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## Board welcome

Douglas Adams, Ph.D., of Canton was sworn in as a trustee on the Board of Trustees at Schoolcraft College during the board's meeting Jan. 25. Adams was sworn in as a trustee by his longtime friend and associate, Wayne County Deputy Clerk Caven West.

Adams was appointed to the board in November 2011 to complete the final year of the six-year term, ending Dec. 31, 2012, of board member Gregory J. Stempien, who recently retired from the board.

## Gov's choice

Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala, a local leader in urgent care medicine, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to serve a four-year term on the Michigan Board of Medicine.

The board oversees the practice of medicine of approximately 36,330 medical doctors and serves as the state's licensing board.

Arsiwala is president and medical director of Michigan Urgent Care, which operates Western Wayne Urgent Care in Canton.

# DNA evidence supports conviction

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A convicted killer and serial rapist whose victims included a woman he sexually assaulted after driving her to a Canton cemetery in 1989 has lost his attempt to prove his innocence due to DNA evidence long preserved by Canton police, authorities said.

"It's an impressive testament to the department being conscientious and taking care of evi-



Buhnerkemper

dence and doing it right," Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. "It's kind of nice to know that we maintained the ability to prove his guilt, thanks to us being on the job and holding onto evidence."

Canton police turned over DNA evidence for analysis after Wayne County authorities

received inquiries about serial rapist and killer David Brian Buhnerkemper, now 55, from the Innocence Project, a national organization dedicated to pursuing a legal review of cases in question.

"The Innocence Project has a place in our society, and we certainly were willing to cooperate with them and abide by a court order for DNA evidence to be submitted to a lab for testing," Schreiner said. "He's in prison on our case and many others."

The latest analysis substantiated Buhnerkemper's guilt.

## Life sentence

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Buhnerkemper is serving life in prison without the possibility of parole for convictions in 1993 and 1992 on 13 counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of murder involving a Pontiac woman and one count of kidnapping.

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## Jam session



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Christine Laming adds sugar to her apple pie jam. She also has low-sugar recipes.

# Canton mom trades records for recipes

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Former record promoter Christine Laming used to push new jams to radio stations — that is, before she started making jam and jelly in her own kitchen.

Now, this Canton mother of three has abandoned hit songs for hip flavors like raspberry jalapeno, cinnamon pear, cranberry orange and strawberry lemon poppyseed.

"My love is cooking," Laming said, stirring a batch of Michigan apple pie jam on her stove.

Her home-based business, Jam by Hand, evolved after she and husband Gerald made a trip a couple of strawberry-picking seasons ago to an Ypsilanti produce farm.

"We ended up picking 40 pounds of strawberries," said Laming, who had little access to such farms growing up on Long Island, just outside

New York City.

Pondering the fate of her small mountain of strawberries, Laming stopped at Meijer, bought canning jars, pectin — a substance that helps firm up jam — and other ingredients she needed to try her luck.

"It was awesome," she said. "It was like no other jam we had ever tasted. We had so much jam we started giving it to people."

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# Group drops Colbeck recall

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A recall group has dropped its campaign to oust state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, for his support of Michigan's emergency manager legislation — a decision partly blamed on the daunting task of collecting 27,300 signatures to get the issue placed on a ballot.

"Our decision was to let it lapse at this point," recall leader Mary Kelley said Tuesday.

Her remarks came as the Committee to Recall Patrick Colbeck faced a deadline this week to submit petitions to Wayne County election officials.

Colbeck, in his second year as 7th District senator, welcomed the news, saying "I've got enough drama in my life" dealing with Lansing politics. He vowed to continue efforts to create jobs and find a solution to traffic problems near the I-275/Ford Road interchange.

"I'm just going to continue doing what I've been doing all along — what the vast majority of 7th District residents want me to do," Colbeck said. "We're trying to get jobs pushed through."

## Still around

Colbeck's district includes the townships of Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Brownstown, Grosse Ile, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren, and the cities of Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Rockwood, Trenton, Woodhaven and part of Northville.

Although the recall campaign has been abandoned, Kelley said the group remains in place and could decide to revive its efforts if other measures become political hot buttons. She cited Colbeck's support to make Michigan a right-to-work state — viewed by critics as a union-busting measure — as one potential issue.

Kelley, a Northville Township resident and retired Trenton elementary principal, cited several reasons why recall organizers have dropped their effort to oust Colbeck:

- A challenge to get the organizational support and money needed to wage a massive recall effort.
- Stringent recall rules that force organizers to collect the signatures they need within a 90-day window. "The

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# District hears public input on closing options

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

Michele Fleming's children are among the few who live in Plymouth Township who attend elementary school at Hulsing Elementary School. And Fleming, who lives in the Joy/Lilley area, wants it to remain that way even after the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education makes its decision on which schools to close in its facilities optimization plan. Her children (she has a second- and a fourth-grader at the school) have made friends from the other areas that feed Hulsing. However, while her children could be sent to Allen Elementary on Haggerty

north of Ann Arbor Road, their Canton friends would more likely be shipped to Gallimore or Miller as the district redraws its school boundaries.

"I just think (Hulsing) should remain an elementary school," Fleming said of the school, tucked into the Windsor Park subdivision in Canton. "We want to make sure, if Hulsing closes, we get to stay with our community."

Fleming was part of a small crowd Tuesday at Discovery Middle School for the first of three public forums designed to elicit resident comments on the facilities recommendations made by Plante & Moran CRE-SA, the firm the district hired to conduct the facil-

ities study. Other forums are scheduled for Feb. 27 and March 6, both at 6:30 p.m., and both at Discovery Middle School.

Hulsing is one of three elementary schools on the radar in the list of scenarios presented by CRESA. Hulsing and Fiegel Elementary, located on Joy Road in Plymouth Township, would close under all five scenarios presented by CRESA. Gallimore would join them in one scenario.

CRESA calculated the scenarios two ways: Housing students at 85-percent and 90-percent capacity. Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities, said the scenarios drawn up using an 85-

percent capacity seemed to be "rising to the top." However, administrators pointed out it's all still just preliminary until the board makes its decisions, likely at the March 27 board meeting.

"This is all preliminary information," Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes said Tuesday. "No decisions have been made about anything. (Closures) will be a board decision."

Administrators answered questions for nearly three hours Tuesday. Some of the questions included:

- To Fleming's point (keeping Hulsing kids together), Freeman said: "They'd probably be split in two different directions. We would do our best to split them to no more than two (schools), if at all possible."

- Why close Hulsing and/or Gallimore? Hughes pointed out both schools are centrally located within the district and would make good locations for programs such as the Tanger Center's special education program or an early-childhood development center.

"Gallimore is much more

## WEIGHING THEIR OPTIONS

**Option 1A:** "Right-size" facilities, leaving them at 90 percent capacity. It would close Fiegel, Gallimore and Hulsing elementaries, and move the Tanger Center and Starkweather, the district's alternative high school. According to CRESA, this option would save the district between \$2.4 and \$2.6 million.

**Option 1B:** Considers the district's facilities at 85-percent capacity and closes Fiegel and Hulsing, while still relocating Tanger and Starkweather. It would save \$1.68 million to \$1.93 million.

**Option 2A:** Would reconfigure elementaries to K-6 at 85 percent of capacity and close both Fiegel and Hulsing along with East Middle School. It would also move Tanger and Starkweather and save the district \$3.4 million to \$3.65 million.

**Option 2B:** Reconfigures elementaries to K-6, closes Fiegel, Hulsing and Central Middle School and relocates Tanger and Starkweather. It saves \$3.52 million to \$3.55 million.

**Option 3:** Provides pre-K and reconfigures elementaries into upper- and lower-level grade structure. It closes Fiegel and Hulsing. According to CRESA, it impacts the fewest elementary students and cuts out five bus runs. It would save \$2.15 million to \$2.27 million.

accessible if we want to use it for a special program," Hughes said. "Hulsing is nestled in a neighborhood and is less accessible."

- The attraction of closing Fiegel is its location near the borders of Livonia and Westland. The school, considered the most likely to be closed, would make a good home

for Starkweather, the district's alternative high school currently housed in a sub-par building in Plymouth.

"We get (Starkweather) students from (Livonia and Westland)," Freeman said. "That makes Fiegel a prime candidate for Starkweather."

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**CORRECTION**  
The story in the *Observer* about the Jan. 24 death of Francesco DiBlasi, founder and former conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, should have said those interested in attending his memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia, should RSVP to Christine Moore at [mchristinemoore@yahoo.com](mailto:mchristinemoore@yahoo.com).

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## RECIPES

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### Starting up

They told her that she should sell it. So she researched Michigan's cottage-industry laws governing home businesses and started Jam by Hand.

The rest is sweet history, though some recipes certainly turn up the heat — like the one that blends habanero peppers with apricots, onions and red peppers.

Laming even has one recipe called Marmalade for YaYa — the Greek word her children, Zoe, 6, and twins Sophia and Emma, 4, use for their grandmother, Rene Conte. Its flavors blend grapefruit, orange, lemon, clementine and pineapple.

With nearly 20 flavors in season, Laming's recipes cost \$6 for an 8-ounce jar and can be found at places such as the Canton Winter Market, which returns 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 12, March 18 and April 22 inside the historic Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill.

Market manager Tina Lloyd said patrons often return because they are eager to buy products sold by local vendors like Laming, whose customers get 50 cents off their next purchase when they return their jars. Nearly



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Christine Laming stirs one of her jam recipes, part of her home-based Jam by Hand business.

20 vendors are expected Sunday during this year's first Winter Market.

"Most people leave the Winter Market with something in hand," Lloyd said, adding that patrons also enjoy supporting the local economy.

### