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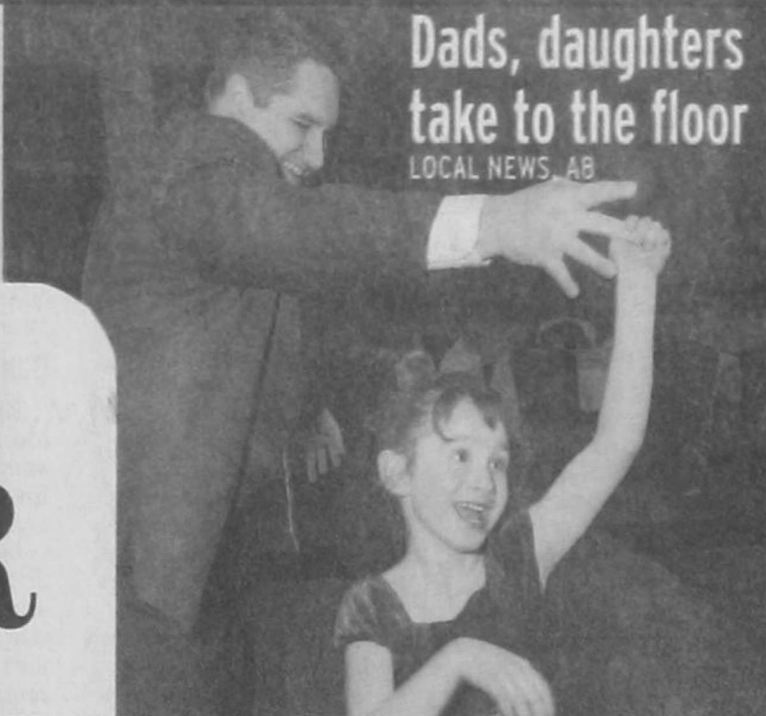
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## CONNECTION Eagle awards

Officials at National Heritage Academies believe parental support is critical to a child's success in school. Understanding the importance of this, NHA has encouraged parent loyalty by recognizing its schools that demonstrate high levels of parental satisfaction and loyalty.

NHA recently announced its 2009-10 Eagle Award winners for Parent Loyalty, including Achieve Academy and Canton Charter Academy of Canton.

To receive this award, 60 percent or more of the school's parents must be "very satisfied" with their child's school — a statistic measured in an NHA parent survey. In total, NHA rewarded 22 schools with an Eagle Award in this category.

For more information about National Heritage Academies, visit <http://heritageacademies.com>.

### Rita Rod auction

Following her husband's example, Rita Rodriguez is offering up items for an auction to benefit The Salvation Army.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salvation Army Maj. John Aren said the new Canton thrift store will benefit from an auction of items donated by Rita Rodriguez.

The wife of former University of Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez has donated some 170 clothing items, including new and gently used items, along with other items of memorabilia, to The Salvation Army.

Those items will be offered up in an auction at The Salvation Army Family Store in Canton starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

The store is located at 43403 Joy Road (at Morton Taylor) in Canton.

### Miracle McDonald's

Staffers at the Ann Arbor Road McDonald's in Plymouth and volunteers from the Miracle League of Plymouth partner today (Thursday) from 4-7 p.m. to benefit the Miracle League's efforts to build a baseball field for children with special needs in Plymouth.

The Miracle League of Plymouth is moving toward an April 29 ground-breaking for the field, which will be built behind Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. That property is being used based on a lease agreement between The Miracle League and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, which owns the property.

For more information, visit the league's website at [www.miracleleagueplymouth.org](http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org).

## Commercial values show big plunge

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's industrial and commercial property values will show a sharp decline in assessment notices hitting mailboxes by late February — a sobering reminder of tough times even as local home values show signs of stabilizing, officials said.

Industrial property values plunged 18 percent on average, a striking

departure from a year ago when they showed no change, Assessor Doug Shaw said.

Commercial values have fallen another 14 percent, continuing double-digit losses that come just one year after they plummeted 15 percent.

"It was kind of expected that they would be down," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday, though local officials are hopeful of a turnaround after already losing millions of dollars in

tax revenues as property values decline.

Shaw confirmed the latest industrial and commercial property values Tuesday, mere days after he said local home values had dipped just 1.9 percent during the last year — among the smallest declines across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Township officials will be crunching the latest figures to determine how much additional tax revenue Canton stands to lose amid steep losses in industrial and

commercial property values.

Shaw said the nonresidential sectors appear to have lagged behind as Canton home values began leveling off during the last year. He said it's too early to predict when a rebound in industrial and commercial property values might occur.

In what could potentially signal a turnaround, Canton during the last year has attracted several large com-

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Robert and Jodie Broadwater hold hands with their 21-month-old son, Nolan. They're on their way to the season's first Winter Market.

## Market madness

Winter shoppers flock to Michigan goods, goodies

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

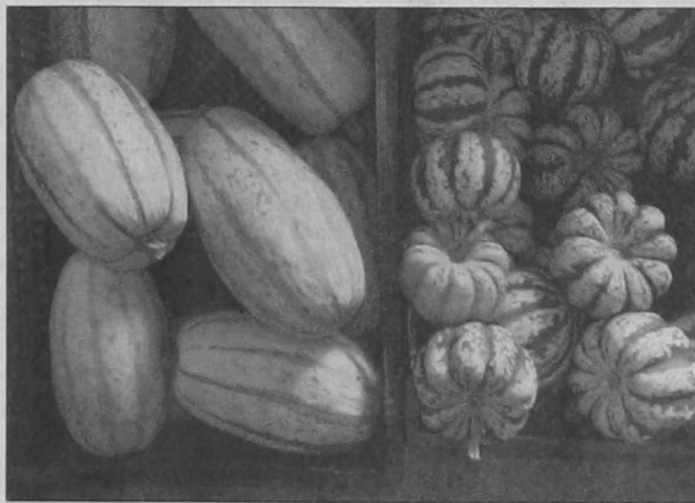
Canton resident Janet Muse made a beeline for Bobilin Honey after she entered Canton's historic Cady-Boyer Barn for the season's first local Winter Market.

Canton beekeeper Bob Jastrzebski and 15 other area vendors sold their locally made products Sunday as a steady throng of shoppers ranging from baby-toting young couples to retirees packed the 1800s-era barn, perfectly situated in a snow-covered landscape along Ridge Road for the second annual Winter Market.

"His honey is great," Muse said, walking away from Jastrzebski's table a satisfied customer. "To me this (Winter Market) is a real treat. I like all the fresh food you can get here."

Muse and large crowds of patrons returned Sunday to the same area where, during summertime, they flock to an outdoor Canton Farmers Market to buy Michigan-made products such as locally grown produce, organic meats, fresh breads, natural soaps, gourmet popcorn and tasty sweets.

Market manager Tina Lloyd said a record-shattering 550 shoppers — the biggest one-day turnout for a market inside the barn — scooped up



Squash from Prochaska Farms in Britton, Mich.

their favorite items 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday and gave the local economy a little boost. It marked the second year for Winter Market.

### OPEN DOOR

Shoppers also donated a bin full of boxed, dried pasta for Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry that serves area families in need.

"We are thrilled with the community response," Lloyd said.

As outdoor temperatures reached the 40-degree mark, vertical heaters placed inside the barn helped patrons shake off any lingering winter chill.

Wayne residents David and Christine Blinn brought a shopping bag they had started to fill up with winter squash,

homemade mozzarella cheese and fresh-baked goods.

"This is lovely," Christine Blinn said. "We came out to get some fresh Michigan-made products."

The first business owner patrons encountered as they approached the barn was Garry Kuneman, owner of Plymouth-based Meat Local, who set up a row of tables outside to sell organic venison, lamb, chicken, bison and turkey, alongside fresh farm eggs, Michigan blueberries and homemade yogurt.

"I think people come out here because they have a pent-up demand," he said. "I think they're trying to get in the spring mood a little bit."

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## Water deal won't shift Heise's focus

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kurt Heise understands the agreement reached last week in the running of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department "changes the dynamic" of the department.

But it's not enough to get Heise, the freshman state representative from Plymouth Township, to stop pushing the first bill he introduced last month.

"I am not backing down on my bill," Heise said. "I met with House leadership (Tuesday) and let it be clear I'm moving forward with the bill. It hasn't been slowed down or delayed in any way."

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and county leaders finalized an agreement Friday, signed by U.S. District Judge Sean Cox, that will give suburban communities more say in running the department, including the need for a super-majority of the seven-member Board of Water Commissioners on things such as rate increases.

Under the agreement, Bing would appoint four members to the board, while county officials (the drain commissioners in Oakland and Macomb and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano) would recommend appointments to the other three spots. However, Bing would still have to appoint



Heise

the suburban recommendations, a fact that didn't escape Heise.

"(Bing) appoints his own; the other three are nominated (by county officials)," Heise said. "They are not necessarily selected. I think that's significant."

### ABOUT PERSONALITIES

The key to the success of this new system, according to Heise, is the independence of whomever Ficano appoints. Heise's concern is that Ficano's Wayne County appointee could simply vote with Bing's chosen representatives, undermining the suburban influence the new panel is supposed to have.

"It's going to be significant who (Ficano) appoints," Heise said. "If he appoints a Detroit or someone who isn't aggressive, that person will be a fifth vote to go along with the four Detroiters and undermine the super majority. A super-majority sounds like a great idea, but the Wayne County representative could undermine that."

Under the agreement reached Friday, Detroit maintains ownership and management of the

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# Monit weighs write-in option in W-W school board election

BY SUE MASON  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board President Skip Monit is continuing to explore his options after being disqualified as a candidate in the May school election.

Pointing out that the "upcoming election is extremely important to the future of the district," Monit said he was disappointed that he "may not be there to help."

"I have looked into my options legally to challenge this decision and have determined that taking this matter to court will quite probably have a very low level of success," said Monit at Monday's school board meeting. "My last and only possibility is to run a write-in campaign. I am encouraged by the number of people who have urged me to run on this basis, but before I can finalize that decision, I have to explore the realities it will take to compete without my name on the ballot."

Monit was disqualified after submitting nominating petition containing too few signatures of registered voters in the district. State law requires a minimum of 40 signatures in school districts with populations of 10,000 or more.

Monit said he was given the "incorrect number" by the Wayne city clerk's office.

"I should have known the number needed," he said. "Since my last campaign was four years ago, I admit that I forgot the number needed and asked for the official number from the clerk's office."

Monit said his trust that the information given was official "was in vain," adding that he found no number of signatures needed recorded on the paperwork he was given.

**FROM CITY CHARTER**

Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller acknowledges that nothing in the information given candidates indicated what was needed and that the requirement of 25 signatures comes from the Wayne City Charter. That is the number needed to run for city council. However, he declined to comment on how the wrong information was given out.

Miller did say that "the



Monit

candidate is responsible for the filing process, the city clerk verifies that the signatures are indeed registered voters and that the signature matches their voters card."

The affidavits also are sent to Wayne County as part of the process.

Miller said the petitions were submitted to the staff on Monday and the signatures were checked on Tuesday during the day. After the deadline of 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the affidavits of identity for Monit and Thomas Buckalew were faxed to Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof, who is in charge of the election. It was DeHart who found that Monit had submit 29 signatures, 11 short of the 40 that was required.

The affidavits were not checked when they were submitted on Monday or before they were sent to DeHart, he said.

"The City of Wayne from the City Council to the City Manager apologize for this grievous error," Miller added. "He is a wonderful school board member and a great asset to our community."

**DECISION TO MAKE**

Monit had planned to seek a fourth four-year term on the board, and now faces a decision on whether to run as a write-in candidate. The campaign would be far more costly and would require people to write in his proper first name of Lorne, not Skip, on the ballot.

In saying that he will continue to weigh his options, Monit said he was encouraged by the number of residents interested in filling a vacancy on the school board.

"I hope this gives us a new influx of talent and energy to help us to continue to offer the best for our kids," he said. "Many of these people have entered the election race and I would strongly suggest a closer look at each candidate before casting your vote."

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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

## Band booster craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 12. The fundraising event, to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton, is a juried art show produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Over 100 exhibitors with handcrafted items will be on display at this artistic event. Visitors can expect a high quality show with jewelry, handmade clothing, soaps, artwork, sculptures, floral arrangements, and many spring related items.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, door prizes, a raffle, and entertainment by marching and concert band musicians throughout the day. Admission is \$2. Strollers are welcome.

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fundraisers we host each year," said Erin Babcock, president of the 2011 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised at this event will help send the 200-member Marching Band to the 2011 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. We're hopeful the community will come out and support our kids by visiting our craft show."

## Waste recycling

Canton Waste Recycling will follow their regular curbside pick-up schedule for the week of Feb. 21-24. Canton's Administrative Offices will be closed on Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 21; however, CWR will be working so there will be no disruption of service for Canton residents.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb on your regular collection day to ensure pick-up. CWR will not pick-up refuse or recycling that is placed passed the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separate from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway.

For questions or more information on solid waste collection, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call CWR at 734/397-5801.

## Skiing and shoeing

Looking for a great way to cure cabin fever this winter? Bundle up and join Canton Leisure Services Snow Skiing and Snow Shoeing Event at the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail on Saturday, Feb. 19. Enjoy the great outdoors during this winter adventure from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail is located off Michigan Avenue at Morton Taylor. This free event is also part of Canton's 100 Days to Health Program, which encourages area residents to make healthy living a top priority in 2011.

"Hiking these trails dur-

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## Purtan person

Bee Friedlander of Canton was the happy winning bidder of a rare, legendary Dick Purtan license plate, from his early days at 800 CKLW radio, at the 2011 Museumania benefit for the Plymouth Historical Museum Benefit, held at The Inn of St. John's. Joe Carli of JCC Auction Service of Plymouth donated his services to the benefit and auctioned off a variety of donated items. Dozens of raffle prizes were also won by the full house of attendees.

ing this annual event has become a seasonal tradition for some families," said Jason Lombardo, Recreation Specialist. "Participants get a chance to enjoy the winter splendor and chase the winter blues away at the same time."

Participants are encouraged to bring their own equipment. Hot coco and snacks will be available for a small donation, regardless of the weather. Remember to dress appropriately for this outdoor event.

For more information call (734) 394-5460 or visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org).

## Bingo night

Back by popular demand, Bingo Night with prizes donated by local businesses, pizza from ZZ's, a treat from Carvel, a raffle to benefit a local charity, and an opportunity to sign up for activities for the entire family is on the agenda at the Canton Newcomers' Wednesday, March 2, adult general meeting.

The club's own "March Madness" starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, at 45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center, and visitors are welcome.

Request a complimentary newsletter at [www.cantonnewcomers.org](http://www.cantonnewcomers.org) of this social, civic and charitable organization. To RSVP your attendance, to donate a small prize, or with any questions, call Noreen at (734) 981-0486 or e-mail [nrybary@yahoo.com](mailto:nrybary@yahoo.com).

## All Saints fundraiser

Crafters (scrappers, knitters, beaders, paper crafters) who are slightly behind can pack up your projects and craft tools and join the second annual Crop & Craft Day at All Saints Catholic School 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday April 2. Full-day (\$35), half-day (\$25) and share-a-table (\$50) options are available.

All Saints Catholic School is a preschool through grade eight Detroit Archdiocesan coeducational Catholic School. Gospel values are the basis of the formation of our students in faith, ethics, academics and community. All Saints Catholic School is fully accredited by the Michigan Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association.

All Saints Catholic School is located at 48375 Warren in

Canton. To request a registration form or any questions you can contact Hope at [ascscropandcraft@gmail.com](mailto:ascscropandcraft@gmail.com)

## Saving for college

State Representative Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to learn about ways to save for college at her town hall meeting on Thursday, Feb. 24, in Canton. The meeting is free and open to the public.

The meeting takes place 7-8:30 p.m. in the first-floor board room of Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center. In addition to Slavens, it features Robin Lott, Executive Director of the Michigan Education Trust (MET); and Tom Freeland, Deputy Director of the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority.

For more information about the town hall, please call Slavens' office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to [DianSlavens@house.mi.gov](mailto:DianSlavens@house.mi.gov).

## Mom to Mom

Bentley Elementary School hosts its PTO Mom-2-Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the school, located at 1100 S. Sheldon in Canton.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the PTO and Bentley students, with the hope, organizers say, to be used for future playground equipment and classroom grants at the school.

Entry fee is \$1; strollers allowed after 11 a.m. Table fee is \$15, and there are still a few available.

For more information, call Christine Wegrzyn at (734) 331-2160 or e-mail [rcwegrzyn@gmail.com](mailto:rcwegrzyn@gmail.com)

## Prom dresses

The Plymouth Canton AAUW Prom Dress Sale takes place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Memorial Elementary School, 3001 Marquette, Garden City (between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt).

The sale is to provide prom dresses for girls who are not able to afford them in this economic climate. AAUW thanks all those who have contributed and will continue accepting donations through March 31. Accessories such as purses, and jewelry are also welcome. AAUW volunteers will pick

up contributions or donors can bring them to any meeting.

To arrange for pick up, e-mail or call S. Zaetta at [szaetta@wowway.com](mailto:szaetta@wowway.com) (734-455-6366), K. Bellows at [KiggityKate83@aol.com](mailto:KiggityKate83@aol.com) (734-421-8807) or E. Nelson at [genelson1c@att.net](mailto:genelson1c@att.net) (734-981-4938).

## Damaris scholarship

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 its annual awarding of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship.

To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/2011Damarisaward.pdf>

## Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity with its annual Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

Club officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship.

The award is named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio. To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/2011ApplicationScholarRotary.pdf>

**Guitar heroes**

Canton Leisure Services is teaming up with Axis Music Academy, Canton's full service music education resource, to offer classes to "Real Guitar Heroes," so that fans of the Guitar Hero video game can now learn how to play the real thing.

Instead of playing video games, students can get their hands on a real guitar, strumming, picking, and exploring their talent. These classes are perfect for the absolute beginner who has never played a cord, as well as for guitar students currently taking private lessons or for those already playing another instrument. While no one class teaches everything, "Real Guitar Heroes" is a low-commitment, educational, and fun class where both kids and adults can become their own guitar hero.

"Real Guitar Heroes" classes are at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Participants can now register in person at the Summit or online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

For fees and additional information about "Real Guitar Heroes" classes or additional music instruction, contact Axis Music Academy at (734) 844-0100 or Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

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# Expo designed to aid in home improvements

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite declining property values across metro Detroit, local officials say Canton remains committed to helping area residents improve their homes, whether they intend to stay put or need a makeover to boost their chances of selling.

To that end, an estimated 125 carpenters, window experts, remodeling mavens, landscapers, roofers, energy-saving pros, plumbers and others plan to gather at Canton's Summit on the Park for a two-day Home Improvement Expo marking its 10th year.

"I would consider it regional in scope," Canton Building Official John Weyer said. "I'd say it draws people from a 50-mile radius."

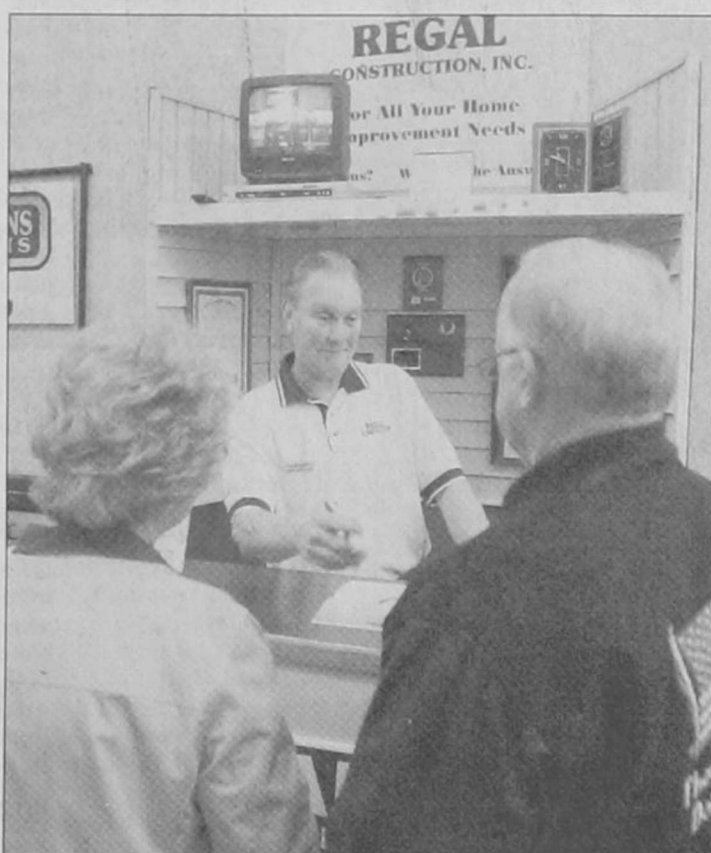
Home Expo happens 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6. It brings together homeowners, businesses, contractors and workshop leaders offering expertise on design trends, lawn and gardening care, solar energy, deck work and other home-improvement topics.

And there's no cost to attend. Just show up at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of the Canton Center-Palmer intersection.

Home Expo's milestone 10th year follows a tumultuous decade that, in communities such as Canton, brought a new-construction boom followed by a sharp downturn. However, Canton's assessor, Doug Shaw, said it appears the plunge in home values may be showing signs of easing in western Wayne County.

"We're hitting the bottom, it appears, based on home sales," Shaw has said.

Local officials say Home Expo comes as many residents have decided to stay in their homes and make improvements, especially if their homes are paid off or if they owe little on their mortgages.



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With residential property values taking only a small dip, organizers figure next month's Home Improvement Expo will be a boom to owners hoping to fix up their homes.

Many others, who owe more than their homes are worth, have chosen to ride out the housing-market storm in hopes their property values will eventually recover.

"More people are recognizing that they want to keep the best value they can for their home," Weyer said. "They might realize they're going to be living there for a number of years, so they're replacing windows or doors. Some people might not be finishing a full basement, but they might want a front-door installation."

Home Expo — sponsored by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers — offers area residents a way to save time and money by interacting in one place with home-improvement

businesses, some of whom offer specials and discounts.

Radio personalities are expected to broadcast from the event, including Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" from WAAM-AM (1600 AM) and Murray Gula, host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on WDFN-AM (1130).

Home Expo features numerous workshops, a hands-on children's project center, live woodcarving demonstrations and multiple raffles, according to the township. Attendees are urged to stop by a welcome station to pick up a free Expo advertisement booklet containing vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop schedules and home-improvement tips.

For more on the event, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) and click on the Home Improvement Expo link.

## Residents double recycling amounts

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents have more than doubled the amount of materials they recycle since 2006, spurred by heightened education efforts and the township's move to an easier, single-stream recycling program.

"There has been a tremendous response in the community to this program," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said Tuesday evening during talks with Canton's elected leaders.

Canton residents recycled 3,638 tons of materials in 2010 — a dramatic increase over the 1,782 tons they diverted from a landfill just four years earlier.

Faas touted the latest numbers Tuesday during a Canton Township Board of Trustees study session.

Canton officials had hoped to double the amount of recycled materials by 2015 — a goal reached five years early.

"We are elated at the response of our residents to the single-stream recycling

program," Faas said.

The largest one-year spike occurred between 2009 and 2010, when the amount of recycled materials sharply increased from 2,492 tons to 3,638.

Local officials say it's no coincidence the improved numbers came after the township rolled out its single-stream, curbside-pickup program in April of 2009. It allows residents to place their recyclable materials, such as newspapers, plastic, glass and cardboard, in the same bin rather than having to separate them.

Faas said the program's performance can be measured as follows:

- The number of recycling program complaints fell sharply after Canton made it easier for residents to become more environmentally friendly.

- Residents more than doubled the amount of materials they recycle and, as a result, they have bought many more of the 18-gallon recycling bins sold for \$10 at the treasurer's office at

township hall, on Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

- A so-called Recycling Superhero campaign has produced what Faas said are "quantifiable results."

Since 2007, Canton has sold 4,800 recycle bins, and the township board in early February ordered an additional 1,000 bins as supplies dropped under 500 bins.

"We sell a lot of recycling bins," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said.

She said some people have several bins. She also said people who run out of space in their bins may place recyclable materials in clear plastic bags — available at certain hardware and retail stores — and place them at the curb.

Faas said the uptick in recycling efforts comes at no additional cost to residents or the township. Rather, the effort has kept an increasing amount of recyclable materials from ending up in the local landfill.

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## Foundation gets new board member, officers

The Canton Community Foundation has a new board member and a roster of new officers for 2011.

Nancy Hillegonds of Plymouth began a three-year board term in January. She will serve on the foundation's grants and development committees, announced President Joan Noricks.

"She is a Plymouth community leader and we are drawing on a broader representation in our region," Noricks said. "I find Nancy to be innovative, energetic and willing to help the foundation move forward."

A 14-year Plymouth resident, Hillegonds has a long history of community service, including the Plymouth Community Arts Council,



Hillegonds

and the state of Michigan Board of Medical Examiners. Hillegonds also previously worked with the state of Michigan

Department of Commerce.

Hillegonds, who is originally from Ohio, and her husband, Paul, have two college-age children allowing her time to become involved in other activities.

"This is a great way for me to ease back into community service," Hillegonds said. "The foundation is such a busy organization. I can't believe how many balls the foundation

has in the air. I am still in the learning process."

The foundation board of directors also elected its new slate of officers, who serve for one year. Immediate past board chair Jim Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford, completed his term in November. Elizabeth Bland of Bank of America was elected the new board chair. Other officers include vice chair Jerry Grady, a certified public accountant with UHY LLC; treasurer Dan Durack, a community volunteer and retired Canton Township department director; and board secretary Barbara Church Rodenberg, a community volunteer, and former administrator and teacher with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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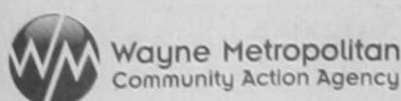
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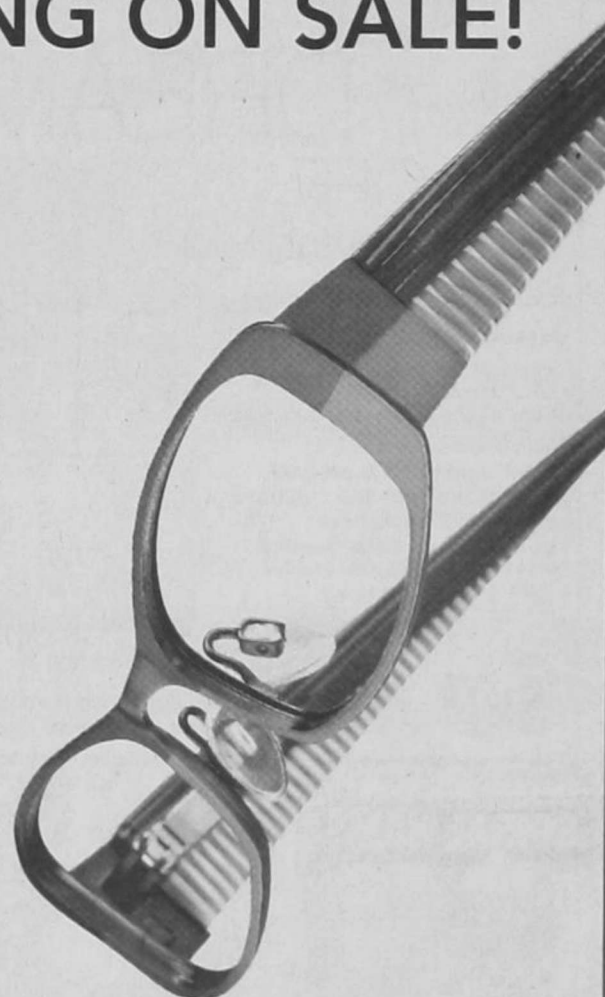
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## CRIME WATCH

### Weapons stash

**1** Canton police making a routine traffic stop recovered a rifle, several knives, jewelry, prescription drugs and personal mail belonging to a Garden City man who had been the victim of an earlier home invasion, according to a police report.

A police officer on patrol noticed a defective taillight as a vehicle was leaving a Marathon gas station in the area of Haggerty Road and Michigan Avenue around 8:30 p.m. Friday. The incident led to charges against three males and the release of a female passenger.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said the incident shows how "good police work by a veteran officer" led to a routine traffic stop having a larger outcome against suspects in their teens and early 20s.

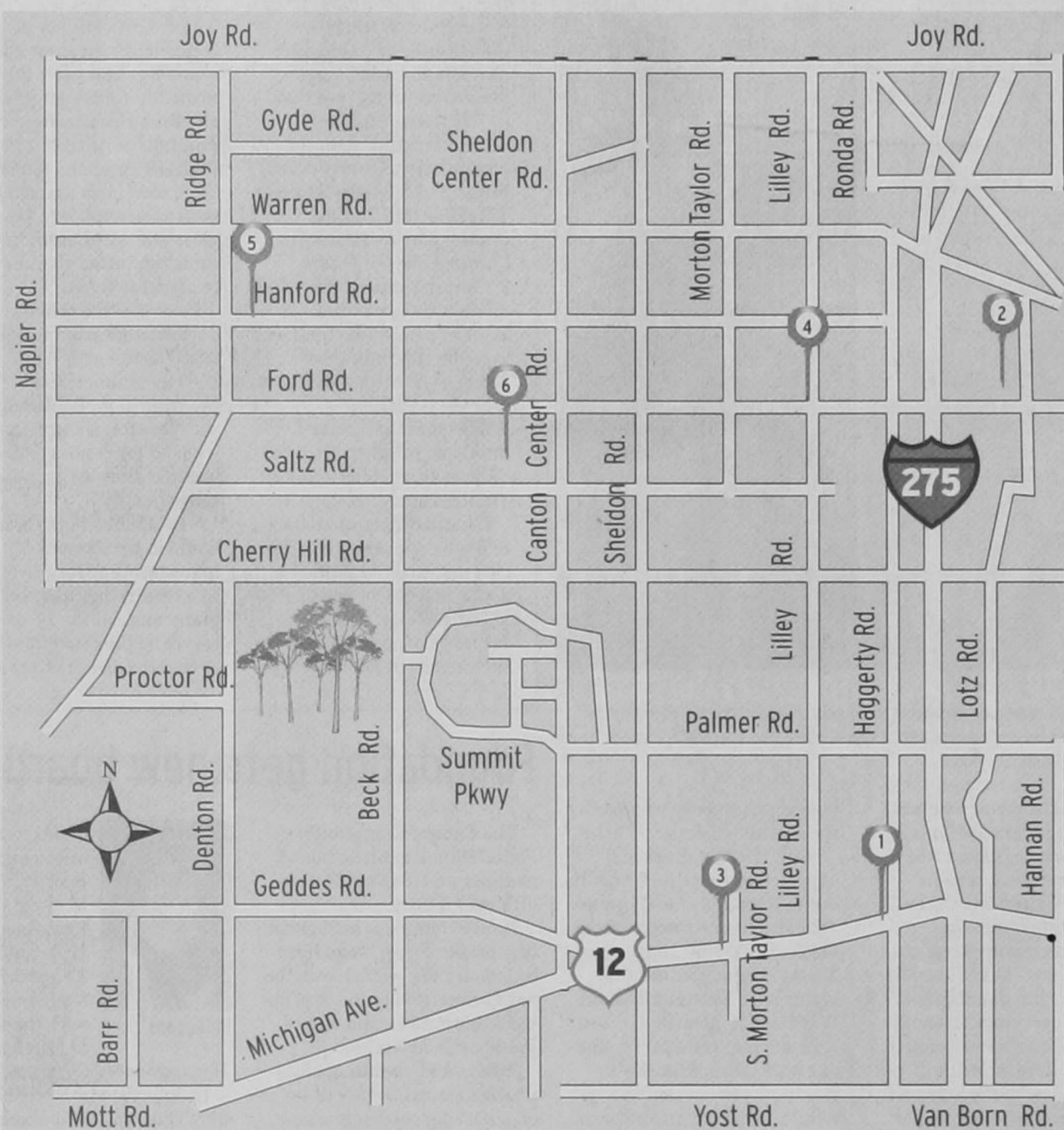
One passenger faces charges in Canton for receiving and concealing stolen property, and he is under investigation by Garden City police for a home invasion that happened in that community. One other passenger is facing allegations he provided alcohol to minors in the vehicle, and the driver was cited with driving offenses including not having a valid license. Police seized the vehicle.

### Illegal aliens?

**2** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement are investigating the possibility that people questioned during a traffic stop in Canton may be illegally living in the United States after leaving Mexico.

Canton police stopped a 1991 silver Buick Century shortly before 9:30 p.m. last Thursday on Edinburgh, northwest of Lotz and Ford. The male driver identified himself by an expired driver's license, and police learned that two others had Mexican identification cards.

Police asked whether the men were living legally in the United States, and the driver indicated they were not. The men, who had an address in Canton, were released as U.S. immigration officials investigated to determine if they were, in fact, living here illegally.



### Drug stop

**3** A woman was arrested and cited for possession of a controlled substance following a traffic stop that occurred about 2:35 a.m. last Friday near Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road, according to a police report.

Police stopped the vehicle after noticing the driver slow down for a red light and then put the vehicle in reverse in the roadway, according to a police report. The driver then weaved in the lanes after pulling off again and was driving 15 mph below the posted speed limit.

Police checked the license plate and learned the driver had a suspended license. Police stopped the car and learned that the driver was using her sister's driver's license.

In the car, police found a Crown Royal whiskey bag containing money, a small bag of marijuana, rolling

papers and prescription drugs. The woman admitted the items were hers after initially saying her sister must have left them in the car.

Police arrested the woman amid an investigation into possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, providing false information to a police officer and having no proof of insurance. The vehicle was towed.

### Warrant arrest

**4** Canton police arrested a driver for a felony warrant out of Ann Arbor after noticing she was driving erratically as she pulled away from a traffic light at Ford and Lilley roads shortly before 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9.

Police trailed the silver Kia, did a background check on the license plate and learned that the owner of the vehicle was wanted by Ann Arbor authorities. Police arrested the woman and made arrangements to turn her over to Ann Arbor police.

### Home invasion

**5** A man who lives on Hanford east of Ridge told police someone entered his home while he was at a neighbor's home between noon and 2:45 p.m. Monday. The man said he returned home, found the back door open and mud on his carpet and kitchen floor.

The man initially told police his car keys and a rifle were missing, but he later said he had found them. He said nothing otherwise appeared missing.

### Open door

**6** A man walking his dog on Lakeview, northwest of Canton Center and Saltz, notified police after he noticed a door of a house had been forced open. Police learned that a Realtor was selling the vacant house and that the door had been forced open sometime prior to 7 p.m. Monday.

The Realtor indicated someone would be replacing a door frame. The house was mostly empty and the interior hadn't been damaged.

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## Robbery suspect 'had financial troubles'

BY DARRELL CLEM  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 58-year-old Canton man, arraigned Sunday on charges he robbed a local PNC Bank branch, allegedly told authorities he needed money because he was having financial troubles, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

"He said he had fallen behind on his bills," Gajeski said.

The defendant, Kurt William Jahnke, faces a Feb. 25 preliminary examination in 35th District Court on three counts of bank robbery for an incident police say happened about 4:45 p.m. Friday inside the PNC Bank on the northwest corner of Canton Center and Warren roads.

Though he didn't reveal a weapon, Jahnke is accused of going inside the bank, announcing the robbery and demanding money from three tellers, police Lt. Mark Schultz said.

The employees complied with the suspect's orders



Jahnke

and called 9-1-1 after he left the bank, reporting that a lone white male had just robbed the branch and that he drove off in a

getaway vehicle, police said.

The bank provided a vehicle description and license plate number, giving police the tip they needed to locate a suspect.

The suspect allegedly drove east on Hanford and was caught in the area between Lilley and Haggerty, Schultz said. Police issued a statement Monday saying officers arrived as Jahnke was pulling into his driveway, and he was arrested without incident a short time after the robbery occurred.

Authorities recovered "in excess of \$3,000," Schultz said.

Jahnke was arraigned Sunday on three counts of bank robbery and released on a \$10,000 personal bond. A not-guilty plea was entered for him. If convicted, he could face penalties ranging up to life in prison.

Police said the robbery happened shortly before the PNC branch was about to close Friday. Jahnke's preliminary exam on Feb. 25 is expected to determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

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department. That would change under Heise's bill would, among other things, eliminate the Board of Water Commissioners and create the Southeast Michigan Water Quality Authority and hire a private company to operate the water/sewer system as a regional public utility.

**LOCAL SUPPORT**

The agreement includes a decision by Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch to drop a lawsuit he'd filed to force regional oversight — "I thought (McCulloch's) motion was far more draconian than my bill," Heise said — and leaves behind "a hybrid of my bill and the motion McCulloch wanted."

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who took part in similar discussions when he was a state representative, called Friday's agreement "a step in the right direction," but said he still favors Heise's bill.

"The super-majority of five votes is a better thing (and) there's some inclusion of the suburbs, albeit through the county executive," LaJoy said.

"I like Heise's bill. We've got to make changes, and I think this is a step in the right direction. There needs to be more transparency, and I'm glad this gives (suburbs) a little bigger role."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, whose township is facing a potential 40-percent rate hike this summer, didn't return a call seeking comment. Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said recently he hadn't seen details of Heise's plan, but was favorable impressed by a first glance at it.

"It would be a positive thing if in some way the suburbs have more of a vote in the system," Dwyer said.

Heise said Friday's agreement is "kind of an unusual, tenuous marriage between some of the players" in the decades-long drama, but doesn't address what Heise said are "long-term" issues.

"It doesn't involve customer communities the way it should, and it's very dependent on the personalities involved," Heise said. "I don't know how this is going to be settled long term ... my bill addresses a lot of those issues so there's a long-term plan in place."

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Patty and Eric Uram of Plymouth Popcorn.

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panies such as W.F. Whelan, a global third-party logistics firm. W.F. Whelan announced a move from Romulus to the former Kmart distribution center on Haggerty near Joy, choosing Canton's largest industrial vacancy at 1.1 million square feet.

"We've had a lot of successes with buildings being filled up," LaJoy said. "I think things are beginning to turn around."

LaJoy held out hope that by this time next year, Canton's industrial and commercial property values may begin to level off, much like home values appear to have done.

"That's the goal," he said.

Though home values dipped 1.9 percent during the last

year, that showed a marked improvement over sharp declines of 9.8 percent for 2009 and 10 percent in 2008.

From a broader perspective, LaJoy pointed to an automotive industry turnaround that, this year, has led to employee bonuses in a recently embattled sector where some analysts had feared a potential collapse.

LaJoy said an uptick in the economy, both in Canton and from a regional perspective, offers hope of better times on the horizon, though local officials certainly will have to find ways to absorb another round of falling property tax revenues.

"We're cautiously optimistic," LaJoy said. "These are tough times. We've been through a lot."

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**BARN DAYS**

Inside the barn, Jackie Weber of Ann Arbor-based Zingerman's sold fresh cheeses, smoked mozzarella, cacciatore salami, fresh-baked bread and chocolate treats.

"I love the people at the market, and I love the vendors," she said. "Sometimes I barter with the other vendors. I exchange things with them. It's like bringing it back to basics."

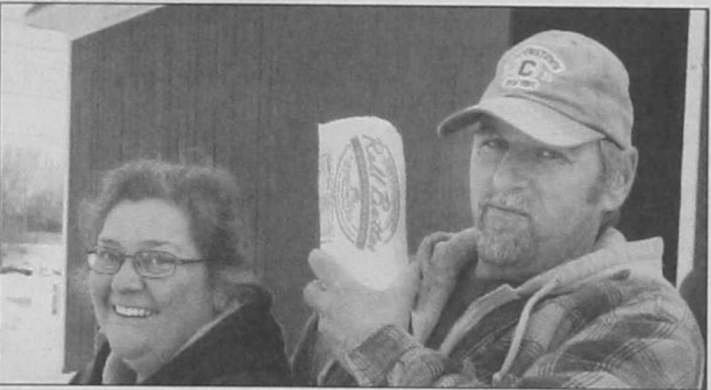
A few tables away — past the mustards and hot sauces and fresh pasta — Patricia and Eric Uram of Plymouth Popcorn Co. sold popcorn flavors ranging from cinnamon roll to chocolate

strawberry to jalapeno. They offer gourmet popcorn "from the mild to the wild," Eric Uram said.

Lloyd was pleased by Sunday's turnout, and she said Winter Market returns 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13 and April 10 to the barn, off Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill. Lloyd has said the market helps strengthen ties between local businesses and shoppers.

"It's all about building community," she said.

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## Canton vet opens pet rehab center

Just as many baby boomers suffer from arthritis, achy muscles and stiff joints, so do many pets. And more of these pets are benefiting from the same types of therapy that humans have long relied on including acupuncture, lasers, underwater therapy, exercise and massage.

In Allen Park, the newly-opened Water Gait Veterinary Rehabilitation is the newest of only a handful of pet rehabilitation centers in southeast Michigan. Water Gait, named after the water therapy used to treat many pet conditions and the movement or gait that veterinarians observe in assessing a pet's condition, treats dogs, cats and even rabbits to alleviate pain and help pets regain mobility.

The new state-of-the-art center features an underwater treadmill, therapy pool, exercise area and more.

"Pets suffer from the same injuries and health conditions as humans," said veterinarian Dr. Joyce Balnaves of Canton, founder of Water Gait Veterinary Rehabilitation. "Rehabilitation is essential in treating pain and improving mobility so that pets can live an active and pain-free life."

Pet owners can tour the new facility, see equipment demonstrations and get a free pet weight evaluation and infra-red thermographic scan at an open house 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 28 through March 4. Water Gait Veterinary Rehabilitation is at 15220 Southfield Road in Allen Park.

