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Corriveau coffee

State Rep. Marc Corriveau will be holding a coffee at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman on Monday, Aug. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet Corriveau and have their concerns or issues addressed.

Corriveau's district includes a portion of Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

Rouge friends

Friends of the Rouge recently received \$1,000 from Henniges Automotive for support of the Rouge Education Project (Friends of the Rouge's school-based water quality monitoring program).

"The enthusiastic support from sponsors like Henniges Automotive is amazing," said Emily Hughes, Rouge Education Project, Program Manager. "This project is a great opportunity for a business or organization to get involved in a local environmental education initiative."

Last year, 10 sponsors helped to support the 2008-2009 Rouge Education Project through the Adopt-a-School campaign. The campaign has attracted over \$50,000 in sponsorships, which supports 23 of the 53 participating schools.

Friends of the Rouge hopes to have all of the schools in the project supported by local sponsors. Currently many schools are supported in part by the U.S. EPA's Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project grant.

All or parts of 48 communities are located in the Rouge watershed, which includes parts of Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties. These 48 communities have a combined population of nearly 2.5 million people.

Historical auction

The Canton Historical Society hosts an auction fund-raiser Aug. 23 at Preservation Park (the former Bartlett-Travis House property).

Viewing of items starts at 10 a.m.; the auction starts at 11 a.m. Items to be auctioned include farm equipment, household items, artifacts (masks, drums, etc.) and other items of interest.

The auction is being organized and service donated by J.D. Auctions of Plymouth. Cash or credit card purchases only; no checks.



Leona Jordan of Canton put her best foot forward in the soccer ball kick event in the Senior Olympics Monday.

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Seniors shine Olympians claiming their share of hardware

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton was having an impressive turnout this week for the fifth annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, and township residents were accumulating their share of medals, too.

About 75 Canton residents were among more than 600 seniors competing in the five-day event that ends Friday.

"This weeklong event of camaraderie and competition is really a celebration of seniors staying active in the community," said Ann-Marie Carravallah, Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator.

Seniors from 16 communities were competing in basketball, photography, dancing, volleyball, golf, baking, euchre, swimming and numerous other activities.

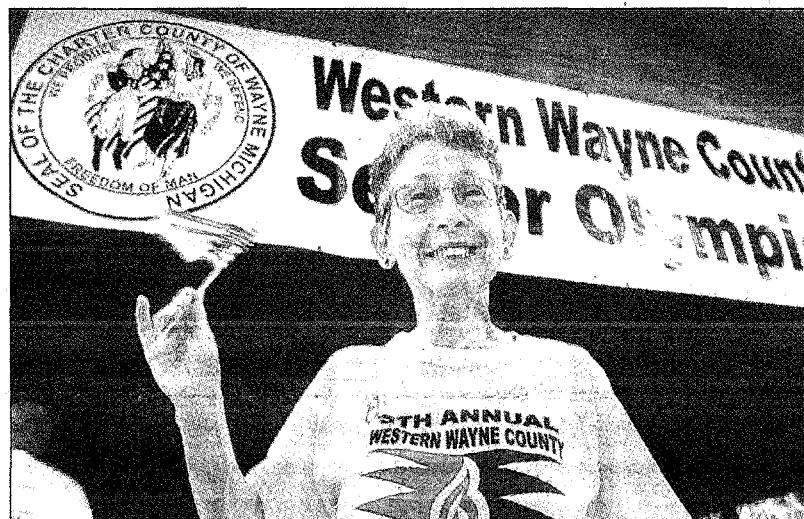
The event kicked off Monday morning with opening ceremonies in Hines Park and is to conclude Friday with an awards banquet at Schoolcraft College's Vista Tech Center in Livonia.

"What's exciting is it's a celebration of all the communities," Carravallah said. "We're bigger than just our own community, and we all want to stay active."

With that said, Canton residents already had started winning many competitions, which featured classes for age and gender.

Canton's Rosa Treusch took first place in basketball Class C for seniors age 70-79, and she also placed third in the frisbee toss and second in a photo contest, Carravallah said.

Millie Macek won second place in basketball in the same class as Treusch, and she took third-place



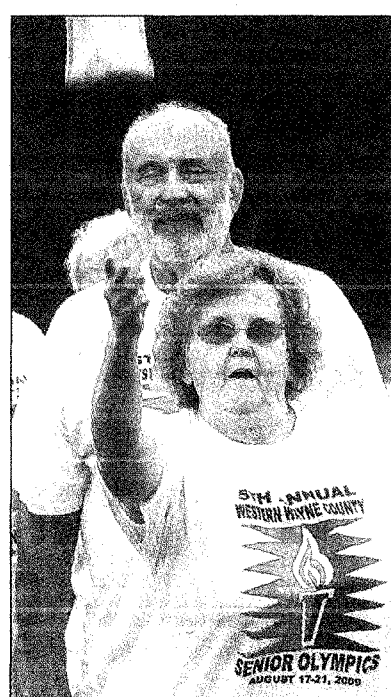
Canton's Virginia Garner was ready for competition to begin at the opening ceremony of the 2009 Western Wayne Senior Olympics.

honors in the frisbee toss.

Carravallah said other Canton winners as of mid-week included:

- Leona Jordan, first place, basketball, Class B, ages 60-69.
- Virginia Garner, second place, basketball, Class B.
- Gloria Cifaldi, first place, frisbee toss, Class B, and third place, basketball, Class B.
- Janet Brady, second place, basketball, Class A, for ages 50-59, and second place, frisbee toss.
- Hassan Darouie, second place, basketball, Class B.
- Hsien Pao, second place, basketball, Class C.
- Jim Yares, third place, basketball, Class C, and Jim Yares 3rd Basketball class C, 2nd Frisbee Toss class C.
- Jerry Gawura, second place, frisbee toss, Class D.
- Delores Kawa, first place, frisbee toss, Class C.

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Over at the beanbag toss, Frank Macek watches Marlene Grigg compete. They are both from Canton.

Canton forms Crime Stoppers partnership

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Canton police have beefed up their crime-fighting efforts by forming a new, close partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan, an organization that pays for anonymous tips leading authorities to lawbreakers.

Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski urged residents who don't want their identities known to report crimes by calling (800) SPEAK-UP. He said the local department this year began a more aggressive approach to crime by teaming up with Crime Stoppers.

"The reason we're doing it is to add another tool to assist us with getting tips on solving crimes," Gajeski said Tuesday, adding that tips can be made for crimes ranging from thefts to homicides.

Residents also may contact Crime Stoppers online at www.1800speakup.org or by texting a tip to 274637, or CRIMES.

"As long as we're getting information about crime, we don't care how we get it," Gajeski said.

Crime Stoppers President John Broad said the nonprofit organization, funded by corporate sponsors and private individuals, last year paid out \$75,325 in a seven-county area of southeast Michigan after receiving 3,211 anonymous tips leading to 751 arrests.

Tips made through July of this year already have increased 18 percent compared to the same period last year, partly because "people are becoming more comfortable that it really is anonymous," Broad said.

In 2006, Crime Stoppers received 1,773 tips that led to 253 arrests. "The tips have nearly doubled since then, and the arrests have tripled," Broad said.

Canton police know a good program when they see it.

"Whenever you're investigating something, you need information," Gajeski said. "If you have someone out there who knows something, this is an excellent opportunity to assist the police department."

Broad said tips may be made anytime, 24/7. A call center in Canada takes the toll-free tips, and Broad said "there's no caller ID, and callers are not asked who they are."

An operator who takes the call issues a code number to the caller, who can qualify for rewards ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 or more depending on the offense and number of arrests.

Broad said a six-member panel dubbed the Reward Court — composed of corporate representatives — meets each month to decide the payouts, and its members use a point system to decide an amount paid out.

Broad said callers can check on their potential payouts by calling a Crime Stoppers office number, (313)

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Salvation Army background drives new leaders

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Capt. Dan Hull has been in his new job long enough now to know his introduction to the community wasn't indicative of how things usually go around here.

Barely a week into his tenure — along with wife, Capt. Jolene Hull — as the new corps officer for the Plymouth Salvation Army, Hull found himself in the heat and devastation of the car-train accident at the Hannan railroad crossing in Canton Township, delivering water to parched rescue workers, police, firefighters and even the media.

It was quite an introduction.

"It was such an unfortunate event," Dan Hull said. "The first thing we thought about was those poor families. It made me think of my own children. My second response was, 'Let's get out there and help, but stay out of their way.'"

"Going out there," he added, "you reflect on what we can do to help and pray for the families."

It's basically what he and Jolene have been doing for 13 years, since they started their Salvation Army careers in Anderson, Ind., some five years



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Captains Dan and Jolene Hull arrived last month from St. Louis to assume command of the Plymouth Salvation Army, which services Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

after they got married. Their careers have taken them to corps in Vincennes and Muncie, Ind., Tondelac and LaCrosse, Wis., and then to regional

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jobs at divisional headquarters in Minneapolis and St. Louis.

The couple completed seminary together in 1996. Having grown up in the Salvation Army (Jolene's parents were corps officers and Dan's family attended a Salvation Army church), Dan and Jolene knew what the life would be like.

Still, the longest they've been in one place is three years.

"We have a vast array of abilities," Jolene Hull said. "We're flexible."

Dan Hull smiled and gave a little chuckle, thinking about all the moving.

"One skill we definitely have is packing," he said.

The couple arrived in Plymouth last month with their four children — Kirsten, 9, Andrew, 7, Nicholas, 5, and Alexander, 4 — in tow, having pulled up stakes from their previous posting in St. Louis. They replace Majors Jim and Pat Irvine, who left for Green Bay, Wis.,

after almost exactly three years in Plymouth.

One of the first things Jolene did was register for a library card — "I love to read, the kids love to read, it's a great family thing to do," she said. Now the couple settles in to try and make Plymouth their own.

"The Irvines left us a great history to build upon," Dan Hull said. "This is going to be good for us."

The Plymouth posting continues a calling for the Hulls. Jolene, an elementary teacher by trade, and Dan, an electrical engineer, joined the Salvation Army because they wanted to do more on something other than a part-time basis.

"We felt we'd been given these gifts, and we needed to use them more on a full-time basis rather than just on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening," Jolene said. "I love working with that (elementary) age group, and the Salvation Army has character-building programs, so I still get to work with them."

Dan is the organizer who enjoys the "business" aspects of the job. He's at his best when he's organiz-

ing and coordinating things "so our people can get out there and help."

"I could have gotten an engineering job and made lots of money," he said. "But there's more to life."

The Hulls believe the Plymouth Salvation Army — which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville — has solid programs such as Tiny Tots and Back to School, as well as a good food pantry and solid Red Kettle bell-ringing program, in place.

They'd like to "kick it up a notch." And, like the Irvines before them, the Hulls realize the need is growing, particularly in Canton and especially among those who've never needed help before.

"There are going to be people who need help who have never had to ask for help," Dan Hull said. "We're going to make sure we stretch the dollars as far as we can."

"We can't do everything and be everything to everybody," he added. "But we will continue to do what which we have done well and strongly."

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Plymouth Salvation Army Capt. Dan Hull got a rough introduction to his new job, helping distribute water and snacks to police, fire and rescue workers at the site of last month's car-train collision in Canton.

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922-5000. Callers who qualify for rewards will be told how to collect their money without providing a name, and most payouts are made within mere weeks.

"They're never asked to identify themselves or sign anything," Broad said.

Not only does Crime Stoppers help authorities catch the bad guys, it also results in guns and drugs being taken off the street. Broad said rewards may be paid out simply for an arrest and not necessarily a conviction.

Gajeski said tips often come from people who didn't even directly witness a crime, but simply heard about it and may have credible information. Others want to report crimes, but are fearful of retaliation if they provide their names.

Crime Stoppers also seeks community volunteers who aid law enforcement agencies by handing out information about crimes that have happened in their neighborhood, Broad said.

For more information about Crime Stoppers, call (313) 922-5000 or log on to www.1800.speakup.org.

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W-W fills two administrative positions

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two veteran educators have been hired to fill principal and assistant principal positions in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Bridget Regan, an elementary reading facilitator in the curriculum department of the Livonia Public Schools, is taking over as principal at Hamilton Elementary while Mary Wizinsky, a reading specialist with the Aldine Independent Schools in Houston, Texas will join the administrative staff as an assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School.

Regan replaces April Quasarano who has been assigned to principal's position at Schweitzer Elementary School. She is familiar with Wayne-Westland having done staff development in reading and writing and provided workshops at several schools, Superintendent Greg Baracy said in recommending her appointment.

"I'm happy to recommend her, she will be a great asset," he said.

"I'm delighted to be a part of this school system," said Regan. "I was excited with what I saw when I had the opportunity to work in the district. When the opportunity to apply came about, I said this is for me."

A Livonia resident, has a bachelor's degree in elementary education/language arts and a master of arts degree in reading instruction, both from Eastern Michigan University and an educational specialist degree in educational leadership from Oakland University.

Her entire career has been with the Livonia Public Schools where she was a fourth-grade teacher, a language specialist working in reading recovery and as a literacy facilitator.

In addition to her work with the Aldine district, Wizinsky has worked as an English teacher and leader and as the dean of student activity with the Novi Community Schools.

The South Lyon resident thanked the board for her appointment, telling them that "I need to go out and buy a lottery ticket, I feel so lucky."

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," she said. "I found this organization so warm and inviting and I knew I wanted to make my home here. I know I'm going to have a great time at Wayne Memorial. I can sense that."

Wizinsky received her associate of arts degree in physical education and health education from North Harris County College and a bachelor of arts in those two areas from Sam Houston State University. She also has a master of arts degree in leadership administration from Eastern Michigan University.

"Both of those schools are really good, I think you're going to like them," board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said in congratulating the two women on their appointments.

"I hope you enjoy your tenure here because we are hard working people," added Trustee Carol Middel.

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Check out the bargains at area garage sales
inside today's Classified section

Chiefettes clinic

Youngsters who would like to be a Junior Canton Chiefette have their chance. The Chiefettes are hosting a Kids' PomPon Clinic for children ages 5-14 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Canton High School gym in the Phase III building.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon and all girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Chiefettes annual variety show on Sept. 19.

Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Pre-register at www.cantonchiefettes.com before Aug. 27 and receive a \$5 discount. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail PomClinic@cantonchiefettes.com

Junior Miss

Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss is looking for contestants to participate in this years program, which takes place Friday, Nov. 20 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton. Senior girls who will graduate from high school in 2010, reside in Plymouth or Canton and are interested in participating should go to the www.ajm.org Web site and register as a contestant.

The program is for senior girls who reside in Plymouth or Canton, no matter which high school they attend.

Questions should be directed to Marissa at pcjrmiss@yahoo.com. Officials are also still looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with the program.

Church crafts

Connection Church (previously Tri-City Christian Center) is currently accepting applications for its annual Holiday Craft Fair 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5.

Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon in Canton, north of Michigan Ave.

For more information contact Katy Reitz, (734) 693-5656 or katyreitz@mac.com

Golf scramble

Hickory Creek Golf Course hosts a Junior Golf Scramble 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

The event takes place at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township, just west of Canton off of Ford Road. Cost is \$25 for golf, pizza and prizes.

For more information contact Tami Bealert via e-mail at trainwithtami@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 731-0238.

Health screening

Meijer Pharmacy, located on Ford Road at Canton Center, will be holding their monthly health screening clinic 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 3.

Cholesterol, diabetes, and liver function screening are available at a very affordable cost. Appointments are required; please contact the pharmacy for details at (734) 844-2733.

PCA golf outing

A golf outing to benefit Plymouth Christian Academy, a preschool through 12th grade educational organiza-



Teachers academy

Jill Dean, a local fifth grade teacher at Dodson Elementary School in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, had been selected to attend the 2009 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J. Dean was one of 200 highly-qualified third- through fifth-grade teachers from around the country selected to attend the intensive one-week, all-expense paid professional development program this summer. During the Academy, held last month, teachers discovered new ways to excite students using experiments that demonstrate various math and science concepts including force, gravity and probability. The Academy curriculum works to deepen teachers' understanding of these principles by conducting hands-on experiments that teachers can share with their students in the classroom. Dean was nominated by her former fifth grade student, Gregory Payne of Canton.

tion serving the Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities, is being held Monday, Aug. 24, at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth.

The 18-hole scramble tournament on the Golden Fox course will have an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, prizes, course contests, silent auction and keynote speaker. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are also available.

Jim Nill, vice president/assistant general manager of the Detroit Red Wings, is the keynote speaker and featured guest for this event. The goal of this golf outing is to establish an exciting day of golf that raises money for a locker room expansion project at PCA.

For more information, contact Julie Dart, PCA director of Development, via e-mail at JDart@plymouthchristian.org

Village Faire

Step back in time and enjoy the Village Faire noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at the Preservation Park, formerly known as the site of the Bartlett-Travis House, located at 500 N. Ridge.

Enjoy a simpler time and pay tribute to Canton's rich history and heritage as you watch historical demonstrations, such as: cooking, knitting, blacksmithing, candle-making and plowing. There will also be music, face painting, a petting farm, guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House and more. We'll offer a variety of activities for the whole family.

And don't miss the always-irresistible corn roast sponsored by the Canton Lions Club. Food wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-

registration is not necessary.

Residents of all ages are welcome to this free event, brought to you by Canton Leisure Services in partnership with the Canton Historical Society and the Canton Lions Club. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

Canton newcomers

Interested in meeting your neighbors and getting involved with various interest groups? If so, the next monthly adult general meeting of Canton Newcomers will be held 7:15 p.m. Sept. 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse (45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center).

The evening will include Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, as well as time for socializing, neighbor introductions, sign-ups for our over 20 interest group activities (Playgroups, Bunco, Scrapbooking, Book Club, Men's Poker Night, Couples Social and more), and a raffle to benefit a local nonprofit in need.

For more information, or to receive a complimentary copy of our newsletter, please visit www.cantonnewcomers.org or call Melanie at (734) 207-3341.

Sweetest Day dance

PLAV Post #166 and VFW Post #6695 will co-host a Sweetest Day Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 17, at the VFW Post located at 1436 Mill in Plymouth.

Tickets, which are tax deductible, are \$10 each and are available at the VFW lounge/club room. Entertainment will be provided by Benny Spear, of Benny and the Jets (specializing in

'50s and '60s music) along with Greg Jaqua (an Elvis impersonator). There will be door prizes offered throughout the evening along with a cash bar.

For more information, call (734) 459-6700.

Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool still has openings for classes beginning in September.

There are three classes available: Monday-Wednesday-Friday mornings from 8:45-11:15 a.m. for 4-year-olds; Tuesday-Thursday mornings from 8:45-11 a.m. for 3 year olds; and Tuesday-Thursday afternoons from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. for 3 or 4 year olds.

Tuition is \$130 a month for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class, and \$95 a month for either Tuesday-Thursday class. There is a one time registration fee of \$35.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464 or view the Salvation Army's Web site at www.misalplymouth.org.

Scrapbooking fund-raiser

The Salvation Army of Plymouth and Creative Memories consultant Cassie Hull are teaming up to host an all-day Scrapbooking event to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids program.

Those interested in scrapbooking can join us for the Sept. 26 event, called Croptoberfest, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at a cost of \$35, which includes 12 hours of scrapbooking, meals, and a goodie bag. There is also a half-day option of six hours for \$20.

