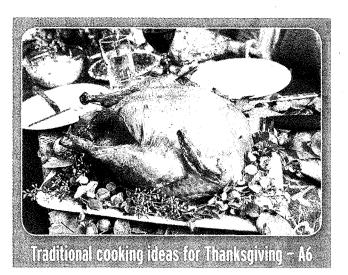
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The Canton Public Library partners with the Canton-based Detroit Area Diaper Bank in their 30,000 by Thanksgiving Diaper

Donors can participate by dropping off donations of diapers at the library Nov. 18. The Diaper Bank needs diapers and pull-ups in any brand or size, baby through adult. Open packages are acceptable.

The Detroit Area Diaper Bank is a nonprofit charitable organization serving SE Michigan. They work to meet the need for diapers at partner agencies working with people in crisis. The cost of diapers is not covered by WIC, food stamps and, in most circumstances, Medicare, and many in our community are in need. For more information about the Detroit Area Diaper Bank, visit www. detroitareadiaperbank.org.

Bring diaper donations to the Reception Desk between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Reunion time

Plymouth Canton and Salem Class of 1994 is hosting its 15-year reunion 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at the Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty in Novi.

Cost is \$50. Details can be found and tickets purchased at www.pcep1994.com

For more information, contact Julie Burkett (Orleman) via email at julieburkett@hotmail.com or call (734) 674-3478.

Hall of Fame

Being elected to a Hall of Fame must be getting to be old hat for Canton resident Terry Jobbitt.

Jobbitt, who works for Choice Insurance Agency and is the chairman of the Canton Chamber of



Jobbitt

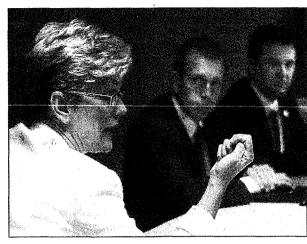
Commerce's board of directors, has been inducted into the Michigan Special Olympics Hall of Fame. It's his second Hall induction; he became a member of the Michigan High School Hockey

Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007.

Jobbitt has been active in the
Area 23 Michigan Special Olympics
for 32 years, having started by
assisting at track events for the
Wayne County summer games and
the area bowling tournament.

Among his Special Olympics activities, Jobbitt has been area games director, a member of the Area Management Team and competition coordinator. He's also chaired fundraisers and county tournaments and served as director of the statewide softball tournament.

Granholm calls on Senate to fix school funding



Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Wayne RESA superintendent Chris Wigent, and State Rep. Marc Corriveau took part in a roundtable discussion on funding public schools at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board offices Monday.

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

She may have been preaching to the choir when Gov. Jennifer Granholm sat with a round-table of Plymouth-Canton school board members, local leaders and parents to talk about funding public education.

But that doesn't mean she wasn't speaking words they wanted to hear.

Granholm, who in the last few weeks has announced potential cuts totaling \$292 to the per-pupil foundation grant for public schools, was in Plymouth Monday calling for the state Legislature — with a particular eye on the state Senate — to fix what she called "the gaping wound" the cuts would leave in school districts.

And she echoed a call already being made by Plymouth-Canton administrators, asking people to contact their state Legislators — state Reps. Marc Corriveau and Dian Slavens, who Thousands rally in Lansing to protest cuts, A3.

were at the roundtable, and state Sen. Bruce Patterson, who was not — to express their displeasure at the way schools are being funded.

"The cuts ... are unacceptable," Granholm said. "I'm asking the Senate to take action. The cuts equal hundreds of teachers, which means larger class sizes. It's critical ... the way to fix this isn't painful."

Among suggestions Granholm said she's heard for fixing the funding problem in the school aid fund were using Recovery Act dollars, the idea of a graduated state income tax and the possibility of spreading the state's 6-percent sales tax across services.

She also said Proposal A, the 1994 act that shifted funding of schools from local to state control, "isn't working" and a new formula is necessary.

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Paying tribute

Heritage Park ceremony thanks area veterans for their service

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His voice cracking with emotion, World War II veteran Russ Cullen offered a heartfelt reason why he attended a Veterans Day ceremony Wednesday morning in Canton.

"I came here to remember all the veterans who have made a lot of sacrifices," Cullen said, standing near the Canton Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park with his wife of 65 years, Alice, and his brother-in-law, Gerald Copland.

Cullen, 86, made special mention of U.S. troops still fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, saying, "They're the ones over there fighting a war that doesn't seem to have an end."

Cullen joined other veterans and their supporters for a solemn ceremony under a cloudless blue sky.

Veteran and keynote speaker John Spencer, a township employee who served in Vietnam as a longshoreman and payroll clerk, recalled how Francis Scott Key saluted America as "the land of the free and the home of the brave" when he wrote *The Star-Spangled Banner* nearly 200 years ago.

"Those words are as true today as they were then," Spencer said. "Throughout this nation's history, America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and reserves have bravely answered the call to defend our freedom, to aid our friends and allies and to turn back aggressors.

"We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded," he added. "We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today."

Veteran Michael O'Malley, who served in Korea during the Vietnam



PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOZA

Bill Juchartz from the Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 528 and the Plymouth Canton VFW Chapter 6696, listens to speakers during the Veterans Day ceremony.

War, read a poem summed up by its title, Freedom Isn't Free. Rich Mazurkiewicz of the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 played Taps on a bugle, while other veterans fired an honor volley for those who have given their service.

Even after the ceremony had ended, a brisk wind continued to bolster a U.S. flag that flapped in the wind, near another flag honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action. Yet another flag, stitched with a yellow ribbon, summed up the reason veterans paid their respects Wednesday. "We Support Our Troops," it read.

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Honor Guard members (from left) Borris Manley, Joe Agius and Bill Boudreau perform the 21-gun salute during Canton's Veterans Day ceremony Wednesday.

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Canton approves trimmed budget

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Amid declining revenues, Canton Township officials Tuesday adopted a new cost-cutting budget that dips into surplus revenues, leaves several jobs vacant and eliminates money for local road improvements.

"It was a tough battle," Finance Director Rick Eva said, and township officials are bracing for even leaner economic times as declining property tax dollars and decreasing state-shared revenue continue to chip away at local coffers.

In a sweeping decision, the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees approved a new spending blueprint for 2010 that projects a \$7.7 million general fund surplus and places this community of nearly 90,000 residents in a far better financial position than many deficit-plagued Michigan municipalities.

The 7-0 vote culminated months of budget talks as local officials struggled to maintain services and heed warnings of outside auditors who say the township will need its fund balance as falling property values hit even harder in 2011.

Among the highlights of the new budget:
• The board adopted a \$25 million general fund

spending plan that siphons an estimated \$642,631 from the budget surplus, down from earlier projections of \$800,000.

• Township officials chose to leave vacant several positions, including a deputy police chief post, in a move that trims the number of full-time employees from 369 to 364.

• The police fund balance is expected to fall to a mere \$156,731 — down from \$4 million in just two years as the department took on much-needed projects such as a prisoner-area expansion. However, officials have set new tax rates to boost the police millage by a quarter-mill while reducing the general fund millage by the same amount.

• The fire department's fund balance is projected at a healthier \$2.1 million, even after officials

use nearly \$970,000 from the fund balance.
• Road projects, such as upgrading the Palmer-Sheldon intersection, will be dropped as officials move to save \$2.4 million.

Though painful, Canton's new budget avoids much deeper cuts faced by many communities. As township Supervisor Phil LaJoy earlier put it, "We're just going to have to continue to work hard at being good stewards of the people's money."



Residents invited to **Community Conversation**

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, November 12, 2009

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the Canton Community Foundation are joining with the Center for Michigan to host a **Community Conversation** - a bottom-up, commonground citizen agenda for Michigan's transformation and future prosperity.

The community conversation is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in The Canton Community Foundation Office, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200. The foundation offices are located in the Canton **Human Services Building** at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

The session is limited to 25 participants. To register, call the foundation office at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail info@cantonfoundation. org or srosiek@hometownlife.com.

The Center is working on Michigan's Defining Moment project, which is seking to engage 10,000 state residents in a three-year period to participate in the Community Conversation.

Participants will use interactive polling devices

to record their opinions on issues such as the economy, education and good strategies for government. Trained facilitators will conduct the conversations and written materials will guide the conversations. Videos and an interactive "Michigan Game," an icebreaker helps participants become engaged in the discussion process.

The Center for Michigan is a bipartisan, centrist think-and-do tank that is sponsoring Michigan's Defining Moment (MDM), a public engagement campaign designed to link Michigan citizens with the public policy choices that face our state.

The Canton Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community organization to support the charitable, cultural, educational, recreational, and scientific needs of the community.

"Citizen voices are even more important as Michigan braces for the most serious economic and political challenge of our times," said Philip Power, president of The Center for Michigan.

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Plymouth-Canton marchers recapture state title

BY DIANE HANSON CORRESPONDENT

After last year's third-place finish ended a 14-year reign as the state's Flight I champs, the 170-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band regained the title and added its 22nd state championship at the 30th annual Michigan Competing **Band Association State Finals** Saturday at Ford Field.

"This was a fantastic performance," said an elated David Armbruster, director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, "the best one of the year so far."

After a season of first-place finishes and top scores, the award-winning band's 10minute eerily crowd-pleasing performance, "Beneath the Surface," inspired by the writings of Edgar Allan Poe, netted the hometown marchers the coveted Flight I first-place trophy with a score of 91.35, which was also the highest score of all 40 competing bands at the musical marching extravaganza. They also captured the Flight I Best Marching and Best General Effect trophies as well as tying with West Bloomfield, last year's champs and this year's runner-up, for the Best Music award.

"It was incredible," said junior trombonist Benjamin Wohl. "I think the band performed at the highest we've ever performed. We came together and definitely blew this away."

Salem senior Kayla Ragland, one of the three drum majors along with Caroline Williams and Kaitlyn Tracy, agreed.

"They did such a great job and I'm so proud of them," she said. "It was a lot of work this week, a lot of long practices and some cold, crazy, windy weather, but they really pushed through and it paid off."

Each year the 40 highestscoring high school marching bands - 10 in each of Flights I, II, III, and IV (Flights are deter-



Plymouth-Canton drum majors and color guard captains, Kayla Ragland (from left), Laura Choos, Caroline Williams, Rachel Fransioli, and Kaitlin Tracy are all smiles after receiving the Flight I MCBA championship trophy and banner honoring their band's accomplishment.



Baritone saxophonist Charles Vink adds to the low brass effect of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's championship performance during the State Finals Nov. 7 at Ford Field.



Color guard member Lucas Schmidt dramatizes the theme of the band's competition show, 'Beneath the Surface,' after emerging from beneath the surface of the huge platform also concealing most of the marching band at the beginning.

mined by school enrollment, not band size with Flight I the largest schools) - compete in the daylong competition. This year's pageantry of masterful marching, music, color and choreography was appreciated by some 13,000 spectators.

But there's still more to come for the hometown team. Armbruster and his staff will be making some changes and doing some tweaking before the Bands of America Grand National Championships at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis Nov. 12-14.

"The whole design team and staff want the kids to have the best product to be successful," said Armbruster. "It's not about winning, but if they do well what they do, all the chips just fall into place.

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- Philip H. Power President, The Center for Michigan

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Parents rally in Lansing to protest school funding cuts

BY KAREN SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Local parents were among approximately 1,000 protestors who converged Tuesday on the state Capitol in Lansing demanding legislators restore cuts in K-12 funding for this school year.

"Lansing, do your job!" they yelled at the morning rally organized by SOS (Save Our Students, Schools and State).

SOS Chairman Tom White, speaking from the Capitol steps, said the protestors want cuts of \$292 per student restored and a serious discussion about reforming the way schools are funded.

"We don't have all the answers, but we know disinvesting in education is not the solution," White said.

Shelly Ludtke, a parent from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said she's been involved in her children's education, but Tuesday's rally was her first protest. "Education is extremely important," said the mother of two elementary school students.

John Jackson, a member of



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parent Shelly Ludtke pins an SOS button on her jacket during a rally to save school funding in Lansing Tuesday.

the Plymouth-Canton school board, said the district has already cut more than \$20 million over the past eight years.

"I'm just really, really concerned," he said. "We could spend all of our fund equity in the next two years and not have enough."

He said the education of

children needs to be protected to help make them the leaders of tomorrow.

The House recently passed a bill that would restore \$127 per-pupil in cuts to all districts and half of the cuts to districts like Livonia and Clarenceville that receive 20(j) funding. The bill calls for using remaining federal stimulus money.

Lawmakers would have to raise \$25 million to restore half of the 20(j) funding, according to state Rep. John Walsh, who represents Livonia. Under discussion are freezing an increase in the earned income tax credit available to the working poor and freezing the personal income tax exemption, both of which were scheduled to increase for 2009.

The bill now goes to the state Senate.

Clarenceville School District Supt. Pamela Swert met Tuesday with state Sen. Glenn Anderson while in Lansing. She said though it's still wait and see, she was encouraged.

"I felt pretty uplifted," she said.

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"The patient (school funding) is in the emergency room, and we need to fix it now," Granholm said. "Ultimately ... we need a long-term fix."

Plymouth-Canton officials have been clamoring for changes to the formula for months, all while trimming their budget and again while staring down the most recent cuts which, if they go through, will mean another \$5.5 million loss to the local district.

Among suggestions
Superintendent Dr. Craig
Fiegel has suggested is the
idea of shifting local control to
funding for individual aspects

of education — such as athletics or transportation. Taking those out of the general fund and funding them separately — assuming voters would approve such levies — would be "a substantial help" to local

districts, Fiegel said.

And, although Granholm didn't address such suggestions directly, Fiegel said he was happy to see Granholm recognized the differences in the way districts are funded.

"It's always good to hear them say they don't like making cuts," said Fiegel. "But if you hold (cuts) off, what do you do next year? We need a long-term fix.

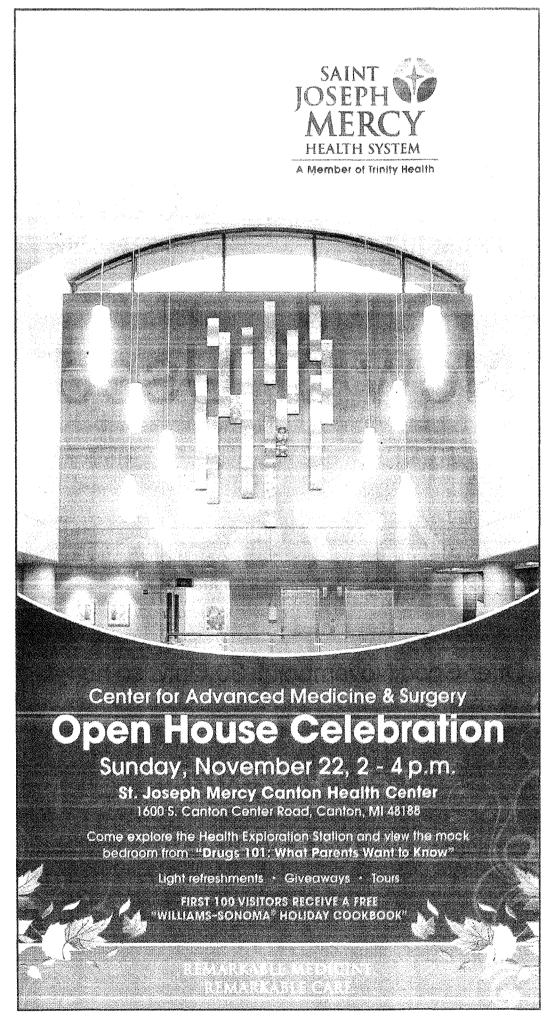
"My concern in the longterm is the inequity," he added. "(Granholm) recognized those inequities ... but I haven't heard anyone talk about how (to fix them)."

Corriveau (D-Northville) said closing tax loopholes and spreading the sales tax to include some services were "reasonable" alternatives to relying solely on sales tax revenue.

"Relying on sales tax to fund schools is so volatile," said Corriveau, whose district includes Plymouth, Northville and a slice of Canton. "We saw how it works when times are good. But now we've seen the converse of that.

"Yanking (school funding) out in the middle of the school year is a tragedy," Corriveau added. "You're going to have to come up with a formula that stabilizes it, and proportionately funds everyone equally."

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CRIME WATCH

Thief invades home, swipes TV, Xbox

A man who lives on Lilley Pointe, northwest of Cherry Hill and Lilley, told police he woke up on the morning of Nov. 4 and noticed that someone had entered his home, possibly through an unlocked doorwall, while he was asleep.

Missing items included a 50-inch Samsung plasma television and an Xbox, and he also couldn't find his cell phone.

The man also said someone had gone through some of his closets but nothing appeared to be missing from them. He was home alone at the time.

Purloined purse

A woman reported that her purse was taken after she accidentally left it in a shopping cart outside the Sam's Club on Ford road on the afternoon of Nov. 4.

She told police she had done some shopping, paid for her items and pushed her cart to her vehicle, which was parked in a handicapped area of the parking lot. She loaded up her vehicle and accidentally drove off with her purse still in the cart.

The woman told police she returned within 10 minutes but the purse was missing. It contained \$360 in cash, a check book, her driver's license, her Social Security card and miscellaneous paperwork.

Local police advised her to cancel the checks that had been taken.

The incident remained under investigation.

Stolen wheels

A woman who lives on Cherry Hill Pointe, northeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz, filed a police report after someone stole the wheels off her 2008 Ford Escape while it was parked in her drive-



way between 8 p.m. Nov. 5 and 6:50 a.m. Nov. 6.

A police report said the vehicle had been left on some landscape blocks that had been stolen from a neighbor's yard.

Road rage?

A male driver was cited for failing to stop, failing to yield and having no proof of insurance following an accident that occurred around 12:30 a.m. Sunday near Ford Road and I-275.

The driver was later stopped at Ford and Wayne roads in Westland. He told police he didn't stop at the scene because he was afraid he may have been involved in a road rage incident.

Police spoke with the other driver, who said he had exited northbound I-275 and turned east on Ford when the suspect's vehicle came up behind him quickly, switching lanes and then clipping the front of his car on the

driver's side. The victim continued to trail the suspect until Westland police stopped him. The suspect gave a different account, saying he accidentally struck the car because he was trying to avoid yet another vehicle and that he didn't stop because he was fearful of possible road rage.

Groceries grabbed

A man who had earlier been grocery shopping with his wife and two children told police the groceries were taken from his vehicle shortly after 7:30 p.m. Sunday while it was parked outside the Walmart store on Ford Road near I-275.

The family had been shopping in Novi when they stopped at the Walmart in their GMC Envoy, and the man told police they went inside after locking the doors except for the driver's door, which had a broken lock.

He told police the family shopped about an hour and returned and found that the groceries they had earlier bought had been taken.

- Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports. a \$100,000 cash bond and

Police, Borders partner to help children

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

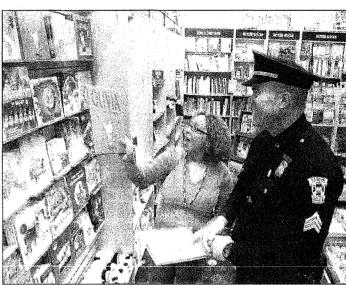
Canton's Public Safety Department has teamed with a local business, Borders, to help bring gifts of books and toys to local children for the holiday season.

The effort, which starts Saturday, will help Canton Goodfellows — a nonprofit, charitable organization that has received pleas for assistance this year from 705 struggling families, an 11-percent increase over last season's 635 requests amid worsening economic conditions.

Shoppers who go to Borders, 43435 Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon, can buy books, toys and other items that the business will accumulate and turn over to Goodfellows prior to

"People can pick out any item we have in the store,' said Naidee Nascimento, sales manager.

Nascimento, Borders general manager Cary Corts and Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski unveiled the gift-giving project Monday inside the store, saying they want to



Naidee Nascimento, sales manager at the Canton Borders, and Canton Police Sgt. Mark Gajeski look at kid's books. Borders and the police are partnering on a program to help the Canton Goofellows give needy children a merry

ensure local children will have

Gajeski said public safety officers, who are helping Borders market the program, also plan to visit the store during the holiday season to read to children — an effort to underscore the importance of reading.

Corts said shoppers may buy gifts for children ranging from infants to teens.

"We want people to know we care about the Canton community," Corts said, adding that Borders wants to help with the Goodfellows campaign of No Child Without a Christmas campaign.

Corts said anyone who wants more information may call the store at (734) 844-2090.

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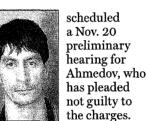
Assault suspect extradited, arraigned

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A 36-year-old man who police say was attempting to flee the United States after assaulting a woman in Canton was arraigned Monday in 35th District Court.

Rustam Umidilloevich Ahmedov, originally from Uzebekistan, was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, a 10-year felony, and aggravated domestic violence, a one-year misdemeanor.

Judge James Plakas ordered



Ahmedov

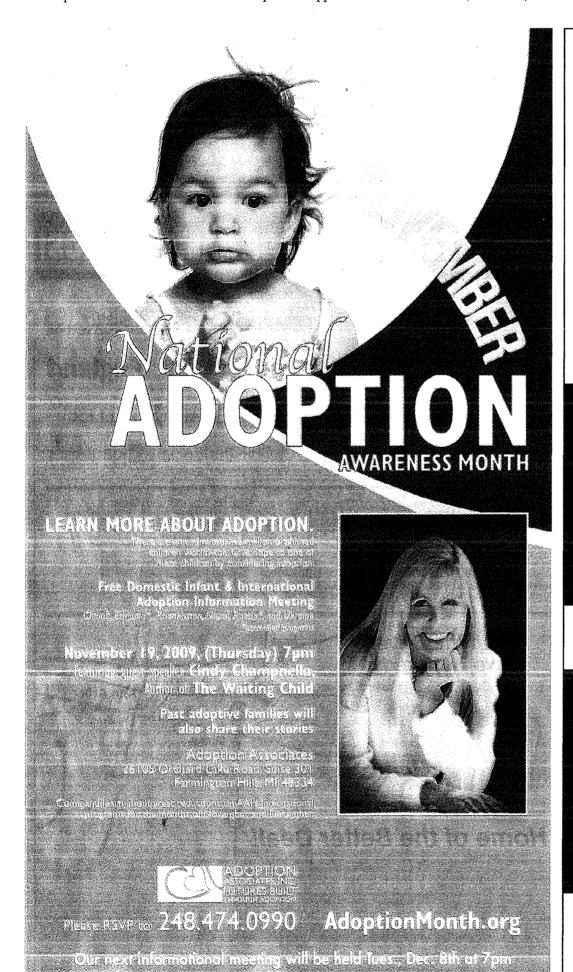
Ahmedov, believed to have been living in the Dearborn area, is accused of assaulting a 38-year-old woman he had been dating. Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said the defendant drove the woman to a workplace near Ronda and Joy

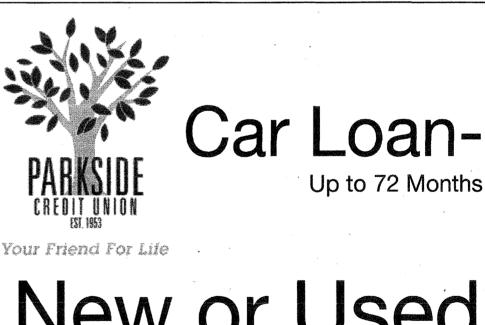
around 3 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

Ahmedov is accused of assaulting the woman, who was found confused and wandering in the area, and Schreiner said Ahmedov fled to Florida and then to Houston, where he was arrested at the airport by U.S. immigration officers.

An extradition team brought Ahmedov back to Canton early Monday morning, where he was placed under arrest by township police and arraigned on criminal charges.

Schreiner has described the victim as being "pretty severely beaten." She was treated at a local hospital for her injuries.





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Service helps mourners cope with grief

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For 15 years, Griffin Funeral Home in Canton has offered a holiday-season memorial service to help ease the grief of Plymouth-Canton area families who have lost loved ones.

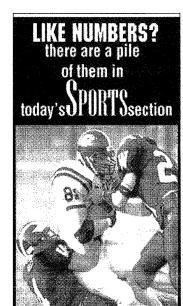
This year is no different. "This has really blossomed," said David Griffin, one of the owners of the family's funeral home. "We have had as many as 175 people at a time."

This year's memorial service has been scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at the funeral home located at 42600 Ford Road west of Lilley. The Griffin family only asks that those planning to attend to call ahead for reservations at (734) 981-1700.

"This really blossomed right after 9/11, and we open it up to everybody in the community," Griffin said.

Some families have attended each year to remember and show respect for loved ones who died years ago, while others come to cope with losses during the past year.

Griffin said the ceremony includes a comforting talk by grief counselor Cathy Clough, director of the New Hope Center for Grief Support, who can provide guidance and sup-



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port for everything from decorating for the holidays to sending out cards. A priest, Jack Baker, and a minister, Drexel Morton, also will participate.

The event also includes a reading of names of family members who have died, a candle service and prayers to help those who may feel an even deeper sense of grief during the holiday season.

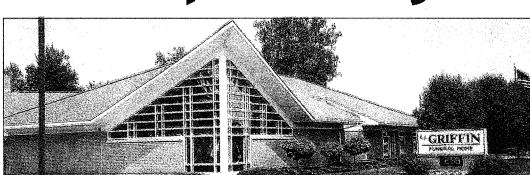
"At the end an ornament is

year I believe it's going to be tree angels for the Christmas tree," Griffin said.

Refreshments also will be

"This is just something we can do for the families and the community in general," Griffin said. "It's sort of us giving back a little bit."

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SAVE ROOM FOR SIDES

Side dish recipes from Chef Dawn Bause



Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, November 12, 2009

While roast turkey is the star of the Thanksgiving feast, the side dishes play a strong supporting role. These dishes are so impressive they just may steal the show.

Commerce Township resident Dawn Bause is co-author of the cookbook 'Romance Begins in the Kitchen," owner of the company "Cooking with Dawn" and host of culinary tours of Italy. She recently hosted a cooking class

at the Birmingham Community House featuring her fabulous side dish recipes, some of which are featured below.

Reach Bause at askdawnnow@aol.com or visit her Web site at www.cookingwithdawn.com.

CRANBERRY SALSA

Serving Size: 6 Categories: Side Dish or Appetizer

- 1 12 oz. bag fresh cranberries
- 6 tbsp. brown sugar (granulated)

Recipe By: Dawn Bause

- 2 tbsp. Grand Marnier Liquor 1/2 medium red onion, chopped fine
- 2 small jalapeno chile peppers, seeded and minced
- 2 tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/2 apple, cored and cut in half
- 1 tbsp. cilantro, chopped fine
- medium orange (zest of)

Combine cranberries and apple in food processor and pulse until coarsely shredded (about 10 short pulses).

Combine shredded cranberries with Grand Marnier and orange zest, onions, chiles, and sugar. Let sit about 15 minutes for cranberries to macerate

Then add cilantro, limejuice, and salt.

Refrigerate for at least one

Serve as a side dish to turkey or chicken, or an appetizer with tortilla chips.

PARMESAN ROASTED **BUTTERNUT SQUASH**

Recipe By: Dawn Bause Serving Size: 6 Categories: Side Dish

- 2 lbs. butternut squash,
- peeled and cubed
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 6 fresh sage leaves, coarsely chopped 2/3 cup parmigiano reggiano
- -- freshly grated
- tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. fresh ground pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees with rack in the middle of oven.

Peel and cut squash into 1" cubes. In a bowl, toss with cream, I teaspoon salt, 1/4 tsp. freshly ground pepper, 1/2 of the chopped sage leaves and place in a two-quart shallow baking dish. Bake covered for about 30

Remove from oven and stir in half the cheese, and sprinkle the remainder on top.

Return to the oven and roast uncovered for another 15-20 minutes until the squash is tender and lightly browned.

Remove from oven and let sit 5 minutes before serving the cream will thicken. Garnish is remainder of sage leaves.

SPINACH SOUFFLÉ

Recipe By: Dawn Bause Serving Size: 6 Categories: Side Dish

- 12 oz. package Stouffer's Frozen
- Spinach Soufflé Side Dish small white onion, chopped fine
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Thaw Stouffer's Spinach Soufflé package.

In a sauté pan add olive oil, onions and heat over medium heat until onions are translu-Then add mushrooms all at

once, toss quickly in oil and onions, then let sit for 2-4 minutes until the mushrooms start to brown on one side, then toss. Repeat. Remove from heat and toss with salt.

In a soufflé dish or casserole dish, mix thawed spinach soufflé, sautéed mushrooms and onions, and grated mozzarella cheese. Wipe sides of dish with a wet paper towel.

Place in oven and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

A TWIST ON TRADITION

Serve up smoked turkey for a healthier approach

BY ALISON BERGSIEKER ADVERTORIAL WRITER

A local parade, the Detroit Lions game and family dinner are familiar traditions each year for many Oakland and Wayne county residents on Thanksgiving Day.

Many families have grown to expect a few staple menu items: A turkey, stuffing, assorted casseroles, cranberry sauce and a scrumptious pumpkin pie.

While these traditions never fail, it's always OK to try something new.

Jim Moschini, Chef Instructor at the Culinary Arts Institute at the Art Institute of Novi, teaches classes on classical cuisine, garde manger and basic skills, and is also the executive chef of the school's student-run restaurant, Great Lakes Bistro. Moschini recently taught a class on how to smoke a turkey, an ingredient used in the restaurant for cold sandwiches.

"A lot of folks are buying smokers, and it's becoming more and more common," Moschini said. "A smoked turkey is not exactly a traditional bird, but it's a healthier option. They come out just delicious, and they're so juicy."

Moschini was happy to share his method with those interested in smoking a turkey for this year's Thanksgiving feast.

Preparation

Purchase a smoker, or prepare to use a grill with a lid that keeps a consistent cooking temperature. There are several different smokers to buy, including charcoal, elec-

tric, portable propane meat smokers. "Smokers are available

at Lowe's, Home Depot and even sporting good shops," Moschini said. Purchase a bird and

make sure it is completely defrosted. Rinse the turkey inside and out with cold water. Reserve the turkey neck and giblets for stock or gravy if you choose. Next prepare the brine. Completely submerge the bird in the brine in a large container, such as a picnic cooler,



paint bucket or brining bag, for about six

Remove the bird from the brine, gently rinse off and refrigerate for 24 hours.

"A sticky pellicle will form on the skin of the bird as the sugars and salt draw moisture out of the protein in the bird," Moschini said. "Leave that on there because it helps trap in the smoke."

On Thanksgiving Day

RECIPE FOR BRINE

A couple garlic cloves, one bay leaf

Heat up water and add salt,

sugar and flavorings. Add

three gallons of cold water

after all seasonings have

dissolved. Add ice to cool.

Ingredients

Gallon of ice

Directions

One gallon cold water

One pound kosher salt

One pound brown sugar

and some peppercorns

Make sure smoker can achieve and maintain 186 degrees, and select your choice of smoking chips.

"I prefer applewood, but you can use hickory, mesquite or whatever your flavor," Moschini said.

Place bird in smoker for several hours until it achieves an internal temperature of 163-65 degrees. Moschini recommends pulling the bird at 163 degrees to allow for "carry over" cooking that happens a few minutes after the bird is removed from heat.

> When preparing to cut the bird, cut against the grain of the meat, Moschini advises.

"This gives you nice uniform cuts and keeps the meat from looking like pulled pork or shredded," he said. "Your bird will be very juicy, so the meat will basically fall

Contact Moschini at imoschini@aii.edu with questions, or visit him at the school's Great Lakes Bistro on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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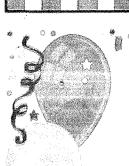
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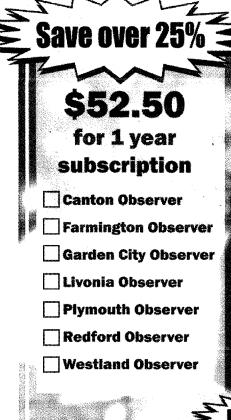
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'Spelling' on stage - Second Stage's fall production place to 'Bee'

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shannon McNutt likes to produce plays that make good use of an ensemble cast and feature scripts that are not only entertaining but deliver a mes-

McNutt, director of the Second Stage Players, thinks she's found the perfect vehicle to do both with "The 25th **Annual Putnam County** Spelling Bee," which hits the stage today (Thursday) and continues this weekend and next at the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton High School.

The play, a Tony Award-winning musical just released for local productions this year, follows the spelling-bee exploits of six youngsters (and four volunteers from the audience, who are given impossible words to spell) as they try to win the annual bee's grand prize and a trip to Washington, D.C., for the nationals.

Along the way, the audience learns about the various problems, insecurities, failures and eventual triumphs of the students.

"You take these six geeky kids, all ostracized by their peers, but all of whom have an incredible passion for language," said McNutt. "This is their chance to be with others like them, where their 'outsider' status is honored and respected."

By the end of the play, the script delivers the message McNutt likes best.

"Ultimately, they learn something special about themselves," the director said. "They come in as insecure little geeks, and they leave having grown

The production makes use of some 45 students, 30 on the technical/production crews and a 15-member cast.

Plymouth High School senior Rachel Palgut of Plymouth, last seen in Second Stage's wellreceived production of "The Laramie Project" last year, said the comedy in "Bee" drew her to the role of Rona Lisa Peretti.

"I think the humor is so witty," said Palgut, who also had a role in "The Crucible." "It has its own brand of humor. You have to think about it for a minute, and then you get it."

Connor Rhoades, a 17year-old Plymouth High School junior from Plymouth Township, did technical work for both "Laramie" and "The Crucible." He auditioned for "Bee" and takes center stage as William Barfee, whose claim to fame is spelling his words out with his feet first.

Rhoades had heard the music from the play, and found the script to be funny.

