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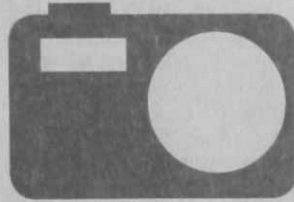


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Eat 'em up

A 10-year-old Plymouth girl participating in an on-line contest for the most creative peanut butter sandwich is getting the chance to find out what live eaters think.

After reading about Stephanie Hosko's "chickenchita" sandwich, a concoction that combines grilled chicken, sauteed red peppers,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

crushed pineapples and Jif peanut butter, Bill Sorenson, who owns Nassau Bar and Grill at 5 Mile and Sheldon in Plymouth Township, has decided to make the sandwich a featured menu item Monday and Tuesday.

Bill Sorenson, who owns Nassau Bar and Grill, said he's known Stephanie's father, John, for "about 20 years," and said the sandwich piqued his interest.

"Hopefully, it'll help her with the on-line voting, too," he said.

Stephanie, an All Saints Catholic School student, was understandably excited to know her creation would make its public debut.

"It's really cool," she said. "I never thought this would happen."

CFCU scholars

Community Financial, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, will be awarding 11 scholarships worth \$1,000 each in April.

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Canton fixes roads ahead of funding crunch

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton will have one more busy season of road improvements before local and regional officials predict a funding shortfall — barring bold steps to increase revenues — could sharply curtail projects here and across Michigan.

Officials worry that deteriorating roads, already angrily criticized by frustrated motorists, will only

Map showing area road projects, A2.

worsen as increasingly scarce local, county and state dollars continue to disappear.

"It's getting close to calling it a crisis at this point," Carmine Palumbo, transportation director for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, told Canton officials Tuesday night during gloomy talks about road issues.

Canton still will benefit from sev-

eral major road projects scheduled for this year, but only because a mix of local, county, state and federal dollars already had been approved for the work.

Two of those county projects alone are expected to have a combined price tag of nearly \$9 million as work crews widen to five lanes two sections of road. Those projects involve widening Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer, potentially starting in April, and Sheldon Center

from Canton Center to Joy, beginning late this year and spilling over into 2011, said Township Engineer Tom Casari.

Other, less-expensive projects involve surface repairs to Palmer between Haggerty and Lilley and a lengthy stretch of Ford Road from just east of Sheldon to Wayne Road in Westland. Moreover, intersection improvements, such as adding

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Wandering church settles into new home

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After 11 years of not having its own home, a Canton church congregation has settled into its new building after an anonymous donor generously gave \$1 million.

With that gift supplementing \$800,000 already raised over the years, the name Friendship Church Canton seems appropriate for a new place of worship that has opened its doors at 1240 N. Beck, northeast of Beck and Saltz roads.

It's not money, though, that defines this United Methodist Church-affiliated congregation. Rather, associate pastor Scott Petersen has described Friendship Church as a place that "strives to connect the ancient truths of Christ to people of all ages in modern ways by using a casual atmosphere, cutting-edge worship, drama, video and transformational teaching."

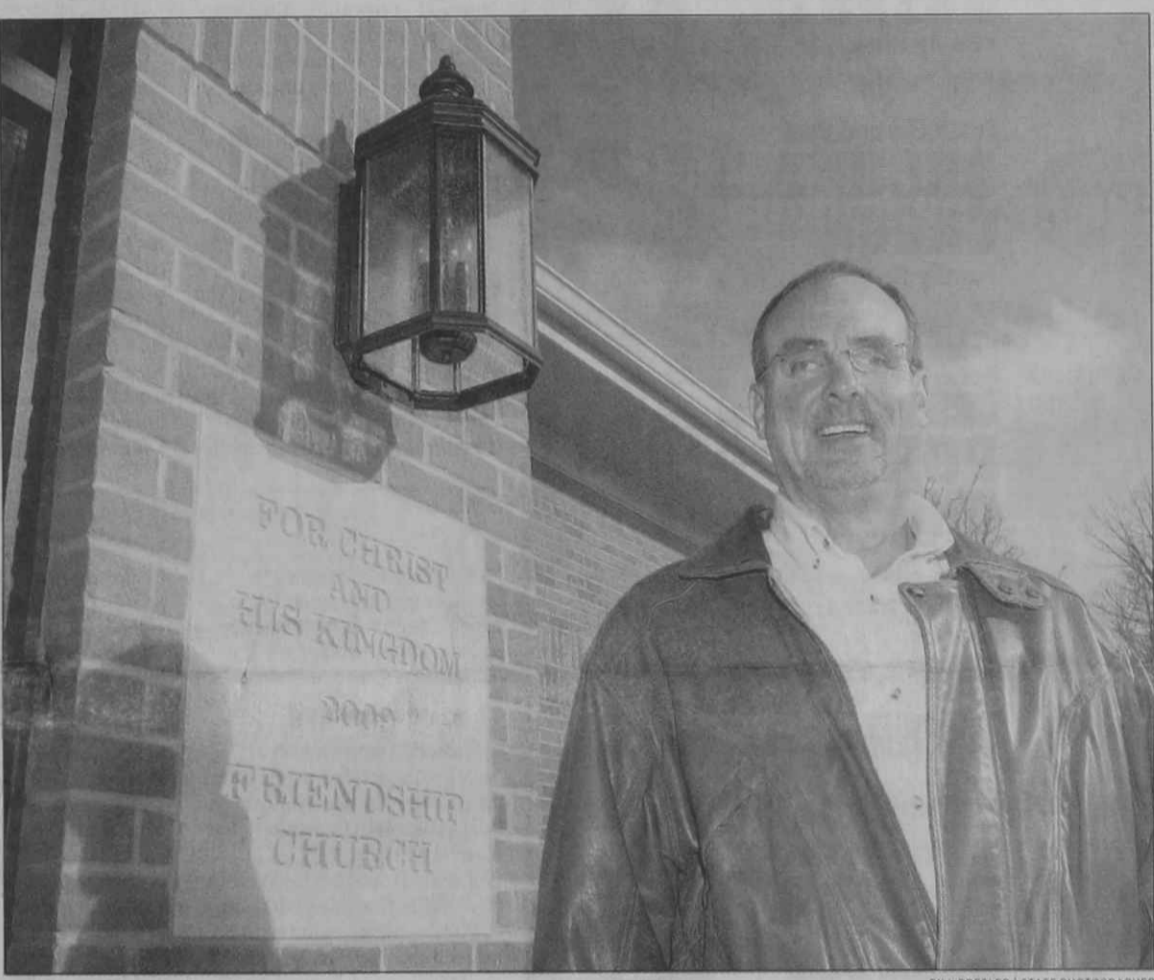
It's typical to hear a band playing inspirational songs that sound like pop music on a Sunday when pastor Mike Norton, not wearing a jacket or tie or robe, opts for informal social ways of reaching out to his congregation.

Typically drawing 220 to 300 people on a Sunday, Friendship Church Canton officially moved into its new building on Christmas Eve, and its members also come from neighboring communities such as Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Ypsilanti and Belleville.

Member Amy Morrissey, husband Tim and children Josh, 7, and Erin, 5, started attending services three years ago. The congregation had met in places such as Canton's Summit on the Park, Dodson Elementary School, Discovery Middle School and the Michigan Theological Seminary in Plymouth before building its new, \$3 million home with money received and taking out a mortgage for the rest.

"I need a boot camp kind of church," Morrissey said. "I want very practical, actionable ways for living my life. I don't think worship is just on Sunday. I think it's an all-time kind of thing. On Sunday I get an action plan I can use to live, act and think differently."

Morrissey lauded the use of contemporary-sounding music, drama



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Pastor Mike Norton stands in front of the new Friendship Church Canton.



TAMMY MILLER

Dave and Jan Goble are pictured taking part in a grand-opening service called 'Cardboard Testimonies' as Friendship Church settles into its new home. The Gobles' Canton home exploded a couple of years ago. The couple made it out safely.

and multimedia tools during services, held at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sundays.

who may not be sure what they believe, or who may have lost their way and stopped attending church years ago.

"I think it's called Friendship Church for a reason," Morrissey said. "From the first time our family walked in, somebody turned to us and said, 'I haven't seen you before. How are you?' It was great."

On Jan. 17, the church started a five-Sunday grand opening celebration.

"We're doing it for five weeks because we want to open the door pretty wide," Norton said.

Friendship Church reaches out to people

"It's kind of a comeback venue," Norton said.

In fact, he said, 80 percent of the congregation includes members who hadn't been attending services before they starting going to Friendship Church.

Like Morrissey, Norton said it's not coincidental that the congregation chose the name it did.

"Friendship is one of those words that speaks to a sense of community — a commitment to and a belonging to an association of other like-minded people," Norton said. "It really has no negatives."

For more on Friendship Church Canton, log on to www.canton-friendship.org — or, members say, try one of the services.

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Locals eye plan to deal with water rate hike

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton would see a 15-percent spike in water rates under a new proposal unveiled for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department customers.

If township officials pass the rate hike on to local customers, costs would climb from \$17.28 per 1,000 cubic feet of water to \$19.87. That means an average Canton customer would see their quarterly water expenses increase by \$15, climbing from \$103 to \$118, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

That breaks down to about the cost of one fast-food meal a month, although the rate hike that ultimately will be set by Canton's elected leaders isn't yet known. Rather, it merely reflects what Detroit

has proposed.

Local leaders in coming weeks still have to tabulate their costs for operating, maintaining and repairing the local water system, Faas said, "and that's going to drive that number either up or down."

Moreover, the exact sewer portion of local rates isn't yet known — another factor that could drive up the overall costs to residents and businesses.

Local officials hope to hammer out water rates quickly so they — and residents — will have a handle on what to expect.

"We want to implement the new rate as soon as possible," Faas said.

Detroit area water rates are continuing to increase even though consumption has plummeted 20 percent over the past two years, officials have said.

"Traditional supply and demand models don't work in the water business," Faas said.

Water use has dropped as recession-plagued residents and businesses cut back on activities such as sprinkling lawns, and last summer was a cooler, damper season than some previous years. That, in turn, has reduced revenues Detroit says it needs to repair an aging water system.

One document from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department points out the difficulty of water rates amid tough economic times.

"Increasingly, utilities find themselves between a rock and a hard place. Their aging systems need more revenue for pipe and plant rehabilitation, but they can't fund these sustain-

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ability projects without raising rates in hard economic times," according to the document, "DWSD Rates: A New Regional Paradigm, Working Together to Manage Water Rates."

Like many communities, Canton has taken steps to try to rein in water usage during peak hours — measures that could at least minimize rate hikes. Those efforts include:

- Encouraging residents to water their lawns between midnight and 5 a.m., rather than turning on sprinklers when they come home from work.
- Urging residents with even-numbered addresses to water lawns on even-numbered calendars days, and encouraging households with odd-numbered addresses to follow suit on odd-numbered calendar days.

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or improving turn lanes, are slated for this construction season at Cherry Hill-Lilley, Cherry Hill-Haggerty and Lilley-Warren.

Casari said no road closures are expected, though it's possible the Sheldon Center widening could involve some sporadic lane closings.

Officials say it's fortunate the new round of road improvements will occur this year, because funding woes are only expected to worsen. The Michigan Transportation Fund, which comes from taxes on gasoline and vehicle registration, dropped from over \$2 billion just two years ago to less than \$1.7 billion in 2009-10 as recession-battered motorists used less fuel.

"We're buying fewer gallons of gas as a state and as a nation," Palumbo said.

And while that can help the environment and reduce fuel demand and costs, it poses an even bigger challenge as state officials grapple with ways to make up the lost revenue so road projects can be funded, officials said. Moreover, Michigan's 19-cents-a-gallon gas tax hasn't been increased since 1997, though the cost of road work has risen dramatically, Palumbo said.

Across the state, he said, some 24 communities actually have responded to road-funding problems by pulverizing some of their roads and turning them to gravel.

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said she has noticed roads are better in neighboring states like Ohio, where gas taxes are higher.

"As soon as you hit Michigan, it's like you're on the road to Baghdad," she said.

In Canton, local officials for years have set aside money to boost road projects and aid the county. Amid declining revenues, however, township lead-



1. Widening of Sheldon Center to five lanes between Canton Center and Joy roads.

2. Widening of Canton Center to five lanes between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

3. Microsurfacing project on Ford Road from east of Sheldon to Wayne Road in Westland.

4. Surface repairs along Palmer between Haggerty and Lilley.

5. Federal stimulus project for five-lane reconstruction at the Warren-Lilley intersection.

6. Add north and south turn lanes to Lilley at Cherry Hill.

7. Add east and west turn lanes to Cherry Hill at Haggerty.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: 2010 Road Projects in Canton



Source: Canton Township

ers have decided they can no longer afford such measures going forward.

As a result, Casari said "2010 will be the last big year" for widespread road projects. Still, some large projects are possible, such as major efforts to improve the I-275/Ford Road interchange if the state succeeds in its efforts to secure a \$20.3 million federal stimulus grant.

Palumbo cited several

ways state legislators could opt to raise money for road repairs, but lawmakers could be deterred by measures that might prove unpopular with voters. Options could include increasing vehicle registration fees, raising gasoline and diesel taxes, boosting the state sales tax or basing fuel taxes on the miles motorists drive.

"A number of different states are looking into that,"

Palumbo said.

Such an effort could require a black box to be placed in vehicles to gauge miles driven between fill-ups — a scenario that Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo said seems Orwellian.

"You realize that just hearing that statement sends shivers down my spine," Caccamo said during Tuesday's meeting.

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United Home Health Services, a not-for-profit home care agency located in Canton, hosts their fourth annual charity event Friday, Jan. 29 at Genitti's-Hole-In-The-Wall in Northville from 6:30-10 p.m.

The evening begins with a seven-course family style Italian dinner followed by the audience participation whodunit *Mystic Madness*. Reservations are \$50 and can be purchased by contacting

(734) 981-8820. Sponsorships are also available.

Proceeds from this event go toward United's Patient Support Fund, which is used to provide home care for patients who do not have health insurance or whose needs go beyond the scope of insurance coverage. This fund is also used to provide emergency medications, food, clothing, medical equipment, and transportation for patients in need. With Michigan's struggling economy, these needs are greater than ever.

Rockettes clinic

The Salem Rockettes Pom Team hosts its annual

pom/dance clinic at Salem High School Saturday, March 6.

Youngsters in grades K-5 go from 9 a.m. to noon; grades 6-8 go from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$40. For more information, contact Kim Benintende at (734) 340-9360 for more information, or check the team's Web site at www.pompon.salemrocks.com

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All Saints open house

All Saints Catholic School, located in Canton on Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads, hosts an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year.

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Many 'in awe' of awesome autos at NAIAS

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The North American International Auto Show was a hands-on experience for a Canton father and son.

Dan Schwartz and his son, Michael, 8, were all about the interactive displays at the Auto Show.

"We took the day off to come down and check things out," said Dan Schwartz, noting they stayed busy going from one exhibit to the next. "If there's a screen to touch, he'll probably want to touch it."

Michael was impressed by

something he may not see on the street.

"I liked the car that parked itself," he said.

The technology was impressive to Don Jeter, of Livonia.

Jeter looks forward to strolling the sea of cool cars each year with his buddies.

Thursday's visit to Auto Show with his longtime friends Chuck Schroeder, of Novi and Terry Abraham, of Novi, is a tradition.

"When you're retired, this is what you do," said Jeter.

The technology is impressive, he said.

"They've got a lot of buttons I can't work," he laughed.

"But, the cars are just beautiful."

A JOLT

Electricity was in the air, literally.

Vicki Soto's face lit up when she described taking a ride on Electric Avenue.

Soto, and her husband Mike Soto, of Westland, were among the many, driven by curiosity, to take a ride in an electric or hybrid car in the Electric Avenue elaborate exhibit at the Auto Show on Thursday.

"It was really quiet," she said of the eco-friendly Volkswagen Golf.

The Sotos strolled through Cobo Center keeping an eye out for the amazing — and for the practical.

"We're thinking about getting a new car," said Vicki Soto, noting she likes the Chevy Equinox and the Chevy Cruze. "My dad worked for GM, so we always buy GM."

Jon DuBois, of Westland, can't get enough of cars — he works at the Ford

Brownstown Parts Plant.

"I took the day off to come and look at the cars," he said, noting, of course, he was most impressed by the massive Ford exhibit.

Michele Nalepa and her son, Michael, 11, of Redford, were continuing their trek through the high-tech maze of awesome autos.

Michael said his dream car would be lime green Mini Cooper.

"It can go up to about 40 miles per gallon," said this aspiring smart consumer.

They "stood in awe" of a wind/solar powered street lights in the Electric Avenue exhibit, where they took a ride in an eco-friendly SUV.

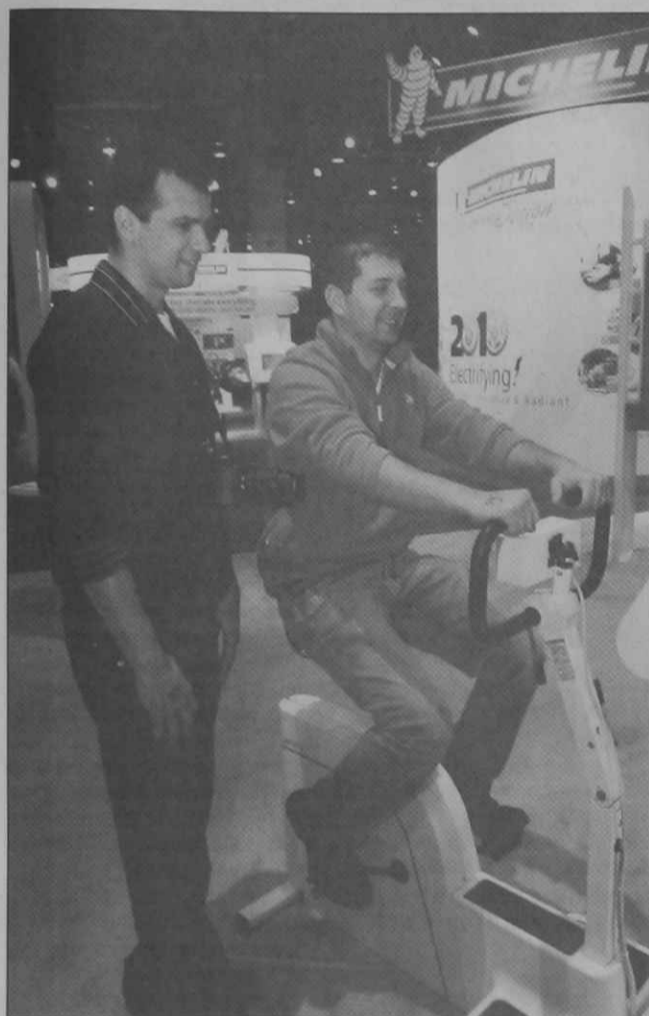
"It was very interesting," said Michele Nalepa. "It wasn't very different, but it was quiet."

The Auto Show closes at 7 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$6 for seniors 65 and up and \$6 for children ages 7-12; kids under 6 are admitted free. For more information, visit www.naias.com.



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Dan Schwartz of Canton, with his 8-year-old son, Michael, loved the interactive displays at the auto show.



Canton residents Vlad Salajan (left) and Constantin Dobrovolschi check out the Denso Auto Supplier testing bike.

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Plymouth Salvation Army Capt. Dan Hull gladly accepted the offer from Lou LaRiche body shop assistant manager Sylvia Abdel and general manager Scott LaRiche to run a food drive aimed at stocking the Salvation Army's food pantry.

LaRiche, Salvation Army team to benefit Corps' food pantry

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sylvia Abdel wanted to find a project designed to raise the morale of the employees at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, something that could unite them for a common cause and give everyone a way to feel good.

In the process Abdel, the assistant manager of the dealership's body shop, hoped they could help people.

Abdel, a Redford resident who has worked for LaRiche more than six years, found a way to kill two birds with one stone, coming up with a food drive to benefit the food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army.

"I thought we needed something for morale," said Abdel. "It's always best to help people who need it. It makes you feel good to know you're helping."

The drive, for which LaRiche employees will collect non-perishable food and personal care items, starts Monday and runs through Feb. 19.

Items being accepted include (but of course aren't limited to) such things as macaroni-and-cheese, pancake mix, boxed pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, crackers, hamburger helper, cereal, peanut butter and

jelly, gelatin and pudding mix. Personal care items include baby products (diapers, wipes, formula, shampoo, etc.), paper products such as paper towels, toilet paper and tissues, soap, shampoo and toothpaste.

With the need for assistance up some 120 percent, LaRiche employees felt the Salvation Army would make a good beneficiary.

"We'd heard the Salvation Army's needs had increased," said Scott LaRiche, the dealership's general manager. "We thought it would be a good thing for the dealership to do."

LaRiche approached Salvation Army Corps Officer Capt. Dan Hull, who gratefully accepted the gesture.

"It was a wonderful feeling to see a business stepping up and helping the local community," Hall said. "It's another example of the community stepping up when there's a need. It shows the caring and compassion the community has for others. This community continues to amaze me."

Abdel said keeping the proceeds from the drive local was a bonus.

"I wanted to help someone local," she said. "That's who we're here to service."

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Teens see reality of prison life

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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People being incarcerated might seem to spell job security for a prison employee, but Michael O'Gorman has devoted himself to showing young people that being locked up is no way to spend their life.

"I literally want to put the fear of God in their soul. It's the worst place in the world to be — prison," said O'Gorman, who retired last month after spending his career working at the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan. "I'll do this 'til the day I die."

Having served eight years as an Air Force law enforcement specialist, O'Gorman began working at the prison in 1987 as a correctional officer. Five years later, he became a prison counselor and started a Juvenile Awareness Group in which teens visit the prison and talk to inmates.

"I like to think of it as a sanitized *Scared Straight* — you've got to watch the antics the prisoners do in there," said O'Gorman, a Garden City native and Westland resident.

Since 1992, when the JAG program was initiated, O'Gorman said more than 20,000 teens have gone through the program, meeting with prisoners to hear their stories. The young people, 12-18 years old, came to the program from all over metro Detroit, including the Youth Assistance Programs in Westland, Garden City and Livonia.

"We start off with a meeting with me — it sets the tone. I have to make it a negative experience. I'm good at depressing them," O'Gorman said. "I couldn't disagree more with (the perception that it is) Club Fed. It's ugly. You don't get to own TVs like they do in state prison. You watch TV in a small room with 200 other men. You're jammed into a small room."

Prisoners who met with the teens were carefully screened by O'Gorman, meeting three criteria. "They couldn't be a snitch, a child rapist or molester and they had to give me their word of honor that



Michael O'Gorman, who recently retired from the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan (left), chats with Westland Youth Assistance Director Paul Motz.



Westland resident Michael O'Gorman has met with hundreds of Westland youths through a program he initiated and ran at the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan.

they would do this until they day they died," O'Gorman said. "They had to convince me of all three. I made it difficult to come on board."

One inmate who served on the panel was Patrick, who

asked that his last name not be used. Released in 2004 after serving 12 years, nine months and three days, Patrick continues to talk with young people about his experiences through Youth Assistance and other

programs serving Plymouth and Canton through 35th District Court in Plymouth.

While serving part of his sentence in Wisconsin, Patrick said he had participated in a JAG program and sought out O'Gorman when he arrived at Milan.

"I wanted to give back to the community — to society. You hope to change some of them. If you talk to 80 young people, realistically you're not touching all of them," Patrick said. "Some of them need a prison door to wake them up. That's a small percent."

During his talks with young people, Patrick emphasizes the idea that actions and the people with whom you associate have consequences.

"You hope to make a change in the direction of their lives. There are consequences that affect them and their families — their parents and siblings," said Patrick, whose sentence for conspiracy to deliver narcotics was overturned after a lengthy appeal process. "It's easy to get into trouble and hard as hell to get out."



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Farrand students put projects to the test

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Farrand Elementary fifth-grader Hannah Smith had to find a project for the school's third annual Science Expo, so she decided to tackle a question that has plagued mankind forever:

"What chewing gum holds its flavor the longest?"

It was one of many questions - "Why do we have two eyes?" "How do caves form?" and "Why do volcanoes erupt?" were among the others - answered among the more than 40 projects on display at Thursday's expo.

For the record, according to Hannah, the longest-lasting gum is Big Red Cinnamon, which Hannah discovered by chewing it for 39 minutes (the worst: Trident spearmint, which lasted, according to Hannah, 59 seconds).

"I thought it would be interesting to see which one held its flavor the longest," said the 10-year-old Hannah, who chewed 19 different brands of gum for her project.

It's that kind of interest in science Julie Tafelski was hoping to foster when she convinced school officials to start the science expo three years ago. Tafelski hoped the expo, projects for which run the gamut from life and earth science to hands-on, would "engage the children."

"We wanted to get the children excited," said Tafelski, who teaches science at Churchill High School in Livonia and sits on the PTO at Farrand, where she has three children. "We want to build a passion for science."

It might be working, if Minu Anne John is any sort of example. Minu went home and just started asking questions of her father, John Moolakkatto, who kicked around ideas for questions his daughter could research for her project (she settled for "Why do we have two eyes?").

"It generates a lot of questions," Moolakkatto said. "She had a lot of questions, and wanted to find one that let her excel."

Jessica Marek, a 10-year-old from Plymouth, decided to find out how to make water softer. She used several test tubes and added various ingredients to see how they reacted.

"I decided to choose something fun



Karlee Forrester put an electrical charge into her project for Farrand Elementary's third science expo.

to do, something I had never thought of before," Jessica said. "We added the ingredients and got to see the different things that happened. It was interesting."

Farrand principal Dana Jones called the expo "a wonderful activity," noting teachers, the PTO, National Honor Society students and parents get involved.

"It's a way students can apply things they're learning in the classroom," Jones said. "They work on it with their families and then bring it back to share with their classmates. It's a full-circle thing."

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Justin Tafelski gets a closer look at his exhibit.



Hoben Elementary School student Kendall Milo developed 'Hope for Haiti,' a fund-raising campaign to provide relief for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Hoben fifth-grader has 'Hope for Haiti'

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As she and her mother discussed the devastating earthquake in Haiti, one thought kept running through Kendall Milo's mind:

"I want to help."

And so she is, developing a fund-raising campaign she calls "Hope for Haiti" in an attempt to funnel relief to quake victims.

"My mom kept telling me how poor their country was and I really wanted to help them out," said Kendall, an 11-year-old Hoben Elementary School fifth-grader. "I decided I should make some donations to them, and I thought my school could help me out, because they're really generous."

So Kendall made posters, came up with slogans and spread collection bins around the school. And there she was earlier this week, on Hoben's morning TV news show, urging her classmates to give what they could to help the children of Haiti.

At the end of the day Friday, Kendall's project had raised some \$240, including a batch of loose change one of the school's janitors had been col-

lecting for four years.

And while Kendall credits her teacher - she said Jennifer Bec "has always been there for me and told me she'd be there the whole way" - and principal Liz Gibbs-Vartanian, the ones of whom Kendall is most proud are her friends.

"My friends have been really supportive," said Kendall, who is one notch below a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, a dancer and a Junior Girl Scout. "I really appreciate them for doing that."

Helping in Haiti is "so like Kendall," according to her mom, Julie Milo. Kendall, who lives in Canton with her mom, dad David and 8-year-old brother Tyler, is "a loving and giving child," her mom said.

"I already know Kendall is special," Julie Milo said. "(Hopefully) this will show that one child can make a difference and more people will be touched by her idea and help out."

That's Kendall's hope for the drive, which will last two weeks. The reasons are simple.

"I just thought if I was a child in Haiti I'd be going through some really tough times," Kendall said. "I want to help them because they need it."

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Do you have any hard and fast rules about what should to do when a mutual fund manager leaves?

A: I do not have any hard and fast rules. So much depends upon the individual mutual fund.

Most mutual funds are most likely not run by an individual manager, per se, but rather by a team. On the other hand, some funds are run by an individual manager. In the case where a fund is run by an individual manager and he/she leaves, generally I recommend selling the fund. When the manager leaves, I treat the mutual fund as new. Typically, I don't invest in mutual funds that are new. I prefer funds that have a track record. If the main manager leaves, as far as I am concerned, the track record goes with them.

Most mutual funds, however, are managed by a team. In those situations, I generally do not sell the fund. However, I keep a closer tab on it. If the fund begins to underperform, I generally give it a shorter leash than I would a fund that has stability of management.

When it comes to mutual funds, one thing to look for is a fund with management consistency. Some mutual funds are constantly changing management teams and those are funds I avoid. I prefer funds that have management teams in place for many years. In addition, I prefer funds managed by a team. I have found that funds managed by a team generally have a well-stocked bullpen of individuals who can take over and are familiar with the fund and its strategies.

The next issue goes hand in hand with your question and that is what about the fund that the manager is going to? If that manager had a good track record, do you automatically follow them?

My answer is no. The track

record doesn't necessarily follow the manager. The new fund may have different policies and strategies than the one he/she left.

The same is true if that fund manager starts a brand new fund. Once again, that new fund may have different policies, procedures and resources. My general rule is I do not follow the manager. It's sort of like in professional sports.

A player may do well with one team and then when he leaves that team and joins another, his fortunes don't follow him. There are all sorts of reasons why but suffice it to say, it happens.

One of the mistakes mutual fund investors and, in fact, all investors make, is they will buy a fund or an investment and then forget about it. It is important to monitor

your investment and to make changes where appropriate. Remember, buy and hold does not mean buy and ignore. On the other hand, some investors are the exact opposite in that they are constantly buying and selling investments. That doesn't make sense either.

We live in a world and an economy that is going through incredible changes. As investors, we must embrace these

changes, however, we cannot overreact.

Investing has become more difficult over the last decade and I do not believe it will get easier anytime soon. That being said, I do not believe that investors can put their head in the sand and ignore the changes occurring.

It is important for every investor to have a strategy and a discipline and don't overre-

act to every bump in the road. Investing is not easy, however, putting your money in the bank and forgetting about it is not a viable alternative.

Good luck!

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Auto show created a buzz; dealerships ready to compete

BY PAT MURPHY
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Customers are ready — now it's up to individual dealerships and manufacturers.

That seems to be the message area auto dealers are taking from the North American International Auto Show that ends at 6 p.m. today (Sunday).

"We've already had customers come in after visiting the auto show," said Douglas North of North Brothers Ford in Westland. They say they're ready to buy, he said, and they're looking for the best deal.

Kit Tennyson of Tennyson Chevrolet in Livonia said: "We've got a lot of great cars, and they all look good. The auto show always generates customers."

Customers are a lot more "excited" about cars compared with last year, said Scott LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth. The auto show was the best in recent history, he said, and it created a real buzz. People are far more receptive to buying a new vehicle now that the economy has improved, he said, and there's an attractive array of new models.

"But it's still a very competitive market," said Bob Griffin of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. "The auto show created some excitement," he said, but it's the cars and dealerships that draw customers into the showroom, "with quality and service."

This year's show put a spotlight on technology, Griffin said. Some vehicles can parallel park themselves, he noted, "and the technology is getting better and better."

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Many who visited the show last Thursday said Ford had the best display at this year's North American International Auto Show.

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BUZZ
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quality conscious than ever before, said Paul Zimmerman, of George Matick Chevrolet in Redford. "Our quality is second to none," he insisted, and that will make Chevrolets — particularly the new Volt — very competitive.