For more information, or to register, contact Cassie at the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464, or by e-mail at cassiekh@gmail.com. Those unable to attend can still help the Coats for Kids program by donating \$15 to help purchase a coat for a child in need. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

Cutest baby

Personalized Nursing LIGHT House sponsors its first Cutest Baby Contest during the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. Winners will be announced Sunday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

Parents should send one 5x7 (or smaller) picture with the required \$10 entry fee by Sept. 1. Mail entries to Cute Baby, c/o Teresa Smith, 575 S. Main, Ste. 6, Plymouth, MI 48170. Child must be 36 months old or younger.

For more information, call (734) 451-7800.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters (PCMB) is hosting its Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, Nov. 21. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own

items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fund-raising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by June 26 for the first wave of jurying. For more details, contact exhibit coordinator Carol Rosati at (734) 455-0714. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 7,000 attendees have visited the PCMB Arts & Craft Ensembles.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton, Mich. The Holiday Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Nov. 21. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admittance is \$2.

Life screening

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a Life Line Screening health event to scan for risk of abdominal aortic aneurysm. Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology. The screening will be held Aug. 28 at the Township Friendship Station, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Register for the stroke, vascular disease and heart rhythm package for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call to pre-register (888) 653-6441.

Senior Fest picnic

The annual Senior Fest Picnic will once again be held at Waterford Bend Park on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street, ticket prices are \$7 for PCCA Members and \$9 for guests. Lots of prizes, raffles, chicken lunch and entertainment.

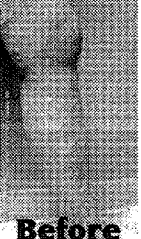
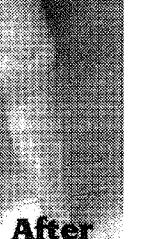
Tables are \$50. Interested vendors should call Bobbie at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

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Suspect pleads guilty to pair of robberies

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A serial robbery suspect captured by Canton police in January is facing at least six years in prison after he pleaded guilty to two of several incidents that fueled investigations against him.

Shawn William Bowman, 23, has started serving six to 20 years after he admitted in court he was involved early this year in an armed robbery and an attempted robbery, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Bowman was captured by Canton police in January

amid allegations he robbed a Subway restaurant on Canton Center Road. Authorities, following a number of leads from the public, arrested Bowman after they saw him driving near Sheldon and Ford roads.

Bowman also had been suspected of restaurant robberies in Plymouth Township, Livonia and Garden City.

Although he has pleaded guilty to two of the incidents, it wasn't clear which ones led to his prison sentence.

However, MDOC documents do show that Bowman is serving six to 20 years for armed robbery and one to five years for attempted robbery.

The same records also show Bowman had pleaded guilty in 2006 to attempted robbery.

During the Canton incident, police said an undisclosed amount of cash was taken in January after a lone bandit showed the Subway clerk a gun in his waistband and demanded money from the cash register.

Canton Police Lt. Debra Newsome had said at the time that authorities received tips from the department's Community Alert program, and "we were able to follow the leads and tracked him down" while he was driving.

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Rotary honors

On Aug. 10, the Canton Rotary Club honored the 2009 Canton Firefighter of the Year, Kevin Henderson, and the Canton Police Officer of the Year, Kevin Rize, at its weekly noon luncheon meeting at Carrabba's Italian Grill. We are privileged to have both of these extraordinary officers working in our community. Pictured are (from left) Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher, Firefighter of the Year Kevin Henderson, Police Officer of the Year Kevin Rize, Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr, Public Safety Director John Santomauro, and Canton Rotary Club President Bill Tesen.

Canton fills police, firefighter slots

Canton hires two police officers and one firefighter

The Canton Public Safety Department recently hired two new police officers and one new firefighter, filling vacancies created by retirement.

Firefighter Christopher Battistone, 22, earned his Firefighter I & II Certification from Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Association in 2006, and his Paramedic License from Huron Valley Ambulance Education in 2007.

He worked for Chelsea Area Fire Authority before starting with Canton.

Police Officer Anthony Resst, Jr., 24, earned his



Battistone



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Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2008. He graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy later that year.

Police Officer Brian Zinser, 23, earned his Associates Degree from Macomb Community College in 2008

and graduated from the Macomb Police Academy later that same year.

Candidates for the Canton Public Safety Department go through a rigorous testing process that includes written and physical agility tests, oral board, medical and psychological examinations and an extensive background check.

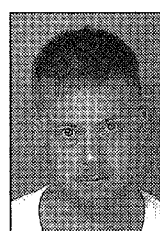
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Canton police grab pair in market B&E

An alert passerby helped Canton police nab a pair of suspects in a breaking-and-entering incident earlier this week.

The passerby reported seeing two suspicious men around a farm market at the corner of Ford and Beck roads in Canton at approximately 6 a.m. Monday.

Officers responded to the location and apprehended the suspects after they attempted to flee on foot. The police investigation revealed the suspects entered the storage area of the market and attempted to gain entry into the build-



Boldvich



Shuman

ing, according to a release from the Canton Police Department.

Both suspects were arraigned Tuesday in 35th District Court.

Scott Allen Shuman, 41, of West Bloomfield, was charged with attempted breaking and entering a

building, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison, and was charged as an Habitual Fourth Offender, an enhanced charge punishable by up to life imprisonment.

Christopher Dennis Boldvich, 28, of Redford, was also charged with attempted breaking and entering a building. He was also charged as an Habitual Fourth Offender.

Judge James Plakas set their bond at \$15,000 cash each, and scheduled their preliminary exam date for Aug. 28 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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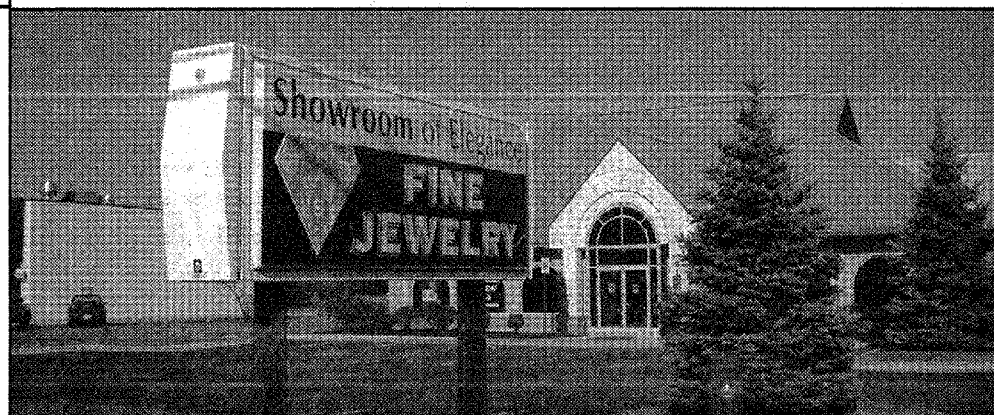
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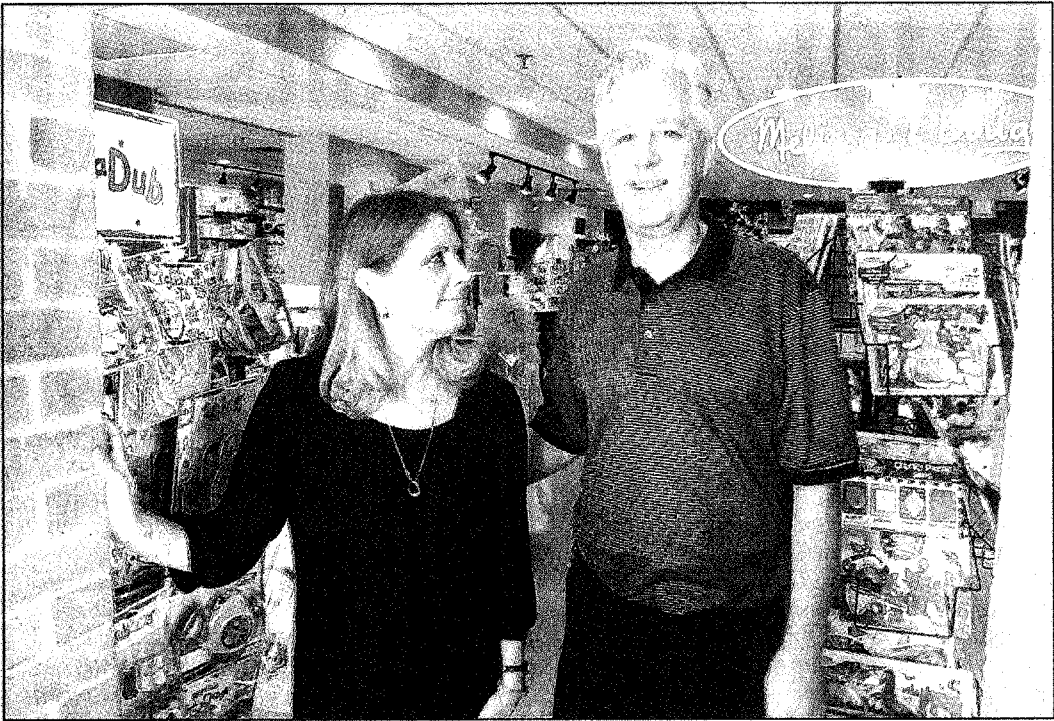
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Elle and Charles Dale just opened the Genuine Toy Company, a sort of 'back to basics' toy store in Plymouth.

New Plymouth store finds its niche with back-to-basics toys

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for electronic games with enhanced graphics and the latest digital gadgetry, you won't find them at the Genuine Toy Co.

But if you want toys that call for more interaction and imagination from the kids — and sometimes Baby Boomer grownups — who play with them, the new store in downtown Plymouth is your place.

"We try to find things with a twist," said Charles Dare, who co-owns the Genuine Toy Co. with his wife, Elle. "We don't want to have what everyone else has."

Genuine Toy specializes in the kinds of toys many parents, or even grandparents, grew up with: wooden puzzles and train sets, science, fossil and art kits, wind-ups and rubber balls, wagons, tricycles, costumes and board games. The Dares say their store has been met with an overwhelmingly positive reaction since it opened Aug. 3, with more than 330 people already signed up for its catalogs and rewards program.

The Dares, who live in Plymouth, said they've been

planning their store for over a year. Charles is a former banker and, more recently, financial adviser at Merrill Lynch, while Elle has had a variety of jobs, including designing Web sites, training people on computers, and working with abused children in Chicago through the child protective services agency in Illinois.

One thing they didn't have to plan much — the store's location. The Dares said they knew they wanted to be in downtown Plymouth, and described their store as a good fit for the area.

"It's such a family oriented community," Elle Dare said.

She said the vision for their store came out of their own experience of looking for unique toys for their children. Though they can find such toys on the Internet, she said, that shopping experience doesn't allow buyers to pick up and try out the toys, and savings are offset by shipping costs.

"We couldn't think of anything we'd rather do than own a toy store," Charles Dare said.

The enthusiasm has extended to Charles' daughter Rachael, 12, and son Henry, 9. Rachael helps out around the store while

Henry "is our best customer," Elle Dare said.

Genuine Toy Co., the Dares said, has tapped into a retro appeal that has meant a comeback for toys like Erector Sets (which they carry) and Lincoln Logs (they carry similar kits from Roy Toy).

"People have told us, 'I'm coming back without the kids,'" Elle Dare said.

The store has also benefited from other trends, they said, such as the push to support local businesses, concerns about hazardous materials in some toys (new regulations have made toys safer, they said), and a back-to-basics movement among some families. Genuine Toy has a large selection of puzzles and board game.

The Dares compared Genuine Toy to the stores found in art and science museums, and in a lot of resort towns. They want it to be an alternative to the area's traditional, mostly big-box, retailers. "We need to be unique and different," Charles Dare said.

Genuine Toy Co. is at 550 Forest Avenue, Plymouth. The Web site is www.genuinetoyco.com.

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At 101, she credits the Lord for her good life

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dorothy Steele had but one wish as she blew out three candles on her birthday cake: "Please bring our country back to worshipping God."

It's reflective of Steele's strong belief in God and her upbringing. Her parents were Methodist missionaries in India, where she grew up and went to school.

"I lived this long because I love the Lord, it makes a difference in one's life," she said. "If you want to live the good life, you have to love the Lord."

"She's always had a strong faith," said her granddaughter Debbie Day of Bloomington, Calif., who flew in for a visit with her son Josh that "fortunately coincided" with a 101st birthday party at the Marquette House in Westland where Steele now lives.

Steele actually turned 101 July 8, but the celebration was delayed by her move from her son's house in Canton, where she had lived for four years.

"She has trouble walking," said her son, Charles. "This was hard to do. It wasn't an easy adjustment for her, but they made it nice for her here."

Steele wore a tiara, received a bouquet of pink roses and was serenaded by songs like *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, sung by Darlene's Family Affair, a musical troupe from St. Richard's Catholic Church which visits the facility once a month.

Steele was born in Bangalore, India, in 1908. When she was 6 years old, the family returned to the United States for three years. She attended a one-room schoolhouse in Marseilles, Ohio, for one year and then a school in Cleveland across the street from the Rockefeller estate.

The family returned to India, and Steele was sent



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Dorothy Steele received a tiara and bouquet of roses to mark her 101st birthday. Steele was born in Bangalore, India, in 1908.

to an American boarding school 1,000 miles away from her family. At age 16, she returned to the U.S. to complete her education, majoring in home economics at Ohio Wesleyan University, where she met her late husband, Russell Steele.

He planned to be a doctor and went on to study at Western Reserve University in Cleveland. She moved to Cincinnati, where she studied to be a nutritionist at Christ Hospital. At the time, Russell was assigned to finish his medical internship in Panama.

The couple married in 1932 and, when Russell received his degree, she joined him in the Central American country. The Steeles lived in the Canal Zone while Russell worked for the Panama Canal Co. They raised their four children — Ann, Janice, James and Charles — there.

"I never worked after I was married," Steele said. "All women should do is raise their children."

The family also moved to Washington, D.C., where Russell studied to be a psychiatrist, which were needed by the military. He

was sent to Japan, where he worked for 18 months before they returned to the U.S. According to daughter-in-law Ramona Steele, the family was held up in Australia on their trip home to accommodate the war brides headed to the U.S.

Russell eventually retired from the Army in 1962 and the couple traveled, visiting places like Italy, Sweden and Greece. According to Steele, all of the countries she lived in and visited were interesting.

"The best place, I probably should say, is the United States, but the most beautiful place was in India. The school I went that was in the mountains," she added.

The Steeles eventually moved to California to live with their daughter Ann. Not long after, Russell died, and in 1994 she bought a home there and fixed it up.

Longevity runs in her family. She had an aunt who lived well into her 90s, and her mother died at age 99.

"Her mother really wanted to make it to 100," Charles Steele said.

The 101st birthday party was subdued compared to the celebration held last year. According to Charles Steele, relatives "came from Maine to California and Michigan to Florida" to celebrate. In addition to her children, Steel has 34 grandchildren and so many great-grandchildren that she has lost count.

"We had 60 people come, we had a big shindig," he said. "It was fun."

Looking back on her 101 years, Steele said the airplane may be the most memorable invention.

"When I was a child, I read about the flying carpet in *Arabian Nights*, but I never thought I would fly in the air," she said. "The story came true for me."

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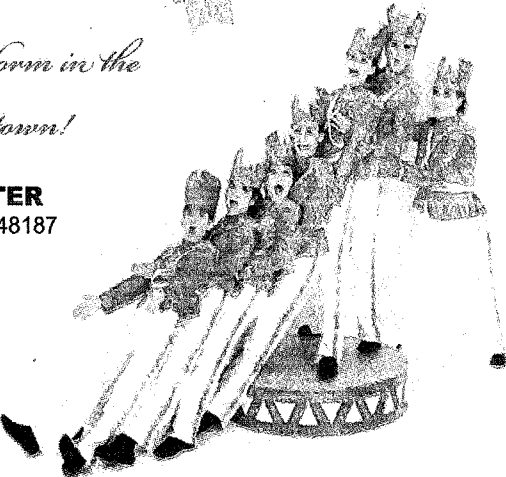
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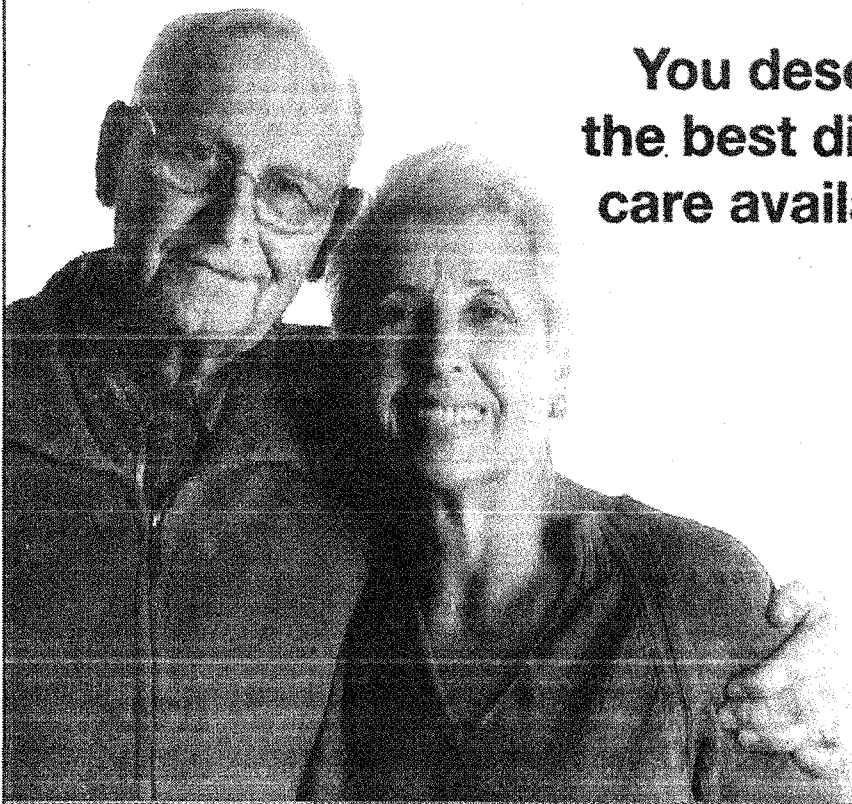
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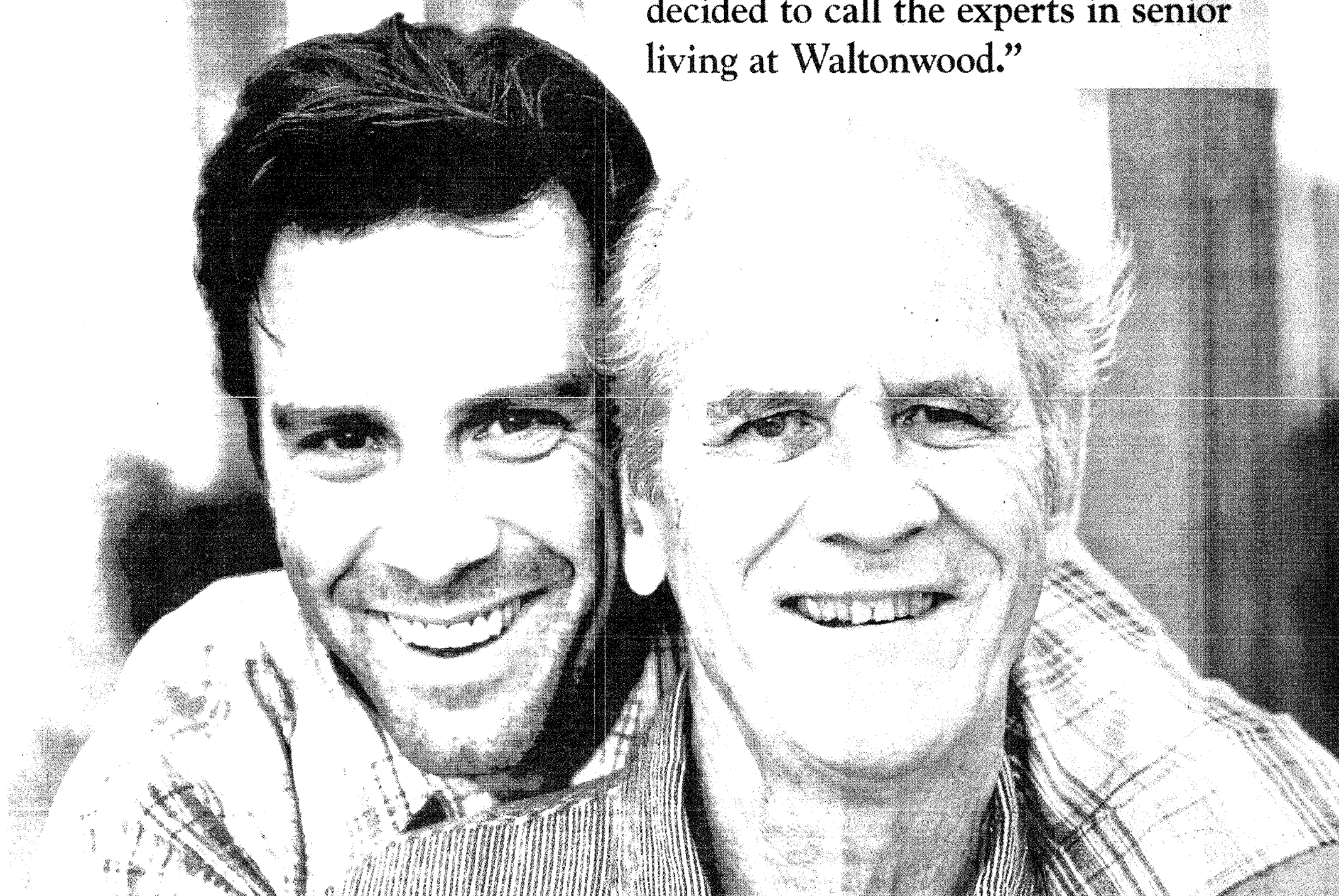
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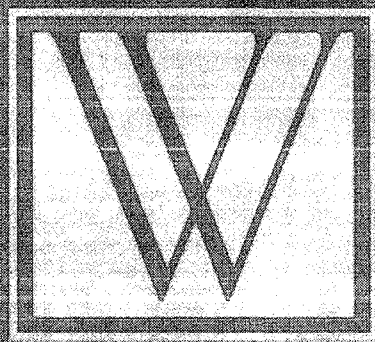


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Berman, who graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School in 1985, is offering free cleanings for children under the age of 14 and half-off cleanings for adults.

"There's been such a downturn in the economy, and we want to do our level best to help people in the community so their oral care is not neglected," Berman said. "It's our way of giving back to the



Berman

community that has supported us for all those years." Berman said going for regular dental check-ups "is an important part" of maintaining one's overall health. He said dental patients are faced with decisions concerning their dental coverage because large clinics and dental maintenance organizations "offer discounted services that appear wonderful on paper." In reality, according to Berman, these plans pay only 50- to 70-percent of their fees.

"We pride ourselves in not participating with these plans so that we can give each of our patients the time and attention necessary to ensure that we

can deliver the most personalized professional care possible," Berman said.

The discounted cleanings are but one way Berman said he tries to give back to the community.

He has for the last six years offered scholarships to high school students entering college and the practice donates dental services and has other pro bono programs to help the needy.

They also volunteer time in kindergarten classes in Plymouth and Canton to teach students about oral health, brushing their teeth and other facets of dentistry and oral care.

"Our obligation extends beyond mere financial matters," Berman said. "We feel a responsibility as health professionals to ensure that our patients have their dental needs met."

Pets take center stage at new festival

The high-flying Purina Incredible Dog Team, featuring Tony Hoard and Rockin' Rory from "America's Got Talent 4" will perform live at Paws in the Park, the new pet festival being hosted in Canton's Heritage Park Saturday and Sunday.

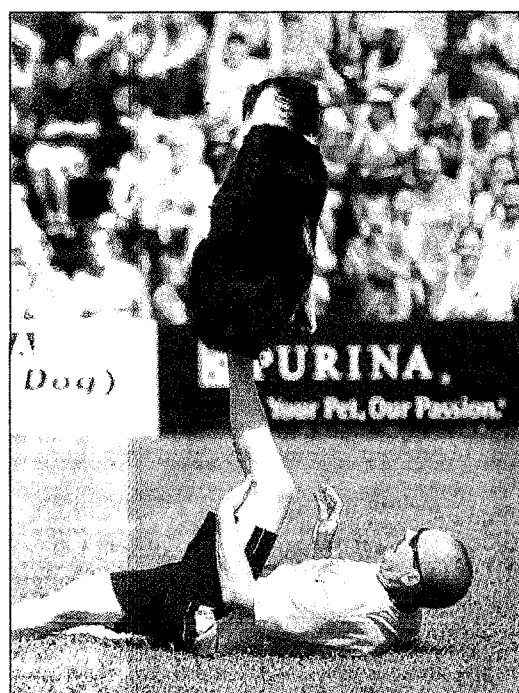
Hoard, Rory and an entourage of athletic canines are a part of the Purina Incredible Dog Team. Daily performances at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Paws in the Park will feature entertainment, adoptions, education, food and shopping for pet owners and their pets.

The canine show is part of the first Paws in the Park, which features a one-mile Paw Walk to benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Owners will be encouraged to dress their dogs in costumes and create floats to win great prizes from the event's sponsors, including a year supply of dog treats from Three Dog Bakery in Plymouth and dog food for a year from Canidae Pet Foods. There is a \$15 minimum donation to participate in the Paw Walk.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and people and their pets can walk between 9 and 10:30 a.m. The first 500 people to pre-register will receive an official Paws in the Park bandanna and one admission ticket to get into Paws in the Park.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley, along with other local shelters, will have on-site pet adoptions both days. To register for the walk log onto www.pawsintheparkusa.com.



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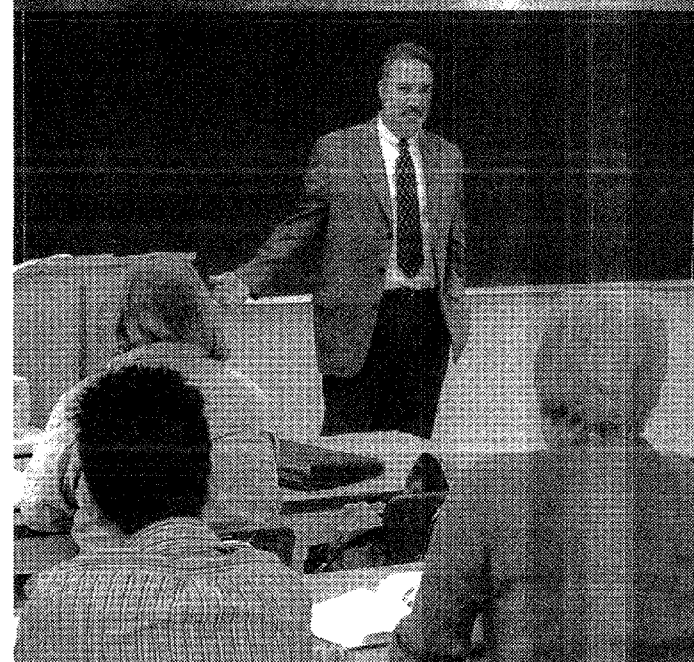
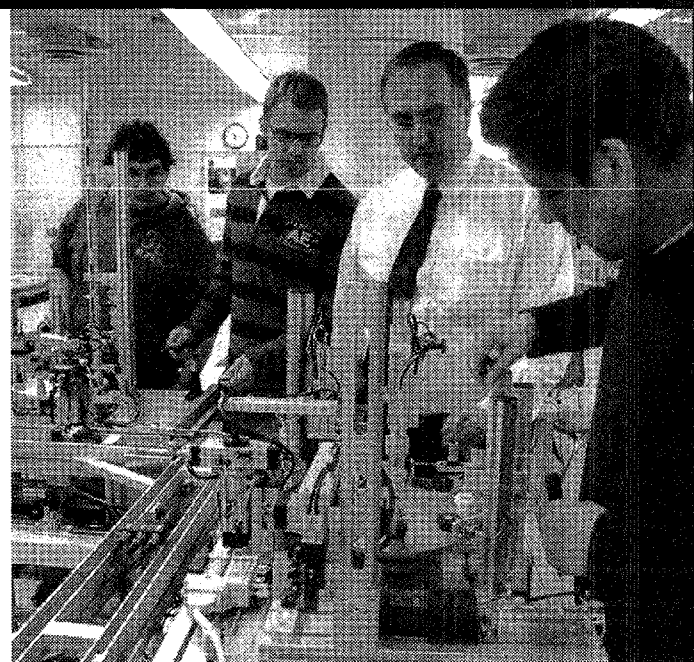
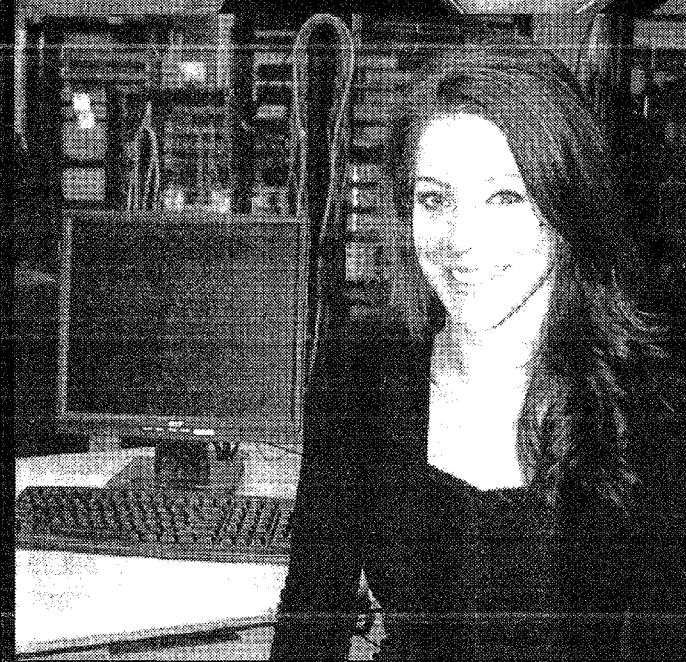
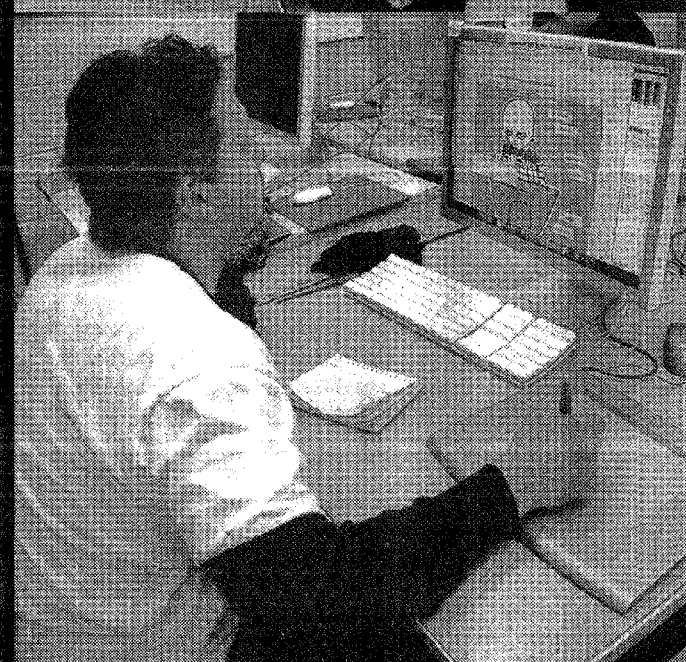
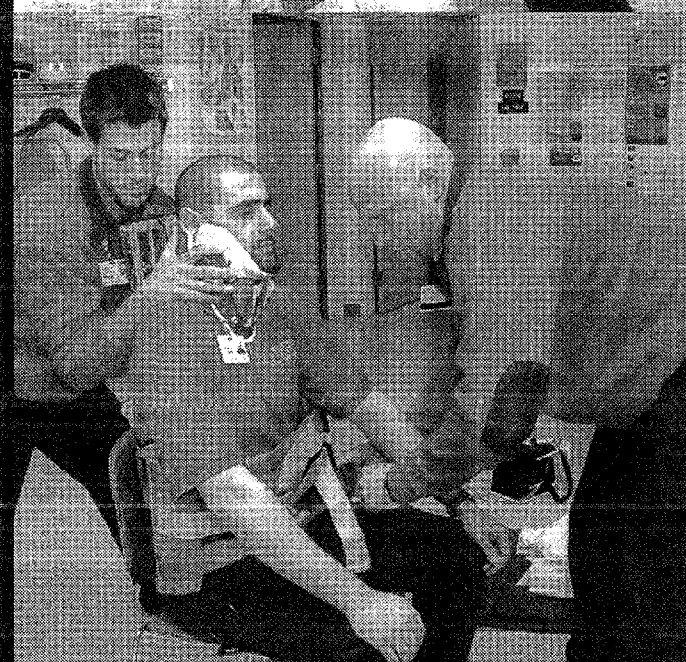
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OUR VIEWS

I-275 ramp project great for Canton

In light of the good the project could do, Canton Township's recent decision to spend \$10,000 on a consultant to help officials put together an application for federal money to make improvements to the I-275/Ford Road interchange seems a no-brainer.

The township board agreed to hire Detroit-area Parsons-Brinckerhoff to beat a Sept. 15 deadline to apply for a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER, grant for the \$22.5 million project they say would create hundreds of jobs and improved the overburdened interchange.

Officials say the project would dramatically ease traffic congestion in a bustling corridor including the Ford-Haggerty intersection, one of Michigan's most accident-prone intersections with 345 crashes during a five-year period ending in 2008.

And that's just one intersection. The interchange and I-275 itself are frequent accident sites, making it an interchange drivers would rather avoid, if they could. Unfortunately, drivers coming into the community are hard-pressed to avoid using I-275, particularly with IKEA nestled nicely into the corridor.

The project could begin with a design phase as early as February with construction finished in 2012, aiding motorists not only in Canton, but also in neighboring communities such as Westland.

Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy has championed improvements in the area for some six years, meeting with state and county officials and, frankly, anyone who would listen to calls for help with the problem. He understands that, at \$22.5 million, the project is cheap in terms of road dollars.

Consider how the three-pronged project would benefit the area:

Motorists exiting the southbound I-275 ramp could avoid Ford altogether and connect to northbound Haggerty by accessing a new road slip that would curve over and intersect with Haggerty north of Ford, near the IKEA property.

Drivers using the same I-275 ramp could access southbound Haggerty by crossing Ford — rather than traveling on it — and using another road slip south of Ford. Even with two traffic lights — one at Ford, one at Haggerty — motorists could avoid the Ford gridlock.

Drivers traveling either east or west along Cherry Hill could access I-275 by using a northbound connector — essentially a service drive — that would be built along the east side of the interstate. The connector would intersect Ford, where a traffic light would be installed, and then continue to a newly designed, northbound I-275 on ramp.

If township officials are right, not only would the project ease the traffic burden in the area, but it could create an estimated 235 to 705 jobs. Area businesses also could benefit from the dollars those workers would spend, he said.

There are obviously downsides — lane closures during the project would further snarl traffic, for instance — but we agree with LaJoy.

This project is a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com:

• In response to a story about ongoing contract talks between Plymouth-Canton teachers and the district:

jeffery2012 wrote:

"We all should remember that we live in a state with 15.2 percent unemployment and Granholm."

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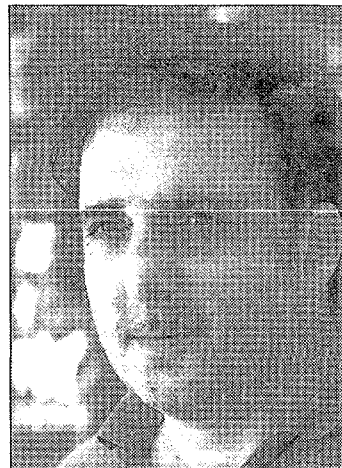
"Have summer road construction projects affected your driving efforts. If so, where?"

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



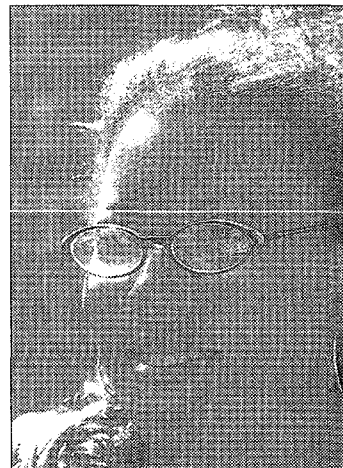
"Yes. I've been avoiding Lilley Road."

Shannon Miller
Canton



"No, I don't think so. I don't think they're doing enough."

Lou Giannuzzi
Canton



"I would say no. I usually come straight from Belleville to the (Canton) library."

Tracey Sturdivant
Belleville



"Not really. I live downtown (Detroit) and I walk to work."

Erin Terkoski
Detroit

LETTERS

First to worst

Shame on Sens. Levin and Stabenow for suggesting we throw up a hand to keep from getting hit in the face again by mentioning protective tariffs!

We sure don't need a trade war when the current war on the middle class is going so well. With the wage productivity gap widening as we speak and the disparity between the incomes and wealth of the richest among us compared to that of the poorest at an all time high, Edmond Burke's two-class society is nearly a reality!

It has been a mere 29 years since the U.S. led the world in the import of raw materials and the export of finished products. Now, we not only lead the planet in the export of jobs and raw materials but claim first place in the export of raw materials and the import of finished goods.

Not only that, we have to import a healthy share of the oil that we need. Surveys indicate that we are among the least happy societies of the top 40 industrialized nations, having fallen from a lofty position in just three decades, largely because happy societies tend to be egalitarian with a strong safety net to guard healthcare and quality of life for all.

Our net, sadly, has become very tattered. Wow, this "free trade" coupled with "supply side-trickle-down economics" has been a rousing success, for the top 2 percent of us. In this global economy, those on top can make money anywhere in the world. The rest of us are pretty much bound to eking out an existence here.

We 98-percenters take heart, however, way out in front in that "race to the bottom." I guess the goal of American economic conservatives is to trade places with China, making her the \$14 trillion economy while we become the \$2.6 trillion economy. Explain to me again how 30 years of "free trade" and deregulation on virtually every economic front has helped us do anything but fail. That sucking sound has become deafening.

Mitch Smith
Canton

'Yes' to leashes

To the recently printed letter, "Obey Leash Laws," I give a resounding YES!

I am so surprised that so many people in my own neighborhood walk their dogs without leashes. The dogs casually stroll through homeowners' yards (using shrubbery as fire hydrants) as their owners walk, bike, drink coffee and don't pay attention to where their dogs are.

I am a walker, as well, and do not enjoy being charged by unleashed dogs. Incidents are reported all the time on the news where owners say "he was such a nice dog, I don't know what happened" after someone was attacked. The leash law is clear: It is unlawful for owners to allow (knowingly or unknowingly) their dogs to be unleashed or not in reasonable control by its owner while leashed, in any place open to the public.

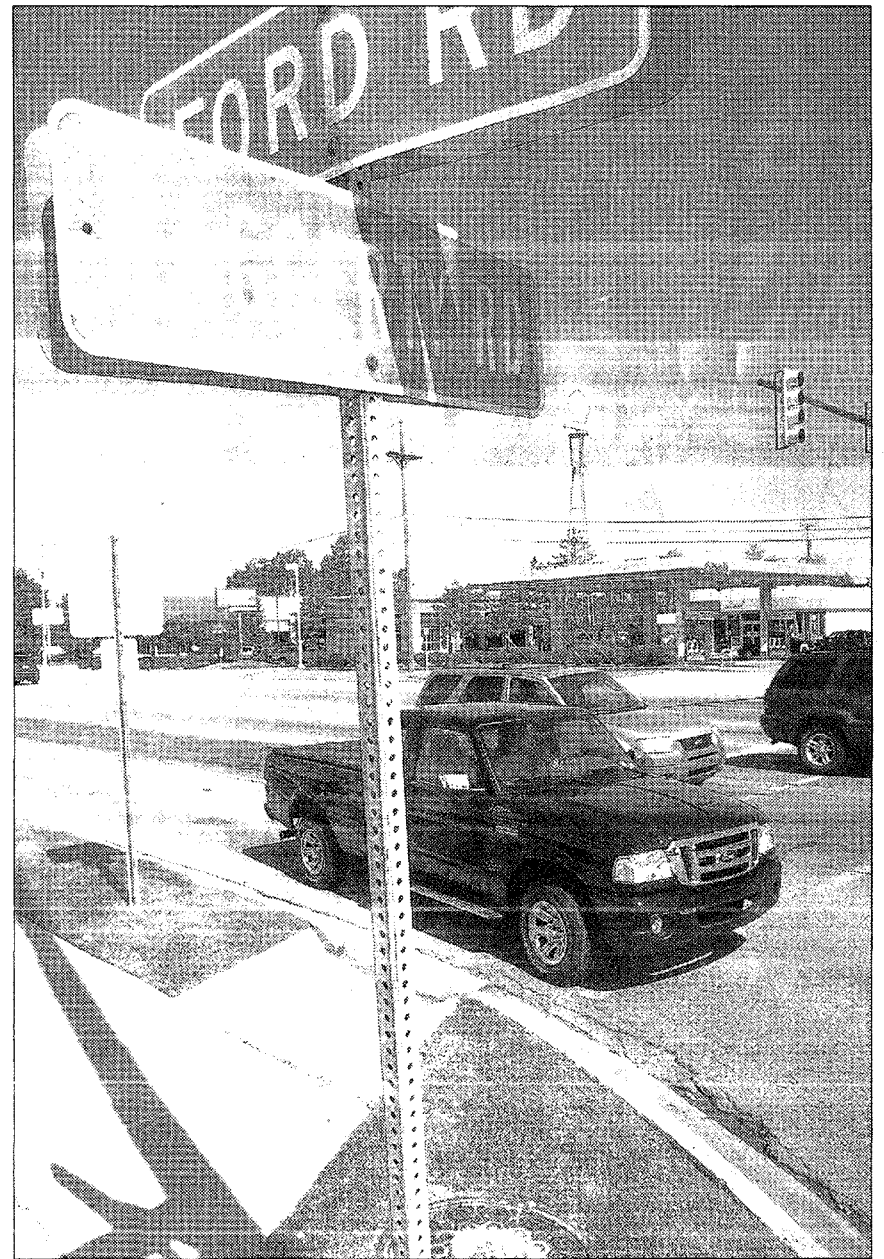
Oh, and please "scoop the poop," too.

D. Gambino
Canton

Frustrated with McCotter

I visited the Livonia office of Rep. Thaddeus McCotter to express my support for health care reform.

Unfortunately, I was unable to meet with Rep. McCotter in person, but I told his office staff member that I strongly believe



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No-brainer

Canton Township's recent decision to spend \$10,000 on a consultant to help officials put together an application for federal money to make improvements to the I-275/Ford Road interchange is a good one. Improvements to the I-275 corridor could also help the Ford Road and Haggerty intersection shed its status as Canton's most accident-prone. See 'Our Views' at left.

that something needs to be done to improve Americans' access to affordable health care. I am very frustrated with Rep. McCotter's stance on health care reform and with his inflammatory, unhelpful comments equating the Obama plan with Dr. Kevorkian.

Dawn Zuber
Canton

What's good about America

On Saturday, I witnessed an example of what makes America America.

As I watched, wave after wave of pink washed by my observation point. Women of all ages, shapes and conditioning filed by; the young high school student followed by, in one case, a 72-year-old woman. The strain of the event and the heat of the day showed in their walk and the perspiration of their bodies.

Their face was another thing. As onlookers shouted encouraging words their faces exposed the determination in their hearts. A shout from an onlooker "Thank You" got their attention. A middle-aged woman, her bald head glimmering from the hot sun, was the author of the phrase. The compas-

sion and determination of their being could be seen in their eyes.

Some simply said "fight the fight" to the onlooker while others left the trail to embrace her and give her words of encouragement.

If you have never experienced this event mark it down on your calendar for next year.

James D. Anulewicz
Farmington Hills
director of Municipal Services, Plymouth
Township

Stop the foolishness

National health care and now state health care reforms to quote "save money and give us better benefits," yet not one legislator/senator nor congressman/senator nor administration person wants to be included in it.

That should tell us all something immediately.

We need to stop this foolishness and let private sectors work it out.

Bob Johns
Plymouth

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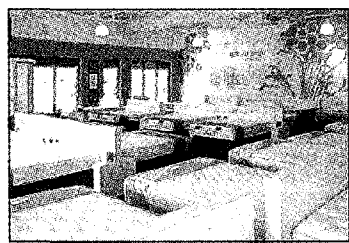
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Choosing chairs

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- Look for chairs that do double duty, in both the dining room and another area of the house.
- Make sure seats are not only proportioned correctly to your table, buffet and wall unit (for dinner and tableware), but also fit in and around the table.

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2009 BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW

Pitch men

Canton kickers ready for new era

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

George Tomasso knows his Canton varsity boys soccer team took a hit to graduation, but the veteran coach would rather look at the glass as half-full.

"We'll be a very competitive team," Tomasso said. "We have a lot of talent in our youth and it's going to be very exciting to see how they develop in this program."

Of course, the Chiefs "graduated 12 seniors, the whole starting lineup," Tomasso said about a team that went 11-6-2 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association-South Division in 2008.

Tomasso, however, said there are other KLAA teams in the same boat, noting that Northville and Livonia Stevenson graduated eight and nine players, respectively.

Although younger players will have glowing opportunities, the Chiefs still have some important players returning in senior co-captains Brandon Tolinski (forward), Matt Edwards, Yusef Bazy (both midfielders) and Jon Dugan (defender).

"They display great senior leadership," Tomasso said. "They all came in in shape. Hey, if this is the beginning, I can't wait to see the end with these four."

"Their leadership shows how badly they want to win. They all lead by example very well."

Those veterans will be bolstered by impressive sophomores Mitch Pasuniak (forward) and defender Connor Ferguson, both players on the U16 Michigan Wolves Academy.

"He (Pasuniak) is going to help our offense out greatly," Tomasso said. "He has a great finishing sense."

Ferguson is described as a defender with a "strong understanding of the game."

Tomasso said four other seniors will be counted on to be contributors, including starting goalkeeper Kai Walther, midfielder Kevin Zamanski, forward Jon Allen and defender Jordan Norton.

Those players — and others — will hopefully cushion the blow of having 2008 mainstays Scott Zech (a midfielder who signed with Oakland University) and forward Joey Krasinak (16 goals) graduate.

"We've got three freshmen that made varsity and we have three sophomores on varsity and they're all quality players," the coach said. "Plus, there's a pretty strong junior class and a pretty strong senior class. It's almost like we reloaded."

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Canton senior goalkeeper Kai Walther (left), shown during the 25th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Tournament, will provide experience at a key position for the Chiefs this season.

Improving Wildcats eager to show stuff in KLAA

Varsity squads set for soccer invite - B3

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Up-the-middle strength is a big reason Plymouth varsity boys soccer coach Jeff Neschich is eager for the 2009 season to open at Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational, which the Wildcats are hosting at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"In conjunction with the OAA scrimmages we had last weekend, it's a good way to start the season," said Neschich, whose team will face Midland Dow at 10 a.m. in the Balconi opener. "It's a good way to get a good look at the kids on the team."

Regardless of how the team does Saturday, the Wildcats will then gear up for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association opener at 7 p.m. Monday against Salem at PCEP.

Neschich already is feeling good about his team just because it went 2-1 at the Oakland Activities Association scrimmages against quality teams such as

Juniors Derek Austin and Evan Lewandowski are other forwards who could make a splash. 'They had a great showing at preseason scrimmages,' the coach said. Both Neschich and longtime assistant coach Billy Joker are trying to foster an environment where players are in 'friendly competition' for PT, and push one another to sharpen skills as much as possible.

Rochester Adams, Clarkston and Stoney Creek.

"I think we showed we can play with anybody," he said. "And there are quality teams coming in for that (Balconi tourney), too."

In any case, led by returning co-captains and all-KLAA players in seniors Vin Nguyen (midfield) and Danny Jasiewicz (who can play defense and forward), Neschich expects the Wildcats to be better than the .500 squad of 2008.

"We'll be a stronger team. We're solid up the middle with Danny and Vin," Neschich said. "They both are very strong players. Both of them were among the top goal scorers the last couple years."

VYING FOR TIME

Also key to the squad's prospects are

goalkeepers Kyle Brindza and Josh Hill, a junior and senior, respectively.

"Both played last year and are competing for the spot this year," Neschich said. "Both are strong goalies."

Starting in the back to give the goalies help will be junior Steven Jahn, senior Joe Boxstancz and senior Sam Maccini (with Jasiewicz also capable of putting in minutes on the defensive end of the pitch).

Jahn is a "mainstay on central defense out there," the coach said.

Younger defenders who could make contributions include sophomores Mike Ambrose, Mike Shackelford and Zach D'Agastino.

At midfield, Nguyen will spearhead a solid group that includes junior returnees Nick Russ, Joe Klonowski and Andrew Yoder.

"He (Russ) has looked strong in the pre-season," Neschich said. "We're expecting good things out of him this year."

Senior Dan Conklin, junior and first-year player Caleb Divins and junior Mitch Yoder are other midfielders who will chip in.

The Wildcats should be capable on offense, with Nguyen and Jasiewicz leading the charge, augmented by junior returner Ian Griffiths.

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Both Neschich and longtime assistant coach Billy Joker are trying to foster an environment where players are in "friendly competition" for PT, and push one another to sharpen skills as much as possible.

"I'm hopeful we do (have good depth)," Neschich said. "But it depends which boys step up and play. I think we have a lot of options and have a lot of quality soccer players."

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Salem returnees to lead '09 charge

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Any team losing 10 key players to graduation is bound to be impacted to some degree, but Salem varsity boys soccer coach Ed McCarthy is optimistic that a new wave of contributors will keep the Rocks very competitive.

Matching 2008 will be a stretch, however. Salem went 22-1-4 last year and was ranked No. 1 in Division 1 before falling to Saline in a double-overtime regional final matchup.

"Defense is the big question," McCarthy said about the 2009 season. "If our back line is able to be effective among the best in Kensington Lakes, we should be able to compete for a conference championship and make a run in the state tournament."

Providing ample support for Miskovic will be Krutty, one of the components to what McCarthy said was the best defensive team in the state last season. He will be augmented by juniors Tommy Halewicz, Brandon Barfuss and sophomore Jake Genrich.

Salem's defensive unit from 2008 took a hard hit, losing several players, including "Mr. Soccer" Kevin Cope who is now at Michigan State University.

Salem opens the regular season at Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational, followed by a 7 p.m. Monday game against Plymouth at

Please see **SALEM, B3**



Waza wows 'em

The Waza FC West U12 soccer squad won all four games in the Hamburg Invitational Tournament held on August 8-9, to secure the Division 1 championship. Members of the team include: (top row, from left) Josh Johnson, Johnny Rodriguez, Aaron Parker, James Weekley, Logan Ryan, Coach Dan Diac; (bottom row, from left) Zach Obsniuk, Dominick Payne, Max Montini, Ammar Chisthi, and Logan Stefanko.

SIDELINES

Hrs sink Haeger

Former Madonna University golfer Charlie Haeger made his debut Monday night with the Los Angeles Dodgers, allowing three earned runs on five hits and two strikeouts over seven innings in a 3-2 loss to the visiting St. Louis Cardinals.

The 25-year-old right-handed knuckleballer gave up a two-run homer to Rick Ankiel and a solo homer to National League leader Albert Pujols.

The Redford Catholic Central High grad and former Plymouth resident was called up last week from the Triple-A Albuquerque (N.M.) Isotopes of the Pacific Coast League, where he was an All-Star posting an 11-6 record with a 3.55 ERA.

Haeger has had a pair of stints with the Chicago White Sox (2006-07) and San Diego Padres (2008). In 20 major league appearances, he is 1-3 with a 5.83 ERA.

Fishing club meeting

The monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Sportfishing Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at American Legion Post 200, located at 11800 Michael Street in Taylor (take Brest Road west off Telegraph Road to the hall).

The featured speaker will be C.J. Baker, charter captain and Silver Streak representative. He will discuss the science of and bring in the newest UV-activated spoons and spinner blades for display and purchase.

Food and drinks will be available, along with 50/50 and fishing tackle raffles.

For more information, e-mail rmontre@juno.com.

Golf outing

Wolverine Sports & Conservation Club will hold its golf outing Sunday, Aug. 23, at Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. Cost is \$85 for individual golfers and \$325 per foursome. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and crossover start at 11 a.m. Dinner will be held following golf at the Conservation clubhouse located at 27531 Grand River. For more information, call (248) 478-2464.

MU men No. 20

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced its 2009 men's soccer preseason coaches' poll Tuesday, with the reigning Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) regular season and tournament champion Madonna University men's soccer team tabbed at No. 20 in the poll.

Madonna, which defeated Grand View (Iowa) in the NAIA national championship opening round, is the lone WHAC team in the top 25. Defending national champion Bethel (Tenn.) opens the year in the top spot. MU opens the 2009 season Friday (Aug. 21) in an 8 p.m. tilt against Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind.

Churchill Meet Team

Livonia Churchill will stage its Meet the Team Night beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at Carli Auditorium.

Athletes from all three athletic seasons and their parents are requested to attend.

For more information, call Churchill athletics at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Punt, Pass & Kick

The city of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's 2009 NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for ages 8-15 will be Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center's soccer fields, 15100 Hubbard (between Farmington and Merriman roads). Registration, which is free, starts at 5:30 p.m. Competition begins at 6 p.m.

Age classification is as of Dec. 31 of the current year. No football shoes, cleats or turf shoes are allowed. Only gym shoes will be permitted.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
FRIDAY, AUG. 29
Plymouth vs. Salem at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, 7 p.m.
Canton at Brighton, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
SATURDAY, AUG. 29
Walled Lake Central Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER
MONDAY, AUG. 24
Salem vs. Plymouth at PCEP, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUG. 25
Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUG. 27
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 29
Salem at Lake Orion, TBA
Inter-City Baptist at Ply. Christian, 11 a.m.
at Stafford Field

GIRLS GOLF
THURSDAY, AUG. 20
Chelsea Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 21
Monroe-Jeff. Inv. at Raisin River, 8:30 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS
MONDAY, AUG. 24
Ply. Christian at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUG. 27
Ply. Christian at Plymouth (Scrimmage), 4:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Ply. Christian at Fowlerville Tournament, 8 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
THURSDAY, AUG. 27
WSU Warrior Relays, 5 p.m.
Plymouth at Tecumseh, 6:30 p.m.

BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
SATURDAY, AUG. 29
South Lyon Invitational, 10:10 a.m.

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association had its 10th of 14 tournaments July 30 at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield. The tournament produced 22 winners from a handicapped field of 104 players (50 years and older) representing 17 communities in southeast Michigan.

David Ruelle of Waterford shot the low score of 73. Kyu Kim of Bloomfield Hills leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are:

Flight A (Gross/Net) — first place: Michael Bailey, Westland (74/65); second: (tie) Greg Frontier, Waterford (75/66); Tom Pilon, Plymouth (74/66); fourth: (tie) Thomas Johnson, Beverly Hills (77/67); Sal Petrusis, Howell (75/67); David Ruelle, Waterford (73/67).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first:

Dennis Kline, Clarkston (77/63); second: Anthony McCauley, Detroit (80/65); third: (tie) Jack Galsterer, Grosse Pointe Woods (80/67); Steve Germond, West Bloomfield (81/67); Gerald Hopkins, Waterford (81/67).

Flight C (Gross/Net) — first: Bill Crecelius, Ann Arbor (84/66); second: Thomas Yagley, Madison Heights (84/67); third: (tie) Richard Irwin, Plymouth (87/69); Richard Meger, Beaverton (88/69); Mark Miller, Livonia (86/69); Martin Schine, West Bloomfield (88/69).

Flight D (Gross/Net) — first: (tie) Peter Baldori, Howell (93/62); Steven Smith, South Lyon (89/62); third: (tie) William Floyd, Livonia (90/66); Richard Styzewski, New Hudson (95/66); fifth: Maurice DeCock, Macomb (94/67).

The MPSGA had its ninth tournament July 27 at Coyote

Preserve Golf Course in Fenton. The tournament produced 24 winners from a handicapped field of 99 players (50 years and older) representing 18 communities in southeast Michigan.

Bill Crecelius of Ann Arbor shot a hole-in-one on the par-3 17th hole. Mike Phillips leads the field in the Briegel Cup standings (low gross score relative to age).

The prize winners by flight are as follows:

Flight A (Gross/Net) — first place: Brian Kuehn, Ann Arbor (76/65); second: Kent Griffiths, Hartland (80/70); third: (tie) William Dean, Kentwood (82/71); Jim Mlynarczyk, Northville (78/71); fifth: (tie) Bill Davis, Davisburg (82/72); Dan Feiten, Commerce Twp. (80/72); Charles Mutz, Clarkston (78/72); Tom Pilon, Plymouth (81/72).