Water Gait Veterinary Rehabilitation treats pets that are recovering from surgery, have been injured, or are suffering from chronic conditions such as arthritis, disc disease and hip dysplasia. Some conditions are due to normal aging, Balnaves said, while others may result from an injury. Dogs are increasingly being called into physically-demanding roles to assist police departments, serve in the military and as service dogs to humans with disabilities demanding higher levels of performance over longer periods of time.

Balnaves said Water Gait Veterinary Rehabilitation is one of a growing number of pet rehabilitation centers opening around the U.S. The Canine Rehabilitation Institute (www.caninerehabinstitute.com) has graduated more than 1,000 veterinary and physical therapy professionals since it opened in 2002. Of the 27 veterinary

## CHAMBER CHAT

## 'Harvey' on stage

Spotlight Players presents romance, comedy and a fun night out at the theater with "Harvey" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Harvey," featuring local WWJ celeb Greg Bowman in the lead role, is the story of a kind, gentle man whose best friend is an invisible six-foot tall white rabbit. Trouble ensues when his sister tries to get him committed to a sanitarium, so she and her daughter can once again hold their heads up in polite society.

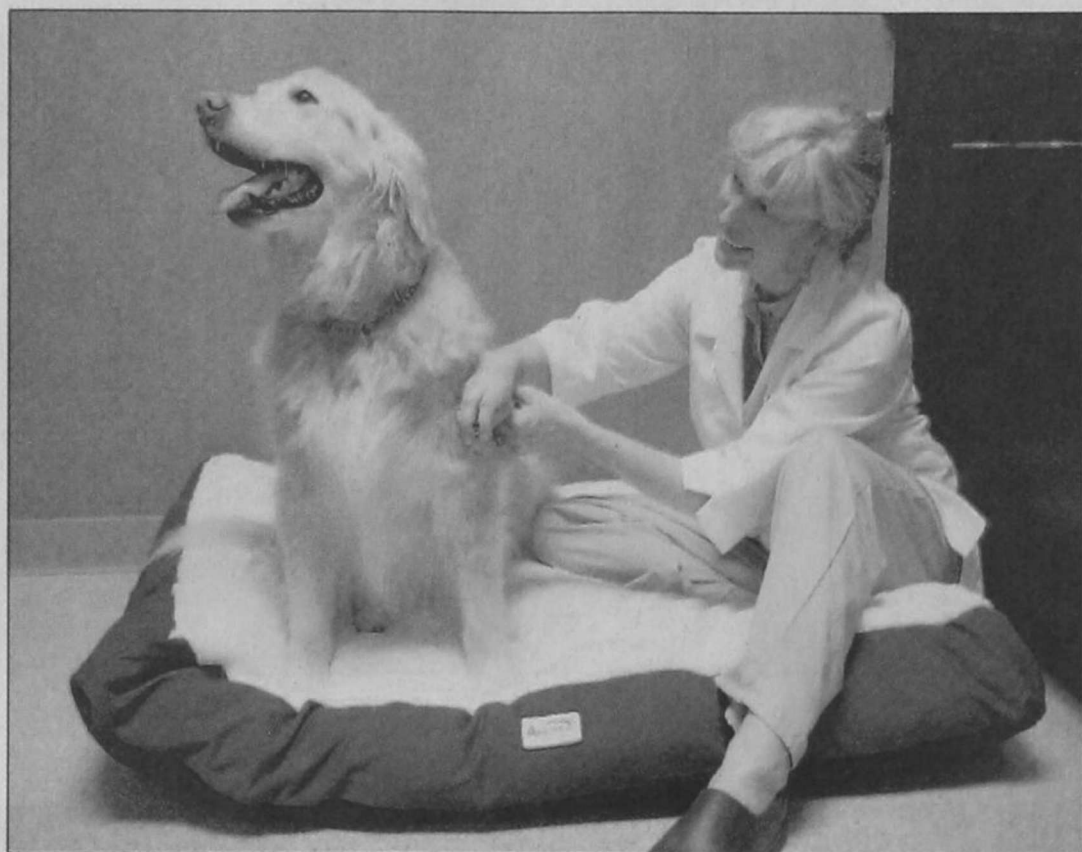
Dates are Feb. 18-20 and Feb. 25-27. Show times Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. matinees. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Call (734) 394-5300 or go to www.spotlightplayersmi.org for tickets (\$16-\$18).

## March luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its March luncheon on Wednesday, March 2, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m., followed by Phil LaJoy's "State of the Township" presentation in the main theater. The cost for the luncheon is \$20 (advance registration), \$25 (at the door) and \$30 (non-members), and includes a full buffet lunch, beverages and dessert. This luncheon is open to the public.

"The chamber is happy to host the 'State of the Township' luncheon with (LaJoy)," said Tracey Rettig, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. LaJoy will discuss Canton's goals for 2011 as well as what's happening in the township.

March's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is proudly sponsored by Durcon, Inc. and PNC Bank. Seating is limited and reservations are needed. To make reservations, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Feb. 25.



Veterinarian Joyce Balnaves of Canton checks out Marley's progress after treatment at Water Gait Veterinary Rehab.

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schools in the U.S., 17 now offer some form of rehabilitation training, and a new specialty college, The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (www.vsmr.org), was approved for formation last year by the American Veterinary Medical Association AVMA (www.avma.org).

"As more pet owners consider their pet part of the family, they want the same treatment options that are available to humans," Balnaves said. "And, like humans, pets are living longer. Pet owners want to make sure that their pet is able to get around and function while enjoying a good quality of life."

Water Gait Veterinary Rehabilitation provides a number of treatment options. Acupuncture, which uses fine needles to stimulate the nerves, is typically used to treat pain from arthritis and other conditions. Laser therapy



Dr. Joyce Balnaves puts Patches through the paces of the underwater treadmill.

helps speed up healing, reduce pain and increase circulation. Water therapy, using underwater treadmills and therapy pools, strengthens muscles and helps improve a pet's range of motion and flexibility. Exercise and massage relax and stimulate muscles, reduce pain and improve circulation.

Pet rehabilitation centers, such as Water Gait Veterinary Rehabilitation, work in conjunction with a pet's primary care veterinarian who diagnoses the pet's health problem and makes a referral to a rehabilitation facility. In this way, the primary care veterinarian obtains a complete picture of the pet's health and can rule out any other underlying medical issues.



Spotlight Players presents 'Harvey' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Feb. 18-20 and Feb. 25-27.

## Consumer expo

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

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

The Consumer Expo is held twice annually in February and September, and features more than 60 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Caregiver workshop

The Geriatric Care Management Network of Southeast Michigan and the Gerontology Department at Madonna University is hosting a free workshop entitled Difficult Decision Making as Your Loved One Ages: Medical, Legal, & Emotional Aspects on Saturday, March 5, from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Topics include long term planning, advanced directives, and emotional stress.

Speakers include Dr. Patricia Schmidt, Medical Director of In-House Hospice, Katie Graham, Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan Elder Law & Advocacy Center, and Peter Ostrow, Director of The Dorothy & Peter Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program.

The workshop takes place in Kresge Hall Room 1316 at Madonna University located at 36600 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Continental breakfast is included. For more information, contact Serving Seniors at 248-375-9125.

## Dental records

Bright Side Dental group has taken over patient and some lab records for AllCare Dental and Denture clinics in Southeastern Michigan.

AllCare recently closed its locations in Michigan and 12 other states. Bright Side Dental is in the process of finalizing the transfer of AllCare patient records. When Bright Side Dental has access to all the records, patients from the Livonia AllCare loca-

tion can access their charts at the Bright Side Dental office in Livonia at 36400 5 Mile Road. AllCare patients from the Roseville and Auburn Hills locations will be able to access their charts at the Bright Side Dental office in Sterling Heights at 13750 19 Mile Road.

"Bright Side Dental has voluntarily taken ownership of these confidential records to better serve the dental community of metro Detroit," said Josh Gershonowicz, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations. "We are not affiliated with AllCare and have not purchased or received any compensation for taking over the records and lab cases. Unfortunately, Bright Side Dental can not honor any patient or business agreements made with AllCare prior to closing its locations. We will however, do all we can to help reduce costs for AllCare patients in need of dental work. Its unfortunate what happened to All Care Dental and we want to do all we can to help their patients."

Bright Side Dental has been in business since 1978. It has four metro Detroit locations in Canton, Livonia, Royal Oak and Sterling Heights. Bright Side Dental is a member of the American Dental Association, Michigan Dental Association and Special Care Dentistry Association. The Better Business Bureau has given Bright Side Dental an A+ rating. For more information about Bright Side Dental call 1-800 Painless or visit http://www.brightsidedental.com/.

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# A million served

## Mission accomplished as church packs meals for starving kids

BY STACY JENKINS  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Omar was an 8-year-old boy who was literally starving to death.

He weighed 19 pounds. His ribs were showing and he'd lost most of his hair. The child, who lives in El Salvador, has 11 siblings and "is one of many mouths to feed" on his family's farm.

After eating just two 13-ounce bags of food provided by the hunger relief non-profit called Feed My Starving Children, Omar made great strides. Six months later, still receiving the food, he weighed a healthy 73 pounds.

"It's one child. It's one story," said Sarah Danielson, senior team leader for Feed My Starving Children, who set up a Mobile Pack unit for some 5,000 volunteers from Plymouth Township's NorthRidge Church to pack more than 1 million meals at Whitmore Lake Middle School last weekend.

"Tonight, you have had an impact on hundreds of children," Danielson told the crowd of volunteers who showed up Saturday night for a two-hour shift. "Know that you're giving hope, rejuvenation and life to kids."

More than 1 million meals were packaged and will be sent to Haiti, Somalia and Guatemala.

NorthRidge Church had been looking for a church-wide service project to add to its long list of outreach and charity on the local level. Feed My Starving Children was suggested by a church in Chicago and after NorthRidge staff checked it out, it seemed like a perfect match.

"We wanted to provide a way for people to make a difference in the world that's outside of us," said Michael Miller, director of stewardship and outreach at NorthRidge. "We needed a reason to let the seeds of generosity grow outward."

He said it was "a little scary" when they found out they'd need 5,000 volunteers to reach their goal of packing 1 million meals.

But all 5,000 slots were filled within a week, and the church was well on its way to raising the \$190,000 needed to pay for the food. He said one little first-grade girl at the church gave \$60 when the reality set in that there are kids around the world who don't have enough to eat.

"She may as well have given \$50,000," said Miller.

He said parents and their kids who were involved in the project were having those types of discussions, "and that's what it's all about," he said.

Volunteers worked for two hours on each of the 12 shifts last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For Nancy Parkas, of Redford Township, it was the least she could do.

"It's a short amount of time, for a lot of volume," she said. "It has a huge impact."

Volunteers scooped dried chicken powder, dried vegetables, soy and rice into the plastic bags, sealed them and packed them into boxes. By the end of the last shift, there were 1,005,048 meals packed, which will feed 2,754 kids for an entire year.

Ursula Maley, FMSC Mobile Pack supervisor, said she was impressed by the 5,000 volunteers.

"We've had such a great reception with NorthRidge," she said.

She said the million meal goal is one that's not typical, but it's been done by larger groups.

FMSC is a Christian non-profit that provides sustainable food supplies to children in 68 countries. Maley, who was born in the Philippines, said some of the food goes to feed children there, too.

She finds her work with FMSC rewarding.

"I think it lets people know that they don't have to hand out a lot of money and they don't have to give a lot of time to make a huge difference," she said. "It's fantastic that we can show them that."

For more information about Feed My Starving Children, visit [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org).



Packing and hauling the boxes were all part of the program for NorthRidge Church volunteers at Whitmore Lake Middle School.



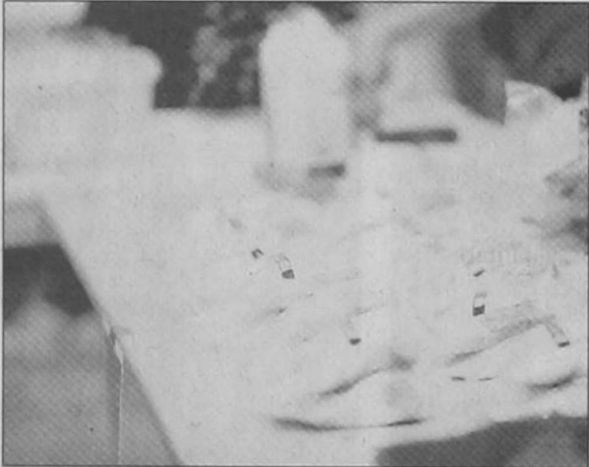
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Volunteers young and old were on hand over the weekend as NorthRidge Church took part in the Feed My Starving Children initiative at Whitmore Lake Middle School.



Some 5,000 volunteers turned out to help NorthRidge Church meet its goal of 1 million meals packed.

More than a million meals, containing a variety of foodstuffs, will be sent to Haiti, Somalia and Guatemala.



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It's a crowded dance floor at the Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Summit.

# Dads, daughters take to the floor

Scores of daddies and daughters took advantage of some music and fun to create lifelong memories at last weekend's Butterfly Ball Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Summit on the Park.

"Attending these dances has become an annual tradition for some families, where little girls look forward to spending time with their dads," said Jennifer Provenzano, Canton Recreation Specialist. "It really is a special occasion where both dads and daughters get to create lasting memories."

In addition to the age-appropriate music that had their feet tapping, dads and daughters enjoyed refreshments and cheered when the event ended with the traditional balloon drop.



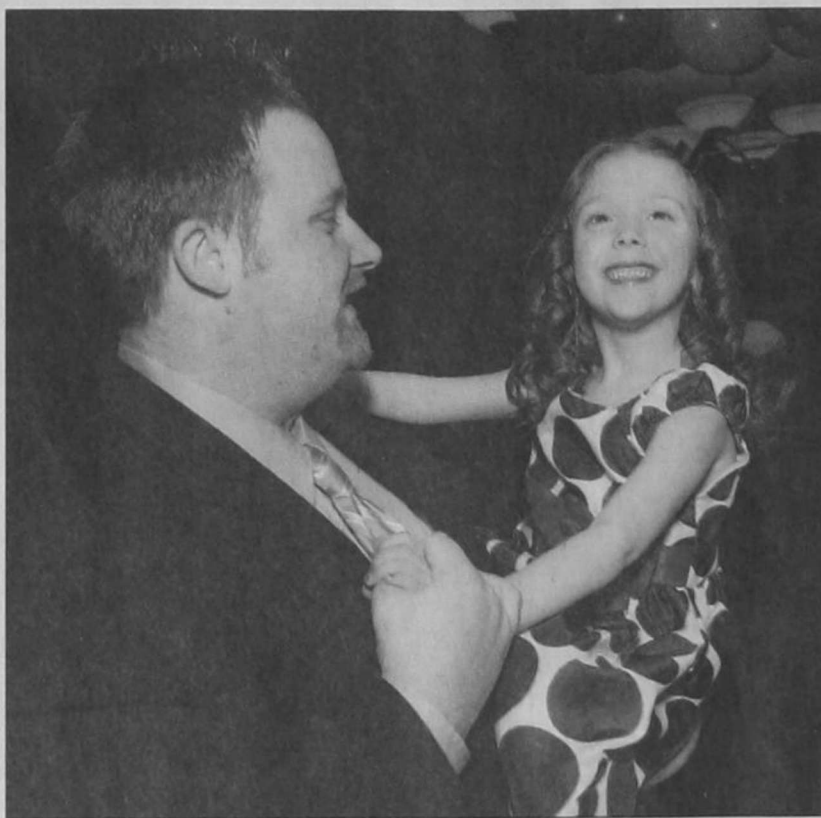
Tom Marten and 4-year-old daughter Elizabeth.



Lance Horton dances with 10-year-old daughter Nami. Teahn Horton, 13 years old, will have the next dance with Dad.



Matt Lesko and 6-year-old daughter Elizabeth burn up the dance floor.



Chris Ryan and 5-year-old daughter Cassie.



The Daddy-Daughter Dance drew a good-size pre-Valentines Day crowd to the Canton Summit. Dave Cordon ties a corsage on 6-year-old daughter Mikaela's wrist. Behind Mikaela is her sister, 10-year-old Krystyna.



# Barefoot Productions stages 'Black Comedy'

Barefoot Productions is lighting up the second half of its season with the popular *Black Comedy*, written by Tony-awarding winning playwright Peter Shaffer.

Set in London 1969, *Black Comedy* shines telling the story of Brindsley Miller, a struggling, bohemian artist, who desperately tries to impress his fiancée's father by "borrowing" his neighbor Harold's posh furniture to glamorize his own shabby flat. Chaos and prat falls ensue when an unexpected power failure jeopardizes all of Brindsley's plans.

"We know how much our patrons love comedies and true to Barefoot form, we wanted to deliver on that expectation by choosing a classic British farce," said Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of Barefoot Productions. "The show is very reminiscent of the comic delivery and timing of the Dick Van Dyke Show, a 'live' situation comedy that builds into zany and outrageous mishaps, one greater than the next."

First performed in 1965, *Black Comedy* featured Maggie Smith, as the elderly neighbor, and Albert Finney



Barefoot Productions presents "Black Comedy" through Feb. 27 on weekends at Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, in Plymouth.

as Harold. Barefoot's cast includes Rick Berryman of Canton, Brian Cahalan of Flat Rock, Nathan Corliss, Christine Doulette and Mat DeLisle, all of Livonia, Carol Lipinski of Garden City, Samantha Lowry of Novi and a few mystery guests.

Black Comedy runs through Feb. 27 on weekends. Friday and Saturday performances are 8 p.m.; Feb. 20 and 27 are matinee performances at 2 p.m. All performances are

held at Barefoot Productions' Theatre, formerly the Walker-Buzenberg Building, at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$14 for students and seniors. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more.

For tickets or more information, please visit Barefoot's website at [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call (734) 560-1493. The box office will also be open one hour prior to each performance.

# Hire a pro and come clean with IRS on underreporting

Last week, the Internal Revenue Service unveiled a new taxpayer amnesty program. This program is similar to one in 2009 which was intended for taxpayers who earned income abroad and failed to report it on their tax return.

The 2009 program, the first by the IRS, was by all accounts a success. Thousands of taxpayers signed up. The result was that hundreds of millions of dollars in taxes and penalties were collected.

The new program, although not as generous as the original plan in 2009, still allows taxpayers, who voluntarily come forward, to avoid jail. It is important to remember that U.S. taxpayers are obligated to report income on tax returns no matter where it is earned. All too often in the past, taxpayers avoided paying taxes on foreign income because that income was not reported in the same way as if it was earned here.

However, because of technology and changes in laws, the risks associated with keeping money abroad have increased dramatically.

The majority of taxpayers don't keep money abroad so the amnesty program may seem relatively immaterial. However, it does bring up an interesting topic.

For most taxpayers, there are no formal amnesty programs. Therefore, if you haven't filed tax returns in the past or if you know that there were mistakes on your past returns, what should you do? Wait for contact from the IRS or voluntarily contact the agency? I believe it is always to the taxpayer's benefit to voluntarily contact the IRS.

Although there is no formal amnesty program for taxpayers who have not filed returns or have underreported income, there is an unwritten policy. If you voluntarily come forward, it is unlikely that you will face jail time.

On the other hand, if the IRS discovers your mistake, it will be more difficult.

The IRS does put people in jail for failing to properly file a tax return. Just ask Wesley Snipes who is sitting in a federal prison.

If you know your past returns are incorrect or if you have not filed your returns, voluntarily correct your mistakes. In that regard, I don't recommend that you contact the IRS on your own. Hire a professional to work with you, someone who has dealt with the IRS in settlement

issues. A professional who has experience dealing with the IRS will not be intimidated. An individual taxpayer with no experience dealing with the IRS is in a very difficult situation. It's sort of like going to court where one side has an attorney and you don't. It just doesn't make sense.

One of the amazing things that people discover when they come clean with the IRS is that they don't owe as much as they think. Many people who haven't filed past tax returns find that because of deductions and withholding taxes, they owe nothing, or very little. I was once involved in a situation where a taxpayer had not filed returns for years and it turned out he was entitled to a refund.

The law says everyone who is eligible must file a tax return. By coming clean with the IRS, you are meeting your obligations as a citizen. However, another benefit is you will be able to sleep at night.

If you have issues with the IRS, be proactive and begin the process to resolve them. Yes, you may be a little lighter in the pocket, however, you will be able to sleep at night. Good luck!

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Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

## OPINION



The Folk Laureates – Scott Ludwig (left), Cathy Fitzpatrick and John Delle-Monache – pay tribute Saturday to Woody Guthrie during a performance at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

# Folk singer's truths resonate in today's hard times

*Oh, the gamblin' man is rich  
an' the workin' man is poor,  
And I ain't got no home in  
this world anymore.*  
— Woody Guthrie,  
"I Ain't Got No Home"

When popular musicians are lowered from the rafters of the Cowboys Dome into a sea of special effects and bizarrely costumed dancers, or prance about wearing dresses of sliced meat or bras made to look like twin machine guns, you know we're a long way from Woody Guthrie.



Matt Jachman

But we need more Woody Guthries.

The Oklahoma-born, plain-speaking Guthrie was a folk music pioneer who traveled the country with his guitar beginning in the 1930s, singing the stories and struggles of people caught in the tides of Great Depression, hard times that have been compared to our own. Later, he sang about World War II, a cause which, as he saw himself part of a worldwide anti-fascist movement, he endorsed, even as he recognized the misery it brought.

Quirky and unglamorous, Guthrie sang about migrant workers, the importance of labor unions, slick but heartless bankers and company men, war, the status of women, and the loneliness of Everyman trying to find his place in an impersonal and uncaring society.

With undocumented workers under attack (the cheap goods and services they provide are forgotten when we're looking for someone to blame), unions in retreat (even though they are the only hope many have for middle-class wages and benefits), home foreclosures and personal bankruptcies up, the U.S. bogged down in a costly war with an unclear mission,

and the growth of a poor, alienated underclass, those themes resonate today.

### FACADE VS. REALITY

Yet many of us are too mesmerized by wealth, glamor and high-tech razzle-dazzle to pay attention.

It's often said we're in the midst of the worst economic times since the Depression, but when the wealthy are granted the status of demigods, images of glitz bombard us constantly and average Joes and Janes are willing to camp out overnight to be among the first to drop hundreds of dollars on the latest smart phone or video game system — gadgets that will be called "obsolete" in six months — it's sometimes difficult to see that.

Strip away the veneer and the reality is sobering. Consider:

- An estimated 50 million Americans have no health insurance, up significantly from two years ago, when the still-raging debate over "Obamacare" began. Those lucky enough to have insurance are paying higher premiums and out-of-pocket costs.
- Some 38 million people in the U.S., or about one in eight, rely on food stamps to help them eat. Among children, one in four is fed with the help of food stamps. The number of people using food stamps grew by an estimated 10 million between 2007 and 2009.
- Income disparity is massive. In 2006, CEO compensation at large U.S. companies averaged \$10.8 million each, 270 times the wages and benefits of the average full-time worker not in management.

### STATISTICS HIT HOME

- In Wayne County, more than 20 percent of the population was below the poverty level in 2008, up from just over 12 percent eight years earlier, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps reports an increase in single men from

Plymouth who rely on its food bank to help make ends meet. Since Oct. 1 of last year, 179 families from Canton Township and 149 from Plymouth and Plymouth Township have sought help from the Plymouth Corps. The meal programs offered by the Plymouth Canton Community Schools are seeing increased demand.

Despite mounting economic troubles for the poor and middle class, the social safety net, programs like Medicare, Social Security, the minimum wage and unemployment insurance, programs that keep the United States of 2011 from looking like United States of 1931, is under attack from many quarters. Strangely, some politicians, after the profligate spending of the George W. Bush years, are suddenly wringing their hands over mounting budget deficits, ready to slash and burn programs that help those with the least say and the most at stake, though those programs are dwarfed when compared to the defense budget.

### NO SMOKE OR MIRRORS

On Saturday, The Folk Laureates, a trio of local musicians, will appear at the Plymouth Community Arts Council to offer a musical tribute to Guthrie, who died in 1967 at age 55. Scott Ludwig, Cathy Fitzpatrick and John Delle-Monache won't be wearing outfits made of meat or costumes that make them look like characters out of science fiction. They won't be descending into billows of fog and a set that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

But neither are they wild-eyed partisans — just citizens voicing their concern through the direct, timeless songs of a truth-teller from an era we like to invoke but whose crushing realities we seem to have forgotten.

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**CANTON POLICE AUCTION**

These vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction. The auction will be on Tuesday, February 22nd at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at 6375 Hix, Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, the starting is for towing and storage.

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
2011 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2011 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Conference Room, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 3:00 pm  
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Monday, March 21, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2011 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 21, 2011.

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 21, 2011 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".

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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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Open enrollment for the 2011-2012 academic school year ends on Monday, 2/28/2011 at 5 p.m. Applications are available for grades K - 8 and can be obtained at the school or by calling 866-NHA-ENROLL. Applications may be mailed or faxed to the school. Applications can also be completed online at [www.NHAschools.com](http://www.NHAschools.com). Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be necessary. The drawing, if needed, will be held on Tuesday, 3/15/2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the school. Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Donate blood

## Supplies low, need great

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Worse yet, the American Red Cross' supply of type O-negative (the universal type of which only 7 percent of the population has) is at critical levels.

And just in case you're sitting on the fence about donating, take note of these facts:

- Adults have about 10 pints of blood in their body; one pint is given during donation.
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives.
- Some 5 million patients in the U.S. need blood every year.
- Donors can give blood every 56 days.
- One out of 10 people admitted to the hospital needs blood.
- Every two seconds someone in our country needs blood.

"Fifteen years ago, when I started for the American Red Cross, 70 percent of the population was eligible to donate," said Diane Risko, who works out of the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region on Mack Avenue in Detroit. "Today, only 38 percent are eligible to donate due to donor criteria. Of that 38 percent, less than 5 percent donate blood.

"Ten percent of our population is over 69 years old, yet this group uses about 50 percent of all whole blood and red blood cells transfused."

Don't think that you need a special reason to give blood — you just need your own reason. Some people give because they're asked to by a friend. Or maybe you know a family member or friend who might need blood some day. Others just believe it's the right thing to do.

It doesn't matter why. What does matter is that the need is constant and contributions are necessary for a healthy, reliable supply of blood.

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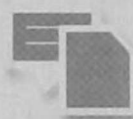
- Drink plenty of fluids the day of your donation.
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- Include iron-rich foods in your diet a few weeks before donating.
- Bring a list of any medications you take.
- Bring your donor card (if you have one), driver's license or two other forms of identification.

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If you're not sure you're eligible to donate, call (866) 236-3276. And now 16-year-olds can donate blood with a signed parental consent form. Call Risko to obtain a form and to schedule an appointment at (313) 549-7052. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

Pretty simple, don't you think?

## ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

### • In response to "District won't seek legal, audit bids,"

"John Jackson delivers on promise to bring board together ... NOT! The gang of four continues their lock-step voting. I wonder how many "meetings" and phone calls between these four took place to achieve this vote. These folks talk out of both sides of their mouth. Local school board's should not be a source of politics. Yet we in the PCCSD are exposed to this on a day to day basis. Hopefully this will change after the next school board election. I can't wait!"

bcanton

### • In response to "State toughens test standards,"

"Somehow along the way we lost teaching ethics. The earliest schools in this country were all religious schools. Moral responsibility was as much a part of the curriculum as reading, English writing, Greek, Latin and advanced math. If anything, we need to teach the joy of learning and not learning to get a job or to get into a professional finishing school. Today, I see more of the later and less of the former; this is why materialism is more important in this country than morality. Morality always seems to be rationalized away — particularly by the politicians.

"Good luck to the public school students — these days it's even harder to compete with the private and parochial educated students both on an academic level and in establishing a deep understanding of a moral framework upon which to make reasoned and wise decisions."

RedfordRaised

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think of the proposal to build a second bridge between the Detroit area and Canada?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"I think it's a good idea because there's only one bridge (in the Detroit area) right now."

Angela Goudos  
Canton



"It seems to me like one bridge is enough."

Linda Haywood  
Wayne



"It doesn't seem that necessary to me. I think the Ambassador Bridge is handling the traffic, and there's the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron."

Gale Forster  
Canton



"I think it might be a pretty good idea for the people who really need it."

Celeste Bulger  
Belleville

## LETTERS

### Column was right

I felt Brad Kadrich's piece ("Use facts in talk about the kirpan issue," Observer, Feb. 10), was something the community needed to hear and hopefully learn something from this issue.

As far as the First Amendment is concerned, Mr. Kadrich is correct in saying that as far as the separation of church and state, no such demand exists in the First Amendment. I will point out that in 1801, the Baptist Association of Danbury, Ct., wrote President Thomas Jefferson asking for further clarification on the intent of the authors of the First Amendment to which Jefferson replied in 1802 that as to religion, the First Amendment, in effect, built a wall of separation between church and state.

Our Supreme Court, in most cases, has tried to maintain that wall.

Janusz M Szyszko  
Canton

### Vision of Progress

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth-leading cancer killer in the United States. Last year alone, more than 43,000 people were diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and of those nearly 37,000 died from the disease. Pancreatic cancer remains the only major cancer with a single-digit five year survival rate at just 6 percent. This five-year survival rate has not improved substantially over nearly 40 years.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, a national organization fighting pancreatic cancer in a comprehensive way, is leading the way to increase the survival rates of people with this devastating disease by announcing The Vision of Progress: Double the Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rate by 2020. The organization is doubling its efforts to raise awareness, support patients and intensity advocacy for a national research strategy dedicated to finding a cure by undertaking this bold new initiative.

Working to double the survival rate by 2020 through a comprehensive approach to know, fight and end pancreatic cancer is creating hope for all those who have been touched by this insidious disease. This initiative is important to me because I lost my grandmother, Helen Jagielski, to this disease over 20 years ago. Since her passing, I have continued to watch numerous friends battle pancreatic cancer, many of whom have not survived. As a member of the cancer research field, I am confident that we can see major progress in this disease, but we can't do it alone.

In order to achieve this goal we must support those who have been afflicted by pancreatic cancer and advocate for greater awareness and more resources to fight this disease. To learn more about this initiative and how you can become involved in the fight against pancreatic cancer, please visit [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org).

Christina Jagielski  
Plymouth

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I enjoyed every second of that commercial showing the way our city is someplace to be proud of being from. I'm quite a bit older than Eminem but he's OK in my book, and at the end saying "imported from Detroit" was the icing on the cake.

Even though it's been a few days since it was on TV, I'm still smiling.

Robert Denstedt  
Canton

### Quick maturation

It is interesting that after only a few weeks on the job our state Sen. Colbeck is writing as an expert on state finances.

How he got through hundreds of charts and documents in only a few weeks is amazing. Less amazing is that the majority of his proposals he writes of are almost word for word from the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, an extreme organization that advocates the elimination of the right to collectively bargain in Michigan, the elimination of public employee pensions and benefits and the most ludicrous assertion that if we simply do these things along with "aligning"

public wages and benefits to the private sector the state will save \$7 billion. Now how would we do this, it would be like comparing apples to oranges to bananas. If the public sector workers like at GM or Ford got a bonus, how would our state senator and his governor "realign" our wages?

Are we getting into the realm of the state setting wages and benefits for all public sector employees. Shall the Republicans appoint a "compensation czar?" I would suspect our freshman state senator is having his information fed to him, if not written by the Mackinac Center itself.

On top of this, eliminate the MBT (Michigan Business Tax) without any corresponding income replacement and we are supposed to see miracles although this will take out \$2.2 billion more from our state treasury.

It's nice to be new and enthusiastic; however, this job requires a quick maturation in the manner in which policy is studied and offered to our citizens.

### Reinstate strong defense

Interesting article regarding practical testing for a military history class. U.S. military history seems incomplete without the knowledge of who finances war and who benefits from it. The average citizen never benefits from war in any way; however, defense contractors always seem to make a good living.

The three basic ways of financing war (and government) are taxes, debt and inflation (printing of paper money). The inflationary finance of war is a fiscal illusion because it's a way for government to hide or disguise the costs of government including war.

Ludwig Von Mises said, "One can say without exaggeration that inflation is an indispensable means of militarism, without it the repercussions of war on welfare become obvious much more quickly and penetratingly. War weariness would set in much earlier."

The longer a war lasts the more centrally planned and government controlled the entire economy becomes. The inaugural pledge of Thomas Jefferson was no less clear: "Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations-entangling alliances with none."

Our military industrial complex should strive to reinstate a strong national defense, not continue to finance an oppressive, international offense which we cannot afford.

Bruce Hartdegen  
Plymouth

### Role changes are positive

There has been much talk about changes in gender roles in modern society. Many families are being affected by this shift, and I believe that this is a positive change. Not only are women getting higher power jobs, but a lot of women are the dominant supporter of the family.

Many people were laid off in Michigan due to the recession, and in some cases women were left with jobs while men stayed home. In other families, both spouses are working and day care is utilized.

This change has been going on for years, yet some people still look at the family with the "Leave it to Beaver" concept in mind. The woman was primarily the caregiver. Always seen with children, cooking and cleaning through out the day, she always had a hot dinner ready for her husband when he returned from a long day at work.

Not everyone wants that life. It is important to find meaning for oneself outside of the home. This change in gender roles over time has fueled the need for individuality and chance to do whatever one feels they should do or need to do, without feeling pressured to do something else. It is a unique thing to know exactly what one wants to be in their life. I do not believe anything is wrong with the changes in gender roles because they are making the roles themselves less important, which makes individual happiness more important than the social norm.



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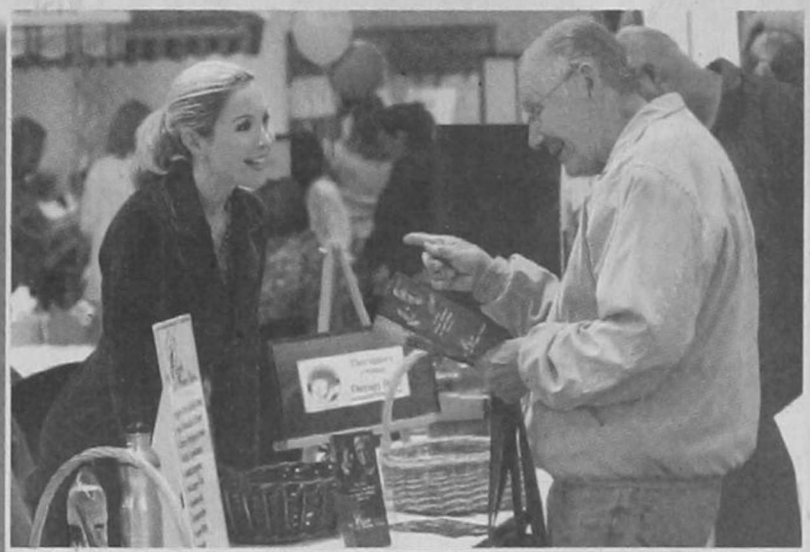
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St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia made the list of America's Top 50 cities for Hospital Care and was named a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades for the seventh year in a row.



## St. Mary Mercy Hospital in top 50 for quality

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
CORRESPONDENT

David Spivey couldn't be prouder of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Not only did the institution make the list of America's Top 50 cities for Hospital Care, but was named a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades for the seventh year in a row.

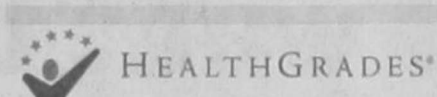
"It reflects the good work that has been going on in the Detroit metropolitan area and state of Michigan for a number of years," said Spivey, St. Mary Mercy Livonia CEO. "We're blessed with good health systems and supported by the progressive Michigan Health & Hospital Association which does much to support quality care in its member hospitals."

"Only approximately 50 hospitals have been named seven years or more in a row."

St. Mary Mercy Livonia is a 304-bed acute care hospital offering a 24-hour emergency department, general medicine, inpatient and outpatient surgery, an intensive care unit, cancer center, and cardiology, birthing, geriatrics, women's and rehabilitation services. The institution has provided medical care in the community for more than 50 years and is a member of the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, a part of Trinity Health based in Novi.

"We're proud to be named a Distinguished Hospital. It reinforces the high quality received," said Spivey.

The ninth annual Health



### Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence 2011 in the Top 50 Cities for Hospital Care

Rank	Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence 2011 by Designated Market Area	City
18	Detroit, MI	
	Huron Valley - Sinai Hospital	Commerce Township
	Henry Ford Hospital	Detroit
	Beaumont Hospital - Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe
	Saint Mary Mercy Hospital	Livonia
	St. Joseph Mercy Oakland	Pontiac
	Beaumont Hospital - Royal Oak	Royal Oak
	Providence Hospital	Southfield
	Beaumont Hospital - Troy	Troy

Grades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study identified the top 5 percent of hospitals in the nation based on an analysis of risk-adjusted patient mortality and complication rates for medical procedures such as hip replacement surgery and diagnoses including acute myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure and pneumonia, to name a few. HealthGrades then came up with the first list of America's Top 50 Cities for Hospital Care by ranking cities with the highest percentage of nearly 5,000 hospitals. West Palm Beach, Fla., was No. 1. Detroit came in at 18 on the list.

Other metro Detroit area

hospitals named to the list were Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township, Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac, Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak, Providence Hospital Southfield and Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

In all more than 40 million Medicare patient discharges between 2007 and 2009 were studied.

St. Mary Mercy Livonia follows a comprehensive quality program to insure the institution offers the best care including the latest technology and treatments. As part of the plan, Spivey meets monthly with an

oversight committee.

"Our comprehensive quality program engages physicians, nurses and management to assure we provide high quality care," said Spivey. "The Saint Joseph Mercy Health System has a comprehensive quality plan updated every year. We use that plan to guide our work in terms of what areas we should focus on to further improve the quality here. (The fact we have an) oversight committee speaks to the importance the institution places on it."

The HealthGrades study showed Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence like St. Mary Mercy had a nearly 30-percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality rate and a nearly 2 percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital complication rate for Medicare beneficiaries than unranked hospitals.

If all hospitals in the nation performed as Distinguished Hospitals, nearly 160,000 Medicare beneficiaries' lives could have been saved and more than 3,500 Medicare in-hospital complications could have been avoided during the study period.

"Another way to look at the data is that it's important for consumers and patients and businesses to know how their quality of care stacks up," said Spivey. "It should help attract businesses to the area and assist in the turnaround in the state that we have quality, cost-effective health care in the state."

## More info about the HealthGrades study

As part of its ninth annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study, HealthGrades identified those hospitals performing in the top 5 percent nationwide across 26 different medical procedures and diagnoses, then ranked cities by highest percentage of these Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence™.

West Palm Beach, Fla., ranked No. 1 in the nation, with nine out of 12 hospitals designated as top performers.

Rounding out the top five markets for hospital care quality were: Brownsville, Texas, Dayton, Ohio, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., and Tucson, Ariz., respectively. The complete list of Top 50 Cities for Hospital Care and all Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence can be found at [www.healthgrades.com](http://www.healthgrades.com).

HealthGrades evaluates hospitals solely on patients' clinical outcomes: risk-adjusted mortality and in-hospital complications. HealthGrades analysis is based on approximately 40 million Medicare patient discharges for 2007, 2008 and 2009.

This year's study found that consumers are highly aware of differences in hospital quality within their communities, expect continued transparency from hospitals when it comes to quality, and rely on clinical quality ratings as a trusted source when choosing a provider.

"Our research indicates that the recent health care reform debate and highly-publicized reports about the persistence of wide variation in the quality of patient care at U.S. hospitals have resonated with the American public," said Dr. Rick May,

HealthGrades vice president of clinical quality services and study co-author.

According to a survey of nearly 15,000 visitors to HealthGrades.com that was included in HealthGrades Hospital Quality and Clinical Excellence study:

•83.4 percent of consumers are very or somewhat concerned about hospital quality in their community.

•Almost all patients surveyed, 93.8 percent, reported being willing to go out of their way (drive further, reschedule appointments) to seek care at a more highly rated hospital.

•The majority of health care consumers surveyed, 64.9 percent, also stated that they would be willing to pay more out of pocket to seek care at a top-rated hospital.

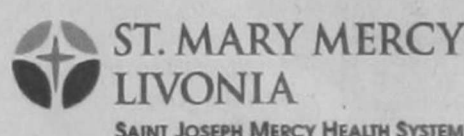
•Over half, 57 percent, believe online hospital quality ratings are a trustworthy source of information.

•66.8 percent want access to more quality information and 60.7 percent of survey respondents feel the federal government should pay highly-performing hospitals more.

•Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence (Top 5 percent in the nation) outperform all other hospitals across all of the 17 mortality cohorts and six of nine complication cohorts studied from 2007 through 2009.

•Specifically, Distinguished Hospitals for Clinical Excellence had a 29.82 percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality rate and a 1.91 percent lower risk-adjusted in-hospital complication rate among Medicare beneficiaries compared to all other hospitals.

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# Postgame brawl mars Chiefs' division clincher

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The always-intense hockey rivalry between Canton and Plymouth became just an ugly one on Tuesday night at Compuware Arena.

Following Canton's 2-0 victory over the host Wildcats, thus clinching the KLAA South Division, both teams forgot about the handshake line — instead launching into a full-scale brawl featuring fisticuffs and nasty stickwork.

There were no belated valentines as tempers and trash talk increasingly flared all night, particularly in the scrappy third period — as it became apparent the Chiefs and 'Cats had more in mind than merely playing hockey.

And that just was the prelude to the wild scene that will undoubtedly result in suspensions for players from both squads.

Right after the buzzer sounded, players started going at it along the boards in front of a rowdy student

cheering section for Canton.

Then other groups of combatants formed in the center ice circle, among other spots.

"The refs called a little bit here and there, they could have called a little bit more," Canton head coach Jeremy Majsak said. "But you know, that's what happens in rivalry games and at the end of the year like this, we really wanted to be division champs and they really wanted to spoil it.

"There was a lot of emotion riding on it, so that kind of happens."

## PURE STUPIDITY

Majsak said his players protected each other yet "put themselves in front of the team," something he frowns upon.

"It's just stupidity," Majsak added.

Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender and Majsak met with referees following the game to discern how many suspensions might be in order.

"We had six, seven guys out there," Fassbender said. "They had six, seven guys out there and then it just got stupid at the end."

Fassbender and Majsak also said they had to find out exactly how the postgame fight began. They agreed it's not a good time for any suspensions, what with the state playoffs around the corner.

Meanwhile, the ugliness even had one of the game's top players in a subdued mood.

Canton senior defenseman and co-captain Jimmy LaFontaine scored the first goal and assisted on the other, but did not seem all that happy following the game.

"We knew we wanted it," LaFontaine said. "We needed to win and we wanted this game bad, it's a big rivalry."

But he called the postgame shenanigans "just stupid," and said it probably would make it tougher for players to get their emotions



With Plymouth's Mitch Claggett (No. 10) trying to distract him, Canton netminder Spencer Craig makes one of 26 stops he made en route to a 2-0 shutout victory.

Please see **HOCKEY, B2**

## SIDELINES

### Salem strong at MISCA

Salem's varsity boys swimming and diving team had a solid showing at last weekend's Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University.

The Rocks really excelled in the 500 freestyle event, with three swimmers placing among the top seven.



Seroka

Adam Seroka placed second with a time of 4 minutes, 38.65 seconds, trailed in third

place by teammate Matt Collingwood (4:45.11). Taking seventh with a time of 4:50.11 was Max Mills.

Seroka also took second in the 200 free with his 1:42.56 falling just four seconds shy of Battle Creek Lakeview's Clay Youngquist (1:38.56).

Other top 10 finishes by Salem included the following: Mills (seventh, 200 individual medley, 2:00.41); Collingwood (third, 50 freestyle, 22.15); 200 freestyle relay (the quartet of Collingwood, Eric Li, Mills and Seroka finished 10th with a mark of 1:31.47); and the 400 free relay (Collingwood, Jason Zhang, Mills and Seroka took third, with a 3:16.56 mark).

Canton's Jay Jin finished 10th in the 100 backstroke, with a time of 55.96.

Look on page B2 for full results.

### Little League signups

Spring registration is around the corner for the Plymouth/Canton Little League. Online registration is available at [www.ply.canll.com](http://www.ply.canll.com) and there will be a walk-in signup session, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Available leagues include the following: T-ball, ages 5-6; Machine Pitch, ages 7-8; Minor Division, ages 8-10; Major Division, ages 10-12; and Junior Division, ages 13-14.

Visit the website listed above for additional information.

### Salem lacrosse meeting

There will be an informational meeting for all Salem girls interested in playing varsity lacrosse, 7 p.m. tonight at the high school's library (Room W2122, second floor).

Both parents and students should attend to obtain information for tryouts, and fees for the season. This will be the first season Salem will field its own varsity team after the split of the PCS United team. Further information may be obtained by visiting [www.eteamz.com/Salemrocksgirlslacrosse](http://www.eteamz.com/Salemrocksgirlslacrosse).

# Salem cagers drop thriller

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It figures that Salem's varsity boys basketball team went ice cold Monday night in the makeup of a game that was snowed out.

The Rocks missed chances to win the KLAA Central game against Novi both at the end of regulation and the first overtime before falling 63-57 in double OT.

"It's very frustrating, but the first time out they beat us by 25," veteran Salem head coach

BOYS BASKETBALL Bob Brodie said with a chuckle. "So I guess we've improved a little bit or they haven't, I don't know.

"But it was a great game, an exciting game to watch, and it's just unfortunate we had our opportunities and they wouldn't go."

The Rocks (11-5 overall, 5-5 in the Central) managed just one field goal over the final two overtimes, with free throws accounting for the rest of their points.

Brodie's squad had the ball with 20 seconds left in the fourth and the game tied 49-49, but a 15-footer by senior guard Josh Perrin was "right on, just a little short. Then we went to OT and it was the same scenario."

This time, again with about 20 seconds to go and the score 53-53, sophomore forward Chris Dierker missed a shot and junior guard Grant Bettner's putback would not drop.

After Novi travelled on the ensuing play, the Rocks had another chance to win the game with three seconds left.

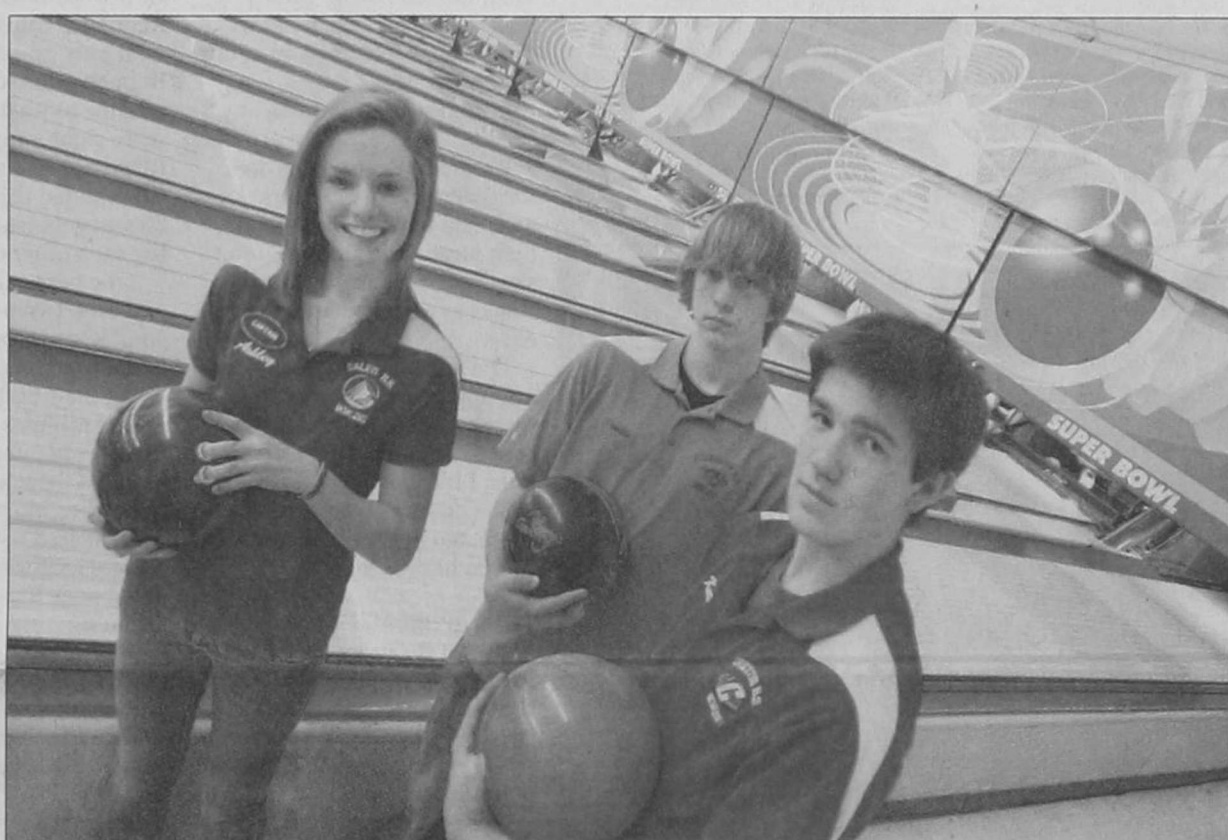
A subsequent try didn't even hit iron and that gave the Wildcats the opening to take control in the second overtime.

Novi's 6-6 forward Chris Milan then went to work with six of his 14 points in the extra OT and Salem could not recover.

"He got some loose balls and opportunities at the glass and scored on us," Brodie said.

Leading Salem with 11 points were Dierker (who also had 12 rebounds and five assists) and Bettner. Other solid performers included Perrin for his ball control and senior center Ethan Walsh, who was "a stabilizing force" off the bench, Brodie said.

Please see **BASKETBALL, B3**



Varsity bowlers (from left) Ashley Kretschmer of Salem, Justin Thompson of Plymouth and Kurt Kowalski of Canton are more than happy to compete for their prep teams in the KLAA.

# Striking a chord

## Bowling becoming popular choice for student-athletes

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows how serious high school football and basketball players are about the particular sports represented on the back of their varsity jackets.

But perhaps this might surprise you — so are the young men and women who compete on the Canton, Plymouth and Salem bowling teams.

They go all out on the bowling lanes for titles, bragging rights at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and a shot at college scholarships.

"It's only my junior year, so I'm hoping we go to regionals," Canton junior Kurt Kowalski said. "If I can bowl individuals then I'll have some people looking for me.

"Because any kind of scholarship could help. I'd be glad to bowl in college."

According to Plymouth junior Justin Thompson, "High school bowling is more serious than most leagues, because you are competing against a new team each time and everyone is trying to make it to states."

### LEADING THE CHARGE

In Kowalski's case, he doesn't have to look very far for encourage-

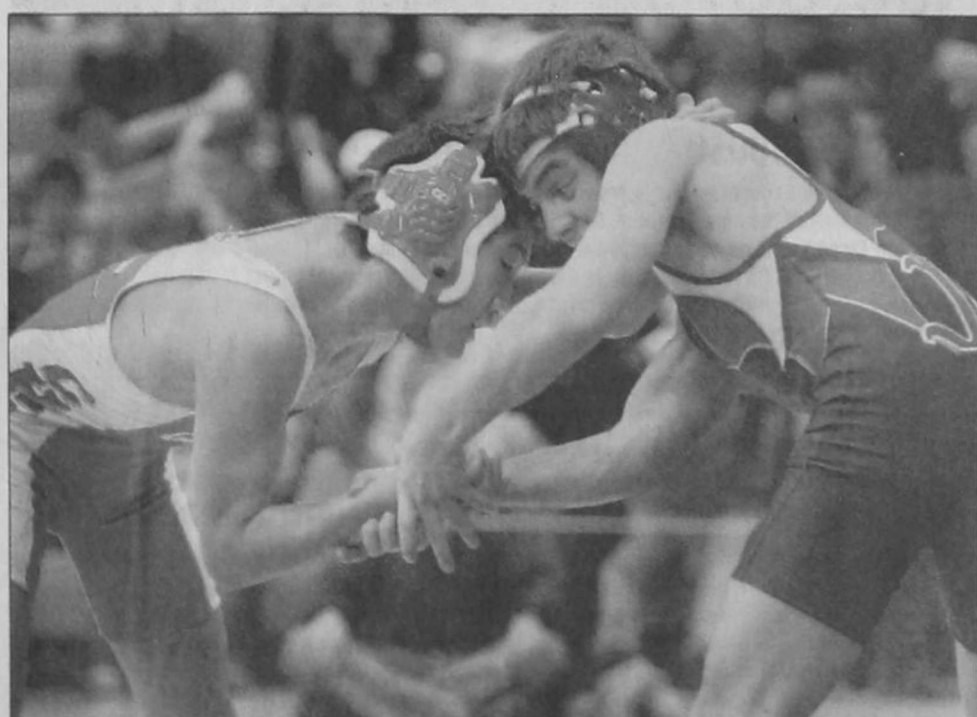
ment and a glimpse into what it might take to bowl at the collegiate level.

Jim Keppen, co-coach for Canton's varsity boys and girls bowling teams, was a member of the Eastern Michigan University squad in the early 1980s and is a longtime advocate of bowling as a prep offering.

Keppen said athletic directors and the Michigan High School Athletic Association weren't keen on adding the sport back in the mid-1990s.

"Then they got it going, some

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Canton's Richard DeMarois (left) and Franklin's Danny Martinez tangle in a 112-pound match in Saturday's Division 1 individual district at Garden City.

# Canton contingent advances to regionals

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling machine continues to roll.

At Saturday's Division 1 individual districts hosted by Garden City, the KLAA Kensington Conference and South Division champion Chiefs nearly matched perennial powerhouse Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Canton boasted five individual champions and a runner-up, all qualifying for Saturday's D1 individual regionals at Plymouth. The Shamrocks had six individual champions.

Even so, Canton head coach Cory Mancuso was hoping for a larger group moving on.

"It was a bittersweet day for our team," Mancuso said. "We had

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some guys wrestle real tough, which resulted in our team having five champions and a runner-up.

"And we also had a few guys fall short that we thought could make it."

The top four finishers in each weight class made the cut for individual regionals.

Placing first for Canton were: 285-pounder Ben Poirer (a 6-3 decision over Dearborn's Gerald Moore); 103-pounder Ben Griffin (a 6-4 win over CC's Evan Toth); Alec Pantaleo at 112 (thanks to a pin of Livonia Franklin's Danny Martinez in 1:27); 140-pounder Zach Marsh (a 7-3 decision over CC's Mike Babicz); and still-

undefeated 189-pounder Anthony Abro, who earned a 6-5 win over the Shamrocks' Miles Trealout.

Finishing second for the Chiefs at 171 was Braden Price, who lost 7-4 to CC's Kevin Beazley.

"The six guys we got through all have a great chance to make it through the regional tournament and qualify for state," Mancuso said.

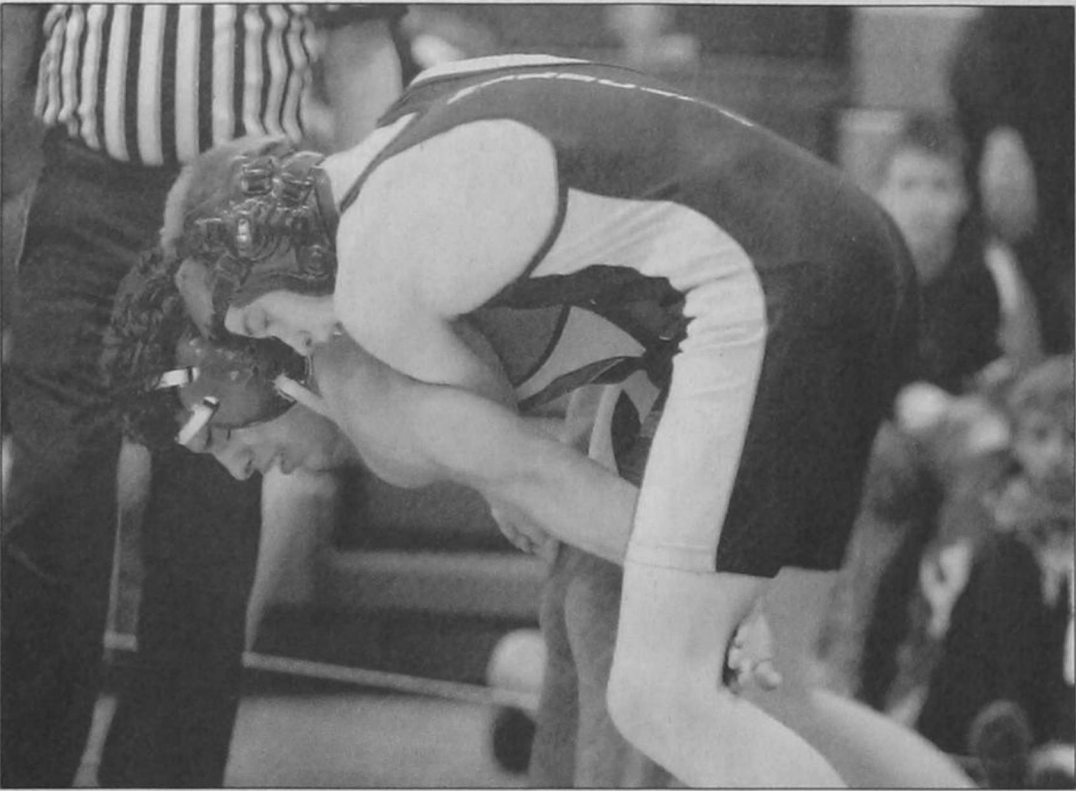
The other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams will be sending two wrestlers to the individual regionals.

Plymouth's Said Youssef and Alec Breckenridge each tallied a third-place finisher.

Youssef dethroned Alejandro Albuerno of Novi at 125 by a 4-2 count, while Breckenridge defeat-

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Jon Conn (right) of Plymouth tries to keep a grip on Livonia Franklin's Gabe Martinez during an early round 119-pound match.

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ed Farmington's Kienuwa Davis at 130 by major decision. As for Salem, fourth-place showings were turned in at 103 by Alex Arble (a 12-8 loss to third-place finisher Jon Locklear of Livonia Churchill) and Cody Korpus, who was pinned in 2:13 by third-place finisher Gabe Martinez of Franklin.

**MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING DISTRICT RESULTS DIVISION 1**  
**Feb. 12 at GARDEN CITY (top 4 advance to regional)**  
**285 pounds:** Ben Poirer (Canton) decisioned Gerald Moore (Dearborn), 6-3; **3rd place:** Jacob Range (Livonia Stevenson)

p. Omar Haymour (Livonia Franklin), 4:42.  
**103 pounds:** Ben Griffin (Canton) dec. Evan Toth (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), 6-4; **3rd:** Jon Locklear (Livonia Churchill) dec. Alex Arble (Salem), 12-8.  
**112:** Alec Pantaleo (Canton) pinned Danny Martinez (Franklin), 1:27; **3rd:** T.J. Fagan (Catholic Central) won by injury default over Malik Amine (Catholic Central).  
**119:** Jacob Meadows (Churchill) dec. Kevin Kennerly (Farmington), 7-3; **3rd:** Gabe Martinez (Franklin) p. Cody Korpus (Salem), 2:13.  
**125:** Ken Bade (Catholic Central) p. Ian Stirlon (Northville), 1:13; **3rd:** Said Youssef (Plymouth) dec. Alejandro Albuerno (Novi), 4-2.  
**130:** Steve Tuvo (Franklin) won by disqualification over Logan Marcicki (Catholic Central); **3rd:** Alec Breckenridge (Plymouth) won by major dec. over Kienuwa Davis (Farmington).  
**135:** Alec Mooradian (Catholic Central) dec. Riley Hanson (Catholic Central), 7-1; **3rd:** Travis Compo (Northville) dec. Shahbaig Sidhu (Novi), 9-2.  
**140:** Zach Marsh (Canton) dec. Mike Babicz (Catholic Central), 7-3; **3rd:** Jonny Bannoura (Churchill) dec. Josh Hatfield (Franklin), 7-4.

**145:** Nick Mason (Catholic Central) won by injury default over Nick Tomski (Farmington); **3rd:** Chris Caverly (Novi) dec. Avery Opperman (Franklin), 15-11.  
**152:** Andrew Garcia (Catholic Central) p. Dan Wagner (Southfield), 1:30; **3rd:** John Montgomery (Northville) won by major dec. over Alex Coe (Northville), 9-1.  
**160:** Matt Roos (Franklin) won by major dec. over Andrew Erickson (Catholic Central), 10-2; **3rd:** Alip Harp (Dearborn Fordson) won by injury default over Allen Steele (Franklin).  
**171:** Kevin Beazley (Catholic Central) dec. Braden Price (Canton), 7-4; **3rd:** Trevor Maresh (Northville) won by major dec. over Ryan Southerland (Farmington), 10-0.  
**189:** Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Miles Trealout (Catholic Central), 6-5; **3rd:** David Sparling (Novi) dec. Mouhamad Soukar (Fordson), 6-2.  
**215:** Lucas Luchonok (Dearborn Edsel Ford) p. Justin Roe (Farmington), 3:19; **3rd:** Antonio Echols (Southfield) p. Andy Boyd (Northville), 3:44.

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## HOCKEY

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back in check. "It's going to be tough." The Chiefs, who finished 7-2-2 in the division (edging 7-3-1 Salem), outmuscled Plymouth from the get-go. "We knew they were smaller than us and a little less physical," Majszak said, "so we were trying to keep them on the outside and play the body on them."

### HOT HAND

Canton enjoyed an 11-5 shots edge in the first period, and LaFontaine made it 1-0 with 9:32 remaining on a wrist shot from between the circles that beat Plymouth senior goalie Mike Justus (28 saves) low on the glove side. The Wildcats played their best period in the second, outshooting Canton 13-10, but could not solve senior net-minder Spencer Craig — who always seemed to be in the right place at the right time while stopping all 26 shots he faced. "He's just playing outstanding," Majszak said. "That's something you've got to ride in the playoffs." Canton scored an insurance marker with 12:12 left in the middle stanza. LaFontaine's



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Canton goal scorer Duggan Tear (No. 8) celebrates with teammates Matt Cox (No. 16), Josh Dickson and Jimmy LaFontaine (No. 2).

shot from the top of the right circle glanced off Justus and junior forward Duggan Tear knocked in the rebound from the left post. Craig, whose quick glove hand and padded legs frustrated the Wildcats all night, and Canton's physical defense teamed up to stymie a string of Plymouth power plays. According to Fassbender, his team didn't challenge Craig quite enough. "We were slow, we played soft," Fassbender said. "We

were playing afraid to get hit. We just didn't have any energy. Their goalie played well, but we didn't get any quality shots." Plymouth dropped to 6-8-8 overall and 4-3-4 in the division. Canton's overall record is 10-4-2. But as far as both coaches were concerned, the KLAASouth standings were of secondary importance on such a regrettable night.

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## BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING



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Salem swimmer Turner Solterman, shown from earlier this season, was part of the 200-yard medley relay team that finished 17th at the MISCA meet.

Simon (Canton), 58.49; 49. Wellman (Salem), 59.01; 56. Earls (Plymouth), 1:00.24; 63. Christopher Krebs (Canton), 1:00.84.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Mike Fisher (Saline), 59.02; 41. Jouney (Plymouth), 1:04.76; 44. Solterman (Salem), 1:05.16; 57. Smaran Bhaktawara (Salem), 1:06.85.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Saline (Whitener,

Frost, Josh Ehrman, Andy Jensen), 3:14.02; 3. Salem (Collingwood, J. Zhang, Mills, Seroka), 3:16.56; 31. Plymouth (Jouney, Koch, Christensen, Liakos), 3:29.91; 34. Canton (Carlson, Krebs, Dillon, Champine), 3:30.98.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Nick Nemetz (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 180.00 points; 27. Nick Griwicki (Salem), 118.64 points.

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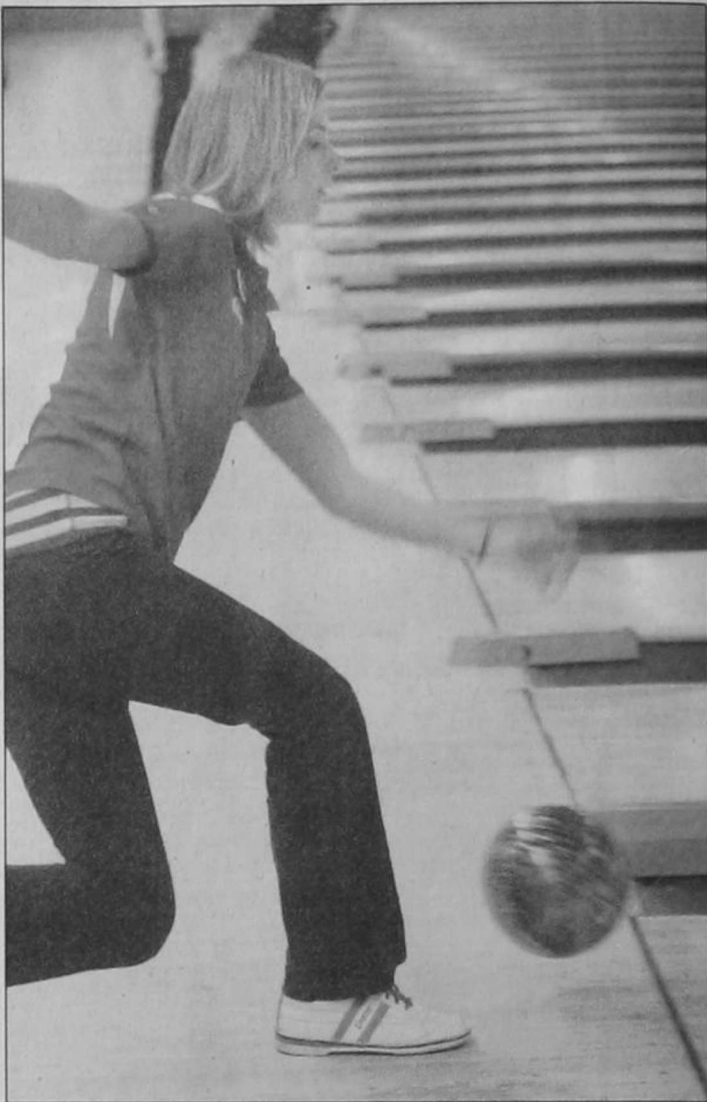
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people got to the right people and got things working in the late '90s," Keppen said, "and now you can see there's hundreds of schools involved in high school bowling." "It wasn't offered way back when. But a lot of us who did bowl in college pressed for it hard because we know how great the sport can be." For those who might have a stereotypical image of bowlers and bowling leagues, what the sport brings out of participants at the prep level might be very surprising. Of course, there still are plenty of laughs, high fives and colorful shirts. But there also are baker games. That's where bowling squads operate just like a baseball lineup, requiring each member of a team to follow a set rotation with the goal of accumulating a greater score than their opponent. "It's different than other leagues," Ashley Kretschmer, senior captain for Salem's varsity girls team, said about high school bowling. "You bowl baker games. You bowl tournaments." Prep bowling is different for another reason, namely the chance to compare notes five days a week.

"You seem a lot closer with your high school (team) because we see each other all the time," Kowalski said. "... We'll talk about the game, on how we're doing, what we should probably work on at our next practice. "And just hang out like any regular guys do." Kretschmer also runs on the Salem varsity girls track and field team, doing sprints, high jumps and throws. But she describes bowling for the Rocks as an "awesome" experience. The lefty said she signed up a couple years ago after the team's formation "and it was nice to do something different. Plus, I like bowling." She's doing pretty well at the sport, too, with a high game of 257 on her resume.

### TEAM APPROACH

One of the unique aspects of the prep game indeed are those baker games, which are good for 10 points and precede two regular games in a 30-point dual match. "Baker games, your whole team bowls together, there's five people that bowl," Kretschmer said. "It's like you're bowling as one person, so you have one person bowl the first and sixth frame and another bowls the second and fifth. It's a team effort." Kowalski summed them up



With a deliberate approach and left-handed release, Salem senior captain Ashley Kretschmer sends the ball on its way during a recent varsity girls bowling match.

this way. "If somebody messes up, you're still right there to pick them up the next frame." The intensity of baker games is another plus as far as Keppen is concerned. "It puts pressure on them," Keppen pointed out. "There's no time to waste, you have to score right away and have to fill spares and strikes." He added that pure team format gets teammates cheering each other on. "One person can't carry you and even two people can carry you," Keppen said. "You need all four or five of your bowlers doing their best."

Like athletes of the more high-profile prep sports, many of those who gravitate to bowling started young and participated in various recreational leagues before getting the chance to roll for their high schools. "I've been bowling since I was in first grade," Kretschmer said. "My mom and dad both bowl, so it was kind of obvious that I would bowl too." Concurring was Kowalski, owner of a 215 average. "I've been bowling about 12 years. ... My whole family's athletic. Any sport they threw us into all of them just to see which one we were the best at." Thompson said he started bowling seriously only a few years ago, but he also grew up

at the bowling alley. "My dad got me into bowling because he has bowled for many years," Thompson said. "And I always went to watch him when I was a kid." He apparently is a quick study, racking up a season average of 206 as well as a top game of 276. "Justin is very good at adjusting his line or changing his ball to get back on track," said his coach, Tammy Thompson (no relation).

### NOT SO LAME

Unlike the more-established high school athletics, being a varsity bowler sometimes prompts a few smirks and raised eyebrows, however. Those are quickly dashed. "A lot of people when they find out I have bowling on my varsity jacket, they're like 'Oh, that's kind of lame,'" Kowalski said. "But they don't understand you have a big point system behind it, how you're not just going up there and throwing a ball. "How there's all different kinds of games, like individual games and baker games and all that. Then they find out that it's actually kind of cool." At the same time, they might discover that bowling is only starting to heat up in the high school sports world.

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WALT DMOCH

## Seguin's in the house

Plymouth Whalers alum Tyler Seguin (second from left) participated in a ceremonial faceoff with Janine Krolkowski (third from left) of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women campaign before Saturday's Plymouth-Owen Sound game at Compuware Arena. Participating in the faceoff were Whalers captain Beau Schmitz (left) and Owen Sound captain Garrett Wilson (right). Plymouth lost 2-1. Seguin was in town with his current team, the NHL's Boston Bruins, for a game the next afternoon against Detroit. Seguin scored his ninth goal of the season in that game.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### For girls only

Looking to boost the profile of girls hockey, Canton Arctic Edge hosted the recent "Hockey Night in Canton" featuring the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins. But that's not all. The arena at 46615 Michigan near Canton Center Drive welcomes girls for some informal sticks

and pucks, between 8-8:50 a.m. Saturdays. The program carries the point-blank slogan "No Cuts! Boys!" and is just \$5 per participant. Girls must bring their own equipment or use rental equipment available at Arctic Edge on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call (734) 487-7777 or go to www.arcticarenas.com.

### Stevenson baseball clinic

Learn the basics of throwing, pitching, hitting, infield-outfield play at a youth baseball clinic (grades 2-6) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Livonia Stevenson High School fieldhouse. The cost is \$30 for the first 60 enrolled. For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623.



# Canton girls grab KLAA tourney opener

Canton opened up the KLAA Kensington Conference girls basketball playoffs with a 40-17 victory Tuesday over host Salem.

The Chiefs (15-2) carved out leads of 6-5 after one quarter and 16-9 at halftime before breaking things open in the third thanks to a 15-4 scoring margin over the Rocks.

"We were in it for a half," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "But Canton took over in the third quarter. We're getting better, we're going to keep working at it."

Top scorers for Canton were seniors Kayla Bridges and CarolAnn Sexauer, with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

For Salem (6-11), Brianna Berberet tallied six points, with Katelyn Krause (5 points) and Heidi Schmidt (4 points) chipping in. The top rebounder for the Rocks was Breanne Beaver, with six.

Canton will now move on to a second round game Friday night at home.

PCA 35, LENAWEE CHRISTIAN

25: In a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference girls basketball tilt on Saturday, Plymouth Christian Academy parlayed solid defense and a patient offensive game into a 10-point victory.

Brianna Harris scored 14 points for the Eagles (13-3, 8-1) while Bethany Hale (9 points), Jenny Malcolm (6 points, 8 rebounds), Karen Windle (5 steals) and Emily Gerulis (9 boards) made key contributions.

PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said her team, playing its third game of the week despite several players hit by illness, conserved energy by playing at a slower tempo than usual.

Meanwhile, PCA defeated Southfield Christian 43-29 last Thursday (Bethany Hale and Harris, 10 points each) and Bloomfield Hills Roeper 45-32 on Feb. 8.

In the Roeper game, Harris scored 13 while Emily Gerulis (8 points, 7 boards), Jenna Abraham and Malcolm (7 points each) helped the cause.



Salem senior point guard Heidi Schmidt (left) attempts to dribble past Canton senior forward Sara Schmitt during Tuesday night's KLAA tourney opener.

## BASKETBALL

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Samar Ozeir scored 24 points to pace Novi (13-3, 8-2).

### SCORING SLUMP

Salem's offensive struggles also hampered the Rocks last week, in a 53-50 loss to South Lyon on Feb. 8 and a 61-55 victory Friday against Northville.

"Again, we had a nice lead, we only scored one basket in the fourth quarter, but we held on to win," Brodie said. "When you only score one basket in the fourth quarter, you're fortunate to come out with a victory."

Dierker (17 points), Bettner (15 points) and Perrin (10 points) did provide some offensive spark, however.

Scoring woes aside, Brodie now is optimistic that Monday's all-out war against an excellent Novi team will help the Rocks gear up for the start of the KLAA Tournament (7 p.m. Thursday at Canton).

"Last night, the double overtime game against a good

team," he said. "I don't know if it gives us experience or it's going to shatter our confidence or give us a little more hope that 'Hey, we can hang in with anyone now.' We're going to find out against Canton."

INTER-CITY BAPTIST 49, PCA 43: Plymouth Christian Academy's boys basketball team dropped this Michigan Independent Athletic Conference matchup Tuesday night despite 17 points and six rebounds from Eric Jipping and 12 points from Mick Noel.

The Eagles trailed 38-25 after three before turning on the jets in a fourth-quarter comeback that fell just short.

PCA head coach Keith Anleitner, whose team fell to 3-11 overall and 3-8 in the MIAC, said the rally came about when his team started adhering to the offensive system and making some shots. It was 43-43 with about three minutes to play, but the Eagles turned the ball over twice to enable Allen Park Inter-city Baptist to take the lead.

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# Plymouth nearly upsets Livonia Stevenson

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Playoff intensity basketball – KLAA style – kicked off Tuesday night when host Livonia Stevenson pulled out a first-round 50-47 triumph over an up-and-coming Plymouth team.

Stevenson (12-5), getting some clutch plays late from junior guard Molly Knoph (12 points) and senior forward Monika Rudis (10 points) remains in the winners bracket of the tournament.

But now the Spartans have the daunting task of facing state-ranked Canton (15-2) in the Kensington Conference semifinals beginning at 7 p.m. Friday on the Chiefs' home floor.

Meanwhile, even Plymouth coach Bob deBear gained solace despite the setback as his team fell to 7-10 overall.

"That's a great high school

basketball game," he said. "Two good teams battling down to the wire. It could have gone either way. Unfortunately it went their way."

### TAKING THE LEAD

The Wildcats trailed 24-16 at halftime, but took a 38-33 advantage heading into the final period thanks to a pair of triples during the final 51.4 seconds by freshman point-guard Kylie Robb, who led all scorers with 16 points (including a perfect 6-of-6 from the line).

"When we came out in the second half, I felt we were just kind of flat," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "Everybody was kind of falling back on their heels and nobody was getting around. They (Plymouth) started getting good shot opportunities from the outside."

Plymouth maintained its slim lead, 45-42, with 3:33 to

go on a layup by Kate Watson. But that's when the Spartans went to work as Rachel Wilkinson started an 8-2 run with a pair of free throws just 26 seconds later.

Rudis found Knoph on a back-door cut for a layup with 2:16 remaining to give the Spartans a 46-45 advantage.

Rudis then came up with a steal and scored again with 1:20 left to up the lead to 48-45 before Plymouth's Chyna Williams scooped up a rebound off a blocked shot and scored with 28.71 seconds left.

Down one, the Wildcats tried to foul, but gave up almost 17 precious seconds as Knoph broke the press and scored with only 10.4 remaining to make it 50-47.

"We fouled her," deBear said. "Both our kids said they grabbed her. Alex (Roberts) hacked her, but they just didn't give us a foul. Looking at it – who knows?"

After Molly Knoph's hoop, Plymouth's last-ditch three-point attempt during waning seconds missed the mark and Stevenson escaped with the three-point victory.

Watson, a junior, added 12 points, while senior Alex Roberts had 10 for Plymouth.

The Wildcats controlled the boards during the third quarter and shot 9-of-23 during the period to take the lead by five.

"Our kids play with so much heart," deBear said. "They find a way. They never feel like they're down-and-out."

"I just think we're really becoming a good team that plays smart and really well on the road. I just see us our confidence growing and growing."

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# Canton looks to get healthy for big meet

In a tuneup for the KLAA gymnastics championship meet, Canton finished 1-1 in a tri-meet last Thursday.

The Chiefs lost a close 143.925-143.15 decision to always-tough Brighton and handed Howell (137.9) a defeat to improve to 10-1 overall and 8-1 in the KLAA.

"With Ayana Lewis and Marina Milad out with injuries and Robyn Piwowar recovering from illness," Canton head coach John Cunningham said, "I (was) actually pleased with our score."

"If everyone gets back in the lineup, look out."

Piwowar did return to finish third on uneven bars (8.75) and fifth on vault (9.0).

But several other Chiefs were outstanding. Collecting firsts for Canton were Erica Lucas (with a personal best 9.5 on vault) and Kali Pierce, with a 9.075 to win balance beam. Pierce also scored a 9.05 on floor exercise.

Brooke Granowicz placed second on balance beam with a 9.05 and also had a 9.05 on floor exercise to match Pierce.

Cunningham lauded the fourth-place showing by Alex Fideler in floor exercise, calling her 9.5 score "great."

Meanwhile, Melissa Green chipped in with a third on vault (9.15), fifth on floor (9.3) and sixth on beam (8.625).

Although Canton is getting set for Saturday's KLAA championship meet in Walled Lake, the Chiefs were slated to face Livonia Blue on Wednesday.



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One of Canton's top performers against Brighton and Howell, senior Kali Pierce, won balance beam with a mark of 9.075.

# Blazers reach Catholic League title game

Livonia Ladywood earned a spot in the Catholic League A-B Division girls basketball championship with a 43-31 victory Saturday over Birmingham Marian in a semifinal game played at the Madonna University Activities Center.

Sophomore point-guard Andie Anastos paced a balanced scoring attack with 13

points as the Blazers improved to 14-3 overall and will face Farmington Hills Mercy (13-4) for the title at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall. (The two teams split during the Central Division season.)

Sophomore forward Kiley Gorski added 11 points and five rebounds, while seniors Teresa Wojnarowski and

Alyssa Anastos contributed seven points and six rebounds apiece.

Alyssa Anastos also dished out seven assists.

Marian led 17-16 at halftime, but Ladywood went on an 18-7 third-quarter run to take command.

Maura Mulroy paced the Mustangs (12-5) with nine points.

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**DOROTHY BURKE**

Age 76 of Livonia. Beloved wife of Gerald. Loving mother of Luke, Rose (Laran) Lerner, Laura, Brian and Paul (Cheryl). Proud grandma of Marc, Shauna, Joy, Kevin, Heather, Holly, Jason, Emma, Trevor and Eddie. Dearest sister of Joseph (Pat) Schutz. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd., Livonia (E. of Levan) Friday 2-9pm Scripture Friday 7:00pm. Funeral Service will be Saturday at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd. Livonia Instate 10:00am Mass 10:30am. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. Please visit on-line guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com

**LAURA GERHARD**

Was born 8/2/1911 and passed away on 2/11/2011. She was a resident of Livonia, Mi. Laura is survived by her children: Rudolph Gerhard and Roland Gerhard (Maxine), 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Laura was preceded in death by her husband Carl W. Gerhard in 1958. A memorial service in Laura's memory will be held at a later date.

**LOUISE I. HAYMAKER**

Age 99, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away February 14, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

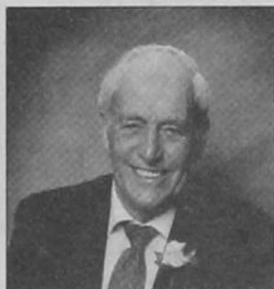
**JAMES HINEY**

February 12, 2011. Age 87. Loving husband of the late Betty. Beloved brother of Catherine Mitchell. Uncle of Patrick (Lynne) and Maureen (Robert) Grant. Dear friend of Larry Smith. "Uncle Jimmie, we will miss you and your sharp wit." Memorial Service will be held on Saturday,

February 19, 2011 at 11am at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

**MARJORIE "MAGGIE" DUDRA**

She will be missed. Age 84, February 14, 2011. Loving wife of Benedict Dudra and the late Merritt Peck. Beloved mother of Donna Jones and Mabel (Bob) Buckholz. Stepmother of Carol (John) Schuman and Kathy (Tom) Jones. Grandmother of Joshua Jones and Merritt (Bree) Buckholz. Great grandmother of two loving families. Visitation Friday 4-9pm and funeral service Saturday 11am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.

**LAWRENCE A. MARTIN**

Beloved husband and father, age 90. Wife Cynthia, children Larry Martin (Marilyn), Judy Halter, Harry Moir (deceased), Kathleen Scarcelli, Joseph Martin (Kate), Annette Grzyb (Steve), Kim Hodge. Eleven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Sadly missed by all. Visitation on Thursday, from 2-9pm. Services will be held 11am Friday, RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, Garden City.

**PETER D. SICKELS**

46 of Monroe, formerly of the Plymouth and Canton area died on February 10, 2011 in Monroe. Surviving are his parents David and Elisabeth Sickels of Loudon, TN and sister Wendy E. (Anthony) Blaas of Coppell, TX. Online condolences to: www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com.

**GAIL L. WELCH**

Age 61 of Howell, passed away at her home Sunday, February 13, 2011. She was born September 14, 1949 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Richard J. and Joanne L. (Luers) Hennessy. Beloved wife of John whom she married in 1968 in Livonia. Dear mother of John (Dawn) Welch, Jr. of Cumming, GA, and Brian (Becky) Welch of Howell. Dear grandmother of six; also survived by her mother, Joanne of Howell and siblings, Rick (Denise) Hennessy of Grand Rapids, Christina (Tom) Rose of Livonia, Joanie (Tom) Econom of Howell, Paul Hennessy of Howell and Mark (Tara) Hennessy of Midland. Memorial services will be Saturday, February 26 at 11 a.m. (visitation 10 - 11 a.m.) at St. John Catholic Church, 2099 Hacker Road, Howell. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Catholic Church Building Fund. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

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# 'Mrs. Coach's Closet' auction aids rehab work of Salvation Army

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Rita Rodriguez has given up the Maize & Blue for a good cause.