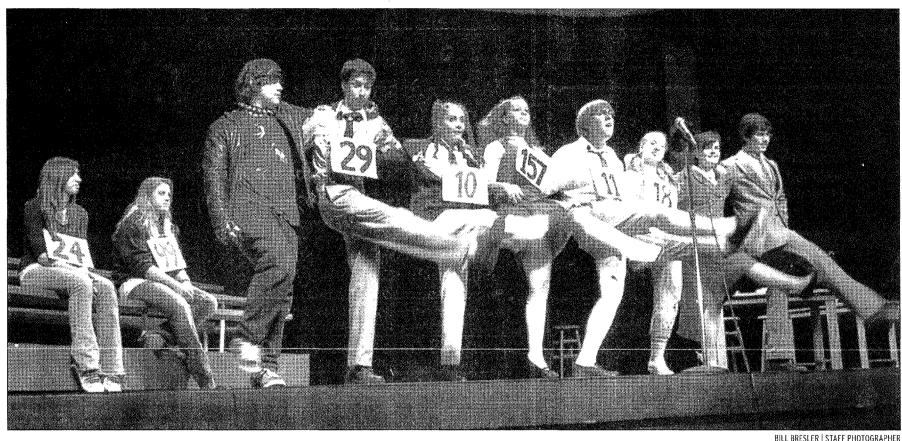
"I love this show ... it's so funny," Rhoades said. "It's so current. No two shows are alike, so you can always remain current. I like how it'll never be the same any given night."

And while her students are singing and being funny, McNutt loves the idea they're not just delivering a performance, but picking up some life lessons, as well.

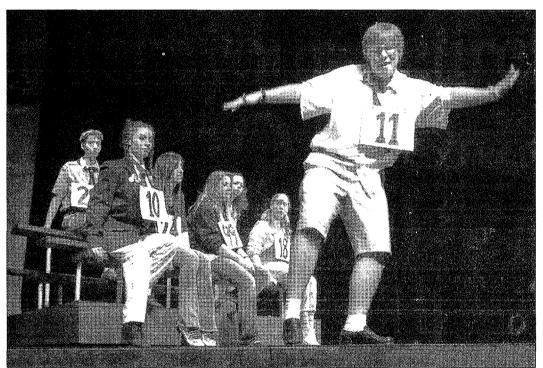
"I want (students) to know they're learning something," McNutt said. "Not only are they developing their artistic chops, but they're finding out (the arts) has the power to change people."

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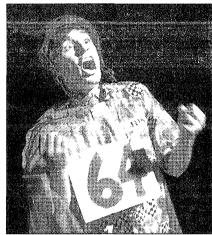
The Second Stage Players' production, 'The 25th Annual Punam County Spelling Bee,' features a 15-member cast and some 30 students on technical/production crews.



William Barfee ("That's BAR-FAY!"), played by Connor Rhoades, has magic feet that spell out the word.



Spelling Bee "Comfort Counselor" Mitch Mahoney (Gary Quillico) performs his community service at the bee. He leads the spellers in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Leaf Coneybear (Kyle Scanlon) not only can spell, but he makes his own clothes.



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OUR VIEWS

Big steps, short time for diversity group

The work being done by the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative is impressive for a variety of reasons.

The group is embracing the growing diversity of the area's population, particularly in Canton, and appears to be gaining momentum in its efforts to get local leaders, civic groups and residents to embrace it, as well.

That was fairly evident last week, when the group's Strategic Planning Committee, which started meeting just four months ago, laid out its plan before a crowded Summit on the Park gathering that included Plymouth and Canton Township

How the group was able to put its plan together in four months is one of the most impressive things about its effort. The group's 15-member committee met every Monday (a smaller sub-committee met more often than that) and every meeting had at least 12 of the 15 members.

officials, law enforcement representatives and a variety of other residents and local leaders.

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tee met more often than that) and every meeting had at least 12 of the 15 members.

As committee member Naren Balasubramaniam pointed out, most people find getting a few people together consistently is difficult, much less at least 12 every week for 16 weeks. We agree with Balasubramaniam, who said, "There's a lot of passion about this. I think there is a lot of felt need."

The group's strategic plan is aggressive and inclusive. The main tenets:

 Community action — Guiding the community in recognizing the importance of building a culturally inclusive community;

• Diverse community leadership — Helping the community achieve "diverse leadership which understands our true history and ... reflects the demographics and wishes of all residents;"

• Respect and equity — Getting to a place where community groups, school and government employees and law enforcement treat everyone

with respect and equity; and • Inclusion in the public sector — Working toward a public sector workforce "representative of the entire community in all aspects, including race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, faith and cultural beliefs."

That's a pretty ambitious plan for a group that only got started a little more than a year ago (although discussions with civic and religious leaders went on before that).

There is evidence inclusion is gaining popularity. Cultural groups are gaining membership and influence in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Leaders of the Plymouth Canton Diversity and Inclusion Initiative are also, not surprisingly, leading efforts at such cultural events as last month's Ghandi celebration and January's Martin Luther King observance.

Last week, Plymouth-Canton voters elected the first African-American candidate to the PCCS Board of Education. Though she doesn't want to be "pigeon-holed" in that regard, Adrienne Davis - and others on the board - acknowledge it's a big step toward recognizing the cultural diversity in our communities.

No one is naive enough to think a few goals and meetings are enough. As Balasubramaniam pointed out, the audience at last month's Ghandi celebration in Canton was "about 95 percent Indian." When such an event draws an audience more representative of the community's diversity, the group

may feel better about its progress. Until then, it will have to settle for the smaller, more "moral"-type victories. And that should satisfy group members ... for now.

They've earned it.

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What are you (or your family) doing to prevent H1N1, or swine, flu?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"We wash our hands a lot, and we're trying to find some place to get the vaccine."

Darlene Vaughan Canton



"Washing our hands more." **Bill Vaughan**



"Washing our hands a lot, taking hand sanitizer to school, and for the first time planning to get vaccinated."

Michelle Nemeth

Canton



"I'm washing my hands a lot, staying out of big crowds, especially the casinos, and in church I don't want to do the sign of peace for now. I'm thinking about the flu shot."

Mary Young Canton

LETTERS

Slap in the face

As I watched the Lions-Seahawks game Sunday, I was appalled to see what Qwest Field had sitting on a pedestal next to the flag pole where the 12th man transition line flag raising dedication took place.

A Toyota Tundra.

A Toyota product should not even be near the camera shot for such an event. If I were World War II veteran Huston Riley, I would have refused to raise that flag anywhere near that advertisement. Many U.S military servicemen and women lost their lives in the face of freedom in defeating the enemy at the time (Japan).

To have that Toyota Tundra sitting on a perch above the flag is, in my mind, a slap in the face of all of those servicemen and women. Is this any way to celebrate Veterans Day?

What in the world were they thinking? If vou feel this is offensive or even just in poor taste, send your thoughts to Qwest Field at customerservice@qwestfield.com

Jim Drozdowski

When was the last time your doctor told you, "You need to drink more alcohol?"

Alcohol vs. water

When was the last time you read about death, accidents or property damage being caused by an excessive consumption of water? What causes or exacerbates cirrhosis of the liver? Are your health and automobile insurance premiums increased indirectly by excessive use of water?

Why would our government want to tax water instead of alcohol? Just increase the 6-percent sales tax on all alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, hard liquor) by 50 percent or 100 percent!

Maybe the 9-percent or 12-percent tax would reduce consumption, health risks and drunken driving accident potentials. Is that so bad?

Oh, and while we're at it ... non-alcoholic "mock" beers like O'Doul's and Sharp's would stay at 6 percent (I like a taste once in a while, myself!).

John Chew Canton

Insulated position

It was disappointing to read of Attorney General Mike Cox's supportive response to the drastic Lansing cuts to Michigan programs and schools this past week, with no support for tax increases or other solutions to our dilemma.

It must be nice to sit in such an insulated position, with a comfortable job, generous public-paid income and retirement. Do his children attend public schools like mine do, or might they attend private schools, protected from the devastating cuts the public schools will soon suffer?

This could be the future governor who will understand and represent the average, struggling Michigan resident? I hope not.

Dave Robison Livonia

Cuts are fair

I resent the recent angst-driven educational pleas which seek more funding for our schools instead of appropriate

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budget cuts in our state's educational budget. This type of guilt-driven advocacy and cheerleading on the backs of children is offensive.

Extortion-driven lobbying and posturing never works. It only reveals the hollow depth of those invoking such

cheap parlor tricks.

Truth is, our educational system in Michigan and the nation has failed too many for too long. More funding has not improved any substantive educational outcomes nor educational quality, even in rich school districts where GPA inflation is the norm. Recently many universities are reporting how the majority of incoming freshmen need remedial classwork and extra tutoring just to handle the basic entrylevel college courses. The majority of these students are not from urban districts and venues.

Hollow threats by political balloon blowers are nothing more than the usual noise and lore of political brokers whenever their fiscal footing is in play.

Our state does not need to toss more money at schools. We need to toss more integrity and educational competence at our kids. We need a statewide uniform plan based upon the focus and mastery on the core subjects. Districts need less labs, PCs and the latest cutting-edge sports turf. Billions already spent on education are more than enough.

Greg Thrasher director, PLANE IDEAS Birmingham

Big Gov't. not answer

When grandma falls and breaks her hip, will Big Government OK treatment for her? Will the new government computer system: Health Information Technology (HIT)

that doctors will be required to get approval from, allow grandma's hip to be fixed? Countries around the world are already using this system and the U.S. is modeling themselves after these systems. Medical records of each and every citizen and their

families will be accessible to Big Government at the touch of a button. HIT must give approval before doctors can perform any treatment for anyone. Stiff penalties will be enforced on those who do not comply. And, yes, rationing must occur to diminish cost.

For example, in the U.K., elderly patients with macular degeneration must wait until one eye is blind before treatment can begin

treatment on the other eye! So, when grandma falls and breaks her hip

in the U.S.A., she will, undoubtedly, be told to take some aspirin and go to bed. There she will lie in excruciating pain until pneumonia claims her life.

Let's not sacrifice our compassion, humanity, liberty and freedom of choice! Big Government is not the answer to health care.

> Susan L. Nuckolls Farmington

Debunking health care myths

As the debate concerning health care reform continues, we must sift through the endless barrage of misinformation, false facts and outright lies spread by those that don't want reform to pass. The insurance industry (which probably includes your health insurance company) pays millions of dollars every month to lobbyists, political action committees and 527 nonprofit groups, attacking reform in an attempt to keep the status quo so they can continue to increase your premiums, deny coverage when you get sick, and drop you if you have a claim. Political operatives desperate to regain power make wildly false claims like "death panels" and "rationed

socialized medicine." Here are just a few myths that appeared in a recent letter to the editor, with the facts debunking each one, copied directly from the cited source:

Myth: Health care reform will hurt Medicare.

Fact: None of the health care reform bills that have been introduced by Congress would cut Medicare benefits or increase your out-of-pocket costs for traditional Medicare services. (Source: aarp.org)

Myth: Health care reform means the government can make end-of-life decisions for you. Fact: No one, including the government or your insurance company, will be given the power to make end-of-life decisions for you. (Source: aarp.org)

Myth: Health care reform means rationed

Fact: None of the health reform proposals being considered would stand between individuals and their doctors or prevent any American from choosing the best possible care. (Source: aarp.org)

Myth: Health care reform means the government will take over the health care system.

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'80s hair is back: Local stylist talks trends

BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Leggings, skinny jeans and off-the-shoulder shirts have been back in style for a few seasons, and according to stylist Christopher Klaft of Number Six Salon in Farmington Hills, the 80s are now influencing hair trends as well as fashion.

FRENCH BRAIDS

As Art Director for TIGI International of Dallas, Klaft designed hair for models at New York Fashion Week in October. Among the looks he sent down the runway were French braids, not often seen since the prepster days of the

"Braids in lots of different techniques are definitely 'in' this season," Klaft said.

this season," Klaft said.

Klaft used French braids across the top of the head to mimic headbands, and along the sides of the head to create the illusion of an "undercut," the practice of shaving portions of hair that became popular in the '80s.

Today's stylistas are using modern technology to master the art of the French braid, looking up instructions on the Internet.

BIGGER IS BETTER

The '80s was definitely the decade of the "Dynasty" 'do, with ratted bangs, gelled sides and hair out to there.

These days, Klaft said, big hair is back.

"In everyday life what we're seeing for fall and going into spring is bigger hair, which is the influence of the '80s. It's not the big mall hair, but we're really going to pump up the volume," Klaft said. "The straight flat iron look we've had the past five years is coming to an end."

To achieve a modern take on big hair, Klaft suggested hot rollers.

"It's time to pull them back out," he said.

On the weekend, you can go glam with lots of fullness and curl, but for the workday, tone it down by using large rollers with large sections of hair.

"You don't have to put a ton of hot rollers in," he said.

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PRODUCT PLACEMENT

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Another product that's make

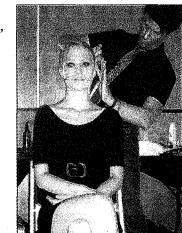
Another product that's making a comeback, Klaft said, is the permanent wave.

Today's perms use bigger rods, he said, but some things remain the same as the '80s. "They still haven't changed

the smell," Klaft said:

FASHION WEEK

Klaft formerly owned Number Six Salon, and though



Christopher Klaft, a stylist at Number Six Salon in Farmington Hills, styles a model during New York Fashion Week in October.

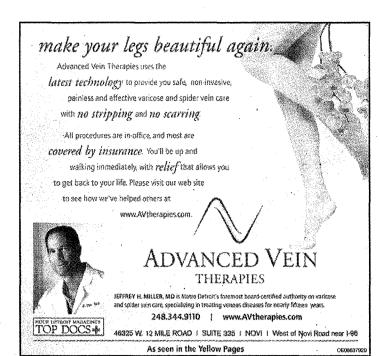
he still works there, he sold his stake in May to free up more time for teaching and editorial work. New York Fashion Week was a great opportunity, he said.

"It was amazing," he said.
As part of the Toni & Guy
Art Team, he helped deliver
fully prepped models for 10
shows, including the Susan G.
Komen Show featuring pink
gowns by 35 different designers.

Klaft said Avril Lavigne's show featuring her "Abbey Road" line for Kohl's was a highlight.

"We got to do 10-year-old models to 21-year-old models. The diversity was great. Every model had a different hairstyle," Klaft said.

Number Six Salon is located at 37640 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The salon is open Monday through Saturday. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 489-9510.



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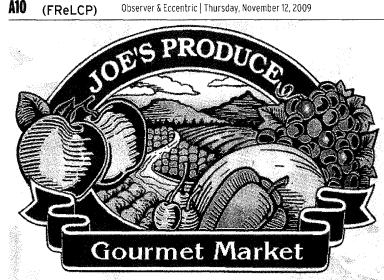




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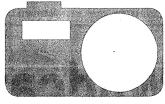


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PCA wins semifinal

BY TIM SMITHOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rebounding nicely from an early stumble Tuesday, Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Camden-Frontier 3-1 in a Division 4 volleyball regional semifinal at Hillsdale

High School.

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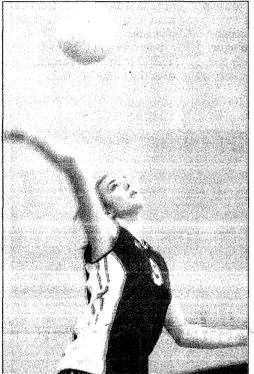
And that means the Eagles — just like last season — will

advance to the D4 regional final, this time 7 p.m. Thursday against Hillsdale Academy.

But merely matching 2008 won't be enough, according to head coach Kelly Blackney.

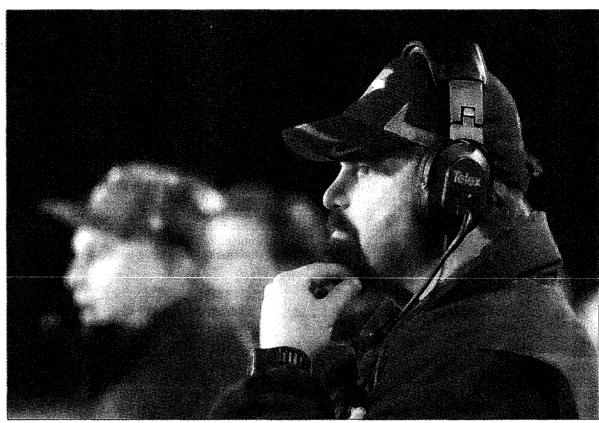
"Hopefully we'll get one step farther," Blackney said. "We keep thinking 'One more match, one more match' and we can go farther than any team at Plymouth Christian has ever gone."

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Plymouth Christian's Amy Zinn, shown serving during a recent match, was one of several Eagles with strong performances from the stripe Tuesday against Camden-Frontier.



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Here, Canton head football coach Tim Baechler watches intently while his team demolishes Ann Arbor Pioneer last week. Baechler and the Chiefs now are putting all their focus on preparing for Saturday's regional showdown at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Something's gotta give

Mighty Canton offense, CC defense brace for collision

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ford Field's got nothing on Saturday's Division I football regional between Canton and host Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

The winner of the 1 p.m. game also will need to prevail in the Nov. 21 semifinal contest in order to advance to the D-1 final, slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Ford Field. But this weekend's clash of the titans may very well be the *real* D-1 title bout.

Canton's powerhouse team (10-1) just got done racking up 60 points against a very good, physical Ann Arbor Pioneer squad. Meanwhile, the only team that has defeated the Chiefs so far in 2009 (Livonia Stevenson) took a 38-0 pounding at the hands of the Shamrocks in Saturday's district final.

Catholic Central (11-0) has allowed only 30 points all season while amassing seven shutouts. PREVIEW

Will that 'D' stymie a multipronged Canton attack that has helped score 442 points this year?