"This was the best show I've seen in 15 years," said Rick Hodges of Victory Toyota in Canton. "It's obvious that people are more excited. There's a good selection of vehicles and people are ready. I think people want to start feeling good again."

This year's show put great emphasis on alternative-fuel vehicles, said John Rogin of Livonia's Rogin Buick, "and that's probably the wave of the future."

But customers are still motivated by their needs, Rogin insisted. Somebody with six people in the family is still interested in a bigger vehicle, rather than a compact.

"Fortunately gasoline is still reasonable," Rogin said, so people are still buying vans or SUVs. "If you have a hot vehicle, people will come to your showroom," particularly if your dealership has a reputation for service.

The auto show — and the buzz it generated — is part of an encouraging trend, said Richard Kujala of Don Massey Cadillac in Plymouth. Sales have been ticking upward for the last 60 days, he said: "The optimism is growing, and I think this will be a very good year."

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Birmingham resident Duncan Currie looks at the wheels of a Ford Focus at the North American International Auto Show on Thursday afternoon.



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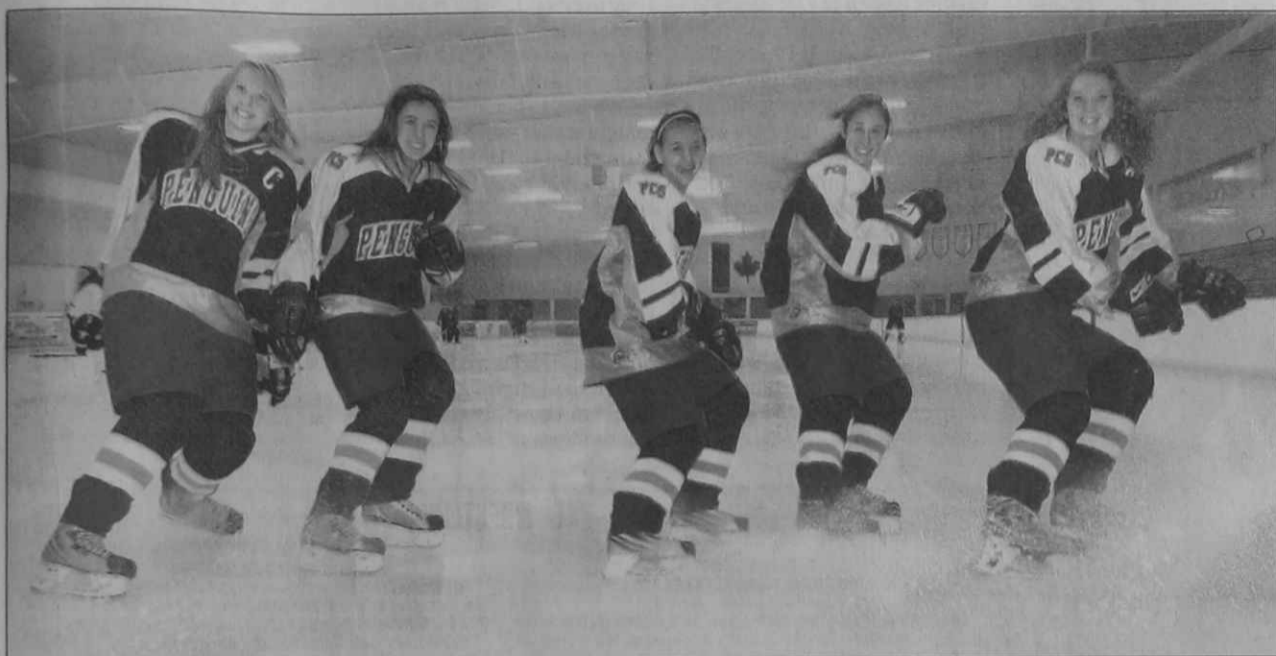
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Plymouth rolls over Canton in bowling - B2

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The smiles prove how much enjoyment (from left) Jordyn Moore, Rhianna Fleisher, Shauna Siebert, Kara Bongiovanni and Sarah Coleman are getting out of playing for the PCS Penguins combined girls hockey team.

Three-part harmony

PCEP girls unite on Penguins for fun, friendship, hockey

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During the daytime, these five girls go to different high schools at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Of course, they might see each other in a classroom or hallway. Maybe they won't.

But after school and on weekends, they see a lot of each other because they're teammates — on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team.

"It's really cool," said Jordyn Moore, a senior defenseman from Salem and a team newcomer. "It's fun because at school we don't get a chance to see each other every day but at hockey we do."

Moore, 17, decided to join the Penguins after playing for the more-intense Victory Honda travel team out of Canton Arctic Edge (where the Penguins call home).

"It's my senior year and I always wanted to play for my school, so I figured I'd give it a shot," Moore said. "I

wanted something less pressure, but more fun."

Canton junior blueliner Sarah Coleman, in her third season with the Penguins, said the squad is definitely the sum of three "equal" parts.

There is plenty of camaraderie between the girls, whether their school colors are red, royal blue or black.

"We just hang out together, it's not segregated at all," said Coleman, 16. "The guys all play against each other, so they're rivals. But we don't."

Concurring was junior defenseman Alaina Fleisher, 16, also in her third season with the Penguins and one of a small number of Plymouth students on the roster.

"The whole season has been good, getting to know all the new girls and bonding with them," Fleisher said. "I just think the whole experience is good."

GLAD TO BE BACK

For Salem senior Shauna Siebert (another defenseman) and Canton

senior Kara Bongiovanni (a center), the Penguins gave them a vehicle to return to the team they left after ninth grade.

They played the last two seasons with the Livonia Captains AA travel team.

"It's my senior year and I guess I wanted to" play for the prep Penguins this season, Siebert said.

The 17-year-old Siebert, who started playing hockey at age four while living in Redford, added that it was the right decision to return to the Penguins.

"I'm pretty glad I came back," she said. "Everyone's really nice and it's a fun team."

Bongiovanni, 17, also skated with Coleman when they played in an Ann Arbor youth travel league.

"It's been nice coming back," Bongiovanni said. "The girls have been really nice about like, accepting us back onto the team. Everyone's really cool."

But don't get the wrong idea, it's not a social club.

Please see **HARMONY, B4**

PCA adds football

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Dillon Rahill transferred from Plymouth High School to Plymouth Christian this year, he doubted he'd be able to continue playing high school football.

But it turns out Rahill won't miss out after all on what many consider to be the main ingredient for how well students soak in their high school experience.

Plymouth Christian Academy principal David Butler and athletic director Rick Swilley last week announced that football is officially part of the 2010-11 lineup.

Butler said the PCA board unanimously approved the new sport and that a feasibility study answered any questions about viability and student interest.

"I'm definitely excited," said Rahill, a sophomore who plays defensive end and running back. "I just transferred here and I was glad to hear that my new school would have a football team that I could also play on. I want to represent PCA."

Also enthusiastic about football coming to Plymouth Christian is sophomore Eric Jipping, a lineman who last fall played for a Christian Football League team.

"I'm excited," Jipping said. "We had football before, but it was outside of PCA (via the CFL). So I'm glad that I can now play for my school."

ON THE MAP

According to Butler, a former football coach at Southfield-Lathrup, bringing the sport to PCA will

Please see **PCA FOOTBALL, B4**

GAME WRAPS

Girls basketball

CHURCHILL 43, PLYMOUTH 31:

Sophomore center Erin Menard scored a game-high 20 points Friday as Livonia Churchill posted a 43-31 KLAA South Division girls basketball victory over Plymouth.

The 6-foot Menard scored eight first-quarter points as the Chargers jumped out to a 14-4 advantage. She added six in the final period as Churchill pulled away with an 18-10 run after Plymouth closed the gap to 25-21.

"We established our inside game early and used our pressure to get some turnovers," said Churchill coach Chad Jenkins, whose team is 6-4 overall and 2-3 in the KLAA South. "Their zone (Plymouth's) slowed down our middle, but in the fourth quarter we were able to get to the free throw line and knock down some shots."

Senior guard Taylor Kerr added eight points for the Chargers, who made 13-of-20 free throws on the night.

Alex Roberts tallied a team-high eight for the Wildcats, who slipped to 3-7 and 2-3.

CANTON 58, JOHN GLENN 15: On Friday, Kayla Bridges and Kari Schmitt had 14 and 13 points, respectively, leading the host Chiefs (10-1, 5-0) to a KLAA South Division victory over Westland John Glenn, (3-7, 2-3).

Canton led 21-10 at halftime before going on a 32-2 third-quarter run.

Michelle Vanover, a senior forward scored seven to pace Glenn.

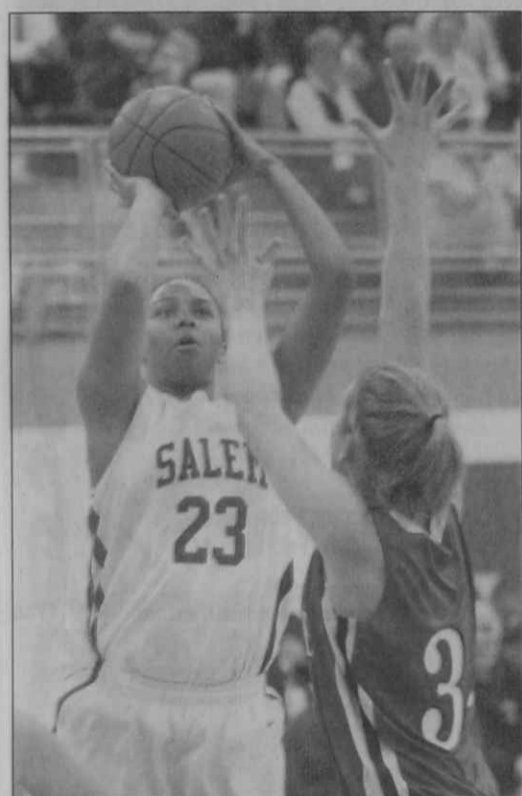
Chipping in with 11 points for the Chiefs was CarolAnn Sexauer.

Boys basketball

CHURCHILL 43, PLYMOUTH 40: The visiting Chargers came out strong Friday night, building a 16-4 first quarter lead and that was enough to ward off a late rally by the Wildcats.

"They played very well in the first quarter and we helped that out by playing extremely poor," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. "Churchill was ready to go from the opening tip and we were not."

Please see **WRAPS, B3**



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Eyeing the rim is Salem senior guard Sara Stone (No. 23), who scored 20 points Friday. Guarding her is Northville's Megan Gertley.

Salem gets it going in time

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Once again, a team came out of the chute ready to give defending KLAA champion Salem a big-time challenge. This time, Northville grabbed a 6-0 lead early in the first quarter of Friday's KLAA Central girls basketball game against host Salem.

But as has often been the case, once the Rocks get things squared away, they make it tough for squads to maintain any early edge. Salem gave up a total of four points over the middle two quarters Friday and rolled to a 39-29 victory to improve to 8-3 overall and 5-0 in the Central.

"It was a slow start, but we finally got cooking in the second half," Salem veteran head coach Fred Thomann said. "I'm real proud of them."

Scoring 20 points and tallying 11 rebounds for Salem was senior guard Sara Stone, who proved too tough around the basket for the Mustangs (4-6, 1-3).

"We finally loosened their defense

up a little bit where she was getting some easy catches," Thomann said. "She was able to convert."

Thomann added that "everybody brings their best game against us" to try to knock off last year's champs.

"And we obviously have to bring our best game to compete with that," he added. "We competed hard tonight, we figured it out and we got it done."

Northville opened the game on fire, gaining possession around the baskets and using a diamond press (1-2-1-1 zone) to give the Rocks difficulty getting untracked. It was 10-4 midway through the opening quarter and 12-10 Mustangs after one.

Both teams couldn't find the mark in the second quarter, with Salem outscoring the Mustangs 3-2 to trail 14-13 at halftime.

In the third, the Mustangs still couldn't overcome Salem's pressure defense and the Rocks began knocking down some shots to go up 23-16 after three.

Please see **ROCKS, B3**



Who: Brandon Crowther, senior captain for the Plymouth varsity wrestling team.

Miscellany: Crowther, 17, carries a 3.3 grade-point average. His mom is Pamela Apap.

Captain's role: "As captain I need to try and push my teammates as much as possible so they can perform better on the mat against the competition. I also need to be there for my teammates, whether they win or lose to tell them not to give up and to keep fighting through."

Leadership style: "I lead my team by action I'm constantly trying my hardest and hope that everyone on my team follows me and tries their hardest."

BRANDON CROWTHER



Why him?: "I believe I was chosen by my teammates to be captain because I set a good example for how hard everyone should work."



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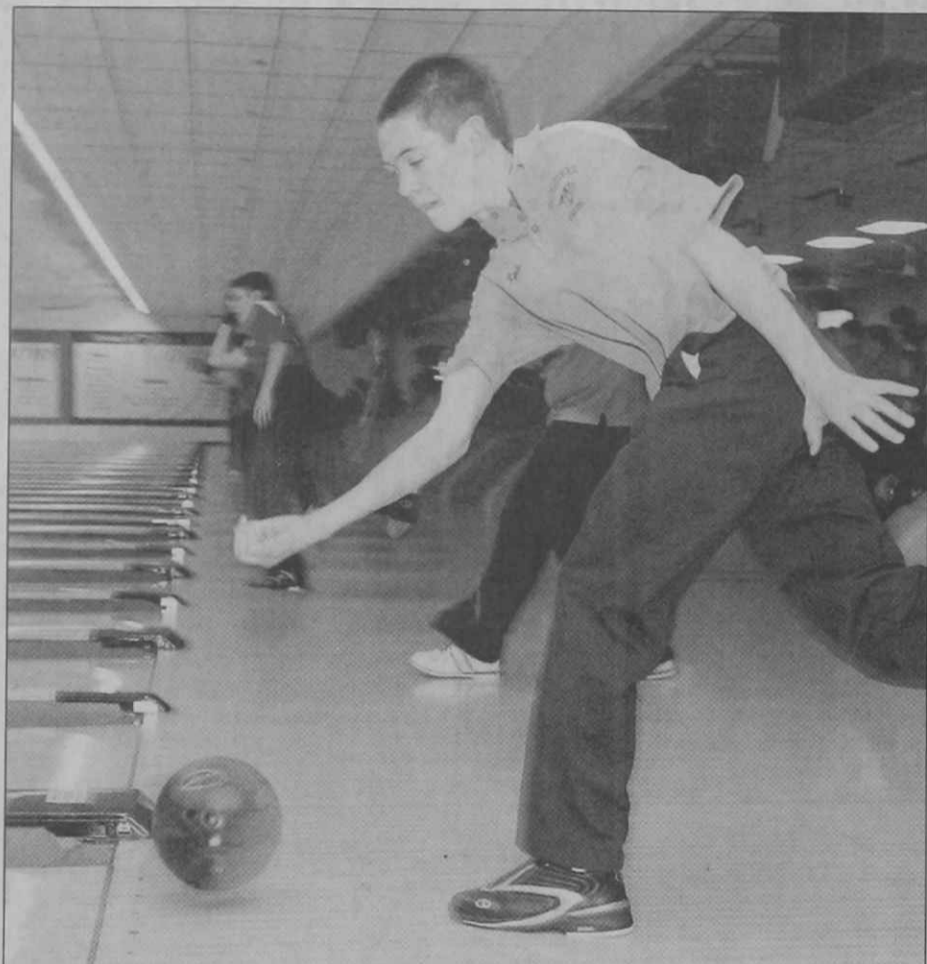


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Plymouth's Kyle Webb rolled a 431, the highest series of Tuesday's dual match against Canton at Super Bowl.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCHES
PLYMOUTH 19, CANTON 11
Jan. 19 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Plymouth scorers: Kyle Webb, 216-215-431; Andrew Fraser, 210-180-390; Brandon Congdon, 200-162-362; Justin Thompson, 173-145-318; Rob Korstjens, 171; Evan Grimme, 137. **Team totals:** 970-891-1,811 (9 points).
Baker games: 169-198-367 (10 points).
Canton scorers: Andrew Klein, 196-229-425; Trevor Cummins, 190-183-373; Billy Keppen, 171-177-348; Ross Terrasi, 184-163-347; Casey Bindas, 166-176-342. **Team totals:** 907-928-1,835 (11 points).
Baker games: 145-187-332 (0 points).
Dual meet records: Plymouth (3-4-1 overall, 2-2-1 KLA Central); Canton (6-2-0, 4-1-0).

