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Perfect record

State Rep. Dian Slavens, (D-Canton), announced that she had a perfect voting record in 2009, weighing in on every one of the 688 votes taken by the Michigan House of Representatives during her first year in office.

"In these times of economic uncertainty, I want our residents here in Western Wayne County to know that I am working hard on their behalf each and every day as I continue fighting to create jobs and get Michigan back on track," said Slavens, who



Slavens

championed legislation that has helped position Michigan as a leader in advanced battery technology.

Slavens is one of only 35 House lawmakers who had a perfect voting record for all 688 votes taken by the House in 2009.

CFCU scholars

Community Financial will be awarding 11 scholarships in April, valued at \$1,000 apiece.

Applications can only be made on-line by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Read the guidelines for our "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships."

Students who qualify need only complete just one application; they will be considered for both scholarships.

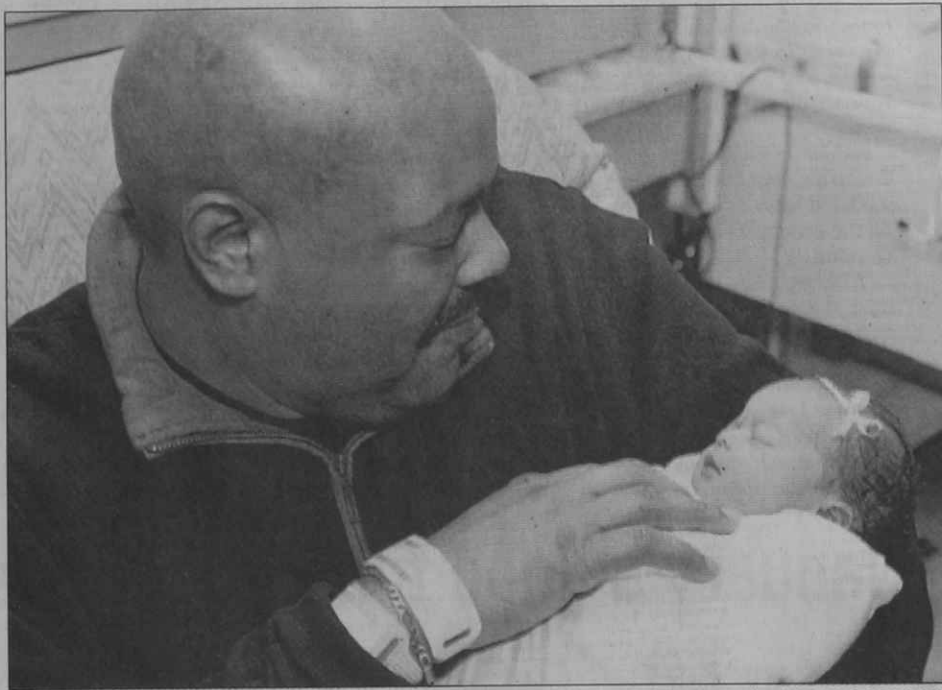
Deadline to submit four copies of the application is March 5.

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100 days

Canton's 100 Days to Health, a community-wide wellness education and awareness campaign designed to encourage healthy lifestyles, is set to kick off Saturday, Jan. 16. Get the support and education you need and find your fitness fit during this community program which commences between 9-11 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom and in various classrooms of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. To learn more about 100 Days to Health program, visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.



Darrick Rushing holds newborn daughter Zoie Symone at the Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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First in her class

First baby comes early for Canton couple

After trying more than a decade to have a baby, Lashawn and Darrick Rushing of Canton celebrated New Year's Day after their new daughter, Zoie Symone, became the first baby of 2010 born at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Zoie was born six weeks early, delivered by emergency C-section at 12:03 a.m. Jan. 1.

"When I found out we were pregnant, I couldn't believe it," Lashawn Rushing said. "We've been trying for 11 years. I said that this baby had to be a girl, that it was definitely going to be a girl, and when it was confirmed, you should have seen how happy Darrick was."

"Zoie was supposed to have been born on Feb. 12," she added, "but she made her own entrance today."

Zoie had difficulty breathing shortly after birth and was taken to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in Dearborn, where she was resting in stable condition.

Darrick Rushing, a Wayne County Sheriff's Department investigator, said in a statement issued by Oakwood Hospital that he was impressed with the care his wife and daughter received.

"The doctors and nurses have been nothing but helpful, kind and professional," he said. "Zoie was immediately cared for when she stopped breathing, and everything possible was done to make sure she stayed healthy."



Oakwood registered nurse Mary Ford presents gifts to Darrick and Lashawn Rushing of Canton, whose daughter Zoie Symone became the first baby born on New Year's Day at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.



Baby Zoie Symone Rushing was the first baby born at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital on New Year's Day. Her parents are Darrick and Lashawn Rushing.

Oakwood Healthcare System greeted Zoie and other first-born babies with gift baskets. Nurses surprised the new moms with the gift baskets on New Year's Day.

"As a system, Oakwood delivers over 6,000 babies a year," said Mary Zatina,

senior vice president of government relations, corporate planning and communications. "Presenting the first-born babies of 2010 with this special community basket allows venerable Oakwood to reach out to the newest members of the community and their families as a reminder that we will be here to serve the next generation and the next and the next with high-quality, compassionate care."

Oakwood's business partners, employees and volunteers donated to the gift baskets, including such items as a gift certificates for child car seats, blankets, toys, stuffed animals, towels and baby products.

In Canton, new Zoie will join 9-year-old twin brothers, whose adoption was finalized just two months ago, according to Oakwood Hospital.

Ciena picks Canton for nursing center

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A growing health-care company has chosen Canton for one of its newest facilities — a nearly \$6 million, 112-bed skilled nursing center set for construction later this year.

Southfield-based Ciena Healthcare Management Inc. plans to build the single-story, 62,530-square-foot Regency at Canton on Geddes west of Canton Center, near a wooded area southeast of the Holiday Estates mobile home park and across the road from Kimberly Meadows subdivision.

"This is a knockout facility. It's the next generation of skilled nursing facilities," said Roy Baker, vice president of design for NSA Architects, Engineers & Planners of Farmington Hills.

Construction is expected to begin by the middle to late part of the year, and Baker said the facility should open about a year later. It will employ an estimated 100 full- and part-time workers, including health care professionals, kitchen staff and others.

"In this economy, when everybody is pulling back and everything is bad news, Ciena is expanding and growing and hiring people," said Blair Reese, project manager for NSA. "It's very positive."

The project already has received approval of a preliminary planned development agreement from the Canton Township Board of Trustees, though several other permits still must be obtained from the township, county and state.

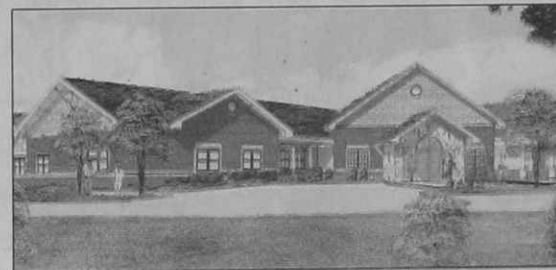
No snags are expected, and state officials already have indicated the facility will help address an insufficient number of skilled nursing facilities in the area.

Although Regency at Canton is considered a top-tier facility, it isn't just for the wealthy. Rather, it will welcome people on Medicare and Medicaid, as well as those who have their own insurance plans.

Amenities will include:

- Thirty private rooms for short-term patients such as those recovering from hip-replacement surgery or who have been involved in car accidents.
- Thirty-eight semiprivate, double-occupancy rooms to accommodate 76 people who need long-term care.
- An area for occupational and physical therapy where patients, mostly short-term, can practice working in a kitchen, using bathroom facilities and operating a makeshift half of an automobile.
- Six private rooms for bariatric patients who have received procedures to fight obesity.
- Common areas, such as two large courtyards where families can visit, a library/meditation room and dining area.

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Canton police release sketch of suspect

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton police, still investigating a strong-arm robbery that occurred Dec. 28 outside the Borders store on Ford Road at Morton Taylor, have released a composite sketch of a suspect.

The incident happened around 7:30 p.m. when a woman walking from her car toward the store was shoved, knocked to the ground and told to look at the building by a man who seized her purse, according to police reports.

The suspect then fled the parking lot in a light-colored SUV. The woman's purse contained her identification, money, credit cards and other items, although police said the credit cards apparently hadn't been used.

The victim told police the suspect was a clean-shaven black male, approximately 6-foot-1, 230-240 pounds and 25-40 years old.

The composite sketch was drawn by a trooper with the Michigan State Police.

Canton State have said the robbery could possibly be related to a similar incident that occurred in Taylor on Dec. 23.

Anyone who has information about the suspect or the incident is asked to call Canton police at (734) 394-5400. Anonymous tips for a possible cash reward up to \$1,000 also may be made to Crime Stoppers by calling (800) SPEAK-UP.



Canton police have released this composite sketch of a man authorities are seeking after a woman was robbed of her purse outside the Borders store on Ford Road at Morton Taylor.

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Hockey coach made everyone feel important

The Canton and Plymouth hockey communities are in mourning with news of the New Year's Day death of Tim L. Davison of Canton Township, who died in a swimming accident in Hawaii.

A lifelong ice hockey player, referee and "most wonderful coach" for 10 years in Plymouth and Canton, Davison was the kind of person who made sure that everyone he came in contact with knew why they were important.

"When they made Tim, they broke the mold and no one will ever replace him. He was like a ray of sunshine that brightened up your day," said his administrative assistant, Charlene Tinsley.

Whether as a youth hockey coach, businessman, colleague or friend, Davison, 49, was a master at bringing out the best in people.

Davison, a regional vice president at DHL International, died while snorkeling on Jan. 1 during a holi-



Mr. Davison

day vacation with his family in Oahu, Hawaii. "Tim was the kind of guy who loved to win but he insisted that everyone have a good time in the pursuit of excellence," said hockey father and Plymouth Township resident Steve Barnaby, whose son, Ian, played for Davison in the Plymouth Hockey Association.

"I will always remember him for his infectious sense of humor and his dedication to the players. You couldn't help but have a good time when you were on Tim's team," said Barnaby about players and parents alike.

Davison was best known in the community for his commitment to youth hockey. During his coaching tenure, he led several teams to championship status in tournaments and league playoffs.

"I learned so much from Tim," remembers Dr. John Kahler, an emergency department physician at University of Michigan Hospital. Kahler was so inspired by Davison's coaching skills, that he also became a youth hockey coach.

"Tim inspired kids to want to be better. I honestly cannot recall anyone in the hockey community who didn't respect Tim and admire his contribution to youth hockey. This is a rarity in today's youth sports," said Kahler, whose son, Roman, played on Davison's team.

Kahler, of Plymouth Township, went on to say he modeled his coaching career on the principles learned from Davison.

"Although Tim will be missed greatly, his enthusiasm and integrity will carry on in those that he influenced," concluded Kahler in a note that he wrote to Davison's wife, Lori, this week.

Canton resident Adam Powers, who played on

Davison's teams as a goalie for a number of years and later would go on to play at Salem High School and in Junior A hockey, is representative of how players felt about Davison's leadership.

"Coach Tim was always very encouraging to me to work my hardest, to believe in myself and always keep my head up no matter what happens," said Powers, now a student at Central Michigan University.

Powers' father, Jeff, a team manager for Davison's teams, told how the players showed their appreciation for coaching several Plymouth Shark teams to victory.

"The team presented Coach Tim with a framed picture of each of the championship teams signed my many of the young players. Tim was visibly moved by the memories and the thoughts of his young players," said the senior Powers.

"He had a knack for making everyone feel part of the team, brothers and sisters, moms and dads, even grandparents,"

Powers added.

One of the traditions fostered by Davison was the annual dad and son camping trips. Davison knew how much the fathers enjoyed the tradition and he participated fully every year. Even when the Michigan weather refused to cooperate, Davison's high spirits saved the outing.

"I remember one trip to Fletchers Pond," said Powers. "We arrived and it was raining sideways," said Powers. So "Coach Tim", as he was known by all, had a better idea."

The group invaded a local restaurant rather than brave the weather to set up camp.

"Much to the surprise of the restaurateurs, we stayed for a few hours. The rain finally stopped long enough to set up camp so we could all enjoy an evening campfire" remembers Powers.

Davison was born in Canada on Feb. 1, 1960 and grew up in Ohio. He was a graduate of Glenwood High School and Kent State

University. He had served five years with the Plain Township Fire Department Station 3.

Davison is survived by wife, Lori, who works in education administration in the Crestwood School District; sons, Patrick, 23, a senior at Central Michigan University, and Bryan, 19, a freshman at the University of Michigan-Dearborn; daughter, Erin, 22, a senior at Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

Also surviving are parents Harold and Rhona Davison of Canton, Ohio; brothers, Gary (Susan) Davison, Massillon, Ohio; Steve (Caroline) Davison, Dallas, Texas; sisters, Lynne (Ron) Brahl and Laura (Gary) Brison of North Canton, Ohio; in-laws, Ed and Judith Wallace of North Canton, Ohio and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is 1-9 p.m. Friday at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road, Canton Township. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the L.J. Griffin Chapel.

January a good time to get finances in shape

The new year is here and that traditionally means that we sit down and think about resolutions. This year, I decided no resolutions. Not that I don't want to improve myself but this year's resolution would have been the same as last year and, in fact, the same as they are almost every year.

The reality is that most of us who make a New Year's resolution break it by the first week of January. Why? I don't know but that's the way life is. However, another explanation is that when we make New Year's resolutions, they require us to major changes in lifestyle and that's hard to do. The key to success may be we need to take baby steps and over time we may get to where we want to be.

I bring this up because I believe everyone's New Year's resolution should be to keep his/her financial house in order. In reality, most Americans do not get passing grades when it comes to personal financial



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

planning. We could all do better. This year, resolve to take small steps to control personal finances.

There are a few main areas of personal financial planning.

These are estate planning, taxes, risk management, debt management and investing. These areas are all important, however, depending upon your circumstances they can take a greater importance. Look at the list and prioritize for your individual situation.

When prioritizing it is important to have an understanding of each area. Estate planning is the orderly management of your affairs and disposition of your estate upon death or if you no longer are able to handle them. Estate planning also

deals with the issues surrounding medical care.

Taxation is the category to make sure that tax laws — Roth IRA conversions and 529 plans — are used to your benefit.

Risk management is identifying then handling risk. Some like to call this category insurance. However, insurance is a product to help cover your risks. Not everyone needs to insure every risk. Make sure that the appropriate risks are identified and if insurance is needed use the most effective and efficient type of policies.

Debt management has taken greater importance in these difficult times. Make sure to understand the terms of debt and whether it is tax deductible. In addition, for those who have a debt problem, knowing what can be restructured is essential.

Maintain some sort of investment program and make sure your portfolio reflects your goals and objectives. Those who have been good investors know

you just can't put investments on automatic pilot. Investments need to be monitored and adjustments made where necessary.

Taking small steps to improve personal financial affairs can pay immediate dividends.

We are in different times and we must be prepared. The only way to do is to make sure personal financial affairs are in order.

Instead of tackling every area of personal financial planning at once, start slow and build momentum. You will be surprised how taking little steps can take you a long way.

Good luck. Have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

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

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Auditions open

Auditions for the Comic Opera Guild's production of Jerome Kern's "Sally," scheduled for April 8-11 at the Village Theater in Canton, will be conducted at the Vitosha Haus in Ann Arbor. Auditions are 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. The Vitosha Haus is located at 1917 Washtenaw in Ann Arbor. To sign up, e-mail constu@comcast.net. Slots are in half-hour segments (first come, first served). Those auditioning can sing any musical, operetta or opera number that shows their voice to best advantage. Auditioners should bring sheet music for the accompanist.

There are a number of acting roles without vocal solos. Everyone will also be asked to read dialog. Anyone who wants to perform as a lead or as chorus should audition. You will learn and perform something historically important, but also fun and musically rewarding. Anyone who previously auditioned for Charlatan/Katinka and were cast, or were accepted for Sally's chorus can sign up without an audition. If you were accepted for chorus, but would like to try for a principal part, you will have to audition.

For more information, call Tom Petiet, (734) 973-3264 (days), (734) 973-6499 (evenings) or e-mail constu@comcast.net

Business women meet

Canton Business & Professional Women welcome guest speaker Melissa McLaughlin, the Canton Township Treasurer, to their monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 11, at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton. The meeting runs 6-8:30 p.m., and dinner is served. Palermo's is located at 44938 Ford Road, in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road.

The goal of the Canton Business & Professional Women is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women. Anyone looking for Leadership Development, informative programs, business contacts, networking opportunities, mentor relationships, friendships, community awareness, professional growth and political advocacy is welcome to join.

For more information con-



Happy exhibit

Gracie Peper, 6, Mary Kate Peper, 3, and William Peper, 7, all of Plymouth, made their way over to the Canton Public Library to view the exhibit marking the 30th anniversary of McDonald's popular Happy Meal. The exhibit contained many of the different specialty toys and artifacts that have been included in the Happy Meal since its introduction in 1979. Ronald McDonald, the company's Chief Happiness Officer, even made an appearance during the exhibit.

tact June Nicholas via e-mail at junenicholas@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 610-2561. RSVPs are requested for the meeting.

Murder mystery dinner

The Roaring Twenties come to life at a "Funeral for a Gangster," a hilarious murder mystery dinner theater presented Jan. 16, Feb. 13 and March 13 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The intimate setting of The Biltmore Studio has been transformed into Ruby's Coffee House where the hijinks unfold and where delicious food will be served. "The show is set in the Roaring Twenties, and takes place at Ruby's Coffee House, a speakeasy run by Ruby Marzetti, one of three children of the slain gangster Vito the Gut Marzetti," said director Mike Cuba. "Ruby, her brothers Frankie Marbles and Joey the Lump, along with their new stepmother Lena, are trying to figure out who fingered Vito, and where he hid the key to his wealth."

Audience members will serve as mourners at the wake of mob boss Vito "The Gut" Marzetti, who was served a bullet buffet while dining in a Chinese restaurant.

Evidence unfurls as the wake commences, and it's up to the audience to solve the mystery.

The show includes dinner, music, puzzles and prizes for best costumes (optional, but fun!) and the best solution to the mystery. Local actors complete the 1920's ambience of Ruby's Coffee House: Rebecca Biber is the piano player Bella Ciao; Lisa Brawley is the Club Hostess; Kimberly Elliot is Lena Marzetti, the grieving, scheming widow; Rick Holland is Joey "the Lump" Marzetti, the rum-runner and enforcer of the family; Mike Martin is Frankie "Marbles" Marzetti, con artist and master of many parts; Maureen Paraventi is Ruby "Finger" Marzetti, former pickpocket and current owner of Ruby's Place, the speakeasy where the wake is being held; and David Zolotarchuk is Special Agent Farmer, of the FBI.

Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30, and the show starts at 7 p.m.

All performances are at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in the Biltmore Studio, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton. The Village Theater has free parking, is handicap accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets, which are available by phone at the Village

Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, are \$45 each. Call Mike Cuba at (734) 812-0102 for more details.

Radio club show

The Michigan Antique Radio Club (MARC) will sponsor a show and sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 in the Costick Activity Center, 28600 West Eleven Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster roads), Farmington Hills.

This is the "Road Show" for collectible radios where MARC members offer free appraisals as well as sources for the repair and restoration of vintage radios. Attendees will have the opportunity to view and purchase antique radio sets and radio related items of all types (including parts).

Admission is \$5 for adults (those 14 and older). Children under 14 are admitted free.

The show is hosted by MARC member Robert Murrell of Berkley.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning Feb. 8.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church, located on 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit New Hope's Web site www.newhopecenter.net.

Suicide loss support group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering an ongoing support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This monthly group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month beginning Jan. 21, at the First United Methodist Church in Northville located at 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for this monthly drop-in support group.

For further information about this group or about the many other free, age and loss specific groups offered for children, teens, and adults, please call New Hope Center for Grief Support at 248-348-0115 and visit us at www.newhopecenter.net

Pinocchio on stage

Enjoy a musical adaptation of "Pinocchio" at the Historic Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Jan. 24.

"Pinocchio" is the story of how a wooden puppet, lovingly hand-carved by Gepetto the toymaker, becomes a real boy.

Performances are Saturdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 16 and Jan. 23 and Sundays Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24. All performances are at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets for all performances are \$8.50 each (no children under the age of 3). Group rates and reserved seating for 20 or more. Birthday parties and Scout days available.

For more information, call the Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110 or visit www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

Adolescent depression

The Plymouth District Library welcomes Melvin G. McInnis, M.D., of the U-M Depression Center as he presents vital information about the causes and symptoms of adolescent depression and bipolar disorder in a program set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Program highlights will include how to recognize the difference between typical adolescent behavior and a depressive illness, along with a question and answer period.

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ing areas. More private dining space will be available for people celebrating milestones, such as an 80th birthday, and for stroke victims and others who may want privacy while learning again to feed themselves.

Ciena has about 35 facilities in Michigan. Because of its largely natural setting, the Regency of Canton development will use less than six acres of a nearly 15-acre site; the rest will remain protected as a wetlands and floodplain area.

"It's an incredible site," Baker said.

Township officials have said berms, evergreen and other plantings will be used to screen the facility from its neighbors. Township officials have embraced Ciena's plans, citing a need for skilled nursing centers.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity for the community," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin has said.

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Police have surveillance video of a white male, approximately 30 years old, 5 feet 11 inches, 190 pounds, with red/auburn hair, suspected in the theft of diamond earrings from a Canton retailer.



Police have surveillance video of a woman, approximately 30 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, well-groomed, with long brown hair, suspected in the theft of diamond earrings from a Canton retailer.

Police seek public's help nabbing diamond thieves

The Canton Police Department has obtained surveillance video photos of two suspects believed to have stolen a pair of 1-carat diamond earrings from a local retailer in Canton.

The incident occurred at JC Penney on Ford Road, in Canton, on Dec. 26 at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The suspects are described as a white male, approximately 30 years old, 5'11", 190 pounds, with red/auburn hair; and a white female, approximately 30 years old, 5'7", well-

groomed, with long brown hair. The suspects were seen walking in together, receiving service from a sales clerk at the jewelry counter, and then leaving the store together.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspects is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Crime Stoppers will also take anonymous tips at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or online to www.1800speakup.org. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads an arrest.

No injuries in New Year's Day blaze

1 Canton firefighters and police responded to a fire shortly before 2 a.m. Jan. 1 on Glengarry, southeast of Cherry Hill and Beck.

No one was injured. According to reports, flames were coming out of a storage shed that was built on the deck of the home. A homeowner told authorities the shed was built near a vent from a fireplace in the home, and he believes that is how the fire started.

Firefighters quickly doused the blaze.

Copper caper

2 A man who works for a company that maintains vacant houses told police that someone broke into an empty home on Roseland, northeast of Lilley and Cherry Hill, and stole copper piping during the days prior to Dec. 28.

The man told police he inspects homes on a bi-weekly basis, and he discovered the garage door of the Roseland house had been pried open between 1 p.m. Dec. 15 and 1 p.m. Dec. 28.

A police report indicated at least 10 copper pipes had been taken from the home. As a result, water was spraying through the kitchen and causing water damage, police said.

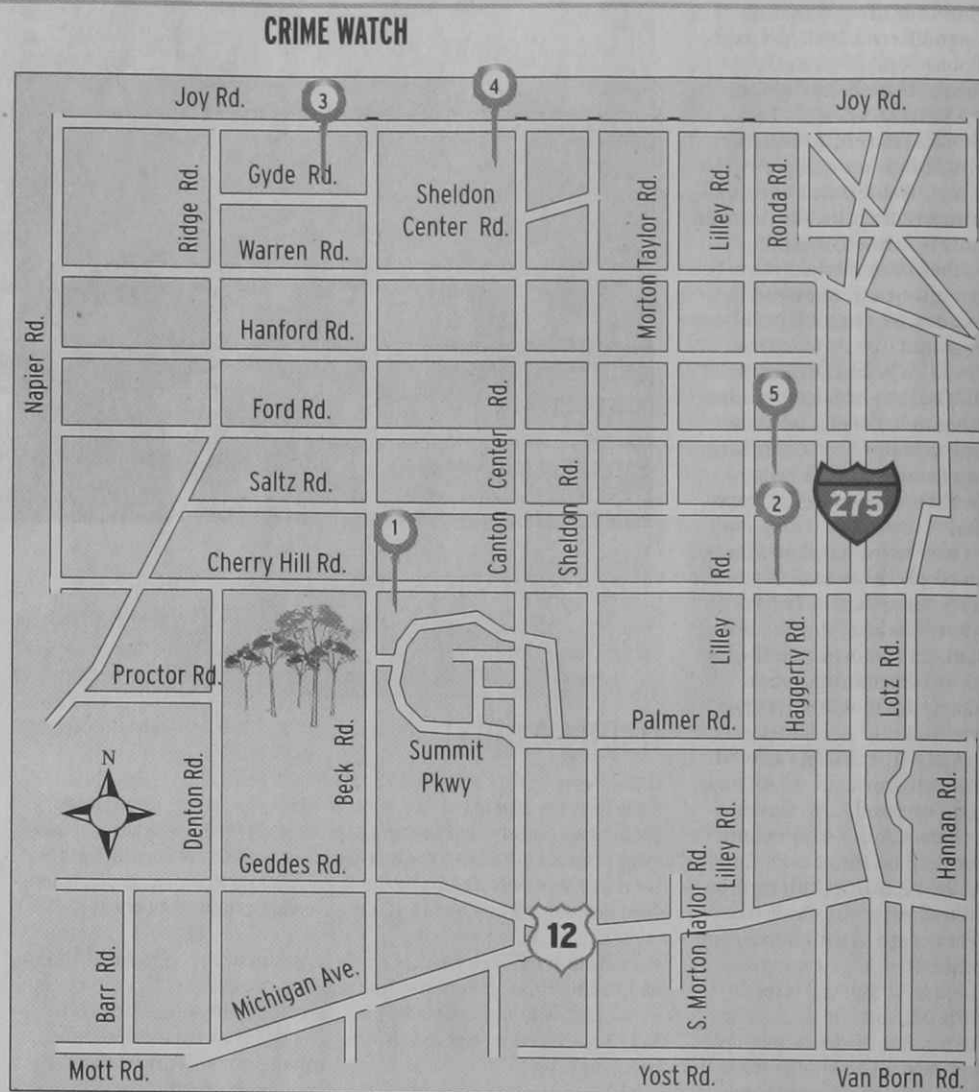
The house also had new appliances, but none of them had been stolen.

Mailboxes mashed

3 A resident near Gyde and Brampton, a neighborhood southwest of Joy and Beck, told police that as many as 10 mailboxes had been damaged during a rash of property-destruction incidents between Dec. 18 and Dec. 29.

School break-in

4 A security officer at Canton High School contacted



police after learning that someone had broken into the school's automotive section between 3:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. Jan. 1.

The worker began his shift after parking inside one of the automotive center garage bays, made his rounds and returned to the same area around 9 p.m. He noticed a light on in a second-floor office that above the garage bays, and he also saw that a lobby door was open.

The worker then noticed that a copier machine had been moved to just outside the office, and it apparently had

been used by an intruder who removed ceiling tiles and went through the ceiling to gain access to the office.

Nothing was immediately found to be missing.

Fusion stolen

5 A man told police his 2009 Ford Fusion was stolen, apparently by a crack cocaine-addicted friend who had been staying with him, according to police reports.

The man went to the police department to report he had let the female friend stay at his residence on Addison, south-

east of Ford and Lilley, on Jan. 1 and 2. He said the friend needed a place to stay before entering rehab.

About 9:30 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 2, the man got up to go to work and couldn't find his friend. His keys also were missing, and then he noticed his vehicle had been taken.

The man told police his friend didn't have permission to use the car.

- Compiled by staff writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

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- **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.
- **LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**, Thursday, Jan. 7, 1-3 p.m. - This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics - caregivers or friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required - for more information contact Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, ext. 232.
- **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Jan. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Round table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. Registration is not required.
- **RHAPSODY MUSIC SERIES: Brahms's Music & Notes**, Sunday, Jan. 10, 3 p.m. - A musical ensemble from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra performs classical music selections highlighting a lecture by Nan Washburn, Music Director and Conductor on the life and music of Johannes Brahms. Register for this free program - (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or at plymouthlibrary.org
- **VIETNAM TODAY: FROM WAR TO ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND GLOBALIZATION**, Monday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m. - The Library's Vietnam Perspective Series continues as UM Professor David R. Smith returns to examine how traditional



High-energy show

Brace yourself for a heart-pounding experience as John Latini And The Flying Latini Brothers appear in concert at The Village Theater At Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. The concert features regional favorite John Latini, whose clever songwriting, musical versatility and charming personality have won him numerous music awards and nominations. With The Flying Latini Brothers, he performs a powerful and captivating show that demonstrates a wide variety of music including blues, rock, folk and jazz standards. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Vietnamese society is being reshaped by the nation's growing integration into the global economy. Registration is required - (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or at plymouthlibrary.org

- **UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION**, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. - Melvin G. McInnis, M.D., of the UM Depression Center will present vital information about the causes and symptoms of adolescent depression and bipolar disorder and how to recognize the difference between typical adolescent behavior and a depressive illness. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or go to plymouthlibrary.org
- **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry. Copies of this book are

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- **MIDWEEK MOVIES** - Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m. - Enjoy a recent release, popcorn and pop. No registration required.
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- **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!
- **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Jan. 27, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Tim Sherman at the Library, (734) 453-0750 - ext. 206, or email tsherman@plymouthlibrary.org

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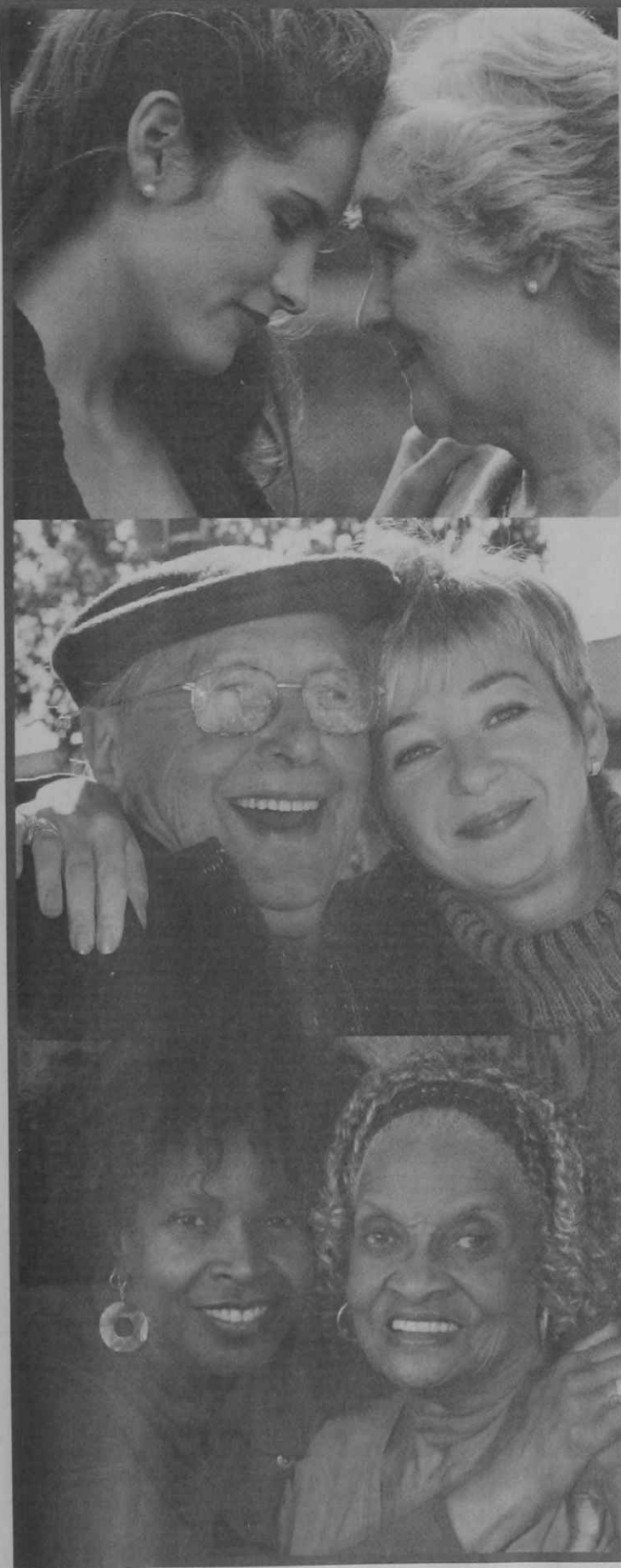
- **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Jan. 25, 10 and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required for Baby Play.
- **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute program is designed for the very young - babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required - call the Youth Desk at 734-453-0750, ext. 5.
- **PRESCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**, Session one: Tuesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.; Session two: Wednesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 17, 7 p.m. - This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2 - 5. Registration can be made by phone starting on January 5, 734-453-0750, ext. 5.
- **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES**, Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. - Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages

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- **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES**, Tuesdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 16 - The 10:00a.m. session is for children ages 2 - 3 ½ years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings.
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- **VOLUNTEER TRAINING**, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m. - Orientation session for all teens wishing to volunteer at the Library. Various tasks include shelving or moving books, computer tutoring, assisting with children's programs. All teen volunteers must complete this 40-minute training session.
- **VIDEO GAMING**, Thursday, Jan. 21, 3-4:30 p.m. - Snacks and friendly competition on the Library's gaming consoles: Xbox 360, Wii and PS2. No registration required.
- **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, Jan. 30, 3 p.m. - Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth District Library what you want it to be. Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and suggest new programs and materials, write book reviews for the web site and just have fun. Free refreshments.
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News was abundant in 2009



Steven Monaghan leads the Plymouth Memorial Day observance, watched by young men also wearing uniforms.

There was good news - and some bad news, particularly regarding the economy - in Plymouth and Canton in 2009.

Among the highlights:

CANTON

In the good news category, Canton remained one of the safest communities of comparable size in the nation and Michigan according to statistics compiled from several sources, including the FBI. Supervisor Phil LaJoy has made keeping the township safe one of the priorities of 2010.

St. Joseph Mercy Health System of Canton unveiled in December its new Center for Advanced Medicine and Surgery, a project reflecting a \$43 million investment, much of it in state-of-the-art technology including south-east Michigan's first radiation therapy using Rapid Arc technology, which offers improved precision and speed.

Perhaps the biggest news story in Canton came in July, when a young driver tried - and failed - to beat a CSX train barreling down the tracks around 70 mph. The resulting crash claimed the lives of the driver and his four young passengers. Video footage showed the driver of the Ford Fusion tried to get around another car and the through the crossing gate but was struck by the 530-ton Amtrak train at the crossing at Hannan. The victims ranged in age from 14-21.

More bad news came a couple of months later, when a distraught Detroit police officer met his wife in the parking lot of the Canton Public Library and shot her to death, then took his own life.

PLYMOUTH

The year in Plymouth started with yet another successful ice festival in January, which turned out to be the last one for long-time organizer Watts Up, Inc. The ice festival board later in the year decided the festival need "some fresh ideas," and turned to Wixom-based Signature Professional Group, run by Plymouth resident Sam Walton, who is organizing the 2010 festival.

The Green Street Fair made its second successful run, and the year also featured perennial favorites Fall Festival and Art in the Park.

Plymouth and Plymouth Township government officials battled declining revenues and other budget problems, while the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools dealt with potential \$5.5 million worth of cuts in its state funding.

Plymouth Township Police were involved in a robbery attempt at the Wireless USA store, during which the suspect was shot and killed and Officer Mike Lego sustained gunshot wounds, as well.

The City of Plymouth bade farewell to police chief Wayne Carroll, who retired and was replaced by Chief of Detectives Al Cox. In election news, long-time city commissioner Stella Greene lost her bid for re-election, ending her long tenure on the commission.

And, late in the year, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow granted a new trial to former Plymouth Township resident Jean Pierre Orlewicz, convicted in 2008 of killing Daniel Sorensen in the Canton garage belonging to Orlewicz's grandfather. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is appealing that decision.



Paramedics and rescue workers clear the scene of the July car/train collision in Canton. Five people, ranging in age from 14-21, died in the wreck.



Plymouth's ejection night brought an end to Stella Greene's long years of service on the City Commission. Dave Workman offers a hug.



The state's disastrous financial condition means hard times for the Plymouth Canton schools. Governor Jennifer Granholm met with local school leaders at the board office. Wayne RESA superintendent Chris Wigent, and State Rep Marc Corriveau listen to the governor.



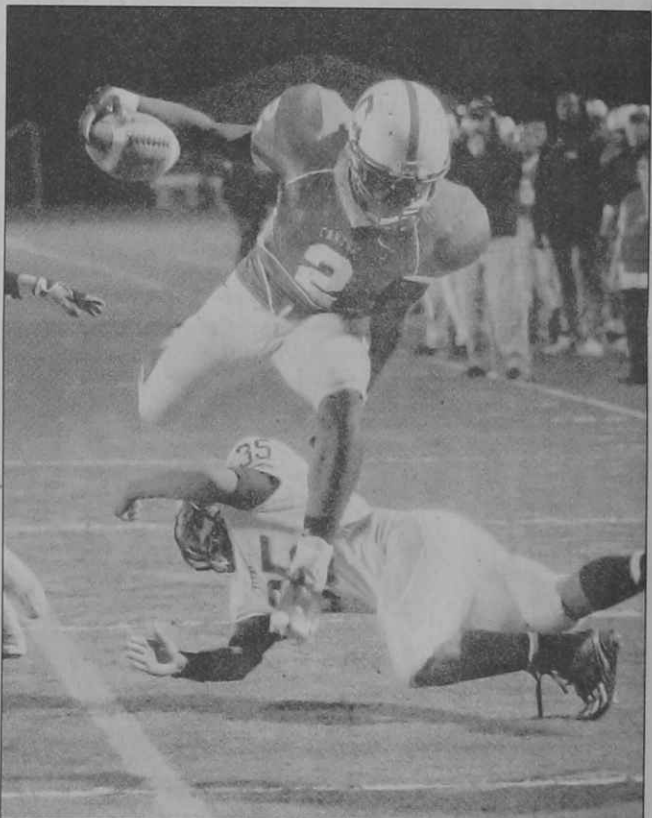
Jaila Amari Barksdale and her mom Briana Dunn shared a happy moment during Barack Obama's inaugural speech. Canton's Imagine Theaters invited the public to watch the President's inauguration on their big screens.



The Penn Theater's marquee and rooftop sign was rebuilt. Hundreds of local folks showed up to celebrate the grand occasion.



Andrea Teresa Lee adjusts her mortarboard before the processional begins. It was a bittersweet time for the Agape Christian Academy grads, because the school closed its doors at the end of the school year.



The Canton Chiefs had another good year. Davion Stackhouse scores, leaping over Plymouth Wildcat Dante Fox during their Oct. 30 game. Canton prevailed 38-25. The Chiefs made it to the regionals, falling to Novi Detroit Catholic Central.



Eleven-year-old Andre Young is proud of the trout he caught at the Canton fishing derby.



The new Harry Potter film wasn't scheduled to start until dark, so wizards Dakota and David Hallinen had time to battle it out at the drive-in located at Computware Arena.

Legislative leaders embrace collaboration

BY PAT MURPHY

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shortly after each was elected to his respective leadership position in 2006, House Speaker Andy Dillon and Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop met quietly in an out-of-the-way setting for what was the first in a series of meetings.

They were by no means private sessions. Other people knowledgeable about the legislative process occasionally attended.

But the Democrat from Redford Township and the Republican from Rochester wanted to establish rapport and discuss their new responsibilities in settings free of distractions and interruptions. Those informal meetings continued over the next three years in Lansing, metro Detroit or elsewhere in the state, helping the leaders develop a working relationship.

In many ways, that relationship was not unlike those forged by their predecessors. The leaders in the House and the Senate, regardless of party affiliation, are expected to get along.

What makes the relationship between Dillon and Bishop worth noting are the times, arguably the worst in recent state history. Unemployment in Michigan is at near record levels, falling revenues have prompted layoffs and furloughs and K-12 education appears to need significant reform — as indicated by the legislature's recent debate on getting Michigan in position to qualify for \$400 million in federal Race to the Top funding.

With the state facing these challenges, the leaders of both houses must get along. Theirs is a relationship of necessity, particularly going into politically charged 2010, when every member of the legislature, the governor and other state officials are up for election.

Both leaders are term-limited. But each is pondering political life after the legislature. Bishop has announced his bid for attorney general,



House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, left, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester — both lawyers in their 40s — have different political philosophies. But they've managed to work together for almost four years. It's mutually beneficial for them — and the state — that the relationship continue into the 2010 election cycle.

and Dillon announced earlier this week he'll form an exploratory committee to explore a run for governor.

Thus, much depends on the relationship between Bishop and Dillon, even if some outside observers think the Lansing leadership — including Gov. Jennifer Granholm — hasn't done a good job.

State leadership has been less than exemplary, according to Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan, a private, nonprofit organization composed of senior executives from most of Michigan's largest companies and universities and dedicated to making Michigan a "Top Ten" state for job and economic growth.

"All three (Granholm, Bishop and Dillon) are bright people who care about Michigan," Rothwell said. They are competent and capable individuals, he said, but they don't seem to have enough trust and confidence in each other to make the compromises needed to address the state's problems.

Painful decisions are needed, said the former executive director of Worldwide Real

Estate for General Motors. But the governor and the two legislative leaders don't seem willing to make politically unpopular compromises — particularly in light of the upcoming election cycle.

That assessment is likely an oversimplification, said Bishop. "People think this job is easy," he said as the legislature was about to wrap up its final session of 2009. "And if I were CEO it might (be). But government (by design) doesn't work like a business. There has to be consensus."

He and the Democratic House Speaker have developed a good working relationship, Bishop insisted. Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics, agrees. Bishop and Dillon were both new to their leadership roles in 2006, Ballenger said. Each was new to the job, and each had different philosophies on government, he said.

"They'd never be in lock step," Ballenger said. But they needed to understand each other, he said, "and today they seem to get along as well as any two leaders I've seen."

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said

sharing (or money the state shares with local government). He thinks government must find a way to provide a core level of funding, the House Speaker said, hopefully without raising taxes — as the legislature did in 2007, when lawmakers increased the flat rate from 3.9 to 4.35 percent.

Bishop says government should be small and unintrusive to families and businesses. He opposed the recent smoking ban signed last week by the governor, for example, because he felt it infringed on individuals and businesses.

As for taxes, Bishop takes some degree of pride in saying no. "If the state can live without something," he said, "it should."

Naturally, perhaps, Bishop and Dillon consider the other to be the bottleneck.

"Bishop is very entrenched," said the speaker. "He never wants to raise revenues."

The current governor said the two leaders need to put any differences aside for the good of the state.

"We certainly hope they get along and work well together because there is a lot of work to do on behalf of citizens," said Granholm press secretary Liz Boyd.

The Senate Majority Leader considers Dillon to be a pragmatist, a quality he says is vital in government. "But as long as he supports Granholm's plans — solving problems with increased taxes or more regulation — we'll have a problem."

Some Lansing insiders say the relationship between Bishop and Dillon was strained — if not fractured — during contentious budget negotiations.

"I think the two have had some tense, terse conversations" since early December, e-mailed one insider.

Dillon declined to say the relationship was strained. But what happened with the budget "was not in the spirit of what I thought our agree-

ment was," he said.

Bishop admitted their relationship might have cooled. The state has been dealt a bad hand, he said. "We put our hearts and souls into what we believe," he said, "and we fight until we don't have anything left."

But if their relationship is strained, Bishop insisted, "it will work itself out." Besides being mutually beneficial, they need each other.

That need is dramatically underscored when it comes to the health care reform plan for state employees announced by Dillon in July — a proposal that alienated unions like the Michigan Education Association and convinced many that Dillon does indeed intend to run for governor.

By Dillon's account — his proposal would save an estimate \$900 million in state health care funding by bringing all government employees under one plan, something Republicans lauded as "thinking outside the box."

Critics have said the \$900 million in estimated savings is inflated — a charge Dillon dismisses.

A committee chaired by House Speaker Pro Tem Pam Byrnes (D-Chelsea) has held nearly a dozen hearings on Dillon's proposal and is expected to issue a report.

Ironically perhaps, Bishop will need Dillon's help for his pet legislative project: a part-time state legislature. It would trim the bureaucracy, said Bishop, and save money. "If a legislator didn't work, he (or she) wouldn't get paid," he said without much optimism about its passage.

A part-time legislature isn't Dillon's first preference. But if state government can't address Michigan's problems in a more effective manner, he said, "I may be willing to consider it. Our present structure may be dysfunctional," he said.

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BY SHARON DARGAY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Riverside Park Church of God is reaching out to seniors who need a little extra TLC. At the same time, it's assisting families who need respite from caring for an elderly loved one. "We specialize in dementia," said Justin Zarb, director of the Livonia church's adult day care ministry. "Taking care of someone in advanced stages of Alzheimer's gets to be challenging. Caregivers need a break."

Zarb said not all seniors who attend adult day care have dementia or Alzheimer's but the ministry is designed to meet those specialized needs. Open from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., weekdays, the Riverside program costs \$5 an hour for a "jam-packed" day that includes discussion and reminiscing,

chair exercises, sports games — a recent session had seniors playing tabletop bowling — lunch, snacks, bingo and other activities. The focus is on "empowerment," allowing attendees to engage in supervised activities and tasks that will help them achieve success. "What we find is they come out of their shells," Zarb noted. He said sometimes caregivers may strengthen a loved one's feeling of helplessness by constantly diverting their attention and discouraging their participation in simple tasks. A son or daughter, for example, might prohibit their elderly mother from helping to wash dishes at home, even though she has lifelong experience in the kitchen. "If you're always stepping in, it becomes an indignity. It makes them feel helpless. The key is to give them successful

things to do," Zarb said. "If we're playing bingo we might have one member call (numbers)." Or one senior might help another in keeping track of the game. A mix of paid staff members and church volunteers lead the program activities and assist participants. **FLEXIBLE MINISTRY** Families choose how often — and how many hours — their elderly loved one attends the program. "We can be very flexible in terms of hours and cost," Zarb said. The Rev. Debra Klein, senior pastor, said the church has the freedom to "meet families where they are" and accept payment on a sliding scale if needed, because the day care is a church ministry and not a business. Before starting its own day care last year, the church rented a room to HelpSource, a private not-for-profit agency, based in Ann Arbor, that also offered adult day care on site. That program folded in 2007, but the need for adult



Senior Pastor Debra Klein (right) and Associate Pastor Rhodell Valentine of Riverside Park Church of God, in Livonia.

day care persisted. "God provided Justin and the staff," Rev. Klein said. "Families know they have a place that is there for them. It's a part of the church." Both said families look at the day care program a little dif-

ferently now that it's a church ministry. "I've had a couple of families tell me they feel closer to their own church and they feel closer to God," Zarb noted. "It's not 'us' and 'them,'" Rev. Klein added, noting that the previous day care and its clients were separate from the church. "They basically rented a room from us. Now there's a real connection," she said.

OTHER PROGRAMS Although the Adult Day Care ministry is a major outreach for the church, it isn't Riverside's only mission. The non-denominational Christian church, with headquarters in Anderson, Ind., strives to "demonstrate the spirit of Jesus Christ by offering significant ministries" within the community. The church partners with Life Care Services LLC to offer affordable counseling to families in need. Senior luncheons, held the third Thursday of the month, draw many individuals who do not regularly attend Riverside Park. Life Groups meet on Wednesdays and Sundays in



Jim Reardon and Anne Hall take a spin during an activity.

various members' homes to deal with such topics as decision making, understanding the Bible, prayer, fasting and relationships. Associate pastor the Rev. Rhodell Valentine said the Church of God tends to maintain smaller, more intimate churches — as opposed to "megachurches" with hundreds of members — and has many missionaries. Rev. Valentine joined Riverside Park Church of God two years ago. The Rev. Klein became its senior pastor in 2005, when church membership had dwindled to about 25 individuals. She has increased membership and attendance every year since then. "There were only two people under 50," she said, recalling her initial days as pastor. "Now we have families of all ages." Sunday family worship starts at 10 a.m. The contemporary Christian rock service, "Sunday Night Lights," starts at 4 p.m., and is offered the second and fourth Sundays, beginning March 14. For more information about the adult day care ministry, call (734) 367-4220. For more about other church activities call (734) 464-0990. The church is located at 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE
2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
JANUARY 19, 2010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD. ON JANUARY 19, 2010.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY OFFICE OF BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2010 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$110,000.00. WAYNE COUNTY REQUIRES FOR 2010 THAT OUR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS NOT EXCEED 19% OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION. BASED ON THAT SPECIAL REQUIREMENT THE PROJECTS ARE PROPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

ESTIMATED 2010 ALLOCATION BASED ON 19% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP		
PUBLIC SERVICES	Allocation	
Senior Services	\$20,900.00	
	\$5,698.00	
		\$3,474.00
		\$2,224.00
Senior Transportation	\$15,202.00	
		\$15,202.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$11,000.00	
		\$11,000.00
		\$0.00
BRICK & MORTAR	\$78,100.00	
Eastlawn Subdivision Road Paving Nine (9) Year Multi-Year Pre-Commitment		
TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE \$659,000		
OR		
Bridge from Pavilion to Dock ADA Accessibility Improvements to Township Park Two (2) Year Multi-Year Pre-Commitment		
TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE \$85,000.00		\$78,100.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$110,000.00	

IF WAYNE COUNTY DETERMINES AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS THE PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

ESTIMATED 2010 ALLOCATION BASED ON TOWNSHIP PREFERENCE		
PUBLIC SERVICES	Allocation	
Senior Services	\$53,394.00	
	\$14,564.00	
		\$12,340.00
		\$2,224.00
Senior Transportation	\$38,830.00	
		\$38,830.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$11,000.00	
		\$11,000.00
		\$0.00
BRICK & MORTAR	\$45,606.00	
Eastlawn Subdivision Road Paving Fifteen (15) Year Multi-Year Pre-Commitment		
TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE \$659,000		
OR		
Bridge from Pavilion to Dock ADA Accessibility Improvements to Township Park Two (2) Year Multi-Year Pre-Commitment		
TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE \$85,000.00		\$45,606.00
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$110,000.00	

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WILL DETERMINE THE USE OF THE 2010 FUNDS.

ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED USE OF THE 2010 FUNDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SUSAN VIGNOE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD, PLYMOUTH, MI, 48170 AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010.

JOE BRIDGMAN, CMC
CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS
Residential Solid Waste, Recycle and Compost Services
Charter Township of Plymouth

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking priced Bids from qualified bidders to provide all of the following services:

- Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
- A Residential Recycling Program
- A Residential Composting Program
- Servicing of Stationary Recycling Container(s) and
- Related Solid Waste Services as Described in the Contract Documents.

The above services shall be provided for a period of five (5) years. The Charter Township of Plymouth currently services approximately 8,500 single family residential units for solid waste, recycling and compost, and has an estimated population of approximately 28,000 persons. The following represents the appropriate loads of waste for 2007, 2008 and 2009 (through December 18, 2009):

YEAR	AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	AVERAGE MONTHLY SOLID WASTE VOLUME IN TONS	AVERAGE MONTHLY RECYCLE VOLUMES IN TONS	AVERAGE MONTHLY COMPOST VOLUMES IN TONS
2007	8366	664	159	268
2008	8423	680	151	279
2009	8470	595	187	329

All Bids shall be made on the Bid Form and in accordance with Instructions to Bidders furnished by the Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department. Each Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and plainly marked, "Bid for Residential Solid Waste, Recycle and Compost."

Bids shall be submitted on or before March 23, 2010, 3:00 PM to the following address:

Office of the Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 N. Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

ANY BID RECEIVED AFTER THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Copies of the bidding documents including Instructions to Bidders and Bid Form are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the above address.

Bids will be publicly opened and available for review at 3:05 PM on March 23, 2010 at the Charter Township of Plymouth Town Hall Board Meeting Room located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Questions should be directed to Susan Vignoe, at 734-354-3270 ext. 4, Charter Township of Plymouth, Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department.

Bids must be submitted with a Bid Bond of \$185,000.00 executed by a Surety Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the Township.

No Bidder may withdraw his/her Bid within ninety (90) days after the date set for receipt of Bids.

The defined terms appearing in the General Specifications apply to all Contract Documents.

Bids shall be fixed prices as specified on the Bid Form. No variable fees, e.g. fuel recovery fees, recycle commodity fees, etc. will be considered by the Township.

A Pre-Bid Meeting for all interested parties has been scheduled for February 3, 2010 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth Town Hall Meeting Room located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Bid, and to make an award in any manner, consistent with law, deemed in the best interest of the Township.

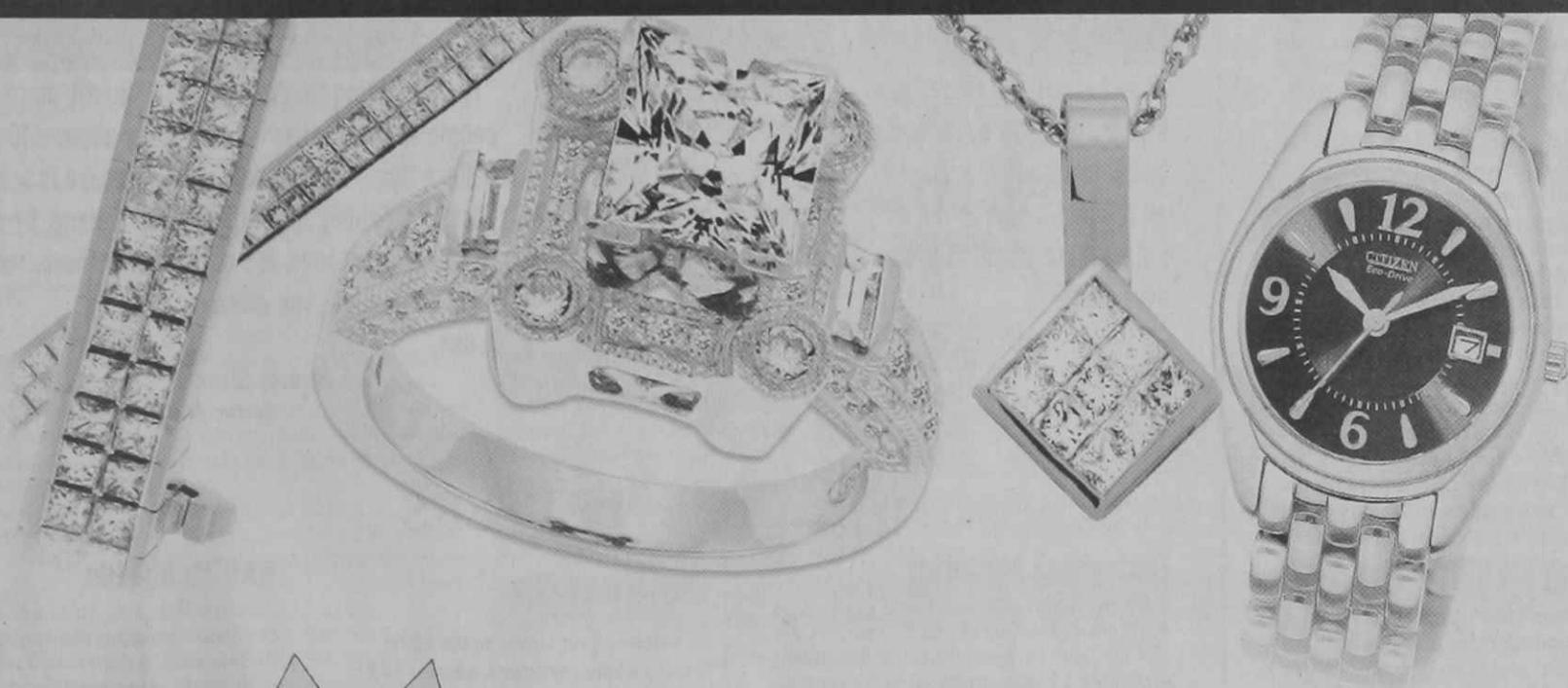
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Time will tell on new legal post

A couple of months ago, the Canton Township Board of Trustees cited declining revenues and a struggling economy while passing a budget that dipped into the township's budget surplus, left several jobs vacant and eliminated money for local road improvements.

Finance Director Rick Eva called it a "tough battle," and the board, in a sweeping decision, approved a \$25 million spending plan that siphons some \$642,631 from the budget surplus (but leaving some \$7 million in the fund), cuts five jobs, declines to fill the deputy police chief post and drops the fund balance in the police department from \$4 million two years ago to just \$156,731. It also cut some \$2.4 million for road projects, including the upgrading of the Palmer-Sheldon intersection.

And yet, about a month later, the board found some \$88,000 to invest in the hiring of Audrey Robinson, former manager of state government affairs for Reed Elsevier Inc., as Canton's manager of legal services and contract administration. Local officials have said Robinson will work closely with township officials and department directors to oversee legal work such as potential litigation, certain contractual issues and legal matters involving outside vendors who do business in Canton.

Canton officials say the move will rein in outside attorney fees and streamline legal functions.

Trustees and township officials believe the position will save money, allowing one person to make the "quick, easy decisions," about legal issues, as Trustee Pat Williams put it, and taking some pressure off department heads to decide whether outside legal counsel is necessary.

Robinson, among about a dozen people who applied for the job, will "greatly enhance the township board in making recommendations and aiding departments in developing language for bids, contracts and policies," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Supporters of the position say the process was cumbersome, often plagued by unnecessary fees and duplication of work. Robinson, they believe, will be able to save much of that effort and, more importantly, money.

That last part needs to be the part they got right, because creating another management position at \$88,000 per year, plus benefits, when they're cutting other people's jobs within the township could be sending a message that might not sit all that well with taxpayers.

Of course, LaJoy and other township officials can point to some of the good financial news (or at least some not-as-bad-as-we-thought news).

For instance, while officials did trim the fund balance by more than \$640,000, it was still far less than the \$800,000 they'd projected they'd need. The fire department's fund balance is still more than \$2 million, even though they had to take nearly \$970,000 out of it.

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

If this latest move helps them do that, it'll be a good one. If not, taxpayers — many of whom face uncertain economics and job loss themselves — will certainly let them know about it.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

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

In response to a Letter to the Editor about teachers giving back:

Dan43 wrote:

"Ms. Duran: Teaching is a very tough job and I truly commend those teachers that are dedicated to providing quality education. I did not see Mr. Martin's letter, so I'm not sure exactly what it said. "My point to you would be this: I don't believe it's fair to balance any school district's budget on the back of one particular group of employees. In my district, Novi, custodial services was just privatized and transportation just missed the chopping block. I think this is wrong. I believe every district employee should take a cut, including admin, teaching and support staffs. Every one of those groups is important to provide a solid product. Cutting one group in favor of another, or adding cheap contractors is flat wrong and short sighted. The product will be diluted - teachers are not the only ones that affect education."

CANTON OBSERVER



Brad Kadrich
Community
Editor

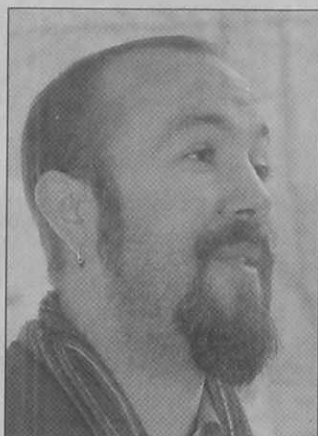
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COMMUNITY VOICE

"How do you feel about flying after the recent attempted bombing of Northwest Airlines Flight 253 over Detroit?"

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I've been flying since I was 8 years old. I've never had a problem with flying. Most of all it's just a pain in the a**.

I'm no more afraid than I've ever been."

Jeff R. Goshorn
Canton



"I would go in a heartbeat. In 2011 I will be going to Spain. Even after 9/11 I've never been afraid of getting on a plane."

Jason Etzel
Westland



"The only thing that makes people scared is they believe flying is a big deal. They're stepping up protocol to catch these guys. It's not a big deal unless you make it one."

Jeremy Strez
Dearborn



"Slightly more afraid. I'd say about a 10 percent decrease in wanting to get on a plane. I would still go somewhere, though."

Marsha Thacker
Canton

LETTERS

Fact-check McCotter

Upon receipt of a glossy and obviously costly mailing entitled, "Health Care Update" sent by Representative Thaddeus McCotter, I began my usual task of sorting through the claims to determine accuracy and validity.

Any communication received from McCotter, someone who has proven to less than credible in the past, must be closely scrutinized. Most of his assertions were designed to unnecessarily and disingenuously scare the stuffing out of all of us about the peril we face with the passage of health care reform.

McCotter's pamphlet proved to be no more "fair and balanced" than FOXNEWS. Rather than a good source of information upon which constituents could formulate reasonable opinions, the Congressman has used this publication to restate his overall opposition to real health care reform, complete with partial truths, mischaracterizations, exaggerations and outright falsehoods used as justification for obstructionism.

One of the bullet points included in the pamphlet indicated McCotter's support for the repeal of provisions in the "stimulus" bill that established a Washington-based health care rationing board. The following quote appeared on www.Factcheck.org in February concerning the creation of this board: "Actually, the legislation doesn't call for any kind of 'rationing board,' nor does it say the government can, should or will 'deny' the public any medical treatments."

Still McCotter, 10 months down the road, makes a dishonest attempt to reintroduce this long debunked rationale for opposition.

Another bullet point included in McCotter's pamphlet contends that passage of the current health care reform legislation will result in the loss of 5.5 million jobs over the next 10 years. Again, www.Factcheck.org, no friend of McCotter, roundly disputes such a claim characterizing potential job losses as "small." Additionally, a RAND Corp. expert says job loss would be "quite minimal."

Close inspection of several other bullets, in addition to the points above, demonstrate an attempt to, in round-about fashion, revive the "death panel" accusation that has been debunked by www.Politifact.com and voted the "lie of the year." That falsehood coupled with other prior lies like "millions to save the harvest marsh mouse's habit" and "billions to build the 'sin express' railroad between Disneyland and Vegas, alleged to have been part of the stimulus bill but stricken down by Factcheck, along with "tall tales" about cavemen in 1000? b.c. hunting mastodons and not worrying about the melting glaciers, told in an effort to mislead citizens about human caused climate change should put McCotter's credibility on thin ice!

Excuse me but I don't think that this attempt by McCotter to "educate" his constituents is appropriate or ethical. Ironically McCotter, a self-described budget hawk, has earned the unenviable distinction of being one of the biggest spenders in Congress when it comes to pricey, politically motivated mailers.

I am sure that I am not the only constituent that resents this use of taxpayer dollars to promote opinions I oppose, especially when supporting rationale is so flawed. The special interest drug and health insurance lobbies that use McCotter and others as

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mouthpieces certainly don't need or deserve a taxpayer assist when they currently spend \$1.35 million daily to block essential reform needed by so many.

Mitch Smith
Canton

Response is disheartening

I find it disheartening that Obama has "ordered a thorough look at the shortcomings that permitted the plot," referring to the 23-year-old Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian accused of trying to destroy Northwest Flight 253 bound for Detroit which failed not because of U.S. actions but because the would-be attacker was unable to ignite an explosive device.

Obama makes statements like this while at the same time his attorney general, Eric Holder, is seeking to prosecute the CIA members that extracted intelligence from al-Qaida leaders and prevented further attacks on this country during the Bush administration.

How can the agency work under this type of pressure knowing that any of its associates may be imprisoned down the road for doing a job that is within the law currently established? It cannot and that is the reason this bomber slipped through.

Obama is so hell-bent on distancing himself from the former administration that he is leaving our country weak and wide open for future attacks. He preached to us on transparency and changing the way things get done in Washington. I know many that voted for him for just those principals but are now outraged because what he is doing is not what they had hoped for.

On a daily basis the corruption continues to grow in D.C. with the payoffs to congressmen for votes on a health care plan that will crush our economy and our God given rights; lies about climate change that has now been proven to be a hoax on all the people of the world.

Obama has continued to fill cabinet positions with people that he owes for getting him elected such as union operatives that are rewriting laws and regulations put in place to ensure minimal standards of union transparency and accountability.

His transparency has become opaque and his policies are evidence of the communistic path he wishes to take this country. Thank God for the tea partiers that have brought this to the attention of the rest of the country. If it were not for them, we may have already slid behind the iron curtain.

Phil Solarz
Westland

AARP's agenda

While listening to Senator Debbie Stabenow singing the praises of the Senate health care bill, I would like to comment on her statement "AARP also has endorsed this bill."

Let the fact be known that AARP received \$18 million in the stimulus package. While AARP has not produced one new job with this money, they do comment that they are using the money for job training. I question the fact why AARP would receive any stimulus money at all.

The second fact that every senior should know, the Senate bill will cut Medicare drastically, and guess where you can purchase supplemental insurance plans from? Yes, the rescuers - AARP. Anyone with an AARP membership should cancel, you can get the same services from senior organizations without the political agenda attached.

Secondly, Senator Stabenow states how the high cost of insurance is driving small business out of Michigan. The small businesses of this state have suffered long enough under the likes of Stabenow, the single business tax alone is enough to drive business away from this state. This bill does nothing but tax upper and middle class Americans, add extra burdens to small business (which in return will add to unemployment, if that is possible in this state) and drastically cut Medicare. But AARP will be there to save you, with your dollars.

Vickie Kahle
Farmington Hills

Stop the rhetoric

After reading many online comments regarding the attempted Northwest Airlines attack, I am thoroughly appalled. It is shameful that some of my fellow Americans would dare to imbue the old anti-Muslim rhetoric due to the actions of one man.

I don't blame "Christians" for the actions of those who murder abortion-providing doctors or for the "Catholic" who murdered people by blowing up the Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Furthermore, these same people who blame President Obama for the actions of a man who departed from a foreign airport selectively fail to remember that the 911 attacks occurred on King George's watch! These same folks are probably blaming President Obama right now for a lack of snow on Christmas. I wouldn't be surprised if that is what Faux News brainwashed them into thinking.

Let's remember that here in America - even in Detroit - people of different races and religions do indeed unite together. When I volunteered this Christmas morning with Meals on Wheels I joined my Christian, Jewish, atheist and Muslim neighbors. I'd hate to assume that all Christians, Jews, Muslims and non-believers are either good or bad.

Does more anti-Muslim rhetoric and Obama bashing really make our country greater?

Brianna Knoppow
Farmington Hills

SACS of Life

Plastic is out, polyester is in

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If you want to live a greener 2010, why not resolve to B.Y.O.B.? SACS of Life is making it easy and fashionable to 'bring your own bag' for travel, shopping and even tailgating.

The Walled Lake company creates a line of totes, duffels, backpacks and insulated sacks that fold up into tiny pouches and expand to hold the equivalent of up to 16 plastic bags worth of stuff.

Owner Annette Ferber Adelman invented SACS after she tired of "schlepping" things around for herself, four children and two dogs.

"I thought about all those times I was at the grocery store ... I have 16 bags. I can't find my keys, it's raining out. I figured there's got to be an easier way to shop," said Ferber Adelman, of West Bloomfield. "I couldn't sleep at night because I thought how great it would be to have systems. One thing led to another and I haven't slept in a year."

Her first design was the Clipster, a roomy shopping tote that collapses into a keychain pouch.

Since she launched the company in March 2008, SACS has grown to include 13 bag "systems," priced \$11.99-\$59.99. Among them are the Back-Packer, a backpack and tote that tuck into a cute wristlet clutch, and the Metro Bag, a stylish cross-body satchel that includes an extra tote in its front pocket.

All of the systems are made from 100 percent PVC-free polyester for minimum weight and maximum durability. They come in a range of fabrics that Ferber Adelman designed herself, from groovy psychedelic and leopard prints to neutral textures that mimic cotton ramie.

"I'm a lawyer so I was very concerned about having my own fabric designs," Ferber Adelman said. "I have one named after

my daughter Bella and I even designed my own camo."

SOLD LOCALLY

Adelman, whose children range in age from 7 to 15, is also co-owner of HoMedics, based in Commerce Township. Although she doesn't work at the family business, it gave her background to manufacture in China, as well as provided an introduction to buyers at Bed Bath and Beyond, where her products are now sold. You can also find SACS at dozens of local markets and boutiques including Warren Drugs in Farmington Hills, Zieban Mare in Franklin and Plum Market in West Bloomfield.

buybuy Baby recently ordered a SACS of Life diaper bag system, and Ferber Adelman expects to debut her largest system yet, which holds the equivalent of 15-16 plastic bags, on QVC next month.

With her busy lifestyle, Ferber Adelman said she uses her own bags all the time. On a recent trip to Costco, she fit almost \$500 worth of merchandise into her five-bag Totester system. When she travels, she uses the foldout bags to bring the kids' laundry home.

"I will not go to the grocery store or tailgating without my bags. You have beautiful bags that are so great and yummy and you can fold them if you want to or just smush them in like I do," she said.

GOING GREEN

Lori Sullivan, president of One Shade Greener in Plymouth, includes the Clipster in her "Green Starter Kit" gift bags.

"I'm always promoting bringing your own bags and I really like the Clipster because I think one of the biggest challenges in using reusable bags is you get to a store and you realize you don't have the bag with you," Sullivan said. "If it's packaged really small and you have it in your purse or on your keys you never have that moment."

One Shade Greener helps busi-

nesses and homeowners take small steps to reduce their impact on the environment. Sullivan said avoiding plastic bags is something simple everyone can do to make a difference.

"The key to plastic bags is they don't biodegrade and less than one percent of them are recycled so the majority, almost all of them, are going to a landfill," Sullivan said. "I am always looking for businesses, especially Michigan-based, that have green products and services. I think SACS of Life has a great line."

Adelman, who admits a penchant for Chanel and Prada handbags, says she didn't originally set out to be "green" when she started SACS. She was simply trying to make her own life easier. But the concept has resonated with shoppers and now SACS of Life's mission is to make plastic bags—as well as bulky, ugly totes—a thing of the past.

"People are going to have to make the transition away from plastic bags no matter what, so my thought is to make it convenient and make it fun," she said. "It's all about durability and style."

She sums it up in her company's motto: "Start small, shop big."

In addition to locations mentioned above, SACS of Life are available at Sundance Shoes and Guys 'N' Gals in West Bloomfield; Sole Sisters in Rochester; and Sav-On Drugs throughout Metro Detroit. They also are included in customizable "green" gift baskets at www.oneshadegreener.com. Find out more at www.sacsoflife.com.



The SACS of Life Metro Bag is a zippered cross-body satchel with an extra tote stowed in the front pouch, \$54.99 at www.sacsoflife.com.

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Healthy snacks for the
new year - Food, B7

Canton opens '10 with win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some of the bad habits from 2009 carried over into 2010 — namely difficulty hitting free throws — and it contributed to Salem's 49-34 loss to host Canton in a KLAA girls basketball crossover Tuesday night.

"We missed some free throws and they made all of their free throws," said Rocks head coach Fred Thomann, "as was the case all night."

"... We didn't close out a couple times and there were just a couple attention-to-detail things that we didn't get done that they got done."

That, along with a putback by Canton junior forward Kayla Bridges with one second to go in the first half, put Salem squarely behind the eight ball (24-16 at the break) and the Rocks couldn't recover.

The Chiefs (5-1) only led 6-5 after the opening frame before getting a spark from Bridges, who scored 13 points off the bench to lead all scorers.

Canton then built a 39-28 lead after the third quarter (the closest Salem would get the rest of the game) thanks to successive triples by senior forward-guard Brett deBear (12 points).

"I thought Kayla Bridges rotated in and played well again, she sort of got us rolling at the end of the first quarter into the second," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski. "She's done that two games in a row now. She brings some fresh legs and she's great around the rim and can score."

Samulski said the two-week holiday layoff might have been a factor in Tuesday's sluggish start. But he wasn't worried about his team's effort.

"The execution with all those days off was dicey early on," he noted. "But I knew we'd come out and play hard."

Scoring 12 points each for the Chiefs were junior forwards Kari Schmitt and Sara Schmitt, with the latter pulling down 10 rebounds and going 6-for-6 from the charity stripe.

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Heidi Lucke is all smiles about this weekend's softball showcase event in Ohio involving 264 players from North America. The Canton junior will be one of the participants.

DIAMOND GEM

Canton junior to take her cuts at Ohio softball showcase

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Are you saying this is the time for softballs and not snowballs?

It is for Canton High School junior infielder Heidi Lucke. Her favorite sport is something she loves doing 12 months a year — even in frigid January.

And to prove it, the 16-year-old Lucke is competing Saturday and Sunday at the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North to take place at Kent State University in Ohio. The QDSN, in its 17th year, is the largest fastpitch softball showcase of its kind in the United States.

Lucke was selected out of 2,000 applicants from all over North America, with criteria including softball talent, college potential, academics, personality and attitude. College scouts and coaches can't wait to see what the future might bring to their campuses.

"It really hasn't hit me yet that I got selected out of all those people," said Heidi, whose parents are Cindy and Roger Lucke of Canton. "Once we get

down there, we'll realize you don't stand out anymore, that everyone around you's a standout player and that we all bring different things to the field."

CREAM OF THE CROP

Only 264 of the applicant pool were green-lighted for the two-day experience. Also going to Ohio is Garden City sophomore Hillarie Werda.

On Saturday, Lucke, Werda and the remaining 262 players will make their way to the Kent State Fieldhouse and sports dome for a softball camp — the kind of instructional venture run annually at Madonna University.

But what makes the Queen of Diamonds Showcase North unique takes place Sunday, when softball games are played almost nonstop.

Heidi will don her Canton Chiefs uniform (all of the players wear their colors) and play for Team No. 5 (one of 24 at the showcase).

According to Cindy Lucke, one of the

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LUCK(E) OF THE DRAW

Who: Heidi Lucke, 16, a junior at Canton High School.

What: Lucke is going to the 17th annual Queen of Diamonds Showcase North, Saturday and Sunday at Kent State University in Ohio. She will display her softball skills for college scouts and coaches, both at an instructional camp and in games. Heidi is one of 264 players from North America, out of 2,000 applicants, to be selected for the fastpitch event.

Future plans: Heidi would like to play college softball and work toward a degree in occupational or physical therapy. Playing professionally is another goal.

Miscellaneous: She plays for the Canton varsity softball team and is a student manager for the wrestling squad. When not playing for her high school, Heidi suits up for a fastpitch travel softball team, the Mizuno Explosion out of Macomb County.



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Plymouth's Curtis Crosier (top) gets set to pin Salem's Tony Agostini during last week's tournament.

Wildcats grab third at Salem invite

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Last week's "Plymouth Elks" Salem Wrestling Invitational proved to be a winner for two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park squads — even though Carleton Airport and Dexter shared the top spot in the 13-team field with 178 points.

