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Clothing bank

The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is making appointments for individuals and families in need of clothing. Clothing bank officials have also issued a "thank you" to the community for "the various clothing drives that have been held" for the bank.

The banks hours of operations are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call (734) 416-6179.

Lions scholars

The Canton Lions Club announced the availability of a scholarship grant to a senior student in the Plymouth-Canton School District who is vision or hearing impaired, or to a student who plans to major in a college program which will benefit the vision or hearing impaired.

Students who are interested in applying for this scholarship should submit a letter detailing their impairment or their plan of study in the future. Letters should include name, address, grade-point average, counselor's name and school, plus a short biography.

Interested students should send the letters to Nancy Spencer, 42764 Woodbridge Road, Canton, MI 48188. Letters must be postmarked by March 1.

Drug classes

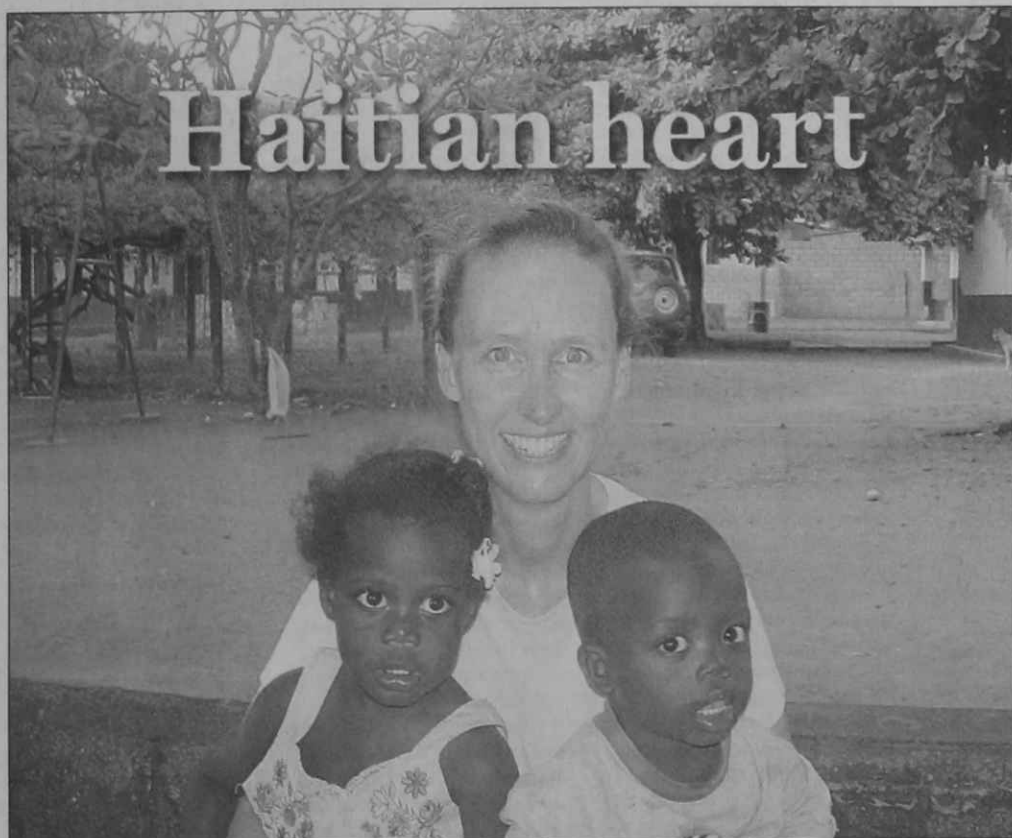
Canton Police Department has partnered with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System to offer the class, "Drugs 101: What Parents Want to Know," and there are four more chances for people to take part.

The class features educators from Saint Joseph Mercy Health System staff and Canton Police Department Community Relations Sgt. Mark Gajeski, who will educate parents on the signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs teens may use. Legal consequences and long-term implications will also be addressed.

Remaining dates for "Drugs 101: What parents want to know" include:

- 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6 — Plymouth District Library in Plymouth
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 — Fiegel Elementary gym in Plymouth
- 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 — Field Elementary gym in Canton
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 — Summit on the Park in Canton

It's a free, two-hour class for adults only who reside in Canton or its surrounding communities. Register at www.sjmercyhealth.org, click on Classes and Events, or at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.



Beth Cooley, here with Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage residents Cala and Ricardo, has been visiting and supporting the orphanage since she was 12 years old.

Canton church holds concert for orphans

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Chris and Beth Cooley watch the news coverage of the devastation in Haiti and spend countless hours poring over any correspondence they can find about how things are going, and they find it difficult not to jump on a plane.

For the Plymouth Township couple, who have agonized over the tragedy since it happened, the earthquake hit pretty close to home — about 90 miles, give or take.

The Cooleys have long been supporters of the Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage in Dessilines, about 90 miles from the epicenter of the earthquake that crumbled Port-Au-Prince a couple of weeks ago.

Though the orphanage itself was left unharmed by the quake — which registered a 7.0 on the Richter scale — life around those children, already difficult, has just gotten harder.

"It's heartbreaking to think of all those children," said Beth Cooley, who has been traveling to Haiti since she was 12. "Estimates are there were 385,000 orphans before the earthquake, and now they say it has doubled. That's hard to think about."

Beth Cooley said the orphanage, founded by Don and Doris Peavey 37 years ago, started taking in refugees within days of the earthquake. She said orphanage staffers tried to go grocery shopping a week before the disaster, but shelves at the store were empty. Taking in refugees isn't making things any



Chris Cooley, who was in Haiti with wife Beth in November, shares a smile with orphanage resident Rose.

easier.

"It's been horrific," said Beth Cooley, who with her husband was just in Haiti in November. "The horrendous thing is we know how bad it was before, how they're missing basic necessities of life, and now this happens."

Beth Cooley has been supporting EGO since 1975, when she would make trips there with her father and a family friend, both dentists.

The doctors would travel the country, setting up chairs wherever they could find space. Finding patients was no problem; according to Beth, long lines would form wherever the pair went. While they provided the medical support, Beth

BENEFIT CONCERT

What: Hope for Haiti benefit concert for the Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage

When: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12

Where: lifechurch Canton, 7001 Haggerty (northeast corner of Haggerty and Warren)

Who: Concert features Brion Riborn, Alex Rahill, Waldon Reed Jr., with the band D'Art

Why: To benefit Ebenezer Glenn Orphanage, a 37-year-old facility whose resources are being stretched even further following the earthquake in Haiti.

How much: \$5 at the door; additional donations gratefully accepted

stayed back at the orphanage and became attached both to Don and Doris Peavey and, more importantly, to their young charges.

"I saw extreme, abject poverty, and it changes you," Beth said. "I was a kid, but I still got it."

The couple was last in Haiti in November, bearing some 200 pounds of provisions that included children's medicine, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other necessities.

While there, they shot video footage that included scenes in Port-Au-Prince, the country's capital. Watching that video now is akin to seeing pictures of the Manhattan skyline pre- and post-9/11.

"We stayed at the Friends of

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District begins budget grind

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Late last year, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education commissioned seven participatory budget committees, made up of administrators, teachers, parents and other community members, to help them fashion a strategy for dealing with a potential \$9 million deficit in the 2010-11 budget.

On Monday, board members heard from those seven committees as they began a push toward a scheduled June 8 public hearing on next year's budget.

The reports, which are available on the school district's Web site (www.pccs.k12.mi.us), detail a variety of areas committee members think the board could consider as trustees begin the

budget process. The recommendations range from potential cuts in staffing to revenue enhancements such as increases in pay-to-participate fees.

While staffing cuts were discussed, committee members hope they don't happen.

"We will not recommend cutting staff," said Christine Cummings, who has children at Miller Elementary and East Middle schools (along with a son at Our Lady of Good Counsel) and who served on the elementary committee. "It will reduce interaction between students and teachers. Elementary class sizes are already too big."

The committees started with the premise they'd need to operate at two figures — 90 and 95 percent of the 2009-10 budget. They came up with a variety of

ideas for both cuts and revenue generation. Cuts discussed included staff reduction, a buyout plan for employees and negotiated concessions with union representatives.

Cuts in transportation were also discussed. Money can be saved, according to the reports, by eliminating noon-time busing for kindergarteners (under the idea, morning kindergarteners would be bused to school, then picked up by parents, while afternoon kindergarteners would be dropped off by parents and then bused home), cutting busing for talented and gifted students and eliminating transportation home from athletic events.

Revenue enhancement ideas included opening the district as

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Canton to see revenue dip as home values fall

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's home values fell an average 9.8 percent last year — a drop local officials say should bring tax relief to most homeowners while township officials brace for yet another dip in revenues.

The latest decrease in residential property assessments comes as local officials in Canton and elsewhere continue to grapple with tax revenues they are losing amid a persistent housing market slump.

"Everybody's braced for it, but it's not going to be pretty," township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said. "It's sort of like getting a root canal."

The new drop means homeowners should receive at least some property tax relief — unless they have made improvements such as building an addition to their home — when their assessment notice arrives in the mail around Feb. 22, said Doug Shaw, the township's assessor.

"Most taxable value will go down," he said. Canton's 9.8-percent decrease in home values comes one year after the township saw a comparable 10-percent decline, but the net effect of that decline was more like 7 percent when officials factored in a slight uptick in commercial and industrial property assessments, Finance Director Rick Eva said.

Still, the township lost \$2.25 million in property tax revenues the last time around — a number that could be even more staggering this year as local officials await word on new commercial and industrial assessments that potentially could be flat.

"It's such a volatile number," Eva said, adding later, "It's really too early to speculate on what the actual numbers will be."

Unlike many deficit-plagued communities that trimmed services and employees, Canton last year had managed to salvage a general fund balance that topped the \$7.5 million mark. Still, local officials have said declining revenues will force them to chip away, to some extent, at the surplus.

"We do have some fund balance," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "We're doing what we've always done — anytime we have a position open that we don't have to fill, we don't. We're constantly looking for ways to do things more efficiently. We're trying to do all we can not to lay people off."

Shaw cited another factor affecting taxable values as the recent assessment figures came in from Wayne County's equalization office for the year ending Sept. 30.

For the first time since 1994's Proposal A went into effect, Shaw said the Consumer Price Index, a measure of inflation, actually declined last year by one-third of a percent. Under Proposal A, taxable values can increase by the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

DOWN THEY GO

Here are the numbers for Canton and other nearby communities, according to Wayne County. The first number is the SEV percentage over market value; the other number is the decline in value:

	Value	Decline
Canton	55.43	9.8
Northville	54.19	7.73
Plymouth Twp.	55.98	10.68
Van Buren	63.49	21.25
Belleville	55.59	10.06
Livonia	57.29	12.72
Plymouth city	51.35	2.63

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Bucks for Bach

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras invites you to "Bucks for Bach," a fun evening of great music in a delightful artistic setting at the Lotus Arts Gallery in downtown Plymouth.

The event - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 - will feature musicians from the orchestra including Symphony Conductor Nan Washburn, Flutist Dennis Carter, Cellist Amy Kuras and Pianist Patrick Johnson. The music of Bach will be performed throughout the evening along with wine and Hors D'oeuvres.

Enjoy a wonderful evening and help support the Symphony at the same time. Suggested donation for the event is \$35

For information and reservations call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Wrestling fund-raiser

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters would like to invite everyone to their fund-raiser at Buffalo Wild Wings, 41980 Ford Road in Canton Monday, Feb. 15. Flyers can be obtained at the group's Web site at wrestling.salemrock.com. A flyer must be presented at time of order in order for the club to receive a percentage of the proceeds from that day.

Open enroll

Achieve Academy and Canton Charter Academy currently are holding open enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. Open enrollment will run through 5 p.m., Feb. 26.

Both schools are tuition-free public charter schools operated by National Heritage Academies, a Michigan-based charter school management company that currently operates 61 schools in six states. Seating availability is limited at both schools. Therefore, if the number of students enrolled is greater than the number of seats available, a lottery drawing will be held at a later date to determine which children will attend these schools.

For more information or to enroll your child at Achieve Academy or Canton Charter Academy, call 1-866-NHA-ENROLL.

Winter market

On Sunday, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Canton Farmers Market will hold its first Winter Market at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located at Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road. Additional Winter Markets will be held on March 28 and April 25.

Popular food vendors participating in the Winter Market, included: Kapnick Orchards (Britton), Boblin Honey (Canton), Bizzy Lizzy Bakery (Hillsdale) Sansonetti Gourmet Food (Holly), Captain John's Smokehouse (Bad Axe) and Natural Local



Chess champs

East Middle School's chess team won first place in the K-6 section at Saturday's 2010 Michigan Scholarstic Primary/Elementary team chess championships at Michigan State University. Some 55 schools from across Michigan brought 129 teams to the tournament. East Tiger Team members included (from left) Alan Sun, Jason Ren, Mathew Song and Mandy Lu. Behind them is Jennifer Skidmore, vice president and scholastic coordinator for the Michigan Chess Association. Michigan Scholastic Primary/Elementary Team Chess Championships is organized by Michigan Chess Association annually since 1985.

Food Express.

"It's great to see vendors who are dedicated to providing consumers with access to nutritious, locally-produced food all year long," said Canton Farmers Market Manager Tina Lloyd. "It's also nice to see consumers embracing the importance of eating locally produced food while supporting our local economy."

For more information about the Canton Farmers Market and its vendors, check out the Market web page on Cantonfun.org under the tab "community/special events" where you can also subscribe to the Farmers Market Newsletter. To participate in the 2010 season, contact the Market Manager at 734/398-5570 ext. 5 or via email at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagar Rotary Scholarship.

The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagar, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with polio.

Application deadline is March 30, and the award will be announced April 16. Applications can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf. For more information, contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or call (734) 377-0914.

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4.

Applications can be downloaded at: www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf

Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

For more information, contact Debra Madonna, (734) 377-0914, clarion@storytellerdesign.com

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

'Action' item

Area residents get a chance to lend a helping hand and volunteer for this year's Christmas in Action event Saturday, April 24. Both skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to help provide repairs to needy seniors' homes in the Canton community from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Skilled services needed include, but are not limited to electricians, carpenters, plumbers, roofers, and others. Unskilled volunteers are needed for cleaning, yard work, and painting.

The day will start with registration from 7:30-9 a.m., and a continental breakfast at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Volunteers will then be shuttled to assigned homes and are encouraged to bring brooms, rakes, and shovels marked with their name, in addition to work gloves. Lunch will be provided.

For more information on Christmas in Action and the clean-up event scheduled for April 24, call (734) 394-5191 or visit cantonfun.org.

Wellness extravaganza

Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic welcomes the community to a no-charge Wellness Extravaganza 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. The clinic is located at 6231 N. Canton Center Road, Suite 109, in Canton.

Many natural and holistic health professionals will be on hand for information and demonstrations in regards to reaching one's "optimal wellness." Light refreshments and gift drawings will all be part of the evening.

Registration is required due to space limitations. Call (734) 455-6767 for more information.

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Recital celebrates Polish dancers' 30th anniversary

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ashley Ricciuti enjoys going out on stage and performing in front of an audience, watching the joy on people's faces as they enjoy her dancing.

Ricciuti, a Canton High School senior who turns 18 Monday, gets her chance when she joins the rest of the PNA Centennial Polish Dancers of Plymouth on the stage at Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton for their 30th anniversary recital.

Ricciuti, the daughter of Arthur and Catherine Michalak, is looking forward to it.

"Although I myself am not Polish, I find the culture of Poland incredibly interesting," said Ricciuti, who has danced with PNA for five years. "It's so rich, there's been so much history I've been able to learn from being in this group. Learning dancing from different regions is something I can share with my friends."

Kristal Greniuk-Wioncek, a 25-year member of the group who has served the last 2½ years as its director, said the group wanted to do something special for its 30th anniversary. Saturday's show, she said, will feature a trio of second-generation performers, dancers in authentic costumes and the dancers singing Polish songs with the accompanist.

"People should look for a fabulous afternoon/evening of a step back in to one's Polish heritage," Wioncek said. "If you do not have Polish roots, you will enjoy the colorful costumes worn by enthusiastic dancers that have perfected advanced routines for entertaining the audience."

The Plymouth-based PNA Centennial Polish Dancers, which draws dancers from



Younger dancers put in some 40-50 hours a week, while the older dancers rehearse 50-70 hours a week as the PNA Centennial Polish Dancers' annual recital nears.

30TH TIME'S THE CHARM

What: PNA Centennial Polish Dancers' 30th anniversary recital
When: 1:30 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton

Tickets: \$10; can be purchased at Clix Photography in Canton, Dental Smiles of Livonia, Simply Polish in Garden City or go to the group Web site - www.pnacentennialdancers.org - for additional information.

Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Milford and as far away as West Bloomfield and Howell, formed in 1980 and has been performing at parades and other events since.