SALEM 25, NOVI 4
Jan. 19 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 228-202-430; Tyler Foley, 209-170-379; Shaun Schmidt, 181-161-342; Kyle Newcomb, 160-165-325; Eric Snyder, 173; David Nikkila, 155. **Team totals:** 933-871-1,804 (16 points).
Baker games: 234-172-406 (10 points).

GIRLS DUAL MATCHES
PLYMOUTH 15, CANTON 15
Jan. 19 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Plymouth scorers: Mackenzie Carlson, 148-220-368; Kristyn Sturtz, 171-146-317; Allyson Gibbs, 153-140-293; Tiffany Patterson, 130-100-230; Alyssa Conrad, 147; Mandy Martin, 97. **Team totals:** 699-753-1,452 (11 points).
Baker games: 133-145-278 (4 points).

Canton scorers: Ashley Cade, 164-178-342; Cheryl Cosby, 159-160-319; Kelsey Joseph, 140; Charlotte Zimmer, 139; Jackie Polaski, 135; Lauren O'Bradovich, 132; Allison Fries, 109; Chelsie Huz' Husband, 91. **Team totals:** 703-704-1,407 (9 points).
Baker games: 167-133-300 (6 points).
Dual meet records: Plymouth (3-5-1 overall, 2-3-1 KLA Central); Canton (3-5-1, 2-3-1).

SALEM 25, NOVI 5
Jan. 19 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Salem scorers: Emily Simmons, 138-209-347; Ashley Kretschmer, 153-177-330; Kristin Peltz, 132-156-288; Rachel Amodio, 134-142-276; Kristin Larkins, 138-136-274. **Team totals:** 695-820-1,515 (17 points).
Baker games: 135-148-283 (8 points).

PLYMOUTH-CANTON-SALEM TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Jan. 16 at Super Bowl (Canton)
BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 2,797-757-3,554 (3 regular games and 4 Bakers); 2. Westland John Glenn, 2,868-812-3,680; 3. Plymouth, 2,533-693-3,226; 4. Salem, 2,819-756-3,575; 5. South Lyon East, 2,635-679-3,314; 6. Wayne Memorial, 2,784-740-3,524; 7. South Lyon, 2,904-801-3,705.
Individual winner: Ryan Clark (Salem), 254-184-234-672.
High individual game: Maxwell Alestra (South Lyon East), 268.
Salem scorers: 1. Clark, 254-184-234-672; 8. David Nikkila, 174-191-219-584; 14. Shaun Schmidt, 178-182-201-561; 21. Kyle Newcomb, 170-204-153-527; 37. Evan Ross,

180; 41. Eric Snyder, 157; 44. Kevin Williams, 138.
Canton scorers: 4. Ross Terrasi, 194-220-213-627; 7. Trevor Cummins, 171-235-180-586; 9. Billy Keppen, 196-199-172-567; 15. David Blythe, 183-155-221-559; 34. Andrew Klein, 170-142-312.
Plymouth scorers: 12. Rob Korstjens, 176-172-217-565; 23. Kyle Webb, 156-182-181-519; 27. Justin Thompson, 203-177-380; 30. Brandon Congdon, 197-149-346; 32. Matt Bracey, 169-146-315; 43. Andrew Fraser, 141.
GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 2,340-561-2,901; 2. Westland John Glenn (A), 2,226-588-28-14; 3. John Glenn (B), 1,941-491-2,432; 4. Plymouth, 2,121-541-2,662; 5. Salem, 2,069-625-2,694; 6. Wayne Memorial, 2,323-618-2,941; 7. South Lyon, 2,132-601-2,733.
Individual winner: Alysson Kassab (John Glenn 'A'), 200-193-191-584.
Individual high game: Chelsey Preiss (Wayne), 202.
Other John Glenn (A) scorers: Alyssa Bradke, 153-144-172-469; Jennifer Horgas, 149-147-296; Khiry Sparks, 145-146-271; Natalie Byrwn, 122; split scores, 133-115-121-369; split, 115.
John Glenn (B) scorers: Aubrey King, 123-145-144-412; Jessica Brown, 177-115-292; Stephanie Gersten, 141-122-263; Caitlin, Lenerd, 11-137-248; Sara Aulidige, 114-132-246; Yvette Ayers, 120; Montana Graszak, 119.
Wayne scorers: Brianna Everett, 198-151-170-519; Stephani O'Harris, 165-165-166-496; Preiss, 131-202-147-480; Tiffany Markham, 150-160-138-448; Chelsea Morneau, 144-117-119-380;

Not just seniors big for Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday was "Senior Night" for Plymouth's wrestling team, but some underclassmen perhaps had the biggest impact on the Wildcats' 56-11 victory over KLAA South rival Livonia Churchill.

According to Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey, the most-riveting bouts of the evening featured freshman Alec Breckenridge and junior Brett Echols, who won at 112 and 140, respectively.

Breckenridge held off Churchill's Jake Meadows to win 6-5 while Echols trailed Jon Bannoura 7-2 before pulling out the win with a "crowd-raising throw" and pin in 3:05 to thrill the Plymouth audience.

But Guernsey was thrilled, too, because his division contending team is clicking in time for next week's big quad meet at Canton.

"This is the best our team has looked all season," Guernsey said, "with many guys working especially hard to get more points from major decisions and falls.

"We were able to get every matchup that we wanted throughout the dual which definitely showed in the final score."

Plymouth's seniors were recognized before the meet for their service to the wrestling program over the past four years.

Seniors who were victorious on their night included Brandon Crowther (145), Curtis Crosier (160), with a

pin in 23 seconds), Brendon Varner (189) and Brett Keys — also by fall to take the bout at 215.

Senior Jordon Birman dropped a close 4-3 decision in the heavyweight slot.

The team's remaining seniors are Rob Barackman, Wally Eppler and Ryan Schultz.

PLYMOUTH 56, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 11
Jan. 20 at Plymouth
103 pounds: Shadi Jammoul (P) pinned Jon Locklear, 2:43; **112:** Alex Breckenridge (P) decisively Jake Meadows, 6-5; **119:** Chase Kallil (P) p. Jake Hale, 1:02; **125:** Said Youssef (P) won by major dec. over James Locklear, 10-2; **130:** Ziad Tamimi (P) p. Adde Yaffie, 1:04; **135:** Jimmy Ahearn (P) maj. dec. Ben Leck, 9-1; **140:** Brett Echols (P) p. Jon Bannoura, 3:05; **145:** Brandon Crowther (P) p. Josh Bridge, 4:28; **152:** Tyler Farnstrom (L) dec. Tale Braboy, 13-11 (OT); **160:** Curtis Crosier (P) fall Cody Carrier, 0:23; **171:** Curtis Castleberry (L) tech fall Jackson Chalmers, 4:25; **189:** Brendon Varner (P) dec. Mike Harp, 9-7; **215:** Brett Keys (P) p. Emmitt Shepard, 5:04; **285:** Jon Schreckell (L) dec. Jordon Birman, 4-3.
Plymouth dual meet record: 3-0, WLAA South.

PREP WRESTLING

GARDEN CITY NOVICE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS
Jan. 16 at Garden City H.S.
SOPHOMORE TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Catholic Central, 175.5 points; 2. Wayne Memorial, 133.5; 3. Westland John Glenn, 100; 4. Livonia Franklin, 77; 5. Salem, 67; 6. Farmington, 65.5; 7. Walled Lake Central, 65; 8. Romulus, 59; 9. Garden City, 53; 10. North Farmington, 49.
CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
103 pounds: Nimantha Herath (Farm.) decisively Casey Hagan (CC), 4-0; **3rd place:** Dwane Aldais (Edsel Ford) dec. Rob Doane (GC), 10-4; **5th:** Pablo Flores (WM) dec. Bryan Garland (NF), 9-4.
112: Jacob Jones (LP) dec. Britton Borlace (GC); **3rd:** Russell Bush (Farm.) dec. Beau Bloomfield, 4-0; **5th:** Nick Doane (GC) p. Dakota Clark (GC), 2:35.
119: Brian Nisun (LF) dec. Tito Sanchez (Woodhaven), 5-4; **3rd:** Taylor Detov (GC) won by injury default over Fernando Zriny (CC), 5th: Marc Przybiski (Canton) dec. Mitchell Hood (WM), 3-2.
125: Kienuwal Davis (Farm.) won by technical fall over Steve Schmitt (CC), 17-1; **3rd:** Devin Marchio (GC) p. Daiki Ideta (NF), 2:40; **5th:** Devon Adams (WM) p. Aaron Wade, 3:50.
130: Cody Allen (WM) p. Ben Brantley (FHH), 0:37; **3rd:** Clayton Dewit (CC) p. Munassa Ali (EF), 2:50; **5th:** Marcel Mrech (Woodhaven) won by major dec. Joshua Miller, 11-1.
135: James Jakes (DDC) dec. Ryan Derry (LF), 5-4; **3rd:** James Chapman (LP) dec. Kyle Dulapa (Salem), 5-3; **5th:** Kyler Szalai (WM) dec. Charles Berend (CC), 8-1.
140: Brandon Mahon (Romulus) p. Sadiq Alkafail (Fordson), 2:35; **3rd:** Austin Rohn (Salem) dec. Dylan Well (CC), 3-2; **5th:** Andrew Joseph (NF) p. Sharif Hegazi (WM), 1:25.
145: Kevin Wacker (WJG) dec. Chris Pierce (Canton), 6-0; **3rd:** Thomas Vanassche (Romulus) won by major dec., **5th:** Doug Rutan (WM) p. David Labute (Woodhaven), 1:10.
152: Danny Croft (WJG) p. Joe Getzen, 0:52; **3rd:** Kevin Newborn (WM) p. Jairo Peralta (Woodhaven), 0:49; **5th:** Jesse Kato (CC) p. David Guman (Woodhaven), 3:40.
160: Matt Longe (CC) dec. Gerry Rivkin (NF), 9-2; **3rd:** Alex Brown (Salem) pinned Matt Walsh (P), 0:48; **5th:** Tyler Roth (LP) dec. Andrew Rehling (WLC), 11-9.
171: Kenny Phelps (NBH) p. Chase Semonick (LF), 1:45; **3rd:** Paul Massey (R) p. Anthony Jabbar (CC), 1:28; **5th:** Greg Dowdell (WM) p. Devin Korzelki (WM), 0:50.
189: Logan McCann (DDC) dec. Dimitrios Renfro (WM), 10-6; **3rd:** Reggie Timmons (WJG) p. Ryan Simmons (LF), 2:30; **5th:** Mike Harp (LC) p. Abe Abdelra (EF), 1:14.
215: Curtis Booth (WLC) dec. Edgar Yante (CCA), 3-1; **3rd:** Jeremy Smith (Clarencville) p. Zach Case, 1:59; **5th:** Ronnie Hill (WJG) p. Eddie Jackson (FHH), 1:26.
285: Mike Popiela (CC) dec. Charles Crawford, 3-2; **3rd:** Ali Nhem (Fordson) p. Ali Ajami (Salem), 4:7; **5th:** Killian Diaz (LC) p. Pat Smith (FHH), 1:05.
FRESHMAN TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Catholic Central, 153; 2. Garden City, 119; 3. Livonia Churchill, 110; 4. Woodhaven, 107; 5. Wayne Memorial, 102; 6. Plymouth Salem, 95; 7. Westland John Glenn, 68; 8. Plymouth Canton, 67.5; 9. Farmington Harrison, 65.5; 10. Dearborn Divine Child 64.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
103 pounds (A): Richard DeMarois (Canton) won by technical fall over Dylan Frye (GC), 18-3; **3rd:** Jon Locklear (LC) decisively Kyle Polaski (PC), 6-5; **5th:** Segad Al Hussien (CC) dec. Quinn Depraw (WJG), 5-2.
103 (B): Austin Hartford (WJG) dec. Deandre Moore (WJG), 6-3; **3rd:** Tyler Antonian (Woodhaven) pinned Brandon Brooks (New Boston Huron), 2:00; **5th:** Mikey Weiss (Clarencville) p. Dillon McLeod (LP), 5:20.
112 (A): Cody Briscoe (Woodhaven) dec. Danny Kemp (Salem), 3-0; **3rd:** Tyler Solnikowski (LF) dec. Allen Park (WM), 8-4; **5th:** Austin Pilmer (Canton) won by major dec. over Ian Bunker (Clarencville), 13-3; **112(B):** Kevin Hart (DDC) dec. David Isaacs (WJG), 7-5; **3rd:** Ryan Siegler (C) dec. John Hancock (W), 4-2; **5th:** Austin Tucker (NF) dec. Jake Hale (LC), 8-7.
119 (A): Adadal Yaffai (LC) p. Brent Kutcher, 4:26; **3rd:** Gabe Polgar (WM) dec. Josh Fanning, 8-3; **5th:** Joey Camilleri (WJG) p. Alex Hernandez, 0:37.
119 (B): Brian Spehar (GC) p. Mike Nicholson, 4:10; **3rd:** Darron Nichols (WLC) p. Brett Quinn (WJG), 4:58; **5th:** Josh Lancaster (LF) dec. Jeff Fritchman, 7-5.
125: Mike Karizal (Salem) p. Mai MacDonald, 2:40; **3rd:** Fred Wagner (Edsel Ford) dec. Marcus Jordan, 7-6; **5th:** Joe Jabbar (CC) dec. Masato Yamada, 12-10 (overtime).
130: Brandon Duval (LP) p. Joe Benjamin (NF), 4:28; **3rd:** Tim McCotter (CC) dec. Alex Fortin (WLC), 6-4; **5th:** Ben Leck (LC) p. Matt Lang (Salem), 1:13.
135: George Gardner (FHH) p. Chris Naubert (CC), 1:10; **3rd:** Johnny Maybin (Romulus) won by major dec. over Ryan Skura (NBH), 12-3; **5th:** Victor Lindsey (Fordson) pinned Brett Thrushman (LF), 1:07.
140: Mike Babicz (CC) p. John Thomas (Romulus), 3:50; **3rd:** Austin Banfield (Salem) p. Hussam Aleja (Fordson), 5:49; **5th:** Matt Bosas (LC) p. Matt Ayoub (P), 1:29.
145: Justin Powers (WJG) dec. Pat Murphy (Canton), 7-5; **3rd:** Antonio McElton (FHH) dec. Sheehab Natour (Fordson), 10-8; **5th:** Jake Filban (CC) dec. Ricky Casas (CCA), 10-7.
152: Mickey Sulton (Woodhaven) p. Allen Steele (LF), 1:25; **3rd:** Tyler Gross (Salem) p. Matt Wisniewski (GC), 3:08; **5th:** Sam Ekanem (WM) p. Christian Miner (CC), 1:06.
160: Ryan Soukierland (Farm.) p. Chris Donaldson (WJG), 4:22; **3rd:** Alex Jones (Clarencville) p. Allie Hamblin (GC), 4:10; **5th:** Art Hernandez (LP) p. Christian Miner (CC), 1:06.
171: Nick Maher (Woodhaven) dec. Don Giese (GC), 8-7; **3rd:** Josh Childs (DC) p. Justin Carl (Clarencville), 5:51; **5th:** Toby Raymond (Woodhaven) p. Tony Agostini, 2:10.
189: Jay Peterson (CC) dec. Tyler Casteels (WM), 7-5; **3rd:** Delord Beiscoe (Romulus) p. John Ristola (LC), 1:40; **5th:** Chris Gutmann (Woodhaven) p. Nathan Hayslip, 1:15.
215: Dillon Morantes (LC) p. Brandon Marable (WM), 2:45; **3rd:** Collin Mullins (WM) p. Adam Dulong (P), 0:59; **5th:** Robert Coe (CC) p. Quinton Ruddell (Woodhaven), 2:45.
285: Zak Brock (GC) dec. Jacob Chiles (WM), 9-2; **3rd:** Aws Khamis (FHH) won by void.

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Salem's Heidi Schmidt (No. 40) strips the basketball from Northville's Katie Giacomini during Friday night's KLAA Central game.

ROCKS

FROM PAGE B1

"Our guys did a better job (as the night progressed) of recognizing open players and getting the ball to those players," Thomann said.

Opening the 10-2 third with a layup was Salem senior guard Brett deBear (seven points) to put the Rocks up 15-14 and then Stone contributed a three-point play. Junior guard Heidi Schmidt (seven points, seven rebounds) then drained back-to-back buckets and the Rocks were in control.

Northville's top scorer was junior Megan Gertley, with six points. Chipping in with five each were senior Julia Ramey and junior Beth Roach.

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Late goals break ice for Salem

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At a jam-packed Plymouth Cultural Center Friday night, the host Salem Rocks boys hockey team served notice to Plymouth that they plan to stick around for a while.

Salem scored two goals in the third period to break a 1-1 tie and held on for a 3-2 KLAA South triumph to move ahead of the Wildcats at the top of the division.

"Plymouth's a good team," said Salem head coach Ryan Ossennmacher. "They outplayed us for the majority of that game but we found a way to win and that's what good teams do."

According to Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender, his team couldn't capitalize on a number of scoring chances, stymied time and time again by Salem senior goalie Steven Manser (36 saves).

"We had chances, no question," Fassbender said. "Their goalie came up really big for them and (junior netminder) Mike Justus came up really big for us. It was one of those battles, a hard-fought game."

The Rocks are 8-4-3 overall and 5-1-1 in the South, while Plymouth dropped to 12-3-1 and 4-2-1.

Outstanding goalkeeping by Manser (36 saves) proved to be the key. During late in the second period, he made a series of clutch stops with the Wildcats pouring it on during two power plays.

"He bailed us out of a lot of situations," Ossennmacher said. "But that's what he's been doing all year so I wouldn't expect any different."

Then, Salem senior winger Mario Macari broke the tie at 9:13 of the third — with just six seconds left on a Plymouth penalty.

Macari walked the puck from the left boards and let a high shot go from the circle that beat Wildcats junior goalie Mike Justus (22 saves) over the glove hand.

Salem netted another at 12:32 when Macari sent a pass from the left side over to sophomore forward Mark McGee, who made no mistake.

That goal proved to be huge because the Wildcats, on the

power play and with Justus pulled for an extra skater, scored with 1:22 to go.

Senior forward Pat Smiatacz poked the puck past Manser, with junior forward Tyler Sanders and sophomore forward Zach Gambrell drawing assists.

But Plymouth really did not threaten again after that.

Opening the scoring at 3:50 of the second was Plymouth senior forward Ryan Bauer, with Smiatacz and junior blue-liner Justin Bauer assisting.

The Rocks made it 1-1 at the 11-minute mark on a goal by sophomore forward Austin Sartorius, from senior Ryan Blakey and junior Ryan Quigley.

Ossennmacher said the victory gives his team the confidence that it can hang with the Wildcats.

"This is for the league," he emphasized. "But the reality is that a more important game we'd play them down the road would be in the pre-region, so it's important to know if we play well we can beat them."

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WRAPS

FROM PAGE B1

The KLAA South defeat left Plymouth with a 5-5 record overall and 2-3 in the division with Churchill improving to 5-4, 2-3.

Brennen Beyer led the Wildcats with 11 points while Pat Salo and Mike Nadratowski each scored nine. Grabbing six rebounds for Plymouth was Jake Morris.

Adam Bedell and D'Juan Cooks scored 12 each for Churchill.

NORTHVILLE 38, SALEM 28: The visiting Rocks led 14-8 after one quarter of Friday's KLAA Central matchup but

had trouble finding the mark the rest of the night.

"Both teams played good defense," said Salem head coach Bob Brodie. "But Northville had a hot second half and we were stone cold."

Tyler Stewart scored six points for Salem (6-4, 2-3).

Boys hockey

CANTON 8, CHELSEA 2: Josh Dickson, Alec Gilo and Jordan Smith scored twice Friday night at Arctic Edge to spark the Chiefs to a lopsided non-conference win.

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Meeting dates: January 19, February 23, March 9 & 23, April 20, May 11 & 25, June 22

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

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Taken to school

Rockets no match for upstart Canton, 55-31

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The student pulled rank and got the teacher Friday night. And in the process, Canton has pulled into a share for first place in the KLAAs South Division following a convincing 55-31 boys basketball win over host Westland John Glenn.

Junior point-guard Dietrich Lever, who led all scorers with 18 points, played a strong floor game and led the victorious Chiefs, who improved to 6-4 overall and 4-1 in the division.

Canton is now tied for first in the KLAAs South with Wayne Memorial, which was upset Friday at home by last place Livonia Franklin, 71-66, in overtime.

Canton first-year coach Jimmy Reddy played three varsity seasons under Glenn's Dan Young. Reddy graduated in 2000.

The two teams are mirror images of each other style-wise.

"Jim was one of favorites, I love him to death," Young said. "He's a great worker and does an outstanding job. It doesn't feel good to get beat. I hope to get them next time. But give them credit. They (Canton) played hard and they were just better."

Lever, a speedy 5-foot-10 senior, had 12 first-half points as the Chiefs held a 24-17 advantage.

"Dietrich has a great feel for the game," Reddy said. "He's played so much basketball, whether it's AAU, or here. He's gotten so much stronger. He does a great job creating in the lane and getting other guys shots."

Canton broke the game open with a 17-9 third-quarter run to take a commanding 41-26 lead.

"They (Canton) share the ball, play defense and showed good teamwork," Young said. "And obviously they hurt us on the boards."

The Chiefs held Glenn to 22.2 percent shooting (10-of-45) and committed only 11 turnovers.

"Our goal is to be under 12, which is good," Reddy said. "We're very similar. I played under Coach Young. We use the same motion (offense) with dribble penetration."

Kevin Weisz, a 6-6 senior forward, contributed three triples and finished with 11 points. Paul Baumgart, a 6-6 sophomore, added nine.

"We're just trying to keep pace and stay in the hunt with Wayne," Reddy said. "We have a big game coming up next week (Jan. 29) against Wayne. That's a big game for us."

Paul Baumgart chipped in with nine points and seven boards for Canton.

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Plymouth rec offerings

Registration is continuing throughout January for two spring programs being offered by the City of Plymouth Recreation Department. The recreation office is located at 525 Farmer Street. Call (734) 455-6620 for further information or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Programs include the following:

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Salem tennis meeting

Salem Girls Tennis will hold its roundup meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 in the Salem Library.

All new and former players and their parents should plan to attend. Please bring physicals and medical insurance information.

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The 2010 season begins on

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Not the Detroit Lions, thankfully. The Canton Lions Junior Football and Cheerleading programs are in the midst of a recruiting drive as we speak. There will be a mail-in registration on Thursday, Jan. 21 for newcomers. Go to www.eteamz.com/cantonlions for more information.

Programs both for football and cheerleading include varsity (ages 11-14), junior varsity (ages 10-12), freshmen (ages 9-10) and junior freshmen (ages 7-8).

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.

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Canton Coney Island (8553 N. Lilley Road) will be the site for the first date, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

The follow-up is slated for 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at Plaza Lanes, located at 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

The leagues include the following: T-Ball (ages 5-7), Coach Pitch (ages 6-8), Minor League (ages 7-10), Major League (ages 10-12) and Junior League (ages 13-14). Early registration is encouraged as the teams fill up fast.

For more information, go to www.ply-canll.com.

PCA FOOTBALL

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hopefully spur enrollment and boost school and community pride.

Butler said there definitely is substantial interest among students in signing up to play.

"We did a feasibility study and talked to kids," Butler continued. "We know that once it starts other kids will join the bandwagon."

The addition also underscores that Plymouth Christian aims to be a full-service school.

"It gives our school credibility," Butler emphasized. "It says we're serious about growing, we're serious about being a formative school in the area and that we have a complete sports program."

"We really try to match the desires of our kids, whether they're athletic, artistic or musical, that we'll have a niche for them."

Plymouth Christian has approximately 635 students in grades K-12, with close to 60 percent residents of Plymouth or Canton. Butler estimated that there are 190 in the high school.

Swilley said considerable donations from parents helped raise the \$40,000 in start-up costs needed to start the program. It will cost about \$10,000 annually in successive years.

He added that a letter was sent

to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, to complete the process of officially adding the sport.

Meanwhile, Plymouth Christian will be an independent team in 2010 because the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference schedule already was completed.

Beginning in 2011, the Eagles will play in the MIAC, Swilley noted.

There will be a practice field at PCA, but home games will be played elsewhere.

Swilley said efforts began in earnest in 2007 to start football and that it quickly became apparent that the community support was bubbling over for the concept.

"Football is one of the biggest draws you can have at a school, at any level," Swilley stressed. "We're looking to draw a lot of enthusiasm from the community we're in right now."

Swilley said he's confident that at least 15-to-20 players will take the field this fall for the inaugural season.

"Based on the survey we took, we do have enough interest to fill a football team," Swilley said. "When the fall comes we'll see, once the hitting starts then we'll truly know. But we believe that we can go forward with this."

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HARMONY

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PART OF IT

The girls joined to play high school hockey in a competitive yet more-relaxed environment then they might get on a travel team.

"The players are still really good in this league," said Bongiovanni, one of the co-captains along with Moore, Siebert and Coleman. "There's still really good teams in this league, it's just a little bit more relaxed."

According to Moore, playing for the Penguins "is giving me a chance

to focus on the basics and it reminds of why I like hockey because it's really fun again."

There also is the rush of having that high school sports experience that they probably wouldn't enjoy without the existence of a combined team.

"You feel like you're part of something," summed up Fleisher. "You have your pride for your school and you get your letter jacket and it's a very cool experience."

That's exactly what Penguins like, isn't it?

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Apologies are due

On Dec. 20, 2009 there appeared in this newspaper a column that I wrote titled: Cash Paid Out Without Any Return. In it, I quoted an e-mail I received from a lady named Phyllis. She told me that she had purchased appliances from Walter's Appliance, had paid for an extended warranty



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

and when she needed service work, she was told she was not covered for warranty repairs. She wrote to the Attorney General without any results. Phyllis was in a bit of a pickle and so I asked my son Mark who owns an appliance repair company to service her refrigerator at a special discounted price. In the column of Dec. 20, I also stated that I hoped that this was a mistake on the part of Walter's Appliance and I knew if it wasn't I would get a lot of mail from other consumers who paid for extended warranties, but didn't have them in force on their appliances. As I hoped, I didn't get any other complaints from past customers of Walter's Appliance.

Chapter two of this story appeared in my next column dated Dec. 27 titled: Walter's Home Appliance responds about warranties, emphasizes ethical practices. John Mistak sent me an email which said: I am the former owner of Walter's Home Appliances and in regards to the article in the *Observer*; we paid for all extended warranties to the National Electronics Warranty Company for all our customers for the past 20 years. When warranties were sold we gave this info to our customers. So all our customers are covered. Customers can call (800)keepnew to get a hold of the warranty company. Please put this in your next article in the *Observer* as Walter's Home Appliances always did things above board.

Chapter three of this story begins with this column as I received another e-mail from Phyllis who writes: Just wanted to let you know that thanks to your last column I found I do have a warranty on my appliances. The phone number John Mistak provided was indeed the number to the New National Electronics that provides the warranty (not GE) and is good until August 2010. Unfortunately at the time I purchased my appliances I was not given this information, so I wasted a year of my warranty wishing there was a lemon law for appliances because I believed I had a lemon.

Thank you again, to your son Mark for his help with the refrigerator; the problem seems to be solved. Also thank you to you for your informative articles in the *Observer*. Without your help and John Mistak's response I would never have gotten the information I needed. I wish I would have written to you sooner. If needed I plan to use up the remaining months of warranty.

The conclusion of this story ends with me, The Appliance Doctor. I am the one who writes this column and apparently I did not have all the facts. Dale Carnegie asked his clients to speak from the heart, not from a book and so I say I'm sorry for having cast a negative image on the good name of the Mistak family and Walter's Appliance.

The problem that Phyllis had with her refrigerator is taken care of now and thanks to my son Mark, it didn't cost much. Thanks to the strong ethics stand that John Mistak took, Phyllis now knows how to get a hold of the warranty company. Walter's Appliance sold appliances to many thousands of consumers for many years and provided a great image for the appliance industry. Unfortunately because of economic times they will be missed by many loyal customers. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com

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First Methodist Church

Time/Date: 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24

Location: 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Patrick Olson, a Plymouth Symphony Board member and Shelter Box USA representative, will give a brief announcement about ShelterBox,

a disaster relief charity, at the symphony's "Sunday Serenade" chamber concert. He'll talk about Rotary and ShelterBox activities in Haiti and will accept donations for the charity. ShelterBox has established three separate operational centers in and around Haiti to help distribute assistance to the estimated one million people left homeless by the devastating earthquake this month. The concert features the

Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras and harpist Maurice Draughn. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. A high tea will be served afterward and costs \$20. **Contact:** (734) 451-2112

Newburg United Methodist

Time/Date: Dinner seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.; concert at 6 p.m.

Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail,

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CATHERINE E. HARLOW

Age 87, of Farmington Hills, January 18, 2010. Beloved wife of the late William (d. 1997); dearest mother of Geoffrey (Virginia), Marc (Michelle) and the late Christopher (d. 1957); dear sister of Louis Clinton (Rene) Finger; cherished grandmother of Jessica, Nicholas, Ronald, Elizabeth, Catherine, Connor, Adelyn, Kinsey and Devon; and beloved aunt to many. Visitation Thursday 5-8 PM, Friday 2-9 PM, at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Rosary Friday 7 PM. Funeral Mass Saturday, January 23rd, 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington. Interment Holy Sepulchre. Memorial tributes suggested to Food for the Poor Inc., 6401 Lyons Rd., Coconut Creek, FL, 33073, 954-427-2222, FoodForThePoor.org.



DONNA BOILEAU HAMIL

A long time resident of Alexandria died on January 18th, 2010 at the Virginia Hospital Center. She was born in Detroit, Michigan to the late Dr. Thornton and Margaret Boileau. She was a graduate of Birmingham Michigan High School and attended Michigan State University. She was preceded in death by her second husband Huston Almond. She is survived by her children William Christopher Hamil (Susan) of Huntington Beach, CA, Linda Ann Hamil of Powder Springs, GA, and Gregory David Hamil (Louise) of Alexandria, VA. She was the loving grandmother of Hillary and Hayden Booher, Caroline Hamil, and Christian and Hunter Hamil. She is also survived by her sister Linda Dupre (Frederic) of Auburn, MA and her first husband David F. Hamil of Huntington Beach, CA. In addition, she leaves two nieces, a nephew, and several cousins. Donna was a gregarious person who loved life, her pets, and most of all was proud of and loved her family. A graveside service will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Summerfield Cemetery where interment will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Donna's memory to the American Red Cross (Haiti Relief and Development) P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013, 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or the Humane Society of the United States, at The HSUS, Dept MEMIT9, 2100 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20037 1-866-693-7436.