According to Plymouth varsity coach Quinn Guernsey, the third-place Wildcats (167 points) featured a deep and battling lineup that nearly reached the pinnacle despite not having starting heavyweight Wally Eppler available for the Dec. 29 tourney at Salem High School.

Guernsey praised his team's perseverance.

"Dexter had four (champions) and Carleton Airport had five, both had a lot more champions than we did," Guernsey said. "But I told (the Wildcats) if we were going to compete that we'd have to do it in the consolation brackets, ... and not have guys get knocked out."

"At the end of the day, I had 12 starters and two backups wrestling and only two of my starters got knocked out. The team did what they had to do."

Garnering championships were sophomore 112-pounder Alec Breckenridge (the Lower Weights MVP thanks to a 3-0 record) and Shadi Jammoul (3-0 at 103).

Breckenridge earned a 7-4 decision over Salem's Nick Kim in the finals while Jammoul pinned Garden City's Rob Doane in 1:17.

The Wildcats' lone runner-up for the day was Ziad Tamimi at 130. He lost to Airport's Curtis French by a 15-7 major decision to finish 3-1.

"Alec wrestled great, he beat the returning state placer in the finals (Kim) so that was a good win for him," Guernsey said. "He also beat a pretty good kid from Wayne (Tristan Jarasiewicz) in the semifinals. He's good, I really

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Power surge sparks Plymouth

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS HOCKEY

Paul Fassbinder's Plymouth hockey team made so many uncharacteristic turnovers in Tuesday night's game against Salem that he said "it was like a racquetball game."

But despite having to shake off some rust following a lengthy holiday layoff, the host Wildcats scored three power play goals and prevailed 6-4 in a KLAAsouth tilt at Compuware Arena.

"I thought we took it too them and went up 3-0 (in the second), but I think we sat back and started making mistakes," Fassbinder said. "Give them (Rocks) credit, they picked up their forecheck and pressured us into turnovers."

But the coach said there was a lot to like, such as junior Kevin Matusiak scoring his first prep goal or getting "great games" out of two-goal scorers Ryan Renault and Tyler Sanders.

Netting the sixth marker

for Plymouth (9-2-1, 3-2-1) was Zach Gambrell.

"We had some guys who played really well," Fassbinder said. "They got the job done and found a way to win."

Plymouth built a 2-0 first period lead thanks to goals by Renault and Sanders, and it was a three-goal spread after Gambrell lit the light behind Salem netminder Steven Manser.

But Salem (3-4-3, 2-2-1) rebounded with two tallies from sophomore forward Mark McGee to make it 3-2 before the Wildcats restored a two-goal lead when Sanders scored again.

After a marker by Salem senior forward Josh Jarvela closed the gap to 4-3 early in the third, Plymouth found breathing room when Matusiak and Renault both solved Manser.

Earning the win in net for Plymouth was Mike Justus.

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CANTON

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Chipping in with six points was senior guard Lindsey Winters.

Also tallying 12 points for Salem (3-3) was senior forward-gard Sara Stone (five boards).

Adding four points a piece were Heidi Schmidt and Rachael Norman with senior Tabitha Mann collecting eight rebounds.

"I thought our kids did a really good job of staying resilient and hanging in there," said Thomann, adding that the Rocks will work at getting better "as we get through the rest of the season and hopefully we'll get a chance to play them later on and see if we can measure up."

Both teams play road games 7 p.m. Friday, with Canton traveling to Wayne Memorial and Salem visiting South Lyon East.

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LUCKE

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main questions Heidi had to successfully answer to make the cut revolved around what the teen could bring to the table.

"The main thing she will always say is 'I have no problem doing what you want me to do, coach,'" Cindy noted. "She's a very aggressive base-runner, and I think that's one of the things that caught their eye, too."

"She's competitive and she'll take that chance to get that extra base."

Heidi Lucke also is a good hitter, polishing her line-drive skills with Canton's varsity team last spring as well as with the Mizuno Explosion (a summer travel ball team where she fashioned a .300 average).

Meanwhile, she is hopeful that playing for the Explosion and participating at the QDSN will lead to a starting role in 2010 with the Chiefs.

"I think it's going to push me more, because I'm a really competitive person," she said.

ON THE RADAR

A strong showing this weekend also could help put Lucke on the radar screen for Division 2 college softball programs. If that eventually comes to fruition, her goals are to play well enough to possibly turn pro someday.

Heidi becoming a softball lifer is a natural progression. Today's passion for hitting, fielding and running began more than a decade ago.

As a 5-year-old, however, she

wanted to play hardball with the boys.

"I grew up wanting to play baseball, I think my dad was watching a baseball game when I was being born," said Heidi, chuckling. "I remember I was upset when I was signed up for softball instead of baseball when I was little."

Her first teams were in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

She quickly got over her initial disappointment about not playing baseball.

Around the age of 9 she joined a Michigan-based travel team called Finesse Fast Pitch (coached by John Wojick, the man who told her about the QDSN).

After two seasons with Finesse, Heidi moved over to Mizuno where she continues to play tournaments in Michigan and other Midwest states.

"So many sports now are year-round," Cindy Lucke said. "I never thought softball would be considered year-round, but it is."

All told, Heidi has seven years of travel ball under her belt (plus two seasons with Canton's varsity, under the watch of head coach Jim Arnold).

"I love it (softball)," said Heidi, with a big smile. "It keeps me going. I love the competition, I love having teammates around me that I can trust."

Another perk are the road trips, even in January. But chauffeur-mom Cindy isn't complaining one bit. "I'm just so very proud of her."

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RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett robs Windsor's Kenny Ryan late in the second period in the Whalers' 4-3 victory Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

Whalers edge Spits on late goal

Sometimes, change is good.

Tyler Seguin's goal at 15:18 of the third period snapped a 3-3 tie and the Plymouth Whalers defeated the Windsor Spitfires, 4-3, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 3,530 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth improves to 23-17-0-1, good for 47 points and second place in the OHL's West Division and fourth in the Western Conference.

Windsor remains the top team in the OHL with a record of 31-5-0-4.

Give Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci an assist in the win. With the game tied at 2-2 after forty minutes, Vellucci broke up his line combinations at the start the third period and matched Seguin with Austin Mattson and Robbie Czarnik.

All three players started the game on different lines, but clicked in a big way in the third period. Mattson broke the 2-2 tie with his second goal of the season at 5:54 (assisted by Czarnik and Seguin). Mattson and Czarnik then assisted on

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Seguin's game-winner.

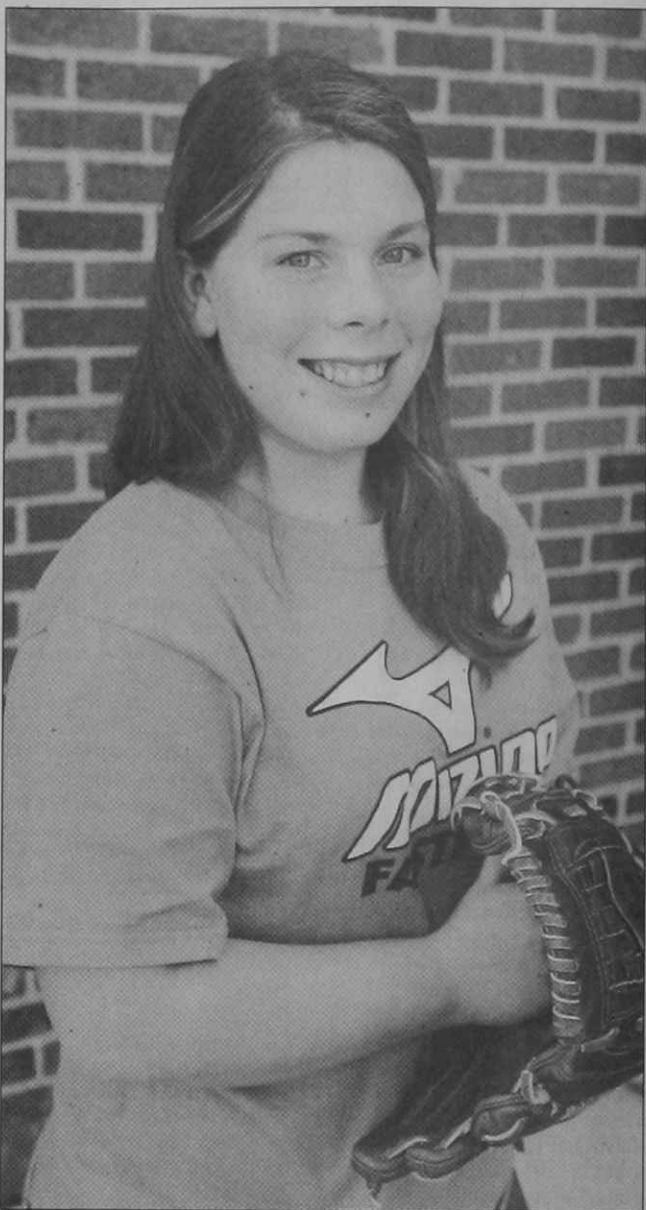
"I was looking for some offense," Vellucci said succinctly after the game.

Earlier, Ryan Hayes scored two goals (7-8) for Plymouth. Justin Shugg scored twice for Windsor (18-19) and Harry Young scored his seventh of the year for the Spitfires.

Ex-Spitfire Matt Hackett continues to play well against his former teammates for Plymouth, stopping 49-of-52 shots as the game's third star.

Whaler notes: Both teams were missing significant players in the game. The Whalers played without AJ Jenks (Team USA, World Junior Championships), Michal Jordan (Czech Republic, World Junior Championships), Garrett Meurs (Team Ontario, World Under-17 Challenge) and RJ Mahalak and JR Marsden (both injured).

Plymouth plays in Erie next Wednesday and in St. Catharines, Ontario, against Niagara on Thursday.



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"It really hasn't hit me yet that I got selected out of all those people," said Heidi Lucke (above), a Canton junior.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

GCYBSA open registration

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association will hold open registration on Monday, Jan. 11. Information for either "online" or manual registration can be found at www.GCYBSA.com. Programs are available for players ages 4-18.

Registration will remain open through March 15. Questions can be directed to cott@canton-mi.org.

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Those who are interested are invited to download forms or e-mail a password to do on-line registration at www.ci-plymouth.mi.us.

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Plymouth Cultural Center is hosting drop-in hockey sessions through March 31, from 4-5:20 p.m. Tuesdays. Fees are \$5 for skaters except for the first four goalkeepers to sign up (they can play for free). Full equipment is required and participants must be age 14 or older.

The Cultural Center (525 Farmer) also features open skating and "Sticks & Pucks" through March 31.

Open skating is 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 4-5:50 p.m. Sundays. Fees: adults, \$5; under 16 and over 55, \$4; skate rental, \$2.

Call 734-455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for more information.

PREP BOWLING

BOYS BOWLING RESULTS
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16.5
PLYMOUTH 13.5
Jan. 5 at Novi Bowl
John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 216-246-462; Tommy Ruark, 223-193-416; Chris Harper, 175-223-398; John Cleavenger, 197-182-379; Thomas Brusseau, 182; split score, 144. **Team totals:** 957-1,025-2,082 (16.5 points); **Baker games:** 189-175-364 (0 points).
Plymouth scorers: Rob Kortsjens, 203-245-448; Justin Thompson, 193-191-384; Kyle Webb, 170-204-374; Matt Bracy, 182; Brandon Congdon, 142; Andrew Fraser, 139; split score, 157. **Team totals:** 849-979-1,828 (3.5 points); **Baker games:** 244-205-449 (10 points).
Dual match records: John Glenn, 5-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAs Central Division; Plymouth,

2-3 overall, 1-2 KLAAs Central.
GIRLS BOWLING RESULTS
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 25
PLYMOUTH 5
Jan. 5 at Novi Bowl
John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 186-209-395; Khiry Sparks, 167-191-359; Natalie Brown, 160-160-320; Karlyon Rhynes, 130-110-240; Jennifer Horgas, 99; split score, 89. **Team totals:** 733-769-1,502 (15 points); **Baker games:** 220-121-341 (10 points).
Plymouth scorers: Mackenzie Carlson, 193-169-362; Kristyn Sturtz, 140-166-306; Tiffani Patterson, 126-120-246; Mandy Martin, 126; Serena Oliver, 110; Katie Poter, 76. **Team totals:** 695-645-1,340 (5 points); **Baker games:** 132-223-245 (0 points).
Dual match records: John Glenn, 4-1 overall, 3-0 KLAAs Central Division; Plymouth, 1-4 overall, 1-2 KLAAs Central.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack Goldman, a married man and Leila Goldman, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 11, 2002 and recorded August 22, 2002 in Liber 36793, Page 2718, Wayne County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Bac Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 91/100 Dollars (\$81,881.91) including interest at 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the Courtroom 1607, Wayne County Circuit Court Tower in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit in Wayne County, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. on FEBRUARY 4, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 360 of Morang's Three Mile Drive Annex Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 47, Page 72 of Plats, Wayne County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 3, 2010 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 617.2598 ASAP# 3393573 01/07/2010, 01/14/2010, 01/21/2010, 01/28/2010

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WRESTLING

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think he can go with almost anybody in the state.”

Guernsey said Jammoul blew through the competition in impressive fashion.

“We thought he’d be competitive,” he said. “But he dominated the match. He was a below .500 wrestler for his last year and now he’s got the second best record on the team.”

YOUNG GUNS

Salem varsity coach Greg Woochuck noted the strong showings of a trio of freshmen at the invite but lamented having three of his wrestlers fall in the finals.

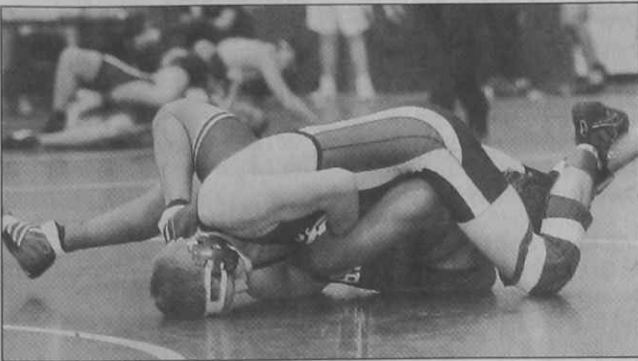
As it turned out, the Rocks still had a solid day, placing sixth with 138.5 points.

“We had three make it to the finals (but) they could not close,” Woochuck said. “Three freshmen had an outstanding day,” however.

Those were Cody Korpus (third at 119 with a 3-1 record), Mike Karizat (eighth at 130 with a 1-2 mark) and 171-pounder Tony Agostini.

The latter opened up by pinning Redford Union’s Devin Gardiner in 1:38 before Plymouth’s Curtis Crosier (3-2) turned the tables. Crosier needed just 65 seconds to take care of Agostini.

Livonia Stevenson finished in fourth with a total of 157.5 points, followed by fifth-place Wayne Memorial (142).



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Chris Sweet of Salem (top) clinches a victory at 152 pounds over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Markeye Drewery at the Plymouth Elks Salem Wrestling Invitational. Sweet later finished fifth in his weight class.

COMING CLOSE

Stevenson garnered three second-place finishes: Jake Burns (171), Andrew Schramm (189) and Nathan Keedle (285).

Burns and Schramm came within a whisker of reaching the finals in their weight classes before losing — 7-6 to Airport's Marcus Copley and 9-7 to Dexter's Sequoyah Burke-Combs, respectively.

Keedle lost by technical fall to Ann Arbor Pioneer's Chris Biggs, 21-6.

Taking second place at 140 for the Zebras was Anwar Oliver, dropping a 4-3 decision to Airport's Bryan White.

Other Observerland squads at the tournament were Garden City (11th, 71) and Redford Union (13th, 52).

The Cougars boasted a second-place performance at 103 by Doane (3-1) as well as a fourth-place finish at 152 (by Kevin Allard, 3-2).

Redford Union's highlight was a championship at 160 by Collin Rankin (3-0), who edged Colin Gross (2-1) of Salem in a 5-4 decision.

Salem's third runner-up was Devin Stratton (2-1 at 125), who fell in 1:04 to Dexter's Dan Flowers.

JV RECAP: On Dec. 12 at Salem was the JV invitational. Although team standings were not kept, there were some excellent individual showings by area wrestlers.

Firsters were registered by Salem's Cody Korpus (4-0 at 112A), Tyler Gross (4-0 at 152A), Alex Brown (4-0 at 160A), Jordan Zhou (4-0 at 189B), Plymouth's Trey Berry (4-0 at 112B), Canton's Kyle Polaski (3-0 at 103A), Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Casey Hagan (4-0 at 103B), Chris Nawburt (3-0 at 140C) and Joe Sliversti (4-0 at 171B).

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

PLYMOUTH ELKS SALEM WRESTLING INVITATIONAL RESULTS
Dec. 29 at Salem

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. (tie) Carleton Airport, Dexter, 178.00 points; 3. Plymouth, 167; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 157.5; 5. Wayne Memorial, 142; 6. Salem, 138.5; 7. White Lake Lakeland, 104.00; 8. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 99.50; 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 87.5; 10. Lincoln Park, 71.50; 11. Garden City, 71.00; 12. Southgate Anderson, 68.00; 13. Redford Union, 52.00.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (Ply.) pinned Rob Doane (GC), 3:35. **3rd place:** Dylan McLeod (LP) p. Pablo Flores (WM), 4:58. **5th:** Sesad Al-Hussien (DHC) p. Jared Fernandez (S'gate), 0:54.

112: Alec Breckenridge (Ply.) decisioned Nick Kim (Salem), 7-4. **3rd:** Tristan Jarasiewicz (WM) dec. Brandon Calma (Lakeland), 7-6. **5th:** Trey Berry (Ply.) p. Raven Schmitt (S'gate), 0:53.

119: Anthony Barbour (LP) dec. Gabe Allomare (Dexter), 6-2. **3rd:** Cody Korpus (Salem) won by forfeit over Kyle Babin (L). **5th:** Said Youssef (Ply.) won by injury default over Josh Lockwood (S'gate).

125: Dan Flowers (Dexter) p. Devin Stratton (Salem), 1:04. **3rd:** Ali Ayache (DHC) dec. Chase Kalili (Ply.), 8-3. **5th:** Tyler Carson (S'gate) p. Ryan Murphy (AAP), 3:56.

130: Curtis French (Airport) won by major dec. over Ziad Tamimi (Ply.), 15-7. **3rd:** Dominic Lomuscio (DHC) p. Corey Davis (LS), 4:35. **5th:** Trent Norman (Lakeland) won by injury default over Cody Allen (WM).

135: Bryan Reyes (Airport) p. Jake Coraci (Lakeland), 3:35. **3rd:** Joey Polocoser (DHC) p. Jimmy May (Ply.), 2:48. **5th:** Kody Roy (LU) won by disqualification over Josh Hall (RU).