The group's main aim is to teach authentic Polish dances promoting Polish heritage and customs. Students also learn about Polish history, language and geography. The group has traveled several times as a group to Poland. They're asked to perform at events such as

Livonia Spree, the Northville and Plymouth Fourth of July parades and Plymouth's Fall Festival.

"The group is popular because we teach the traditions from the past," said Wioncek, whose daughters also dance in the group. "We teach the child not only to dance, but we teach a whole culture, challenging the mind and body."

The group starts practices Wednesday in September, then adds Sunday practices as the recital draws closer.

"The younger groups put in 40-50 hours and the older groups practice for 50-70 hours," Wioncek said.

Katherine Broderick, a 7-year-old from Plymouth who goes to Our Lady of Good Counsel School, said she's following the example of her mom, Donna.

"My mom is Polish, and she did dancing when she was a little girl," said Katherine, who is in her second year with the group. "I like dancing. It's fun."

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a schools of choice district (not a popular option), strengthening partnerships with local businesses and increasing the pay-to-participate fees for athletics and adding similar fees for other clubs and extracurriculars.

Board members, who've

scheduled a number of workshops to refine the 2010-11 budget before a scheduled June 8 public hearing, found the reports informative.

"Everything is helpful," board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger said. "It's important to look at everything we can to deal with these deficits."

The board took no action Monday other than to listen intently to the reports, which

took some two hours to deliver. When it was over, board members were impressed with the amount of information provided.

"We have a lot to think about," board President Steven Sneiderman said. "We took two hours, and we only did an overview. You can imagine how long the deep dive will take."

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Haiti House, which is completely rubble now," Chris Cooley said. "We have video of Port-Au-Prince from our trip, and it's all gone now."

The Cooleys agreed they'd already be back in Haiti but for initial warnings that it was mostly medical personnel needed. They do plan on going back this fall, and they also hope, through their church (lifechurch in Canton),



Beth and Chris Cooley of Plymouth Township are always touched by the smiles on the faces of children like Kassaline and Josie.

to provide more relief for the orphanage.

The church will host a benefit concert Feb. 12 to raise

enough money not only to buy food, but to pay for the shipping (according to Beth Cooley, the Haitian government recently decided to charge tax on goods shipped into the country).

"Every penny we raise will go to the orphanage," Beth Cooley said. "We want to raise awareness, but we also want people to feel they've been able to help. It's not some nameless entity. If we can't go, we wanted to be able to support them so they can get some food."

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CRIME WATCH

Drivers differ on road rage incident

1 Canton police were investigating a road rage incident that happened around 12:30 p.m. last Thursday, Feb. 4 — an incident that led to Taylor police being contacted.

Two drivers gave different versions of what happened.

A man told police he was driving east on Ford and blew his horn when a female motorist in front of him didn't pull off when the traffic light turned green at Lilley.

The man said he drove on to Haggerty Road, where he looked over at the female driver and gestured for her to get off her cell phone. He said she then reached in her purse for a gun but didn't actually pull it out or aim it at him.

The man said he trailed the woman south on I-275 and called police, and the woman was stopped in Taylor.

The woman told authorities she had been on her phone when the man drove up next to her, but she said she started yelling at her and began to open his door. She said she didn't know how to react so she grabbed onto her gun but didn't pull it out of her purse.

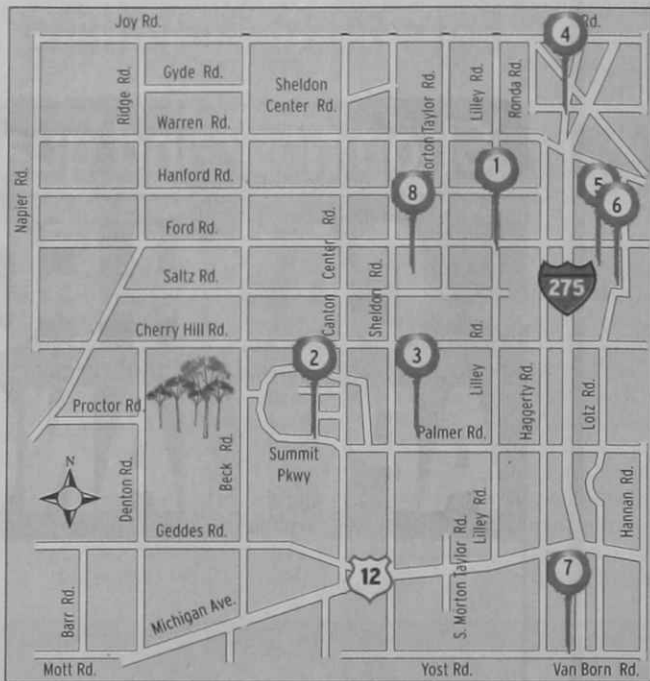
Police learned that the woman had a valid permit to carry a gun. No one was injured during the incident.

Peace disturbance

2 Canton police issued several citations for disturbing the peace following an incident that happened Saturday night at the Summit on the Park, northwest of Palmer and Canton Center.

Police initially received a call about a fight possibly involving guns, but no weapons were found.

A man told police he was having a Sweet 16 party for his daughter and her friend at the Summit when an altercation broke out between some suspects who left the Summit in a burgundy Jeep.



The man told authorities he and other adults tried to break up the dispute and that they were told the suspects had guns in their vehicle. He called police when the suspects went toward the vehicle.

Police spotted the Jeep, stopped it and ordered the occupants out, but no guns were found.

However, police cited the suspects for disturbing the peace.

Identity theft

3 A woman told police she received a call Feb. 4 from a bank security firm informing her that she had been a victim of identity theft.

The woman, who lives on Yorktown northeast of Palmer and Sheldon roads, said she was told that her bank card and Social Security number had been used in Colorado, even though she said she has never been there.

The woman told police she doesn't use the card to make online purchases, and she said it wasn't clear how her information had been obtained. She notified all of her credit card

companies to cancel her cards.

Truck taken

4 A man who works for a company on Koppnick, east of I-275 and north of Warren, reported his Ford F-150 pickup truck was stolen between 12:30 and 3 a.m. Feb. 4.

The man told police he parked the truck when he went inside the business, but it was missing when he later went outside. He told police he had left the keys inside the vehicle, and he said the driver's door wouldn't lock.

The man also reported he had six credit cards and tools inside the truck.

Purloined purse

5 A woman told police her purse was stolen from a cart while she was shopping Sunday at the Walmart store on Ford Road east of I-275.

The woman said she accidentally left her purse in the cart when she left the store. She realized she had forgotten it when she walked to her car, so she went back inside but the purse was missing.

The woman checked with the store's loss prevention department but it hadn't yet been turned in. She said her Social Security card and a bank card were inside the purse.

Neon found

6 A 1998 Dodge Neon earlier stolen in Madison Heights was recovered by police shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday night in the parking lot of the Imagine Theatre, on the south side of Ford Road east of I-275 in Canton, according to a police report.

Police found the car and noticed the ignition had been punched out and the car radio was missing. The car was impounded and towed away by Westland Car Care.

Computer stolen

7 A teenage girl reported her computer was stolen from her home sometime between 2 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Saturday on Annapolis Circle, northeast of Haggerty and Van Born roads.

She told police she and some friends had been at her house but they left after they were given a ride to another friend's house. When they returned later, the girl noticed that her computer tower was missing from her bedroom, and the monitor was on the bed.

Police took the information and also issued curfew violations to three girls before turning them over to their mothers.

Windshield smashed

8 Police received a report of a windshield being smashed out of a vehicle between 11 p.m. Feb. 4 and 8 a.m. Feb. 5 on Elmhurst, southeast of Ford and Sheldon roads.

The vehicle had been parked in a driveway, and a woman and a male friend had gone to sleep before waking up to find the damage.

— Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

Canton woman remembered as spirited, artistic friend

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton woman who died along with her sister Sunday in a snowmobile accident on Mackinac Island is being remembered as a spirited, artistic friend who was helping plan her 40th class reunion at South Lyon High School.

Canton resident Edith Rayner Bonno, 57, was killed along with her 59-year-old sister, Karen Schwarck of Mackinac Island, when their snowmobile plunged off one of the island's rugged bluff roads during a photography excursion, Mackinac Island Police Corp. Andy Dziobak said.

South Lyon Mayor Tedd Wallace, a family friend, had known Bonno since junior high school, and they graduated together in 1970 from South Lyon High School.

"We had recently gotten back together to plan our class reunion," Wallace said. "This is devastating. It's hard when a family can lose two people like this at one time."

Wallace knew Bonno and Schwarck from when the sisters lived in South Lyon. He remembered Bonno as a talented friend.

"She was big on photography," he said. "She was very artistic. She was one of the great artists of our class. Everybody loved her. She was quirky, spunky. She made you grin and smile when you saw her."

Bonno attended Central Michigan University, earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and taught at Huron Valley High School. She also worked as a senior manager of training at Comcast.

When Wallace reunited with Bonno to plan their high school reunion, Wallace said, "she was still the same old Edye," as she was fondly known.

Even though Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy didn't know Bonno, he called it "tragic" that the sisters died together in a snowmobile accident. "It's a real shame."

Bonno's survivors include her children, Jessica Rayner (Mark) Garrett and Joshua Bonno; parents Eric and Irene Rayner; brother Eric (Laura) Rayner; and grandchildren Caleb Bonno and Lily Garrett.

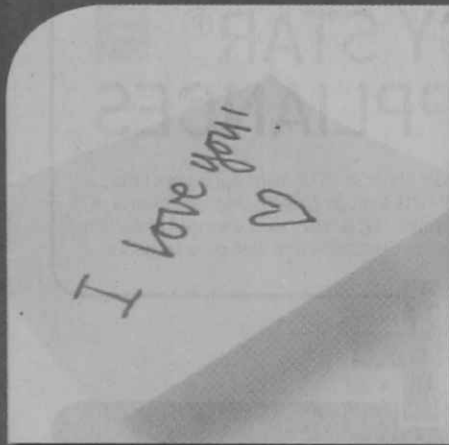
Schwarck's husband, Donald, reported the sisters missing when they hadn't returned from their excursion by 10:15 p.m. Sunday. A search was organized, and the women's bodies were found about four hours later at the bottom of a steep hill off West Bluff Drive, west of the Grand Hotel.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, police said. The family will receive friends at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile) in South Lyon 4-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, where the family will begin receiving friends at 10:15 a.m.

Friends have started signing an online guestbook at www.phillipsfuneral.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Edith Bonno, c/o Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon, MI, 48178, or to a charity of choice.

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Local author tells story to Oprah

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton author Gregg Tyler Milligan, who revealed a painful childhood of abuse by his own mother in *A Beautiful World*, said he hopes to reach out to other victims when he appears on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Milligan, still plagued by vivid memories of sexual abuse, emotional torture and physical beatings, said Winfrey's producers this week arranged to fly him to Chicago, where he was to tape a show Wednesday with Winfrey in front of a live audience.

Milligan was awaiting word on when the segment will air on television.

"My main concern and hope is that I help more people this way than through any other possible medium," Milligan, 46, said. "That's really what I'm excited about."

A film crew visited Milligan last week in Michigan to compile footage for the Oprah segment.

"The crew visit went very well," he said, describing himself as "emotionally drained, but it was well worth it."

In his first media interview, Milligan told his story last fall to the *Canton Observer*, describing a horrific childhood that still triggers panic attacks, chronic nightmares and anxiety disorder even though he succeeded in academics, athletics, the military and corporate America.

ABC News later interviewed him, and he continued to draw attention until Winfrey's pro-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton author Gregg Milligan, here with his wife, Sarah, is scheduled to be in Chicago Wednesday to tape a segment with Oprah Winfrey.

ducers found him through his involvement as a speaker with RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), billed as the nation's largest anti-sexual assault organization.

Milligan originally thought of titling his book *God Must Be Sleeping*, but he decided on *A Beautiful World* because, despite a childhood that still haunts him, he found good people who helped him. He also said he found beauty through his own family, including his young adult son.

Milligan's appearance on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* will bring untold exposure to his story and his book, which is available along with other information through the Web site www.abeautiful-world.com — without the letter "o" in "world."

Milligan said his primary goal is to help others learn how they can find help if they are being abused. He said he wants to be a message of hope during his talk with Winfrey.

"My main concern is helping others reach out for help," he said.

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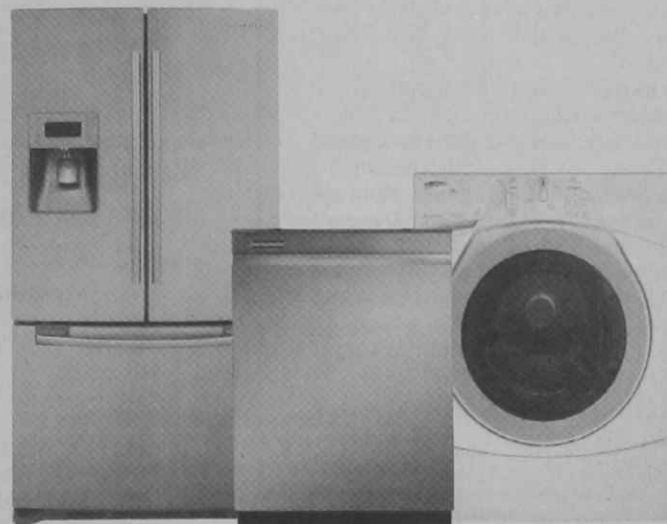
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OUR VIEWS

School cuts bear down on students

One thing was fairly clear at Monday's Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education budget session:

If things don't pick up, students are about to start paying the price for the economic struggles dogging Michigan.

Board members gathered to hear reports from the seven committees they established to help develop priorities while they considered a budget expected to be ravaged by cuts in the state's per-pupil foundation grant. The committees, made up of administrators, teachers, parents and community members, developed recommendations about areas where budget adjustments — including some revenue enhancements, but mostly cuts — could be made. It was the first of many budget sessions set for between now and a scheduled June 8 public hearing on the 2010-11 budget.

The three school-level committees — there was one each for high school, middle school and elementary — were using budget targets of 90 and 95 percent of the 2009-10 budget as a guideline.

It should be made clear that these are not recommendations for action, but are areas committee members looked at as potential savings. And, especially at the middle and high school levels, many of them centered on cuts.

For instance, the middle school committee noted that a 10-percent reduction in funding for staff would result in 35 fewer teachers and a student-to-teacher ratio of about 36-1. A similar reduction at the high school level could potentially save nearly \$4 million.

The high school committee talked about possibly hiking the pay-to-participate fees for athletics, while adding similar fees for other clubs and extracurriculars. The fee right now is \$180 for the first sport and \$100 for the second (the third sport is free). The fees are waived for students eligible for the free/reduced lunch program. In the high school committee report, the possibility of enhancing revenue with a hike of up to \$40 per sport, plus elimination of the waiver for free/reduced lunch-eligible athletes. There's also talk of eliminating return transportation from athletic events, and making student-athletes pay for their accommodations if they stay overnight at an out-of-town tournament.

But this is a district in an area hit hard by the economic times. Asking struggling families to pay even more for the chance to represent their schools with skill and pride seems an impertinent step to take. It comes down to the old argument: "What's more important, academics or athletics?" Of course we agree readin', writin' and 'rithmetic are critical.

But opinions abound that show the importance of athletics and the arts in developing well-rounded students. Hiking these fees will knock many students — some of whom are hanging on to school by the thread of athletics — out of the game.

There's also talk about eliminating busing for the talented and gifted students, and for kindergarteners at noon-time. That means A.M. kindergarteners would ride the bus to school, then be picked up by parents; P.M. kindergarteners would be driven to school by parents, then be bused home.

Nearly all of the recommendations made by the committees were things the school board has considered in the past. Even board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said, "It would have been great if you'd have come in with a lot of things we hadn't thought of. On the other hand, it means we didn't leave any low-hanging fruit on the trees."

She meant it as a compliment to committee members, who absolutely deserve a lot of credit for the time, effort and thought they put into their assignments. But it begs a question, cliché as it sounds:

Where was the "out of the box" thinking? Where were the ideas no one has considered? There was a little talk about redistricting, but it's clear the board is hesitant to entertain that idea. Becoming a "schools of choice" district was mentioned, but it's a double-edged sword that makes some uneasy.

We're not saying these ideas should be tried; it's entirely possible they aren't workable. But nothing should be shoved to the back burner or ignored altogether. It's too easy to blame Lansing. Lansing isn't going to help. The board has done a great job trimming the budget the last few years, but it's not enough to rest on those laurels.

Board members have the hand Lansing has dealt them; now they must work within that framework to keep as much of this off the backs of students as possible.

COMMUNITY VOICE

"Would you support higher gasoline taxes to pay for better roads?"

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Maybe, because there are some pretty bad roads around here."