She took a cue from her husband, former University of Michigan football coach Rich Rodriguez and donated 170 items of clothing to The Salvation Army.

"Last month Rich donated stuff to our Wayne store. When I went to their house to say thank you, Rita said 'I've got more,'" said Maj. John Aren, administrator of The Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center in Romulus. "All of it is U of M stuff."

The former coach unloaded sportswear and memorabilia at the store, which auctioned most of the donated goods and raised \$12,600 for the rehab center in Romulus. Another \$3,600 came from sale of the items.

"The Adult Rehabilitation Center is funded 100 percent by the resale of gently-used items. We take no outside funding for all of the services we provide," Aren said. "We have 100 men in residence in Romulus. They're good guys. The men receive counseling and three hot meals, hot showers, Bible study and counseling."

The Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Centers give spiritual, social and emotional assistance to men and women who can't cope with their problems and care for themselves.

The Salvation Army thrift stores in Romulus, Wayne, Garden City, Lincoln Park, Dearborn, Canton and Livonia help fund the Romulus Center.

Aren said Rita Rodriguez' donations will be auctioned only from 10 a.m.-noon



Auction items include embellished U-M shirts.



The auction will include lots of shirts and other sportswear.

Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Canton Township store, 43404 Joy Road at Morton Taylor.

The list includes hoodies, sweatshirts, sweat suits, pull-overs, T-shirts, a few purses, a duffle bag, winter hat and a hockey puck. Aren said they range in size but most items are small to medium. He described the "bedazzled" pieces as "nicely done" and said most pieces offer "great

unused quality."

"This is a little different than Rich's donation. Rich delivered his to the Wayne Store. Since Rita called us for pickup, we thought we'd do it at the new (Canton) store and show the new spirit of upscale resale — high end fashion at a fraction of the original cost."

The 40,000-square-foot store opened Nov. 1, 2010.

Aren said Rita Rodriguez' is a blessing because it will bring attention to the need for donations. The store has dubbed the event "Mrs. Coach's Closet" auction.

"Donations are low and we need urgent help to restock our shelves. Our men need it and our employees need it."

To schedule a donation pickup, call (800) SATruck. For more on the Romulus Center visit www.romulus.satruck.org/rehabilitation-program.

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BECOME A FAN TODAY

## See lively steps, beautiful costumes at Polish dance show

BY SHARON DARGAY  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The PNA Centennial Dancers will take on a new look at a new location for their 31st Dance Extravaganza Show.

After four years in Canton — and various communities before that — the showcase of Polish folk dancing moves to the Weber Performing Arts Center at Thurston High School in Redford.

"We're proud to be there. It's a bigger theater and we're able to fit more people in," said Kristal Wioncek, a former director who has two daughters in the show.

The PNA Centennial Dancers will take the stage at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the school, 26255 Schoolcraft. Admission is \$5 and tickets are available by calling Diane Dudek at (734) 775-3272 or Suzan Marzec at Simply Polish in Garden City, (734) 525-2880.

Five graduating seniors — Allison Bielski of Garden City, Courtney Delonis of Farmington Hills, Randy Favot of Livonia, Margaux Zanetti of Northville, and Joseph Zabawski of Canton — will be honored at the show. They'll wear white gowns or tuxedos during a waltz to Strauss' *Blue Danube*, in addition to performing in several of the folk dances in ethnic costume.

"This year we are showcasing new costumes. They came from Poland and we did a lot of fundraising for them. Each dancer has at least three," Wioncek said, adding that the outfits are decorated with lots of ribbons and hand embroidery.

### AUTHENTIC COSTUMES

Marzec, who teaches dance and choreographs the shows, bought fabric in Poland and had the costumes made in the U.S.

"We're very excited about the new costumes. Our new costume for the polonez is Kontusz, with sashes and fur and hats with feathers," she said.



Elena Wioncek and Sam Sebastian dance their way across the stage, wearing Lubelski costumes.

"We always officially open an event with the polonez."

Dancers, grouped according to age from 3 to 18, will perform a selection of national dances, like Polonez, regional dances with corresponding costumes and polka.

"I Americanize the second half of the show with the polka. That's where the creativity comes in," she said. "Last year they danced to a *Gilligan's Island* polka version. The youngest group dances to *Kiss Me I'm Polish*."

### MORE THAN DANCE

Students enrolled in Marzec's dance classes learn about culture, costumes, the stories and traditions behind each dance, in addition to movement and footsteps. She also owns Simply Polish, a store in Garden City that sells Polish pottery, ornaments, jewelry and teaches Polish art and language classes.

Marzec earned a degree in 1992 from Marie Currie Slowdaska University in Lublin, Poland and

began teaching authentic dances in western Wayne County.

"My father was born in Poland. He was a survivor of World War II and fought in the Polish army. He and my mom met in Canada. They married and he taught me to dance at a young age. That desire has always been with me."

She said dance is a great way to pass on ethnic traditions and a fun activity for youngsters and teens. Several of the PNA Centennial Dancers will accompany her to Poland this summer for a festival and parade. They also give back to the community through performances in senior centers, churches and the Plymouth Fall Festival.

"Parents want the traditions passed on and using dance is a way to get them hooked," Marzec noted. "Folk dancing is a dying art. The world is becoming smaller. We all have beautiful cultures and it's important to keep them alive in the melting pot."



Elizabeth Bartley, (left) Jonathon Bartley, Cazzi Smith, Ryan Beier, Kailee Arm, Andrew Wozniak, Evelyn Deren, and Daniel Cooper perform in Rzeszowskie.



Graduates of the PNC Centennial Dancers wear white gowns or tuxedos and will waltz at the 31st Dance Extravaganza Show in Redford.



### Music, song and dance

The Dolowy Sisters, Ella (left) and Brigid, are among the musicians set to perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, in Livonia. The benefit for Doctors Without Borders, will feature continuous entertainment by Finvara's Wren, Crossroads Ceili, Charlie Taylor, Colin Page, Terry Bradley, Frank Kennedy, Ray Maguire, Brendan McNulty, Eddie McGlinchey, Tommy MacNeil, Siobhan and Terence McKinney, Kelsey Lutz, The Gavin Family, The Perkins Family and the Conor O'Neill's Session Band with emcee Cyndy Canty from Magic 105.1 radio. There will be dancing, step-dancing, piping, music and song in a family-friendly atmosphere. A cash bar and food will be available. Donations should be made payable to Doctors Without Borders. For more information call Kathleen O'Neill at (313) 96-IRISH, Chris Murray at (313) 563-2078, Mick Gavin at (313) 537-3489 or Peggy Gray at (734) 891-4871.

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## Dirty Show

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday Feb. 18-19 and Saturday, Feb. 26**Location:** Bert's Warehouse Theatre, 2739 Russell Street, Detroit**Details:** Erotic art, performance art; tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door**Contact:** dirtydetroit.com or call (313) 393-3233

## Northville Art House

**Time/Date:** Through Feb. 19; gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.**Location:** 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville**Details:** 5th Annual Member Exhibition will showcase styles and mediums of more than 50 artist members**Contact:** (248) 344-0497

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## JD's House of Comedy

**Time/Date:** Various show times

Wednesday-Saturday evenings

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

Yehonatan Berick on violin and Pauline Martin on piano perform Feb. 25 at Schoolcraft College.

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

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

## Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

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**Time/Date:** Rachel Feinstein, Feb.

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**Location:** 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak**Contact:** (248) 542-9900, www.com-

edycastle.com

## CONCERTS

## The Ark

**Time/Date:** The Good Lovelies, Feb.

18; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 20; Bobby Long, Feb. 21; Open Stage, Feb. 23; The Asylum Street Spankers, Feb. 24; BreakFest, Feb. 25; Susan Werner, Feb. 26; The Jeremy Kittel Band, Feb. 27; Studebaker John &amp; the Hawks, Feb. 28

**Location:** 316 South Main, Ann Arbor**Contact:** (734) 763-8587; www.

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## Barn Theatre

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. March 10-12**Location:** Farmington Hills Players' Barn Theatre, 32332 12 Mile in Farmington Hills**Details:** Blackthorn performs Celtic music; tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students**Contact:** (248) 473-1848

## Baseline Folk Society

**Time/Date:** Third Saturday of the month**Location:** The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth**Details:** Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from

Blackthorn performs March 10-12 in Farmington Hills.

6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts

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## Jazz @ The Elks

**Time/Date:** 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth

Tuesday

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780

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**Details:** Jazz musicians perform; no

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**Contact:** (734) 453-1780 www.

PlymouthElks1780.com

## Schoolcraft College

**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25**Location:** The Presentation Room at the VisiTech Center on campus,

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**Details:** Yehonatan Berick on violin and Pauline Martin on piano; \$20

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Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-4

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## Trinity House Theatre

**Time/Date:** Drew Nelson, Feb. 18;

Michael Smith, Feb. 19; Blue Water

Ramblers, Feb. 26; The Waymores,

March 4

**Location:** 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia**Contact:** (734) 464-6302, www.trini-

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**Time/Date:** Doors open 1 p.m., danc-

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**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m., Feb. 19**Location:** Marquis Theatre, 135 E.

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**Details:** "Love Story." Tickets are \$3**Contact:** (248) 349-8110

## Penn Theater

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-

Saturday, Feb. 18-19; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Feb. 24

**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave.,

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**Time/Date:** 8 p.m. Feb. 25 and 2 p.m.

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**Location:** 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit**Details:** Exhibitions include Art of the Masters: A Survey of African American Images, 1980-2000 through Feb. 28; The Test: Tuskegee Airmen Project through June 19; Framed Stories: The Art of Carmen Cartiness Johnson and Jerome Wright through April 11. Museum Admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free**Contact:** (313) 494-5800

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## Concert combines art, music

The Plymouth Symphony will wrap up its regular season with a performance of Mussorgsky's masterpiece, *Pictures at an Exhibition*, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, in Canton.Mussorgsky's music was inspired by the art work of his friend, Viktor Hartmann. *Great Gates of Kiev*, a movement of the suite, was based on Hartmann's paintings of the facade of the entrance to Kiev.Continuing the artist theme of the concert, the orchestra also will perform a world premier of Katherine Hoover's work, *J.M.W. Turner; Impressions*, based on the lush landscapes of English painter, J. M. W. Turner. Hoover will attend the world premier of her work and will be a part of

Hoover

the on-stage presentation with Nan Washburn, symphony conductor, before the concert.

Hoover lives in New York, where she maintains an active career as composer, conductor, and flutist. She is the recipient of a National Endowment Composer's Fellowship and many other awards, including an Academy of Arts and Letters Academy Award in Composition.

Hoover attended the Eastman School of Music and holds a Masters in Music Theory from the Manhattan School, where she taught for years. The commissioning, rehearsing, and premiere of



The Plymouth Symphony, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will conclude its regular season March 5 with music by Mussorgsky and contemporary composer Katherine Hoover.

her *Dances and Variations* at Kennedy Center are the subject of an Emmy-winning documentary, called *New Music*, by Deborah Novak.

The art work by Turner and Hartmann will be illuminated on the scrim as the orchestra performs the music

each painting inspired.

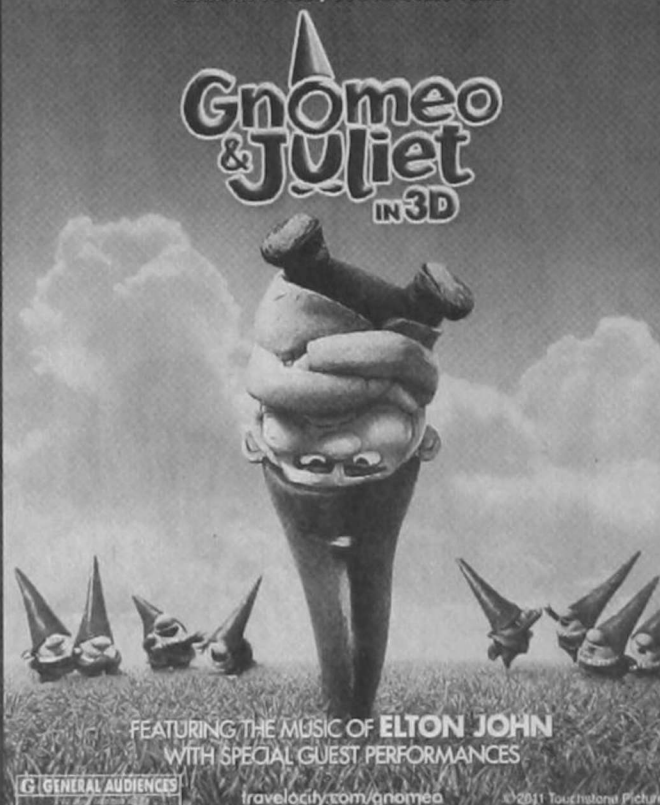
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# Give yourself a vitamin C boost WITH KIWIFRUIT

California Kiwifruit, harvested from October-May, packs a lot of nutrition into a small, fuzzy package.

Each fruit is loaded with nutrients that can help fight off disease, lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and boost energy. Kiwifruit is fat-free, contains more fiber than a bowl of bran cereal, more potassium than a banana, and two and a half times the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C. It's among a handful of fat-free sources of vitamin E, contains zinc, folate, magnesium and lutein.

There are more than 40 known kiwifruit varieties in production around the world, but California, which produces 98 percent of the kiwifruit grown in the United States, grows the Hayward variety. It's known for its large size and high sugar content.

When selecting kiwifruit, look for unblemished, firm fruits. Press the outside of the fruit with your thumb. If it gives to slight pressure, the kiwifruit is ripe. If it doesn't give to pressure, it's not ready.

Kiwifruit can be eaten fresh or used in cooking. Slice the kiwifruit lengthwise to create two identical halves and use a spoon to scoop out the sweet meat. Looking for maximum fiber and nutrition? Rinse off the skin and bite right in.

Or use kiwifruit in recipes. Here's a sampling:

## MEDITERRANEAN KIWİ COUSCOUS

- ¾ cup water
- ¾ cup couscous
- Salt
- 3 California kiwifruit
- 1 yellow or orange pepper
- 1 cup colorful cherry tomatoes
- ¼ cup Kalamata olives, preferably spicy
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- Pepper
- ¾ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ¾ cup shredded fresh basil

1. In a small saucepan, lightly salt water then bring to a boil. Add couscous, stir, cover and remove from heat. Let stand until water is absorbed, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, peel kiwifruit and cut into bite-size chunks. Dice pepper and slice large cherry tomatoes in half. Pit olives if needed and thinly slice green onions. Place all in a medium bowl.

2. Whisk vinegar with oil, garlic, oregano and generous pinches salt and pepper. When couscous has cooled, gently stir with kiwifruit mixture. Toss with as much dressing as needed to just coat. Stir in feta and basil. Salad will keep well refrigerated for 1 to 2 days. Serves 4 to 6.

## KIWİ MINT LEMONADE

- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup packed fresh mint leaves
- 3 California kiwifruit
- 2 to 3 lemons
- Sparkling water

1. In a medium saucepan, heat water with sugar over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until sugar is dissolved. Simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in mint leaves. Let stand 20 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, peel kiwifruit and cut into chunks. Puree in a food processor. Place puree in a pitcher. Strain cooled syrup into pitcher, pressing on mint, then discard leaves. Refrigerate until cold. Squeeze juice from 2 lemons. Stir into kiwifruit mixture. Taste, squeeze in juice from remaining lemon for a tarter lemonade.

3. Pour into glasses. Top with sparkling water. Serve garnished with a slice of kiwifruit. Makes about 2½ cups without sparkling water, enough for 4 drinks.

## CALIFORNIA KIWİ SANDWICH



Mediterranean Kiwi Couscous

California Kiwifruit season runs from October-May.

## KIWIFRUIT SWEET OMELETTE

- 3 to 4 California kiwifruit, pared and sliced
- Powdered sugar
- Ground cinnamon
- 4 eggs, separated
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Sprinkle kiwifruit with 1 or 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and a dash of cinnamon in shallow dish. Let stand 20 minutes; turn occasionally. Beat egg whites and salt until soft peaks form. Gradually add 2 tablespoons powdered sugar; beat until stiff. Beat egg yolks until thick; add lemon peel. Fold into whites. Heat butter in 10-inch over-proof skillet. Stir in 1 tablespoon powdered sugar and dash cinnamon. Pour in egg mixture; smooth surface. Cook over medium heat 3 to 5 minutes or until eggs are puffed and set and bottom is golden brown. Bake at 325 degrees 10 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Loosen edge of omelette. Make a shallow cut, slightly off center, through top of omelette. Arrange kiwifruit mixture over larger section. Fold smaller portion over kiwifruit. Serve on warm platter. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings. Recipe can be halved; cook in smaller pan.

## HOT DIPPING SAUCE

*This hot and tangy sauce can add flavor and color to almost any dish. Try it as a dip for chicken skewers, buffalo wings, or fried calamari. It also makes a fantastic glaze for baked or grilled chicken, fish, or vegetables. And it can be used as a dip for chips, crackers, and other snacks.*

- 2 tablespoons red bell pepper, chopped
- ¼ bunch fresh cilantro
- ¼ small sweet onion
- ½ jalapeno pepper, seeded (wear rubber gloves when seeding)
- 2 tomatillos, husks removed and cut up
- 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
- Dash salt
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons green jalapeno pepper jelly
- 1-2 kiwifruits, peeled and mashed with a fork

Place the bell pepper, cilantro, onion, jalapeno pepper (seeded), tomatillos, lime juice, salt, brown sugar, and jalapeno pepper in a blender or the bowl of a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Blend until the ingredients are smooth. Pour the blended mixture into a bowl and add the mashed kiwifruit. Stir until well combined. Serve as desired.

## CALIFORNIA KIWİ SANDWICH

*Makes one sandwich*

- 1 California kiwi or pear
- 2 strips home-roasted or store-bought roasted red peppers
- 2 slices grainy sandwich bread
- 4 teaspoons olive paste or tapenade
- 3 tablespoons goat or Boursin cheese, at room temperature
- Sprouts to taste

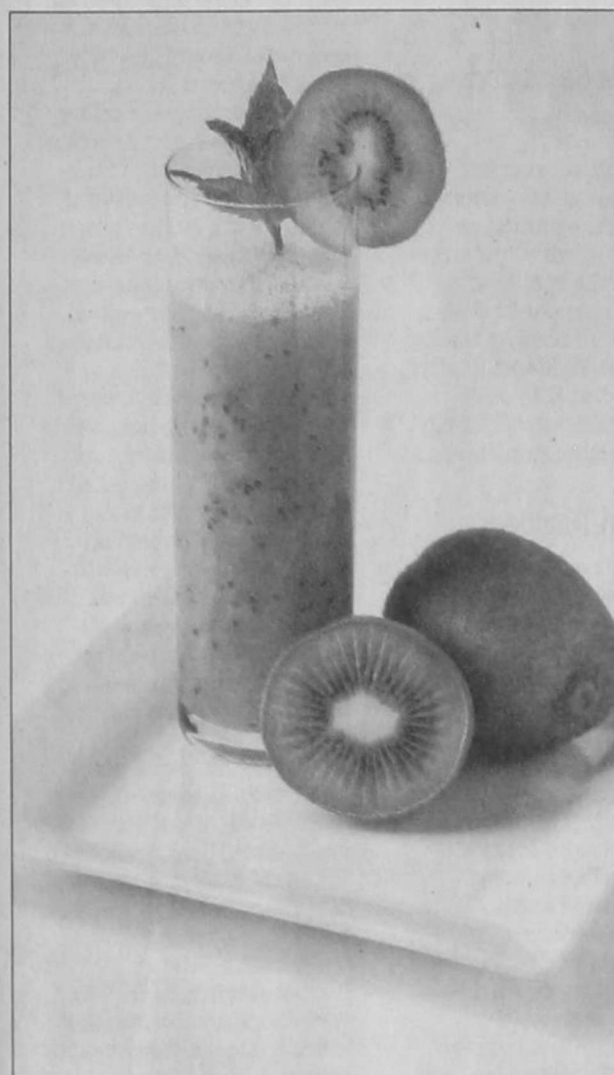
Peel kiwi, then thinly slice. If using pear, peel if you wish, core and thinly slice.

Wash and pat pepper dry. Spread 1 side of each bread slice with olive paste, then spread with cheese. Top 1 side with red pepper, then kiwi and some sprouts. Top with other bread slice, cheese side down.

## KIWİ WALNUT BREAD

- 2 cups sifted flour
  - ½ cup sugar
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1 teaspoon baking soda
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - 1½ cups kiwifruit, drained and chopped
  - ¾ cups walnuts, chopped
  - 1 egg, beaten
  - ½ cup butter or margarine, melted
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Sift flour with sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt into a large bowl. Add kiwifruit and walnuts, and mix well. Add egg, butter and vanilla. Stir until just blended. Pour mixture into a greased and floured 9- by 5- by 3-inch loaf pan. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for one hour or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center of the loaf comes out clean. Let the bread cool in the pan five minutes, then place it on a rack to complete cooling. Serve in thin slices spread with softened cream cheese.

