13 points and eight rebounds.

The lead changed hands or was tied by shots nine times during the final 5:12 of regulation.

Northville secured a 63-60 lead with 10 seconds left in the second overtime on a pair of Hasse free throws. However, Salem senior forward Joe Posler answered with a wide-open triple from the wing as the buzzer sounded.

The Mustangs built a 68-63 edge early in the final four-minute stanza thanks to a Baldwin three and two Groshek free throws. But the Rocks battled back to within 68-67 on a Jake Peterson basket and two Parling free throws.

Baldwin calmly canned two freebies with 35.8 left to extend Northville's advantage to 70-67, but Mullins stroked another clutch triple 23 seconds later to tie it.

Forgoing a timeout, Northville rushed the ball up the court on its ensuing possession and was rewarded when Myers banked in the game-winner.

Sophomores pave way for Plymouth's hoop victory over John Glenn, 65-55

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When purchasing an expensive piece of merchandise, your motto should be "buyer beware."

When playing Plymouth's boys basketball team these days, opponents' motto should be "beware Beyer."

Plymouth sophomore forward Brennen Beyer tormented Westland John Glenn Friday night by muscling in 17 points to go with 10 rebounds in the Wildcats' pivotal 65-55 home victory.

The win improved Plymouth's record to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division. The Rockets fell to 6-5 and 2-4, respectively.

"Brennen rebounds with fire," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He just snatches the ball. He's made a huge difference for us. Tonight there were about five times when he could have had and-ones, but he didn't get the calls. They were grabbing at his shirt and pulling on him when he'd go up for shots."

The Wildcats also received a solid game from Beyer's sophomore front-court mate Justin Moss, who tallied 19 points and nine rebounds. Another 10th-grader — guard Dan Nadratowski — added nine for the winners while senior guard Cliff Buttermore chipped in with eight.

Brad Lineberry and Dion Johnson both netted six points

for the 'Cats.

Glenn was paced by senior guard Austin Anderson, who scored 20. But they were a hard-earned 20 as he went 9-for-30 from the field.

"We shadowed him like we did with Woodson the other night against Wayne," said Van Wagoner. "We made sure we gave him extra attention."

Dorian Prather contributed 17 points and nine rebounds for Glenn. Jeremy Langford scored just two points, but he yanked down eight boards.

Plymouth led 28-22 at the half. The 'Cats extended their advantage to 38-24 with 5:10 left in the third quarter on a Moss slam, but Glenn countered with an 11-0 run to get back in the game.

Anderson swished a 30-foot triple at the third-quarter buzzer to bring his team to within 44-38.

The closest Glenn got in the fourth quarter was 50-46 with five minutes to play.

Plymouth was 9-for-15 from the free-throw line. Glenn was 5-for-11.

The Wildcats turned the ball over 11 times — seven less times than they did in a double-digit loss to the Rockets last month.

"That was the difference between the first time we played them," said Van Wagoner. "We took care of the ball better. It was like a layup drill for them the first time we played."

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HAYWOOD

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ing too much out there. Just go out and have fun.' So that's what I try to do.

"Probably the most memorable year I ever had in basketball was my second year in PCJBA when he coached my team. We weren't the most athletic team out there, but we had the most fun."

The right call

Haywood's decision to forego racquets for rebounds has proven to be an ace.

She'll finish her career at Plymouth sometime next month among the school's leaders in rebounds, points and blocked shots.

Haywood's name is also

right up there near the top of the leaderboard when it comes to humility, said her coach, Ted Sturdivant.

"Typically, when you have a player who gets as many minutes as Shaakira Haywood gets, and with the pedigree she comes from, they may have a tendency to be a little selfish," said Sturdivant. "But this kid has not a selfish bone in her body."

"Shaakira's always positive, always cheering on her teammates. She is the consummate teammate."

Based on the athletic scholarship they offered her, the coaching staff at Northern Illinois University feel Haywood is the consummate basketball player. The 6-foot post player signed with the Huskies late last year after

also receiving strong looks from several other D1 programs.

"When I visited the campus for the first time, I felt right away that this was the place I needed to be," said Haywood. "The University of Mississippi was looking at me, but that was too far from home. And Temple was nice, too, but I just felt this comfort zone at Northern Illinois."

A slam-dunk student

Haywood's talents extend away from the court and into the classrooms at Plymouth where she has established a stellar 3.4 grade-point average.

"Ever since I was old enough to have homework, when I got home from

school my mom (Linda) would tell me to get it done before I even changed out of my school clothes," said Haywood, revealing the key to her academic success. "If I don't get it all done before practice, then I make sure it's the first thing I do when I get home from practice."

Haywood isn't positive what major she'll pursue at NIU, but she's considering either psychology or education.

"People tell me I'm good with kids and I love being around kids," she said. "I have a class now at Plymouth where we work with kids with special needs and I love it. I think that might be my calling."

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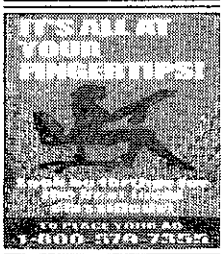
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Discount shopping day helps community nonprofit groups

When Jill Engel recently e-mailed me to request help in promoting Parisian's Community Day Saturday, Feb. 28, I was only too happy to write this column. As community newspapers, the *Observer & Eccentric's* goal is to get the word out about



Linda Chomin

activities in the neighborhoods. Community Day allows non-profits to raise money by selling \$5 discount books for projects. Shoppers receive \$10 toward any purchase in addition

to 20 percent off coupons good for the one day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"It's our way of being able to be involved in the community," said Engel, Parisian special event coordinator. "They can come in and do a presale up to 10 days before the event if they're going to be out of town or can't make the sale that day. They're still supporting an organization and won't miss out."

Individual organizations as well as store associates sell the booklets. Last year, sales associates alone raised \$10,000 for each event in spring and fall.

"We don't keep any of that. We have guest speakers coming in to talk to the associates to rally them," said Engel. "As far as the non-profits, the sky's the limit how much they can raise. It's however much effort they're putting into the event. It's still not too late to get involved even the last week."

Booklets sold for the career intern program at the Livonia Career-Technical Center support students from all three Livonia high schools.

"My students go out to internships four days a week and we have field trips over the semester to U-M Dearborn for team-building activities and for community service," said Mary Pat Benoit, career intern coordinator for Livonia Public Schools. "Last year, we raised \$700 to \$800 in one semester for 30 students. The program is important to give exposure to students about community service, exposure to groups out in the community."

FIELD TRIP

Last fall, St. Robert Bellarmine School in Redford raised \$2,500. Fifth-grade students use the money to go to camp at the Howell Nature Center. Eighth-graders take an end of the year trip. The school holds an open house today at 7201 W. Chicago for anyone who'd like to learn more about the offerings for preschool to eighth-

grade students. Call (313) 937-1655.

"When they go to camp with peers and teachers and a few parents, it's an incredible experience," said Linda Sabak, who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade language arts. "They learn several valuable skills, bonding and teamwork. There are obstacle courses where they have to totally trust the people giving them instructions. Fifth-graders learn about each other through nature, hikes."

AUTISM AWARENESS

Pat Conti can't say enough about Community Day which helps keep the Wayne County Autism Society going in a number of ways including keeping up the Web site, www.waynecountyautismsociety.net, that hosts a six-page resource guide. Last fall, they raised about \$1,900. The Redford woman's 34-year old son is autistic.

"This is the most wonderful thing. You never have to worry about losing money. We're even allowed to sell at the store where we make a lot of our money," said Conti, society president. "We send out fliers for meetings and use money for mailings, telephones, to send out information to people, and for our support group to get speakers to come in. I've been putting it on my credit card just to keep things going."

PET FOOD HELP

Laura Zain not only sells booklets for her Tail Waggers USA but uses the coupons to go shopping. For information or to buy a booklet, call (734) 560-4660 or visit www.tailwaggersusa.org. The Livonia-based nonprofit sold 160 booklets in fall.

"It's not your typical coupon where you go in and save," said Zain. "It's a shopping extravaganza because everything they're offering the customers is phenomenal. Last fall, I went in and surfaced six hours later. We made over \$500 for our pet food assistance program. We pride ourselves on helping people help animals. Finnegan's Fund is for people who have had a difficult time feeding their animal because they're out of a job or laid off. We're focusing on that right now because there's such a huge need. One Livonia resident called and had never asked for help. She said her dog hasn't eaten for five days and she'd sold her car to pay two months rent."

For more information, visit www.communitydayevent.com.

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

MILESTONES

Waldman-Dunham

Sheri Waldman and Delores Williams of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Marissa Helene Waldman, of Ann Arbor, to Cory James Dunham of Ann Arbor, son of Roberta and Robert Gora of Willis, and Toni and James Dunham of New Boston.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 2007 graduate of University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. She is employed at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System as a clinical pharmacist.

Her fiancé is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in 2004 from University of



Michigan College of Engineering and his master's degree in 2006 from University of Michigan College of Engineering. He is employed at Soar Technology in Ann Arbor as a software engineer.

The couple plan to wed in August 2009 at the Toledo Zoo.

Pritula

Nicholas John Pritula and his wife Diane Mary (Thibodeau) of Livonia celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday, Feb. 7. They were married on that date in 1959 at Precious Blood Church in Detroit.

The Pritulas have lived in Livonia for 43 years. They have four children, Lynn Quist, Mike, and Mark, all of Livonia, and Nicholas of South Lyon; and five grandchildren.

Nicholas Pritula worked at Ford Motor Company and Diane was a homemaker and owner of Headlines Hair Salon before their retirement



10 years ago. They have been parishioners at St. Maurice Church for 45 years, and enjoy spending time at their cottage in Traverse City with family and friends. They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family.

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CLASSICAL CONCERT COMING

The Schoolcraft College Music Department continues to bring quality classical music to the area with a free concert noon Wednesday,

Feb. 11. Pianist Lori Sims performs "Goldberg Variations" by J.S. Bach. Sims is a music professor at Western Michigan University and has performed throughout North America, Europe and China. Paid tickets are required for the Friday Evening Recital Series spotlighting Anton Nel 8 p.m. Feb. 13. Nel has concertized with many major orchestras. An award-winning pianist, Nel has appeared at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center as a recitalist. He has been concertizing for nearly three decades.

The Recital Series Committee, headed by music department chairman Donald Morelock, presents the lengthier concert as an evening out. Concertgoers can make reservations at American Harvest for dinner then walk across the hall for the program.

Tickets are \$20, \$10 students, and available by calling (734) 462-4403 or visiting www.schoolcraft.edu/music. Both performances take place in the Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty.



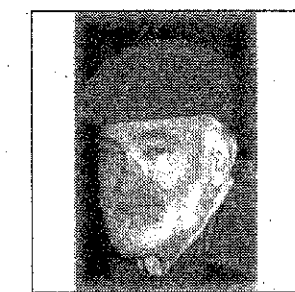
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BROCK AUSTIN, JR.

Age 81. Of Lincoln City, OR and formerly of Livonia, MI. Died January 14, 2009. He was born November 20, 1927 in Tennessee. The son of Brock Sr. and Jennie (Street) Austin. He retired from Churchill High School where he was a custodian. He loved fishing. His favorite spot was Green Lake at Interlochen, MI. He is survived by his loving wife Jane; sister Sally (the late Winfield Day). Also survived by step-daughter Janis (Don) Taylor; grandchildren Thomas Taylor, Mitchell (Jim) Barton; great-grandchildren Matt and Nichole Taylor, Jimmy and Katie Barton, niece Lynn (Bill) Black, nephews Jeff (Diane) Day, Patrick (Sharon) Day. A memorial service was held at Lincoln City Episcopal Church. His family and friends will hold a memorial celebration of his life this summer at Interlochen, MI.

MATT CERGO

Age 41. He lost his long-battle with cancer on February 1, 2009. He loved much and fought hard who is now starting his new occupation as our personal angel. Survived by his loving wife, Amanda and children Hunter (age 3) and Alison (age 1). He is also survived by his mother Loretta; his sisters Celeste Mason, Mary Crowe, Christine Harris, Cali Cergol, and his brother Mark Cergol. Predeceased by his father Rudy Cergol. Memorial Service Monday 10 a.m. at Lake Cross Baptist Church, 35 Airport Rd., Waterford 48327. We love you but are sad no longer as you walk with angels.

BARBARA ANN HUGHEY

February 5, 2009. Age 64. Loving mother of Clyde (girlfriend Jaime Wiegand). Devoted grandmother of Steve and Rachel. Also survived by her longtime companion H. Hildreth Buterbaugh and the mother of her grandchildren, Linda Kroll. Funeral service Monday 12noon A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (brwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8pm. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial tributes to The American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076 or Habitat for Humanity, 150 Osmin St., Pontiac, MI 48342. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



ROBERT BRUCE HUGHES

March 9, 1950 - January 30, 2009. In loving memory of a man who lived the fullest of life and accomplished all his dreams with his family. A man who loved, who cherished and gave the greatest of compassion. He is survived by his wife, Faye Hughes of 40 years and his children Leslie Hughes, Michelle Tapp (Ron Cook), Rene Hughes and Douglas Hughes (Stacie Hughes). His greatest joy were his grandchildren Kirstie Tapp, Alyssa Florn, James Toms, Tristin Hughes, Paige Tapp, Trevor Boone, Kyle Ferguson, Tatum Hughes, Riley Little and Gage Little. Brother of Nancy Hughes, Judy Matyscik, Gary Hughes and the late Rosemary Bradley and Frank Hughes. He will be forever loved and always remembered. Services were held at Risko Ferguson Family Funeral Home, 2401 S. Wayne Rd., Westland on Monday, Feb. 2.



STELLA KROPIELNICKI

Age 88. February 5, 2009. Wife of the late Stanley. Dear mother of Patricia (Timothy) O'Leary, Stanley (Judith) Kropielnicki Jr. and the late Ted Kropielnicki. Grandmother of Lynn, Robert, Bryan, Erin, Kevin, Adam, Timothy and Thomas. Great-grandmother of ten. Funeral Service was held Saturday at St. James Church, Novi. Online condolences: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.



SHIRLEY ELIZABETH BISHOP

We regretfully announce that Shirley Elizabeth Bishop died unexpectedly of natural causes in her home on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. She resided at 6001 Crystal Avenue, Benzonia Township 49617. A well-known painter in Northern Michigan, Shirley was born on November 26, 1935 in Ann Arbor, MI, to parents Harold Joseph Dawe and Marjory Edith (Scott) Dawe. Shortly after, they moved to Port Huron, MI, where she was the oldest of four girls, and her father was a Doctor of Research Chemistry, and her mother, a homemaker. She attended Port Huron Junior College and Central Michigan University. Shirley was married to Robert Richard Bishop in Port Huron on June 30, 1956. They eventually lived in Livonia, MI and had four children, 14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. A perennial volunteer, Shirley worked in many local and state elections. She ran many successful elections to State House of Representatives, ran a phone center for Governor Milliken's re-election. She was president of the Livonia Historical Commission for seven years during which she developed "Greenmead", a 103-acre historical site, and a re-creation of a 1800s Livonia intersection called "Livonia Historical Village". She worked for 10 years in clothing design, and she managed production for Sonia-Stuart/Lorizoni labels, which made one-of-a-kind hand knit or crocheted sweaters with overlay designs, trimmed blazers and knit ensembles. Upon retirement, Shirley and Bob relocated to Northern Michigan, a long favorite vacation spot and where her mother was born and raised in Frankfort. Typically, she rapidly became involved in the community, and was President of the Crystal Lake Art Center between 2000-2005. She also taught many art classes, and was the current chair of the Capital Campaign Committee to raise money for the renovation of the US Coast Guard Station in Frankfort into the new home for the Crystal Lake Art Center. She attended and loved St. Philip's Episcopal Church, where she has done the newsletter for the church for 10 years. She was a member of the Periwinkle Garden Club, and acted as treasurer as well as handled their newsletter. In 2002 she was invited to join the sisterhood of the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), which works to better the lives for woman through the promotion of educational opportunities, but she found the emotional support and friendship she shared to be priceless. Shirley was perhaps best known for her passion for art. She began painting when her youngest was in high school, about 1980. She was inspired by the natural beauty of her surroundings. The shapes and moods of Northern Michigan moved her to savor the interplay of form, light and color, which compelled her to put what she saw onto paper. Shirley is survived by her husband, Robert. Her daughter, Elizabeth Kelly and her husband Sean, and their three children, Rafferty, Caitlin, Liam. Her son Michael Bishop, and wife Cathie, and his children Craig and his wife Melissa, and their daughters Samantha and Juliana; Jamie, Karla and her daughter Kairi, Michael, William, and Brooke. Her daughter Melanie Bishop, and her sons Conrad, Robert and Jackson Tomasaitis. Her daughter Stephanie Bishop and her husband Davo Scheich, and their children Ian and Ava. Her sisters: Nancy Noble and her husband Richard, Kate Dawe, and Margaret (Meg) Minnich and her husband William. The funeral will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Beulah, Michigan, with Rev. Skip Comer officiating. There will be a luncheon following the service. A viewing will be held on Friday, February 6, from 2-4 pm and 6-8pm at the Jowett Family Funeral Home, 7223 South Street, Benzonia. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to the building fund for the new Crystal Lake Art Center on behalf of Shirley Bishop. <http://www.crystal-lakeartcenter.org>. Jowett Family Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Benzonia, is handling the arrangements.

NORA C. LAHTI

Age 72. Of Westland, MI. February 5, 2009. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

MILTON E. "GUS" NUERENBERG

February 4, 2009. Age 82. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Dear brother-in-law of Rita (Ronald) Dziadzio. Loving grandfather of Allyson, Paige, (Goddughter Mary and Gary Imhoff) Victoria, Collin (Caren and Tim Fifer), Sean (Kelly Meisling), (Jim Collins), (Patrick Collins.) Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Thursday February 5, 2009, 5-8pm and Friday February 6, 2009, 2-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Funeral was held Saturday February 7, 2009, In State 9:30am with Mass 10:00am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

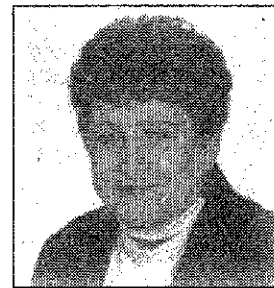


ALLEN A. PIWOWAR

Feb. 4, 2009. Age 60, of Canton. Survived by his loving wife Gayle; children Eric, Nicole, Robyn and Scott; parents Walter J. and Mary Helen Piwowar. Also survived by siblings; Gordon, Karen, Martin, Susan and Jean Ann as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. Visitation Saturday and Sunday 2-9pm, McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. In state Monday 10am until time of Mass 10:30am, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Rd., Canton. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

LYNNE GAIL (BALSOM) REARDON

Devoted mother, loving sister, doting aunt. Aged 66 years. Born September 30, 1942 in Detroit, MI to Albert and Margaret (Logan) Balsom. Died January 30, 2009 after battling Cancer at the Residence at Arbor Hospice. Survived by daughter Tracy Reardon (Jennifer Goodhue) of Willis; sister Barbara Ann Denton of Brighton; nephews Chad (Valerie) Denton and Adam Denton, both of Howell; niece Taylor (Austin) Epp, of Holly; and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and other extended family members in Essex, Ontario, Canada as well as many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the Humane Society of Michigan.



JOAN M. SMITH

February 3, 2009. Age 77 of Plymouth. Dear wife of the late Ed Smith and former wife of Charles Gallagher, of Hamburg, MI. Beloved mother of Terry, Mark, and Craig Gallagher. Long time realtor with Real Estate One in Plymouth. Visitation Monday 3-9 pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (Btwn Sheldon & Beck). In state Tuesday 10 am until 10:30 am. Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Entombment United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth.

DANIEL STASIK

Age 77. Beloved father of Tracey Stasik, Joseph Stasik, Danette (Robert) Delgado & Daniel Stasik. Loving grandfather of Krystle Stasik, Adam Stasik & Cheyanne Delgado. Dear brother of Dorothy Rogers and Josephine Sczempek. Visiting Tuesday 3-7 pm. Funeral Services Wednesday 10 am at Charles R. Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6-7 Mile). Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery.

B. BENSON "BEN" WRIGHT

Age 94, of Prescott, AZ, died at 8:30 am, on Monday, January 19, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ. He was born on Friday, October 2, 1914, in Ithaca, OH. Mr. Wright had moved to Prescott, Arizona seven years ago from Rochester, Michigan where he had lived for 50 years. He graduated from Arcanum High School in Ohio and was a member of the Moose Lodge in Muncie, IN and had been an avid bowler for his entire adult life. He had served in the US Navy during WWII. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Rochester, Mich. He married Grace Pearl (Davies) Wright on June 27, 1942 in Montpelier, IN. He was the son of the late Archie Edward Wright and the late Reva Jeanette Wright. Survivors include son, Edward (wife, Carol) Wright of Prescott, Ariz.; daughter, Beverly Goubeaux of Greenville, Ohio; brother, Doyle (wife, Georgia) Wright of Perrysburg, Ohio, seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: wife, Grace Pearl (Davies) Wright; father, Archie Edward Wright; mother, Reva Jeanette Wright and brother, Bob Wright. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 West Windsor Street, Montpelier, Ind. Funeral service will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 am Friday, April 24, 2009. Interment will be at Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier, Ind. Memorials to: First Congregational Church, 1315 N. Pine Street Rochester, MI 48307. WALKER & GLANCY FUNERAL HOME in charge of arrangements. Online Condolences may be sent to www.glancyfuneralhomes.com

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NEIGHBORS

Mutual admiration society

Students and seniors get back as much as they give

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

They came running into the assisted living building at Botsford Commons Senior Community in Farmington Hills. Outside the roads were snow-covered and treacherous but inside the fifth-grade students from the Clarenceville school district were anxious to spend time with the seniors. A community service program brings them together once a week. The children learn about giving back from seniors who regularly volunteer in the school district, which includes portions of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford.

Sherry Hamilton travels to Botsford Elementary in Livonia once a month even though multiple sclerosis has confined her to a wheelchair. There she listens and helps students with reading skills. It's activities like this that earned the seniors the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Michigan Center for Assisted Living. In the past, they've made pillows for Children's Hospital of Michigan, scarves for Livonia Goodfellows and blankets for preemies at Hutzel Hospital; collected food for the needy; and shredded newspapers for animal shelters.

"It keeps you young," said Hamilton, 63. "They're all really great kids, all very polite. They remind me of my four grandkids."

For Helen McGillen, 85, the students' visit brought back memories of the 25 years she taught second and third grade at Botsford Elementary in Livonia. Each week for six weeks, students from a different elementary school in the Clarenceville district come to make crafts and play Wii bowling



Shirley Ansama plays the game Candoo. She looks for hidden words with special glasses as Dillon Robinson (right) looks on.

and games. McGillen was showing students how to attract birds with peanut butter and seeds.

"It brings back all the years of being a teacher. I had some of their parents," said McGillen. "Today we're making peanut butter bird feeders to give the birds a treat in the middle of winter."

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every aspect of the intergenerational program teaches children about doing good deeds. When Barbara Smith and Jennifer Ballou met they already shared a common belief about the importance of volunteering. The health teacher is always looking for community service projects as is Smith, the recreation program coordinator at Botsford Commons. They already had a connection that made it easy to bring the two together. Anna

Smith, Barbara's daughter, is a student of Ballou.

"Barb and I started talking and she helped me put it all together," said Ballou. "We've both seen benefits. For the students, we've talked on the bus and back at school and they don't realize they're learning and working. They realize you can help people and it's not difficult. It's important to give kids the experience. For kids who might have trouble in school, it's important for them to succeed and have confidence in themselves."

WATCHING, PARTICIPATING

Soon the 22 students split into four groups and head off to one of four rooms. Florence Morris and Virginia Robison sat on the sidelines as students took turns bowling. Morris rested on her walker and wished she was able to exercise. Robison said the oppor-

tunity to interact with students was enough for her. Otherwise she "wouldn't have any company."

"We try to get residents involved but they seem to be having more fun watching than playing Wii," said Smith.

Crafts and games were another story. The activity turned into a mutual admiration society of sorts.

"I have a lot of fun playing with the kids," said Shirley Ansama. "They're laughing and talking. My grandkids are in California and Florida."

Rosemary Sieger doesn't have grandchildren so she was especially enjoying playing Cadoo, a board game with Apsama and the students.

"They're smarter than we are," said Sieger.

Norma Shapiro came over from the independent living area of the Commons but wasn't planning on playing.



Helen McGillen and Tiffany Nguyen share a laugh as they assemble bird feeders.



Norma Shapiro and Abigail VanMeter make bookmarks at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. The craft items will go to the library at Botsford Elementary in Livonia.

"I can't compete with the kids," said Shapiro.

Not true, said Cameron Bishop, 10. "They just beat us."

"It's fun having fun with other people not your age," added Aya Zeid, 10.

Jett Saenz thought it was "really nice to play with seniors" as well.

"It's more fun than kids," Jett said. "It reminds me of my grandparents."

Rebecca Schofer has three grandparents but they all live far away. Makenzie Tatro misses spending time with her grandpa, who now lives in a Redford nursing home.

"I like hanging out with them," Makenzie said. "I don't see my grandpa very often."

The hour and a half was almost

over and the students were about to get back on the school bus. But before they left they shared snacks they'd brought for the seniors. Abigail VanMeter was glad she came.

"I was very excited this morning knowing I was doing something good for the community and helping seniors out," Abigail said.

Robert Ankiel, 10, had made two bookmarks which would be donated to the library at school.

"I think it's good fun for the kids," said Sean Davidson, a teacher at Botsford Elementary. "They brought fruit and veggies and cupcakes. It's teaching them not only community service but social skills."

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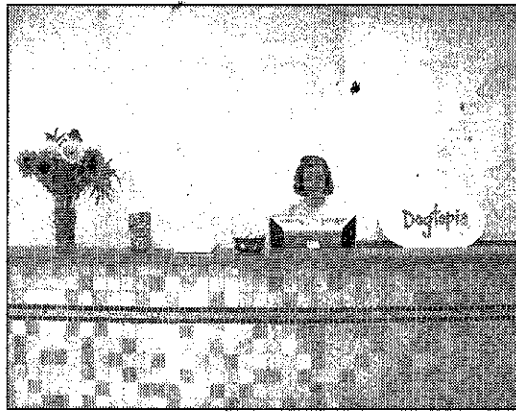
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Renee Miller behind the front desk in the lobby at Dogtopia in Livonia.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Ozzie greets everyone who comes in the door of Dogtopia in Livonia but so do several of Renee Miller's dogs. The new business is heaven on earth for canines. An open environment allows them to play with their friends all day long. For the owner, doggie day care offers peace of mind knowing their pet isn't sleeping away the day at home or, worse, chewing up the sofa.