Tracy McClendon
Canton



"Yes, I would, because I've been to a few states that have toll roads and have better road conditions."

John Robertson
Canton



"Yeah, I probably would. The way the roads are now, we pay for it in car repairs anyway."

Michael Kovach
Canton



"No, definitely not."

David Lockard
Canton

LETTERS

Goodfellow thanks

I would like to take this time to say thank you to everyone in Canton Township who participated in Canton Goodfellows 2009 project.

From major donors like Meijer and Borders and Kohl's, to wonderful folks like the Girl Scouts who donated a \$500 certificate they earned to children in need, I would like everyone to know how very grateful we are for all of your input in Christmas Project 2009.

We had a record number of children to assist this year, 705, and it took our WHOLE COMMUNITY of Canton to make sure that there was "No Canton Child Without A Christmas."

No matter what your part was in this year's project, please know that we could not have done it without each and every one of you. YOU are Goodfellows — and we thank you with all of our hearts!

Nancy Spencer, president
Canton Goodfellows, Inc.

No vindication

As an autoworker, I have been getting asked about the recent quality issues involving Toyota cars. I am asked if I feel vindicated in any way. The answer is no. There is no joy in watching quality problems plague a competitor, particularly when people have been allegedly killed by these vehicles.

What is important for the public to realize is this: Toyotas, Hondas or any other imported or domestically built non-Michigan cars are no better or no worse than Michigan-sourced vehicles. Toyota products are no better in quality than Ford, GM or Chrysler. Neither are Hondas nor any other foreign nameplate any better. They are just ordinary products.

Regardless of what *Consumer Reports* says, Toyotas are just ordinary products. Quality across the board is very high and any difference is statistically nil. This is the truth. Do not let pundits in the media tell you otherwise.

That said, Toyota will survive this nightmare just as Ford survived the Firestone fiasco. When they do, let's not put them on any quality pedestal. Remember that our Detroit three make great cars and trucks. Please give them a serious look when shopping for a new car or truck.

Khalil Kandah
Canton

Tort, not health reform?

An indication that the Tea Party movement may have been co-opted by either corporate interests or schizophrenics is evidenced by a sign held by a gentleman at an anti-health care reform rally in Oakland County in January. At the risk of judging a book by its cover, a man in the crowd who certainly "looked" the part of a "Tea Partier" proudly held up a sign for a photo that appeared in *The Oakland Press* that read, "TORT REFORM NOT HEALTH REFORM." To me this is tantamount to a homeless person waving a sign that reads, "TAX THE POOR."

According to Wiktionary, a tort is "a wrongful act, whether intentional or negligent, which causes an injury and can be remedied at civil law, usually through awarding damages" Torts do not involve, however, contractual disputes handled through other parts of law. Tort law, long a Republican target, levels the playing field and prevents the "big guys" from running roughshod over the "little guys," those

who would never be able to hold anyone accountable for anything due to financial constraints.

I wonder how a tort reform proponent who was a physical laborer and let us say, 28 years old, would respond to this scenario. What if he were anesthetized for surgery expecting a routine hernia repair and woke up to find that one of his legs had been amputated, preventing him from ever working again in his chosen field and severely limiting future employability options?

Would he say, "That's OK, everyone makes mistakes" or would he seek damages in court? The existence of tort law facilitates the latter, most logical alternative. Now, what would be a fair settlement for a young man with, say a wife and two kids to support who had at least 30 more years left in the work force potentially taken from him through no fault of his own?

If in Texas, a tort medical reformed state, the maximum lifetime award in such a case would be \$250,000. Is that enough? I don't think so, especially when the cost of an intact system of tort law only comprises less than 2 percent of the total cost of health care, according to the Congressional Budget Office, and in Texas malpractice premiums have actually risen since awards were limited.

Please explain to me the logic behind a common man campaigning for the elimination of his only recourse (the civil court system) to salvage a life for himself and his family if he were victimized by accidental or willful negligence causing great harm or death by a large entity in most cases, in lieu of campaigning for affordable, nondiscriminatory health care. In the absence of party infiltration or of mass mental illness within a self-professed, "grass-roots" organization, the Tea Party movement, what sinister motivation could be so strong as to cause one to operate in such masochistic, self-destructive fashion?

Mitch Smith
Canton

Obama chose leadership

Last week, I as well as everyone attending a State of the Union Address watch party believe the president provided for us a very well-prepared report on the nation. Taking extra time to address nearly every aspect of our current events, he decided to include politics as usual as well. A nation full of voters poured out in 2008, providing the responsibility to "reach across the aisle" to representatives who are members of the Democratic Party.

When the Democratic Party candidate winning (finally) in the U.S. Senate last fall gave Democrats a filibuster-proof majority, Republicans reacted, dashing hopes for any sincere bipartisanship, dragging the health care reform process out for the rest of the year.

There has been a lot of "woe is us" lately over the loss of that 60-percent majority. Not from the president, and not from me! The president has accomplished much in his first year in office. He could have seen Mr. Brown getting elected in Massachusetts as a chance to perform really bad politics, ramming health care legislation through before Sen. Brown had time to find his seat. He chose leadership instead!

I have believed the resistance to reforming health care in America among Republican representatives is no more than their loyalty to their favorite campaign contributors, Democrats maintaining their chances of remaining electable and

not representative of voters. I am anxious to see just how forthcoming Republicans will be these next several months as we are closer than ever to reforming health care in America. Will we expect to see those "great ideas" we've been hearing about coming forth? Or will we just see more suggestions about excise taxes, limiting women's health and continuing to insist our manufacturers can be globally competitive without reform? By the time you have read this, hundreds more Americans will have become uninsured. We already know our employers cannot continue to provide us health care under the "private option" we have always had in this country. President Obama has chosen leadership. Now, it is time for the other side of the aisle.

We may finally get a chance in 2010 to see just how much Republicans really want to "reach back." I am excited at the prospects.

R. Burnett
Livonia

Always tomorrow

What stands out most from Gov. Granholm's final State of the State speech is its timelessness. The same speech could have been delivered at any point in her term and it would have been relevant — education reform and jobs. Each year we're told to expect reform in our education system and each year we get the same results — wasted money, low test scores and some new program from Washington D.C. that will bring improvement — tomorrow. Always tomorrow.

When not plugging education reform, her speech focused on jobs and how the state plans to create them — more investment, more targeted tax credits and more sweetheart deals for select industries. Unemployment continues to rise while she blames outside forces — foreign trade, recession and some mythological transition from an "old" economy to a "new" economy.

The basics for a thriving economy have not changed. Granholm fails to understand that government does not create jobs. The jobs that appear to be created come at a cost of jobs unseen. A dollar used by Lansing to lavish on the latest darling industry is a dollar taken out of the wallet of a private citizen or business owner who would have invested or freely spent that dollar on a desired product or service. Perhaps that product or service wouldn't be as glamorous as the movie industry, but at least taxpayers wouldn't be subsidizing it.

Granholm claims she wants to diversify our state's economy by spending tax dollars on select industries. After seven years of trying to manage Michigan's diversification, it's long past time to reduce the cost of doing business in this state for every industry. Make Michigan attractive for all and diversity will flourish on its own.

To her credit, Granholm has proposed a number of reforms to cut government spending. Some will produce permanent savings, while others are simply Band-aids to slow the bleeding. However, as a group, they are too little, too late. In addition, she called for a much needed constitutional amendment to fix the budget process. However, if she had been an effective leader by proposing and implementing structural changes to the state government over the previous seven years, the budget battles would never have been fought.

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Kelly's Kidz

raises money to benefit families

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
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Special guests and surprises are expected at "Maggie's Second Annual Lucky Strike Challenge" Saturday at Canton's Super Bowl.

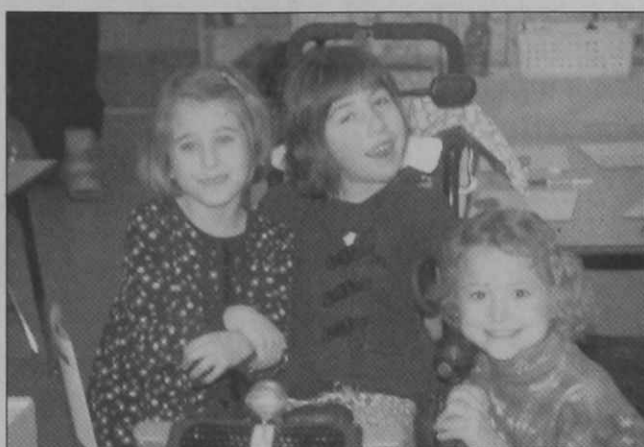
Nicole Blaszczyk, crowned Ms. Michigan in June 2009, and Joel Nitchman, who plays center on Michigan State's football team, are showing their support by attending the fund-raiser. Last year's event sold out and raised \$8,000. All proceeds benefit Kelly's Kidz.

In November 2008, Kelly and Dave Hermann launched Kelly's Kidz and the not-for-profit organization has raised \$110,000. Its mission is "to provide financial assistance and resources to physically-impaired children with special needs and to create an opportunity for them to lead the best life they can possibly live."

The Hermanns run Kelly's Kidz from their Canton home and are committed to providing \$35,000 to Oakwood Hospital's Center for Exceptional Families. The Center is an innovative program that provides comprehensive, coordinated, family-centered care for children with a wide range of chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. To date, they've helped six families at the Center.

"There are other people out there that are going through the exact same situation," Kelly Hermann said. "There's always going to be some kind of support." Hermann's motto: "Stay positive. There's going to be a light at the end of the tunnel." Hermann speaks from experience, since Kelly's Kidz was inspired by her daughter, Maggie, who was born with cerebral palsy in December 2002.

As Maggie gets older, a new



JENNIFER WILMARTH

Friends Anna LaForest (left), Maggie Hermann and Alexandra Voss are all smiles.

LUCKY STRIKE

- **What:** Maggie's Lucky Strike Challenge" fund-raiser to benefit Kelly's Kidz
- **Where:** Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, Canton
- **When:** Saturday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.
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challenge is her physical size. She is getting bigger, despite her physical capability of a 3- or 4-month old. Hermann jokingly said, "She'll keep us fit for a long time." Their home was built to be easily accessible to Maggie, who wheels around in her specially designed wheelchair.

Maggie attends Dodson Elementary and is in a mainstream first grade classroom. "The whole staff at Dodson has completely embraced Maggie in her situation and we're willing to [work with them to] do whatever

it takes to provide whatever she needs," Hermann said. "Dodson's been a positive experience for us and we're really happy with how things are going."

Jennifer Wilmarth, a speech pathologist at Dodson, said she wants people to be "open-minded about people in wheelchairs and not make assumptions."

"Just because they're in a wheelchair, doesn't mean they're not mentally as able as you or I," Wilmarth said. "It's not a cognitive impairment; it's a physical impairment."

Stephanie Rudelic, a special education paraprofessional who's worked closely with Maggie since last year, sees her use the low-tech method with her classmates. "She makes friends just like the other children -- only she communicates in a different way," Rudelic said.

One of Maggie's friends is first grader, Alex Voss, who said, "We talk about how we love each other. I ask her what she likes and how she does stuff. We play matching games on the computer."

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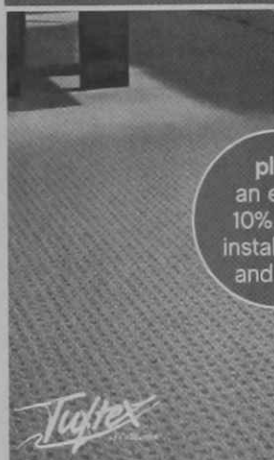
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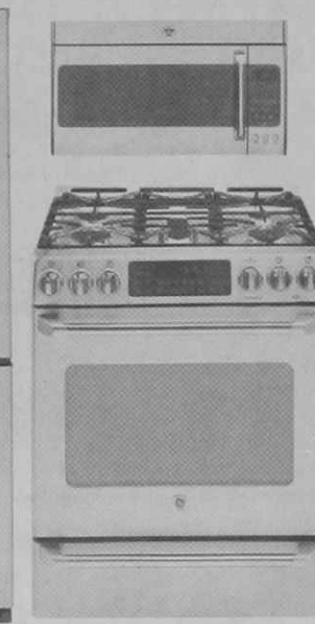
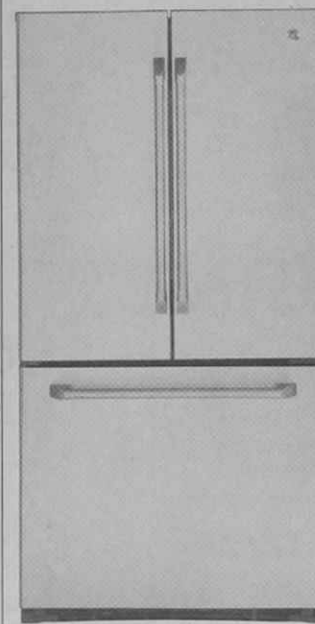
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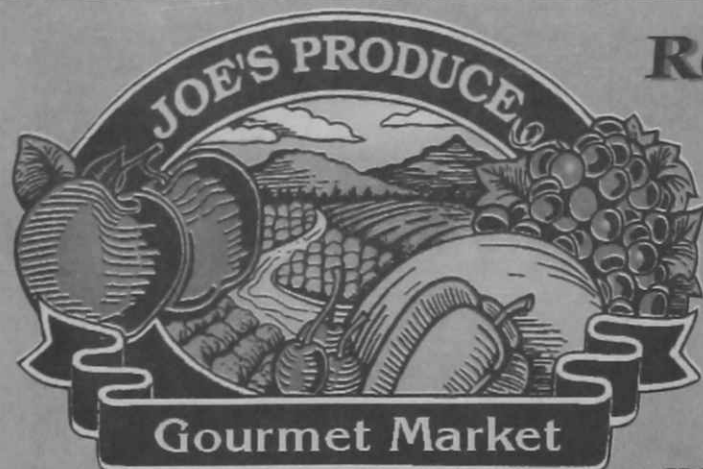
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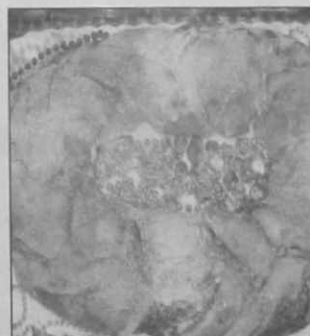
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HOMETOWN LIFE



CANTON'S 'CAN-DO' DUO

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With fire in their eyes and their beliefs, all that Donnie Watkins and Brent Winekoff do is continue to pummel opponents on the wrestling mat.

Both Canton senior stalwarts have reached 200 career victories over four seasons with the Chiefs and won't rest on their laurels.

They are ramped up to overtake nemesis Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and lead their team to the state finals at Battle Creek.

Watkins and Winekoff know they have their work cut out for them to accomplish that. But that's no problem, since work is where it's at with both guys.

"It's total dedication," Canton head coach Cory Mancuso said about what makes Watkins and Winekoff so successful. "Donnie and Brent are our two leaders and the other guys follow them and do what they do. It's paying off."

Being dedicated means working out during the summer, going to camps, picking the brains of accomplished wrestlers and coaches.

Not settling for anything less than being the best.

"I competed in Florida, Iowa, went to a lot of off-season practices and training camps," Winekoff said. "Usually I'd wake up in the morning, do a timed two-mile run and have some practice I was going to."

GEARING UP

With the two prospects for Division I colleges inspiring teammates, the Chiefs crafted a 25-6 record as of last week (No. 6 in the state).

"I'm pretty proud of what we've done so far," Winekoff said. "This is our toughest team so far."

The Chiefs also placed an impressive

second to the Shamrocks at the Jan. 30 Observerland Invitational, considered a primer for the state tourney.

"I think the first time we wrestled them, they beat us pretty good," Mancuso said about CC. "But after wrestling them (at Observerland), I think we closed the gap a little bit."

"We beat a lot of their guys heads up."

According to Winekoff, who continued his perfect record with an overtime decision at Observerland over Farmington Hills Harrison's Kevin Beazley, the hard-fought bout could prove beneficial down the road.

"Having a closer match definitely helps me to get ready to have close matches in states," the Eastern Michigan-bound Winekoff said. "If I'm just beating up someone really bad, I'm not going to be ready for a good guy at states."

Watkins (No. 7 at 135 as of Feb. 4) fell short for the second time this season to CC 140-pounder Justin Melick. But he figures to break through the next time they meet.

"It's just that I know I need to keep scoring points and not sit on a lead when I have it," Watkins said, analyzing his Observerland loss, "and keep attacking rather than backing into a win."

A LOT OF SKILLS

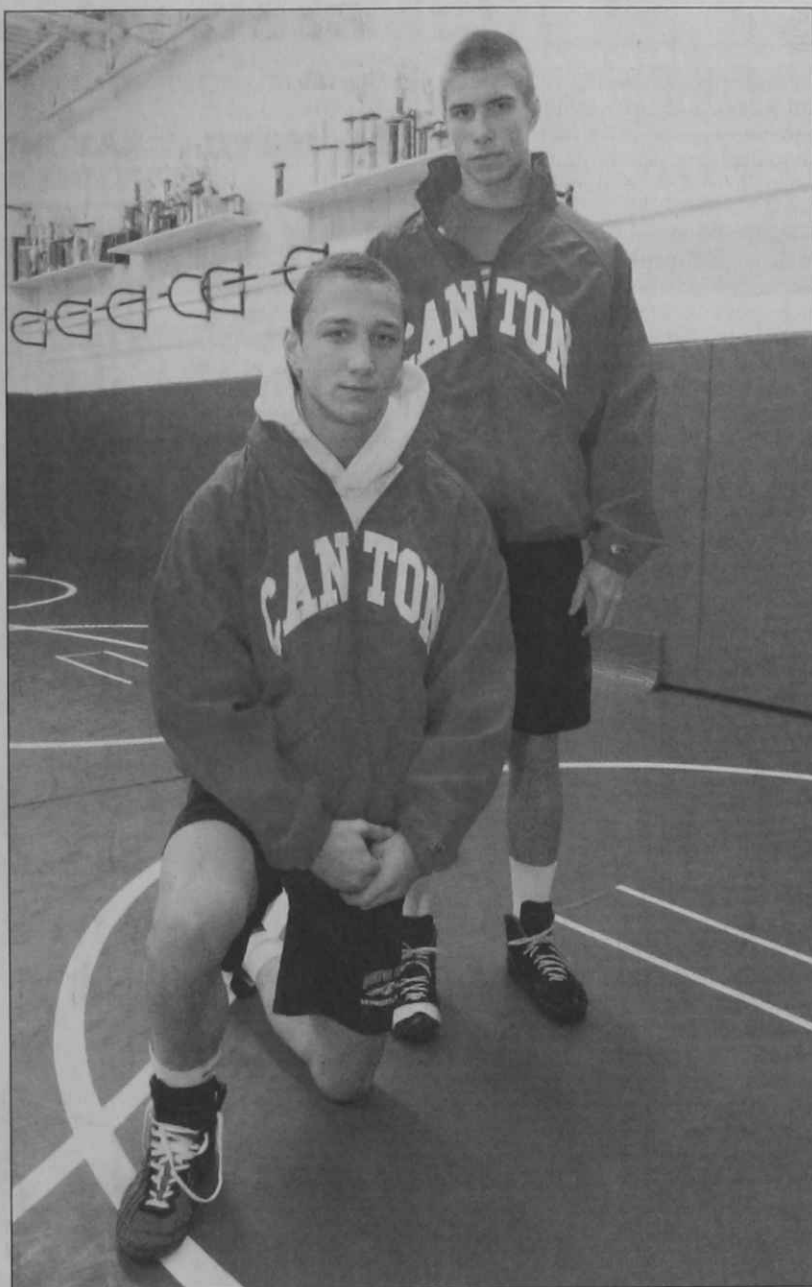
That ability to analyze — then apply any adjustments — helps give them another tool for the arsenal.

But the 18-year-olds also bring it, winning despite different styles and techniques.

"I'm more of a technical wrestler than going out there like Brent and being tough and strong and getting people tired," Watkins said. "I more technically do things than he does."

"He'll go out there and bang on

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Complete dedication and hard work, not to mention talent, are why Canton's Donnie Watkins (left) and Brent Winekoff are two of the state's best wrestlers in their weight classes.

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Salem wrestling fund-raiser

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters invites everyone to their fund-raiser Monday, Feb. 15, at Buffalo Wild Wings at 41980 Ford Road in Canton.

Fliers can be obtained at www.wrestling.salemrock.com. A flier must be presented at time of order in order for the club to receive a percentage of the proceeds from that day. Please come and enjoy a great meal and help the wrestling program.

Bridges sparks Albion

Albion College senior forward and Canton native Andre Bridges scored 24 points to lead the Britons to a 98-73 victory over Kalamazoo College Saturday.

Bridges (11.3 avg.) knocked down three of four shots from behind the three-point arc and made nine free throws in 11 attempts while collecting five rebounds. Albion improved to 12-9 overall following the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association win.

Snowball tourney

Who says you can't play softball in the snow?

The Canton Sports Center's annual Snowball Tournament, a Chicago-style softball event, is back by popular demand.

The games return beginning 9 a.m. Saturday at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave..

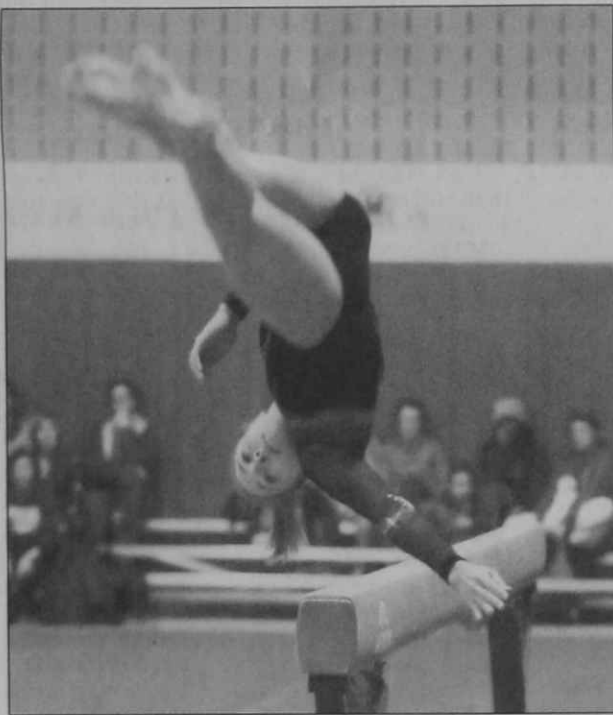
For the uninitiated, it's a co-ed tournament in a double-elimination format so everyone plays a minimum of two games. The entrance fee is \$130 per team and an umpire fee of \$12 per game is required. The deadline to register is 5 p.m. Feb. 10.

Chicago-style softball is a fun diversion from regular softball. A 16-inch ball is used, instead of the traditional 12-inch, and pitchers throw to their own batters, who get two swings to put the ball in play.

If traditional softball is more your style, the 2010 season is coming up fast and registration begins March 1, with opening day April 11. The Canton Sports Center has plenty of leagues to choose from that run six days a week, Sunday

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Dismounting following her routine on the balance beam during a recent meet is Canton senior all-arounder Robyn Piwowar, who placed in three events at Saturday's invitational.



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Chiefs see how they stack up

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For all intents and purposes, Saturday provided Canton's gymnastics team with a state-meet-like experience.

The Chiefs hosted the 19-team Canton Invitational, featuring the top squads in the state. Canton, ranked fifth in Class A, finished fourth with a season high total of 142.525 points.

"I'm pleased with the meet," veteran Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham said. "It's a little like a state meet, where you have the top six or seven teams performing against each other."

If not for the fact several Canton girls were under the weather (including Robyn Piwowar, Kali Pierce and Mallory Hudak), the finish might have been even higher.

"But I'm very pleased with the results," Cunningham said. "We have Northville at the KLAA and again at the regionals. So

we have to get better."

Canton did outpoint the Mustangs, the fifth-place team with 141.65 points. The top three finishers were Grand Ledge (148.45), Troy Athens (147.35) and Farmington (146.2). In sixth place with 140.55 points was Livonia Blue. Plymouth placed 17th with a score of 128.45, with Sarah Uhlian the eighth-place finisher on beam.

Even though Piwowar was ill, she still tallied 36.1 all-around points to finish seventh in that category. In individual events, the multi-talented junior placed fourth in floor exercise (9.375), fifth on vault (9.25) and 12th on uneven bars (8.8).

Meanwhile, senior co-captain Hudak finished 11th in floor exercise with a tally of 9.025 points.

Sophomore Ayana Lewis placed in three events and took ninth overall (35.65). Lewis finished eighth on vault (9.1), ninth on

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Chiefs whitewash flat 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not even a game for the Lash Trophy could inspire Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team as rival Canton blanked the Wildcats 3-0 Saturday afternoon at Compuware Arena.

The Chiefs, behind solid netminding by sophomore Ryan Bazner (28 saves), gave Plymouth's state-ranked team fits and made Wildcats head coach Paul Fassbender shake his head.

In the process, they helped Salem get the Lash Trophy — an annual prize to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team to have the best overall record against the other two campus squads.

"The biggest thing is the rivalry game and they didn't come to play," Fassbender said. "This is four (lackluster) games in a row. We're falling apart."



Canton netminder Ryan Bazner keeps tabs on the puck as Plymouth's Ryan Bauer tries to get to it. Helping out Bazner are Canton's Brandon Grillo (No. 19, left) and Rohn Gaudi (No. 21).

Asked whether the loss might serve as a wakeup call ahead of this week's prestigious Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase in Trenton, Fassbender said his team's "had four games of wakeup calls. We're waiting for the wakeup call, still."

On the other hand, Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak was ecstatic with how Bazner and the rest of the Chiefs per-

formed against a PCEP foe.

"We came out and they (Chiefs) really wanted an opportunity to prove themselves," Majszak said. "All week long I was telling them to keep their mouths shut and let the game do the talking."

"Last time we thought we didn't give everything we could."

The victory gave Canton (10-9-1) some confidence

entering Wednesday's scheduled KLAA battle against No. 2-ranked Livonia Stevenson at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"These are the types of teams we've got to beat" in districts, he said. "We did what we were supposed to tonight."

Strong positional play by the Chiefs and Bazner's steadiness in the Canton goal frustrated

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Late trey nips Rocks

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cold shooting plagued Salem's varsity girls basketball team Tuesday at South Lyon, with the Rocks falling 41-39.

Salem trailed almost all night, never really getting over the hump in the KLAA Central tilt.

"We had a ton of shots that we just couldn't get down much tonight," Rocks head coach Fred Thomann said. "We moved the ball pretty good, we had good looks. We just didn't make them."

The Lady Lions (9-6, 5-4) hit a trey with just over a minute remaining to break a tie and the Rocks were not able to recover.

"We played behind a lot tonight," Thomann said. "We did catch up a little bit. But we only had one lead the whole night, 28-27 in the third period."

Salem (10-5, 7-2) was led by Sara Stone (16 points, six rebounds), while Rachel Norman added eight.

Freshman guard Breanne Beaver chipped in with five points and six boards and

GIRLS HOOPS

Tabitha Mann added five points and six rebounds.

Kristin Short scored 14 points for South Lyon.

Next up for Salem is another road game, Friday against division rival Northville.

PLYMOUTH 58, JOHN GLENN 44: Stacey Klonowski scored 16 points to spark host Plymouth over Westland John Glenn.

Also in double figures for the Wildcats (5-10, 4-5) were Katelyn Watson (13) and Alex Roberts (11), while Danielle Desilets chipped in nine points.

For John Glenn (5-10, 4-5), top scorers were Michelle Vanover (14) and Abby Wright (11). Danyelle Terry added six.

CANTON 51, FRANKLIN 29: On Tuesday at Canton, the Chiefs threw a defensive blanket over Livonia Franklin, to earn a convincing KLAA South victory.

Canton (14-1, 9-0 South) only led 11-9 after one quarter, but outscored the Patriots 14-5 and 15-6 in the second and third to go up 40-20 entering

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GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

DUAL MEET RESULTS
CANTON 144.0
LIVONIA BLUE 139.35
Feb. 9 at Canton H.S.

Vault: 1. Mallory Hudak (Canton), 9.3; 2. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.2; 3. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.15; 4. (tie) Katie Bridges (B), Ayana Lewis (C), Brittany Granowicz (C), 8.6.

Uneven bars: 1. Lewis (C), 9.3; 2. Piowar (C), 8.95; 3. Kitz (B), 8.8; 4. Alex Fideler (C), 8.8; 5. B. Granowicz (C), 8.6; 6. (tie) Sara Bridges (B), Hudak (C), 8.5.

Balance beam: 1. Fideler (C), 9.25; 2. Piowar (C), 9.2; 3. Emily Quint (B), 9.15; 4. B. Granowicz (C), 8.8; 5. Lewis (C), 8.5; 6. S. Bridges (B), 8.35.

Floor exercise: 1. Piowar (C), 9.6; 2. Quint (B), 9.5; 3. Hudak (C), 9.3; 4. Fideler (C), 9.2; 5. K. Bridges (B), 9.1; 6. (tie) Kitz (B), Kali Pierce (C), 8.9.

All-around: 1. Piowar (C), 36.95; 2. Quint (B), 36.2; 3. Lewis (C), 35.2; 4. Hudak (C), 35.15; 5. B. Granowicz (C), 34.8; 6. Kitz (B), 34.45.

Dual meet record: Canton, 8-2 overall.

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beam (8.9) and ninth in floor exercise (9.15).

Freshman Alex Fideler chipped in with a fifth-place showing on beam (9.35) as well as sixth place in floor exercise (9.3).

Canton victorious

Robyn Piowar wasn't over her illness Tuesday, but she was first overall as the Chiefs (8-2) defeated Livonia Blue 144.0 to 139.35 in a KLAA South girls gymnastics meet.

"Even though she's still stuffed up she didn't lose her equilibrium," said coach John Cunningham about the junior, who tallied 36.95 all-around points for first.

Piowar grabbed first place in floor exercise (9.6) while placing second in vault (9.2) and uneven bars (8.95).

Other top Canton performances included Mallory Hudak (first, vault, 9.3), Ayana Lewis (first, bars, 9.3) and Alex Fideler (first, beam, 9.25). Lewis placed third overall (35.2) while Hudak (fourth, 35.15) and Brittany Granowicz (fifth, 34.8) also were near the top of the all-around standings.

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through Friday; leagues can be competitive or recreational and men's or co-ed.

For more information or to register for the Snowball Tournament and the softball leagues that are starting soon, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or visit Cantonfun.org.

Hoop Shoot competition

The Canton Sports Center is inviting you to show off your basketball skills in the MRPA Hoop Shoot Skills Competition and the Three-on-Three Tournament.

Both events will take place Saturday, Feb. 20, in the Summit Gymnasium, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The free Hoop Shoot Competition gives boys and girls ages 8-15 the chance to show off their shooting abilities. Each contestant has 60

seconds to score as many points from various locations on the court.

Check-in for the event will start at 8:30 a.m., with the event scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Players may either pre-register or register on-site, but all players must present a valid birth certificate for age verification.

The Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament is arranged by boy and girl divisions for grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. All teams are guaranteed two games and prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each division.

The cost is \$52 per team, which can have up to four players, and the first games will start at approximately 10 a.m. The registration deadline is 9:30 a.m. Feb. 20, so teams are encouraged to pre-register.

For more information on the MRPA Hoop Shoot and the Three-on-Three Tournaments or to register for the events, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or visit <http://csc.canton-mi.org>.

Meurs' hat trick lifts Whalers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Owen Sound Attack found out Saturday night that forward Garrett Meurs could be the next sniper for the Plymouth Whalers.

Meurs, who just turned 17, scored a natural hat trick to jumpstart Plymouth to a 5-1 Ontario Hockey League victory at Compuware Arena.

"It's a great feeling going out there and doing what I can to help the team," said Meurs with a grin following the contest.

Meurs' first career hat trick, giving him 13 goals, also was something for Whalers coach Mike Vellucci to smile about.

"He's a great player and he's been a little snake-bit lately," Vellucci said. "... I think he's kind of a streak goal scorer as it is, so hopefully that gets him going again."

That would give Vellucci yet another player he can count upon for scoring, making it that much tougher for OHL opponents to stop his team. Plymouth improved to 32-20-0-2 (and 8-1-0-1 over the last 10 games) with the victory, witnessed by 2,602 fans.

Of course, the Whalers feature center Tyler Seguin, who assisted on Michal Jordan's third period goal.

Seguin is garnering nightly attention from National Hockey League scouts, eager to watch the player who is No. 1 in OHL scoring with 86 points and a projected Top 2 NHL draft pick in June.

But Saturday was Meurs' night.

With about nine minutes left in the first period, Meurs cleaned up the rebound of a Jamie Devane point shot for a 1-0 lead.

At 17:42 of the first, Plymouth winger AJ Jenks (Walled Lake Central) whipped a pass from the left circle over to Meurs near the right of Owen Sound goalie Scott Stajcer.

Meurs made no mistake



WALT OMOCH

Owen Sound's Bobby Mignardi bumps into Plymouth Whalers goalie Matt Hackett during Saturday's OHL game at Compuware Arena.



RENA LAVERTY

Garrett Meurs of the Plymouth Whalers watches the first of his three goals Saturday night get past Owen Sound netminder Scott Stajcer.

with his one-timer.