Flight B (Gross/Net) — first: Robert Prevost, Ypsilanti (86/70);

second: (tie) Donald Dahn, Romeo (87/72); Chuck Hirschert, Hartland (86/72); Bruce Jellison, Hartland (85/72); fifth: (tie) Vance Edgar, Clarkston (89/73); Paul Sloboda, Auburn Heights (87/73).

Flight C (Gross/Net) — first: Martin Schine, West Bloomfield (86/66); second: Ed Taggie, Canton (91/69); third: (tie) Richard Irwin, Plymouth (89/70); Daniel Moore, Plymouth (91/70); fifth: Frank Majkowski, Commerce Twp. (94/72).

Flight D (Gross/Net) — first: Richard Hall, Westland (84/59); second: John Pullum, Macomb (97/71); third: Steven Smith, South Lyon (101/73); fourth: Daniel Hajduk, Dearborn (103/74); fifth: Richard DeMara, Grosse Pointe Woods (100/75).

For more information, go to www.mpsga.org or call (734) 207-7888.



TEE TIME

Your local golf guide

Like a fine wine...
Golfers can get better with age

By Susan Smiley

Robert Chandler has been around the links more than a few times. The 89-year-old St. Clair Shores golfer has been playing the game since he was 15 years old and doesn't intend to stop anytime soon.

"I love the game," said Chandler, who has worked as a ranger for Sycamore Hills Golf Club for 15 years making him both the oldest ranger on staff and the ranger with the most seniority. "I started playing when I was 15 — some of my friends played and got me into it — and I have never stopped playing since then."

To date, Chandler has played 413 golf courses including Turnberry — the site of this year's British Open. As you might expect, Chandler was

rooting for "the old guy" Tom Watson because he wants people to know that you are never too old to play good golf.

"Even now I'm still tweaking my game," Chandler said. "I read this, I read that, I try this and I try that. The sad thing is I am playing courses I've played a good many years and now to hit to where I want to be I have to hit two or three clubs more than what I used to hit. Things change no matter what you do."

To help him get some needed distance off the tee, Chandler recently purchased a nitrogen-infused driver. So far it seems to be helping his game and his golf partners have noticed.

"All my buddies want one now too," Chandler said.

Mary Shaull, 80, of West

Bloomfield, swears by her Dunlop graphite driver. Now she is in the market for a new putter.

"My drives are good but my putting is terrible," admits Shaull, who just learned to golf 15 years ago through a community education class.

Shaull played softball for most of her life and didn't think about picking up golf until a couple of women on her softball team took her out on the links.

"I was a pitcher for a slow-pitch team and a woman who was part of the Lady Birds golf league kept saying 'You could play golf! I know you could play!'" said Shaull. "She and another player took me out a couple of times and I was just terrible."

But that didn't stop Shaull from

joining the Lady Birds four years ago. When she started, she was bringing up the rear of the C flight and now this season she rests in first place of the B flight. She is proof that it is never too late to learn something new.

"I love golf because when you are on the course that's all that matters," she said. "It takes you away from stress and things you would rather not think about. Plus it gets me out of the house and gets me out with younger women. Even though some of the women I play with have been golfing for decades, we can still play together and enjoy the round."

While Chandler laments his loss of distance over the years, he believes some things do get better as you mature.

"I watch some of the high school

girls who play at Sycamore and a little girl who weighs about 112 pounds hits a 9-iron 130 yards and I can tell you I couldn't do that on my best day!" Chandler said. "But definitely my course management is a lot better than it was when I was younger."

Chandler and Shaull both usually play twice a week and plan to continue playing and perfecting their games for a long time to come.

"Without golf I would be lost," Chandler said. "I work a couple of days a week at Sycamore and I play two days a week. I'm just a ranger but I sure enjoy it. I love the game and I love the people."

Susan Smiley is the Member Services Manager for the Golf Association of Michigan.



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Plymouth alum Warner to backstop another strong MU team

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an All-State goalkeeper off a state championship team from Livonia Stevenson High, Jen Barker provided instant credibility when she committed to play for the



Barker
first Madonna University's women's soccer team.

Barker then helped launched the Crusaders into the national limelight en route to NAIA All-America honors.

On Tuesday, one of MU's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame inductees coached the Crusaders for the first time in a 5-2 scrimmage victory over neighboring Schoolcraft College.

COLLEGE SOCCER PREVIEW

think we're going in the right direction."

After playing Friday in another exhibition match at the University of Detroit Mercy, the Crusaders will officially open their season, Aug. 26-27, in San Diego, Calif., with a two-game set against Point Loma Nazarene and Cal-State San Marcos.

The Crusaders, coming off a 15-4 season and a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season title, are ranked No. 25 in the 2009 NAIA preseason poll.

Nine starters return for MU led by WHAC Offensive Player of the Year Jessica Austin (Livonia Franklin), a senior who had a team-best 15 goals to go along with two assists in 2008.

First-team All-WHAC performer Lauren Hess (Livonia Ladywood), another senior, will anchor the midfield, while WHAC goals-against leader Brittany Warner (Plymouth), a sophomore transfer from Oakland University, helps solidify the back line.

Senior forward Kaila Moore (Howell), who had five game-winning goals a year ago,

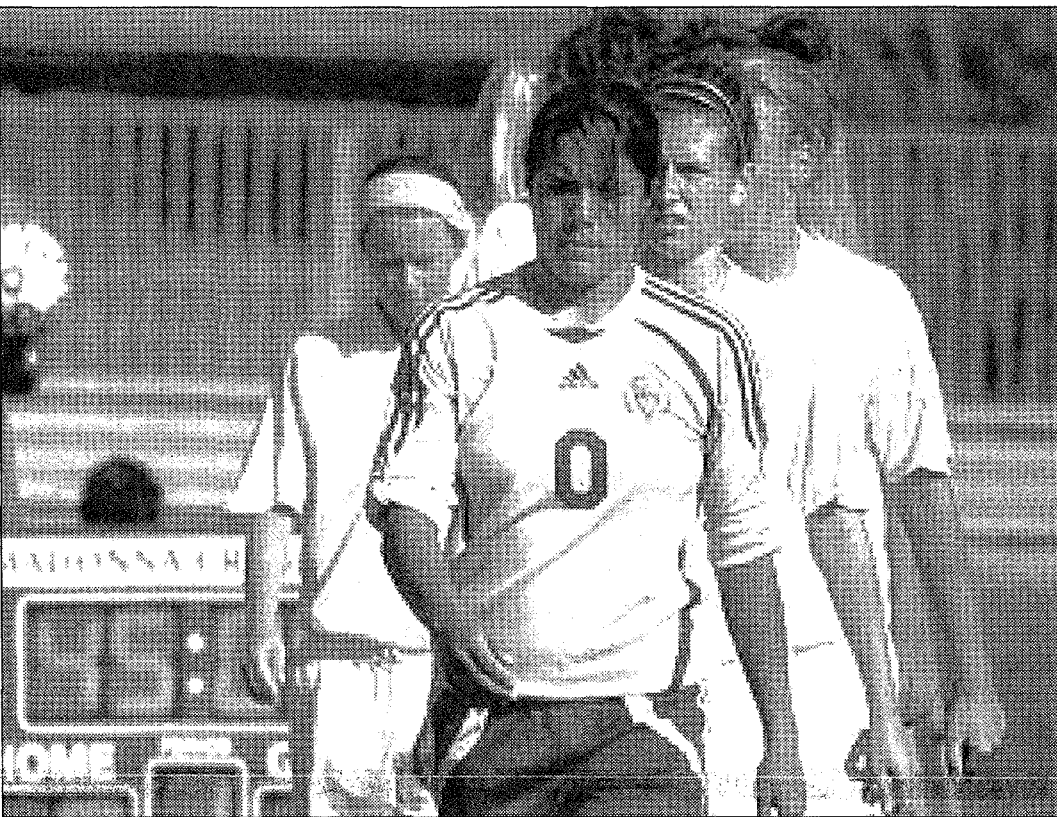
also gives MU a nice one-two forward punch to complement Austin.

Other starters returning include senior defenders Gina Leone (St. Clair Shores Lakeview) and Lisa Melasi (Fenton); along with midfielders Jaclyn Ventimiglia (Macomb Lutheran North), a senior; Diana Brda (Franklin), a sophomore; and Sarah Rokuski (Algonac), a junior.

Barker was also encouraged Tuesday by the play of two freshman – forward Jackie Vaquera (who had a goal) and Lauryn Dostillio (Sterling Heights), who stood out defensively.

"Those two kids are brand new to the college game and they showed well," Barker said. "It was nice to see that Lauryn is a good fit on defense and that she was able to do things that we were looking for back there."

Rounding out the Crusaders squad are midfielders Ellen O'Rear (Madison Heights Bishop Foley), Molly Perkins (Franklin), Trisha Bender (Walled Lake Northern), Nicole Rodriguez (Woodhaven), Rachel Thompson (Livonia Stevenson), Andrea Mareel (Warren Regina); defenders Katie Kozlowski (Dearborn



Canton native Brittany Warner, an alum of Plymouth High School, again will be goalkeeper for Madonna University's women's soccer team.

Heights Crestwood), Chelsea Budlong (Novi) and Chelsea Shrewsbury (Milford); and goalkeeper Chelsea Gregg (Livonia Clarenceville).

"It's a good group, it's nice to see them in a game situation after practicing against each other the last two weeks," said Barker, who is

assisted on the sidelines by Kelly (Delaney) Grodzicki and Lizz Szkrybalo.

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Wingman

Westland youth gets ice time with pros at JLA

For a child with dreams of being a professional ice hockey player, a recent day at Joe Louis Arena was exceptionally inspiring.

Thanks to the Detroit Red Wings, Warrior Hockey and The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit, Jagr Bugaski, 11, experienced every hockey fan's dream last month – ice time at Joe Louis Arena and coaching from former player Jiri Fischer (now director of player development) and current player Darren McCarty.

"He's doing good," said McCarty, who watched Jagr skate on the ice from the players' bench. "He's got the spunk. He's got the determination. That's what it's all about."

The Red Wings and sponsor Warrior Hockey donated a scholarship for the Westland youth to attend the organization's 2009 Youth Hockey Camp, July 13-14.

"The camp can be expensive, and we saw it as a great opportunity for someone like Jagr to experience the Joe," said Red Wings Youth Hockey Manager Phil Pierce. "He's trying hard. If you have a passion for hockey, once you get out there, you're just going to get better and better."

In addition, Warrior Hockey of Warren donated Jagr's equipment, excluding skates and a helmet.

"We got him outfitted in complete Warrior gear," said Jason Reynolds, the company's regional brand representative. "When we gave it all to him, you could tell he was trying to contain his excitement."

The Salvation Army received a \$15,000 grant from the Detroit Red Wings Foundation earlier this year to help fund the nonprofit's



Standing with Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty (left), served as a coach for the youth hockey camp, are Capt. Derek Rose, commanding officer of The Salvation Army's Wayne/Westland Corps; Jagr Bugaski of Westland; Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries and STRIVE hockey coach for The Salvation Army Wayne/Westland Corps; and Jiri Fischer, director of player development for Detroit Red Wings.

STRIVE (Student Training for Integrity, Vitality, and Education) Youth Hockey program.

Jagr first discovered hockey while attending STRIVE last spring, at The Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland branch located at 2300 Venoy Road in Westland.

Hockey soon became his passion.

The STRIVE mission is to help meet the spiritual, mental and physical needs of the whole child through an organized floor hockey program at The Salvation Army's participating community centers.

This allows children like Jagr the chance to experience a sport they may not previously have considered, often due to economic constraints.

Hiding under a long, sweaty mop of golden blond hair, Jagr worked the ice with his fellow camp-goers on July 14, then got an exclusive tour of the Red Wings' locker room.

Prior to his two-day stint on the Joe's ice, he had no more than four hours of actual ice time. He played just 16 weeks of floor hockey at The Salvation Army's Wayne-Westland Corps.

The STRIVE team is run by

Andrew Barylski, director of community and youth ministries.

"Jagr's two-day adventure with the Detroit Red Wings is a perfect example of what can happen when programs like STRIVE help kids discover their passion," Barylski said. "We're beyond thankful that the Red Wings and Warrior Hockey were kind enough to give him that experience."

Fall STRIVE hockey begins in late September. To register for the Wayne-Westland team, call (734) 722-3660. For another center, visit www.sal-mich.org

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eight teams will go at it Saturday on four fields at the annual Gary Balconi Invitational Soccer Tournament.

The three varsity teams who play at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will be joined by Midland Dow, University of Detroit-Jesuit, Dexter, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Walled Lake Northern.

Hosting this year's tournament is Plymouth, with the Jeff Neschich-coached Wildcats facing Midland Dow at 10 a.m. on the freshman field located at the corner of Canton Center and Joy roads.

Other 10 a.m. contests include: Canton and U-D at the varsity soccer stadium; Salem and Catholic Central on the varsity football field; and Dexter and Walled Lake Northern on Field 4 (also at Canton Center-Joy).

The winners will play games at 11:45 a.m. at the soccer stadium and freshman field, while consolation games take place at the other two locations.

Rounding out the day will be 3 p.m. contests across the board.

"He (Balconi) was one of the ADs there who really supported soccer during the early years," said Neschich, a player on Salem's 1981 debut team and an assistant coach at Canton during the early to mid-1990s when Balconi launched the invitational. "He promoted it and pushed it."

Each game will last 60 minutes and will count on overall records, although not in conference ledgers. If games are deadlocked after regulation, the tie will remain on the teams' records.

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BALCONI INVITE

WHAT: Gary Balconi Invitational Soccer Tournament. Eight varsity teams will compete at four locations on the campus of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

WHEN: Beginning 10 a.m. Saturday with further games at 11:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

10 A.M. GAMES: Game 1, Canton vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit (at PCEP Soccer Stadium); Game 2, Dexter vs. Walled Lake Northern (at Field 4, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 3, Plymouth vs. Midland Dow (at Freshman Field, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 4, Salem vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (Football Varsity Stadium).

11:45 A.M. GAMES: Game 5, Winners Games 1 vs. 2 (at PCEP Soccer Stadium); Game 6, Consolation Games 1 vs. 2 (at Field 4, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 7, Winners Games 3 vs. 4 (at Freshman Field, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 8, Consolation Games 3 vs. 4 (Football Varsity Stadium).

3 P.M. GAMES: Game 9, Winners Games 5 vs. 7 (at PCEP Soccer Stadium); Game 10, Winners Games 6 vs. 8 (at Field 4, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 11, Consolation Games 5 vs. 7 (at Freshman Field, corner of Canton Center and Joy Road); Game 12, Consolation Games 6 vs. 8 (Football Varsity Stadium).

SALEM

FROM PAGE B1

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks do have a number of top performers returning this year, including first-team all-state goalkeeper and senior co-captain Sasa Miskovic, senior defender John Krutty, senior midfielder and co-captain Lachlan Savage, among others.

"Sasa has outstanding communication skills in

helping our back line remain organized," McCarthy said.

Providing ample support for Miskovic will be Krutty, one of the components to what McCarthy said was the best defensive team in the state last season.

He will be augmented by juniors Tommy Halewicz, Brandon Barfuss and sophomore Jake Genrich.

In the midfield will be Savage, another returning starter who led the Rocks with 14 goals and 11 assists.

"Lachlan has excellent vision and is a strong finish-

er," the coach said. "He will be a key to our success."

Also at midfield is senior and returning starter Alex Tramel, who brings an outstanding shot with quick release that helped him score five goals in 2008.

Other players who will help Salem maintain control of the ball in the midfield will be junior Dan Martin and senior Mohammad Pourmandi. Other likely starting midfielders will be Evan Antich and Scott O'Connor.

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CANTON Garage-Moving Sale 7685 Provincial, Canton. August 21-22, 8:30-5:00pm. East of Sheldon/North of Warren, Furniture, dorm items, wall art, books.

FARMINGTON HILLS Aug. 20-23, 9am-5pm. Baby stuff, toys, books, clothes, misc. 32245 Shrewsbury, off Northwestern Hwy, W of Middlebelt.

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FARMINGTON HILLS - 31595 Alameda. Huge Sale - 8/20 - 8/22, 9-5pm. Clothes, golf items, antiques, shoes, tools, home goods and tons more.

LIVONIA Multi-Family Sale Aug. 20-22, 9-5pm. 37580 Ladywood, N of 5 Mile/W of Newburgh

LIVONIA-MULTI FAMILY SALE Aug. 20-22, 9:30-5:30pm. Antiques, furniture, etc. New clothes-tags on, don't miss it! 8812 Utah, Corner of Joy Rd, 1 blk E of Farmington Rd.

NEW HUDSON Aug. 20-22, Thurs & Fri, 9-5, Sat, 9-1. 30924 Bramley Circle. Grand River and Martindale. Piano, oak TV stand, MISC

NORTHVILLE HUGE Garage Sale! 47135 Grasmere Rd. (8 Mile & Beck). Fri, Aug. 21 & Sat, Aug. 22, 9-4pm.

NOVI GARAGE SALE - 9 mile & Haggerty. August 22, 10am-5pm; August 23, 10am-3pm. 22815 Renford, Novi. Household items, kid's clothing, women's clothing, small electronics.

NOVI Multi-Family Sale - Children's clothes, toys, computer games, videos, beanie babies, TV, household items. Aug. 21-22, 9am-4pm. 47615 Wellesley Ct., NW 10/Beck.

NOVI Olde Orchard Condo Sub-Wide Yard Sale - Saturday 8/22. If storms occur then Sun 8/23. Located off 10 Mile Road, 1/2 mile west of Haggerty. 8am - 3pm.

OK PARK GARAGE SALE August 21 & 22, 10am-5pm. 8456 Colgate, Oak Park, just S. of the Zoo. Furniture, tools, Vintage Clothes & Buttons, Jewelry, Antiques, etc.

PLYMOUTH Huge Multi-Family Sale! 8848 Briarwood, Ann Arbor Rd. & 275, Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. Lawn equip, kids, baby, household stuff & more.

ROCHESTER HILLS 199 Bellshire. Thurs-Sat, 9-4. Multi-family. Furniture, clothes, household, toys, bikes, books, videos, seasonal, pool table, air hockey, prom dresses.

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SOUTH LYON Aug. 19-22, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9am-5pm. Sat, 9am-1pm. North of South Lyon, South of Silver Lake Rd. Huge Sale!! 28415 Pontiac Trail. 313-580-4656

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Studio connects youngsters to dance

Former engineer turns buy-out into positive change

Observer: Please tell us about your business.

Dance Connection: The Dance Connection provides dance instruction to children from the ages of 3-18 in the subjects of Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Hip-hop, Lyrical, Preschool Creative dance.

We pride our business on giving children of all ages a memorable dance experience at a reasonable rate for parents. With doing this with a professional staff that is qualified thru many teaching organization.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Dance Connection: We keep our class sizes small so that all children receive special attention. We also keep all prices including classes, costumes, and recital fees at the lowest possible rate so all children in canton can experience the joys of dancing.



The Dance Connection in Canton provides specialized dance instruction, particularly to young dancers.

Observer: How has your business changed?

Dance Connection: Since we have opened in 1995 we have added 4 dance rooms with all

professional dance floors for more convenient class sizes and times.

Observer: How did you decide to locate in Canton?