Miller is the first to say it's nice to be able to bring her four-legged friends to work, but since not everyone can she'll see that their dogs not only have fun but receive any medications as well as lunch if requested. The Canton business owner and her staff even offer a spa for grooming in addition to overnight stays. Miller never uses the K word. Dogtopia isn't a kennel, but a place where dogs can experience companionship day or night. Miller and her husband, Rick, wouldn't have it any other way. One of the reasons the couple opened the franchise is because they would never leave their dogs in a kennel. Instead, dogs sleep in crates.

"There's someone here 24 hours a day," said Renee Miller. "Every room has outdoor access to a 1,400-square-foot area with a 6-foot vinyl fence. They can go out three to four times a day and we never leave any dog alone. A Web cam in every room allows owners to watch their dog on the

DOCTOPIA GRAND OPENING

What: The doggie day care and spa is having a party to celebrate the opening of Dogtopia's new facility.

When: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14

Where: Dogtopia, 38741 Ann Arbor Road, between I-275 and Hix, Livonia

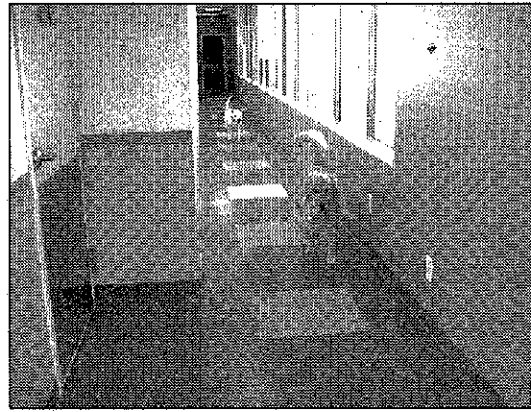
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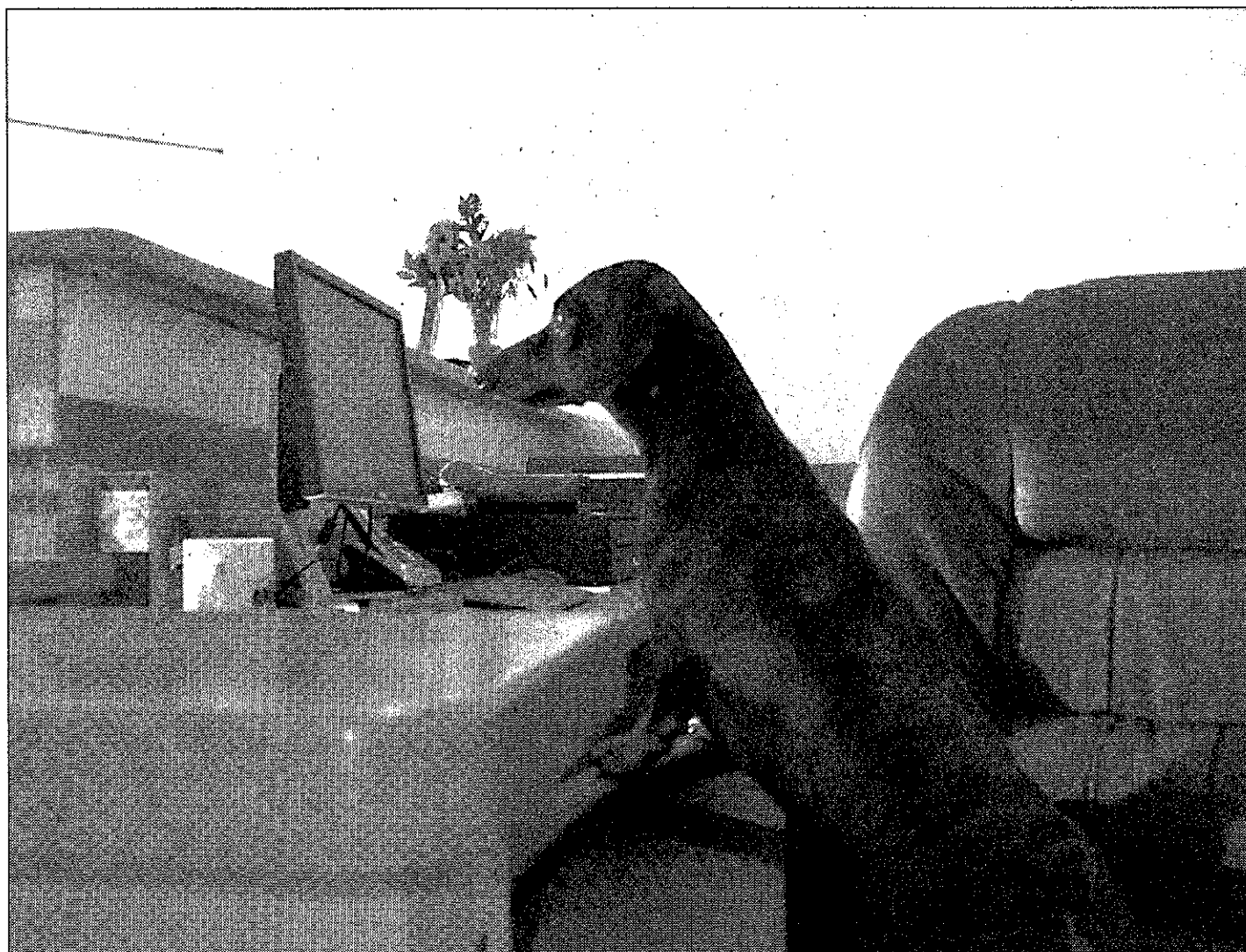
To show off the facility, the Millers are throwing a grand opening party on Valentine's Day Saturday, Feb. 14. Everyone's invited to see the new digs. Among those joining the Millers for the special day are the Michigan Greyhound and Pug rescues, Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth, Pet Supplies "Plus" Canton, Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup, Walk This Way Dog Training, and Humane Society of Huron Valley which is especially close to Renee's heart. Miller volunteers at the facility and presently fosters Ginger. The butterscotch-colored dog is calling Dogtopia home until someone adopts her.

"I first started thinking about opening a business when I was volunteering as a dog walker. I put in 760 hours in one year. My passion's always been dogs. I wanted to find some way to work with dogs in the community," said Miller,

Happy tails abound at new doggie day care



Scout and Marshmallow (background) have fun playing in one of the halls at Dogtopia in Livonia.



Samba helps check in guests at Dogtopia in Livonia.

who does animal law pro bono. Miller is a part-time patent attorney at Sommers Schwartz in Southfield.

The couple visited three Dogtopias in Maryland before purchasing the franchise. They were impressed by the community service projects, such as collect-

ing items for the military dogs working in Iraq and Afghanistan offered by the company (www.dogdaycare.com). Soon they were applying for a veteran's loan through the Small Business Administration. In June, they found the building and hired Shaw Construction in Livonia to gut and renovate the space. Bright colors add

to the cheery atmosphere.

"I think it's a great way to combine our love of dogs with finding a way to make money. We always wanted to start a business," said Rick Miller, who's an electrician by day. He did all of the

wiring in the building. "We put a lot of hours in. I didn't realize what they meant by sweat equity but we're forging ahead. People love their pets and we love ours."

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A person with myofascial pain will feel neck and back pain corresponding to where the trapezius muscle begins and ends. Some one with fibromyalgia may feel similar neck discomfort but the pattern of the pain will be over discrete places from the shoulder and upper back.

Other associated problems such as headache, fatigue, chest pain, jaw pain and irritable bowel occur equally in both fibromyalgia and myofascial pain syndrome.

At times, a person with fibromyalgia may have pain that better fits myofascial pain. The reverse can occur to individuals whose primary diagnosis is myofascial pain syndrome.

Also, medications such as Flexeril and Lyrica that are commonly used in treating fibromyalgia seem to have a lesser effect when tried in myofascial pain syndrome.

The cause of fibromyalgia and of myofascial pain syndrome is unknown, but treatment for the two conditions is similar. However, it appears that patients with myofascial pain syndrome receive more relief from vigorous daily exercise than the individual with fibromyalgia.

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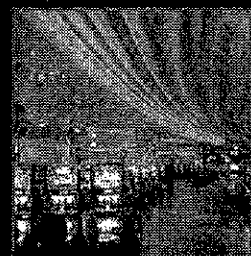
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Controversial treatments for autism

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Biomedical treatment for autism is controversial. For that reason Heidi Scheer is telling her story at the first international conference on the disorder which stole her son from their family at 15 months. It was then she says Gannon started to fade into his own world.

Scheer ran on the platform of defeating autism for Mrs. Michigan USA 2008. She continues to speak on the neurological disorder whenever the opportunity presents itself, as 1 in 150 children are affected.

The conference came about after she asked Dr. Phillip DeMio, president of the American Medical Autism Board, to talk at a meeting of the Autism Society of America, Macomb chapter. DeMio and the AMAB are presenting the weekend event that offers separate sessions for physicians and families of children with autism.

Gannon stopped responding to his name and his speech came to a halt more than six years ago. Devastated, Scheer began researching treatments and found many children with autism have food sensitivities.

The Commerce Township mother removed gluten from his diet even though the speech therapist told her there was no scientific evidence it would work. In three weeks Gannon's 3-year battle with diarrhea ended. He spoke his first sentence and behavioral problems such as biting other children began to subside.

With further research, Scheer discovered DAN (Defeat Autism Now), a project of the Autism Research Institute to educate parents and clinicians about biomedically-based research and safe and effective treatments.

Gannon underwent a variety of alternative therapies from supplements to chiropractic, chelation (removal of heavy metals from the body), and hyperbaric oxygen therapy to treat underlying causes of symptoms. Today Gannon, age 8, can speak fully. He is above grade level academically. Scheer's advice to parents is never give up.

"I want parents to know there is help," said Scheer who still is uncertain if vaccines caused Gannon's problems. She believes some children have stronger immune systems, like her older son Carson, and are not affected by certain additives such as mercury. Daughter Ella



Gannon Scheer is now 8 and above grade level academically.

though had 23-days of diarrhea after her 6 month vaccination.

"I'm not saying I'm totally against vaccines, but parents should be diligent about seeing what's in the vaccine. I also have a problem with the schedule of how closely vaccines are given."

DeMio, an M.D. near Cleveland, became concerned about vaccines after his son developed autism by age 2. He admits biomedical treatment is still controversial but continues to help parents find ways to help their children. He believes children can regress with exposure to vaccines and dental work. Vaccination is one of the topics at the conference.

DeMio's son lived on feeding tubes for several years. He'll talk about diet.

"It takes a period of time to help the kids," said DeMio. "I have one teenager, 14, who has just turned a corner. He's almost close to normal now. There is hope for kids with autism, but just like kids at the oncologists some get better, some don't. I've maybe had four who haven't gotten better from modifying or stopping vaccinating, keeping them on strict diets and a variety of treatments."

"At the conference parents can learn about what's out there. Many children with autism have problems with the gastrointestinal tract. They might as well be starving. What you eat and drink affects brain chemistry. Our son went backwards and lost all of his function. It was very devastating. Over a couple of months I



Heidi Scheer holds son Gannon who stopped speaking and faded into his own world at age 15 months.

tried to get help for our son. There are only about 10 practitioners around the country. Over 1 and 1/2 years I started feeling comfortable to start treating our son. I went through a residency of sorts and opened this practice in 2004. It culminates in the last year starting the American Medical Autism board to certify physicians in biomedical treatment of autism."

DeMio says treatment for autism is parent driven. Each child is different so parents must search out and investigate appropriate therapies for their child. DeMio put his son on a wheat- and dairy-free diet and doses him with 30 supplements a day. Hyperbaric oxygen treatments also helped. All of these will be discussed at the conference.

Boyd Haley, a chemist, is doing brain research and thinks autism is affected by mercury, aluminum, live viruses. He and

I have a sharp edge to our presentations because he's angry about what happened to his son and I to mine," said DeMio. "We have speakers talking about a variety of things. Parents are the driving force for this. They have to go out of their way to find out about this. I encourage people to get some sort of guidance. We'll have Mary Tocco talk about vaccine safety. I'm not against vaccines. Some forms are safe, some are not for a certain person. The decision is between a parent and a doctor to vaccinate. Children are given up to 14 vaccines in one day. I've never had that many in my life and I'm 50 but we're going to have as ethical and unbiased a conference as we can. We've gone out of our way but do believe certain scientific beliefs shouldn't be put on everybody."

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Cardiovascular risk assessment urged for adults

In observance of American Heart Month in February, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland (SJMO) physicians urge all adults age 20 and above to have a cardiovascular risk assessment. This procedure assesses and identifies an individual's potential risks for developing heart disease.

Candidates likely to experience heart disease are people who have high blood pressure, high LDL or bad cholesterol, low HDL or good cholesterol, diabetes, a family history of heart disease, smoke, or are obese or inactive.

High blood pressure, often called the silent killer, causes the heart to work harder increasing the risk for heart attack, stroke and kidney disease. High LDL can lead to build-up in the arteries, restricting blood flow and oxygen to the heart. Smoking leads to stiffening of the artery walls, increased blood pressure, and the breaking of plaque which can trigger the formation of blood clots.