Then came Meurs' third straight goal, a power play marker at 6:29 of the second. Stajcer blocked Ryan Hayes' shot, but Meurs was there to bury the rebound from the left of the net.

Plymouth tacked on another goal later in the period for a 4-0 edge.

Forward Robbie Czarnek,

skating in the neutral zone along the right boards, fired a long pass to linemate Tyler Brown on the other side of the ice.

Brown hammered it from the left circle over Stajcer's glove.

Then came the Jordan goal in the third to cap Plymouth's scoring for the evening.

Meanwhile, another

Plymouth stalwart who could have a NHL future is goaltender Matt Hackett and he saved the Whalers' bacon on several occasions Saturday.

Both teams fired 35 shots on net, but only one got past Hackett. By that time it was 5-0.

"I thought Matt Hackett was great in goal again," Vellucci said.

In the first period and the Whalers up just 1-0, Hackett snared a rebound bid by winger Brendan Childerley. Then with the Attack on the power play midway through the middle frame, Hackett made several stops. He dove near the right post to keep forward Grant McGee from scoring.

Owen Sound (24-25-4-2) finally broke through with 10:51 to go in the game as McGee — all alone to the left of the Plymouth goal — tapped in a perfect cross-crease pass from Marcus Carroll.

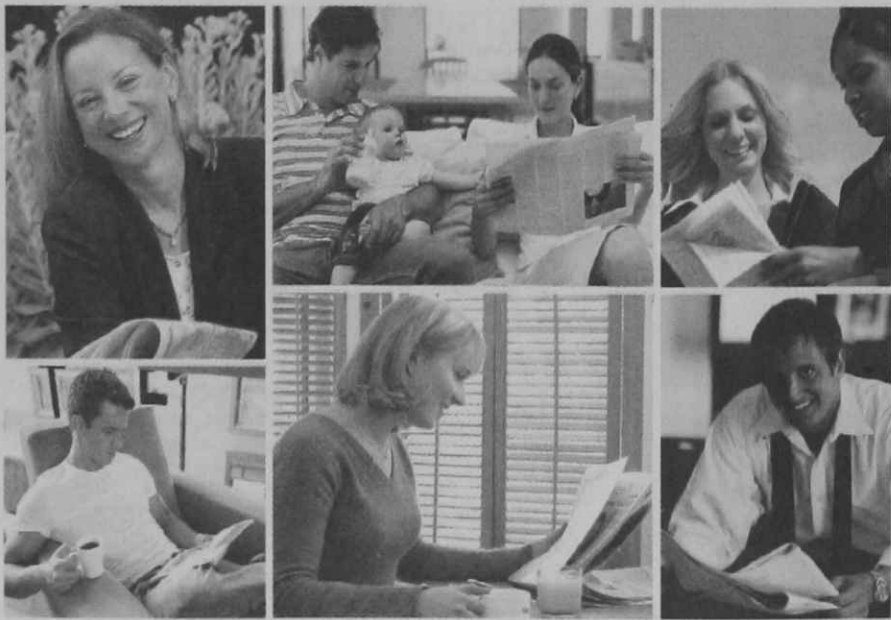
"I thought we played a pretty simple game," Vellucci noted. "We forechecked their D, they were tired."

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Plymouth YMCA has bevy of offerings

Several spring offerings are being served up by the Plymouth Family YMCA.

Those include the following:

- Registration is ongoing for instructional clinics.

The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.

Clinics include: Preschool Soccer for ages 3-5; Preschool Basketball for ages 4-5; and Youth Basketball for ages 6-7. The programs run the weeks of March 17-April 28.

All classes are held in local schools during the week.

- Speed and Agility Training, a class to focus on

improving your speed (stride length and frequency, starting and stopping ability, sprint form and technique) and agility (the ability to explosively brake, change direction, and accelerate again). Rarely in team sports do you run in a straight line at a fixed pace for a fixed length of time.

The class will improve movements in any direction at any sport, improve foot speed and increase strength and power.

Participants will learn new techniques through drills and play games to put learned skills into use. The class will be taught by an NCAA Division I athlete

with a degree in Exercise Science.

- Registrations are being accepted for the Spring Co-Ed Soccer League and Girls' Volleyball League.

Both seasons run from April 19-June 12. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. All participants need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey (\$15).

The sign-up deadline is April 1. Coaches also are welcome.

- For all programs, contact the Plymouth Family YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

HOCKEY

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Plymouth as the game progressed.

The Wildcats (15-4-1) directed four shots at Bazner during a power play late in the opening period. But the goalie held the fort, grabbing a blast by senior forward Pat Smiatacz and denying junior forward Tyler Sanders on the doorstep.

BREAKING THROUGH

The contest remained scoreless until nearly 13 minutes of the second period.

The Canton defense broke up a promising Plymouth rush and then forwards Taylor Baker and Phil Baciak moved into the Wildcats' zone.

Baciak's shot missed the right post. But Baker reached the puck along the goal line to

the right of the cage and flung the puck from a sharp angle into the net past Plymouth senior goalie Zach Vojcek (20 saves).

"That first goal that Baker scored from behind the net, practically throwing it on net after a great two-on-one," Majszak said, "you put something on net and that's what we've been saying all year long."

"Those have been going in against us and not in for us," Canton added two more tallies during the first six minutes of the third to seal Plymouth's fate.

Scoring were defenseman Josh Dickson (on a wrist shot from the left circle) and Baciak, banging in a rebound from the top of the crease.

Assisting on both markers were forwards Riley Hoernschemeyer and AJ Rosales.

'POND HOCKEY'

Bazner had to make a few tough stops to preserve his shutout, the best of them to foil a breakaway by Smiatacz.

"Bazner's been wanting his opportunity and he played really well," Majszak said.

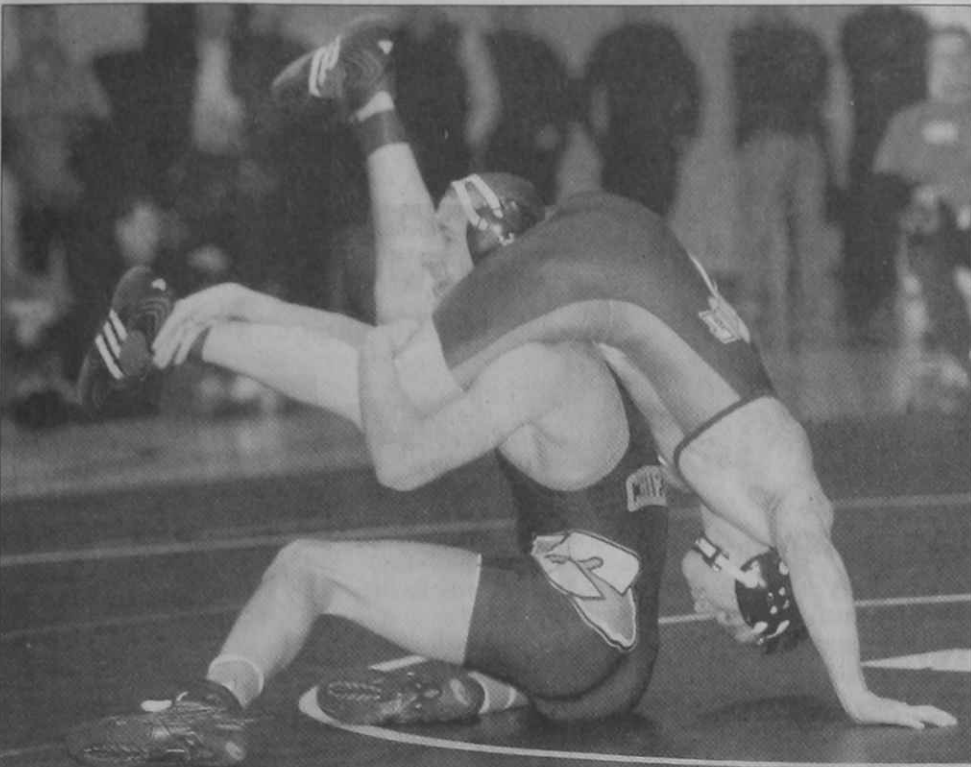
"He found the puck, the puck was finding him. He played great positionally, he was moving around. He really kept us in that game."

Meanwhile, Fassbender said he might have to make a couple of lineup changes to shake his team up before Thursday's Showcase tilt against Flint Powers.

"I think we had two or three good scoring chances in the entire game," Fassbender lamented.

"No one was working. They were floating around playing pond hockey."

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Canton senior Donnie Watkins (left) battles it out with Justin Melick of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at the recent Observerland Invitational.

WRESTLING

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someone's head and get them out of position." According to Winekoff (No. 5 at 152), "Donnie is more of take someone down and work on top and get some back points. I'm more of take 'em down, let 'em up and get 'em tired. I try to break the opponent more." Whenever things aren't going as well as they'd like, they can go to Mancuso. "He (Mancuso) is probably one of the best technicians in the whole state, teaching us how to do stuff and what to

do," Watkins said. "He motivates us. He's a big part of what we are today." THEY'RE UNITED The Chiefs have been a strong program since they arrived on the scene, and coaching is only part of the reason. "We made it to team states my eighth-grade year. We had a strong team my freshman year," Watkins said. "Plus, there was the fact we had everyone there, and everyone was like a team and like a family." That togetherness has continued right up to their senior season. "We like to have fun together," Watkins said. "We hang out

with each other. We're more of a team." Those kinds of elements contribute to winning programs. But talent, confidence and a thirst for bigger things to come also helps. Watkins and Winekoff have what it takes there, too. "I want to be an All-American in the NCAA," said Watkins, who would love to wrestle at the University of Michigan. "I know that I've worked hard my whole life for it and that I deserve it. I've put in 14 years." And there's no way he or Winekoff are stopping any time soon.

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College wrestler's late bloomer

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER All last summer, 2009 Belleville High School grad Tommy Kozak trained with Canton wrestling standouts Brent Winekoff and Donnie Watkins as he prepared for his freshman season at Thiel (Pa.) College. That extra effort turned out to be a good idea. Kozak, 18, is having an outstanding year so far with Thiel. He soared to the top ranking at 133 pounds in the Midwest Regional Conference (NCAA Division III), and now boasts a 18-6 record. If he can grab firsts at regionals and a top eight ranking at the D-III nationals, Kozak has a shot at becoming an All-American as a true freshman.



'It's not a big deal to go into the second period 0-0 and that's something I got used to.'

TOMMY KOZAK

minutes long instead of two, for example. "It's not a big deal to go into the second period 0-0 and that's something I got used to," Kozak said. "Because in high school, if it was 0-0 both people would be sweating it out (after one period), like 'Wow, we're not doing anything.' But that's normal in college, 0-0. You learn how to keep your composure more." Another plus for Kozak at Thiel are his improvements on the mat. "I've noticed a lot of stuff I've been able to do that I wasn't able to do in high school," he said. "I'm a lot better in my defense when I'm in neutral. "That's a big part, too, because it doesn't matter how many times you can take someone down. If they can take you down too, it's going to

be a much closer match than it should be." Kozak is quickly making up for lost time, not having taken up the sport until he was in eighth grade. Beyond that, he broke an ankle in ninth grade and didn't really get serious about wrestling until his senior year. But encouragement from his dad, and prodding from Winekoff and Watkins, rekindled his passion for pins and takedowns. His college success might not have happened without their help and it's a lesson he wants to share. "Just work as hard as you can and don't take the time you have in the wrestling room for granted," he said. "Like I did my sophomore year, junior year."

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Salem cagers tough it out

Salem broke out to a 31-20 halftime lead and went on for a 65-53 boys basketball win over visiting South Lyon Tuesday night. The Rocks knocked down twice as many free throws as South Lyon, earning the KLAA Central win. Salem hit 33 of 48 attempts from the foul line while the Lions managed to sink just 16 of 24 tries. Leading Salem with 20 points was Tyler Stewart, with Devonta Riley and Chris Dierker contributing 14 and 12 points, respectively. "It was a very physical game," said Rocks head coach Bob Brodie. "There were a lot of fouls called both ways, but we knocked our free throws down

in the fourth quarter. We shot real well late from the line." Brodie said he was pleased with the composure his players maintained in the face of second-half pressure from South Lyon. CANTON 59, FRANKLIN 42: Canton improved to 10-5 overall and 7-2 in the KLAA South with this Tuesday night win over host Livonia Franklin, sparked by Kevin Weisz' 19 points and Dietrich Lever's 18. The Chiefs came out stronger than they did Friday against Plymouth, leading 13-10 after one frame and 29-20 at the break. "We had a little more urgency and we took care of the ball," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy, noting that the Chiefs turned the ball over just nine

times (compared to Franklin's 15). Another key was rebounding. Canton led 27-17 in that category, with Paul Baumgart pulling down seven and Weisz nabbing six. Lever collected eight assists to spark the offense while Baumgart tallied eight points. PLYMOUTH 37, JOHN GLENN 35: Despite sloppy play, the Wildcats edged Westland John Glenn in a KLAA South contest. Top scorers for Plymouth (8-7, 5-4) were Mike Nadratowski (13 points), Pat Salo (10 points) and Brennen Beyer (8 points along with 6 boards). "It was a survival game for us," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. "It was a grinder, we made just enough plays down the stretch to eke out a win."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Are you a Bad Bowler?

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton might be your place if you are. The facility is hosting a 12-week "Bad Bowlers Club" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through March. The program is for beginning or low-average bowlers. Teams of four (any combination of men and women) may participate in a pressure-free environment. The cost is \$9.95 per person per week. Call (734) 459-6070 for more information.

Saberettes Kids Clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a Kids Pompon Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 20, at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14. Pre-registration is now open on the www.pompons.plymouthwildcats.com Web site. You may also contact Saberette parents Lisa Krahel at lisalynn1509@aol.com or Lori Schroeder at wearefamily@aol.com. Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic. All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Plymouth Variety Show in April. Pre-registration participants should arrive between 8:45 -9:00 a.m. Same day registra-

tion is also available at 8:30 a.m., but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

Football inductees

Longtime Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Rick Coratti and former Wayne Memorial standout Al Slamer (Holt) will be among those honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame induction and banquet Saturday, March 27, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with the social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by induction ceremonies at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be University of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez. To obtain tickets, call Gandalf Church at (269) 963-0865. For more information, call Larry Merx at (845) 837-9438; or e-mail lmerx@maxpreps.com.

Coaches, please call

Coaches of high school teams for the winter season are reminded to send in results to Tim Smith, Plymouth-Canton sports editor, in order to spotlight the achievements of local student-athletes. Call (313) 222-2637 or e-mail him at tsmith@hometownlife.com. Please provide as much detail as possible as well as your team's current record. Deadlines are 11 p.m. both Tuesday nights for the Thursday edition and Friday evenings for Sunday's paper.

Lacrosse coach wanted

Applications are being taken by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department for a boys seventh- and eighth-grade lacrosse coach. Lacrosse experience as a player or coach is preferred, but not mandatory. Contact recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, or e-mail him at sanderson@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Ice shavings

Plymouth Cultural Center is hosting drop-in hockey sessions through March 31, from 4-5:20 p.m. Tuesdays. Fees are \$5 for skaters except for the first four goalkeepers to sign up (they can play for free). Full equipment is required and participants must be age 14 or older. The Cultural Center (525 Farmer) also features open skating and "Sticks & Pucks" through March 31. Open skating is 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and 4-5:50 p.m. Sundays. Fees: adults, \$5; under 16 and over 55, \$4; skate rental, \$2. For "Sticks & Pucks" all skaters must pay \$5 and wear full equipment for the sessions, 2-3:50 p.m. Monday-Friday, also until the end of March. Parental supervision is required for participants under age 16. Call 734-455-6620 or go to www.ci.plymouth.mi.us for more information.

HOOPS

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the fourth. In addition to strong defense, the Chiefs were better from the charity stripe, hitting 22-of-30 free throws, while Franklin connected on just 11-of-20. "It was a pretty solid win defensively," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "We didn't let them score double figures in any quarters." Leading the Chiefs' balanced offense was Kayla Bridges with 14 points, while Kari Schmitt

chipped in 13. Adding nine each were CarolAnn Sexauer (all in the first half) and Alyssa Cottrell. For Franklin (11-4, 7-2), Amanda Borio and Chelsea Williams tallied 10 and eight points, respectively. "CarolAnn had a great first half and Kayla Bridges had a great second half," Samulski said. PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 35, ROEPER 32: Visiting Plymouth Christian Academy rallied in the fourth quarter Monday to get past Bloomfield Hills Roeper in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

The Eagles, who trailed 21-11 at halftime and 29-21 after three, went off on a 14-3 tear to pull away with the triumph. Kristin Malcolm's 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks were key, as were 11 points from Bethany Hale (including nine on three treys) and seven points and five rebounds from Karen Windle. PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said her team came out and played the full-court press in the second half to wear down the Roughriders, while point guard Brianna Harris played excellent defense to hold Roeper's Ashli Pearson to six points.