That could be the big question entering the contest, but Canton head coach Tim Baechler also knows how tough the Shamrocks' offense can be after watching the CC-Stevenson matchup.

"They are definitely led by their defense, but the last couple games, which I saw, their offense totally controlled the game," Baechler said. "They were running the ball at will. ... It's a fun offense to watch. I really appreciate how they move the ball on the ground."

In the victory over Stevenson, the 300th in the career of Catholic Central head coach Tom Mach, running backs Niko Palazeti and Anthony Capatina each registered more than 150 yards rushing and scored a TD. Shamrocks quarterback Sam Landry only needed to put the ball up once — which incidentally is exactly all Chiefs QB Kevin Delapaz needed to throw against Pioneer thanks to a potent ground game (nearly 500 yards rushing).

But Baechler did describe Catholic Central's defense as "amazing," having allowed just three touchdowns in 11 games.

"That's unheard of, especially with the schedule they play," Baechler said.

Canton will need to mix things up on offense and try to find a way into the CC end zone. With Delapaz and outstanding running backs in Adam Payter, Davion Stackhouse and Kevin Buford, that is possible. But the Chiefs' O-line must continue opening holes (as it has all year) and Delapaz will have to throw the football a bit more.

"We're going to have to make

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Salem girls arrive

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Down the home stretch of Saturday's Division 1 girls cross country state meet in Brooklyn, Salem head coach Dave Gerlach saw his group amp it up despite muddy terrain and strong breezes in the runners' faces.

"That final mile was a pure gut check," Gerlach said. "That's pure competitiveness,

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pure heart and hill. The girls, what

I was most proud of, was how competitive they were."

As a result, the Rocks moved up to an eighth-place finish (with 317 points) — the highest the team has ever finished at the state meet during Gerlach's 15-year tenure. Saline took first with a total of 141 points.

With 28 quality teams at the meet, Gerlach was thrilled for his "under the radar" team to squeak into the top 10 and finally garner some major notice.

"Our goal going in to the state meet was to be in the top 14. We wanted to be in the top half," Gerlach said. "Obviously, all the teams are at the state finals for a reason."

After a slow start in which the Rocks got hemmed in, they started to branch out during the middle mile and "put ourselves back into position where we needed to be."

The top individual finisher for Salem was junior Victoria Tripp, who placed 31st with a

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Plymouth boys excel at 'states,' B2.

PHEASANT FACTS

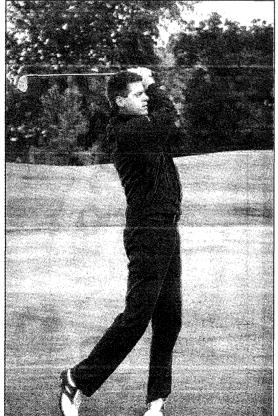
Overview: Plymouth's Greg Bores is PGA pro at Pheasant Run Golf Course, a facility run by Canton Leisure Services. Pheasant Run is an Arthur Hills-designed 27-hole course that features more than 300 acres of rolling terrain and traverses over 10.5 miles from start to finish. Bores said Pheasant Run plays like a typical Arthur Hills course:

- It is longer with wide fairways, multiple tee boxes (to play at more-competitive yardages) and plenty of sand traps and water hazards.
- Fairways are mounded on the outsides to allow balls to kick back into play.

Where: Beginners and scratch golfers alike have plenty to enjoy at the facility, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton (near Canton Center Road between Michigan and Ford roads). The North nine winds through an upscale residential area. The South nine skirts the scenic Lower Rouge River, while the West nine is extremely challenging.

Fall fees: Although rates are subject to change, Fall Season fees are as follows (for 18 holes): \$35 (Monday-Thursday); \$45 (Friday-Sunday); \$25 (Twilight, any day after 2:30 p.m.). Golfers can play nine holes for \$25. Info: Call (734) 397-6460 or send an e-mail to pheasant-run@canton-mi.org.

(Information courtesy Canton Leisure Services Web site.)



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Following through on a practice shot recently is Pheasant Run Golf Course PGA pro Greg Bores.

PGA pro Bores aiming for success

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Back in the day, Greg Bores made the cash register sing behind the counter as an employee in Pheasant Run Golf Course's pro

These days, the 31-year-old Plymouth resident is ringing up hefty accomplishments as a professional golfer and still finding time to be the head golf pro at Pheasant Run — Canton's magnificent Arthur Hills-designed 27-hole course.

In September, Bores was one of 165 golfers to make the final cut at the Michigan Professional Golfers Association of America Championship at Eagle Eye Golf Club in Lansing. He shot 2-under-par in the last round and finished in the top third overall with his 6-over score.

He also made the cut at the Michigan Open and finished around 50th place and also reached the semifinals in Michigan PGA Match Play before losing to eventual winner John Seltzer.

"Last year, I came very close to winning the PGA Match Play and this year I made another good run at it," Bores said recently in his office at Pheasant Run. "I just kind of ran out of birdies in the semifinal round."

ALWAYS LEARNING

Bores expects to keep teeing it up at Michigan pro tournaments in 2010 and beyond, perhaps branching out beyond the state borders at some point.

"I have a strong desire to compete and win," Bores said. "Whatever I can do to win, you learn more and more about yourself and about how you handle yourself in pressure situations."

Of course, since his wife (Kelly) gave birth Oct. 16 to a baby boy (Cass), there won't be any road trips for a while.

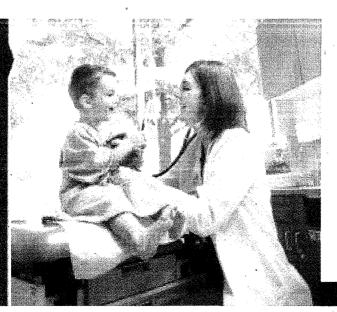
But because of his job, Greg never is too far from the game he started getting into as a little boy during visits with his dad (Robert) to Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

Greg and Pheasant Run assistant golf pro Mark Doughty teach youngsters about the game that has "really taken off" with the whole of society since Tiger Woods arrived on the scene.

"I think there's a pretty fair mix from

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Wildcat boys finish strong at state meet

BY TIM SMITHOBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From start to finish, Plymouth's varsity boys cross country team enjoyed a splendid season.

Putting a nice bow on the 2009 package was junior Joe Porcari, with a 24th-place finish and All-State selection thanks to a time of 16-minutes, 17.7-seconds at Friday's Division 1 state meet in Brooklyn.

The Plymouth team, which had qualified the previous week at regionals, also did very well with an 11th-place showing (84:52.3).

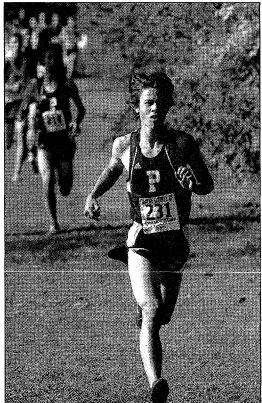
Head coach Jon Mikosz also pointed to the efforts of seniors Matt Neumann, Warren Buzzard, sophomores Derek Gielarowski, Jimmy Maciag, Garrett Neumann and junior Justin Heck for contributing to the Wildcats' "best finish in school history."

Neumann (47th, 16:40.9) and Buzzard (106th, 17:07.9) "capped off a great career at Plymouth" while Gielarowski (76th, 16:53.6) "had a strong performance and was one of the top sophomores in the state," Mikosz said.

He added that for Maciag (198th, 17:52.2), Neumann (222nd, 18:14.8) and Heck (230th, 18:24.2), the state meet was a great opportunity to gain some "big-meet experience on a course they should hopefully run a few times in the coming years."

Maciag added that his squad improved all year and "I am extremely proud of the entire team on a great season."

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Joe Porcari and his Plymouth teammates qualified for the Division 1 boys cross country state meet where Porcari finished 11th. He earned All-State honors for his efforts.

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For that to happen, PCA's heavy hitters, sophomore middle blocker Kristin Malcolm and junior middle blocker Folake Olojo, will need to play with the same power and zest they did against the Redskins in games 2-4.

"Folake, we've been working all year on her, being really big in the front row, really extending her arm and jumping up there," Blackney said. "She really did a great job tonight putting it away for us. We really needed that second big force up there."

Malcolm finished the night with 23 kills, six blocks, 14 digs and three aces while Olojo contributed 14 kills.

Both of those players enjoyed on-a-platter setups from junior Brianna Harris, who sparked the offense with 37 assists.

SLOW START

Camden-Frontier (26-16-6) took the opener 25-23, largely because the Eagles (29-10-3) were slow out of the blocks.

Game 2 was knotted up
13-13 but the Eagles finished
on a 12-3 tear to win 25-16.
Sophomore defensive specialists Rachel Zandee, Jessica
Rich and Malcolm each tallied

three service points during that span.

PCA then wrapped up the match with 25-10 and 25-19 victories in the final two games.

"We just weren't blocking in the first match," said Blackney, explaining the quick turnaround. "They had good hitters and we were just letting them put the ball down right over us and we needed to have at least a touch on it.

"The second game it turned around when our middle blockers were able to get some decent touches, and get a couple big, big blocks."

Conversely, according to Redskins' head coach Dawn Follis, her team stopped hitting and passing on a consistent basis after Game 1.

"If you don't pass, you're in big trouble," Follis said. "Our consistency, we've struggled with that all year. We can be really, really great or really, really bad and you happened to see the second one."

Junior Morgan Warfield, a setter, led the Redskins with 15 kills while junior outside hitter Megan Schwartzengraber collected nine kills. Chipping in with 17 assists was senior setter Jessica Hines.

SERVING IT UP

Blackney said efficient serving also had a lot to do with

PCA's dominance after the

first game.
"I think we only had three
missed serves total, and that's
something we struggled with a
little bit over the course of the

season," she said. "We really

did a good job with that."

Malcolm, Zandee and sophomore outside hitter Amy Zinn each tallied three aces. Zinn added 22 digs to lead in that category along with five kills.

Possessing a laser beam from the stripe, Zandee's fourpoint run early in the third game put the Eagles comfortably in front (12-3) and she followed that up with the gameclinching point.

According to Zandee, a bit of introspection didn't hurt.

"I was nervous of course because it's a big game and I didn't want to let my team down," Zandee said. "But every serve I just went up to the line and I said 'Just relax and give the glory to God.'

"If it's over the net or in the net, whatever it is it's for my team and for God. So actually it was calming, and I think it went well so I'm really happy with it."

Other Eagles to help the team rally against the Redskins were junior libero Abby Bartes (21 digs) and senior outside hitter Ariel Rock (5 kills).

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time of 19 minutes, 24.8 seconds. Tripp was one place away from All-State honors.

"Her start really cost her in position," Gerlach said. "But she really competed and battled to get where she was."

In 35th was Canton's Bianca Kubicki, who qualified as an individual and finished with a time of 19:30.

"She had a very good year," Chiefs head coach Eric Pahl said. "Her best time was 19:07 at the Wayne County meet. She was fifth at the regional. She just comes in and gives a good effort every time."

Those attributes also apply to Tripp and the other Salem runners.

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Besides Tripp, Gerlach cited the efforts of senior Jordyn Moore (19:58) and freshman Shannon Flynn (20:03) in particular.

Rounding out Salem's scorecard were junior Kara Booms (20:20), freshman Ade Jepperson (20:44), sophomore Autumn Burin (20:50) and sophomore Kelly Kerwin (21:00).

Gerlach said the noteworthy finish capped off what's been "a dream season from a coach's standpoint. These kids were motivated and these kids wanted to be good. And they were."

The team had an excellent season even before heading to Brooklyn, in fact.

The Rocks won the KLAA Kensington Conference and Michigan State meets, placed second in the Wayne County meet and D-1 regional and defeated some strong teams along the way.

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FOOTBALL

plays in the air and bust some long runs, which they don't like to give up," Baechler said. "So we'll have our hands full, no question."

Canton's own defense will be called upon to keep the Shamrocks from breaking loose

"Our defense is going to have to play better than what they have," Baechler said. "Because Catholic Central is not the type of team you can outscore.

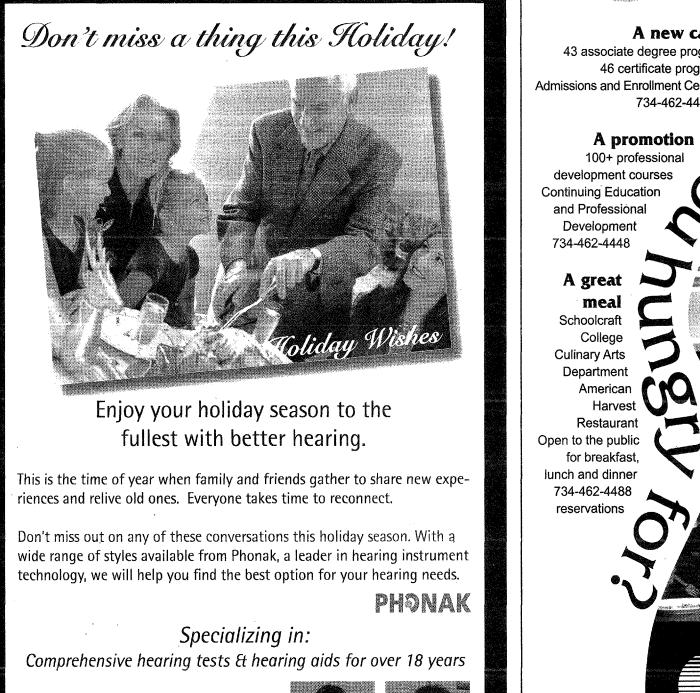
"We'll have to play stingy defense and if they do score, make them score slowly and (make them) work the ball, try to eliminate big plays."

Saturday's game marks the

third time this decade that the Chiefs and Shamrocks will meet in the postseason. Catholic Central defeated Canton in 2002 and 2003 and in both seasons the Shamrocks went on to win the state championship.

Baechler and the Chiefs undoubtedly would love to turn the tables in '09.

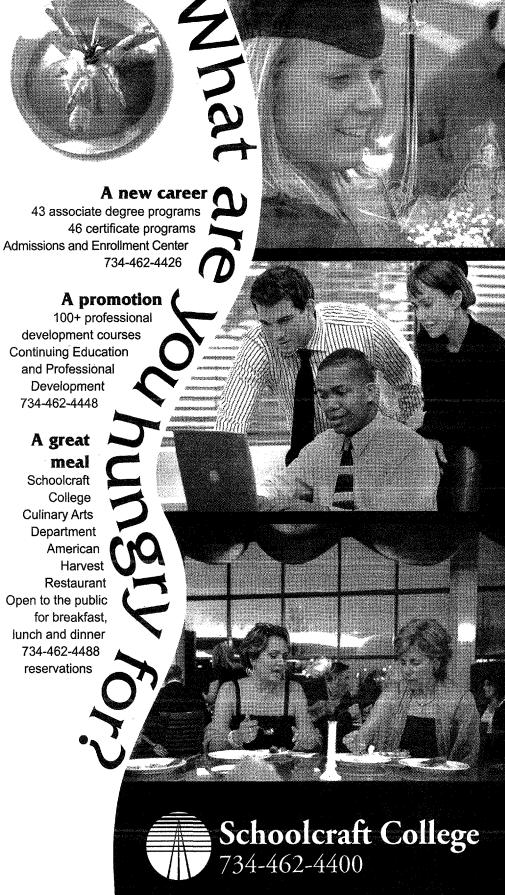
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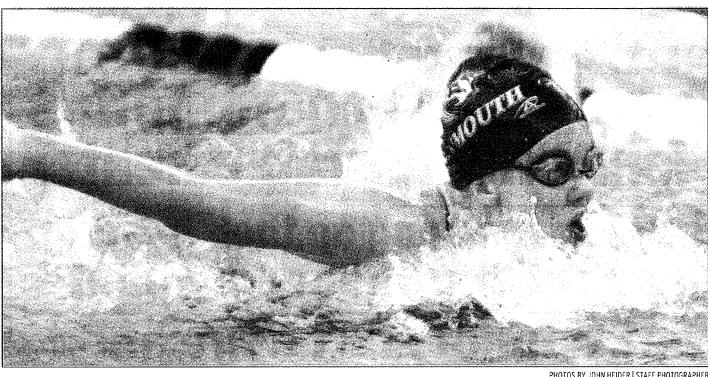
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Plymouth's Lydia Plecner competes at the KLAA Kensington Conference girls swim meet last week in South Lyon.

KLAA girls swim meet smashes records

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Records fell by the wayside - 11 of 12 events to beexact — at Saturday's KLAA **Kensington Conference girls** swimming and diving championships held at South Lyon East High School.

Novi repeated as team champion with 819 points with Livonia Stevenson placing runner-up again with 707. Northville placed third with

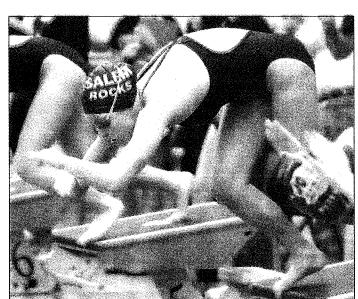
Plymouth led Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams with a fourth-place finish (462) followed by sixthplace Salem (424) and seventhplace Canton (408).

"It might have been the best conference meet we've ever had," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "It was a very fast meet, very competitive.'