Dance Connection: I decided to open in Canton because the community thinks so highly of children and the activities they are involved in.

THE DANCE CONNECTION

- Business Name: The Dance Connection
- Business Address: 4011 S. Canton Center Road, Canton
- Your Name & title: Carol Jackson & Melissa McParlane, owners/teachers
- Your Hometown: Canton
- Business opened when: September 1995
- Number of employees: 6
- Business Specialty: Providing dance instruction to the children of Canton
- Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 4-9 p.m.
- Business phone and Web site: (734) 397-9755 | www.the-dance-connection.com

Karl Sponsler is one of the many Plymouth/Canton residents recently affected by today's harsh economic times. After serving 23 years as a Chief Engineer for Johnson Controls, Inc., in Plymouth, Sponsler received a voluntary buy-out.

Although his situation may be common, his outlook is not. After six months' reprieve, Sponsler decided he wanted to take the opportunity to try something new. Today, he is an insurance agent with National Benefit Plans, headquartered



Sponsler

in Troy, where he provides insurance solutions to individuals and small groups. "I am very excited about this new venture," said Sponsler. "This is a great opportunity for me to give back to a community that has given me and my family so much over the past 20 years."

Sponsler resides with his wife, Simeon, and their four children - Scott, Michelle, Timarie and Miriam - in the Plymouth-Canton community where he is a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Previously, he served as Scout Master of the Boy Scout Troop P6 in Plymouth and was a Plymouth A.M. Rotary member.

Consumer expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the bi-annual Consumer Expo on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer."

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features over 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating busi-

nesses include banks, insurance agents, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public. The Consumer Expo is sponsored by Waltonwood of Carriage Park & Cherry Hill and Xuereb Snow PC.

BYOB Party

Indigo Salon and Day Spa hosts a "BYOB" (Bring Your Own Blow Dryer; Bring Your Own Brush) party 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27.

The open-house event will feature fun, food and education on perfecting your style at home. Learn the tricks and tips of today's trends; bring a new client and receive entry to win a beauty make-over.

There is no charge for the event. RSVP by Aug. 25 by calling (734) 961-3245. Indigo Salon and Day Spa is located at 50545 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Maps/directories

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Community

CHAMBER CHAT

Maps and 2009 Chamber Directories are available at the Canton Chamber office.

The Canton Chamber Map includes a map of Canton with all streets and points of interest on one side and a Wayne County Map on the other side. The 2009 Directory includes information about the Canton Community as well as phone listings for State and Local Governmental Departments.

The Canton Chamber Directory also includes a member Buyer's Guide, Membership Directory, information on Chamber Membership and a complete listing of Chamber Community Events.

Photo gallery

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has added a new and exciting feature to the Chamber Web site at www.cantonchamber.com

"We now have a Photo Gallery, that covers all of our Chamber Events," said Dianne Cojei, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. We have photos from all of our 2009 Ribbon Cuttings as

well as our Luncheons, After Hours, Networking Coffees, Auction, Consumer Expos and much more.

The Chamber Web site offers a complete Directory listing of our members by category and/or by company name. We also offer easy access to other Web sites including Shop Canton, Canton Township, Canton DDA, Leisure Services, S.C.O.R.E. and much more. The Chamber Web site offers coupons and discounts for

members, residents and visitors. Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Looking for a good place to eat? The Canton chamber Web site has it all... just go to www.cantonchamber.com

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive business growth, fostering community leadership and acting as an advocate for the business community. For more information, log onto www.cantonchamber.com.

Million-dollar challenge

In an effort to help the community and area renters, Sean Cragg and Gold Star Mortgage Financial Group have partnered with area real estate professionals to help put \$1 million back into the local economy and new homebuyers' pockets.

This goal will be accomplished by providing education and assistance concerning the purchase of a home to at least 125 first-time homebuyers by Nov. 30.

An event will be held today (Thursday) at The Summit On The Park in Canton. Attendees will have a chance to win an Apple touch. The seminars are free and open to the public. Advanced registration is required and a free credit report and credit analysis will be provided for registered attendees. Call (866) 249-2145 to register.

In February, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. One provision of this legislation is the Homebuyer Tax Credit, a reimbursement of up to \$8,000 available to first-time homebuyers. While this credit has been embraced by many Americans since its passage, a major stumbling block to its full utilization persists.

According to a survey released by the National Association of Realtors, nearly 50 percent of all homebuyers were unaware that a tax credit of up to \$8,000 currently exists for qualifying parties. Of those Americans actively shopping for a home, fewer than one in five knew about the credit and planned to use

BUSINESS MILESTONES



Oakwood opening

Officials at Oakwood Canton Physical Therapy & Fitness Center recently used a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening at their new location. The center is located at 4111 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

it when buying a home.

Individuals who have never owned a home as well as those who haven't owned one during the past three years are eligible for this year's Homebuyer Tax Credit. The modified adjusted gross income for a member of either of these groups is limited to \$75,000 for single taxpayers and \$150,000 per married couple. Individuals whose earnings exceed these amounts may be eligible for a partial credit and should contact their accountants for additional information.

For information about these seminars, or the tax credit, contact Sean Cragg at 734-585-7040.

Leadership forum

WARM Training Center and Paragon Leadership

International are teaming up to launch an innovative one day leadership forum for emerging leaders in environment, energy and sustainability seeking real-life leadership development experience.

The event takes place at Next Energy's Detroit headquarters, 461 Burroughs Thursday, Oct. 15. To register and for more detailed information go to www.paragon-lead.com/EnE/ or call (877) 264-6200.

Additional topics on the EPPRENTICE Experience™ agenda include expanding an alternative energy business, increasing the recycling efforts throughout cities in Michigan and creating strategies for diversifying manufacturing businesses into alternative forms of energy such as wind.

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Veteran member not surprised to see Holy Spirit church reach its 40th

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The view from the pew is pretty darn good for Deb Bramigk, a 39-year member of Church of the Holy Spirit, an Episcopal congregation on Newburgh in Livonia.

"It's the people here," the Canton resident said of the church across from Livonia Churchill High School, north of Joy Road. "We call ourselves the Holy Spirit family. We're like an extended family here. It's really a warm feeling to be here. We feel so close here."

She's the church secretary, working with the Rev. Barbara Cavin as priest in charge. Cavin arrived in



The Rev. Barbara Cavin is priest in charge at Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia.

2002, and has been ordained for more than 20 years, most of it spent in parish minis-

try.

"Our focus is outreach to the community," Bramigk said of the church, marking its 40th anniversary this year. She cites collecting school supplies for the needy in Livonia, as well as gathering towels for the Michigan Humane Society down the street in Westland.

Church members also collect used eyeglasses and prescription bottles. They're involved in the Crossroads ministry through their diocese, working at a West Grand Boulevard site in Detroit to serve soup, sandwiches, coffee and tea.

Holy Spirit members went to the Crossroads site this spring and served food to

some 750 people.

During the school year, Sunday services at Church of the Holy Spirit are 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. There's also Sunday school.

The summer service is held at 9:30 a.m. Sundays, with Sept. 13 the date for the change back to the school-year schedule.

The church combines with St. Andrew's on Hubbard in Livonia and Holy Cross of Novi for a youth group that's popular. The church draws from Livonia, Redford, Canton, Plymouth, Westland and Garden City.

Holy Spirit has about 60 families, and newcomers are welcome.

"I met my husband here,"



Church of the Holy Spirit on Newburgh in Livonia marked its 40th anniversary this summer.

said Bramigk. "We were married here." The couple's son, now 34, was baptized at Holy Spirit, as were their three grandchildren.

The 40th anniversary was observed in July with a picnic celebration. "Some

former members came," Bramigk said. "We had our service outside."

The church can be reached at (734) 591-0211. Its Web site is www.holyspirit-livonia.org.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Religion calendar items appear on Thursdays on a space available basis. To submit an item, e-mail sdargay@hometownlife.com or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette-2nd Level, Detroit, MI 48226. Attn: Sharon Dargay. Item must include the venue address and phone number and any admission costs for events. Items must be submitted at least a week in advance of publication. For a complete listing of events online please go to hometownlife.com.

AUG. 20-26

Book bag giveaway
2-5 p.m., Aug. 23, at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Way of Life Christian Church is sponsoring the outreach. Backpacks with school supplies will be given to the first 100 children who register. Registered children also may bowl. Their parents and other adults may bowl for \$5. The price includes shoes. For more information call Ron Spencer at (734) 697-6107.

Food pantry sign-up
Call (734) 459-9557 between 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Aug. 20-27, to reserve a pick-up time for Trinity Church's monthly food

pantry, scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29, at the church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, on the north side of the street, just west of Beck, in Plymouth.

AUG. 27-SEPT. 2

Prayer service
The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black will hold an akathist prayer service honoring the saint at 7 p.m. Aug. 27 at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford. St. Moses the Black is the Orthodox Christian patron saint of African-Americans. He was a 4th-century Ethiopian slave and gang leader who repented his sinful life and became a monastic in the Egyptian desert, known for his humility, wisdom and power over demons. An akathist is a hymn that recalls the life of a saint, a holy event, or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. There will be an informal discussion of the life of St. Moses following the service. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Sharon Gomulka, secretary of the Detroit chapter, at (248) 477-6411, or Robert Mitchell, chapter president, at (313) 204-5103.

ONGOING

AWANA
Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study
■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville, offers a jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays, a reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays. (734) 846-4615
■ Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi. This meditative form of Martial Arts is designed to reduce stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance. Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.
■ Adult and English as a Second

Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.
For information, call Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City at (734) 421-0472.
Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.
■ Scripture studies, from 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.
■ Learner's Bible study, 7 p.m., Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
■ Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions - at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Classes include: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.
■ Bible study, 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads. The informal classes are open to all interested persons regardless of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.
■ Bible talks, 4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.
■ Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia invites adults with developmental disabilities and special needs to attend a new Open Arms Bible class the second Monday of the month at the church, 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The class will include songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz.
■ Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. Call (248) 348-7600.
■ A study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy. A group at 10:30 a.m., Thursday examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey. (313) 274-3820.

■ Volkmar Hall located in Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28600 Cherry Hill, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City, is available for rent. For information, call (734) 427-3660.
■ St. James Presbyterian, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. For information call the church at (313) 534-7730

Prayer
■ Music, singing, prayer at 7 p.m. Thursdays at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through entrance #2, at the back of the church. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Gari at (734) 464-8906.
■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests. Call (248) 476-8860.
■ Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will be open for worship from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. followed by Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-1455.
■ 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month for prayer, spiritual healing and outreach at Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City. Call (734) 427-3660 for information.

and professionals provides classes, seminars, care, support & recovery groups, counseling, and prayer to help you get through life challenges. Visit the Web site for details on current classes and groups offered as well as location, days and times www.realifeplymouth.com.
■ The Clothing Bank has moved to a new location west of Canton Christian Fellowship. Free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need is available 10 a.m. to noon the fourth Saturday of each month, at 4171 Joy Rd. Call (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org for information.
■ Overeaters Anonymous meets 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Sundays, in Classroom 1 at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia. (313) 387-9797. www.oa.org
■ St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets at 10 a.m., the first and third Friday of each month at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care is provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426. This group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.
■ Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weight-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. for this weight support group that encourages members to lose weight and keep it off. Call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.
■ Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For more information, call (248) 433-1011.
■ Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, over-eating, gambling, 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.
■ Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee and desserts). Child care during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Singles
■ Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics at 11:30 a.m., Sundays, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia. Walking club meets at 6 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office. All fitness levels welcome.
■ Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

Soup kitchen
Learn about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit by participating in its "Day of Service" program. Dine with guests at the soup kitchen, tour the Earth Works urban garden, and take a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is seventh grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

Support
■ A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available 10 a.m. to noon Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and utilize if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
■ Are you or someone you know struggling with depression, divorce, grief, addiction, relationship difficulties, or job loss? Real Life Church through its volunteers and partnerships with area ministries

Thrift store
Open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Worship
■ Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills: 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., Sunday and 6 p.m., weekdays. (248) 851-5100.
■ Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes. (734) 522-6830.
■ Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland: 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sunday worship, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 7 p.m., Wednesday prayer and Bible study. Youth fel-

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SYLVIA WICKS GARVEY
August 17, 2009, age 85 of West Bloomfield. Beloved wife of the late Louis P. Garvey. Beloved mother of Patrick (Laura) Garvey, Cindy (Joe) Bradley, Ingrid (Bob) Steff, and Mike (Julia) Garvey. Loving Grandmother of Nickole (Tom) Carlson, Elizabeth (Ron) Keiser, Sean and Kellie Garvey, Katherine and Joey Steff. Great grandmother of Thomas and Chance Carlson. Sylvia was a proud WWII U.S. Navy veteran. Visitation is Thursday 2-9pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In state Friday 9:30am until time of Mass 10am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

SAMUEL HIGGINS
Age 93, August 16, 2009 of Garden City. Survived by his wife Betty. Arrangements by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, (734) 425-9200. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com

DANIEL LEE KIMEL
Age 79, passed away August 15, 2009. He was born on July 22, 1930, in Detroit, to the late John and Emma (Goebel) Kimel. Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Patricia Kimel; children: William (Christine) Kimel, Kathy (Alan) Steman; grandchildren: Daniel, Billy, Spencer, Sydney; great-grandchild: Makayla Kimel; siblings: David L. Kimel, and Shirley Kimel. He was preceded in death by his son Ronald, siblings: John Kimel Jr., and Dorothy Heimberger. Visitation Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1-9 p.m. Funeral Thursday, Aug. 20, 3 p.m. with final visitation from 12-3 p.m. at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

KELSEY LYNN SURSELEY
Of Westland, Aug. 10, 2009, Age 41 www.SimpleFuneralsInMichigan.com

FRANKLIN BROCKWAY READ
Of Bloomfield Hills, August 13, 2009 Age 95. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Dorothea "Dorie" Read. Dear father of Stephen H. (Renee) Read of Bloomfield Hills and the late Franklin Brockway Read II and Russell Snavely Read. Loving grandfather of Christopher Polk Read, Jason Read and Ryan Read. Great-grandfather of Logan Hunter Read. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Read graduated from Cornell University and while at the University he was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and was the Circulation Manager of the University Humor Magazine (The Widow). He was employed by Pontiac Motor Division and in 1941 was transferred to GM Corporation Headquarters in Detroit as a member of the Financial Staff. In 1953 he joined the Distribution Staff in organizing the General Motors Training Centers Program. He retired from GM in 1978 after 42 years of service. Mr. Read was an ardent golfer. The Reads were members of the Pine Lake Country Club for over 40 years and maintained a winter home in Pinehurst, NC. The Reads traveled extensively in Europe, China and maintained a condo in Guadalajara, Mexico for many years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Read were active members of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac. A memorial service will be held 11 am Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at All Saints Episcopal Church (171 West Pike Street Pontiac, MI 48341). In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials made to All Saints Episcopal Church. Interment Pine Lake Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Pontiac Chapel of the Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home (248 338 9288). A memorial reflection can be made to: www.sparksgriffin.com

DONALD G. VINCENT
Age 81, August 15, 2009. Beloved husband of Bernice. Dear father of Deborah (James) Wasiloff and Karen (Jeffrey) Scott. Grandfather of Matthew, Eric, Kelly and Colin. Brother of Howard. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. 56 year resident of Garden City and retiree of Garden City Schools. Memorial Service was Monday, August 17 at the Santeiu Funeral Home www.santeiufuneralhome.com

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■ New Life Community Church, 42200 Tyler, Belleville: 11 a.m., Sunday. (734) 846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

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Canton pastor excited about Holy Land trek this fall

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Bryan Smith, Geneva Presbyterian Church pastor, has wanted to visit the Holy Land for some time.

"I've been wanting to go to the Holy Land for at least eight to 10 years," said Smith, pastor of the congregation on Sheldon north of Ford in Canton.

He's about to get his chance through a Columbia Theological Seminary of Decatur, Ga., Journey of Faith program.

The program's for mid-career (ages 35-55) clergy with five or more years experience in ordained ministry. "They took a group of 20 of us." The Christian clergy will leave Oct. 28 and return Nov. 11.

They'll have a preparation time retreat in late September at the seminary in Georgia to talk about what will happen, "and begin to sort of think about this in terms of spiritual impact."

Smith had previously talked to clergy colleagues about how transformational it was to visit the Holy Land.

They spoke of getting immersed in the geography of where Jesus did his ministry. "Actually being there kind of infuses a deeper faith." Smith saw the opportunity and applied in June, hearing back three weeks later.

The travel is funded by the seminary in partnership with the Holy Land Pastoral Renewal Program of the CF Foundation, with which Smith was previously unfamiliar. He's not overly concerned



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rev. Bryan Smith of Geneva Presbyterian Church will visit the Holy Land in October.

about violence in the area due to conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

"I really don't feel that all. At this point, I'm just feeling really grateful." When he returns this fall, he will share impact of the trip with his church and others.

There may be some from the community who'd like to visit the region, he said.

"I'm just waiting to see what will transpire to see what will be a blessing to others as well."

He answered essay questions, and those doing the choosing read through and picked the 20 clergy, who had to be mid-career and never visited the Holy Land before.

"They wanted this to be people who never had the chance before," Smith said.

BUSY SCHEDULE

The clergy will fly from Atlanta to Tel Aviv in Israel. Their itinerary includes the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes in one day, as part of an overview of Jesus' Galilean ministry.

They'll be at Tabgha, the traditional site of the loaves and fishes, and the Chapel of the Primacy of Peter, the traditional site of Jesus' appearance to the disciples while they were fishing.

On Day Five, the clergy journey to Kursi on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus is believed to have healed the demoniac and cast the demons into swine. On Day Six, they'll trek to Nazareth and see Mount Tabor.

Other days include a morning walk into Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives via the Garden of Gethsemane and the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. They'll see the Church of St. Peter on Mount Zion and the Western (Wailing) Wall.

The group will visit Bethlehem, including Shepherds Field, Manger Square and the Church of Nativity. They'll have a full-day excursion to the Dead Sea, ending with a discussion of "The Journey of Faith: Why Did God Want You Here? What Is God Calling You To Do?"

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Visitors will watch historical demonstrations, such as cooking, knitting, blacksmithing, candlemaking and plowing, take guided tours of the Bartlett-Travis House, visit the petting farm, listen to music and try face painting.

The Canon Lions Club will be on hand with a corn roast. Food wristbands will be on sale at the event, and pre-registration is not necessary.

In keeping with the community spirit of the event, visitors can stroll the grounds and enjoy the best in fresh produce and handmade crafts from the Canton Farmers Market. The market is open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 25 at the park.

The Annual Village Faire is free and sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, the Canton Historical Society and Canton Lions Club. No registration is required. To learn more about Village Faire, visit cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.



Disney's "A Christmas Carol" train will roll into Greenfield Village Sept. 4.

Christmas train rolls into town

Disney's *A Christmas Carol* Train Tour makes a stop, Sept. 4-6, at Greenfield Village during its 40-city tour.

Visitors can expect to see Christmas decorations, hear carolers and see a 3D sneak peek from the movie, *Disney's A Christmas Carol*.

The attraction is free and will be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Greenfield Village is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd, in Dearborn.

Many of the exhibits will be inside the train cars, but the film footage will be shown in a state-of-the-art digital 3D theater erected on site.