PREP WRESTLING

19th annual OBSERVER INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 30 at Churchill H.S. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 296.5 points; 2. Canton, 203; 3. Livonia Franklin, 170; 4. Westland John Glenn, 166; 5. Belleville, 114; 6. Farmington Hills Harrison, 96.5; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 84; 8. North Farmington, 79; 9. Plymouth, 59; 10. Farmington, 56.5; 11. Livonia Churchill, 53.5; 12. Lutheran High Westland, 53; 13. Wayne Memorial, 38; 14. Salem, 34; 15. Garden City, 9.5. INDIVIDUAL FINALS RESULTS 103 pounds: T.J. Fagan (CC) decisioned Keshav Patel, 4-0; 3rd place: Kyle Gillies (WJG) dec. Dan Martinez (LF), 1-0; 5th place: Nimantha Herath (Farm.) dec. Shadi Jummoul (Ply.), 3-0. 112: Ken Bade (CC) dec. Steve Wakeford (WJG), 6-0; 3rd: Gabe Martinez (LF) won by injury def. over Alec Breckenridge (Ply.); 5th: Jacob Meadows (LC) won by major dec. over Daniel Filippelli (Canton), 16-8. 119: Josh Austin (WJG) won by major dec. over Todd Melick (CC), 14-6; 3rd: Matt Jaisie (NF) dec. Andre Sanders (FHH), 9-7; 5th: Steve

Tuyo (LF) won by major dec. over Said Youssef (Ply.), 15-2. 125: Alec Mooradian (CC) won by technical fall over Laith Francis (LW), 15-0; 3rd: Waleed Faraj (Canton) won by major dec. over Devon Stratton (Salem), 15-4; 5th: Erik Czech (LF) dec. Rob Schramm (LS), 8-6. 130: Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec. Tyler Schneider (Bell.), 3-0; 3rd: Charlie Joseph (CC) dec. Justin Paika (LW), 5-2; 5th: Mitch Wolksi (Canton) pinned Garrett Fish (NF), 0-47. 135: Jordan McGuire (LF) dec. James Roberts (FHH), 20-13; 3rd: Nick Mason (CC) dec. Jonny Bannoura (LC), 5-2; 5th: Carter Sherman (Bell.) dec. Zach Marsh (Canton), 10-3. 140: Justin Melick (CC) dec. Donnie Watkins (Canton), 4-3; 3rd: Nick Tomski (Farm.) dec. Mikkel Tipton (WJG), 5-4; 5th: Kyle Skotak (Bell.) dec. Sean Rowe (LW), 6-3. 145: Doug Eldridge (CC) dec. Mike Johnson (WJG), 9-2; 3rd: Nick Tomski (Farm.) dec. Josh Hatfield (LF), 5-2; 5th: Andrew Majewski (Bell.) dec. Jacob Mailoux (LS), 6-4. 152: Matt Roos (LF) p. Gerid Gee (CC), 1-41; 3rd: Sean O'Keefe (Canton) dec. Dan Leeb (FHH), 7-4; 5th: Chris Arnold (LS) dec. Zach Juchartz (Bell.), 5-0.

160: Brent Winekoff (Canton) dec. Kevin Beazley (FHH), 14-12 (overtime); 3rd: Andrew Erickson (CC) dec. Brian Miller (NF), 6-3; 5th: Jimmy Gross (Salem) dec. Shames Delhaye (Bell.), 8-3. 171: Keith Zech (Canton) dec. Curtis Castleberry (LC), 4-3; 3rd: Kameron Jones (WJG) dec. Zach Leuenberger (LF), 9-6; 5th: Brandon Bennett (CC) dec. Dan McCarthy (LS), 1-0. 189: Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Miles Trealtout (CC), 12-5; 3rd: Andrew Schramm (LS) dec. Craig Kowalsky (LW), 5-2; 5th: Courtney Drew (NF) dec. Dimitrus Renfro (WM), 12-7. 215: Mike Kinville (CC) won by major dec. over Ben Poirier (Canton), 9-1; 3rd: Forrest Sampson (Bell.) p. Majd Mokbel (NF), 3-45; 5th: Justin Roe (Farm.) dec. Nick Simmons (LF), 10-8. 285: Dustin Gajowiak (WJG) p. Dustin Staton (Bell.), 1-21; 3rd: Dylan Wells (Farm.) dec. Wally Eppler (Ply.), 6-2; 5th: Dave Knuth (CC) p. John Shekell (LC), 1-32. MOST VALUABLE WRESTLERS Lower weights (103-140): Josh Austin (John Glenn). Upper weights (145-285): Kevin Beazley (Harrison).

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CHAMBER CHAT

System gives entrepreneurs an 'Edge'

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

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Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Excelsior: As an executive in charge of dismantling a division in a company I worked in, I had to lay off many employees, including myself. While in transition, many people said that with all of my merger, acquisition and divestiture experience I should open my own practice. One day, while traveling down the freeway, I was questioning if starting a business and writing a book was the right decision. All of a sudden, I saw something pop up from the freeway heading straight for me. I crossed my arms, heard a big whooshing sound, then dinging in my front seat. I opened my eyes to find a 4 foot, 5 lb semi-truck's tire iron in the front seat of my car. Afterward, three police officers came on scene and each looked at the damage and damage to the car and said, "Ma'am, you must be on this earth for a reason." You see, the tire iron ripped a 6 inch gash in the steel hood of the car changing the trajectory of the tire iron before going through



Lisa Mininni

the windshield missing me by about 4 inches.

Moments earlier I asked if starting a business and writing a book was the right decision. I got my answer when the three officers each said I must be on this earth for a reason. When my book, Me, Myself, and Why? The Secrets to Navigating Change was launched nationally, it also became a category Best Seller.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Excelsior: Economic growth, community, and location in proximity to airport and freeways, especially important for running a national business.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Excelsior: The Entrepreneurial Edge System™ is the only national curriculum for entrepreneurs written by an entrepreneur helping business owners systematize and monetize their business quickly.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Excelsior: While historically I've work with corporate executives, my practice has focused on small business owners who need to quickly bring in clients and income.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business owner?

Excelsior: Most business owners will try to create a business model where they are working really hard and when they learn how to systematize it to bring in prospects and income consistently, they usually get this "Ah Ha!" moment and realize they didn't have to work so hard to bring in pre-qualified clients.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Excelsior: With every economic downturn there is opportunity. With over 495,000 new businesses being created each month, there is an abundance of business owners looking for ways to jump start their business.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

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Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Excelsior: On March 18-20, 2010, we are hosting The Entrepreneurial Edge System™, a 3-Day Intensive Workshop for ambitious business owners who want to make more in the next 6 months than many have made in 6 years. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.entrepreneurialedgesystem.com>.

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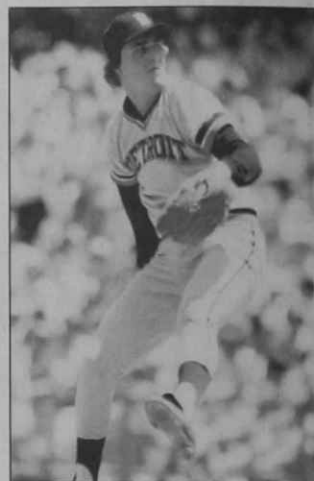
The Canton Chamber of Commerce announces its annual Dinner Auction, to be held Saturday, April 17, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The annual event is the largest fund-raiser for the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"This is always such a fun event. We have Silent, Live, and Raffle auction items, entertainment and lots of activities planned throughout the evening," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Take Me out to the Ball Game" is this year's theme, which offers a lot of possibilities for all of our Baseball Fans."

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 400 attendees and featured over 250 prizes from categories such as Home-style, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Electronics, and many more. This year's auction is expected to draw a similar crowd and has already collected many great prizes that will be up for bid. New in 2010, a "Detroit Tiger Suite" comes with 18 tickets and 3 parking passes. Also up for auction is 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States American Airlines flies.

The auction will also feature special guest, former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema, who pitched for the Tigers from 1977 through the 1984 World Series.

The Canton Chamber Auction takes place April 17 at Burton Manor in Livonia from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available to the public; admission includes full buffet dinner, open bar, entertainment, and the opportunity to participate in the Live, Silent, and Raffle auctions. For more information, please contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040. This



Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Dave Rozema will be the special guest at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner/auction April 17 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

year's auction is sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. and other local businesses.

Rose's fund-raiser

Rose's Restaurant hosts a Canton Chamber of Commerce fund-raiser 5-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Join us for dinner and the chamber will receive 15 percent of the net purchase. You must bring the donation flyer (found under "forms" at www.cantonchamber.com) for the chamber to receive the donation.

Rose's Restaurant is located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

Texas Hold 'Em

Rose's Restaurant is the site of a Texas Hold 'Em tournament to benefit the chamber 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feb. 25-27 in a smoke-free environment at the restaurant, located at 201 N. Canton Center Road.

There will be a full service bar, late night menu and midnight pizza buffet in the lounge. The Canton Chamber of Commerce will benefit from the charity event.

Keeping investments in balance is key to success

Over the last few weeks, I've been to the Troy, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights public libraries speaking about investing. Unlike many seminars for investors, mine are meant to be educational and not designed to sell you something. Unfortunately, too many seminars geared toward investors are all too often the hard sell.

That being said, one issue I discussed at recent seminars was the importance of rebalancing one's portfolio. During one discussion, a gentleman mentioned he was using an adviser to manage his portfolio. However, during the four years he has dealt with the adviser, his portfolio was never rebalanced. The question was how often he should rebalance and what should he do about his adviser.

As to the adviser, the first question is whether the adviser is paid. In this case, he is. In fact, the investor is paying this adviser 1¼ percent to manage his account (1¼ percent is at the high end to manage an account).

My next question is what are you paying him for? The gentleman answered he was paying the adviser to watch his account. I believe when an adviser commits to watching an account and charging high fees for it, one thing he/she ought to be doing is rebalancing the account. Rebalancing may not seem important, but it is essential for successful investors.

When it comes to investing, most people concentrate on what investments they should buy and sell. Unfortunately, this is a fool's game and not something that smart investors should do. Rather, smart investors recognize that they need to focus not just on the individual investment, but on sectors of the economy that their money is invested.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Over the years, smart investors have recognized that to be successful over the long run you must have a diversified portfolio. Diversified just doesn't mean owning 10

mutual funds or 20 stocks. It means spreading out of money into a variety of different asset classes. These asset classes are such things as large U.S. companies, small U.S. companies, energy, emerging markets and international large and small.

In the portfolios I manage, I typically will have about 15 different asset classes in a portfolio. The theory behind using a variety of asset classes is that different sectors of the economy move at different times. By diversifying, you are able to spread out your risk without sacrificing returns.

The key to a well-balanced and diversified portfolio is to target each individual asset class. For example, 5 percent in an emerging market or 10 percent in large U.S. companies. Having a target ensures that you are not too heavily invested in one sector of the economy.

Rebalancing comes in after you have purchased your investments and a period of time has gone by in which various investments have performed differently, thus your allocation is no longer accurate. Therefore, the key to rebalancing is to adjust the portfolio back to your original allocation. For example, if you allocated 15 percent of your portfolio in small U.S. companies and now small U.S. companies represent 20 percent of your portfolio, you know you have to reduce your exposure

by 5 percent and reinvest that 5 percent in an area of the economy that hasn't performed well. In that regard, rebalancing allows you to buy low and sell high. Unfortunately, too many investors never rebalance and after a period of time their original allocations are off. Consequently, the portfolio does not reflect what they are trying to achieve as an investor.

How often should someone rebalance his/her portfolio? I recommend, at a minimum, at least once or twice a year. Of course, if you have professional management and you're paying an adviser to manage your portfolio, they should be rebalancing more often.

One of the benefits of periodically rebalancing your portfolio is it allows you to focus on the most important thing and that is your overall game plan vs. what is happening to the market on a day-to-day basis.

All the independent studies say the same thing and that is that the right allocation is more important to a portfolio than picking the right individual investments.

If you have not rebalanced your portfolio in a while, it is a great time to do it. Of course, to make rebalancing effective, you must know what you're rebalancing to. In other words, you have to know how you want your portfolio to look before you can rebalance it. If you're the type of investor that never really looks at investments and, in fact, tends to ignore them, then it may be an indication that you need professional management. Good luck!

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

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These Heavenly Heart-Shaped Pancakes don't take a lot of time to make, so we can enjoy a warm breakfast and good conversation.

There are plenty of other simple ways you can show your love all day long. Instead of the everyday dishes and placemats, why not dress up the table with the good stuff? Set a pretty table and sprinkle it with heart-shaped confetti to make the whole family feel special.

Leave little notes around the house that tell your family some of the many reasons you love them. There are lots of little things you can say to make a big impact on others.

Set aside some time to do something as a family. Spending time with each other is a great way to show love and make new memories.

For more delicious ways to share the love on Valentine's Day, visit Tollhouse.com.



Jenny Harper

HEAVENLY HEART-SHAPED PANCAKES

Makes 18 pancakes

- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup (6 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels
 - 1 tablespoon baking powder
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 1¼ cups milk
 - 2 large eggs
 - ½ cup vegetable oil, plus more for the griddle and cookie cutters
 - ½ cup packed brown sugar
 - 3-inch heart-shaped metal cookie cutters (optional)
 - Powdered sugar
1. Combine flour, morsels, baking powder and salt in large bowl. Combine milk, eggs, oil and brown sugar in medium bowl; add to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter may be lumpy).
 2. Heat griddle or skillet over medium heat; brush lightly with oil. Pour ¼ cup batter onto hot griddle into the shape of a heart; cook until bubbles begin to burst. Turn; continue to cook about 1 minute longer or until golden. Repeat with remaining batter. For perfectly shaped pancakes, brush inside of cookie cutters with oil. Place on griddle. Pour about ¼ cup batter into the cookie cutters and cook until bubbles begin to burst. Remove cookie cutters. Turn; continue to cook about 1 minute longer or until golden.
 3. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.
- Nutrition Information per serving: 210 calories; 90 calories from fat; 10g total fat; 3.5g saturated fat; 25mg cholesterol; 150mg sodium; 27g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 12g sugars; 4g protein

Jenny Harper is Consumer Test Kitchen Project Manager for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com. Her column is courtesy of Family Features.



Chocolate morsel-studded pancakes with powder sugar sprinkles.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

Tues, March 2	9 am - Noon 2 pm - 5 pm	Organizational Meeting Hearings by Appointment
Mon, March 8	2 pm - 5 pm 6 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Wed, March 10	9 am - Noon 2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Sat, March 13	9 am - 11 am	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing office by the close of business on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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ART

Costick Center

Time/Date: Through Feb. 26
Location: 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills

Details: "Metallics: Photography by Janna Bissett"
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Lotus Arts Gallery

Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth

Details: Yuroz is the artist of the month
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Feb. 26;
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2010 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2010 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 15, 2010.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 15, 2010 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

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Fat Tuesday

Throw a King Cake party or pack away the paczki

BY SHARON DARGAY
OSE STAFF WRITER

King Cake not only satisfies the sweet tooth, but can make you feel like royalty in a single bite.

"Ours is a traditional New Orleans-style cinnamon coffee cake. We braid it and decorate it with the traditional colors of Mardi Gras, yellow, purple and green," said Jeff Pavlik, owner and baker at Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington.

"Our King Cake feeds 10 to 12 and comes with traditional plastic baby or coin, as well as a set of 10 beads (necklaces). The coin or baby is placed outside of the cake when you buy it, but it's your responsibility to hide it under a slice. Whoever picks that slice has rights to be the king or queen of the party."

The trinket also reminds the royal party-goer to serve King Cake at the next Fat Tuesday gathering, which they also must host.

"We've been doing them for seven years. When we first started doing them no one had seen them. It was a long process of education. They've started to catch on in metro Detroit," Pavlik said, adding that contemporary versions range from pecan praline-filled to cream cheese and bourbon-flavored.

"We stay pretty true to the kind of cake that has been around for years in New Orleans. You'll find French and Spanish King Cakes from the same tradition."

King Cake traditionally was served on Epiphany, the Christian observance held 12 days after Christmas that marks the three kings visit to the baby Jesus.

Epiphany gave way to the carnival season, which lasted until Lent.

"The carnival season was the ball season and these (King Cakes) were served during the grand balls," Pavlik said. "The king or queen could pick the

partners they wished to dance with. These balls were continuous activities. You could have one every week."

AVAILABLE NOW

Pavlik began making and selling King Cakes last week-end in time for the Super Bowl and will have the traditional Mardi Gras sweet available through Fat Tuesday, Feb. 16.