In people who are obese, the excess weight may lead to high LDL, high blood pressure and increased risk for diabetes, all contributing factors to heart disease. Inactivity means the heart is not pumping enough blood. Those with a first-degree relative, such as a parent with heart disease, have a greater risk of having it too.

One in three Americans is affected by heart disease, which kills 870,000 Americans per year or 2,400 per day, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It is the leading cause of death among men and women.

To prevent heart disease, Dr. Nitin Doshi, SJMO cardiologist, medical director of cardiovascular services and chief of staff-elect, recommends a healthy diet, eliminating fried and fatty foods and salt, losing weight, getting plenty of exercise, having your blood pressure and cholesterol checked, quitting smoking, and having a cardiovascular risk assessment.

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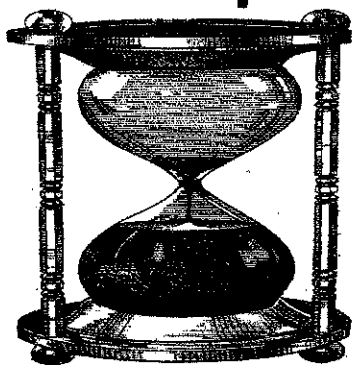
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- 12 More sore
- 14 Sp. or Eng.
- 15 Meets head-on
- 17 Pharaoh's god
- 18 Had for dinner
- 19 Wine category
- 20 Close kin
- 21 Trumpet or bugle
- 23 Hypotheticals
- 24 Import car
- 25 Name in elevators
- 27 Hillcock
- 28 Extra hrs.
- 30 Yes, to Pierre
- 31 Chimp abode
- 32 Wind dir.
- 33 Sell for, as a house
- 35 Tail end

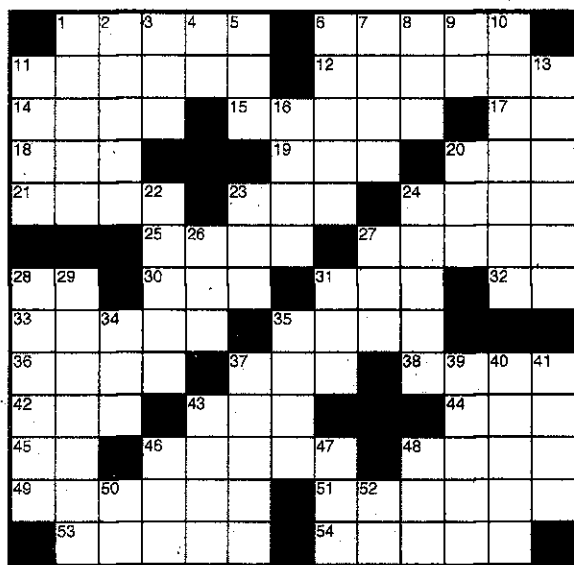
DOWN

- 36 "Hey —" (Beatles tune)
- 37 Dad, to Grandpa
- 42 Hairpin curve
- 43 — and Perrins (steak sauce)
- 44 Overly
- 45 Mass. neighbor
- 46 Goes sky-high
- 48 By mouth
- 49 Monotony
- 51 For some time
- 53 Heating pipes
- 54 Tibetan monks
- 1 Groovy
- 2 Hidden
- 3 Quiche base
- 4 S.F. location
- 5 Dwarf
- 6 SK and 10K
- 7 Treated a sprain
- 8 Words of surprise

Answer to Previous Puzzle

GAL PORE ZOOS
AMY OLEO URDU
BAR IDES LODE
SHEARED AU
RON PISTOL
ADMIT KIM ETE
RAID ROT YETI
AYE PEN DEMOS
BONGOS COW
AD FROSTED
ELLS BAUD HAI
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7	9			3	4	6		5
8				1				3
		3		6			2	8
1	4						5	
2	7	5	1	9	8			4
		8	5				7	2
			7	8			4	
						2	8	6
4				5				

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C H F G Z E S T D O
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

7	9	6	9	2	9	1	8	7
9	8	2	6	1	7	4	9	8
4	1	9	8	7	4	6	2	9
2	7	1	9	7	8	8	6	9
7	9	8	6	1	9	7	2	2
6	9	8	2	7	8	9	4	1
8	2	7	4	9	6	8	1	9
8	6	7	1	9	2	7	9	8
9	1	9	7	8	2	6	7	4

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N	A	E	V	X	A	S	V	C	B
A	T	N	K	N	F	A	I	H	C
O	D	L	K	Z	Q	W	H	C	
I	S	H	L	R	I	M	A	H	
S	R	J	L	G	A	N	I	E	
I	R	O	S	T	I	O	I	E	
N	O	I	L	S	A	R	C	R	
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SUVs have been getting a bad rap lately. Blamed for global warming, high energy prices and diverting resources from building more fuel-efficient vehicles, what once was a very profitable part of almost every automaker's portfolio has been the latest automotive whipping boy.

Up until the last year or so, Americans really loved their SUVs. The rap has always been the fuel economy, or lack thereof. Despite advances in automotive engineering, simple physics will tell you it takes more power to pull a 5-ton SUV than it does a small car. More power means more fuel consumption.

Now, though, we may be able to use the phrase "fuel-efficient SUV," and not break out laughing. If you need the room and towing power of a full-size SUV, but still want to save on fuel costs, you might be interested in the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid.

The Hybrid boasts a 50 percent improvement in mileage in city driving with an EPA estimate of 21 mpg in the city and 22 mpg on the highway (2 WD) and 20/20 with the 4 WD version.

The Hybrid is powered by 6.0-liter V8 gasoline engine combined with a 300-volt nickel-metal hydride battery pack located under the second-row seat. The battery pack provides power to the Electrically Variable Transmission and to store captured energy produced during regenerative braking. The Tahoe can use battery power during initial acceleration up to 30 mph before the gas engine takes over. Acceleration is actually pretty good on the Hybrid.

The EVT transmission consists of two 60 kW electric motors. The transmission receives torque data from the rest of the powertrain and determines whether to use electric power, gasoline power or some combination of the two. There's a fuel-efficiency gauge on the instrument panel that can help you drive the Tahoe in the most fuel-efficient manner. And it's hard, at first, to keep your eyes off the display that tells you how, and what kind of, power is being distributed. That display is located on the same screen that houses the navigation



The 2009 Chevy Tahoe Hybrid. You can save gas with this SUV.

and audio system displays.

If you've never driven a hybrid before, it can be a little unnerving to reach a stop sign and feel the engine go "dead." Of course, it's not really dead. It's just resting. The gas engine isn't needed for initial acceleration, and the electric engine is deathly quiet at a full stop.

Speaking of quiet, the Tahoe Hybrid provides a quiet and controlled ride. There isn't much in the way of cabin noise and the independent front and five-link rear suspension provide a smooth ride.