It was an impressive showing for the Spartans despite a disqualification for a false start on the butterfly leg of the 200-yard medley relay.

"I was happy with all our swims," Phill said. "We can't be disappointed at all. Our girls wanted to win, of course, but they can be satisfied. Novi's got some good swimmers, too. They swam very well."

Nobody had a better day for the Spartans than junior Savannah Hatt, who figured in three first places – while



Casey Peterson dives in for Salem's varsity girls swim team at the South Lyon East-hosted KLAA Kensington Conference meet.

setting three new conference records in the process.

Hatt captured the 200 freestyle in 1:55.7, eclipsing the mark of 1:55.95 set by Northville's Jessica Weber in

Hatt also broke her own record of 5:09.5 in the 500 freestyle with a clocking of

The foursome of Ashley Gordon, Sarah Cauzillo, Kaylee Dolinski and Hatt then shattered the 400 freestyle relay record of 1:41.78 (set by Northville last year) with a

Stevenson senior Carla

coming off a pair of 10th-place finishes in the 2008 and 2007 Division 1 state finals. She hopes to improve upon

"swimming became boring," is

those places in two weeks (Nov. 20-21) at the state finals hosted by Holland Aquatics.

"Hopefully I'm better," McNamara said. "This year I trained harder. Want to try and get top six and I want to get a better score.'

McNamara is under the tutelage of former Stevenson diver Matt Breen and also spends Tuesdays training under Buck Smith at Eastern Michigan University.

"At EMU I do dry land and trampoline work," said McNamara, who is entertaining offers from Akron and Toledo where she plans to study kinesiology. "Sometimes I use the board with a mat. I've had the same dives all season, I'm just going to try and make them better.'

McNamara will be part of Stevenson's nine-member contingent, including all three relay teams, at Division 1 state

The Spartans got additional state cuts at the conference meet from freshman Sarah Cauzillo, who took fourth in the 100 freestyle (56.03); Shaelyn Dolinski, ninth, 100 backstroke (1:03.54); and Kayla Perchall, fourth, 100 breaststroke (1:11.96).

women to the average golfer who's been playing for 20 years to juniors," Bores said. "We've got a lot of junior programs here that we started in the past couple years that have really taken off.

You see more minorities playing the game now than you used to."

GETTING PERSONAL

Bores added that the sport once was viewed through a very narrow prism, that of the middle-aged white male.

"That was basically what you thought of when you thought of the game of golf. Now, it's kind of spread to all the markets," he said.

There also is plenty of time to get to know Pheasant Run's loyal customer base — golfers of all ages, backgrounds and experience levels, helping them do something as seemingly mundane as purchasing a new 5-iron or golf shoes.

"One of my big things is (to) maintain a good rapport with your customers," he said. "Make yourself available to the customers because they want to talk about their game after they finish a round. Or they want to talk about their game before they go out and play.

"Make yourself available to them. They're the ones who end up coming back to you. That's how you keep your loyal customers."

Bores probably didn't foresee running the 27-hole Canton Leisure Services facility, hav-

ing success as a golf pro or even having his name emblazoned in big, block letters on a Titleist bag just a decade ago.

"It's a pretty big honor," he said humbly about his personalized bag.

He keeps it in his office, a tangible reminder of how far he's come since stepping behind the Pheasant Run cash register in 1998, not long after graduating from college.

"I wasn't too sure coming out of college (about it as a career), but once I started in the business, yeah," Bores said. "I like the game, I like being around people every single day."

STRAIGHT SHOOTER

Bores doesn't let fancy golf bags or PGA cards spoil him. Besides putting in days at the office that can push the 12hour mark, he continues to work hard at his own game.

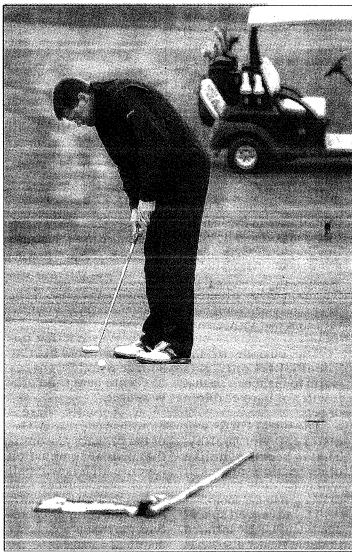
"I've always loved it," Bores said. "Obviously money always helps, but I've always done it for the competitive nature of the sport."

Whether or not he makes it on the national scene someday. Bores is doing a pretty nice job on the links around his hometown.

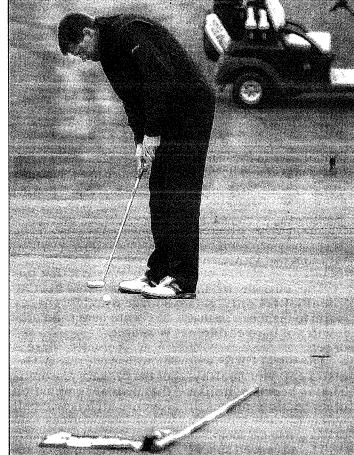
"I never really aim away from the pin, my sights are always set right on the pin," said Bores, whose low score as a pro is 66. "I never try to play it safe. I just go for it and whatever happens, happens."

That might be the best advice to give those junior golfers who go to Pheasant Run for pointers from a pro.

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Lining up a putt at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course is PGA pro Greg Bores.



PREP GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

KLAA KENSINGTON CONFERENCE **GIRLS SWIM MEET RESULTS**

Nov. 6-7 at South Lvon East H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi. 819 points: 2. Livonia Stevenson, 707; 3. Northville, 572.5; 4. Plymouth, 462; 5. South Lyon, 460; 6. Salem 424: 7. Canton, 408: 8. Westland John Glenn, 2251: 9. Livonia Franklin, 228.5: 10. Livonia Churchill, 126; 11. Wayne Memorial,

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Andrea VanderMey, Meredith Cote, Kelsey Shurmur, Madalyn Buha), 1:52.1 (meet record); 2. Northville, 1:53.3; 3. Salem, 1:56.45; 4. Plymouth, 1:57.89; 5. Canton, 2:00.55; 6. John Glenn, 2:01.5; 7. South Lyon, 2:01.73; 8. Wayne, 2:20.69.

200 freestyle: 1. Savannah Hatt (LS), 1:55.71 (meet record); 2. Kaylee Dolinski (LS), 1:57.13; 3. Rachel Green (SL), 1:58.74; 4. Faith Miller (N'ville), 1:59.16; 5. Abby Aumiller (Salem), 2:01.87; 6. Kelsey Shurmur (Novi),

2:03.04: 7. Kaitlyn Kozyn (LF), 2:03.15: 8

Jacque Carless (Novi), 2:03.98. 200 individual medlev: 1. VanderMev (Novi), 2:10.75 (meet record); 2. Cote (Novi). 2:10.89; 3, Ashley Gordon (LS), 2:13.89; 4, Lauren Seroka (Salem), 2:14.86: 5. Natalie Cote' (LF), 2:16.94; 6, Emily Nelson (Salem), 2:18.31; 7. Sijia Hao (Ply.), 2:18.87; 8. Linda

Erickson (Plv.), 2:19.22 50 freestyle: 1 Paige Drazga (SL) 24 34 (meet record); 2. Maranda Buha (Novi), 24.91; 3. Madalyn Buha (Novi), 25.51; 4. Kari Schmitt (Canton), 25.55; 5. Corinne Caldwell (SL), 25.87; 6, Michelle Chang (Plv.), 25.94; 7. Abby Hall (Novi), 25.99; 8. Kara Berg (Novi),

1-meter diving: 1. Carla McNamara (LS), 418.35 points (meet record); 2. Monica Gironza (SL), 401.75; 3. Rachel Eckler (SL), 368.35; 4. Kayla Nunez (SL), 337.15; 5. Katina St. Pierre (LC), 332.90; 6. Desiree Clenney (WJG), 325.15; 7. Rachel Aepelbacher (Novi), 307.50; 8. Kelsey

Libbe (N'ville), 303.30.

Phill said.

100 butterfly: 1. Maranda Buha (Novi). 59.18 (meet record); 2. Becca Berman (Novi). 59.26: 3. Drazga (SL), 1:00.83: 4. Miller (N'ville), 1:00.84; 5, Kayla Douglas (LF), 1:01.39: 6. Seroka (Salem), 1:01.46: 7. Shannon Lohman (N'ville), 1:01.58; 8. Briana Schoenek (N'ville), 1:02,43.

McNamara also repeated as

the 1-meter diving champion

points, besting her own mark

McNamara established a

new Stevenson school record

Rock Invitational (444.95 for

11 dives) and also owns the

Spartan pool record for six

diver who works very hard,

even when it's out of season,"

McNamara, who began

her diving career as a sev-

enth-grader when she said

dives (247.35 vs. Salem).

earlier this season at the Salem

"Carla's just a very talented

with a point total of 418.35

of 395.45 set in 2008.

100 freestyle: 1. Green (SL), 53.8 (meet record); 2. K. Schmitt (Canton), 55.34; 3. Stephanie Matsui (Ply.), 55.86; 4. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 55.89; 5. Michelle Chang (Ply.), 56.03; 6. Kayla Perchall (LS), 56.86; 7. Nelson (Salem), 56.89; 8. Kozyn (LF), 57.6.

500 freestyle: 1. Hatt (LS), 5:05.78 (meet record); 2. K. Dolinski (LS), 5:09.03; 3. Berman (Novi), 5:11.99; 4. Cauzillo (LS), 5:27.16; 5. Carless (Novi), 5:27.66; 6. Shurmur (Novi), 5:28.99; 7. Evelyn Stein (LS), 5:30.21; 8. Hao (Ply.), 5:33.69.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Gordon, Cauzillo, K. Dolinski, Hatt), 1:40.9 (meet record); 2. Novi, 1:41.01; 3. South Lyon, 1:41.44; 4. Plymouth, 1:43.18; 5. Franklin, 1:43.7; 6. Northville, 1:45.0; 7. Canton, 1:47.88; 8. Salem. 1:52.01.

100 backstroke: 1. VanderMev (Novi). 59.33 (meet record); 2. Douglas (LF), 59.43; 3. Aumiller (Salem), 1:01.71: 4. Lohman (N'ville), 1:02.53; 5. Leah Erlandson (N'ville), 1:02.9: 6. Sarah Garrity (N'ville), 1:03.99: 7. Erickson (Ply.), 1:04.89; 8. Rachel Brown (N'ville), 1:04.92.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cote (Novi), 1:09.53; 2. Gordon (LS), 1:09.77; 3. Catherine Cui (N'ville), 1:11.94; 4. Perchall (LS), 1:11.96; 5. Kelly Burford (N'ville), 1:12.2; 6. Sara Krebs (Canton), 1:12.6; 7. Khiry Sparks (WJG), 1:13.14; 8. Casey Peterson (WJG),

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Maranda Buha, Cote, Berman, VanderMey), 3:38.49 (meet record); 2. Stevenson, 3:38.79; 3. South Lyon, 3:45.23; 4. Plymouth, 3:47.79; 5. Salem, 3:48.04; 6. Franklin, 3:50.88; 7. Northville, 3:52.8; 8. Canton, 3:56.1.









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Accept No Imitations Bob Vila endorses and recommends the famous EdenPURE portable heater

Millions of Americans now saving on their heating bills and raving about the "heavenly heat"

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

By John Whitehead, Media Services

The famous infrared portable heater, the Eden-PURE®, has been greatly improved.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® from Bob Vila, America's Favorite Home Improvement Expert, who endorses and recommends the EdenPURE® and on television features across the nation.

The new EdenPURE® GEN3 heater heats better, faster, saves more on heating bills and runs almost silent.

The EdenPURE® saves you big money on your heating bill, but, you will be toasty warm. The heat it produces is unlike any past heating sources. It produces what customers call "heavenly heat".

The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the advanced infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite any-

The outside of the warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets.

The EdenPURE® will also keep you healthy. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room.

The advanced spaceage EdenPURE® Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-towall and floor-to-ceiling. And, as you know, most other portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide, any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation into a room.

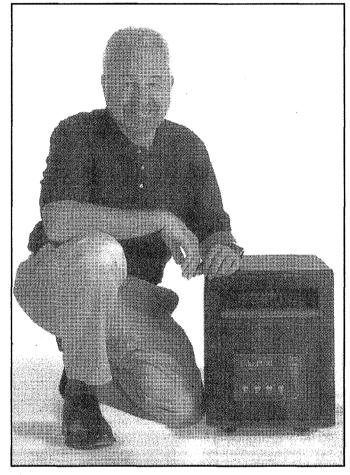
For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® GEN3 Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Bob Vila, America's Favorite TV Home Improvement Expert.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the Eden-PURE®?

A. This advanced heating technology was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. Jones found that a stack of a certain type of copper stored by his coal furnace kept his whole house warm long after the coal fire went out.

Through a great deal of research and development he came up with safe quartz infrared lamps to heat treated copper. This and other technology produced the Eden-PURE® infrared portable heater.

This infrared heating process was designed around the three most important consumer beneNever be cold again



Firemen and safety professionals choose EdenPURE. We all read about space heaters and the danger of fire. The EdenPURE has no exposed heating elements that can cause a fire. And your pe" may be just like my dog that has reserved a favorite spot near the EdenPURE. - Bob Vila

fits: economy, comfort,

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating EdenPURE® only gets source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 **Ouartz Infrared Portable** Heater does not use burning heat. Once the cured copper heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a

In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is. Customers call it "heavenly heat".

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater or close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to illness. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill with the EdenPURE®?

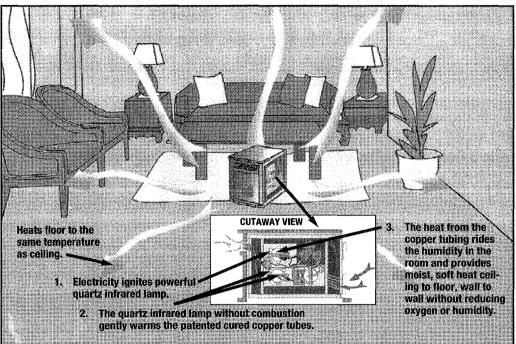
A. The EdenPURE®

This dry irritating heat

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radia-

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

How it works:



Testimonials from a few of the millions of satisfied EdenPURE® customers

The EdenPURE® has cut my gas bill to a third of what it was last year. Leslie Wilson, Vancouver, WA

I recently had an addition that was over 800 square feet added to my home. When it was completed we had to consider a heat source. We investigated everything from upgrading our current furnace, and duct work, to a vent less fireplace. Then I heard about the EdenPURE®. I must admit I was a bit skeptical, however I decided to place one in the room and give it a test. I can't tell you how pleasantly surprised I was. The EdenPURE® heater is our exclusive heat source and is comfortably heating our room at a cost of under \$15.00 per month. It is certainly refreshing to find a product that surpasses it's performance claims. D. Capps, Vancouver, WA

With our EdenPURE® heater our gas bill dropped so much that the gas company called us and said our gas meter must be broken and they wanted to replace it. John and Sandy Hopkins, Elyria, OH

The EdenPURE® #1000 has saved 40% on our heating bill! My 18 month old daughter sits on it, that's how safe it is. The heater is also very mobile. Steve G., Binghampton, N.Y.

The EdenPURE® really puts out the heat like a little solar furnace. It's below freezing outside and cozy warm in the rather over large living room area where I'm using it. I have already noticed a 40 to 60% drop in the cost of my heating bills. George B., Triangle, N.Y.

I turned my thermostat down to 60. I have 2 dogs and 3 cats and all 5 laid down in front of it and were fast asleep. My chair is 1 foot away and it is like being in front of a fireplace. Carl Cormier, Jerome, ID

will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, the savings can be substantial. The infrared quartz-cured copper heating technology also produces heat for less cost than convention-

al services.

The EdenPURE® heater is now greatly improved. With no increase in price, the new EdenPURE® has been updated with the latest technology, safety, and comfort features to provide you with even greater comfort, more savings, and years of reliability. The EdenPURE® comes with a comprehensive three year warranty along with a 60-day no questions asked satisfaction guarantee – we pay the return shipping.

This product has been listed by Underwriters Laboratories. End of interview.

The EdenPURE® GEN3 comes in 2 models. The GEN3 Model 500 which heats a room up to 300 square feet and the GEN3 Model 1000 which heats a room up to 1,000 square

The EdenPURE® will pay for itself in weeks. It will keep a great deal of extra money in a users pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy costs, the EdenPURE® will provide even greater savings as the time goes by.

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Strictly Business

Holiday open house

Clearly You Hair Removal & Skin Treatment Center hosts a "Get Ready for the Holidays" open house 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Look your best for the holidays. Latisse-have longer lashes by Christmas \$20 off, Botox - \$12 per unit discount. The open house features massages, lash tinting, psychic readings, brow waxing and more.

Clearly You is located at 44633 Joy Road, just west of Sheldon. For more information and to RSVP, call (734) 453-7475.

Art sale

Drop by Canton's D & M Art Studio for a look at some of the finest artwork this area's talented artists produce.