DOROTHY B. BUSH

Age 96 of Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of the late Lyman. Loving mother of the late David L. Bush, the late Kathleen Ryan, and the late Paul Bush. Cherished grandmother of 8 and great-grandmother of 3. Dear sister of Eva Hoefort and Floyd (Beatrice) Hibbler. Visitation Friday 10 AM until 12:30 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. Funeral Service Friday 1:30 PM (In state 1 PM) at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, MI 48335. Memorial contributions may be made to Salem United Church of Christ or Alpha-1 Foundation Attn: Development Office, 2937 SW 27 Avenue, Suite 302, Miami, FL 33133.

JENNIE STRZEMPKA

Age 89 of Livonia. Beloved wife of John lovingly married for 70 years. Loving mother of Jerome (Laura), David & Luana (Bruce) Karazia. Proud grandma of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Funeral services were handled by Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 5 Mile Rd., Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Marywood Nursing Home. Please visit our online guest book at: fredwoodfuneralhome.com



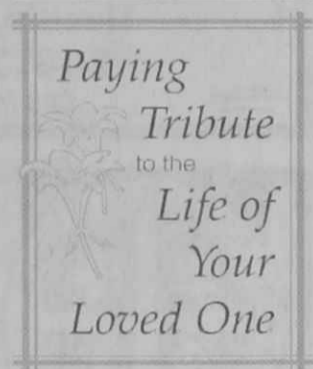
IDA A. WOOLSEY

January 19, 2010, age 96. Beloved mother of her three loving sons, George L. (Katherine), Lee E. (Carole), and L. Austin Woolsey. Grandmother of Laurel Severino (Frank), David Angelo (Amy), Carrie Skuratov, and Erin Woolsey. Great-grandmother of Emily, Sam, Mia Joy, Carly, and Layla. Preceded in death by six brothers and one sister. Memorial Service Saturday 11AM at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association. A. J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



IRENE V. SOLOWIEJ

Age 85, of Plymouth, passed away January 17, 2010. In November of 2009, Irene would have to say goodbye to her husband, high school sweetheart and best friend of 65 years Chester "Chet". Survived by her loving children: Richard A. (Cheryl) Soloway, Glenn E. (Cheryl) Solowiej and the late Daniel C. Solowiej. Proud grandmother of Scott (Anna), Sean, Eliza, Steven, Jordan (Sarah) and Nicole. Great grandmother of Thomas, Benjamin and Lucia. Dear sister of Hank (Irene) Proszek. Irene worked for the Plymouth Schools for many years serving as a teacher's assistant. Both her and Chet were very active volunteers in the Plymouth Community, from the Plymouth Lion's Club to the Plymouth Library, they gave back to a community they both loved so very much. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth on Thursday, January 21, 2009, beginning at 4:30pm until time of Memorial Service at 5:30pm. Memorials may be made to the Penickton Center For Blind Children 26530 Eureka Rd, Taylor, MI 48180-9972



JACQUELINE MARIE PAUL (GELINAS) KUPISZ

Of Chelsea, Michigan, formerly of Windsor Ontario, Livonia, Michigan, and Ocala Florida, age 87, passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at Silver Maples surrounded by her family. She was born on February 12, 1922 in Windsor, Ontario, the daughter of Albert and Yvonne (Potvin) Gelinas. She loved traveling, fishing with her grandkids, bingo, and her Silver Maples card group. Faith, family, and friends were most important to her. She is survived by three children, Lori (Doug Shepherd) Kupisz-Vincent of Johnston, OH, Thomas Norman Kupisz of Jacksonville, FL, and Neal (Rhea) Kupisz of Tecumseh, MI; two grandchildren, Nichole and Derek Kupisz; and one sister, Lucille Connor of Maidstone, Ontario. She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Kupisz, and four brothers, Roland, Raymond, Marcel, and Rene Gelinas. Services will take place in Florida, entrusted to Roberts Downtown Chapel in Ocala. Burial will take place at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala. Local arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea, MI.



JOHN MORRIS

91, of Livonia, January 19, 2010. John is a Proud Marine, WWII Veteran, Pearl Harbor Survivor, retired from Dow Chemical and former Para-pro from Farmington Public Schools. He is survived by Lillian, his beloved wife of 63 years; his loving daughters, Penny Dickerson (Dorman III) and Janet Goulart (the late David); his cherished grandchildren, Dorman IV, Randy and Jacquelyn Sullivan (Mike); and great-grandchildren, Julia and Michael II. Funeral service was January 22nd at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (248-474-5200). Visitation was Thursday 3-8 PM. Memorial tributes are suggested to The Capuchins or Odyssey Hospice heene-sundquist.com



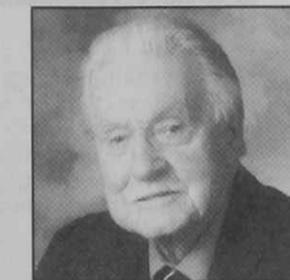
JOYCE HUBER

Age 70 of Rockwall, TX, passed away January 20, 2010, after a brief illness with ovarian cancer. She was born February 10, 1939, in Plymouth, MI, to Arden & Polly (Ewers) Sackett. Joyce was a Registered Nurse and a member of Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church in Heath, TX, where she sang in the choir. She was an active member of the Vine & Branches Prayer Group, the Episcopal Church Women, the Rockwall Newcomer's Club and T.O.P.S. Joyce loved all music, especially country music, and enjoyed dancing, traveling with her husband of 49 years, Lee, fishing, golfing, singing, playing cards, board games, and working puzzles, as well as playing with her grandchildren. Joyce is survived by her husband: Lee Huber of Rockwall, TX; daughter: Jill Nowell & husband Mike of Dallas, TX; son: Rick Huber & wife Jennifer of Montgomery, TX; grandchildren: Zachary, Harrison and Aaron Nowell; and Madeline and Jonathan Huber; siblings: Louise Davis & husband Jim of Waterford, MI, Leonard Sackett & wife Joanne of Royal Oak, MI, Amy Atwell & husband Rick of Canton, MI, and Ray Sackett & wife Gayle of Novi, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services were held 10:00am, Saturday, January 23, 2010, at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church, 1524 Smirl Dr, Heath, TX, with The Rev. Peter R. Getz officiating. The family received friends Friday evening at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Services under the direction of Rest Haven Funeral Home, Rockwall, TX.



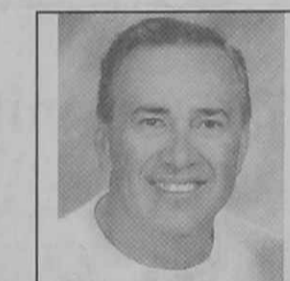
RICHARD W. ROMAN SR.

Age 65 of Highland Twp., and a former resident of Livonia, died at his home in the care of family on January 19, 2010. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dee; daughter, Laura (Rick) Garlock of Toledo; sons, Richard (Karie) Roman, Jr. of Traverse City, Joe (Gloria) Roman of Hartland; grandchildren, Jonathan, Nickolas, Sarah, Allison, Tristen, Josh, Mikayla, Emma, Jack, and Brady; sisters, Renee (Billy) Hidey, Carolann Bouquenoey, and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Joey. A Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Friday, January 22, 2010. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.



KENNETH L. QUALLS

Age 89 of Auburn Hills, formerly of Belleville, Livonia, and Houghton Lake. Born August 10, 1920 in Enfield, Illinois and died January 20, 2010 in Troy. Loving husband of the late Elizabeth "Betty". Dear father of Jeffrey (Nancy) Qualls, Beverly (Leo) Kalageorgi, Kenneth (Christiane) Qualls, and Dawn (Clarence) Day. Grandfather of Leanne (Brent), Kevin (Maureen), Steven (Shanan), Scott, Kendra, Sammy (Tiffany), and Kyra. Great grandfather of Steven, Krystal, Alyssa, Brendan, Isabella, Noah, Milo, Kelley, Kelsey, Will, Kimberly, Jennifer and Andrew. Kenneth grew up in Dearborn, was a member of the 101st Calvary, a WWII Navy Veteran, a life time member of Masonic Lodge Myrtle # 89 of Belleville, worked for Ford Motor Company for many years, was a Sales Engineer for various companies and later was self employed. Funeral services were held at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice. Online guest-book: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



KONRAD STAUCH

A resident of Milford, and former resident of Southfield and Farmington Hills, passed from this life in the care of his family on January 20, 2010 after a valiant battle with cancer. He is survived by Christel, his beloved wife of over thirty-eight years; daughters, Jennifer (Jim) Baxter of Milford and Cheri Stauch of South Lyon; grandchildren, Julianna, Hunter, & Ashton Dubuc and Sydney and James Baxter; brothers, John (Linda), and Michael (Carol) Stauch; father-in-law, Gerhard Tschoepe; sisters-in-law, Ingrid (Ken) Grasl, Irene (Chuck) Hedges, and Karin (Bill) Ward, and many nieces nephews, colleagues and dear friends. onrad practiced law in Southfield, Farmington Hills and Wixom and operated DS Properties, a building and real estate development company. He founded Acts Ministries, and served on the Board of Hope International and Jesus Alive Ministries. A Funeral Service will be held at Brightmoor Christian Church, 40800 13 Mile Road Novi, on Monday, January 25th, at 11AM, with Pastor Jamie Kjos officiating. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, Sunday, Jan. 24th, 2-9PM, with an open time of sharing at 4PM on Sunday. Memorials are encouraged to Acts Ministries, Inc. 28345 Beck Rd., Suite 100, Wixom, MI 48393.

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NORMA JEAN CIPRIANI
December 25, 1933 - December 4, 2009

A memorial service for Norma Jean Cipriani is being held January 29, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., St. Genevieve Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia. Beloved wife of Vincent, mother of John (Karen), David, Terry (Martin) Dubetz, cherished grandmother of Kara. Beloved sister of Anastasia Trygier, Patricia Langarica, Joseph Koch, George Koch and the late Marceline Amyot and late Henry Koch, many nieces and nephews.

RONALD PURDY

Age 53 of Redford. Beloved husband of Winnie. Loving step-father of Desmond & Godfrey of Toronto. Dearest son of Lillian Mary & Kenneth John. Dear brother of Raymond, Susan (Tony) & Janet of Milan. Proud uncle of Travis & Miranda. Also survived by many other loving family, friends & 2 dogs. Services will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia Monday 11:00 AM. Visitation Sun 2-9 PM. Contributions made to Humane Society. Please visit our online guest book at: fredwoodfuneralhome.com



RUTH PILAUT MAMMEN

84, formerly of Birmingham, died Sunday, January 17, in her home at Carolina Meadows, a continuing care retirement community in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She died from pneumonia complicated by COPD and heart disease. Ruth and her family moved to the Birmingham area in 1964. Over the next 23 years they lived in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and Franklin. She was an active member of the Franklin Community Church. Ruth is survived by her husband of 65 years, Edwin Mammen; daughters Nancy Burkoff of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Diane Boyne of Anderson, South Carolina; son David Mammen of New York City; granddaughters Amy Kelley, Miranda and Eleanor Mammen, and Megan Boyne; grandsons David Burkoff and Tyler Boyne, and four great-granddaughters. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 27th at 2:30 p.m. at Carolina Meadows. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Chapel of the Pines Presbyterian Church Building Fund, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

SUSAN (RUTHERFORD) PAXSON

January 16, age 37 of Canton. Loving wife of Scott and loving mother of James and Jessica. Dear daughter of James Rutherford and the late Linda Rutherford, sister of Scott (Ronda) and Spencer Rutherford, loving Aunt of Cody, Nick, Duncan, Alyssa and the late Kayden, daughter in law of Alfred and Judy Paxson. Funeral Service Thursday 1pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Visitation was held Wednesday from 2-9pm. In lieu of flowers, family requests memorial donations to Childrens Hospital of Detroit. A memorial page can be found at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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NEIGHBORS

'Party of One'

Plymouth songwriter/guitarist releases solo CD

BY SHARON DARGAY
OGE STAFF WRITER

Jeremy Porter has paid his musical dues for 25 years while playing in numerous bands, but has begun building a reputation as a solo artist, as well.

The Plymouth resident, who is the guitarist and singer/songwriter for the rock band, Fidrych, has performed locally and toured out of state, singing original songs and playing acoustic guitar in coffeehouses and bars since 2008.

He'll release his first solo CD, *Party of One*, this week. It's on Magwheel Records, a Toronto-based independent label and copies will be on hand at Porter's performance, Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co., 884 Penniman, Plymouth; (734) 454-0178. Jeff Haskins will open the show. Admission is free.

"I've been doing a lot of acoustic shows over the last year and a half. Some of the better ones have been at the Plymouth Coffee Bean. It's a fantastic room, intimate and like setting up in a corner of someone's living room," Porter said.

"I also play in bars. I came up through the trenches playing in rock and roll and punk bands. It's louder and everyone is drinking and in general a lighter mood in a bar...but solo acoustic lends itself to the coffeehouse setting. There's more focus on the music, more give and take. It's much more rewarding to play to 20 people at a coffeehouse than 100 at a bar."

Porter includes a mix of songs at his solo performances — from his first band as a teenager in Marquette, to Fidrych to *Party of One* selections.

"My style has been fairly consistent throughout the years, whether I'm playing in a band or by myself. I work hard to write catchy songs with good



Jeremy Porter's new CD.

hooks. Lyrically my songs can get dark, but musically, not so much. I like a high energy feel.

"I do songs going all the way back to punk rock days, but it's just me. I'll work on an arrangement or slow it down."

PLAYED PUNK

Porter began playing in rock bands in 1985 when he was a 16-year-old growing up in Marquette. He was a founding member of The Regulars, one of the upper peninsula's first punk bands.

He attended Northern Michigan University for a year before transferring to Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a degree in English language. Although he studied poetry and literature, music rather than lyrics, influences his song writing technique. He usually starts with a few chords and then "it happens organically."

"The lyrics just fall into place."

GOING SOLO

Porter started dabbling in solo pieces while he was a member of the local band, SlugBug. He started recording tracks for a project he hoped would be a solo venture. When SlugBug ended in 2000, Porter



Jeremy Porter plays acoustic guitar.

helped found the Offramps.

In its seven years, Offramps put out two CDs and frequently performed.

"In late 2008 that started to fall apart. I didn't have anything lined up. I needed something to do. I wasn't ready to get into another band. I thought, what the hell...and I booked myself a solo acoustic tour."

Porter, who's married, works as a Web developer by day, a job that enables him to travel and perform.

"A lot of what I do is online. It's not so much going into an office," he said. "I'm luckier than most."

NEW BAND

Fidrych, with members in their late 30s to early 50s, formed last year. The musicians have all done their time "in the trenches" and focus on "keeping it fun." They don't take every gig that comes their way.

Porter decided to make his first solo CD after a successful acoustic

tour last summer. He said it's easy to juggle both the band and solo work because music is his passion.

"I've been writing songs for 25 years. I have a day job and a great wife and friends. But there's something about picking up the guitar and writing a new song. It's what keeps me going."

Party of One will be available in local record stores next month. Visit porter's Web site at www.jeremyportermusic.com for more information.