Recipes and photos courtesy the California Kiwifruit Commission



Kiwi Mint Lemonade



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## Real estate associations give merger thumbs up

BY JULIE BROWN  
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Kathy Coon is excited about the merger of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors and the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors.

"That merger has been voted on and approved," said Coon, who will serve as president of the new association this year. Voting was completed Jan. 31 with over 95 percent of WWOCAR members giving the merger the nod and over 92 percent of MCAR members.

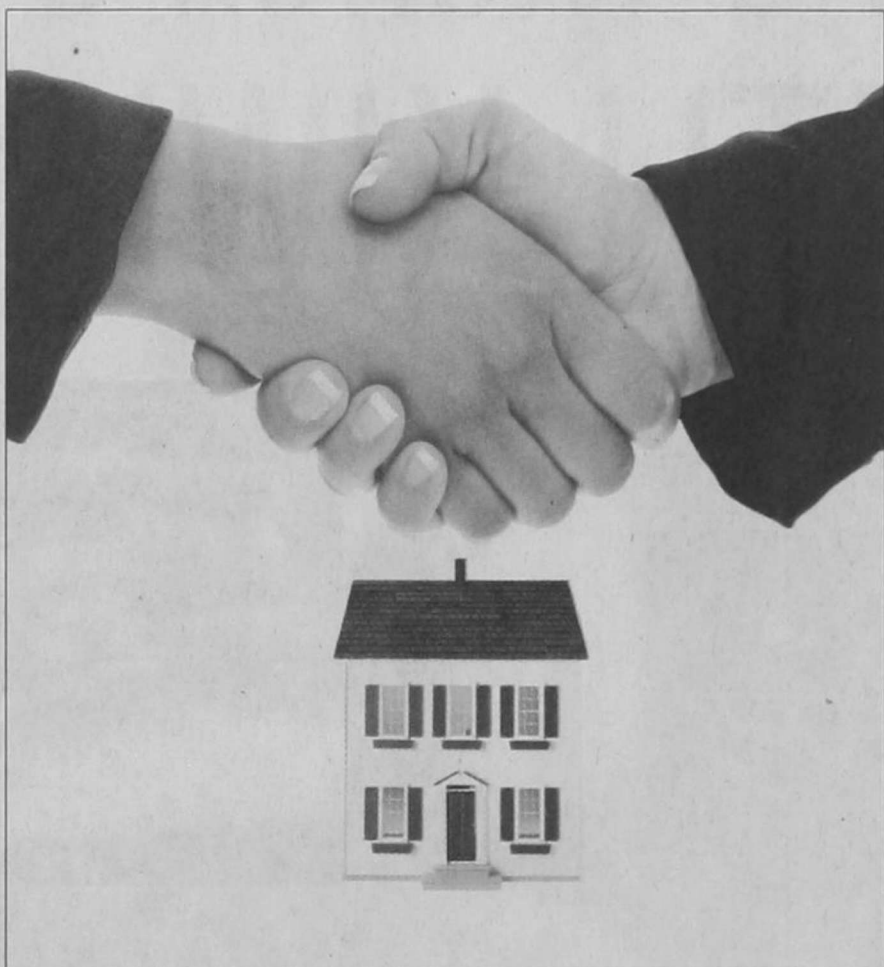
Farmington Hills-based WWOCAR has long served western Wayne and parts of Oakland County, with Troy-based MCAR focused on Oakland and Macomb counties. Coon said the formal name of the new association will likely be unveiled in March and is already in place.

She's broker/owner of Real Living Great Lakes Real Estate with offices in Rochester Hills, Clarkston and West Bloomfield. Coon said the MCAR office on Butterfield in Troy will remain open until August 2012.

The site in Farmington Hills, owned by WWOCAR, is at Drake and Grand River. "That will remain open for now," she said. "We're very excited. We're looking at very positive movement forward. We'll be able to offer them (members) so much more."

The combined association has some 6,000 members, mostly Realtors but also those in affiliate fields like banking, inspectors, titles and moving companies. "We reach out to everyone who touches our industry," Coon said.

Asked about staff cuts, she said the



new association leaders are looking at all areas "as to how we can run a stronger organization."

That includes education, training and services members need to succeed.

There have been side discussions on a WWOCAR-MCAR merger for about four years, Coon said. The housing

market has taken its toll on the local industry, with membership down to about half what it was six-eight years ago.

"Our numbers continue to get smaller," she said. Leaders want to have a greater impact, including at the state level.

"Philosophies have been very much

along the same lines," Coon said. "It was something that seemed to be the right thing to do."

"I'm very excited. I think that this is wonderful. We've got both associations working hand in hand."

The two boards will merge, she said: "It should be an exciting time, a very exciting time."

Tony Schippa will be president-elect of the new association. He's a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth who will serve as president for one year beginning in January 2012.

"I'm excited for it," Schippa said. "I think it's going to bring us more value to our members." The new association will have a bigger voice on state, local and national issues affecting homeowners, he said. Working with charities is another area that will improve.

"I am excited," he said. "We'll have our unique challenges, of course. It's all stuff that's been well thought out. We put the vote to our members and our members voted in favor of."

Dale E. Smith, executive vice president at WWOCAR, will remain in that role for the new association. "This is really exciting stuff," Smith said. "Both of the associations are very, very strong."

The new group will be able to do more for members and advocacy for homeowners, Smith said, including affordable housing programs. "This is going to give us a boost up on doing that," said Smith, with WWOCAR since 2001.

"Anytime you get that kind of plurality the members obviously see it as a good thing for them," he added of the voting.

## Check with lawyer on board actions

**Q: Our board will not turn over the board minutes to us to look at and I am concerned about what actions they are taking. They also will not let us sit in on board meetings. What can we do about it?**

**A:** Unless your documents so provide, there is no open meetings act which allows you the right to sit in on board meetings in Michigan. On the other hand, you do have a right to review the books, contracts and records of the association and, presumably, the

nonprivileged minutes would be contained within that right. If the board is to withhold all minutes, I would be concerned about the way in



Robert Melsner

which they are operating the association and I would retain an attorney to write a strong letter advising them of the requirements under the Non-Profit Corporation Act, The Condominium Act, and, presumably, your condominium documents allow you to have the right to review the books, records and contracts of the association.

**Q: I own a condominium Up North which is now in receivership and the bank seems to be running it although they claim that they are not a successor developer. What can I do about finding out the answers?**

**A:** A number of lending institutions are not willing to assume control of the association or complete the foreclosure because they would be deemed the successor developer. Yet they hire a receiver, generally court-appointed, to collect monies in regard to the sale of the units and/or rental of the units and act as if they are a developer. You need aggressive legal counsel knowledgeable in community association law and these issues to force the lender to assume its responsibilities as it should; otherwise, the co-owners will be led down the primrose path to the detriment of the entire project.

**Q: We are unhappy with our Board of Directors and I am wondering if there is a procedure in our condominium documents that can facilitate their removal.**

**A:** Generally speaking, there is a provision in the association bylaws that provides for the removal of a board generally upon the approval of 50 percent of the members of the association and after a petition calling for a special meeting has been signed by one-third of the co-owners. However, your documents may provide a different remedy and there is also a provision in the Non-Profit Corporation Act dealing with the removal of directors which would come into play if your documents do not provide for that type of remedy. You are best advised, however, to retain an attorney to assist you in drafting the petition for a special meeting, as well as appearing at the special meeting for the removal of the board, assuming you get the appropriate number of signatures to call the meeting.

**Robert M. Melsner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$99.95 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. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmelsner@bmelsner-associates.com](http://bmelsner@bmelsner-associates.com). This column should not be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 1-5, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>	
5926 Fairborn Dr	\$312,000
6625 Raintree Dr	\$166,000
48422 Red Run Dr	\$301,000
48895 Rockefeller Dr	\$340,000
4592 S Willard Rd	\$78,000
49731 Taft Ln	\$40,000
<b>Garden City</b>	
753 Lathers St	\$49,000

2050 Lathers St	<b>Livonia</b>	\$45,000
19212 Auburndale St		\$85,000
29530 Bentley St		\$84,000
35881 Bobrich St		\$157,000
18945 Brentwood St		\$95,000
20362 Brentwood St		\$60,000
32979 Brookside Cir		\$148,000
9151 Cardwell St		\$105,000
20611 Ellen Ct		\$335,000
9796 Farmington Rd		\$80,000
10054 Hartel Ct		\$60,000
11414 Ingram St		\$140,000
17764 Levan Rd		\$142,000
36109 Martin St		\$166,000
20169 Merriman Rd		\$135,000
16555 Middlebelt Rd		\$29,000

38458 Northfield Ave	<b>Northville</b>	\$147,000
16560 Cottonwood Ct		\$260,000
40539 Delta Dr		\$280,000
19300 Gallant Fox Ln		\$800,000
16765 Lochmoor Cir E		\$208,000
39717 Muirfield Ln		\$225,000
18395 Pinebrook Dr		\$365,000
249 Rayson St		\$359,000
<b>Plymouth</b>		
360 Burroughs St		\$84,000
13351 Drury Ln		\$260,000
12903 Hollywood Dr		\$400,000
9144 Muirland Dr		\$248,000
9801 N Ridge Rd		\$207,000
9368 Village Manor Dr		\$275,000
<b>Redford</b>		

15961 Denby	<b>Westland</b>	\$43,000
25999 Dover		\$82,000
20019 Garfield		\$55,000
9060 Levee		\$85,000
7424 August Ave		\$85,000
33805 Calumet Ct		\$20,000
37691 Colonial Dr		\$36,000
8196 Huntington St		\$24,000
32581 Judy Dr		\$108,000
611 N Newburgh Rd		\$43,000
29005 Richard Dr		\$26,000
1665 Shoemaker Dr		\$44,000
7635 Terri Dr		\$154,000
7610 Woodview St		\$25,000

### HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 1-5, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

15526 Kirkshire Ave	<b>Beverly Hills</b>	\$126,000
32240 Robinhood Dr		\$360,000
<b>Birmingham</b>		
262 Bird Ave		\$405,000
1938 Bradford Rd		\$105,000
660 Dewey St		\$450,000
1625 Graefield Rd		\$63,000
1120 Hillside Dr		\$642,000
1810 Holland St		\$125,000
598 Park St		\$260,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave		\$150,000
<b>Bloomfield Hills</b>		
4293 Ramsgate Ln		\$300,000

2940 Acorn Rd	<b>Bloomfield Township</b>	\$160,000
4052 Augusta Ct		\$260,000
1701 Hickory Bark Ln		\$234,000
7080 Holiday Dr		\$225,000
1560 Lakewood Ct		\$360,000
100 N Berkshire Rd		\$409,000
2395 Rutherford Rd		\$78,000
5082 Sebring Ct		\$378,000
<b>Commerce Township</b>		
4688 Driftwood Dr		\$430,000
5980 Turnberry Dr		\$415,000
Farmington Hills		
24401 Broadview St		\$103,000
24461 Broadview St		\$185,000
28997 Forest Hill Dr		\$215,000
21550 Hamilton Ave		\$65,000
30658 Knighton Dr		\$240,000
21305 Oxford Ave		\$90,000
21410 Parker St		\$80,000
30342 Patricia St		\$184,000
25170 Rutledge Xing		\$235,000

25631 Springbrook Dr	<b>Millford</b>	\$175,000
1189 Eagle Nest Ct		\$265,000
541 Union St		\$250,000
<b>Novi</b>		
41635 Borchart Dr		\$130,000
40601 Brenda		\$155,000
29131 Eastman Trl		\$320,000
41576 Hamlet Ln		\$115,000
24084 Hickory Grove Ln		\$187,000
25898 Island Lake Dr		\$356,000
22757 Mondavi Dr		\$377,000
39812 Village Wood Cir		\$45,000
24089 Westmont Dr		\$365,000
<b>South Lyon</b>		
1259 Buckboard Cir		\$340,000
717 Cape Cod		\$70,000
26223 Daria Cir W		\$60,000
61021 Greenwood Dr		\$46,000
54844 Grenelefe Cir W		\$360,000
1168 Horseshoe Dr		\$285,000
27180 Martindale Rd		\$178,000

21425 Pontiac Trl		\$61,000
61541 Richfield St		\$115,000
23531 Sawgrass Ct N		\$305,000
23482 Spy Glass Hl N		\$340,000
25346 Stanley Ln		\$70,000
1159 Vassar		\$112,000
896 Village Way		\$118,000
54335 Villagewood Dr		\$30,000
430 Whipple St		\$145,000
21484 Winding Creek Dr		\$265,000
<b>Southfield</b>		
27160 Bradford Ln		\$119,000
21227 Eight And Half Mile		\$16,000
20420 Harbor Ln		\$119,000
18175 Hilton Dr		\$53,000
<b>White Lake</b>		
10700 Bogie Lake Rd		\$550,000
805 Cedar Bay Ct		\$235,000
11323 Diana Ct		\$124,000
8946 Glasgow Dr		\$128,000
8139 Williams Lake Road		\$308,000

### REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

#### Joining RE/MAX

The following associates have joined RE/MAX of Detroit since Dec. 31:

Roger Daubenmeyer, RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills; David Bair, RE/MAX Classic, Milford; Debra Collins, RE/MAX Classic, Milford; Thomas Gammon, RE/MAX Classic, Milford; Cathy Elias, RE/MAX Dream Properties, Northville; Delilah Milne, RE/MAX Classic, Milford; Susan Frazier, RE/MAX Gallery, Livonia; John Calin, RE/MAX Signature, Grosse Pointe Farms; Laurie Reimer, RE/MAX New Trend, Farmington Hills; and Kathleen Kaltz, RE/MAX Gallery, Livonia.

#### Career Seminar

There will be a Real Estate Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Learn about a free prelicensing course. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or [laiello@kw.com](mailto:laiello@kw.com).

#### Informational time

There will be a "HUD, Foreclosures, and Short Sales"

informational session 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Bridgepointe Realty, 23290 Farmington Road. Limited seating — pre-registration required at (248) 345-1268.

#### Kudos

Todd Taliaferro, with RE/MAX Classic, has recently been presented with the RE/MAX Hall of Fame Award,



Taliaferro

which honors successful agents who have earned more than \$1 million in commissions during their careers with the company. As a seasoned pro-

fessional in the real estate industry, his sales experience spans over 25 years including past positions as a regional vice president for a Fortune 500 company. He specializes in residential and condominium sales, luxury homes and lakefront and investment properties in Western Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties. He has also gained accreditation as a Certified Distressed Property Expert

and a Short Sale, Foreclosure and Bank-Owned Property Specialist.

"Taliaferro has been an integral member of our team and is more than deserving of this very prestigious award," said Carol Boji, of RE/MAX Classic. "Winning this award is a tremendous accomplishment. Todd continues to raise the bar in real estate, making us and his community proud."

Taliaferro, a Central Michigan University graduate, is a longtime Plymouth resident and actively supports local youth programs and sports.

#### Pros on the job

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel (CBWM) has recently welcomed a number of new sales professionals to the growing company.

They are: Sophie Brun, Hannah Hoppough and Judy Komer — Birmingham/Bloomfield; office Chris Campbell — Commerce/West Bloomfield office; Tim Krukowski — Northville/Novi office; Wendy Velthoven — Plymouth/Canton office; Chris Bohne — Rochester office; Dianne Gouin and Steven Deblauwe — Troy office.

"These talented people bring



Velthoven



Krukowski

with them diverse business skills and experience and will make great additions to our company," said John North, CBWM COO. "We are very pleased that they've chosen Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel."

#### Investors

The Real Estate Investor Association of Wayne County holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate. Entrance fee is \$20 for non-members to be applied to annual membership. For information, call (313) 819-0919 or visit [www.reiawaynecounty.org](http://www.reiawaynecounty.org).

#### Real Estate Sales and Appraising

Learn about a career in residential real estate. Attend a free one-hour seminar, or shadow a top agent to get an inside feel of the business. Seminars are at noon or 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To reserve a spot, contact Keller Williams Realty International, at (248) 893-2500, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 100, Farmington Hills 48331.

#### 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. RSVP with Larry Brady at (800) 260-5484, Ext. 33.

#### Free Foreclosure Tours

Free Foreclosure Tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. E-mail [Georgia@add-edvalurealty.com](mailto:Georgia@add-edvalurealty.com) or visit [FreeForeclosureTour.com](http://FreeForeclosureTour.com) for additional information.



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- 56 Mountain refrain
- 1 Amt.
- 2 Klutz's cry (hyph.)
- 3 Othello's betrayer
- 4 Tiaras
- 5 Heroic exploits
- 6 Tpk.
- 7 Vase, often
- 8 Longest arm bone
- 9 Give off fumes
- 10 Two tablets, maybe
- 11 Soyuz launcher

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- 28 Fronton word
- 29 Broad st.
- 30 Movie director Craven
- 32 Nervous twitch
- 33 Deliberately vague
- 35 Laundry load
- 36 IX opposite
- 38 Want badly, as chocolate
- 39 Writer Grey
- 40 PC operating system
- 41 Big pond
- 42 Arapaho foes
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- 45 Humorous Ogden
- 47 Environmental prefix
- 48 Gullet
- 50 — Paulo, Brazil

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# CHRYSLER, CHEVROLET EMERGE SUPER BOWL WINNERS

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By Dale Buss

Like members of some ancient tribe huddled around a big campfire, the first thought of Michiganders who were watching the second half of the Super Bowl when the Chrysler ad came on was: This is good for our race!

The down-but-not-out depiction of a heroic Detroit in the Eminem spot, "Born of Fire," literally had thousands in this area cheering and clapping by the time the two minutes were over. From shots of local icons such as the Diego Rivera mural at the Detroit Institute of Arts, to an appeal to car buyers to consider luxury "imported from Detroit," the ad was a veritable paean to why people still survive and even thrive in southeast Michigan.

Then, as only a people living in the hyper-connected Twenty-first Century could, we quickly wondered: What did everybody else think? And like a group resigned to perpetually being a national and global underdog, many of us concluded that the commercial was only a parochial feel-good moment, at best.

But we would be wrong.

It won't be clear for a while how much the ad - for the new Chrysler 200 sedan - actually will do for sales of the re-skinned and renamed

Chrysler Sebring.

Yet signs have kept surfacing that the rest of the country not only loved the ad but also thought maybe there was something they had been missing in Chrysler's comeback and its new products.

Chrysler even has begun nurturing the ad into a bit of mythology: Executives have said that they won't show the full two-minute spot again, though parts of it may show up in future marketing for the 200 and for the brand. And of course it will live forever on the internet.

So where does Chrysler go from here?

Presumably, only upward. Sales have been recovering more smartly than many industry sages had predicted - and that has occurred even without the benefit of the slew of new and overhauled new products the company is promising for its Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram brands over the next several months.

Meanwhile, Chevrolet emerged as the other big winner in the auto industry with its Super Bowl advertising.

General Motors global CMO Joel Ewanick had been telling anyone who would listen, for months, that Super



The best line of the Super Bowl: "I didn't even know this town had a volcano," in Chevy's Silverado HD ad.

Bowl XLV was going to be an important stage for expanding and solidifying the new "Chevy Runs Deep" marketing theme for the brand.

And while it's arguable how much the day's body of work for Chevrolet - five ads, in total - did for Ewanick's new slogan, it's easy to argue that the spots overall likely moved the needle for the brand in the eyes of American consumers.

The best of the Chevrolet spots arguably was "Status." In it, the brand used true romance to break through the hormonal fog that was a strong factor in much of the night's advertising. What's more, the spot -- in which a guy finds out immediately that his first date was a hit -- underscored the crucial difference between GM's OnStar, which invites social-media interaction, and Ford's Sync, which does not.

The other one that scored big with this correspondent was Chevy's "Tommy" spot, in which a highly capable Silverado HD played Lassie and saved a precocious little boy from all sorts of trouble, including falling into a well and ending up in the belly

The Chrysler 200 reflects the marquee of downtown Detroit's Fox Theater in its Super Bowl ad.



of a whale. It also contained the line of the night: "I didn't even know this town had a volcano!" This ad was an affecting twist on the brute-force genre of pickup-truck ads that held sway in the Super Bowl, and the rest of television advertising, for several years.

Volkswagen also scored a hit, with its "Little Darth Vader" advertisement, titled "The Force," which proved to be one of the most popular with Super Bowl viewers.

The company had a lot on the line with its continued presence in Super Bowl advertising. With a new U.S.-made Passat due on the market this year, a redesigned Beetle debuting as well, and the necessity to fuel CEO Martin Winterkorn's dreams of global domination, Volkswagen had a lot on its plate for the game.

"The Force" didn't do much to highlight the actual attributes of the car. But the ad did give some subliminal young-family positioning to a brand that has always concentrated on single twenty-somethings - especially in its previous Super Bowl advertising.

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