The Tahoe Hybrid's power steering makes it relatively easy to handle; like any large vehicle it can be a challenge to park, but the steering is smooth and easy.

All this fancy engineering talk is fine, but does the Tahoe Hybrid still deliver basic SUV functions like carrying passengers and cargo and providing towing capacity? Towing capacity does not suffer with the Hybrid; the Tahoe Hybrid's trailer towing capacity is 6,200 pounds for the 2 WD version and 6,000 pounds for the 4 WD.

As for passengers, you can seat eight in the three-row Tahoe, and with the second- and third-row seats down, there's lots of cargo space. The standard leather seats, which can be heated, are quite comfortable and provide good support.

The Tahoe Hybrid comes with a host of standard features, including air conditioning (controlled by the same battery pack the engine uses), leather seats, power outside folding mirrors, power windows and locks and a 115 volt/150 watt inverter in the rear cargo area.

A navigation system is standard and it includes a rear back-up camera. Both, in turn, are part of the standard audio system - and AM/FM/CD system that includes XM satellite radio and real time NavTraffic. That feature can list traffic conditions in the area and help you plan

an alternate route.

Being a General Motors vehicle, OnStar is also included on the Tahoe Hybrid. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

The Tahoe Hybrid costs a little more than its gasoline-only siblings. The 2 WD Hybrid lists at a little over \$50,000, vs. a little over \$42,000 for the most expensive gas-only Tahoe. The 4 WD Hybrid checks in at a little over \$53,000, a difference of about \$2,000 over the most expensive 4 WD version of the gas-only Tahoe.

Whether the higher initial cost pays for itself in fuel savings will depend, of course, on how you drive and how you use the vehicle. Of course, some folks just like the idea of doing something "green" and buying a hybrid.

With the Tahoe Hybrid you can do that, and still not give up the things that made you want an SUV in the first place.

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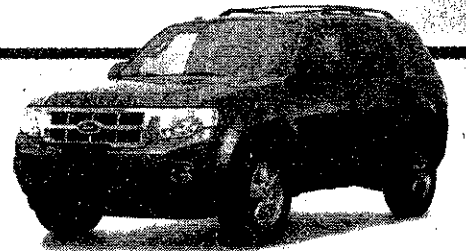


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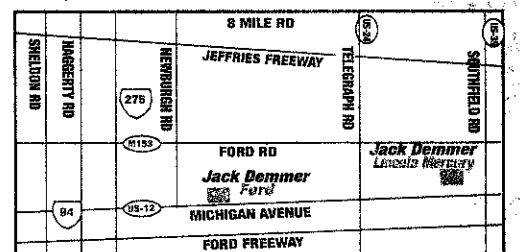
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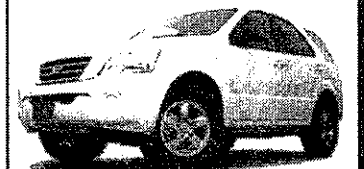
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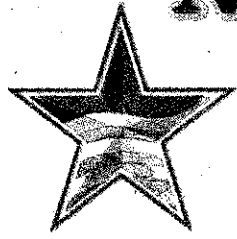
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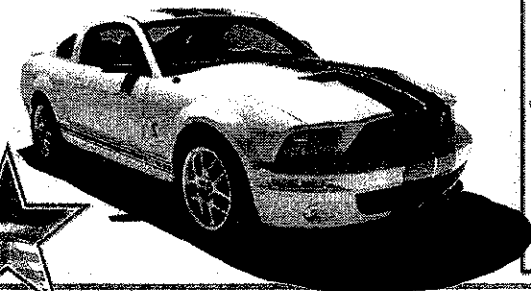
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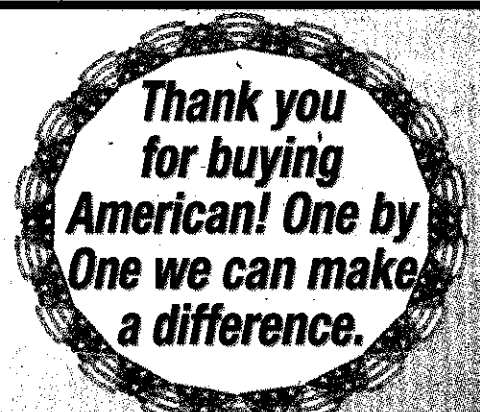
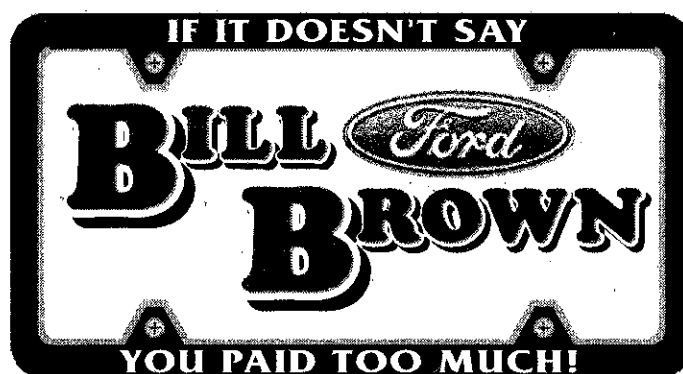
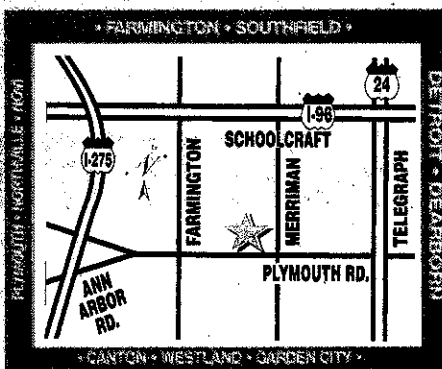
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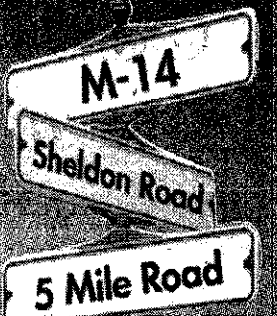
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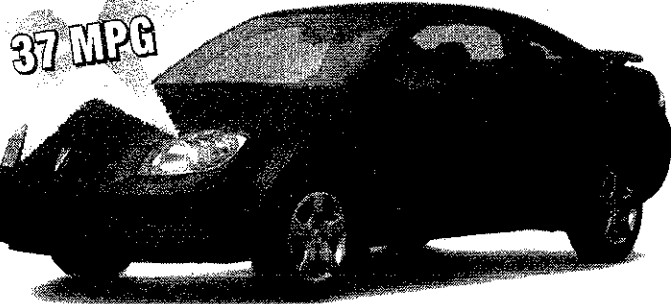
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