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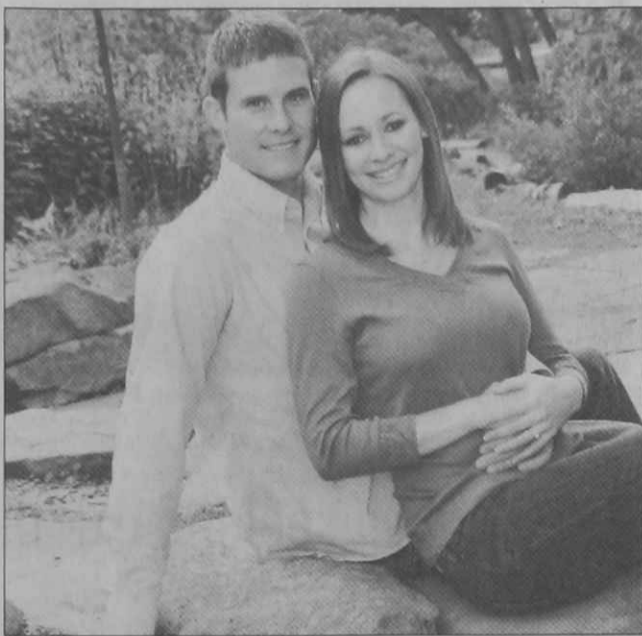
Grigg-Silker

Kelly Anne Grigg and Christopher Stephen Silker announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Steve and Gail Grigg of Livonia, is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She earned a B.S. in accounting in 2005 and a masters degree in accounting in 2006, both from Michigan State University. She is employed as an internal auditor for the State of Michigan.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Ann Silker of Lake, graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 2002. He earned a B.S. in education from Central Michigan University in 2008. He is employed at the Michigan Athletic Club in East Lansing.

A July 2010 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Kulczycki-Young

Ronald and Joyce Kulczycki of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter,

Sarah, to Robert W. Young, son of David and Coleen Young of Wayland.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2008 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is employed as a finance assistant.

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Wayland Union High School and a 2008 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He teaches high school in Colorado.

They both live in Colorado Springs, Colo. A July 2010, wedding is planned in Grand Haven.

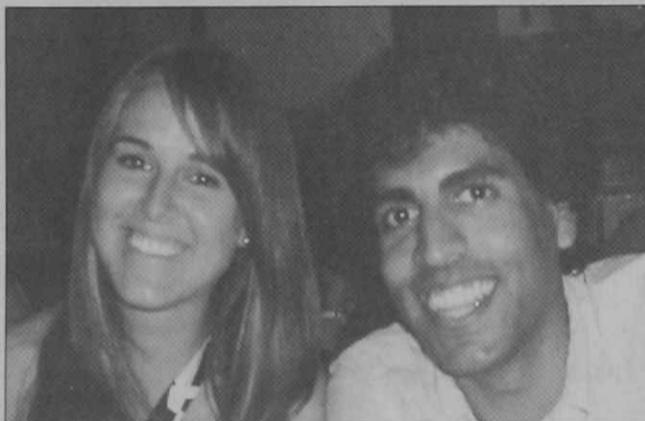


Camann-Minocha

Rick and Sue Camann of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Elizabeth, to Anuj Minocha, son of Subhash and Rakesh Minocha of Durham, N.H.

The bride-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Salem High School and a 2008 graduate of Boston University, with a BA in mathematics. She is employed as an actuary with The Hanover Group in Worcester, Mass.

Her fiancé graduated in 2003 from Oyster River High School in Durham, N.H. He received a degree in biology from Boston University



in 2007 and is currently employed as a research associate with Monsanto Company

in Cambridge, Mass.

A June 2010 wedding is planned at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

Mass at St. John Episcopal honors new priest

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Robert Kerr has been on the job since November 2009 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland, but received a formal welcome Thursday night.

"What it's actually called is a celebration of ministry," said Fr. Kerr. "When someone has been elected and approved as a priest in a parish, particularly the pastor of the parish, normally there's a service of welcome."

The Mass included guests Bishop Wendell Gibbs of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan and Archdeacon George Leylegian of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

The beauty of the Mass, with its grand music and pomp, drew Fr. Kerr to the Episcopal church while he was a student at Concordia College in Ann Arbor.

"I grew up in the Evangelical Church and became an Anglican in college," said Kerr, a Taylor native.

He also earned a Ph.D in counseling and psychology and has taught at Ashland Theological Seminary's Southfield campus since 2002.

The knowledge "comes in handy" as Fr. Kerr counsels parishioners through crisis.

"At some of the most critical times in people's lives, they invite me in. I get the honor to share with them."

Previous assignments Before joining St. John's Episcopal Church, Fr. Kerr served as director of pastoral care at a retirement community in Waterford for three years. He also has worked with missions, started a congregation "from scratch," and served as a hospice chaplain.

"It was a nice ministry," he said, referring to his most recent assignment, "but I felt God's call to me to parish ministry."

"I had heard about the church in Westland. The heavens didn't open and I didn't hear voices. I said (to God) I'll send in my stuff and the rest is up to you," Kerr described his job application process.

He celebrated Mass for the first time at St. John's on Thanksgiving Day last year.

LIKE HOME

"They are a wonderful group of people. They're easy to get along with and they're all friends. It's like coming home."

It's an environment Fr. Kerr hopes will continue.

"I want St. John to be a church where everyone will feel welcome."

Masses are offered at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school scheduled for 10:15 a.m. The Eucharist and prayers for healing are shared at noon Tuesday and Thursday. Bible study meets from 10:15-11:45 a.m. Thursday.

Fr. Kerr plans to lead

an "Anglican Boot Camp" Thursday evenings during Lent. Participants will learn what it means to be an Anglican Christian and will cover such topics as sacraments, church history and sin.

"My goal as a priest is I want Jesus to be real for everybody who comes through the door and that they know they are loved by him and cared for and have a real experience of him."

"Our primary duty and calling is worship of God and to do it with all the energy and beauty we can muster."

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Career workshops

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will offer its free career workshops to the public beginning Feb. 1. The sessions meet 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1 and 15, March 1 and 15 and April 5, at the church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Ray Blessman, regional manager at Kelly Services and an adjunct instructor at the University of Phoenix will be the guest consultant on Feb. 1.

The workshops are designed to help people in employment transition put together a useful job-hunter's tool box. The church's career team works one-on-one with job-hunters to help them build a network and

use their resources to find a good job. "This Career workshop met all last summer and fall. Toward the end of November and December we began to hear from several people who have found jobs," said the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt, pastor. "It seems that the job market is opening up a little. Though, there are still many people out of work and we are continuing to offer our help and encouragement."

For more information call the church at (734) 422-6038 or visit www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

Speak confidently

The West Side Professional Toastmasters welcomes new members to its meetings held 6:30 p.m., every sec-

ond and fourth Thursday, at Eastern Michigan University's Livonia Campus, room 412, 38777 West Six Mile, Livonia.

The community-based club is part of Toastmasters International. The diverse group provides a mutually supportive atmosphere in which all can develop and refine their public speaking and leadership skills. Members also have fun while building confidence in day-to-day communications. Guests are welcome.

For more information visit www.westideprofessionals.org and www.toastmastersinternational.org. Or call Amy Abboud, vice president of public relations at (248) 752-2800. E-mail her at aea248@hotmail.com.

If you have an item for the garden and nature calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Livonia Garden Club

A representative of the Detroit Institute of Arts will present a slide show about flowers and other plants depicted in paintings at the DIA. The meeting will start at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Roads. Visitors are welcome.

At English Gardens

The English Gardens 8th Annual Orchid Festival Feb. 1-28 and includes these workshops and presentations:

- Introduction to orchids, 1 p.m., Feb. 6; free.
- Orchid basket workshop, 2:30 p.m., Feb. 6;

\$29.99. Participants will create a basket filled with an orchid and an selection of green tropical plants.

- More about orchids, 1 p.m., Feb. 13; free.
- Orchid re-potting demonstration, 2:30 p.m., Feb. 13; free.

Other sessions next month include free presentations in starting seeds indoors at 1 p.m., Feb. 20 and fresh flower arranging at 1 p.m., Feb. 27.

A Make It & Take It Workshop: Spring Bouquet will be held at 2:30 p.m., Feb. 27. It costs \$19.99 and will include everything participants need to design a fresh flower arrangement to take home.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Arts Council seeking exhibit submissions

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is inviting artists to submit art work based on musical themes for an exhibition planned for May 2010. The show is intended to celebrate the first anniversary of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society's tenure at the PCAC Center for the Arts.

Works will be accepted in all media except sculpture. Paintings must be framed and ready for hanging. Final selections will be made by the exhibition committee.

The drop off day for exhibit consideration is Thursday, April 22. The exhibition runs from April 26 through May 24.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. For more information, contact Nancy Pilon at (734) 455-4681 or e-mail to nanpilon@yahoo.com. Or call Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 or e-mail her at tamara@plymoutharts.com.

INVITATION TO BID

PROJECT: Plymouth Housing Commission(PHC), Stimulus Project Tonquish Creek Manor Seniors' Complex (TCM)

OWNER: Plymouth Housing Commission (PHC) 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

ARCHITECT/ENGINEERS: Sauriol Bohde Wagner, Architects and Associates Inc. 46869 Garfield Road, Macomb, MI 48044 Telephone: (586) 532-9388; Fax: (586) 532-9377

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: This project shall include miscellaneous interior and exterior modifications including but not limited to parking lot repairs, seal coating and striping, exterior sidewalk repairs, interior apartment rehabilitation, kitchen cabinet replacement (13 units), flooring replacements (9 units), and associated modifications required to execute these work items. All work shall be performed at TCM located at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

BID DUE DATE: February 18, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. local time

INVITATION Sealed bids will be received by the PHC, and will be publicly opened and read immediately after due date time. Bid Proposals will be received at: PHC Offices, 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

BIDDING: In order to receive consideration, make bids in strict accordance with the Project Manual and the following:
a. Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders HUD Form 5369A.
b. Non-Collusive Affidavit
c. Bid Bond
d. Section 3 Implementation Plan
e. ARRA 2009 - Contract Requirements

BIDDING DOCUMENTS Proposals shall be made according to the contract documents as prepared by Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc.

Documents will be available for pick-up at the office of: Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc. 46869 Garfield Road, Macomb, Michigan 48044

A deposit of \$100.00 is required to obtain each complete set (three set maximum) of bidding documents.

PRE-BID WALK-THROUGH Attention is called to the fact that a "Walk-Through" inspection of the Project Sites including areas of Representative Work Items will be held on February 4, 2010 commencing at 11:00 a.m. at the project site located at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, MI, 48170. This "Walk-Through" is not mandatory; but is highly recommended for all General Contractors and their subtrades to help understand the various different work items involved.

BID BOND REQUIREMENTS All bids shall be accompanied by a "Treasury Listed" bid bond or a certified check in the amount of 5% of the aggregate total bid, made payable to the PHC and enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he/she has signed the Contract and has furnished the required Certificates of Insurance and Bonds.

LABOR REQUIREMENTS Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Contractor must comply with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970

SECTION 3 Contractors shall comply with HUD Section 3 requirements as specified in Article 40 of the General Conditions, Section 00700, and shall make every effort to hire area residents. Contractor shall also provide with the bid the Section 3 Implementation Plan as required and further described in Section 00120, Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

ARRA 2009 Contractors shall comply with the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" and agree to include contract language consistent with HUD Section 1605, as included herein, and as further defined under Section 00120, Supplementary Instructions to Bidders, Article 24.

GUARANTEE BONDS All accepted bidders shall be required to furnish at their expense prior to the execution of the contract, "Treasury Listed" bonds in the amount of 100% of the Total Contract Price for the faithful performance of the Labor and material obligations arising.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS A bidder may withdraw its bid, either personally or by written request, at any time prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

No bidder may withdraw its bid for period of 60 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof or until the successful bidder enters into the contract. Bids shall be subject to acceptance by the PHC during this period.

Bid security may be forfeited by any bidder who withdraws his/her bid prior to the execution of a contract with the successful bidder of the expiration of the 60 day period.

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SALES TAX The Contractor shall pay all sales, consumers, use and other similar taxes required by law.

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT The form of Agreement which the successful bidder will be required to execute is referenced in the Contract Documents.

Following the authorization by the PHC and responsible bidder, the Architect will issue a Notice of Award to that bidder. The bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall within 14 calendar days after the Notice of Award and receipt of Agreement forms from the Architect sign and deliver required copies to the Architect.

PROJECT MANUAL

Bidders shall be required to obtain and refer to the Project Drawings and the Project Manual for additional Project requirements and bidding instructions.

GARDEN & NATURE

PLYMOUTH HOUSING COMMISSION INVITATION TO BID

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION This project shall include miscellaneous interior and exterior modifications including but not limited to roof vent replacement, makeup air unit repairs and modifications, hot water storage tank replacement at buildings A and B, community room and spindle unit air conditioning installation, community room flooring replacements, miscellaneous interior common area painting and associated modifications required to execute these work items. All work shall be performed at TCM located at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

BID DUE DATE: February 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. local time

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PRE-BID WALK-THROUGH Attention is called to the fact that a "Walk-Through" inspection of the Project Sites including areas of Representative Work Items will be held on February 4, 2010 commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the project site located at 1160 Sheridan, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. This "Walk-Through" is not mandatory; but is highly recommended for all General Contractors and their subtrades to help understand the various different work items involved.

BID BOND REQUIREMENTS All bids shall be accompanied by a "Treasury Listed" bid bond or a certified check in the amount of 5% of the aggregate total bid, made payable to the PHC and enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he/she has signed the Contract and has furnished the required Certificates of Insurance & Bonds.

LABOR REQUIREMENTS Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Contractor must comply with the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

SECTION 3 Contractors shall comply with HUD Section 3 requirements as specified in Article 40 of the General Conditions, Section 00700, and shall make every effort to hire area residents. Contractor shall also provide with the bid the Section 3 Implementation Plan as required and further described in Section 00120, Supplementary Instructions to Bidders.

GUARANTEE BONDS All accepted bidders shall be required to furnish at their expense prior to the execution of the contract, "Treasury Listed" bonds in the amount of 100% of the Total Contract Price for the faithful performance of the Labor and material obligations arising.

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SALES TAX The Contractor shall pay all sales, consumers, use and other similar taxes required by law.

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT The form of Agreement which the successful bidder will be required to execute is referenced in the Contract Documents.

Following the authorization by the PHC and responsible bidder, the Architect will issue a Notice of Award to that bidder. The bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall within 14 calendar days after the Notice of Award and receipt of Agreement forms from the Architect sign and deliver required copies to the Architect.

PROJECT MANUAL

Bidders shall be required to obtain and refer to the Project Drawings and the Project Manual for additional Project requirements and bidding instructions.

ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption received four new dogs recently.

"They came from Florida and are very thin, but our fosters will take wonderful care of them and they will fill out very soon," said Jackie Bowen, public relations coordinator for the group.

Two are featured this week. Here's what volunteers say about them:

Pebbles was called Amy when she raced, but her foster family thought her new name suited her better because of the pebble-like brindle marks on her white fur. She arrived Jan. 16 from a race track and is getting used to playing outside in the snow. She's having fun with the other greyhounds she lives with. She is 4 1/2 years old and loves people as well as other greyhounds. She'd rather not have a small dog under foot.

Annie's old racing name was Donna Whistler but her foster family thought Annie was much cuter. She's a beautiful brindle girl, 4 1/2, with the



Annie is living with a foster family until she can find her own home.

sweetest face and gorgeous soulful eyes you could ever fall in love with. She just arrived in Michigan from a racetrack in Florida. She's having a great time with her foster family and the other greyhound she's living with but is looking for a home of her own.

If you're interested in Pebbles or Annie, call Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption at (866) 438-4739. Check out the group's Web site at www.greyheart.org.



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REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960
50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960
50th reunion festivities in September will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Farmington High School Class of 1970
Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington

High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dbielehn@aol.com.

Oak Park High School

Class of 1980
30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com

Garden City High School

Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Garden City West

Class of 1970
40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com.