D & M officials call the collection "a joy to see and if you are looking for just the right piece of art to warm up a room or an affordable gift come early and often as the selection will be replaced as items are

Three Cities Art Club Fine Arts Exhibition and Sale runs through Saturday, Nov. 14, and will be open during store

In addition to beautiful fine works of art for sale at great prices, there will be art supplies, note cards and prints available for purchase. The event is sponsored by longtime contributor to Three Cities Art Club, D & M Art Studios, who offers art lessons, summer art camps for kids and home school classes. D & M Art Studio is located at 8691 N. Lilley Road, about 1/8 mile south of Joy Road in Canton, and is open noon to 9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For further information about the show or the art club, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, Ext. 123 or via e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com

Fitness a 'Snap'

The holidays are just around the corner and if you're like most people around this time of the year, you're starting to feel the financial crunch of the holiday season. To help combat that seasonal stress one local fitness club is helping members get an early start towards better health this New Year's - without paying monthly dues until 2010.

"The holidays are a time when people tend to be tight on cash, and looking for ways to save a few bucks," said Donald David, Snap Fitness owner in Canton. "However. it's important that you don't sacrifice your health. That's why we're allowing people to

BUSINESS MILESTONES



Christa Bekker and Liz Gatt of Clearly You Hair Removal & Skin Treatment Center host a 'Get Ready for the Holiday' open house 5-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

work out over the holidays and not worry about paying until the season is over."

To encourage people to be active over the holidays and get a jump-start on their New Year's fitness goals, the Canton Snap Fitness location is offering new members the opportunity to join their club through Nov. 30, and pay no dues until January.

Located at 4011 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, Snap Fitness is a neighborhood gym that offers 'round-the-clock access to state-of-the-art cardio and strength-training equipment, allowing busy individuals the opportunity to stay active and fit without sacrificing time and convenience. The gym also has tanning available to help maintain that summer glow and showers to clean-up after a good workout. In addition to the club's "Basic 8" total-body, strengthtraining program, members also receive a variety of free services, including a free Online Training Center, a free Personal Wellness Plan, and a free Personal Web Page.

"One of the things our members love about Snap Fitness is that we're open 24/7," said David. "So in-between all the holiday shopping, baking, decorating and social outings, they can still squeeze in a workout. Plus, we're right in the neighborhood, so they don't need to go out of their way to get in, workout and move on with their day."

To arrange a tour of the club, review staffed hours or obtain more information, call 734-398-SNAP (7627) or visit www. snapfitness.com/cantonmi.

Economic eats

Max & Erma's has tailored new offers around the current economic conditions. Special programs have been announced such as the Kid's Eat Free program on Wednesdays, and Senior Appreciation on Thursdays where adults age 60 and older will receive 25 percent off

from 3-5 p.m.

Max & Erma's also has a Happy Hour program, Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m., when appetizers are 50 percent off with the purchase of a beverage, drafts are \$2 and all other beverages are 25 percent off.

Max and Erma's is located in Canton at 2240 North Canton Center Road. Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m,; Friday and Saturday II a.m. to II p.m. For more information, call (734) 981-3370.

Braille books

For the fourth year, Seedlings Braille Books for Children is offering holiday greeting cards in 11 beautiful designs. New this year, Seedlings is offering two sizes of holiday cards - favorites from past years and a new pleasing little size of 4-1/8" x 5-1/2. Once again, the holiday cards are created by Pumpernickel Press and priced at \$16 per box of 16 large cards and \$10 per box of 10 smaller cards.

All designs are fine art embossed cards, made from premium grade, environment friendly recycled paper, printed with soy inks and Made in the USA - including the packing material. The cards are also packaged by occupational training workshop patrons.

Holiday greeting cards can be purchased at Seedlings' office, 14151 Farmington Rd., Livonia from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 734-427-8552 for directions and more information. Please visit Seedlings Web site, www. seedlings.org/donate.php, for a look at some of our new designs.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a Livonia nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low cost children's literature in braille bringing the gift of literacy to blind children locally and around the world.

Seniors need to do homework for their Medicare enrollment

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t's that time of year when seniors will make a decision about health care benefits. This has nothing to do to with the health care reform taking place in Washington. This decision is about Medicare

Beginning Nov. 15 and ending Dec. 31, seniors who have participated in the Medicare Prescription D Drug Program will have the opportunity to change their drug coverage.

It is important for seniors to do a Medicare Prescription Program review and determine whether they should maintain their existing plan or switch to a new company.

The Medicare Prescription Drug Program has been around for a number of years and is quite popular with seniors. Although the plan has many critics and drawbacks (you can't change coverage whenever you choose), it

If you have a Medicare D Prescription Drug Program, it is important you have the proper plan. Health situations change and so do prescriptions you take. Both have an impact on choosing the right prescription program. In addition, premiums change and there may be a policy that better suits your situation and that is more cost-effective. This year, the average premium is approximately \$35 a month. It is anticipated that in 2010 the average premium will be \$39 a month. Therefore, in re-examining your situation, remember



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

or, by ensuring there is no gap in coverage, one will end up having double coverage. This is not the case when you switch your prescription drug plan. All the plans have been standardized. They begin Jan. 1 and end Dec. 31. Therefore, if you change your policy during open enrollment, your new plan will become effective Jan. 1, 2010, while the old plan will

terminate Dec. 31, 2009.

CHOICES

Another issue when it comes to the prescription drug plan is there is a wide variety of policies available. There is no one plan that fits all. You must look at your individual situation. In that regard, it is important to recognize that husband and wife do not necessarily need to have the same Prescription D Plan. In many cases, it makes sense for the spouses to be under different programs.

In researching your individual need, key elements to consider are the drugs you take, the quantity of drugs and the dosage. These factors will help you determine what policy you should choose.

Another important issue is whether generic drugs are available for your prescription.

I have found that the government's Web site, www. medicare.gov, is an excellent place to do research. It has a wealth of information with regards to the prescription drug plan and allows a comparison of different Medicare plans. The Prescription Drug Plan finder on the Medicare site is an excellent tool in doing your research with regards to the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. I know this may be surprising to hear, but the Medicare site is easy to use and to navigate.

For those seniors who aren't comfortable using the internet, contact Medicare at (800) MEDICARE (800-633-4227).

One mistake that many seniors make is they assume that since they're happy with their Prescription D coverage, there is no reason to make a change. Unfortunately, that is not the case. Policies change, health situations change and, in fact, everything over time changes.

Don't assume that your present coverage is the best coverage. Take your time, do the research and then make a decision.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.



CHAMBER CHAT

Crimes of the Heart

The Spotlight Players will perform the Pulitzer Prize winning drama "Crimes of the Heart," and for the first time will use the intimate Biltmore Studio Theater that features a thrust stage, allowing for an intimate "in your lap" experience for theater goers.

Performances are Nov. 13-22. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students under 19. "Crimes of the Heart" show dates are:

- Friday, Nov. 13, and Nov. 20, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 14 and Nov. 21, 2 and 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 15 and Nov. 22, 2 p.m. To purchase tickets, call

(734) 394-5300, (734) 394-

5460 or go on-line to www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Director Lisa Brawley describes the show as "a little romance, intrigue, suspense,

drama, mystery and comedy all in one show.' Go to www.spotlightplayersmi.org for more information.

December luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its December Holiday Luncheon



Grand opening

A ribbon-cutting was held Friday by Bovitz C.P.A., PC and James F. Malinowski, Attorney, to announce their grand opening. Bovitz-Malinowski is located at 42448 Cherry Hill, Suite 200 in Canton. Attending this event were employees, Canton Township officials, Canton Chamber of Commerce members and local residents.

on Dec. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

The cost for lunch is \$20 (advance member registration) and \$30 (non-member) and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

December's Holiday Luncheon will feature Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir. We will be

collecting toys and gifts for Canton Goodfellows "No Child without a Christmas program." Each guest is asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift.
December's Holiday Luncheon

is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make your reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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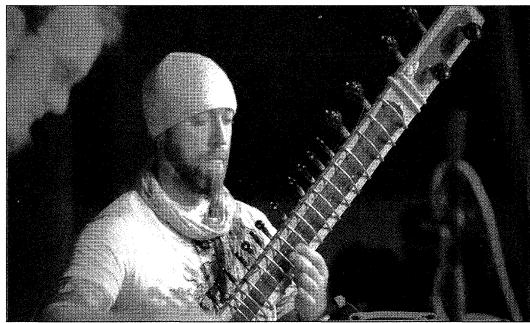
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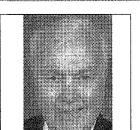
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Ward Presbyterian welcomes new creative staffer



Chris Freeman, the new director of contemporary worship and creative ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, plays the sitar at an Oct. 4 contemporary service.





JOHN K. "JACK" COTTON Age 86 of Birmingham, and formerly of Farmington, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2009. He died at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo from injuries suffered in a car crash on October 24th. Cotton was riding to the Wayne State University football game in Hillsdale when an approaching pickup truck crossed the centerline. The drivers of his car and the truck survived. Jack was born on October 17, 1923 in Penzance, Cornwall, England to John Kingsley Cotton, Sr. and Clara Cotton (nee Rowe). Jack came to Detroit as an infant and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1941, starring there in football and baseball. At Northwestern he met his future wife, Lois Urquhart. After spending two years enrolled at Wayne State, he joined the U.S. Army during WW II and saw action in the battles of Pacific. He was wounded twice and received two Purple Hearts. While overseas Jack corresponded almost daily with Lois. In recent years he assembled those letters, which were solicited by, and recently accepted for, a Library of Congress project about WW II veterans. Following his service to his country, he returned to his education and graduated from Wavne State University. He was a football standout at Wayne before and after his army service and captain in 1946. He was named by Michigan State University to its all-opponent team. Jack and Lois married on September 21, 1946. Their wedding pictures show Jack with a swollen lip and black eye from that day's game. Following graduation from Wayne State he stayed on and was hired as a teacher and coach. He remained a lifelong supporter of Wayne State University. In 1956, Jack became the first athletic director for Farmington Public Schools until he retired in 1983. He and his family resided in Farmington for more than 50 years. During his tenure at Farmington, Jack was a statewide leader in interscholastic athletics and physical education. He was proud he established one of the first physical education programs in the state for elementary grades and was an early proponent and leader in establishing girls' interscholastic competitive athletics. Along the way he received every state award in his field and many national honors. After retirement Jack and Lois remained extremely active, acquiring a private business and serving in numerous capacities for their church, civic organizations and Wayne State activities. Jack was also

elected twice and served eight years

on the Board of Education for

Farmington Public Schools. Along

with his wife, he is survived by their

four children, Kingsley (Beverly), Leslie Helwig (Rick), Mary Anne

Cotton (Alan Koles), and Laurie Dalin

(Mike). He was also a very special uncle to Kathleen Gallagher Lewis. He

was a proud grandfather of seven: Anne Drolet (Michael Petruzzi), Jack

Drolet (Kavita), Lauren Allswede

(Rusty), Alexander Cotton, Kate

Larcom (Chris), Elizabeth Cotton, and

Chase Dalin, and great-grandfather of Sophie Drolet and Madeleine Petruzzi.

He is also survived by two cousins in England, Jack Searle and Carlotta

Fiskin. He was preceded in death by a

brother, Alex Cotton and a sister,

Megan Gallagher. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons

(Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel)

32515 Woodward Ave. (between 13-

14 Mile) Wednesday, November 11, 2009 from 2-8pm. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, 10:00 am on

November 12, 2009 at the First

Presbyterian Church 1669 W. Maple,

Birmingham, MI 48009. In lieu of

flowers, the family suggests memorials to either the church or to Wayne

State University Athletic Department

5101 John C. Lodge, Detroit, MI 48202.



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November 8, 2009, age 67. Beloved wife of Vincent. Dear mother of Lisa (Jason) Davis. Grandmother of Sydney and Hunter. Visitation Thursday from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until time of funeral service at 10 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com

WILLIAM L. MULLEN Died peacefully on the

evening of November 7th at the Jupiter Medical Center. "Bill" was born on August 7, 1915. He was raised in the southwest and educated at the University of Wichita. During World War II he was production manager of Woodward Company who manufactured precision airplane parts for fighter planes. After the war, Bill founded and was president of Industrial Fuel Corporation. Upon retirement he began a cattle breeding venture at "Sherwood", a farm near Charlottesville, Virginia. After a second retirement, he and "Win" elected to spend their senior years at Lost Tree Village in North Palm Beach, Florida. There he became interested in community activities at the Lost Tree Club and served a term as president. Bill Loved golf and played at every opportunity. Sailing was another activity he truly enjoyed, first racing then cruising with "Win" on their boat "The his wife Wilwin". He is survived by his wife Winifred Teare Mullen, and daughters Christine, Amy and Wendy. He will be sorely missed as a great contributor to the betterment of life for those around him and his beloved country. He was a man of great intelligence, integrity, and wit, much loved by all.

Arrangements entrusted to: Aycock Funeral Home 1112 Military Trail Jupiter, Florida



CHESTER T. 'CHET' SOLOWIEJ

Age 85, long-time resident of Plymouth, passed away November 8. 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with his family at his bedside. Beloved husband of 65 years to Irene. Loving father of Richard A. (Cheryl), Glenn E. (Cheryl) and the late Daniel C. Proud grandfather of Scott (Anna), Sean, Eliza, Steven, Jordan and Nicole. Great grandfather of Thomas, Benjamin and Lucia. Chet will always be remembered for his friendly spirit, and his instantly recognizable baritone voice. Chet was a benevolent and trusted member of his family, his community and his neighborhood. Active for many years as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, long-time volunteer at the Plymouth Library, and decades long member of the Plymouth Lions Club, Chet believed in and practiced "community service" and helping those in need. Son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, student, veteran, humanitarian, friend, colleague, mentor and advisor, are all worthy titles earned by this lovable man of honor. Services were held on November 11, 2009 from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Lions Foundation P.O. Box 701159, Plymouth, MI 48170 or to the Charity of your choice. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



JOSEPH ROHATYNSKI

November 8, 2009, age 88. Member of the Company I, 123rd Infantry, 33rd Division of the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Beloved husband of the late Gladys. Dear father of Linda J. Scussel, Joanne (Kurt) Seifert, Therese Eaves, Karen Ward and Joseph (Tammy) Rohatynski Jr. Also leaves 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitation was held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday morning at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth.





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HOMETOWN STAFF WRITER

Walk into a contemporary service at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville and you'll immediately notice the soft candlelight and sitar sounds.

Chris Freeman, the church's director of contemporary worship and creative ministries since July, created the non-traditional setting so Ward can be even more effective at sharing the message of the Bible with emerging generations.

"Honestly, I'm as surprised as anyone to be here at Ward — a church so well-known by the community for its traditions," said Freeman, an Iron Mountain native. "But, here I am, the rough around the edges rock and roller. It's obvious this is God's doing, and I'm excited to run with it — to be part of creating a safe place for people to learn about God and the ways of Jesus. Ward is a special church, and I think it's just going to grow in its uniqueness as we expand the types of experiences offered

Freeman was raised as a Baptist, but he found God in a monastery, which he said was no accident. And, he believes there is a message behind the music that he and his fellow musicians produce. He is a recent cum laud graduate of Central Michigan University with a double major in religion and philosophy, with an emphasis on Eastern religions.

IF YOU VISIT WARD **PRESBYTERIAN**

Services are held each Sunday at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, in Northville. Traditional services are at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Contemporary service times are at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. For more information, visit www. wardchurch.org or call (248) 374-7400. Chris Freeman's new sitar instructor, Parthada Chatterjee, was taught by Nikhil Banerjee, who was the disciple of the infamous Allauddin Khan, who also taught Ravi Shankar. Visit www. myspace.com/christopherleefreeman) to sample some of the fusion selections he is exploring and intending to incorporate into Ward's worship services.

An experienced musician, he was a member of the Dove Award-nominated rock band GS Megaphone from 2001-2004 and played with another band, Poor Man's Riches, at gigs across the country from 2004 2008. He plays guitar, bass, drums and sitar — a northern India instrument he loves. "It has a certain majestic quality," he said.

HELPING PEOPLE CONNECT

His love for music is inseparably linked to his love for God and helping people connect to the church through expression in the arts. He and his wife of 10 years, Brenda, have

two children, Josiah, 8, and Israel, 5.

"He's a great guy, and he's very dynamic," said Jeff Mitchell, Ward's new communications manager. "I think he can reach a lot of people who normally wouldn't come to church." The Rev. Scott McKee, lead pastor said Freeman is per-

fect for the job.

"Chris doesn't fit the mold so much as break it. And, that's exactly what Ward needs for this time and place. By making this hire we've made a major commitment to extend our congregation's reach to younger generations. In the short time he's been here, Chris has already inspired a renewed sense of energy and purpose at Ward. Without question, we are excited to see where all of this goes."

Only a few months into the job, Freeman has already confirmed what led him to Ward. He said he appreciates that at this church contemporary and traditional don't compete with each other; they complete each other.

"We want worship at Ward to be about expressing joy and longing directly to God. We believe that God is listening, ready to receive it," he said. "And God doesn't care if we use an organ or a choir or a stratocaster to express what's in our hearts. What God does care about is that our expressions are real, passionate and aimed at making Him known.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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NOV. 12-18

Concert The preimiere of a new work, "Wild

a Dream" is scheduled for 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile. Northville. The music is by local composer Carmen Cavallero. The concert includes songs by Stephen Forster and other American composers. It is presented by the Birmingham-First Chamber Choir directed by Tom Trenney. There is no admission charge and child care is provided through age 4. For more information call Lillian Mobley at (248) 374-5928.