Visitors can check out the cutting-

edge technology behind the film, as well as artifacts from the Charles Dickens Museum and interactive games that allow users to explore Dickens' London and morph their faces into characters from the movie using HP TouchSmart PCs. HP powers the interactive components of the Train Tour and its technology is used in the production of the movie.

Radio Disney will invite kids to enter for a chance to become a Movie Surfer representing their hometown. Each Hometown Movie Surfer will get a chance to appear on Disney Channel by filming their own Movie Surfer's segment.

Guests also will have a chance to win an HP TouchSmart PC and HP Photosmart wireless printer. This family event is for all ages.

The train tour is traveling cross-country with stops in 40 cities, culminating in November at New York City's Grand Central Terminal.

Disney's *A Christmas Carol*, directed by Robert Zemeckis, stars Jim Carrey as Ebenezer Scrooge, Gary Oldman as his faithful clerk and Colin Firth as his cheerful nephew. The movie opens nationwide Nov. 6 in theatres, Disney Digital 3D, and IMAX 3D.

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Details: Photography exhibit features work of nationally and internationally acclaimed photographers. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 9. Coping shows the work of Joe Meiser and Adrian Hatfield. Artist reception is 4-6 p.m., Sept. 10. Excavations is a master of

fine arts thesis exhibition by Suzanne Lalonde. Artist reception is 5:30-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21
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Time/Date: "Studies of Place and Views of Space" through Sept. 25
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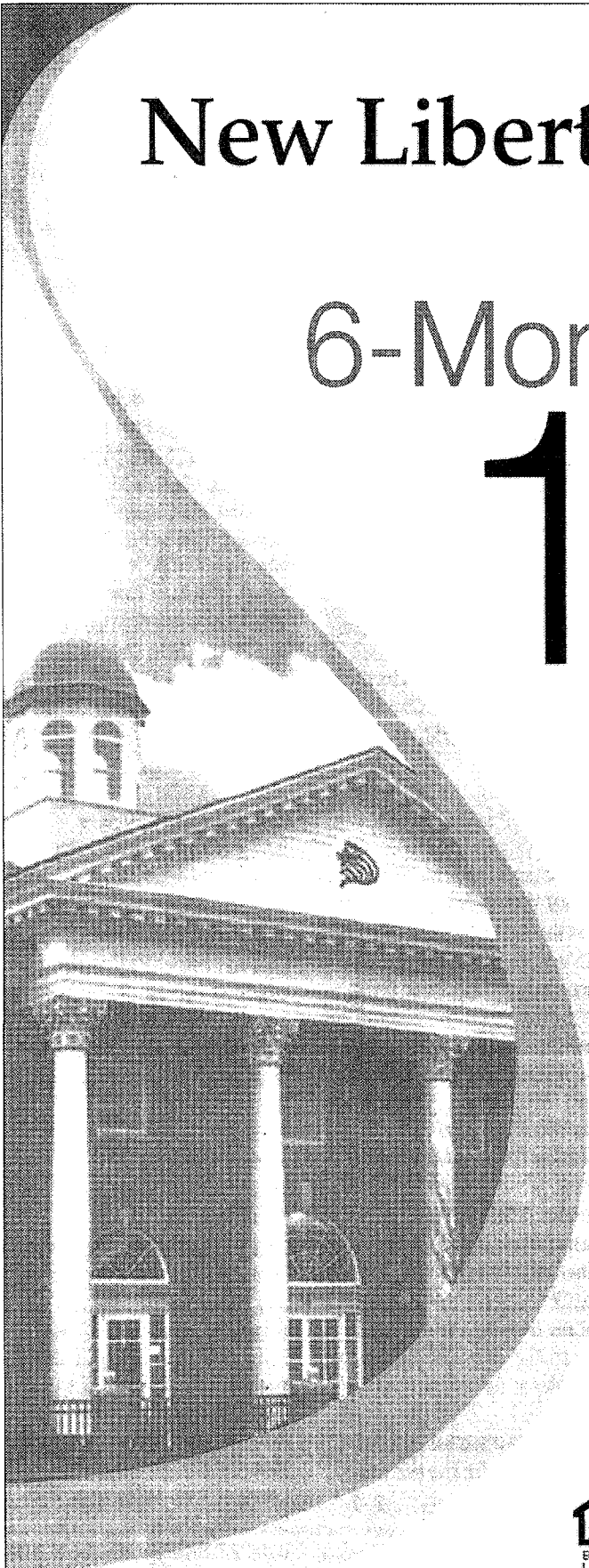
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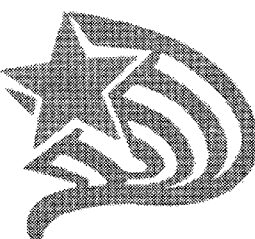
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Details: Improv most nights. Three original sketch comedies 8 p.m.

Thursdays: Jeremy Conn and Garrett

Fuller, both of Garden City, in their one-act comedic play, "Travel Earth

Timeshares," through Sept. 24. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers

is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

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Time/Date: Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m.

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Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Jazz Cafe at Music Hall

Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays

Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free

Contact: (313) 887-8532, www.jazzcafedetroit.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m.

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& 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

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Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kicker-scomplex.com

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Time/Date: Open Mic 8 p.m. most

Wednesdays

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

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Time/Date: Frank Caliendo/Bill Engvall, Oct. 24

Location: 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com

CONCERTS**The Ark**

Time/Date: Diana Jones, Aug. 21;

Mindy Smith, Aug. 22; The Pines, Aug. 23;

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Notorious, Aug. 28; Great Lake Swimmers, Aug. 29; Yid Vicious, Aug. 30

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Callahan's Music Hall

Location: 2105 South Boulevard, south of the Palace, Auburn Hills

Contact: www.atcallahans.com, (248) 858-9508

Canton jazz series

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Fridays through

Aug. 28, at locations along Ford Road.

Details: Tumbao Bravo, Aug. 21, at Centre Village; Bugs Beddow Band, Aug. 28, at Sam's Club

Contact: (734) 394-5460

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 & 8:30 p.m.

Location: 5200 Woodward Ave

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DTE Energy Music Theater

Time/Date: The B-52s, Aug. 20;

blink-182 with Fall Out Boy & Panic at the Disco, Aug. 22; Kenny G, Aug. 23;

Creed, Aug. 25; Soul Asylum with Seven Mary Three and Sponge, Aug. 27;

Dennis DeYoung - The Music of Styx with Rock Symphony, Aug. 28;

Eddie Money with Pat Travers, Aug. 29;

Lil Wayne with Young Jeezy, Soulja Boy, Drake, Aug. 30; Michael W. Smith,

Sept. 4; Tesla, Sept. 5; Darius Rucker with Luke Bryan, Sept. 17

Farmington concerts**Riley Park**

Time/Date: Rhythms in Riley Park

concerts start at 7 p.m. Fridays

Location: Riley Park in downtown Farmington

Details: Renegade, a country music cover band, plays Aug. 21;

and Volebeats, a legendary Detroit-area band known for its

vocal harmonies, wraps up the series on Aug. 28

Contact: www.DowntownFarmington.org

Farmington Hills concerts

Time/Date: "Stars in the Park"

Thursday nights through Aug. 27

Location: Heritage Park, 24915

Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Rain-out site, Costick Center

Details: Serlux and Friends offers a Motown Review

Aug. 20. The series ends with

Upizin's swinging Caribbean rhythms Aug. 27. No alcohol

or pets are allowed in Heritage Park

Contact: (248) 473-1857, www.fhgov.com

Focus Hope

Time/Date: 2-8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22

Details: Hot Summer Nights Music

Festival, a free concert, features Paul

Miles the Blues Man, Ortheia Barnes,

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Bande, Wojamm and Shiron Denise

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event with children's activities, moon

bounce and face painting

Location: 1355 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit

Contact: (313) 598-0408

Livonia music series

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursdays through

Aug. 27

Details: Dezie McCullers in a jazz

concert Aug. 20 at Civic Center Park,

Five Mile and Farmington Road. The

series ends Aug. 27 with the Livonia

Symphony Orchestra at the Livonia

Community Center, Five Mile and

Hubbard

Contact: (734) 466-2540

Magic Bag

Time/Dates: AJA: A Tribute to the

Music of Steely Dan, Aug. 21; The Mega

80's, Aug. 22; Buckwheat Zydeco with

Josh Charles, Aug. 25; The Original

Wailers, Aug. 26; Echoes of Pink Floyd,

Aug. 28

Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale

Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Meadow Brook Music Festival

Time/Dates: Heaven & Hell with

Cohed and Cambria, Aug. 21; Peter

Frampton, Aug. 22; GetBack! The Cast

of Beatlemania, Aug. 29; O.A.R. with

special guest Brett Dennen, Sept. 4

Location: 3554 Walton Blvd Rochester

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Contact: (248) 377-0100,

Ticketmaster.com

Northville Friday night concerts

Time/Dates: Oak Pointe (musical

revue), Aug. 21; Steve King and the

Ditties (top 40), Aug. 28

Location: Town Square

Contact: (248) 349-7640, www.northville.org

Palace of Auburn Hills

Time/Dates: American Idols Live!

Aug. 26; The Circus Starring Britney

Spears with Ciara, Sept. 8; King of

Leon with Glasvegas, Sept. 22; Miley

Cyrus, Oct. 6

Location: 1 Championship Drive,

Auburn Hills

Contact: (248) 645-6666 or

Palacenet.com

Plymouth concerts

Time/Date: Friday Night Concerts

start at 7 p.m. and run through Sept. 4

Location: Kellogg Park, on Main in

downtown Plymouth

Details: Randy Brock Group, Aug. 21;

Mass Transit, Aug. 28 and Lady

Sunshine & the X Band wrap up the

series on Sept. 4

Contact: (734) 453-1540

Redford concerts

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays

through Aug. 25

Location: Capitol Park, north of

Plymouth Road and west of Beech

Daly

Details: Missing Links Band

brings a big band sound to the

park on Aug. 25

Contact: (313) 387-2650

Redford Township Marquee

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 28

Location: Town Hall complex, 15145

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Documentary focuses on food and natural healing

Pass the kale chips — and forget the popcorn and soda.

There won't be any typical movie theater snacks served at the concession stand when *Food Matters*, screens next week at the Main Theatre in downtown Royal Oak. And that's just the way Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program graduate Andrea McNinch wants it.

Through her company, Regeneration Raw, McNinch does corporate consulting, offers one-on-one coaching, teaches classes and workshops on health and wellness through proper nutrition. Eating raw specializes in raw and vegan foods.

"The concessions will be shut down during the showing," McNinch stated. "We will not sell that type of food, but rather will offer movie-goers donated local, organic, whole foods to snack on."

Movie-goers will take home a free bag loaded with healthy snacks, coupons and literature on where and how to stay healthy. Sponsors include VegMichigan, Mind Body & Spirits restaurant, Red Pepper Deli, Eden Organic, Zerbo's Health Foods, Green Drinks Detroit, The Now Project, Gourmet Everyday, iMatter, Slow Food Detroit and more.

She rented out the 175-seat theater for a one-time showing of the 80-minute documentary by producer-directors James Colquhoun and Laurentine ten Bosch, who interviewed several leading experts in nutrition and natural healing. The experts claim we're harming our bodies with improper nutrition, and that the right kind of foods, supplements and detoxification can be used to treat chronic illnesses as fatal as terminally diagnosed cancer.

The film points out that not every problem requires costly, major medical attention and reveals many alternative therapies that can be more effective, more economical and less harmful than conventional medical treatments. The focus of the film is in helping viewers rethink their belief systems about the modern medical and health care establishments.

"Find out what works, what doesn't and what's killing you," McNinch stated.

She realized "Food is our best medicine" when at age 25 she began suffering from migraines and battling other ills, such as colds and skin problems.

She said doctors attributed the problems to aging and wrote prescriptions for symptoms of what they termed were common ailments.

She decided to change her diet instead of consuming prescription drugs.

"It was almost an instant recovery," she states on her Web site. "As soon as I cut out dairy and started eating raw foods, I never had another migraine and there are no cysts or calcifications in my body. The best part is, I look and feel younger every day, zits, illness, PMS and lack of energy are a thing of the past."

In addition to graduating from Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Program, she also holds a degree in journalism and communication from Oakland University.



McNinch

Her fall workshop schedule includes these topics at local schools:

■ "Raw Foods: Key to Ageless Beauty and Optimal Well-Being," Sept. 26, at Madonna University, in Livonia. The workshop will focus on adding raw and living foods to the diet. Learn the benefits of eating raw-vegan, the equipment used and a few easy and delicious dishes to get started on the path to optimal well-being.

■ "Raw-Vegan Food On A Dime," Nov. 7, at Madonna University, Livonia. Learn how to make simple, delicious raw-vegan food packed with vibrant health the inexpensive way through utilizing local farmers markets, making your own raw trail mixes and using techniques such as sprouting. Class will include food/sprouting demos, lots of sampling along with a packet of recipes and useful tips to get started.

For more on Regeneration Raw, including McNinch's class schedule, visit www.how2eatraw.com. For more on the film, visit www.foodmatters.tv/

— Sharon Dargay

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Gone to the dogs

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Vintner Chris Lynch will be at the Plymouth store for a bottle-signing from 10 a.m.-noon and 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 25. The store is located at 15455 Haggerty, at Five Mile.

Dearborn Animal Shelter representatives will be on hand to help shoppers with adoption applications for rescued dogs.

He'll be at the Ann Arbor store (3615 Washtenaw Ave) 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23 and at the Commerce Township store (39950 W. 14 Mile at Haggerty) 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24.

24th anniversary

Plymouth — Station 885 celebrates its 24th anniversary in Plymouth's historic Old Village by offering a prime rib dinner for \$8.85. The petite cut prime rib is served with a baked potato and salad. The offer expires Aug. 31.

Station 885 also will offer live entertainment during the Plymouth Fall Festival Taste Fest, 6-8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11. Mark your calendar.

Sample wines, food at annual festival

Meadow Brook Music Festival will present its 8th Annual Wine and Food Festival 1-9:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 23 and 1-5:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24.

Tickets for adults are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the event, and include eight free wine samples, wine and food seminars and non-stop live entertainment. Designated Driver tickets are \$10 and include two free soft drinks. Tickets for kids, age 12-17, are \$5 and those under 12 are admitted at no charge.

Tickets are on sale now at Palacenet.com, The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre Box Offices and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets will also be available at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office the day of the event. Each ticket is valid for one-day admission to the festival grounds.

Tickets may be charged by phone to American Express, Visa, Discover and MasterCard by calling (248) 645-6666.

Award-winning wineries from the state of Michigan and across the globe will be on hand showcasing more than 100 varieties of wine including Chardonnay, Merlots, Rieslings, Sparkling, Dry Red and dessert wines. The festival's on-site retail store will have select wines available for purchase. A complete list of components will be announced closer to the festival dates.

In addition to wine sampling, there will be seminars covering wine, food and other topics of interest. Festival goers will also enjoy continuous live entertainment, glass-blowing demonstrations and special exhibits and displays throughout the weekend.

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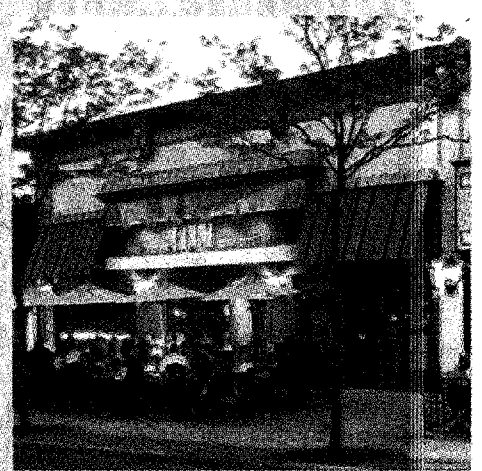
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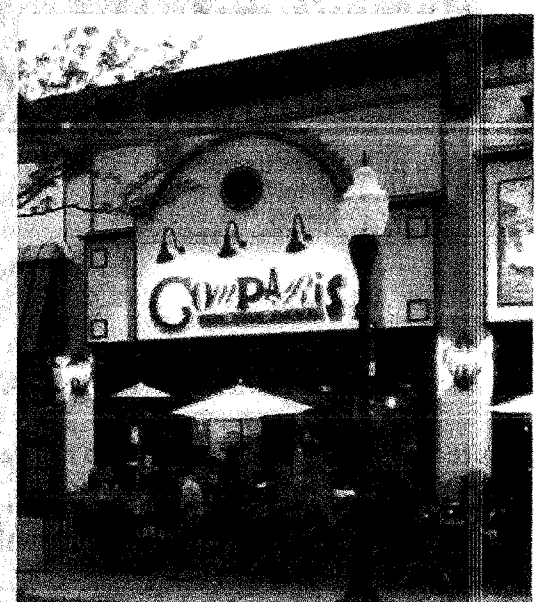


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Federal leaders pledge teamwork on land use

The recent announcement of six livability principles for sustainable communities jointly issued by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shaun Donovan, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Ray LaHood, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson represents a "pivotal point in restoring land use issues as a national priority," according to Richard Rosan, chief executive officer of the Urban Land Institute Worldwide.

The three administration officials announced a "landmark" agreement to work together to coordinate federal housing, transportation and environmental programs during June 16 testimony before the U.S. Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. The agreement includes six "Livability Principles" that will serve as the goals driving the coordination effort. These principles, said Donovan, "mean that we will all be working off the same playbook to better serve American families who expect more affordable and sustainable choices in their communities." The principles seek to:

- Provide more transportation choices;
- Promote equitable, affordable housing;
- Enhance economic competitiveness;
- Support existing communities;
- Coordinate policies and leverage investment; and
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

"This commitment demonstrates a stronger focus on land use and community building than we have seen at the federal level for many years," Rosan said. "Clearly, this administration understands that our nation's cities and metropolitan regions are the economic engine for America, and that they are in competition globally for business and for talented workers. We stand ready to offer our expertise in helping this effort gel, in terms of policies, funding and programs that foster communities that are more affordable, better connected, and environmentally sound."

At the Senate hearing, Donovan, Jackson and LaHood discussed issues related to community sustainability that ULI has long analyzed and promoted, in terms of building workforce housing closer to employment centers; integrating land use and infrastructure planning; and accommodating urban growth in a way that minimizes auto dependency and is pedestrian friendly, thus conserving land and energy and improving the environment.

For instance, echoing ULI's recent Infrastructure 2009 report, LaHood called for "a holistic approach ... to improve the link-



age between housing, water, and transportation investments." For surface transportation programs, DOT will be taking a "hard look at potential changes to metropolitan and statewide transportation planning processes to ensure that they improve livability," he said.

Donovan described a new housing and transportation affordability index that measures combined housing and transportation costs. The intent — to equip consumers and businesses with a mechanism to gauge affordability in terms of location — is similar in concept to research produced by the ULI Terwilliger Center for Workforce Housing in its recent Beltway Burden report, which measures housing and transportation costs for various neighborhoods in the Washington, D.C., region. "An affordability index will empower customers and businesses alike with the information they need to make informed choices about where and how they live, and in the process create a more dynamic, efficient marketplace," he said.