He'll also sell fruit- or custard-filled Polish pastries, "paczki," but will buy them from a local doughnut-maker. He's taking orders on both King Cakes and paczki.

"We do carry extra in the store, but if you want to guarantee paczki or King Cake I highly recommend ordering ahead."

King Cakes, with necklaces and trinket, are \$15. Paczki are \$13 a dozen or \$1.25 a piece. Sunflour Bakehaus is located at 33250 Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington; (248) 442-2360.

Pavlik said his bakery sells "quite a few" King Cakes to people who want a Fat Tuesday alternative to paczki.

"You can slice off a sliver of King Cake," he noted. "You have better portion control."

BAKERY MUSIC

Who cares about portion control when you can polka the calories away?

"People have danced. They've polka danced in here. And they love it," said Bridget Domzalski, describing the annual scene on Fat Tuesday at her business, GM Paris Bakery in Livonia.

Joe Czapski will be on hand with music from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., at the business, located at 28418 Joy; (734) 425-2060.

But customers don't have to wait until Tuesday for a GM Paris Bakery-made paczki. Domzalski said she has been making "a couple of hundred dozen" a day this week, all while also making a full line of



Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington decorates its King Cake with sugar in Mardi Gras colors.



Paczki is an annual treat at Sunflour Bakhaus in Farmington.

bakery items. By Saturday, the bakery will make only paczki "24 hours a day."

"It is busy. They'll be lined up out the door Tuesday, and on Monday, too."

GM Paris Bakery sells paczki for \$6.50 a half dozen, \$12 a

dozen or \$1.25 each.

Here's a sampling of other local stores with paczki or King Cake for Fat Tuesday:

- Joe's Produce Gourmet Market, 33152 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, has sold out every day since it began offering pac-

zki about a week ago. Debbie Warren, cake decorator for the store, suggests ordering ahead to guarantee they will be available in the fillings requested. Cost is \$6.49 a half dozen and \$1.29 each. (248) 477-4333

- Heritage Bakery, 37458 Five Mile, Livonia, sells both King Cake and paczki and is open 5 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday.

"We started two weeks ago. People have been buying us out every day," said Ryan Sarb, who works behind the bakery counter. "The King Cake is more of a bread than a cake, but it does have a sweet taste. About one out of every 15 people who come in for paczki buy one." King Cakes cost \$12.95; the paczki are \$11.50 a dozen or \$1.25 each. (734) 464-1855

- Old Fashioned Bake Shoppe, 27427 Warren, Garden City, usually sells out of paczki around 1 or 2 p.m., on Fat Tuesday, according to owner,

Louie Simovski.

"The best way is to place an order," said Simovski, who admits a weakness for prune-filled paczki. He'll sell raspberry, apple, blueberry, cherry, custard and lemon in addition to prune paczki Monday and Tuesday. Cost is \$8.99 per dozen or 90 cents each. (734) 522-3010.

- Le Cakery Bake Shop, 844 N. Wayne Road, Westland will sell paczki with seven different fillings on Monday and Tuesday and is taking orders this week for both King Cakes and paczki. Owner Pauline Dimovski also said customers can special order buttercream filling for paczki. She'll open her bakery early both days, at 6 a.m. Monday and 5 a.m. Tuesday.

"We're known for our paczki," she said. "I tell you, they are so good."

They cost \$1 each or \$12 a dozen. (734) 326-4151

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Bake a Fat Tuesday tradition

Want to try your hand at making Carnival King Cake?

Here's the recipe Jeff Pavlik's uses at his Sunflour Bakehaus in Farmington. Don't forget to place a small plastic baby or plastic coin under the cake before you cut and serve it. Its recipient wins the king or queen title and responsibility for the next King Cake and Carnival party.

CARNIVAL KING CAKE

Cake dough
 ½ cup warm milk
 1½ tablespoons butter at room temperature
 1 package active dry yeast
 ½ cup lukewarm water
 ½ cup white sugar
 1 egg
 ½ teaspoons salt
 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 ¾-2½ cups all purpose flour
 Filling
 1½ tablespoons butter at room temperature
 ½ cup white sugar
 2 tablespoons cinnamon
 Glaze
 1 cup powder sugar
 1½ tablespoons water

Sugar decoration

½ cup of white sugar for each color
 Purple, yellow and green food coloring

1. Warm milk on stove and combine with butter. Set aside until lukewarm.
2. Place yeast in lukewarm water with 1 tablespoon of the sugar. Temperature of the water should be no more than 110 degrees. Let stand until creamy, about 10 minutes.
3. Combine milk and yeast mixture in mixing bowl, whisk in the egg and add the remaining sugar, salt, and vanilla. Slowly add in 2 cups of flour, stirring continuously until a dough forms. Place dough on work surface and knead in the extra ½ cup of flour, adding small amounts of additional flour if needed to form soft, smooth and elastic dough. Knead for 10 minutes. If using a bread machine follow instructions for making a coffee cake.
4. Place dough in a lightly oiled bowl. Cover dough and let rise in a warm place until doubled in volume, about 1 hour. When risen punch dough down, let it relax for 5 minutes, then stretch it into a large rectangular piece, approximately 9 by 11 inches.
5. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
6. Spread butter over entire surface of the dough. Sprinkle sugar over the entire surface and then the cinnamon.
7. Fold dough into thirds, cut into three equal strips with a pastry cutter and braid. Let braid relax for several minutes then bring ends together to form an oval.
8. Let cake rise in a warm spot until doubled in size, about 45 minutes.
9. Bake for about 25 minutes until golden brown.
10. Let cake cool completely. Prepare colored sugars. Mardi Gras colors are purple, green and gold. Mix the icing and spread over top of the cake and then sprinkle colored sugars in alternating pattern.

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FEB. 11-17

First United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Friday, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 26

Location: 3 Town Square, across the street from the Wayne post office, in Wayne

Details: 4th Annual Fish Fry offers choice of baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverages, for \$8. A child's portion will be available. Fresh pie will be offered by the women's group for \$1 per slice. The money raised goes to help needy family's during the holiday season

Contact: (734) 891-2523

Lola Park Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6:15 p.m., soup and sandwich supper, followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.

Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Free will offering accepted for soup supper

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Feb. 12

Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner includes a salad and ice cream bar. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 4-10 and under 4 free. Prince of Peace also will collect health kits for Haiti. Items include: soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb

Contact: (248) 553-3380

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian

Date/Time: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17

Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Ash Wednesday Service, with Communion served and the mark of ashes given, will be held in the sanctuary. Nursery care will be provided. The Young Adult Fellowship Group will host a spaghetti dinner before the service from 6-7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12. Tickets, available at the church office, will be by advance sale only. All proceeds will benefit the Young Adult Mission trip to Janesville, Wisconsin to work with Habitat for Humanity in June

Contact: Church office at (734) 422-0494

St. John Lutheran

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills

Details: St. John Lutheran Church and St. Gerald Catholic Church will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God. The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr of St. John and the Rev. Festus Ejimadu of St. Gerald will deliver messages during this 25th annual Service of Christian Unity. Special music will be provided by the choirs of both congregations

Coming up: 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14 "Songs of the Heart" concert with Canadian baritone, John Worthington, and pianist Wesley Fishwick. A free will offering for Haiti relief will be collected during the concert. An intermission reception will be held in the church lobby

Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m., pasta bar and desserts; 7 p.m., the movie "Casablanca"

Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: "Hearts for Haiti" dinner and a movie fund-raiser costs \$10 per person, \$18 per couple, and \$6 for children 5-12. An appropriate movie and activities will be available for kids. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but event organizers request an RSVP

Contact: (313) 570-4443 or e-mail to yd@stmat-thewslivonia.com

FEB 18-24

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia

Details: The Lutheran Choraliers will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal

Contact: (734) 522-6830

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 21

Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This is the first of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Greek Orthodox Monastery, Hayesville, Ohio, will be the homilist. An inter-Orthodox choir under the direction of Victoria Kopistiansky, choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service

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Age 90, February 8, 2010, of Garden City. Beloved husband of Irene. Loving father of Vincent (Deborah), Lawrence, Marlene Young and the late Kenneth. Grandfather of Tyler Francis Wagner. Visitation Thursday 10-12pm, with funeral services at 12:00pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City. Memorial donations may be directed to Heartland Hospice, 26211 Central Park Blvd., Suite 600, Southfield, MI 48076. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rggharris.com

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Age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 7, 2010. The family will be receiving friends at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 W. Lake St. (Ten Mile), South Lyon, on Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12 from 4 - 8 PM. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 13, 2010 and will begin receiving friends at 10:15 AM at the First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com

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ALBERT JOHN DEBOUTTE

Age 73, of Westland, February 5, 2010. Beloved husband of Carol. Loving father of Diane (Shane) Puckett, Steven (Janice) Deboutte, Denise (Jim) Fielding and step-father of Mark Young and Tonia Young. Dear grandfather of Garrett, Brennen, Chelsea, Bradley, Amanda, Christopher, Nichole, Shelby, Maxwell and Lacy. He is also survived by his siblings Robert (Lorraine) Deboutte, Mary (Frank) Kochian and Virginia Macko. He was preceded in death by his son Timmy, his daughter Karen Deboutte, his parents George and Clementine Deboutte. Funeral service was Tuesday, 10:00 AM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Monday, 1:00 ~ 9:00 PM. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Odyssey Hospice, michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com



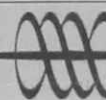
RUTH WARNEMUENDE

Age 82, of Canton, passed away February 5, 2010. Loving wife of 59 years to the late Herman. Beloved mother of Jerry (Sandra), Larry (Sharon), Dean (Rebecca), Blair Warnemuende and Dawn (William) Timmreck. Proud grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 11. Dear sister of Virginia (Wayne) Vanderwalker. Ruth was an accomplished artist for most of her life, her oil paintings were known throughout the community and beyond. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 9, 2010, from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Interment took place at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. To share a special thought or memory www.schrader-howell.com



HELEN L. WENDLAND

Age 75, February 9th, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth. Dearest companion of Raymond Disney. Loving mother of Linda (Jeffrey) Douglass and the late Gerald Wendland. Grandmother of Leslie (Jesse) Mason, Kenneth Douglass and Jeffrey Douglass, Jr. Great grandmother to be. Funeral Service Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday 2-9 p.m. Please share a memory of Helen at www.rggharris.com



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FOOD

Tell your sweetie 'I love you' over dinner on Valentine's Day

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Candlelight, flowers and Sack Meal #3.

Cupid may be on a budget this year, but he's not skimping on style at local White Castle restaurants.

"They all do something a little different," said Diana Ford, district supervisor for White Castle. "It's something special and unique to each location. Each general manager creates their own aura."

"Some might have flowers in vases. Some do candles. Some bring in cider and do a toast. Some might have red tablecloths. They are all a little different."

"One of my stores last year made an arch with balloons. One store bought rose petals and sprinkled them on the floor and had flowers and balloons attached to them."

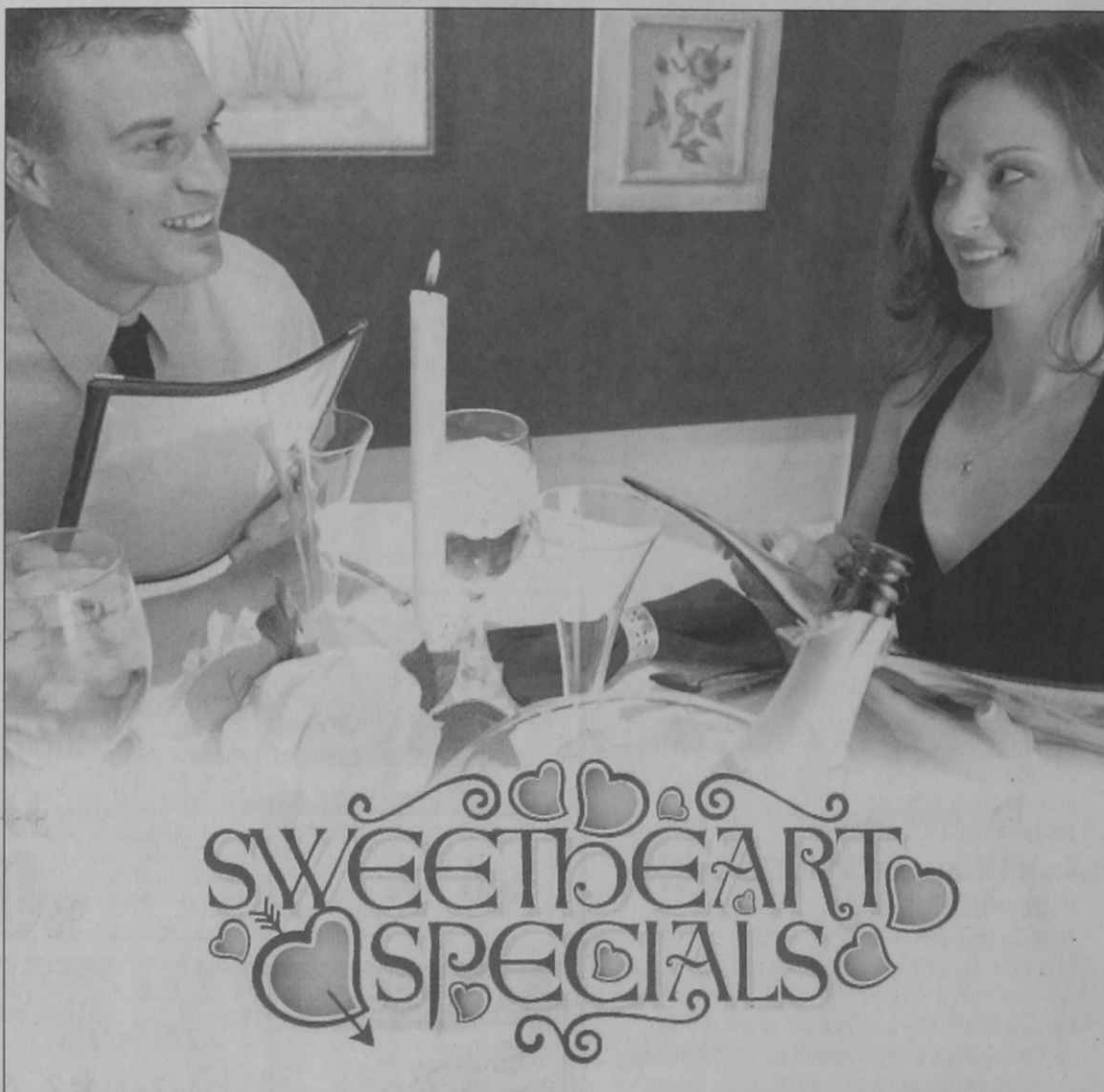
Although many sweethearts will head to more traditional eateries, all Detroit-area White Castles with dining rooms — including those in Redford, Canton, Livonia and Farmington Hills — are taking reservations for Sunday, Feb. 14, and they are "pretty full" Ford said. For reservations call (248) 477-1450 ext. 10.

The company has offered a sit-down meal served by wait staff — by reservation only — complete with decorations, on Valentine's Day since 1991. Ford said the event has been available in Michigan for about five years. The special day attracts loyal customers and twosomes who originally met at a White Castle and want to celebrate memories.

The dinner event is extended an additional hour, from 4-8 p.m., this year because Valentine's Day coincides with a Sunday, Ford said.

"We thought people would want to bring their kids." The menu doesn't change on Valentine's Day. Everything normally available — including Meal Sack #3 which includes 10 Slider hamburgers, two soft drinks and French fries for \$12.06 — can be ordered.

This year, everyone with a reserved place at the restaurant also will receive a free cupcake for dessert. "Some people think, oh, this is a joke. We're going to White Castle. Then once they get in there they say 'Oh my gosh, this is the best Valentine ever,'" Ford said.



suggestion for a romantic meal?

"The chef can prepare two different entrees and split them on two plates."

The pastry chef hasn't finalized the dessert menu but will offer a special, too.

Costanza suggests sweethearts visit the martini bar before their meal and stay after to hear keyboard player Paul Fitz entertain.

"Start with a martini. Then it's nice to have dinner and then move back into the lounge for dessert and music."

Make reservations for the restaurant, located at 39405 Plymouth Road, at (734) 254-0400.

With room for 250 customers, reservations for two generally aren't necessary at Amantea in Garden City, but Valentine's Day likely will be the exception.

Domenic Porco, owner, suggests them at least between 5-7 p.m., at his restaurant, 32777 West Warren Road. Call (734) 421-1510.

"We are having two dinners complete with two beverages for \$29.90," he said, describing the Valentine's Day special. "That's two prime rib dinners."

The special will include salad, coleslaw or soup, vegetable and two small cannoli.

MIXED GRILL

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres await Valentine's Day diners at Fiamma Grille Steak and Seafood Restaurant in Plymouth.

"We'll put together a pairing of a couple of dishes, generally meat and seafood, simply grilled," said Ryan Yaquinto, manager, describing the special.