Craft show

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia; admission \$2. For more information call Michelle at (734) 516-2912.

Food drive

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia, is taking reservations for its Thanksgiving food distribution. Interested parties should call the church (248) 476-8222) from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through

Please see CALENDAR, B7



Remember the loved ones you've lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute.

The Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weekly newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for the holidays. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of loved ones who hold a special place in your heart.

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Thursday to set up a reservation and time to pick up food on Nov. 21. The church is collecting food items from members and the community through Nov. 15. Items include instant potatoes, noodles, canned corn, peas, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, biscuit mix, jello, and boxed cookie mix. Community members can leave items at any time in the donation box under the canopy at the church's front entrance.

Holiday bazaar

4-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 13 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Garden City Presbyterian, located on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road in

Garden City. On Friday pick from a large selection of goodies at the cookie walk, visit the can't-passit-by-bake sale, and a fairyland of wreathes, angels, bows, lights and much more. The boutique will charm with many handmade items and distinctive gifts of all kinds. All-you-caneat turkey dinner will be served 5-7 p.m.; adults \$7, children 4-12, \$4, children under 4 free. Saturday promises the same great experiences. lunch will be available. (734) 421-7620

9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Shoppers can chose gifts from a variety of artists and vendors. The day is designed as a family event with games for children and food for purchase. There will be raffles throughout the day and a grand prize drawing at the end

of the day. \$2 admission. Proceeds benefit The Haven, Oakland County's domestic abuse shelter. For more information call Melissa Bunker at (313) 886-9074.

Mass for widowed

Widowed Friends invites widowed men and women to celebrate Mass together and stay for refreshments and fellowship on Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton. Check in by 2:15 p.m.; Mass at 2:30, p.m. Meet new friends in a safe, friendly setting. Call Pat at (734) 459-5508 or Justine at (734) 455-6939 with any guestions.

Praying moms Moms In Touch International hosts a free event for praying moms, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14, at Community Bible Church, 7372 Grand River, Brighton. Registration and light refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Register at www.MomsInTouch.org.

Contact Nancy Lantz at (810) 227-2255 or nancy@communitybible.net) for more information.

St. Andrews Day

Worship service is at 10 a.m., with dinner and bagpipe entertainment after in the church hall, Sunday, Nov. 15, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile. Pre-sale ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for adults; and \$5 for ages 4-11. At the door price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. No charge for children, 3 and under. Call (313) 534-7730 for reservations.

Woman's conference

8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. Genevieve, 95015 Jamison, Livonia; doors open 7:15 a.m. Admission is \$35. Guest speakers include Mary Haly, associate professor for Sacred Heart Seminary: Socorro Truichan, secretary for Bishop Daniel Flores of the Archdiocese of Detroit; and Paloma Cabetas, director for Focolare Community. (313) 237-5806

Chili cook-off

11a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, Farmington Hills. This is a fund-raiser to support the church's "Rebuilding Together Oakland County" effort, assist church youth in attending their statewide retreat and defray material costs for Lutheran World Relief Quilts. Participants may choose from a variety of chili dishes, take home items from the bake sale and bid on items in the silent auction. The silent auction will run though 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22. \$5.00 per adult, \$1.50 age 10 and under. Price includes chili, salad and beverage. (248) 474-0584

2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 22, at Monastery of the Sacred Heart, 29575 Middlebelt, north of 13 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Hear sacred music featuring Lisa Agazzi, soprano, performing such favorites as

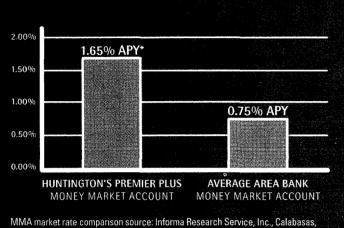
"Pie Jesu," "The Lord's prayer," and "Ave Maria." Selections from Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Gounod will be on the program. A free will offering will be accepted. For more information call Barb Glinski at (248) 553-0999 or e-mail to Inlinski@aol.com.

Thanksgiving Day service

10 a.m., Nov. 26 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile. Northville.

This service will be a wonderful celebration of heritage of freedom. Dr. Jerry Smith, former Director of Music at Ward Church, will conduct the Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Teen Choir and guest musicians in "Battle Hymn of the Republic. Invite your family and friends to launch the holiday season in prayerful thanksgiving and song. Child care provided through age 4. For more information call Lillian Mobley at (248) 374-5928.

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KITTER

Livonia couple makes directing debut in 'black box' production

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

When Rick Holland heard that Spotlight Players in Canton needed a director for its first ever "black box" production, he jumped at the chance — and then recruited his significant other, Lisa Brawley, to join him.

The Livonia couple is co-directing the upcoming Players' production of *Crimes* of the Heart, Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about three sisters in 1974 Mississippi.

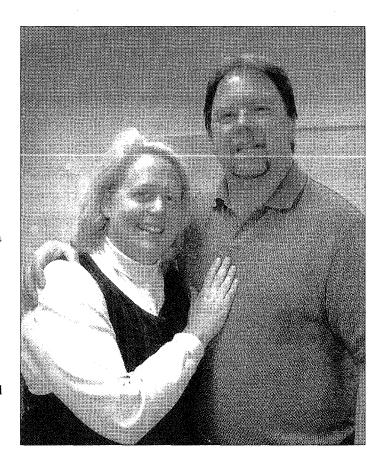
"We come as a pair. It gives us something to do as a couple." Holland said, explaining that they have always auditioned and appeared on stage together.

Brawley, a family physician, has been involved in acting for 12 years. Holland is retired from self-employment and started acting in community theatre with Brawley after helping her rehearse a few years ago.

"I was running lines with her and I said, 'I can do this.' Oddly enough, all the plays we've been in together, we only had one with dialogue together. We played a married couple," he said.

They've been involved with Spotlight Players since 2006. Crimes of the Heart is their first directing experience.

"I'd never heard of the play before. Lisa was familiar with



Lisa Brawley and Richard Holland are directing "Crimes of the Heart" for the Spotlight Players.

it. The idea of doing it with a small cast in a black box certainly was an attraction," Holland said. "With the black box concept you can't rely on elaborate stage and setting to catch the theatre goers' attention. It seemed like such an opportunity to take a small cast and bring out their best."

The play will be set in the 80-seat Biltmore room at the theater. Black box theaters use minimal set. The Crimes production will include a "thrust" stage, which allows the audience to sit close to the action on three sides of the performance space.

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Jan Larente (left) of Westland is Meg, Betty Berryman of Canton is Lenny and Courteney Bostick of Ypsilanti plays Babe in the Spotlight Players production of "Crimes of the Heart."

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"You have to maintain a lot of movement so that no one is consistently blocked," Holland explained the challenge of working with a thrust stage. "We're trying to insure that the actors can maintain focus when they are so close to the audience."

The smaller venue also challenged the sound effects designers to make footsteps, phone ringers and coffee percolating sound natural. They opted to produce the sounds on or near stage rather than piping the effects over a sound system.

CRIMES OF THE HEART

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14 and 20-21; and 2 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 14-15 and 21-22

Where: The Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Tickets: \$18.00/adults; \$16.00/seniors, \$16.00/students under 19. Buy them at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300, at (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door. Box office opens an hour prior to

Details: Beth Henley's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about three sisters in Mississippi in 1974 who have become estranged from each other and from themselves. As they face a family crisis and reunite as sisters they find renewed inner strength.

Contact: (734) 480-4945, www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

"In such a small area it sounded like it was coming over a speaker. We had to have the sound of coming through a door or a phone ringing on stage," Holland explained.

CLOSE UP

Audience members who enjoy watching actors on television or movie theater screens likely will appreciate the intimate feel of black box theater. Holland said they'll be able to see facial expressions that normally would be difficult to discern in a larger setting.

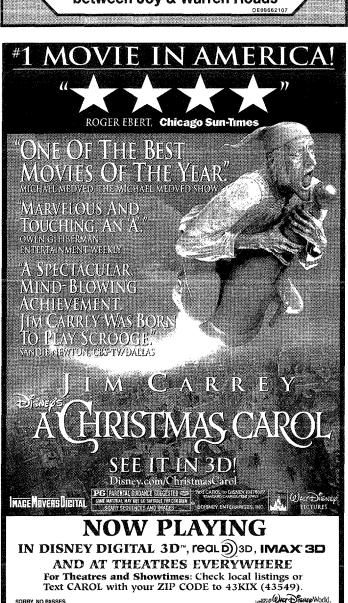
"When the sister who contemplates killing herself, falls to her knees with an expression of agony on her face, the front row will see it.'

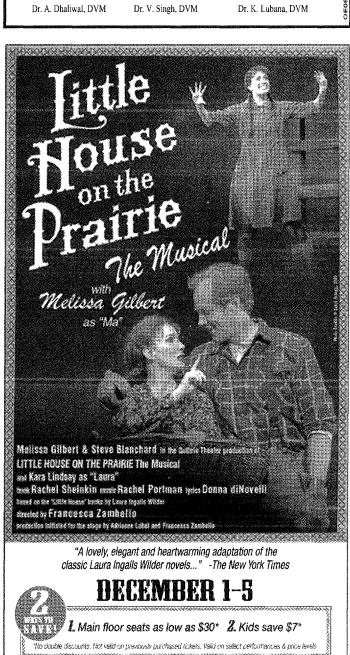
Holland said the play, which includes mature subject matter, such as suicide, attempted homicide and pedophilia, also offers instances of dark humor. The mix will take audience members through "a roller coaster of emotions.

But in the end, Holland hopes viewers will leave feeling uplifted.

"At the end of the play, everyone will feel good about themselves and about the outcome and how the sisters resolved it.'



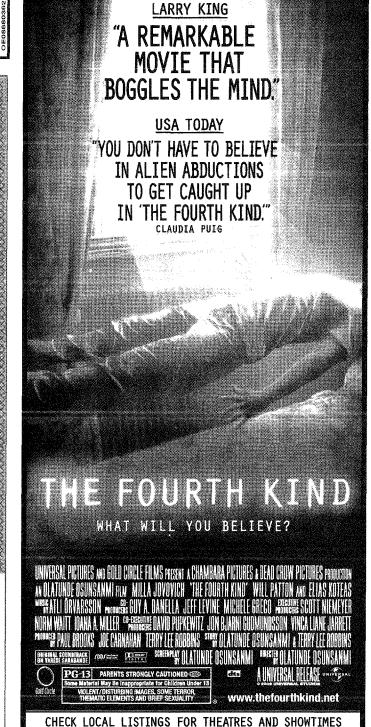




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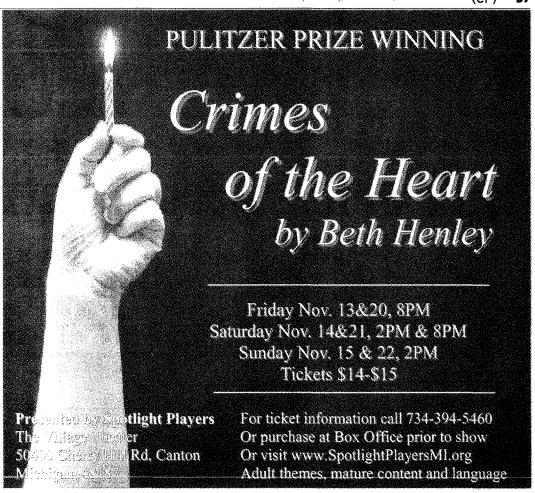


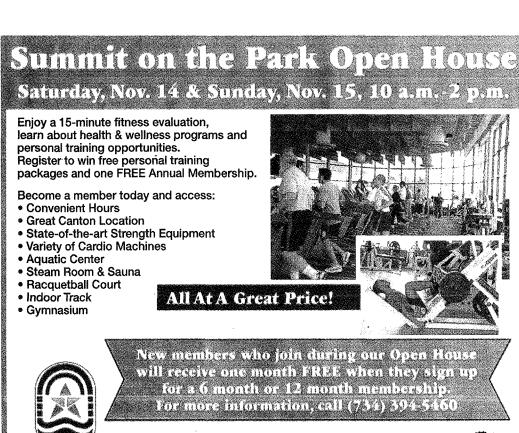
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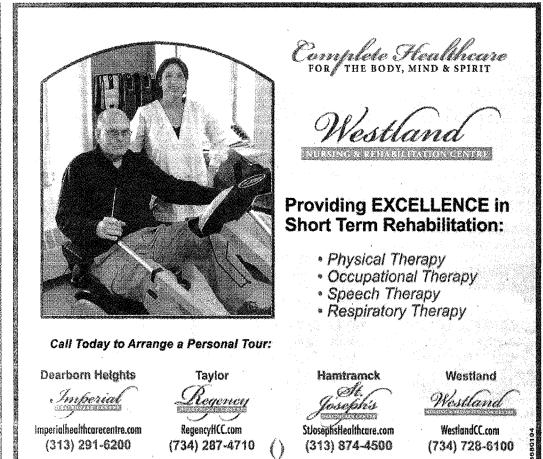


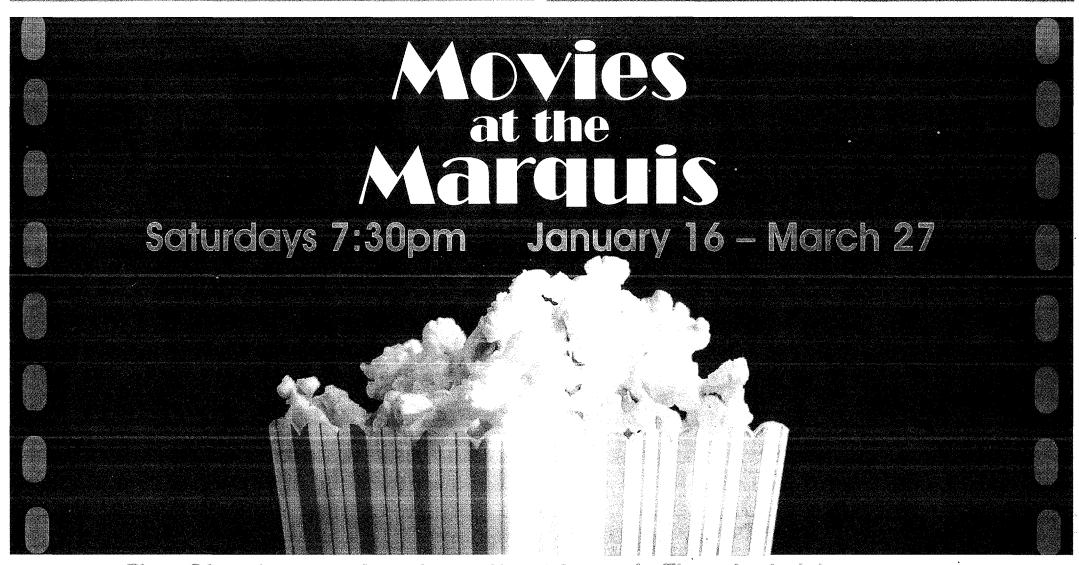


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The Movies at the Marquis Series returns for a limited time only and will showcase eleven of your favorite all-time classic films. The series kicks-off November 21, 2009 with a pre-series showing of "White Christmas" followed by eleven more classic films from January 16 – March 27, 2010. All shows begin at 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm).

The 2010 Movies at the Marquis Series schedule includes:

Date Movie

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White Christmas (1954)* (COMPLIMENTARY) Nov 21

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Jan 16 North by Northwest (1959)

Jan 23 My Fair Lady (1964) Jan 30 The Thomas Crown Affair (1968) Doic

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Feb 13 Roman Holiday (1953)

Sponsored by Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)

Feb 20 Feb 27

That Touch of Mink (1962)

Date

Movie

March 6 **Charade (1963)**

March 13 Paris When It Sizzles (1964)

Sponsored by Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct

March 20 Vertigo (1958)

March 27 Easter Parade (1948)

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* White Christmas is the only complimentary movie in the series. Ticket vouchers are now available at Stampeddler and are required for admission. Admission for the remaining movies (January-March 2010) is \$3/ticket. Tickets will be available two weeks prior to each show exclusively at the ticket sponsor location. Ticket sponsor updates will be available on the DDA website as sponsorships are secured.

The Movies at the Marquis series is open to guests five years and older.

For more information and updates on Movies at the Marquis, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.



FOOD

Don't want to cook? Eat out on Thanksgiving Day

If you've eaten at home every Thanksgiving Day, it's time for a change of pace.

Doff that apron, tell the family it's someone else's turn to do the cooking and head for one of the many local restaurants serving the big bird and all the trimmings — or other favorite foods — on Nov. 26.

Here's a sampling of locations serving buffet or dinner:

BEAVER CREEK TACKLE AND BEER

Serves Thanksgiving turkey dinner — turkey, stuffing, mashed potato, fresh vegetables, bread, cranberries — from noon to 9 p.m. Turkey dinner is \$12.99 for adults and \$4.99 for children. Dessert is extra. The restaurant, at 1609 N. Wayne, Westland, is open and serving other menu items as well, from noon-midnight. The Detroit Lions game will be shown in the restaurant and import drafts will be half off from 8 p.m.-midnight. Reservations not needed but recommended at (734) 722-

CLADDAGH IRISH PUB

Full menu and happy hour pricing. Restaurant opens at 4 p.m. and is located at 17800 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 542-8141

DEADWOOD BAR AND GRILL

Roasted turkey dinner, with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, vegetable and bread will be served from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cost is \$14.99 for adults and \$4.99 for children. A full menu including fresh fish, pasta and other specials will be available. The restaurant is located at 18730 Northville Road, Northville.

Reservations recommended at ((248) 347-4353).

ERNESTO'S ITALIAN GARDEN

Thanksgiving Day buffet, with first seating at noon and last seating at 6 p.m.. Adults, \$24.95, children 6-10, \$9.95 and children 5-under, free; 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. (734) 453-2002

GINOPOLIS ON THE GRILL

The Farmington Hills restaurant will serve personal turkey dinners with cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberries and pumpkin pie for \$17.95 from noon to 8 p.m. The restaurant is at 27815 Middlebelt. Call (248) 851-8222.

G. SUBU'S LEATHER BOTTLE

Special Thanksgiving Day dinner includes turkey, ham, yams, cornbread stuffing, cranberry, apple and pumpkin pie served family style at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The restaurant is located at 20300 Farmington Road, Livonia. Reservations at (248) 474-2420

GIULIO'S CUCINA ITALIANA

Giulio's will serve Thanksgiving Day familystyle turkey dinners and personal turkey dinners 1-7 p.m.

The restaurant is at 31735 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-9500.

THE GOLDEN FOX

Buffet from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the restaurant located at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Adults, \$29.95, children, 3-12, \$11.95. Reservations at (734) 453-7272.

HAWTHORNE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Thanksgiving Day brunch with breakfast served noon-2 p.m. and dinner served noon-5 p.m. Adults pay \$16.95, children 10 and under, \$9.95, kids 3 and under, free. The club is located at 7300 N. Merriman, Westland. Call (734) 422-3440 for more information.

LEON'S

Turkey dinner and various other specials are on the menu at the Garden City restaurant, 30149 Ford Road. Leon's is open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m on Thanksgiving Day.

MAMA MIA!

Mama Mia!, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia will serve a Thanksgiving feast from noon to 9 p.m. for 6-8 people (includes a 12-14 lb. turkey, yams, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade stuffing, peas and corn, house salad, freshly baked Italian bread and butter, choice of pumpkin or apple pie. Refills given. Cost is \$110.00 plus tax and gratuity. Served family style, carve your own turkey and take home all leftovers. Call (734) 427-1000 for reservations.

MERIWETHER'S

Meriwether's and other Muer's restaurants, such as Charley's Crab in Troy, Big Fish in Madison Heights, and Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor all offer a Thanksgiving turkey entree and sides. Meriwether's, at 25485 Telegraph, Southfield, offers the traditional dinner —with roasted turkey, acorn squash, cranberry sauce, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes and pie — for 20.99 for adults and \$9.99 for children under 12. Serving time is 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Reservations aren't necessary but are highly recommended at (248) 358-1310.

NE UNDER

One Under, 35780 Five Mile Road, Livonia (just east of Levan) offers three seatings (11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) for its Thanksgiving buffet feast. Assorted salads and sides along with turkey and ham carving stations along with cornbread stuffing, gnocchi, sliced pork tenderloin and more are on the menu. Cost is \$17.99 for adults, \$7.99 for children and \$13.99 for senior citizens (pax and gratuity not included). Space is limited. For reservations, call (734) 464-5555. Kids ages 6 and under eat

RAM'S HORN (FARMINGTON)

Serving turkey dinner from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10.99 plus tax for roasted turkey with soup, salad, vegetable, potato or yams, roll and butter and pumpkin pie. No senior discount applies. The restaurant is at 32435 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Call (248) 471-5511.

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

Epoch Catering and Rock Financial Showplace Diamond Center offer a Thanksgiving Day Buffet, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Cash Bar Available, complimentary Parking, watch the Lions game. Adults, \$22.95, seniors, \$18.95, children (5-12), \$12.05 and kids, 4 and under, free. Call (248) 348.5600 ext. 200 for reservations.

THOMAS' FAMILY DINING

Thomas' Family Dining, at 33971 Plymouth Road (between Farmington and Stark roads) will serve a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings (including dessert) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$11.99 per person for the homemade holiday fixings. Call (734) 525-5610 for more information.

- Compiled by Sharon Dargay







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Q: What is the condominium market like in suburban Boston?

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of condominium associations. I can't get him or his collection

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A: The best thing you can do is write the Board of

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A: As in all real estate, it depends on where you

Julie Brown, editor . (313) 222-6755

Prepare your home for winter's wrath

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Home pro Harry Jachym of Plymouth Township lists furnace maintenance at the top when it comes to getting a home ready for winter.

Jachym, who teaches construction at Henry Ford Community College, recommends a furnace check now. He also recommends an annual maintenance plan which will cover a clean, check and adjust for your furnace, along with air conditioner work in the spring.

Jachym, who also works part time for National Heating & Cooling in Detroit, said you should change furnace filters regularly. The "high efficiency" ones are better, and available at big box and regular hardware stores.

"They'll just make the home more livable," he said. "It makes the air quality better."

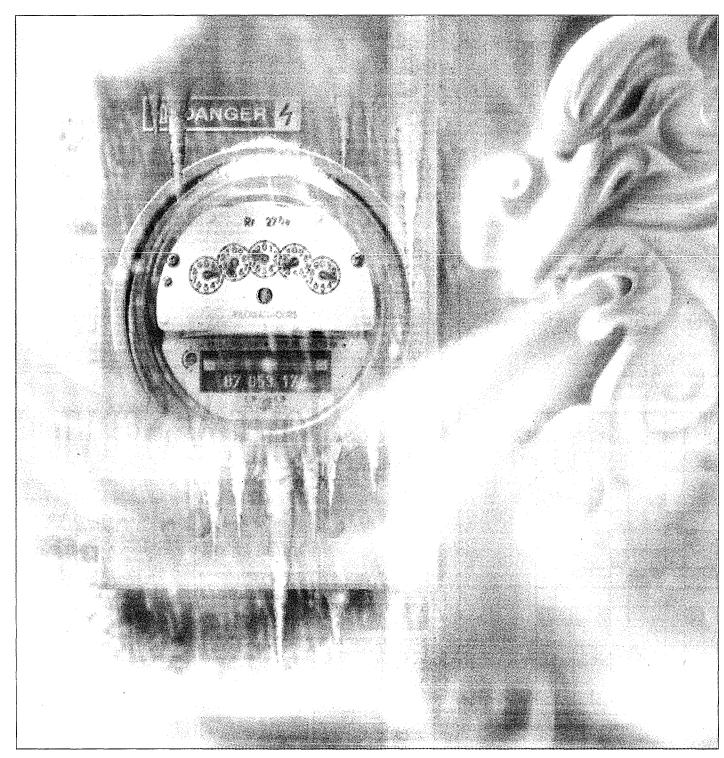
Don't wait until the snow flies to be sure your furnace is fine: "We just went absolutely nuts at the office" during a recent cold spell, he said.

You'll need that inspection done by a qualified technician for safety reasons. Look for a factory-authorized dealer and one certified by North American Technician Excellence.

There's not so much to do with plumbing this time of year. You should turn off the water in your basement or crawl space, and clear out all outside faucets so they don't freeze up. Most homes have a water shutoff in the basement or crawl space for the outside, he said.

"It's a real good idea to get your gutters cleaned out." You could end up with damaging ice dams in the winter if you don't have gutters cleaned.

Jachym also recommends caulking at windows and doors, anyplace where dissimilar items such as wood and brick meet. "It's a good time to touch up any painting that needs to be done," he said.



Winter's unforgiving of loose shingles, so it's good to check a roof for those.

"Anything I've mentioned a good do-it-yourselfer can handle" other than furnace inspection, he said. Those uncomfortable on a roof

should think about hiring a home pro to do work.

There are many library books and online sources of information on home maintenance and improvement, Jachym said. "There's always a wealth of information."

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He finds the degree to which people prepare for winter is based on their personality, and he's been known to put tasks off. "If we're good at planning ahead, we do it." Caulking and painting are better done while weather is

moderate, he added.

Jachym retired two years ago from the Livonia Public Schools where he taught residential construction.

'My students made the houses they sell" on Newburgh north of Joy, he said.

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area residential real estate closings		
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18151 Buckingham Ave	\$248,000	
30267 Fox Run Dr	\$230,000	
18451 Hillcrest St	\$196,000	
17125 Kirkshire Ave	\$270,000	
32749 Old Post Rd	\$255,000	
31261 Pickwick Ln	\$270,000	
21105 W 14 Mile Rd	\$250,000	
Birmingham		
348 George St	\$150,000	
1933 Haynes St	\$125,000	
1592 Henrietta St	\$150,000	
1205 Lakeside Dr	\$350,000	
636 Lakeview Ave	\$500,000	
2667 Pembroke Rd	\$190,000	
555 Townsend St	\$105,000	
2695 Yorkshire Rd	\$300,000	
Bloomfield Township		
6890 Meadowlake Rd	\$225,000	
4031 Meadowlane Dr	\$158,000	
2880 Middlebury Ln	\$220,000	
4Q83 Overlea Ct	\$300,000	
Clarkston		
6788 Berwick Dr	\$194,000	
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9682 Nestoria St	\$106,000
3571 Trentwood Dr	\$267,000
5020 White Tail Ct	\$186,000
2944 Windwood Ct	\$470,000
Davisburg	
6792 Country Lane Dr	\$140,000
Farmington	
33810 Hamlin Ct	\$145,000
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Garden City	
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Foreclosure tours

Tour foreclosed homes in the Farmington and surrounding areas on every Sunday at 1 p.m., offered by Home Smart Realty, 20853 Farmington Road. Call (248) 426-6754 for more information and registration.

Career Seminar

For those interested in a real estate career, Keller Williams Realty of Livonia will offer a free 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Keller Williams, 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat. Questions

regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered.

Joins office

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, a top real estate broker in Southeast Michigan, announced that Juanita Mallmann has joined the company, working out of the Rochester office.

"Juanita is just the sort of professional we want to have here, and I am delighted she has joined us," said Carole Eizelman, manager of the Rochester office. "She brings a wealth of real estate experience and business acumen that will benefit consumers and agents alike."

Mallmann, a multimillion dollar producer, has been a Realtor for more than 20 years and a Rochester resident for 30. She is a certified relocation specialist and accredited buyers

agent. Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel announced that Nancy Ritter has joined the company, working out of the Rochester office.

Ritter came from with Prudential **HWW Rochester and Prudential**

Cranbrook Realtors Troy.

'We are very pleased that Nancy has chosen to come to Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel," said Carole Eizelman, manager of the Rochester office. "For most of her 16 years in the business, she has been a consistent multimillion dollar producer.'

Ritter is also an accredited buyers representative and a certified relocation specialist.

Seminar on Tuesdays

A free Reverse Mortgage Seminar is 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Colonial Mortgage Corp., 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. No obligation. Learn about reverse mortgages. Please RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

Investors to meet

Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland will hold a monthly general membership meeting Thursday, Dec. 10, at MSU-Management Education Center, 811 Square Lake Road, Troy. It will include 5:30-7:15 p.m. networking; 6:15-7:15 p.m. Early Bird session; 7:15-7:30 p.m. general

meeting, 7:30-9 p.m. speakers' pre-

For details, visit www.reiaofoakland.com or call (800) 747-6742.

Loan modifications have become a necessary evil in today's economic climate. It is a permanent change in one or more of the terms of a mortgage. The panel of experts includes: Bruce Redman, lawyer with Redman Law Firm, specializing in real estate since 1994; Suzanne Taube, in the mortgage lending industry for the last 25 years, working for companies like Countrywide, GMAC and Kaplan; Ellen Mahoney, with Loss Mitigation Consulting Services LLC, who has more than 26 years of experience in real estate and finance providing assistance to individuals assessing options pertaining to residential real estate.

There will be a question and answer time.

BIA

 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present a Certified Graduate course on Building Codes, Standards and Guidelines on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100,

Farmington Hills. Don Pratt, CGR, CGB, of Wake-Pratt Construction, will present how to successfully navigate building codes, standards and guidelines. The course is based on the International Residential Code (IRC) and the National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) Residential Construction Performance Guidelines. Topics to be covered include the evolution of building codes, code administration and enforcement, construction planning and plan review, locating and interpreting required information, and how performance guidelines achieve quality construction. This course counts toward NAHB designations CGA and GMB.

Registration is \$155 for members of NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.



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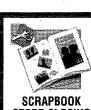
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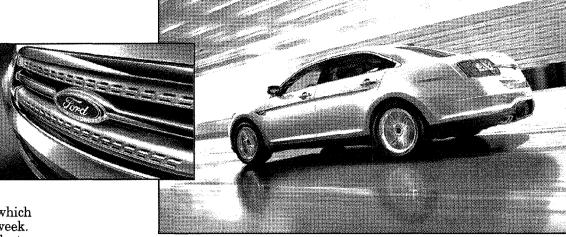
FORD GETS IT RIGHT WITH THE NEW, NEW TAURUS

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By Dale Buss

Though not radically styled like the original Taurus, the new version bears interesting design cues, such as the



The new, new Taurus already is a big hit for Ford.

Remember Ford Taurus, the jellybeanshaped, mid-sized sedan that revolutionized automotive styling when it was introduced in 1986 -- and then went on to lead U.S. auto sales for the next decade?

Well, along with a renascent Ford, the venerable Taurus brand finally is making a comeback -- a real comeback -- too.

That's why Conan O'Brien, who infamously owns a 1992 Taurus SHO, recently crawled into the trunk of the new Taurus SHO on The Tonight Show. In an eight-minute sketch that was essentially a glorified product placement, the host bantered with a Ford marketing manager about the old and new Taurus.

Ford got rid of the Taurus that O'Brien originally loved in 2006 because, after several makeovers, it was aging. Meanwhile, Toyota's Camry had taken away Taurus's annual U.S. sales crown. But several months later, in 2007, Ford revived the nameplate by slapping "Taurus" on a new vehicle Ford originally had called the Five Hundred, a patently uninspiring sedan.

So the Taurus brand went from moribund to afterthought. Neither did a bland SUV called Taurus X do much to reignite America's passion with the Taurus they once knew.

But Ford has been making a huge run of late, culminating in its surprise \$1billion profit for the third quarter, which the company reported earlier this week. Ford's vibrant new lineup over the last few years has contributed mightily to the company's revitalization. Reviving the Taurus brand should add even more

And when Ford reported October sales, the redesigned Taurus helped lead the way. It sold more than 6,000 units, the most for the nameplate since May 2008 – and, for the month, second in its segment only to Buick's redesigned LaCrosse in consideration by new-car shoppers on Edmunds.com. Ford dealers reported that Taurus sales nearly tripled year-earlier levels of the old Taurus.

"Taurus already is going pretty well in a very competitive segment," said Jessica Caldwell, head of U.S. industry analysis for Santa Monica, Calif.-based Edmunds.

Little wonder. The new Taurus is something Ford can be proud of rather than shun. The company finally got this vehicle right again, with high-tech features including all-wheel-drive, crosstraffic alert, collision warning, blind-spot monitoring and adaptive cruise control.

The high-performance Taurus SHO (Super High Output) model features the new EcoBoost 3.5-liter, V6 engine, which generates 365 horsepower.

And the styling of the new Taurus while certainly not head-snapping like its

curvaceous ancestor of 20 years ago - at least is fresh and contemporary, like the rest of Ford's new products.

Taurus wasn't the only bright spot in Ford's October sales picture, either: Its overall sales were up 3 percent compared with last year. Ford's retail market share, said chief of U.S. industry analysis George Pipas, improved compared with October 2008, a performance that marked a dozen times in 13 months the company's retail share increased.

Ford is gradually rebuilding inventories, said Pipas, to the point where they will be approximately 400,000 units by year-end, approximately 10 percent less than at the same time last year. Additionally, almost 90 percent of Ford's inventory is comprised of 2010 models - a pace that is well advanced of typical years, when prior-year inventory is not cleared to that level for many more months.

And Pipas said Ford's - and the broader industry's - intensive efforts to curb inventories now is paying off: Ford's incentives in October were 30 percent less than the same period last year.

"Clearly, the Ford plan is working," said Ken Czubay, vice president of U.S. marketing." r

In addition to Taurus' 141-percent sales gain over a year earlier, the Fusion midsize sedan also posted a healthy 24percent gain and even the Mustang, whose sales have dwindled in a tough economy, notched a 2.2-percent increase. The only Ford-brand car to see a sales drop in October was the Focus, with a

4.3-percent decline. Underscoring how difficult 2009 has been, however, only one Ford car, Fusion, has broken into positive numbers for the year. Taurus remains off by 27 percent, the Focus is down 22.7 percent and the Mustang is off by 32.4 percent.

After a heavily advertised "truck month" promotion, Ford's crossovers and SUVs appeared to be the actual beneficiaries; the F-Series pickup line remained down by 8.8 percent while the Edge crossover jumped 37.5 percent, the Escape compact crossover surged 26.1 percent and the long-sliding Explorer SUV chipped in a rare increase at 15.2percent better than last October.



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