EPA, said Jackson, will bring the perspective of the healthy environment to the housing and transportation partnership. Pedestrian-friendly communities, she noted, are those in which "people feel safe enough to walk, they have recreational opportunities and they have transit opportunities. We're all about building thriving communities of pedestrians, along with HUD and DOT."

The new interagency partnership was discussed at ULI just prior to the hearing by rep-

resentatives from HUD and EPA at the third annual meeting of the Smart Growth Alliances Information Network. This network was created by ULI with funding from the EPA to support the work of regional smart growth alliances around the United States. Tim Torma, policy analyst in EPA's Smart Growth Program, and Ron Sims, deputy secretary at HUD, discussed the partnership in terms of new working relationships among the three agencies, which previously shared little information and tended to work in isolation more often than in concert. "We (the federal government) can't keep funding in this piecemeal, municipality-by-municipality way," Sims said.

Rosan pointed out that while land use decisions are local, the federal government can encourage innovation at the local level, and across all levels of government, by rewarding plans that foster collaboration on infrastructure, land use and the environmental policies. The joint federal effort is a promising sign that the U.S. is "entering a new era of community building," he said.

The Urban Land Institute (www.uli.org) is a nonprofit education and research institute supported by its members. Its mission is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. Established in 1936, the Institute has more than 35,000 members representing all aspects of land use and development disciplines.

Check documents on repair question

Q: I live in a condominium that was a conversion from an apartment. Last month, a plumber knocked on our door and told us that the lady above us had a leaking toilet and that the plumber needed to go through our bathroom ceiling to repair the problem. The plumber spent several hours in our bathroom and removed several feet of drywall. After the repair was completed, my association board told me that it is my responsibility to repair the ceiling at my cost. I understand I may be obligated to allow repair to the condominium above me but that does not mean that I should be left with the expense to repair the damage to my unit. Can they really send someone into my home, tear holes in the ceiling and leave the damage and say fix it yourself? I am on a fixed income and a senior citizen, but read your column as a Condominium Bible.

A: Unfortunately, an answer to your question depends what your documents say.

Generally speaking, a co-owner is responsible for repairing the interior of his unit, unless it is caused by a common element defect or a defect from another unit. You should first check with your insurance

company to see whether you have any individual coverage, and whether the association's policy provides any coverage for damage to your unit. You should also check whether the unit owner upstairs has any insurance coverage for your benefit. You may want to seek recourse against the unit upstairs based upon a negligence theory. That may be a problem if the condominium documents call for you being responsible for the repair irrespective of who was at fault. You may be best advised to contact a condominium attorney to help you sort out the legal rights that you have.

Q: We have defaulted on our mortgage and our redemption period expired. Now we have found there may have been some fraud in regard to the mortgage itself. Do you think we have a chance to pursue the matter, and should we?

A: In a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision, the court indicated the mortgagor was required to raise arguments concerning the propriety of the mortgage foreclosure when the mortgage foreclosure proceedings began. In effect, the court was suggesting that the mortgagor had to make an attempt to stay or otherwise challenge the foreclosure and redemption sale. In this case, although the mortgagor filed his suit before the redemption period expired, the court felt this was insufficient to toll the redemption period, since the law in Michigan does not allow an equitable extension of the period to redeem from a statutory foreclosure sale in connection with a mortgage foreclosed by advertisement and posting of notice in the absence of a clear showing of fraud or irregularity. The court also said that "once the redemption period expired, all of the mortgagor's rights in and title to the property were extinguished." This basically suggests that you need to go to circuit court to get a stay of proceedings as soon as the foreclosure proceedings commence. Although there could be irregularities in the sheriff's sale, which would require you to go to court after the sale occurs. In any event, you should consult with a knowledgeable real estate attorney to advise you accordingly.

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

State universities contribute to land use knowledge

The State of Michigan Cities: An Index of Urban Prosperity is an official publication of LPI's Michigan Higher Education Land Policy (MIHELP) Consortium. It was released in February 2007. The report examined 13 Michigan cities, including Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, Pontiac, Saginaw, Traverse City, Warren, and Wyoming, by using 36 indicators — demographics, economics, property values, crime, schools, government finance, health, and the environment.

The goal of this report was to provide both citizens and policymakers with the information they need to better understand the challenges facing Michigan cities and their changing nature, specifically by presenting the most relevant

data about cities — demographics, economics, property values, crime, public education, government finance, health, and environmental conditions — with concise, straightforward analysis in one report. By understanding more about Michigan's cities, citizens and policymakers will be better able to discuss ways to improve them and thereby better-position Michigan.

To expand on the original State of Michigan Cities report, the Department of Geography and Urban Planning at Wayne State University compiled data on 11 additional Michigan cities: Bay City, Benton Harbor, East Lansing, Grand Haven, Holland, Jackson, Marquette, Midland, Monroe, Mount Pleasant, and Portage. This data was presented to supplement the original report.

The Michigan Higher Education Land Policy Consortium (MIHELP) was created in 2005 by Dr. Soji Adelaja, the John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor in Land Policy and Director of the Land Policy Institute, Michigan State University, and William Rustem, president, Public Sector Consultants, with the support of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

MIHELP is a public-private, multi-university, inter-disciplinary partnership designed to address the fundamental research and outreach void in urban and metropolitan issues in the state of Michigan. The creation of MIHELP is one of the key goals of the Land Policy Institute at MSU.

Headquartered at MSU's Land Policy Institute, MIHELP has the unique ability to marshal the

resources of its component institutions, Michigan State University, Wayne State University and Grand Valley State University, in concert with Public Sector Consultants, to execute an ambitious research and outreach agenda utilizing the talents and resources of over 200 academics. The MIHELP leadership team includes Dr. Soji Adelaja (director), William Rustem, Robin Boyle (Wayne State University), Dr. Rich Jelier (Grand Valley State University), Dr. Rex LaMore (Michigan State University) and Dr. John Warbach (MIHELP coordinator, Michigan State University). Already numerous studies related to metropolitan issues are under way, or have been completed, by member institutions in the MIHELP Consortium.

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 11-15, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills		
4006 Hillsdale Dr	\$250,000	
205 Oakmont	\$30,000	
1478 Vinewood St	\$17,000	
Beverly Hills		
15961 Amherst Ave	\$250,000	
Birmingham		
2183 Manchester Rd	\$240,000	
392 Sulfield Ave	\$505,000	
Bloomfield Township		
1862 Brookview Cir	\$185,000	
7218 Franklin Rd	\$417,000	
5125 Kensington Rd	\$114,000	
2434 Parcels Ct	\$130,000	
Commerce Township		
5300 Inverrary Ln	\$312,000	
5081 White Tail Ct	\$190,000	
Davisburg		
5933 Claypool	\$192,000	
8582 Ridgeway	\$169,000	
8491 Zeerco Blvd	\$238,000	
Farmington		
20940 Meadowlark St	\$109,000	
33242 Tall Oaks Ct	\$95,000	
Farmington Hills		
28360 Kendallwood Dr	\$239,000	
22140 River Pines Dr	\$105,000	
Franklin		
32682 Inkster Rd	\$152,000	
Milford		
355 E Summit St	\$80,000	
3073 Exeter Dr	\$520,000	
779 Heritage Dr	\$220,000	
3241 Katie Ln	\$258,000	
Novi		
51136 Halffield St	\$45,000	
24724 Highlands Dr	\$217,000	
42690 Morgan Creek Ct	\$250,000	
24455 Olde Orchard St	\$255,000	
44935 Revere Dr	\$161,000	
817 S Lake Dr	\$82,000	
41743 Sudbury Ct	\$500,000	
30961 Tanglewood Dr	\$201,000	
30208 Viewcrest	\$230,000	
Oakland Township		
5590 Leeds Ct	\$600,000	
Orchard Lake		
4470 Dow Ridge Rd	\$1,850,000	
Oxford		
3861 Dartmouth Rd	\$220,000	
451 Tarnview Dr	\$119,000	
145 Village Way	\$202,000	
Rochester		
742 Caribou Ct	\$253,000	
1700 Chase Dr	\$232,000	
423 Miller Ave	\$57,000	
Rochester Hills		
3655 Aynsley Dr	\$269,000	
3845 Beechcrest	\$255,000	
3482 Connors Dr	\$303,000	
3695 Hazelton Ave	\$152,000	
375 Huntington Ct	\$155,000	
1530 Kings Cove Dr	\$62,000	
716 Oak Brook Ridge Dr	\$80,000	
2387 Oklahoma Ave	\$157,000	
South Lyon		
61049 Fairland Dr	\$110,000	
Southfield		
21790 Constitution St	\$70,000	
29757 Farmbrook Villa Ln	\$49,000	
28636 Regent Ct N	\$37,000	
Troy		
3781 Old Creek Rd	\$107,000	
2965 Rhodes Dr	\$115,000	
4920 Rivers Edge Dr	\$450,000	
3949 Timbercrest Dr	\$370,000	
249 W Hurst Dr	\$245,000	
498 W Square Lake Rd	\$125,000	
Waterford		
6194 Hatchery Rd	\$103,000	
6505 Lake Meadow Dr	\$137,000	
4944 Lake Point Dr	\$50,000	
6584 Wedgewood Ct	\$120,000	
4863 Westlawn Pkwy	\$57,000	
West Bloomfield		
7579 Ashburnton Ct	\$227,000	
3179 Hartsock Woods Dr	\$198,000	
7308 Millwood	\$280,000	
7166 Nottingham	\$110,000	
7385 Oak Tree Dr	\$183,000	
6306 Palomino Ct	\$60,000	
7244 Pebble Pointe	\$135,000	
6921 Pebblecreek Woods Dr	\$115,000	
5669 Tequesta Dr	\$235,000	
4555 Valleyview Dr	\$204,000	
White Lake		
523 Deer Run	\$20,000	
1786 Kristina Dr	\$211,000	
2463 Orchard Ln	\$210,000	
Wolverine Lake		
1427 Sunset Dr	\$85,000	

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There is no charge for council members and \$15 for guests. Advance payment is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 4-8, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

50312 Colonial St	\$230,000
39721 Coronation Rd	\$158,000
1987 E Franklin Dr	\$59,000

7162 Fox Woods Dr	\$225,000
8499 Orhan St	\$145,000
47559 Pembroke Dr	\$78,000
1910 Woodmont Dr W	\$130,000

17191 Brookview Dr	\$160,000
29549 Curtis Rd	\$155,000
30931 Dorais St	\$114,000
35719 Hees St	\$125,000
19999 Irving Dr	\$260,000
36746 Marler St	\$220,000
9064 Melvin St	\$97,000
36712 Richland St	\$125,000
29610 Robert Dr	\$101,000
28988 Savio Ct	\$261,000
31501 Schoolcraft Rd	\$985,000
35464 W Chicago St	\$114,000

18547 Clairmont Cir E	\$670,000
46363 Pinehurst Dr	\$474,000
19927 Schoolhouse Ct	\$174,000

11003 Fellows Hill Dr	\$442,000
41411 Ivywood Ln	\$199,000

20461 Wakenden	\$60,000
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332 Brookfield Dr	\$92,000
7696 Burkland Dr	\$153,000
39046 Huron Pkwy	\$150,000
7873 Millwood Dr	\$176,000
501 N Byfield St	\$80,000
8564 Perrin Ave	\$102,000

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT
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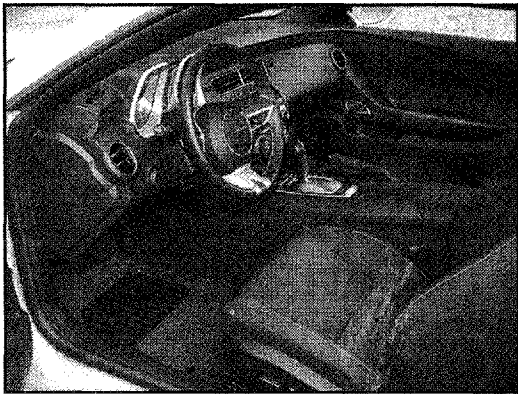
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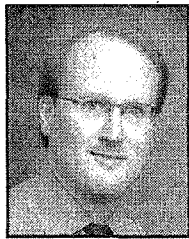
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Welcome back: The new Camaro cuts a classic low profile



You're where you want to be -- low to the ground -- inside the new Camaro.



By Dale Buss

Woodward Avenue had its event last weekend, but for much of the summer I've had my own dream cruise going, on the highways and byways of northern Oakland County: In more or less rapid succession, I've been driving the new Chevrolet Camaro, the new Dodge Challenger, and the new Ford Mustang.

I'll take a look at each of them in succeeding weeks as summer begins to give way to its end, trying to squeeze just a bit more of the joy of the season out of closer examinations of each of these new muscle cars. Here's to hoping that they all survive the new regulatory pressures of a greener federal administration in something close to their current forms.

Any of these cars, of course, would have felt right at home traversing Woodward during the official Dream Cruise, given that each of these models has venerable roots as one of the original muscle cars that inspired cruising in the first place, and all those endless trips to the Totem Pole and the other places on the avenue that many Detroit-area boomers still recall fondly.

No doubt those early versions of these nameplates might still be able to blow away their modern counterparts when it comes to pure horsepower and brassiness. But today's Camaro,

Challenger and Mustang all have their own advantages too.

Camaro, of course, is the hottest thing going these days for General Motors, which sorely needs hit vehicles to get Americans to thinking about their products again instead of the company's government-owned balance sheet. And driving Camaro told me that this vehicle is just the ticket for that challenge.

Curiously, around town on Dream Cruise weekend I saw one of the original Camaros, and it became clear to me how close GM has come with the new Camaro to invoking the spirit of the Sixties version. Having seen both of those cars made the in-between versions of the Camaro -- when it essentially was a sibling of the Pontiac Trans-Am -- all the more forgettable.

I remember thinking back in the Eighties that it seemed as if Chevy was styling the Camaro to resemble a poor man's Corvette, which is no way for a proud nameplate to build on its heritage -- and no way to get a car buyer to part with his or her money.

Anyway, the new Camaro delivers on its promise of making us forget its immediate predecessors, including a heavy blast of oomph even from the 3.6-liter, 304-horsepower V6 version that I

drove, which was twinned with a swarthy six-speed manual transmission and a sport suspension. The version turns in a respectable 18 mpg in city driving and a boast-worthy 29 mpg on the highway -- yet, getting away from the light and accelerating in passing lanes were exhilarating even with the V6. Presumably, those exercises would be even more hair-raising if you're driving the 426-horsepower V-8 version.

And the car looked very good doing so. The Imperial Blue Metallic version I drove paled in flashiness with the yellow Camaro that one of my neighbors is driving these days, but no matter: Such is the distinctive low profile cut by Camaro on Michigan roads these days that it turns just about every head it goes by. The 20-inch painted aluminum wheels, rear spoiler and other touches didn't hurt in that regard either.

The new Camaro also delivers on the interior aura and accouterments that you would expect. There are the retro dials and gauges. There's all the road

feel you would want, and the low-slung seats make you feel as if you're sitting in a hole. The unmistakable feel of slight claustrophobia hangs in the air as well because the windshield and windows are very narrow, and Camaro gives you a feeling of being in a box.

True aficionados like that, of course. But I'm betting that there are some aging boomers who are springing for a new Camaro because of the tug of nostalgia but, once they've been inside for awhile, are missing the feeling of air and openness and "command seating" lent by many of today's vehicles.

Another concern that really isn't a problem is that the new Camaro's rear seat is just as useless as many muscle cars' rear seats have been. There's hardly any room back there, or in the trunk. But space for cargo or, really, passengers is not why folks are snapping Camaros off dealer lots as fast as they arrive.

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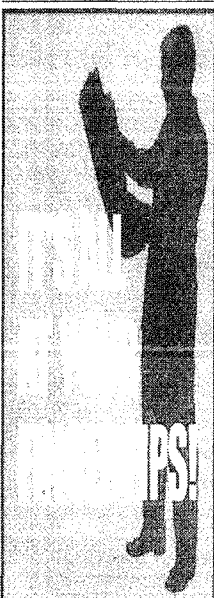
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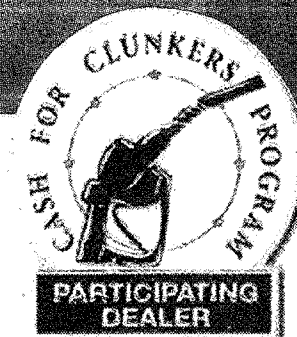
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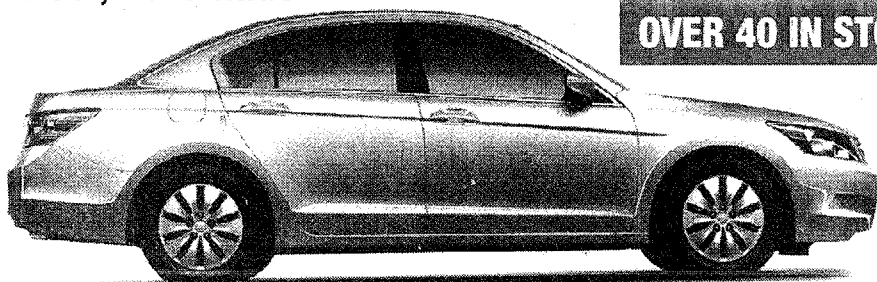
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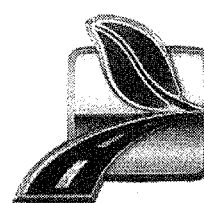
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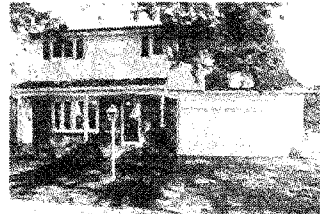
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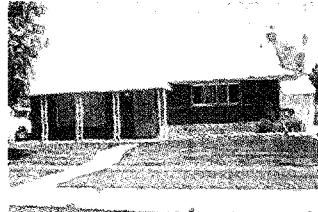
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EXCELLENT CONVENIENT LOCATION Beautiful kit, updt'd cupboards and counters, all appls incl, sharp finished bsmt, newer furn and c/a, ceramic foyer, mstr bdrm w/w-i, patio, sep dining area (29101585) \$148,000



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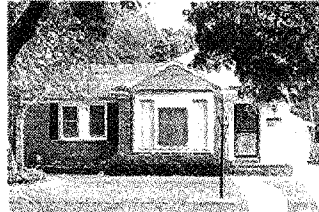
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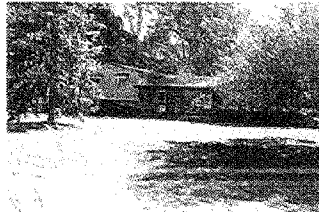
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WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! UPDATED HOME Open floor plan. Clean & move-in condition. Great rm/din rm combo w/doorwall to deck. Updated kit & bath, HWF, crown molding, recessed lights, newer furn, C/A (29041893) \$175,000



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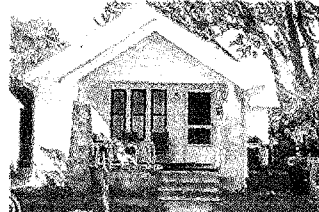
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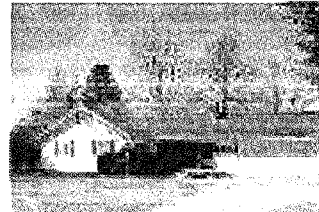
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