The restaurant, located at 380 S. Main, will be open from 4-9 p.m., Feb. 14. He recommends reservations at (734) 416-9340.

"We do have high back booths," he said, describing the most romantic seating at Fiamma Grille. "And we have a couple of window seats that are great for people

watching or weather watching, especially if it's snowing outside."

Here's a sampling of other area restaurants for Valentine's Day dinner:

- Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills will be open Valentine's Day. Call for reservations, available after 6:15 and until 10 p.m., at (248) 474-3033.
- Antonio's Canton, 2220 N. Canton Center Road, Canton, will be open 1-9 p.m. Seating is on a first-come basis and reservations are taken only for parties of eight or more. (734) 981-9800
- Rose's Restaurant & Lounge, 201 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Open noon-9 p.m. Sunday. (734) 981-9904.

SEAFOOD, BEEF

If you'd rather say "I love you" with lobster tail and certified piedmontese tenderloin, Jerry Costanza, owner of La Bistecca Italian Grille, in Plymouth, awaits your reservation.

"People this year get the luxury of having all three days of the weekend to celebrate," Costanza said. "We usually are closed on Sunday, but we definitely will be open on Valentine's Day."

Saturday is almost fully booked, Friday and Sunday are still open, but Sunday is "getting close."

Costanza said his chef will prepare the grilled medley of lobster tail and tenderloin of beef as a special on Feb. 14. His other

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Know-how, neighbors can reduce chances of break-in

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Preventing home break-ins isn't a sure thing, but you can take steps to reduce your likelihood of being a victim.

"The first thing they need to do is make sure their doors are locked," said police Sgt. Mark Gajeski of the Canton Public Safety Department. Deadbolts should be used.

If you're out for the evening, make it look like you're home, he said, using the TV or radio for sound and leaving lights on.

"You can have lights on timers," Gajeski said. Those are useful for when you're on vacation. Vacationers also need to have mail held at the post office or picked up by trusted neighbors; newspapers fall under that category as well.

Exterior lighting can make a big difference in preventing break-ins, the sergeant agreed. "It is (important), especially around the back of the house."

Many people in upgrading homes put in motion detectors to alert them that someone may be out there.

"When it goes off, you notice it a little more readily," he said.

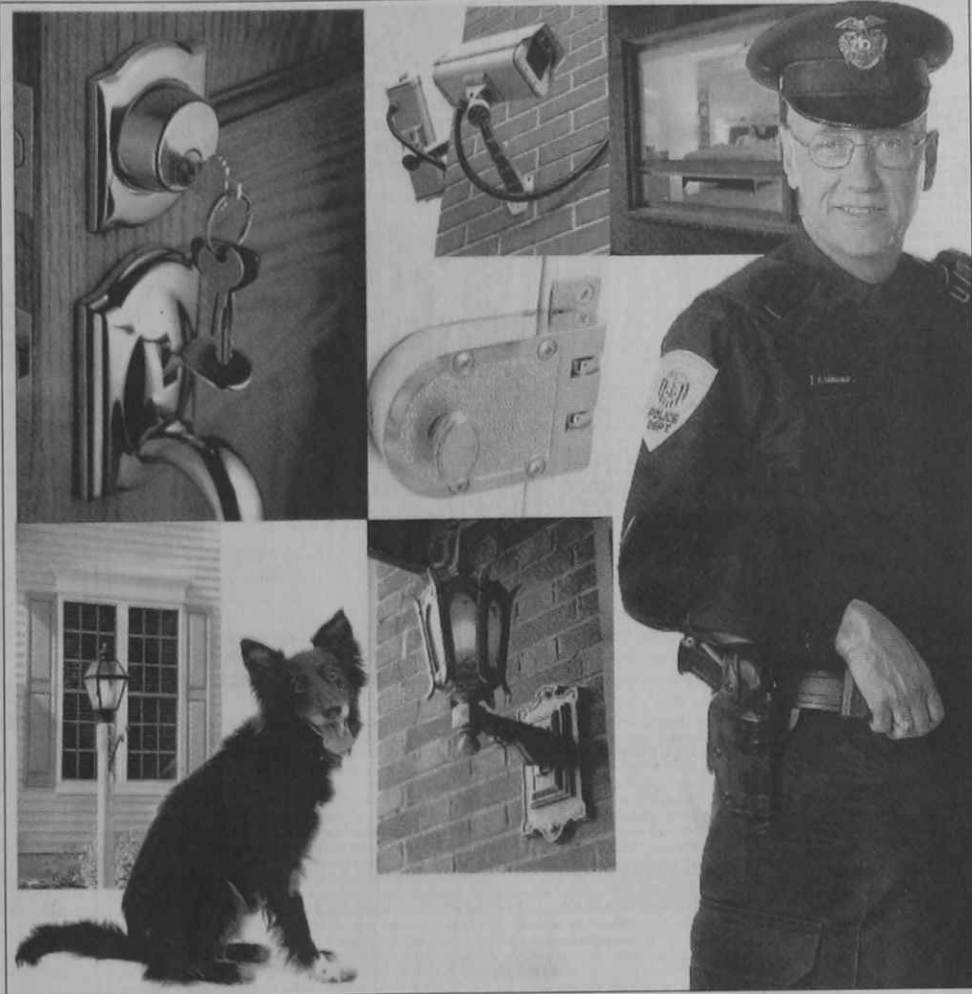
Alarms can be useful for homes, but you need a good understanding of how they work, Gajeski said. Have the installer show you how to use the alarm.

"And just consistently use it." Those who infrequently use alarms may have trouble with them going off at random, he said, also a headache for police departments.

Canton's got a surprising statistic for 2009, with home break-ins down a bit from 2008. "It wasn't by a huge number but it was fewer," Gajeski said.

He and other police officials urge residents to sign up for Neighborhood and Community Watch programs, in which residents watch out for neighbors and their property.

Gajeski sends alerts to Canton residents "so people can be that extra set of eyes for us." At of Feb. 1, Canton had joined some other area com-



munities with Nixle computer updates on public safety messages for residents and businesses.

He agreed sometimes people are reluctant to contact police. "There might be that apprehension, 'Oh, it's not that big a deal.'"

"It's a quality of life issue" for you and your neighbors, Gajeski said. "If it looks suspicious or sounds suspicious, you don't have to check it out. That's what the police are for."

Here are some additional home safety tips from Canton police:

LANDSCAPING AND PLANT MATERIALS

Bushes, trees and shrubbery can conceal an intruder as he attempts entry into a window or door; or worse yet, as he waits in hiding for the home-

owner. A few alterations to the home's landscaping and plant materials can be enough to discourage intruders. To avoid being seen or caught, intruders look for property they can get into and out of quickly.

Their ideal target is a house surrounded by large hedges or shrubs, which serve to hamper visibility from the street and neighbor's houses.

Trim shrubbery and trees so doors and windows are visible to neighbors and from the street. Trimmed landscaping should not provide concealment for criminals. If the home has a second floor, prune trees so they can't help a thief climb in second floor windows. Place trellises where they can't be used as ladders to gain entry to upper floors.

Ground plants (shrubbery and bushes) within four feet of any sidewalks, driveways,

doors or gates should be maintained at a height of not more than two feet.

Ground plants between four feet and eight feet of any sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates should be maintained at a height of not more than four feet. Ground plants under windows should be maintained at a height that is below the window sill.

Trees should be trimmed so that the lower branches are more than six feet off the ground.

Place large gauge gravel on the ground near windows. The noise caused by an intruder walking on it can be a psychological barrier. Do not place large rocks or other items near glass windows or doors. These could provide the burglar with his tools.

Plant spiny (thorny) plants along fences and under win-

dows. Such plants will discourage the possible burglar. Protecting with spiny plants can be almost as effective as using barbed wire, and a lot more attractive.

DOORS

Doors are usually the burglar's first choice of entry into a home. Some residents leave exterior doors unlocked ... particularly children who may be the last to leave. In other entries, the burglar simply breaks a door or a side light and reaches around to unlock a door.

Exterior doors should be of solid core (wood, not composite materials) or steel, 2 3/4 inches thick is preferred.

Hollow core or wood panel doors can be easily broken. Such doors, however, can be reinforced by attaching at least 20 gauge (approximately 1/32-inch thick) sheet metal on the exterior side of the door.

Entry doors should fit their frames tightly, with no more than 1/8-inch clearance between the door and the frame.

Door frames should be solidly anchored to the rough opening. There are often spaces left between the rough opening stud at a point midway up the door jamb. These spaces create a poor anchorage for hardware making the door easy to kick open.

If possible, the door molding should be removed and these spaces should be filled or "shimmed" prior to mounting any new lock strikes. If the door opens inward, the stop strip should actually be part of the wood frame, not applied. The stop strip is a wood strip installed on or milled into the door jamb (it's the part of the jamb that the door closes on). If the stop has been applied (strip nailed on the jamb), pry it off carefully and coat the surfaces with epoxy cement. Then hammer the stop back in place and further secure it with tapered wood screws installed directly in front of the lock bolts. This will make it difficult for a burglar to pry up the strip and manipulate the lock from the exterior.

Make sure developer's actions are in writing

Q: We are in the process of taking over control from the developer who has made various representations to some people but not others although we do not have a handle on it. Do you have any suggestions?

A: On moving from developer management to association leadership, there are a number of information gathering processes that should take place. Counsel co-owners and boards to take careful notes of every transaction that



Robert Meisner

pertains to the common elements and to private space. Your association may well be in a situation

where the developer was saying different things to different people. You should make copies and take photos of everything, advertisements, open house marketing materials, drawings or proposed décor and amenities and do a questionnaire to the co-owners. As the developer completes the project, you need to have backup evidence to ensure that what was promised has been delivered. Obviously, the more information that you have concerning what was promised, the better chance you have of getting what you bargained for.

Q: I am wondering whether the board should put the holiday bonuses that we are going to give to our employees in the budget as opposed to soliciting contributions from the members.

A: In my opinion, the residents should not be solicited for any monies to be paid to the employees of the association. If they wish to make contributions, that should be a voluntary item. But, if the association, through its board, decides to provide holiday bonuses, it should be handled as a budgetary item.

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

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 26-30, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.	6796 Woodbank Dr Clarkston 8711 Andersonville Rd 5895 Dvorak St 5036 Edgar Rd 9614 Klais Rd 7247 N Village Dr 6607 Ridgeview Dr 6320 Waldon Woods Dr Farmington 33915 Alta Loma Dr 23975 Gill Rd Farmington Hills 36257 Fredericksburg Rd 28322 Hawberry Rd 28906 Hidden Trl 29119 Lorikay St 24497 Millcreek Dr 21109 Riverwalk Ct 29589 Sylvan Cir 22981 Tuck Rd 28053 W Nine Mile Rd 22414 Walsingham Dr	\$145,000 \$68,000 \$127,000 \$102,000 \$148,000 \$250,000 \$93,000 \$215,000 \$144,000 \$80,000 \$258,000 \$159,000 \$236,000 \$110,000 \$179,000 \$338,000 \$275,000 \$78,000 \$60,000 \$178,000	23013 Walt Dr 29901 Wertham Ct 26279 Westmeath St 27235 Winterset Cir Lake Orion 1138 Absequeam Trl 326 E Flint St 154 Eagle Ridge Rd 2110 Hilltop Ct 3863 Long Meadow Ln Milford 1997 Charles Ct 654 Summit Ridge Dr Northville 50820 Applebrooke Dr 131 Ely Dr S 47025 S Chigwidden Dr Novi 23488 Broadmoor Park Ln 39483 Country Ln 24635 Edgewood Dr 40711 Lenox Park Dr 27364 Victoria Rd	\$130,000 \$217,000 \$150,000 \$270,000 \$260,000 \$128,000 \$175,000 \$235,000 \$205,000 \$332,000 \$82,000 \$425,000 \$152,000 \$250,000 \$465,000 \$95,000 \$195,000 \$200,000 \$269,000	23970 W Le Best Oakland Township 5382 Creekmonte Dr 5630 Kirkridge Trl Orchard Lake 2877 Orchard Pl Oxford 651 Akram 26 Center St 1220 Deer Path Trl 45 Pontiac St 364 Stony Lake Dr 523 Willow Howl Rochester 1894 Flagstone Cir Rochester Hills 1115 Bluebird Dr 1529 Colony Dr 3334 Everett Dr 826 Oak Brook Ridge Dr 765 Passive 354 Reimann Ct 535 Thornridge Dr	\$100,000 \$350,000 \$619,000 \$900,000 \$135,000 \$15,000 \$400,000 \$90,000 \$180,000 \$209,000 \$90,000 \$227,000 \$159,000 \$274,000 \$83,000 \$125,000 \$156,000 \$180,000	South Lyon 54450 Birchwood Dr 809 Eagle Heights Dr Southfield 25525 Catalina St 26356 Franklin Pointe Dr 20320 Lacrosse Ave 21275 Midway Ave 30295 Spring River Dr Sylvan Lake 1756 Beverly St Troy 4537 Cahill Dr 2454 Oak Ridge Dr 2082 Prescott Dr 6787 Serenity Dr 2535 Taragona Way Warred Lake 9000 Campbell Creek Dr 1870 Hollingsworth Dr 454 Old Pine Way 870 Snow Drift Ct Waterford	\$300,000 \$148,000 \$135,000 \$37,000 \$66,000 \$15,000 \$100,000 \$116,000 \$250,000 \$512,000 \$175,000 \$225,000 \$207,000 \$130,000 \$143,000 \$150,000 \$155,000	5020 Cooley Lake Rd 1037 Forest Way 970 Lakeview St 3955 Pitt Rd 2739 Ravenglass Rd 5534 Walling Dr 4067 Wenonah Ln 6621 Windiate Rd West Bloomfield 6625 Crest Top Dr 7261 Crestmore St 4144 Crooks St 6860 Long Ave 3940 Mitra Ct 7391 Radcliff Dr White Lake 1220 Clearwater St 9467 Mandon St Wolverine Lake 310 Angolia St 619 Los Arboles Dr	\$150,000 \$230,000 \$53,000 \$240,000 \$105,000 \$117,000 \$53,000 \$4,000 \$365,000 \$128,000 \$202,000 \$110,000 \$250,000 \$130,000 \$165,000 \$88,000 \$324,000 \$122,000
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HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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share, commission structures. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

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A Beginners' Workshop for Rental Property Investors will be held three consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27 and March 6, four hours per day in Royal Oak. This event will provide a basic foundation that gives the beginning investor with the knowledge and confidence to make their initial investment and enhance their financial success.

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Buying a home

There will be a free Homebuyers Educational Seminar in Livonia 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Civic Center Library and in Novi 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Novi Civic Center. This is an informational meeting for those interested in understanding the homebuying process. Free information

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Register on line at www.MiHomeBuyer.info or call (248) 747-8653.

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Seminar on Tuesdays

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

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ACROSS

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- Gloomy
- Bloodhound feature
- Old cattle town
- Census info
- LPGA star
- Lorena —
- Powerful adhesive
- Unsmiling
- Mach 2 flier
- Claim
- Got wind of
- Big Island port
- Pet nickname
- Guanaco's cousin
- Climb a rope
- Says silently
- Prickled
- Cry of disdain
- Part of UCLA
- Sporty vehicles
- Cooler
- Amble along
- Ms. Dinesen
- Smoothly
- Conform
- Slant
- Brittle
- Novelist — Uris
- Vaccine meas.
- Loose-limbed
- In the way
- Purplish flower

DOWN

- Deep-six
- Grounded birds
- Enthralled
- Any woman
- Sense organ
- Cannon boom
- Feverish chill
- Shy creature
- Kidding with
- Eight voices
- Bread
- ingredient
- British truck
- Beach cover
- Lavish parties
- yoga
- I, for Wolfgang
- Reunion crowd
- Roadie's gear
- "Daily Planet" name
- Jostle
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- That guy's
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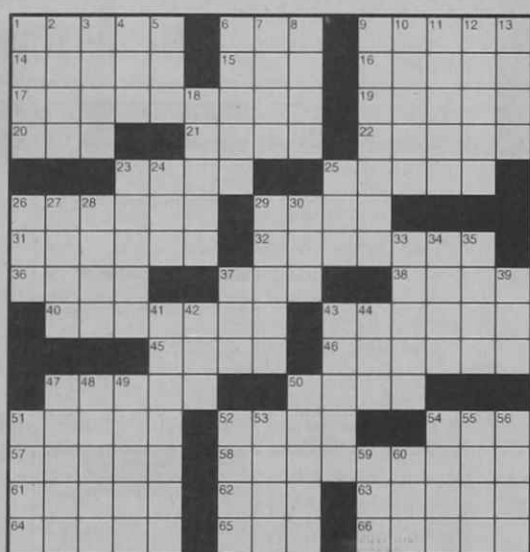
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