140: Bryan White (Airport) dec. Anwar Oliver (WM), 4-3. **3rd:** Dylan Hatcher (Salem) dec. Jake Mailloux (LS), 6-4. **5th:** James Chapman (LP) dec. Dan Muzycza (DHC), 5-3.

145: Anthony Chisolm (Dexter) dec. Alex Lancina (Airport), 5-1. **3rd:** Jalen Jones (WM) dec. Joshua Marhofer (Salem), 14-8. **5th:** Charlie Kokenakes (LS) won by injury default over Will Jackson (AAP).

152: Drew Barnes (Dexter) won by major dec. over Justin Cooper (Airport), 11-0. **3rd:** C. Arnold (LS) p. Kevin Allard (GC), 4-07. **5th:** Chris Sweet (Salem) p. Rob Kanalos (LP), 2:27.

160: Collin Rankin (RU) dec. Colin Gross (Salem), 5-4. **3rd:** Justin Bose (AAP) p. Josh Seibert (LS), 3:50. **5th:** Robbie Barackman (Ply.) dec. Brandon Whittenberg (WM), 11-9.

171: Marcus Copley (Airport) dec. Jake Burns (LS), 7-6. **3rd:** Dan McCarthy (LS) won by major dec. over Curtis Crosier (Ply.), 21-7. **5th:** Frank Diaz-Pezva (AAP) p. Samer Abboud (DHC), 1:58.

189: Sequoyah Burke-Combs (Dexter) dec. Andrew Schramm (LS), 9-7. **3rd:** Devon Bronson (S'gate) dec. Dimitrus Renfroe (WM), 3-2. **5th:** Brandon Varner (Ply.) dec. Nate Cavanaugh (WM), 11-5.

215: Jake DeWeese (Airport) p. Alex Sokoll (Lakeland), 0:29. **3rd:** Shawn Chamberlain (Dexter) p. Dylan Korzetki (WM), 0:15. **5th:** Youssef El-Sayed (DHC) p. Jerome Triplett (LP), 2:24.

285: Chris Biggs (AAP) won by technical fall over Nathan Keedle (LS), 21-6. **3rd:** Josh Cash (Dexter) p. Dustin Burley (S'gate), 0:59. **5th:** Chris Bowie (WM) dec. Blake Abbey (Salem), 4-2.

TOURNAMENT MVPs

Lower weights (103-140): Alec Breckenridge (Plymouth), 112.

Upper weights (145-285): Sequoyah Burke-Combs (Dexter), 189.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 7
Salem at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Calvary Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8
Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m.
South Lyon East at Salem, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 8
Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Salem at South Lyon East, 7 p.m.
Luth. Northwest at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Marian at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Jan. 7
Salem at Bloomfield United, 7 p.m.
Ladywood vs. G.P. South at City Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9
Franklin vs. Plymouth at Compuware, 2:30 p.m.
Canton at Midland, 3 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Warren Regina at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6:30 p.m.
PCS Penguins vs. Northville at Novi, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern vs. Salem at Plymouth CC, 8:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 7
Farmington Quad, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9
Roch. Adams Invitational, 8 a.m.
L'Anse Creuse Invitational, 9 a.m.
Wildcat Team Invite at Plymouth, 10 a.m.
Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m.
Wyandotte Invitational, 9:15 a.m.
Novi-Detroit CC Invitational, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Thursday, Jan. 7
Salem at South Lyon East, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9
Rock-Kilgore Inv. at Salem, noon.
W. Bloomfield Invitational, 1 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Jan. 7
Canton at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9
Fraser Invitational, 9 a.m.
Rockford Invitational, 10 a.m.

PREP BOWLING
Thursday, Jan. 7
Ladywood vs. Mercy at Astro Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 8
Ladywood vs. Bishop Foley at Sterling Lanes, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9
Ladywood Inv. at Super Bowl, 12:30 p.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Jan. 9
Novi Invitational, 8 a.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Saturday, Jan. 9
Kitchener at Plymouth Whalers, 7 p.m.



Happy Hornets

Members of the Canton Educational Basketball League Hornets boys 7/8th grade team celebrate winning the A League championship recently. The Hornets finished 7-1 during the regular season and topped it all off with four straight playoff victories for the title. Pictured in the bottom row (from left) are Alex Price, John Ellis, Brendan Noble and Alex Mercurio. In the top row (from left) are: Jason Newel, Nick Osann, Andrew Hunt, Brendan Noble, Jackson Krohn and coach Bruce Price. Not pictured is Kyle Webster.

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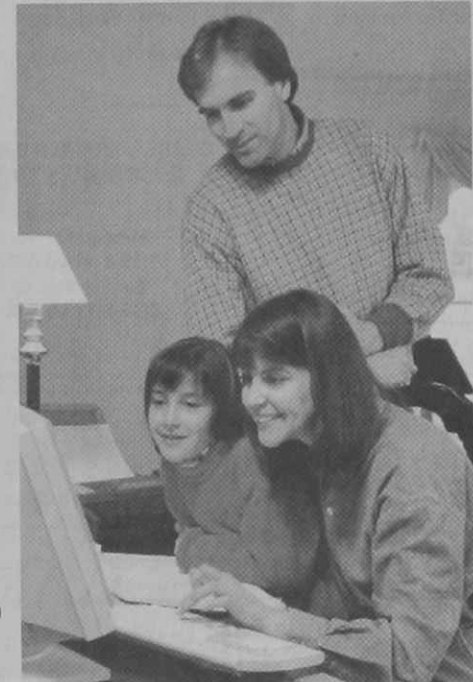
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In re
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY
U/A GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, et al.,
Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case No.
09-50026 (REG)
(Jointly Administered)

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE
FOR FILING CERTAIN PROOFS OF CLAIM**

TO ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST A DEBTOR SET FORTH BELOW:

Name of Debtor	Case Number	Tax Identification Number	Other Names Used by Debtors in the Past 8 Years
Motors Liquidation Company (U/A General Motors Corporation)	09-50026	38-0572515	General Motors Corporation GMC Truck Division NAO Fleet Operations GM Corporation GM Corporation GM Auction Department National Car Rental National Car Sales Automotive Market Research Sturum, LLC Saturn Corporation Saturn Motor Car Corporation GM Saturn Corporation Saturn Corporation of Delaware Saturn Distribution Corporation
MLCS, LLC (U/A Saturn, LLC)	09-50027	38-2577506	
MLCS Distribution Corporation (U/A Saturn Distribution Corporation)	09-50028	38-2577554	

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on December 18, 2009, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") having jurisdiction over the chapter 11 cases of Motors Liquidation Company (U/A General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") entered a supplemental order (the "Supplemental Bar Date Order") establishing (i) February 10, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) (the "Property Claims Bar Date") as the last date and time for each person or entity (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, and trusts) to file a proof of claim based on prepetition claims against any of the Debtors with respect to their person or real property arising from being located adjacent to, or in the proximity of, the properties listed at the end of this notice (a "Property Proof of Claim").

The Supplemental Bar Date Order, the Property Claims Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for the filing of Property Proofs of Claim apply to all claims against the Debtors that arose prior to June 1, 2009, the date on which the Debtors commenced their cases under the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

If you have any questions relating to this Notice, please feel free to contact the Debtors at 1-800-414-9687 or by e-mail at claims@motorsliquidation.com. YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, INCLUDING WHETHER YOU SHOULD FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM.

1. WHO MUST FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM

You MUST file a Property Proof of Claim to vote on a chapter 11 plan filed by the Debtors or to share in any of the Debtors' estates if you have a claim that arose prior to June 1, 2009. Acts or omissions of the Debtors that occurred before June 1, 2009 may give rise to claims against the Debtors that must be filed by February 10, 2010, notwithstanding that such claims may not have matured or become fixed or liquidated or certain prior to June 1, 2009.

Pursuant to section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used in this Notice, the word "claim" means: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

YOU SHOULD NOT FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS.

2. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

All Property Proofs of Claim must be filed so as to be actually received on or before February 10, 2010 at the following address:

If by overnight courier or hand delivery to:
The Garden City Group, Inc.
Attn: Motors Liquidation Company
Claims Processing
5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A
Dublin, Ohio 43017

If by first-class mail, to:
The Garden City Group, Inc.
Attn: Motors Liquidation Company
P.O. Box 9386
Dublin, Ohio 43017-4286

United States Bankruptcy Court, SDNY
One Bowling Green, Room 534
New York, New York 10004

Property Proofs of Claim will be deemed timely filed only if actually received by The Garden City Group, Inc. or the Court on or before February 10, 2010.

February 10, 2010. Property Proofs of Claim may not be delivered by facsimile, telecopy, or electronic mail transmission.

3. WHAT TO FILE

If you file a Property Proof of Claim, your filed Property Proof of Claim must: (i) be written in the English language; (ii) be denominated in dollars; (iii) conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 10; (iv) state the Debtor against which it is filed; (v) set forth with specificity the legal and factual basis for the alleged claim; (vi) include supporting documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; and (vii) be signed by the claimant or, if the claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant.

IF YOU ARE ASSERTING A CLAIM AGAINST MORE THAN ONE DEBTOR, SEPARATE PROPERTY PROOFS OF CLAIM MUST BE FILED AGAINST EACH SUCH DEBTOR AND YOU MUST IDENTIFY ON YOUR PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM THE SPECIFIC DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOUR CLAIM IS ASSERTED AND THE CASE NUMBER OF THAT DEBTOR'S BANKRUPTCY CASE. A LIST OF THE NAMES OF THE DEBTORS AND THEIR CASE NUMBERS IS SET FORTH ABOVE.

Property Proof of Claim Forms may be obtained at www.uscourts.gov/bk/forms or www.motorsliquidationdoscket.com.

YOU SHOULD ATTACH TO YOUR COMPLETED PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM FORM COPIES OF ANY WRITINGS UPON WHICH YOUR CLAIM IS BASED. IF THE DOCUMENTS ARE VOLUMINOUS, YOU SHOULD ATTACH A SUMMARY.

4. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROPERTY PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE PROPERTY CLAIMS BAR DATE

If you do not file a Property Proof of Claim on or before February 10, 2010 in the appropriate form in accordance with the procedures described in this Notice for any such claim you wish to assert against each of the Debtors, you will be forever prohibited and forbidden from asserting the claim in the future, and each of the Debtors and their respective chapter 11 estates, successors, and property will be forever discharged from and will not be liable or responsible for anything related to the claim and you will not be permitted to vote to accept or reject any chapter 11 plan filed in these chapter 11 cases, receive any distribution in any of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases on account of your claim, or receive further notices with respect to any of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

A holder of a possible claim against the Debtors should consult an attorney as to whether the holder should file a Property Proof of Claim.

Dated: December 18, 2009
New York, New York

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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JAN. 7-13
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 12-6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, afternoon of study, prayer and song focusing on the Biblical book of Exodus; \$10 charge covers lunch and refreshment costs; reservations required for lunch; 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10, free panel discussion "Michigan and Israel: Partners in Building Bridges to a Green Future," featuring Lieutenant Governor John Cherry

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net
Livonia Church of Christ
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Jan. 10
Location: 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus; free admission
Contact: (734) 427-8743
Our Lady of Loretto Parish
Time/Date: Starting at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10

Location: 17116 Olympia, Redford
Details: A "Grief Recovery" series runs for six weeks and deals with the phases of grief, loneliness and other related issues. A \$20 fee covers all materials. Sponsored by Widowed Friends
Contact: Joan at (248) 478-1084

JAN. 14-20
St. Theodore Catholic Church
Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon, Sunday, Jan. 17

Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, beverages. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club
Contact: (734) 425-4421
St. Thomas a' Becket Parish
Time/Date: Mass at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Fellowship and refreshments follow Mass sponsored by Widowed Friends
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246
Leon's
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Jan. 16
Location: 30149 Ford Road, in Garden City
Details: Monthly breakfast meeting of Bethany Suburban West for divorced individuals and singles
Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479

responses and to explore coping skills, including faith.
Contact: (248) 474-6170

ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096.

Classes/study
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5
Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Oigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Oigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Oigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org.

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491



SHIRLEY M. CLARK

of Madison, NJ and formerly of Plymouth, Michigan, died Tuesday, the 22nd of December at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She was 79 years old. Born in St. Louis, MO in 1930, Shirley was pre-deceased in 2001 by her husband of 23 years, John V. Clark. She was previously married for 29 years to Arthur D. Desch, Jr. A loving and attentive mother, sister, wife, grandmother and great-grandmother, Shirley was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was a skilled artist, craftswoman, baker, role model and a pillar of strength for her entire family. Her values, positive attitude, and devotion to God and church were many of the qualities admired by her friends and family. She is survived by three children, Arthur "Russ" Desch of Visalia, CA, Pamela A. Diotte, of Interlochen, MI, and Suzanne Becker of Madison, NJ and three step-children, Diane Palm of Winona, WI, Vickie Cheek of Laurel, MD, and Debbie Clark of Springfield, VA. Additionally, Mrs. Clark had 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the United Methodist Church of Madison, NJ at 4pm. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 5 Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or the First Baptist Church, 36 Cook Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940.

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JERALD H. FALLOT

January 1, 2010, age 77. Born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in Plymouth, Michigan. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1950 and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. An avid golfer, hunter and country and western dancer. Beloved husband of Virginia for 59 years. Dear father of Pamela Truskowski and Brad (Susan) Fallo. Grandfather of Elizabeth, Lindsay and William. Services were private. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com.



MICHAEL A. GROFF

January 4, 2010, age 44 of Canton. Beloved husband of Rose. Loving father of JoAnna and Michael S. Dear son of Geraldine and the late John. Dear brother of Peggy Muraske, Mary, John (Wendy), Karen (Larry) Allman and the late Paul (Georgette). Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Friday 10 AM until 10:30 AM funeral mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren (west of Sheldon) Canton. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



DELORES THERESA (MCCARTHY) HOLINSKI

Went into the loving hands of Our Lord on January 3, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Holinski, her eldest son, Daniel Holinski, grandson, David Holinski, and a brother, Vincent McCarthy. She is survived by her sons, Gregory (Debbie) Holinski, Edward (Lisa) Holinski, Barry (Bonnie) Holinski, Gerry Holinski, and Jimmy Holinski; daughters, Cindy (Sanford) Simon and Caryn (Curt) Wachsmuth; brother, Erv (Mae) McCarthy; and sister, Marge Hoover. Another part of her legacy are her 25 grandchildren, many great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Her greatest love and dedication were to her family that God blessed her with. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2099 N. Hacker Road in Hartland Twp. on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10:30AM. Burial will follow at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Thursday 2-9PM. Rosary Thursday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or for Masses to be prayed in her name at St. John's. For further information please phone: 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

A memorial will be held for EDWARD P. ROWLAND

51, on January 12th, 2010 at 11 am at the First Congregational Church of Wayne in Wayne, MI. A lunch will be held after the services. Please call (734) 956-5877 to confirm attendance, as a head count is needed.

HILDA WOLKE

December 28, 2009, age 94. Hilda died peacefully after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John M. Ellsworth and Homer A. Wolke. Survived by daughter Linda J.(James) Oldfield of Canton, and son John R.(Germaine Gaudet) Ellsworth of San Jose, California and several nieces and nephews. She emigrated from Liverpool, England during October 1923 with her parents, Edward and Emily Newman, siblings Emily, Albert Edward and Arthur and settled in Dearborn, Michigan where she graduated from Fordson High School in 1933 and Grace Nursing School with an RN degree in 1938. She had a keen interest in music, opera, and literature and demonstrated artistic talents in painting and needlework. A Memorial Service will be held 11AM Thursday January 7th at St. John Episcopal Church 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the church. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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Canton Strictly Business



Chris Hall is president of RepairClinic.com, which posted its highest monthly sales numbers ever in November and increased sales by more than 15 percent over November 2008.

Company trumps struggling economy to set new record

In a Michigan economy that is setting records of its own, RepairClinic.com has set a very different kind of record ... a sales record.

According to Larry Beach, RepairClinic CEO, in November, the company posted its highest monthly sales numbers ever, representing an increase of more than 15 percent over November 2008.

"In this economy, especially in Michigan, we are very proud of what we've accomplished as a company," Beach said. "The credit goes to our more than 125 employees, many of whom put in extra hours over the last several months to help make this possible; we also believe it to be related to our offer of free repair help on our Web site."

Chris Hall, RepairClinic President, who partnered with Larry Beach to found the company in 1999, added, "when we started this company, our personal vision was to help people fix their own appliances, so

they could save money and experience the personal satisfaction that comes from doing something with their own two hands."

Selling the appliance parts they needed to get the job done was how they were able to reach those people. The extensive free repair content on the Web site along with the highly-trained RepairGurus help thousands of people with their appliance repairs every month.

No one could have predicted that the U.S. (or even worse, Michigan) economy would take a dramatic downturn over the last couple of years. This recession has provided even more opportunities for RepairClinic to help those in need as more consumers have become interested in saving money than ever before.

The company has been diligent in passing on its prosperity to some local charities. In the last year, RepairClinic.com has supported several orga-

nizations both with employee volunteers and through donations, including: Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Michigan's Make a Wish Foundation, Hope Clinic, and others.

Founded in Canton in 1999, RepairClinic.com is a comprehensive online resource for do-it-yourself home appliance repair help, parts and information. The site features more than 80 appliance brands—including Kenmore, Whirlpool, Maytag, GE, Frigidaire, and LG—across 16 appliance types (e.g., washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, ovens, and dishwashers). Do-it-yourselfers use the intuitive PartDetective® to find the part they need or the leading-edge service, RepairGuru®, for customized, free repair help online. Appliance parts are stocked in a 72,000 sq. ft. facility and shipped the same business day. Visit RepairClinic.com for more information.

CHAMBER CHAT

Winter Wonderland

The Goddard School hosts "Winter Wonderland Open House" Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Visitors can take a tour of the Goddard School and meet the teachers. Fun activities are scheduled, and refreshments will be available.

Goddard School is located at 6697 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

Home-buyer workshop

Approved Mortgages hosts a First-Time Home Buyer Workshop 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at IKEA, 41640 Ford Road in Canton.

Take advantage of the \$8,000 tax credit. This is your year ... you CAN be a homeowner! Come find out how to prepare to qualify to buy a home, advantages of owning vs. renting, and understanding your loan options. Get all your questions answered by experts Bill and Shahnaz Broucek with over 25 years financing experience.

Admission is free, but space is limited.

RSVP to Approved Mortgages at (734) 455-2219, Ext. 205, or e-mail Sue Buckel at sbuckel@approvedmortgages.com

Personal Property Seminar

Frischman Appraisal & Consulting hosts a personal property seminar 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 45525 Hanford in Canton.

The seminar will explain what personal property is, how it should be reported to the assessor and how incorrect

reporting can lead to overpayment of taxes.