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

West Bloomfield High School Class of 1980

Planning for a 30th reunion is underway. The main event will be held July 17 at Hotel Baronette in Novi. More events are being planned for the same weekend. For more information e-mail the reunion co-chairs, Lori (Hess) Conklin at iconklin@conklin-systems.com or Jill (Butts) Beaulac at jibeau@cox.net.



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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JANUARY

Diabetes seminar
Sanctuary at Villa Marie along with the American Diabetes Association will offer a free seminar on detecting, preventing, and managing diabetes, 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 26. Free blood sugar screening will be offered after the seminar. Sanctuary at Villa Marie is located at 15131 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, behind St. Edith Church. For more information, call Sharon Powell at (734) 464-9494 or e-mail to powells@trinity-health.org.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital
"Parenting with Love and Logic" is offered for parents with pre-teens and teenagers, from 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 27 in classrooms 1 and 2, at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The class takes a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162.

FEBRUARY

ALS reception
The ALS Association will present a Research Update and Celebration of Excellence Reception Feb. 2 to



educate individuals about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) research and to recognize individuals who have supported the chapter in a special way. ALS commonly is known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The program will start with light refreshments from 6-6:30 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen. A research update and awards presentation to top ALS Michigan Chapter volunteers will follow. Bill Emerson, CEO of Quicken Loans, will receive the top award for his role as Corporate Chair - 2009 Detroit Walk to Defeat ALS. The event is free and open to the public, although an RSVP is requested. For more information or to RSVP, call Suzi

Terebello at (248) 680-6540 or e-mail to susan@alsa-michigan.org.

Karmanos Work it Out
Danialle Karmanos' Work it Out, a non-profit program that features a yoga-based approach to preventing childhood obesity, will hold a fundraiser, 7-9:30 p.m., at the Museum of Contemporary Art, (MOCAD) 4454 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are \$50 per person; \$75 for a VIP champagne reception with photographer Brad Ziegler, whose images of Work It Out participants will be featured. The evening at MOCAD will include wine and appetizers from D'Amato's of Royal Oak, music by DJ Urban Kris and a chance to explore the galleries of the innovative museum. For more information and to register for the fund-raiser, visit www.dkwio.org/eve-ningout.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital
• Cardiologist Roy Misirliyan will discuss heart health issues specific to women and include symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and prevention, at "Ladies Night Out," Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the auditorium at the hospital. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Registration is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."
• Beginning and intermediate Hatha Yoga classes are offered from 5:15-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, beginning Feb. 9. They run through March 16 and meet in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. Cost is \$55 for the six-week session. Space is limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162 or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."
• "Parenting with Love and Logic" is offered for parents with pre-teens

and teenagers, from 7-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10, in classrooms 1 and 2, at the hospital. The class takes a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162.
The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

ONGOING

Fitness classes
Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

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

Breast cancer support group
Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group
St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved

one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia
Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Wayne metro caregiver support
Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

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

CPR classes
Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group
2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

U-M gets new scanner to identify brain tumor cells

Doctors will be able to scan a child's brain while operating with cutting edge equipment that will be part of the neuroscience operative suite at the new University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

The intraoperative MRI will be the first of its kind available to patients in Michigan when construction of the \$754 million hospital is complete.

"The system will greatly improve current technology for removal of brain tumors in children," said Karin Muraszko, chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Michigan Health System.

"The iMRIS system brings cutting edge MRI technology into the operating room to obtain brain or spine images, in the middle of a surgical procedure, without moving the patient or compromising the surgical field," Muraszko added. "This will advance our ability to care for patients with brain tumors, epilepsy and even patients with hydrocephalus. The iMRIS system lets us obtain the best available MRI imaging in the middle of an operation to determine what's going on."

A surgeon can use the location, appearance and texture of the tissue to determine what is normal brain and what is tumor in a patient undergoing a resection of brain tumor, said Hugh Garton, pediatric neurosurgeon at the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

"But none of these tools are completely accurate," Garton stated. "There is good evidence for brain tumors that the long-term outcome is better with a completed resection than for one that is not complete."

"During procedures, we could face a difficult choice regarding tissue about which we are unsure. Removing it is risky and could cause permanent neurological injury. Leaving it

behind could risk committing the patient to a second surgical procedure and an increased risk of complications."

IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK

A neurosurgical patient may be best served when up-to-date MRI views of the surgical field are available during an operation. But getting that information without the iMRIS system, requires moving the patient from a surgical suite to an MRI imaging suite, through a non-sterile environment.

"Intraoperative MRI provides immediate feedback as to the both the nature of the tissue in the surgical field and the anatomic relationships of critical structures of the brain as they are oriented in a surgical procedure. For me, to be able to demonstrate to a surgical trainee the correlations between what he or she is seeing in the surgical field and what the MRI shows should accelerate the learning process," said Cormac Maher, a pediatric neurosurgeon at the University of Michigan Health System.

"We are excited by the research possibilities, for example, in developing agents that more accurately identify tumor cells on both the MRI and in the operating room."

No other system offers the same degree of safety for both the patient and the surgical environment.

IMRISneuro provides neurosurgeons with timely images during surgery from which they are able to make better decisions for their patients.

Peter Strouse, director of pediatric radiology at UMHS, says the IMRISneuro system is a critical acquisition for Mott.

"We have a chance to do something really good with this piece of equipment. It's really cutting edge and for neurosurgery, if we want to be the leaders and the best, it's just something we had to have," he said.

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TYPES OF PAIN

In describing muscle and joint pain, doctors use a number of terms that may have a different meaning to a patient than to the doctor. This column will discuss three of these terms, namely referred pain, radiating pain and strain.

The best example of referred pain in joint conditions is hip pain. One feels pain originating in the hip as groin pain, that is, a pain in an area just below the abdomen and going from the edge of the pelvic bone to the midline area. Why hip pain manifests itself this way has to do with the distribution of the nerves that supply the head of the hip.

Radiating pain is the pattern of pain one feels with a pinched nerve such as sciatica. In sciatica, the pain originates in the back when a major nerve, the sciatic, becomes compressed between a vertebral disk and the surrounding bone. What the person notes is a pain, sometimes burning, tingling or sharp going down the leg. This distribution of pain follows the path of the sciatic nerve itself.

The pain from strain occurs when a muscle near an impaired joint becomes subject to undue use. Thus, when the hip experiences arthritis, the quadriceps muscle of the high may hurt because of the extra work the muscle must undertake with walking. Strain in the back of knee with knee arthritis represents the same phenomenon. The hamstring muscles are trying to compensate for an impaired knee joint.

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HEARING WELL, THEN LISTENING



WORKWISE

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Some men care about communication so much that they take extra steps to make certain that, despite hearing loss, they hear effectively in the workplace. For them, hearing is a first step;

listening, its follow-through. They're in their 20s through 50s.

The first, Carlos Gomez of Brooklyn, N.Y., has made music his career for 15 years. A freelance DJ in nightlife culture nationwide and an electronic music producer, he creates music in his studio. The second, Fadi ElTal, a support engineer at Apple Computers Inc., in Cupertino, Calif., works as a liaison between the engineering team and the contact centers. Denver's Stephen Franklin is a lead engineer at United Launch Alliance L.L.C., which launches satellites. His eight-member independent team assesses product risk and launch preparedness.

Here are some of the problems they encountered at work:

-- headaches. Considerable loss of hearing in his

"music" ear caused straining and uncertainty in face-to-face and telephone conversations. (Gomez) -- failed understanding. Lower voices in meetings never quite registered. (ElTal) -- embarrassment. Normal or quiet voices nearby in meetings were not perceptible unless the person sat immediately in front of him. Ambient noise in large meetings required him to stare at a person . . . not always possible in a large room. (Franklin)

'CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS'

"The onus is on everyone to make sure that clear communications happen in the office," observes Sharon Campbell, president of the Pueblo Chapter of Hearing Loss Association of America. Gomez says that people in his group warn each other if the monitor is too loud, distorting the noise on the floor. ElTal encountered diminished productivity when callers were put on speaker in meetings. When he had questions, he went to meeting notes, if available, then e-mail or a phone call. Franklin mentions that e-mails often go out to confirm what's discussed, but "you have to take responsibility for information that's made available. Life becomes very insulating if you don't and you eventually will fall behind everyone."

"It's really difficult in the technical world," he adds, "where we're often asked at the end of a meeting if we concur with something. If you haven't heard well

and say you concur with it, you're putting the company at risk. There are no do-overs in our business."

CO-WORKERS

However, there is an additional experience some people in their situation encounter. Campbell indicates that co-workers can be more than mean, "deliberately saying something to the hard of hearing employee and then, when called on it, claim that the hard of hearing employee 'misunderstood.'" Failed communication becomes the "fault" of the employee, who is often fired. Harassment, she comments, often begins when the person first wears a hearing aid.

Franklin, who's never encountered this problem, feels that it's cultural, reflecting an unstable environment where people fear for their jobs. Only Gomez, the DJ, has experienced something close to it -- "gentle ribbing among friends." He concedes that when it happens repeatedly for six years or longer, it begins to have an impact.

Each of these men uses a hearing aid. ElTal loves his Lyric in-canal hearing aid (InSound Medical, Inc.) because of its clarity, use of the ear to enhance sounds and invisibility. Gomez enjoys his Songbird (Songbird Hearing Inc.), because it's occupationally-specific, designed for musicians early in their careers and in their hearing loss. Franklin likes his Siemens Pure 700 (Siemens Hearing Instruments Inc.) because of its



Credit: Fadi ElTal

Support engineer Fadi ElTal had difficulty hearing when he used a speaker phone but now uses a hearing aid that makes communication much easier. He works at Apple Computers Inc., in Cupertino, Calif.

functionality, size, convenience and design. He can attach devices for different situations that enable him to accommodate the typical hearing needs of others around him.

All three take responsibility for hearing well and for listening. We should all take note.

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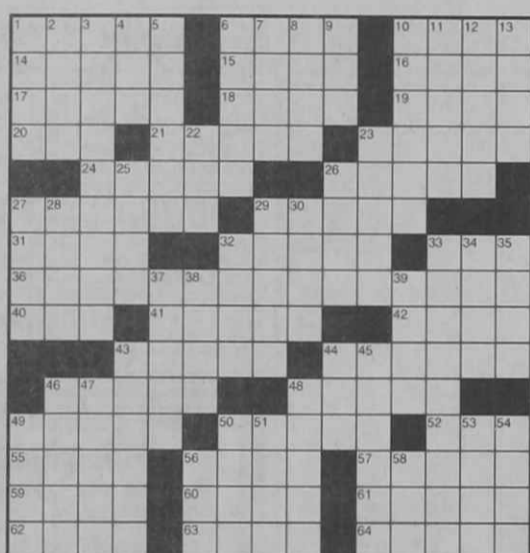
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Nissan Sentra: An Old Standby That Delivers Quality

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The Nissan Sentra offers a sharp, visually striking image. Following its larger and more upscale siblings, the Altima and Maxima, the Sentra is no longer Nissan's entry-level car now that the company makes the Versa.

Targeting the Toyota Corolla and Honda Civic, Nissan hopes the Sentra, like the \$22,000 car we tested, with its many standard features, can put a dent in these best-sellers' armor.

The biggest knock against the old Sentra was its tight cabin room. Nissan designers took that into account and made the latest Sentra much larger.

Offering one of the largest interior volumes in its class, the new Sentra has a 5.9-inch longer wheelbase than the 2006 model. It is 2.3 inches longer in overall length, 3.2 inches wider and sits 4 inches taller for easier entering and exiting.

Passengers should have no problem getting into the Sentra's rear seat, but they may find foot room is limited because of the large front seat brackets on the floor. But, there's plenty of headroom and rubber door armrests are comfortable resting places for forearms.

The trunk itself is designed to accommodate long and bulky items by increasing the size of the trunk pass-through opening. Combined with the new 60/40 split double-fold rear seat, Sentra offers enough cargo flexibility for carrying snowboards, hockey sticks and even bikes.

Sentra's innovative trunk divider allows the trunk to be used for short term and long term/hidden storage. A removable divider wall, which can be positioned flat on the trunk floor when not in use, can be raised into a vertical

position, creating two separate compartments.

Other handy storage features include an integrated, removable overhead compact disc holder above the driver's sun visor which can hold up to eight CDs, net storage pockets on the upper backs of the front seats for rear seat passengers' cell phones and mp3 players, a rear seat armrest with cup holders that can accommodate a 20-ounce bottle and 32-ounce drink cup, extra instrument panel storage next to the driver's door, and a large glove compartment that's big enough to fit a large-sized map book. The center console offers multiple storage options, including an adjustable cup holder design and cell phone space.

With its tall dash and vertical center stack, the Sentra's interior design has a few elements you'd find on most SUVs. Its instrument panel is made up of alloy-like rings on the gauges and dials, while chrome accents the door handles and steering wheel emblem.

Buyers of the Sentra have a choice of five trim levels: base, S, SL, SE-R and SE-R Spec V. Standard on the base trim are 15-inch steel wheels, air conditioning, a four-speaker CD stereo with an MP3 player jack, and power windows and locks. The S trim level adds 16-inch alloys, a height-adjustable driver seat, keyless entry, power mirrors, steering-wheel-mounted audio controls and an extra pair of stereo speakers. When you spring for the SL trim, you get leather upholstery, a leather-trimmed steering wheel, keyless start, cruise control, an alarm system and a trunk divider. The Sentra SE-R is equipped similarly to the SL, but the keyless start and steering wheel audio controls are become options instead of



The Nissan Sentra competes for sales with the Toyota Corolla and Honda Civic. The Sentra has been a solid contender for many years due to its plethora of standard features.

standard equipment. It also gets 17-inch wheels, firmer suspension tuning, larger brakes, a lower body kit, sport seats, aluminum-trimmed pedals, and oil pressure and G-force gauges. The SE-R Spec V has everything the SE-R has and adds summer tires, an even firmer and lowered suspension, and larger front brakes.

Standalone options on all models but the base Sentra include a sunroof, a spoiler, an upgraded 340-watt Rockford Fosgate sound system, Bluetooth, and either XM or Sirius Satellite Radio.

The base, S and SL Sentras are powered by a 2.0-liter inline four-cylinder engine good for 140 horsepower. Base and S models are available with either a six-speed manual or a CVT transmission designed to offer smoother operation and better fuel-efficiency than a regular automatic. Sentra SL models come only with the CVT.

The CVT is also standard on the Nissan Sentra SE-R, which has 2.5-liter four-cylinder good for 177 horsepower. The SE-R Spec V gets a high-output version of this engine capable of 200 horsepower. A six-speed manual is the only transmission available on the Spec V.

Fuel economy ratings for the Sentra 2.0 SL are 29 miles per gallon in the city and 36 mpg on the highway. These figures hold up well among its main competitors and are only worse when compared to cars with smaller engines.

The Sentra has decent acceleration and its electric power steering is quick, but sometimes

it is too quick and the steering wheel returns to center with unusual force. Overall, it provides a firm ride, swallowing road bumps and potholes, although there's a lot of body roll going around corners.

Nissan has done a good job of minimizing road noise. Even when the Sentra's 4-cylinder engine is pushed to high speeds, the highway ride is surprisingly quiet.

On the safety front, the Sentra gets the usual array of airbags including seat-mounted side-impact bags and roof-mounted curtain airbags. Active head restraints come standard on the front seats to reduce the chances of whiplash from a rear-end collision. Front and rear crumple zones, side impact door beams, an energy-absorbing steering column, and a system to pull the engine down in a frontal impact all contribute to overall occupant safety.

All of these safety features earned the Sentra a five-star frontal crash rating for both driver and passenger by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Sentra is a solid entry in the compact car segment. With its strong engine, styling and interior, the Sentra should stay near the top of the class of affordable, well-built cars.

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Price as tested: \$21,085

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