Cost is \$10, payable at the door. RSVP by calling (734) 748-6678 or e-mail frischmanappraisal@yahoo.com

Quantum Leap Strategy

A workshop is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Holiday Inn Suites, 3950 S. Lotz in Canton, designed to give you the tools, skills and executable steps to jump start your 2010 and take the systems approach to profitability. In this content-rich course you will learn:

- How to get crystal clear on your preferred client (even if you think you already are).
- How to avoid the biggest mistakes when executing your strategy.
- Learn the secrets to shamelessly self-promote from Shawnee Duperon, a guest expert speaker and five time Emmy Award-Winning TV Producer and Media Expert who will show you how.
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Futurists in Franchising

A free franchising semi-

nar is scheduled 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 23, in the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 45525 Hanford in Canton, where attendees can hear four franchise experts discuss "Futures in Franchising," SBA expert Randy Jones, Franchise attorney Kelly Hayes, Franchising consultant Terry Coker and Curves Franchise owner Kim Scartelli.

First-time entrepreneurs who are considering business ownership through franchising should attend with their spouse or business partners. You will hear about financing a franchise, the laws of franchising, how to work with a consultant to identify the right franchise fit and exactly what it's like to own a franchise from a current owner and Franchisee of the Year.

Admission is free, but reservations are requested and can be made calling Terry Coker at (734) 459-4121.

Drive for the Cure

The Canton Community Foundation hosts "Drive for the Cure," a dinner and silent auction to help fight the battle against lymphoma cancer. Proceeds benefit Mark Doughty and family.

The event takes place at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Those unable to attend the event and wish to donate, please make checks payable to the Canton Community Foundation and mail to 50430 School House Road, #200, Canton, MI 48187.

Tickets are \$50 per person. RSVP by Jan. 8 by calling (734) 397-6460.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

Family medicine

IHA opened their first family medicine practice in the Canton area — IHA Canton Family Medicine — Jan. 1.

Dr. Carol King is joining IHA to launch the new family medicine practice. This new family medicine practice will open in the IHA Health Center on Cherry Hill Road and will be joining three existing IHA practices, which include: Cherry Hill Internal Medicine, Canton Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatric Healthcare Associates - Canton.

Cindy Elliott, IHA's COO said, "With the addition of Dr. King and our launch of Canton Family Medicine in the Cherry Hill location, we are positioned to offer patients the full scope of primary care services," said COO Cindy Elliott.

King is a well-regarded family medicine physician who has been practicing in the Canton area for nearly 10 years. She will be working in close coordination with the IHA Family Practice staff which is located in east Ann Arbor.

"I look forward to the opportunity to continue building long lasting relationships with entire families I treat while being on the forefront of family medicine in Canton for IHA," King said. "The quality of care throughout IHA aligns well with my philosophy of working proactively with patients to find the best path for ongoing good health."

Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling of Washtenaw County names new staff

Restoration hires

Brian McCall, Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling office owner, has announced several new staff additions to his company, located in Ann Arbor.



Rose

Jeremy Rose has been named as emergency services manager. He is responsible for managing all emergency services, water damage, fire damage and mold remediation activities for the office. Rose has more than nine years of professional experience in emergency mitigation services. He is certified as a Master Restorer from the IICRC. Rose resides in Canton.

"We are very pleased to have these professionals join our company and look forward to their involvement with our customers to ensure that excellent service is always provided," said McCall. "Their collective experience in the residential and commercial construction field is an asset to our office," he said.

Paul Davis Restoration of Washtenaw has served the southeastern Michigan area since 1993. The company provides emergency services for water damage, board-ups, tree removal, and wind damage in addition to building restoration services. The office specializes in emergency water damage. Paul Davis owners and technicians are trained in Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) standards for inspection, cleaning and disaster restoration. Paul Davis Restoration of Washtenaw also provides remodeling services. For more information, call (734) 930-0303.

Going to DECA

On January 8, more than 700 members of Michigan DECA in southeast Michigan, including Plymouth-Canton schools, will be invited to Eastern Michigan University to attend the District 5 Conference. Students will be able to show business professionals, volunteer judges, that they have what it takes to become the world's future workforce leaders. This conference is an opportunity for business professionals to interact one-on-one with students being educated in the free-enterprise system, and to get a sneak peek at their potential future employees.

Students compete for the right to advance to Michigan DECA's State Career Development Conference (SCDC) held annually in March at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. Out of over 2,500 students competing at the state conference, an elite group will be chosen to represent Michigan at DECA's annual International Career Development Conference (ICDC), in Louisville, KY, where they will compete with over 12,000 DECA members.

Marketing Educators and professionals have designed 20 events to help students learn skills necessary for careers in marketing, management, merchandising and entrepreneurship. Regardless of the event, every competition provides a constructive avenue for individual and team expression, initiative and creativity. Once students demonstrate their acquired skills, they are recognized on stage in front of their peers as the top marketing students in Michigan.

DECA is the only international student organization operating through schools to attract young people to careers in marketing, merchandising, management and entrepreneurship. Its purposes are to teach occupational proficiency, and to promote understanding and appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship in our free, competitive enterprise system. Ultimately DECA strives to ensure the future of the world's economy by providing qualified and well educated future business leaders.

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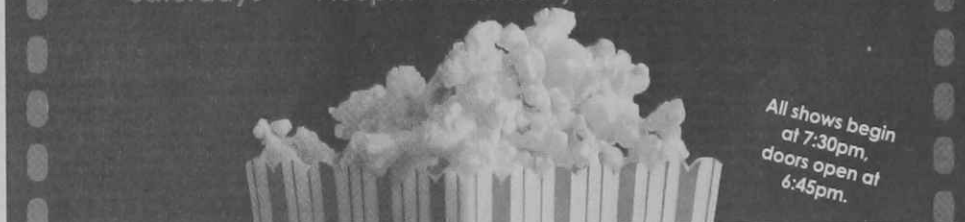
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Jan 23	My Fair Lady (1964)	Edwards Café & Caterer, 115 E. Main	Jan 9
Jan 30	The Thomas Crown Affair (1968)	Staring the Gallery, 118 W. Main	Jan 16
Feb 6	The Philadelphia Story (1940)	Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main	Jan 23
Feb 13	Roman Holiday (1953)	Riffle's Homestyle Restaurant, 160 E. Main	Jan 30
Feb 20	Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)	Wine Sync, 122 W. Main	Feb 6
Feb 27	That Touch of Mink (1962)	Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main	Feb 13
March 6	Charade (1963)	Sincerely Yours, Inc., 110 N. Center	Feb 20
March 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
March 20	Vertigo (1958)	Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main	March 6
March 27	Easter Parade (1948)	Gardenviews, 202 W. Main	March 13

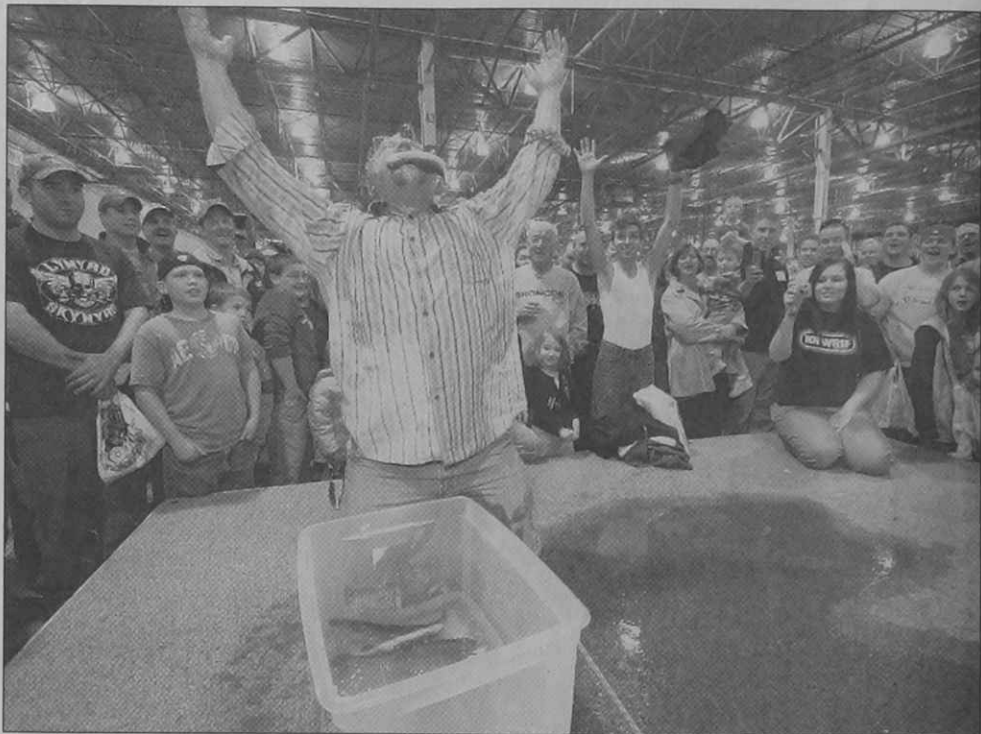


Tickets (\$3/ticket) are available for purchase exclusively at ticket-sponsor locations. The Movies at the Marquis series is open to all guests five years and older. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on the 2010 Movies at the Marquis series, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.

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Kids practice their fishing skills at the Ultimate Fishing Show.



Bobbing for Trout

Reel in some fun at fishing show

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Get out and do something different this weekend — bob for trout. Not inclined to shove your head into a big bucket of water and catch a live fish in your mouth? Then watching someone else do it might just be your laugh-filled ticket to fun Saturday. WRIF will broadcast from the Ultimate Fishing Show in the Rock Financial Center, Novi, Thursday through Sunday and will sponsor the event that gives participants a chance to win a fishing trip. The twisted take on “catch and release” starts at 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, at the show. It’s just one of many entertaining activities that anglers and non-anglers alike will find at the four-day, four-acre family-friendly expo. “Even if you aren’t interested in fishing, this show has so much to do,” said Paul Sacks, president of Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Nation, an organi-

zation that represents 36 bass fishing clubs, including Livonia Backlashers Fishing Club, statewide. “A lot of people come to the show because they know certain smokehouse companies will be there. There are vendors that book (fishing) trips. If you need to buy a rod and reel, it’s a good place to go because you can see everyone at once.” Sacks and other members of Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Nation will staff a booth throughout the show to “answer questions about everything.” “We’re primarily skilled in bass,” he said, but members also have experience reeling in other kinds of fish. “We’re happy to talk about all that. Or if you want to talk about a particular lake, we’ll do that,” he said, praising Lake St. Clair as one of the best for angling. “We teach all kinds of techniques. There are all kinds of ways of catching fish. This (the show) is a wonderful place to get beginning knowledge.”

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT The organization is dedicated to conservation, promoting fishing tournaments and getting youth involved in the sport. It represents six junior clubs in southeastern Michigan. It will offer a casting competition for youth, age 7-15 Saturday and Sunday at the show. Winners get a medal, a rod and reel and target to practice at home. “We set out a long lane with targets on the floor. We teach three different methods — the flip is for short distances; we show how to pitch a lure and the last one is overhand casting,” Sacks said. Other family activities include a rock climbing wall; virtual fishing simulator where children grab a rod and reel to try and land a 100-pound sailfish or 50-pound salmon; a 110,000 gallon pond stocked with live rainbow trout for catching live fish; an exotic animal zoo; and a “family zone” with simulated campfire, crafts and climbing tower. Free fly tying and fly fishing lessons will be available all four days of the

show. Fishing experts will offer nonstop seminars, clinics and demonstrations on topics including fishing from a kayak, perch and panfish, the Detroit River and St. Clair River, and more. “I enjoy seeing big name fishing personalities such as Kevin Van Dam and Roland Martin when they are available at these shows,” said Leo Benchich, of the Livonia Backlashers Fishing Club. “Their talks are truly inspirational. I also enjoy seeing all the different lure manufacturers and distributors hawking their wares. I usually end up spending more money than I had planned on rods, reels, lures, and accessories. It gives me an all-in-one shopping experience for tackle.” Vendors run the gamut from guides and outfitters to boats, fishing tackle, electronics. “All in all, as a ‘regular guy’ fisherman, I find these shows have a high value to me, especially this time of year when we can only dream of being out on the water,” Benchich added.

ULTIMATE FISHING SHOW

When: 2-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 7; noon-9:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 8; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 10
Where: Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi
Details: Fishing seminars, demonstrations, kids’ activities, contests, trout pond, boats, equipment
Admission: \$10 adults; \$4 for children, 6-14; bring six cans or boxes of non-perishable food items to the show on opening night and receive a free ticket worth \$10 for admission to the show that night only.
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Lotus Arts Gallery
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400
Northville Art House
Time/Dates: “Made of Wood: Multiple Perspectives” opens Jan. 8
Location: 215 W. Cady Street, downtown Northville
Contact: (248) 344-0497, or visit www.northvillearts.org

AUDITIONS
Farmington Hills Youth Choir
Time/Date: Auditions by appointment 5-6:30 p.m. and open auditions 6:30-7:30, Wednesday, Jan. 13
Location: Longacre House, located at 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The Youth Choir offers children, age 6-12, with all levels of experience the opportunity to perform a wide variety of choral music in an engaging, meaningful setting
Contact: Call (248) 473-1859 for audition appointment
Farmington Players
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 8-17 and 2:30 p.m. sign-in for ages 18 and over, Sunday, Jan. 24; call backs at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 25
Location: The Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 West Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: “Gypsy” is about a relentless stage mother, Rose, who travels the country with her two daughters, June and Louise, and their manager, Herbie. While June and Louise wish their mother would settle down and marry Herbie, Rose continues to pursue dreams of stardom for her girls. The auditions for those between 8 and 17 will include singing, reading and dancing. All materials for these auditions will be available on the Gypsy home page at www.farmingtonplayers.org. Those who are 18 and over should be prepared to perform a 60- to 90-second monologue for the reading audition.
Contact: E-mail Jason Wilhoite at coun-

terpoint78@gmail.com or call him at (734) 765-4535.
Oakland Community College
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Jan. 26 and 5-7 p.m., Jan. 27
Location: Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, located on Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696 in Farmington Hills.
Details: “Black Comedy” revolves around the efforts of a young man to impress his fiancée’s father while desperately and hilariously dealing with the ensuing confusion among his invited and uninvited guests. Needs five men and three women, ages 17 to 60. Auditioners should arrive 15 minutes early and be prepared to read a character and scene of their choice from excerpts posted at www.oaklandcc.edu/theatre.
Contact: E-mail preferred date and hour for audition to dohill@oaklandcc.edu or leave a message at (248) 522-3636.
Schoolcraft College
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 12-13
Location: 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, in the liberal arts theater
Details: Auditions for “King Lear,” 35 roles will be filled. Performances will be March 19-20 and 26-27 and April 19-20, 2010
Contact: (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270

COMEDY
Go Comedy!
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net
JD’s House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticket-master.com
Jazz Cafe at Music Hall
Time/Date: 9 p.m. third Thursdays
Location: 350 Madison Ave., Detroit
Details: Show Up, and Go Up, open call, free
Contact: (313) 887-8532; www.jazzcafedetroit.com
Joey’s Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows

GET OUT
Wednesdays, Thursdays: 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com
Mark Ridley’s Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Jim David, Dec. 31
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedy-castle.com
CONCERTS
The Ark
Time/Date: Ark 45th Anniversary Kickoff: Mountain Heart, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 8; Dick Siegel and the Brandos, 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9; Livingston Taylor, Jan. 10; Alejandro Escovedo, Jan. 11; The Red Sea Pedestrians, Jan. 12; Lee Harvey Osmond, Jan. 13; Solas & Bearfoot, Jan. 14; The Ragbirds, Jan. 15; The Verve Pipe: A Family Show, Jan. 16; The Yellow Room Gang, Jan. 16
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org
Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org
JWH Center for the Arts
Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m.
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May
Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmullen@yahoo.com
Magic Bag
Time/Dates: Whitey Morgan & The 78’s, Jan. 8
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com
Music Hall Jazz Cafe
Time/Date: Open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 5; DJ LaJedi, 5 p.m. and High Profile, 8 p.m., Jan. 6; M.L. Liebler, 7 p.m., Jan. 7; The Cookers, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Jan. 8-9; Stuart Scaggis-Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 12; Judy Adams, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 13; Lauaretté Designs event, Jan. 15; MotorCityBlog 5 Year Anniversary with Electric Fire Babies, Mick Bassett & the Marthas, Ken’s Loud Band, Satori Circus, The Lincolns UK, Kinetic Stereokids, Blase’

Splee, 7 p.m., Jan. 16; Tim Reeves, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 19; Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 20; Ben’s Friends, 7 p.m., Jan. 21; Stage to Stage, Jan. 22; Ain’t Misbehavin’, 7 p.m., 7 p.m., Jan. 26; Discovery Series, 7 p.m. and open jam session, 9 p.m., Jan. 27; Grandeur Events Extravaganza, 8 p.m., Jan. 20
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: No cover most shows; \$27 for The Cookers; \$10 for Lauaretté Designs; \$10 Motor City Blog anniversary; \$5 Ben’s Friends
Contact: (313) 887-8500



Flying Latini Brothers

Village Theatre at Cherry Hill
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton
Details: John Latini And The Flying Latini Brothers perform; tickets are \$15
Contact: (734) 394-5460

FAMILY
Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com
Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org
Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: “Pinocchio,” through Jan. 24, tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com



Almonds are a healthful snack.

Add healthy snacking to this year's resolutions

Forget diet shakes and strict meal plans. This year, pledge to eat more snacks. Healthy snacking is emerging as a new food trend for consumers who have resolved to focus on health and wellness in 2010.

Today's consumers see snacking as an integral part of their lifestyles. From stressed-out Generation Xers to comfort-seeking Baby Boomers and wellness-savvy Millennials, consumers recognize that smart mini-meals can be part of an all-day wellness plan, according to U.S. trend watcher Iconoculture. Iconoculture reports that consumers want to bring their lives back into balance. They crave basic, comforting, filling and better-for-them foods when they snack, including nuts, seeds, fruits, popcorn and veggies.

"Consumers want their snacks to be multitasking munchies," said chef and cookbook author Tina Salter, who develops recipes for Diamond culinary nuts, Emerald snack nuts and Pop Secret popcorn. "They want snacks that provide health benefits, but that are also convenient, delicious, satisfying and taste a little indulgent."

SNACK BENEFITS

One of the keys to healthy snacking is not just eating foods that are good for the body, Salter said, but also finding treats that are handy and leave us satisfied without the guilt. That's why so many healthy snackers are turning to nuts and popcorn. Both snacks are high in fiber, have proven antioxidant benefits and provide a whole host of benefits versus other snacks.

In fact, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says that scientific evidence suggests, but does not prove, that eat-

ing 1.5 ounces per day of most nuts, as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, may reduce the risk of heart disease. Other facts supporting nuts as a part of a healthy diet include:

- Walnuts are one of the most concentrated sources of omega-3 fatty acids. One serving of walnuts, about 1/3 cup or 12-16 walnut halves, several times a week has been shown to lower overall cholesterol and blood pressure while reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and fighting arthritis and other inflammatory diseases.
- Almonds are a beneficial source of vitamin E, magnesium, manganese, and a good source of fiber, copper, phosphorous, and riboflavin. A one-ounce serving, about 23 almonds, has 13 grams of good unsaturated fats, just 1 gram of saturated fat, and is always cholesterol free.

"Nuts are delicious, nutritious and portable, making them an excellent choice for today's busy consumers," Salter said. "Stash them in your desk at work, in your purse or gym bag and in your car so you always have a healthy snacking option at hand."

MOVIE NIGHT HEALTHIER

A recent study showed that plain popcorn has the highest level of polyphenols among snack foods; polyphenols potentially reduce risk of heart disease, cancer and other diseases. With zero cholesterol or trans fats, plain popcorn is 100 percent whole grain and is an easy to prepare snack for the whole family.

An economical snack, popcorn provides a satisfying, high fiber treat with high satiety levels to aid in hunger management.

Courtesy of Family Features

AWESOME BANANA WALNUT SHAKE

The frozen banana in this shake creates an ice cream-like consistency. The walnuts get so finely ground by the blender that you don't even know they're in there ... until you taste it! It's so yummy!

- 1 medium very ripe banana, frozen
- 1/2 cup vanilla low-fat yogurt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1-2 tablespoons honey

Place banana, yogurt, walnuts, and 1 tablespoon honey in a blender. Blend on low speed until ingredients start to mix together. Then increase to high speed and blend until smooth. For a sweeter smoothie, add another tablespoon of honey. Serve immediately. Tip: To make a frozen banana, peel and cut the banana into chunks. Wrap in plastic and place in freezer several hours or overnight. Serves two; prep time five minutes; 267 calories; 11 grams fat

CAJUN SPICED WALNUTS

A spicy kick makes these a perfect pre-dinner nibble with drinks. Prepare them a day ahead if you can, as the flavors blend and mellow overnight.

- 1 egg white
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons mixed dried herbs
- 1 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 cups walnut halves and pieces

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat a large, shallow baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix egg white, garlic salt, dried herbs, cayenne pepper and paprika with a whisk or fork until blended. Add walnut halves and pieces and toss until they are evenly coated, then spread in the prepared baking pan. Bake 16-18 minutes, stirring once after about 8 minutes, until the walnuts look dry and toasted. Remove from the oven and cool completely. Store in an airtight container. Serves eight; prep time is 15 minutes; 201 calories; 20 grams fat

APPLE AND WALNUT SPICED MUFFINS

Spicy muffins, dense with apples, raisins and walnuts are crisp outside and moist within

- hot water
- 1 cup raisins
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 4-5 small apples
- 1 egg
- 2 egg whites
- 1/2 cup canola oil or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease muffin tins, or coat with non-stick spray.

Pour hot water over the raisins in a small bowl and let sit 10 minutes; drain well and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the flour, oatmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg. Stir and toss to combine the ingredients, then set aside.

Peel and core the apples. Grate them coarsely - you need about 2 generous cups, lightly pressed down.

Combine the grated apple with the eggs and egg white, oil and walnuts, and beat to blend.

Add to the combined dry ingredients along with the raisins and stir just until blended and moistened - the batter will be very stiff. Spoon into the prepared muffin tins, filling the cups about three-quarters full.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in a muffin comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes in the pan, then remove and serve warm. Makes 12 muffins; 284 calories; 9 grams fat.

Recipes courtesy of the California Walnut Board

NUT, POPCORN SNACKS

MAPLE CINNAMON ROASTED ALMONDS

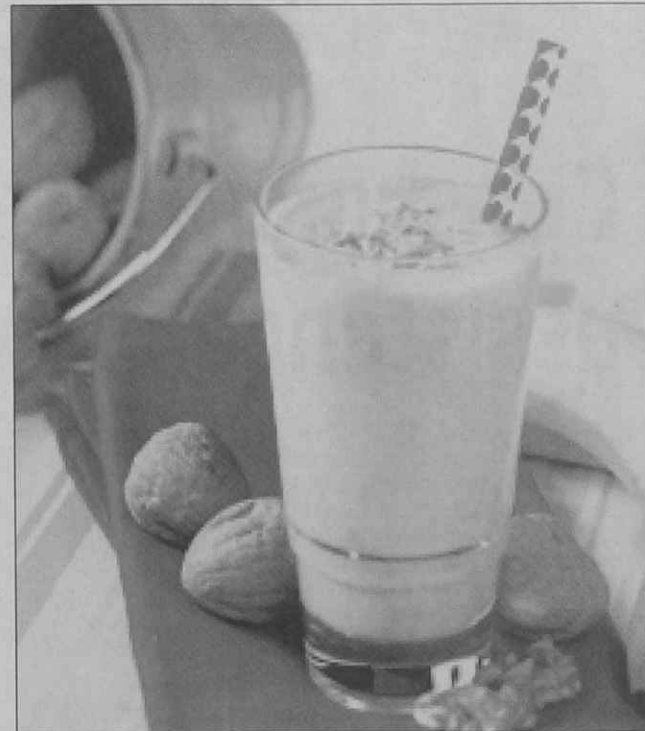
- 2 cups whole almonds
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

Roast the almonds on a large square baking sheet at 350°F for 15 minutes. Take the almonds out of the oven. In a saucepan, mix together the maple syrup, canola oil, vanilla and cinnamon. Heat at medium just until the mixture starts to boil. Add the roasted almonds to the saucepan. Toss until the almonds are evenly glazed and covered with the syrup mixture. Cover the baking sheet with parchment paper. Spray with vegetable oil. Spread the maple almond mixture onto the parchment paper and let cool. Enjoy the same day or store in an airtight container in the refrigerator to enjoy throughout the week. Serves 8; 245 calories and 10 grams fat.

HEART-Y ANTIOXIDANT ALMOND SNACK MIX

- 3 cups multi-grain cereal squares, such as Chex brand
- 3 cups fiber cereal twigs, such as Fiber One brand
- 1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate morsels
- 1/2 cup almond butter
- 1/2 cup enriched margarine spread such as Smart Balance brand (may use butter)
- 1/2 cup almond flour
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar

Line a large sheet pan with waxed paper. Place cereal and dried cranberries in a large resealable plastic bag. In a microwaveable bowl, add chocolate chips, almond butter and enriched margarine spread (or butter). Microwave on high heat, uncovered, for 1 minute. Stir. Microwave for another 30 seconds; remove and stir until smooth. Pour chocolate mixture into plastic bag, seal and shake to coat evenly. Add almond flour, sliced almonds and confectioners' sugar. Reseal and shake to coat. Spread mixture on waxed paper and cool completely. Refrigerate in an airtight container; mix can be stored for up to 1 week. Contains 237 calories per serving and 13.3 grams of fat.



Awesome Banana Walnut Shake

DIAMOND PECAN AND CITRUS ON SWEET POTATO ROUNDS

- 2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 1 cup freshly cut orange segments, reserving 2 Tablespoons of the juice
- 6 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon minced green onion
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated lime zest
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 12 ounce fresh goat cheese or whipped cream cheese, at room temperature

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously oil a large baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with salt. Arrange sweet potato slices in a single layer on baking sheet; press each round in the oil and turn so that the oiled side is facing up. Bake until tender, about 20 minutes. Cut each orange segment into thirds. In a small bowl, combine orange pieces, cilantro, orange juice, lime juice, green onion, lime zest, salt and cayenne; add chopped pecans and toss well. To serve: Spread a thin layer of goat cheese onto each

sweet potato round; top with a teaspoon of the chopped pecan mixture. Serve immediately. Makes about 30 rounds

Recipe courtesy of Diamond Foods

MEDITERRANEAN ALMOND DIP

- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon toasted whole natural almonds
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil or almond oil
 - 1 clove garlic
 - 1 can (15 oz.) garbanzo beans
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
 - 1/2 cup chopped toasted almonds (optional)
- Crackers or pita bread rounds, cut into wedges
- Chop 1 tablespoon whole natural almonds for garnish; set aside. Combine remaining portion of the 1/2 cup whole natural almonds in food processor with oil and garlic. Process until well chopped. Drain garbanzo beans, reserving 1/2 cup liquid. Add beans, liquid, lemon juice and pepper to almond mixture. Process until smooth. Stir in 1/2 cup chopped almonds, if desired. Spoon into a serving bowl. Garnish with chopped almonds and serve with crackers or pita wedges. Serves eight; 133 calories and 6.7 grams fat.

Recipes courtesy of the California Almond Board



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Consumers Energy, DTE outline winter assistance plans for their customers

With the official start of winter just around the corner, it's important that we begin preparing ourselves and our houses for the colder weather. DTE Energy and Consumers Energy offer a number of programs to help customers with their energy bills. Payment assistance programs offered to customers include: a medical emergencies program to postpone shutoffs in the event of a medical issue; and a shut-off protection plan to spread future bills out over the year, and to include equal monthly payments on an unpaid balance in order to avoid a shut-off.

Some consumers and all senior citizens, regardless of their income, also qualify for DTE Energy's Winter Protection Plan. This program protects these customers from shutoff between Nov. 1 and March 31. During this period, customers must pay a portion of their estimated annual bill plus regular payments on any past-due bills. After March 31, the required bill payments will increase to cover winter bills. For more information on any of these programs, call Consumers Energy at (800) 477-5050, and DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747.

Many assistance programs are available by calling 2-1-1 at United Way. Weatherization help is available for low-income residents. These programs help with caulking, weather stripping, and insulation. Another program that is available is THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund, which helps people facing a shut-off who have exhausted all federal and state funding programs.



The state offers assistance with energy bills through the State Emergency Relief Program in the Department of Human Services. This program is available to DHS clients and non-DHS clients. For more information, call the Energy Assistance Hotline at (800) 292-5650, or visit your local DHS office. State Department of Social Services for Wayne County is located at 2929 Russell St. in Detroit. You can reach

that office by calling (313) 396-0200. Visit these Web sites to learn more about the help that is available:

DTE Energy: <http://www.dteenergy.com/residentialCustomers/billing-Payment/paymentPrograms/payAssistance.html>.

Consumers Energy: <http://www.consumersenergy.com/welcome.htm>.

United Way of Southeastern Michigan: www.uwsem.org/. THAW, the Heat and Warmth Fund: http://www.thawfund.org/how_help/index.html.

State Emergency Relief Energy Assistance Programs: <http://www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance/0,1607,7-215-33211-105989--,00.html>.

Heed standards on board votes

Q: At a recently held condominium board election, the current board president had all ballots affixed with a label identifying the co-owner. I maintain this is a violation of privacy. How a member votes should not be known to anyone other than the voter. Am I not correct?

A: Although your voting should be kept confidential, condominium association voting procedures are uniquely different from other nonprofit corporations. Sometimes each unit vote is weighted by the "percentage of value" assigned to the unit as set forth in the

master deed so the unit number must be identified to properly calculate the votes. Also, the bylaws often require that the ballot must be signed by the "designated

voting representative" for the unit and the signature on the ballot must match the association's records for the person authorized to cast the vote and to keep track of who submitted each ballot to ensure there is no duplicate voting for a single unit. Also, since delinquent units often are ineligible to vote, the identity of the unit is needed for that purpose. To maintain confidentiality, the association should appoint and swear in two inspectors of the ballots to tabulate the votes and report the tally. You should consult an experienced community association attorney to analyze your specific condominium document requirements to ensure that your rights are fully protected, however.

Q: I frequently review your column as it relates to property in southwest Florida with particular emphasis on Naples. Are things getting any better in residential sales?

A: Based upon a recent visit to Naples in September-October of 2009, it appears that the bottom has not been reached. Property along the coastlines has depreciated approximately 25 percent with property more inland having depreciated between 40 and 50 percent. A number of developers are experiencing extreme financial duress and are walking away from the properties much like the case in other areas of Florida and around the country. Foreclosures are increasing, and, while the rental market appears to be strong, the real estate market is weak. Many contractors who went to Florida to find work have been laid off and the economy, even in the Naples area, is suffering.

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

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 14-18, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills		4090 Forest Edge Dr 1896 Nacona 5421 Wentworth Dr	\$155,000 \$350,000 \$240,000	26363 Mandalay Cir 40525 Oakwood Dr 41615 Tamara St 24451 Venice Dr	\$395,000 \$173,000 \$100,000 \$285,000	2232 Camelot Dr 3672 Carmel Dr 2586 Portobello Dr 2325 Tall Oaks Dr 3174 York Dr	Troy \$187,000 \$185,000 \$210,000 \$430,000 \$152,000
Beverly Hills		33925 Macomb Ave 22906 Power Rd	\$243,000 \$83,000	3761 Indian Trl	\$550,000	327 Shore Brook Ln	Walled Lake \$148,000
Birmingham		31053 Applewood Ln 28127 Bellcrest St 25358 Castlereigh Dr 39252 Kennedy Dr 21790 River Ridge Trl 36856 W 12 Mile Rd 28001 W 13 Mile Rd	\$242,000 \$190,000 \$170,000 \$255,000 \$164,000 \$100,000 \$250,000	570 Lakes Edge Dr 620 Market St 3106 Paradise Trl 1047 S Coats Rd 943 Watersmeet Dr	\$249,000 \$190,000 \$65,000 \$135,000 \$251,000	4725 Charest Ave 5031 Davers St 5797 Eldridge Dr 1376 Fieldcrest Dr 2081 Lone Birch Dr 1275 Oregon Blvd 2994 Otsego Rd 4270 Stanley Ct 6058 Waterfront Dr	Waterford \$72,000 \$103,000 \$60,000 \$65,000 \$218,000 \$121,000 \$55,000 \$35,000 \$175,000
Bloomfield Township		22140 W Valley Woods Dr	\$240,000	810 Plate St 903 W Third St	\$29,000 \$290,000	3091 Brewster Ct 5477 Centerbrook Dr 6785 Colony Dr 5860 Cromwell Rd 3651 Elder Rd S 6861 Essex Ct 4317 Walnut Woods Dr 4651 Welland Dr 7855 Woodingham	West Bloomfield \$175,000 \$245,000 \$180,000 \$165,000 \$270,000 \$400,000 \$210,000 \$113,000 \$80,000
Clarkston		1695 Bowers St 2795 Buckingham Ave 1460 Cole St 1881 Hazel St 809 Ruffner Ave 1935 Sheffield Rd	\$90,000 \$150,000 \$159,000 \$121,000 \$355,000 \$177,000	3078 Avalon Rd 2426 Blockton Rd 3135 Brandon Ct 1302 Brook Ln 1096 Canyon Creek Dr 1555 Charter Oak Dr 1863 Jenny Ln 1862 Marlowe Ave 223 South St	\$100,000 \$172,000 \$230,000 \$90,000 \$630,000 \$40,000 \$122,000 \$75,000 \$100,000	61060 Preakness Blvd 1131 Shetland Dr 23422 Spy Glass Hl N 417 Walnut Dr	South Lyon \$290,000 \$230,000 \$297,000 \$170,000
Commerce Township		730 Watties Rd 7605 Bitterbush 4731 Cobden Ln 4820 Eagle Springs Ct 8270 Foster Rd 5851 Kingfisher Ln 9118 Lakebluff Dr 6600 Trillium Village Ln	\$370,000 \$250,000 \$73,000 \$400,000 \$650,000 \$161,000 \$395,000 \$61,000	22105 Ivanhoe Ln 18479 Kesh St 29630 Woodhaven Ln	\$140,000 \$32,000 \$151,000	8835 Cove Ct 8890 Twin Lakes Dr	White Lake \$170,000 \$188,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 7-11, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		47801 Hastings Rd 1821 Lone Wolf Ln 45874 S Stonewood Rd	\$333,000 \$125,000 \$157,000	19628 Stamford Dr 41804 Waterfall Rd	\$195,000 \$350,000	19726 Olympia 25525 W Seven Mile Rd	Westland \$57,000 \$95,000
Garden City		28533 Block St 1757 Cardwell St	\$35,000 \$25,000	736 Kellogg St 576 N Harvey St	\$54,000 \$203,000	719 Autumn Ridge Dr 34460 Marina Ct 743 N Wildwood St 7365 Woodview St	\$150,000 \$180,000 \$83,000 \$50,000
Livonia		32033 Delaware St 14300 Hillcrest St 19515 Merriman Ct	\$102,000 \$140,000 \$34,000	18610 Glenmore 19584 Imperial Hwy 18302 Kinloch	\$51,000 \$85,000 \$50,000		

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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Boot Camp Sales Training on six Monday mornings, Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, and 15, from 9-11 a.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Dave Tear, Head Coach of Sales Coaches' Corner, will present suggestions on how to set expectations and stay in control of the sale; how to ask the tough questions and qualify your prospects; how to stop selling on price and start making money; how to stop relying on prospects to return on their own and how to get prospects off the fence.

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents a Certified Graduate course on Building Codes, Standards and Guidelines on Thursday, Jan. 14, 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,

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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its economic forecast luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke Avenue in Sterling Heights.

Featured guest speaker is David Crowe, chief economist of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. He will address the economic issues facing the home building industry during 2010.

In conjunction with this event, industry awards will be given to BIA's 2009 President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development LLC and the other award honorees. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members with advance reservations made by Jan. 22; \$60 for members after Jan. 22, and \$75 for guests. Registration fees include entry to BIA's Builders & Remodelers Trade Show at the same location from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For registration information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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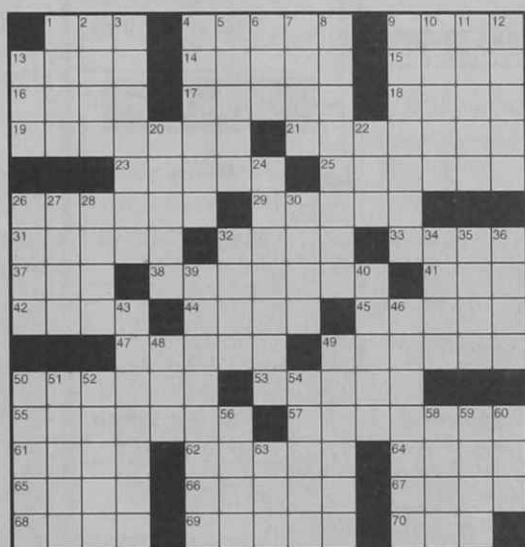
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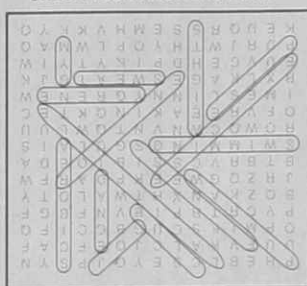
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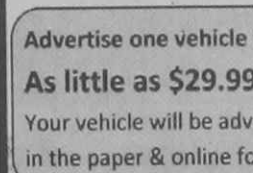
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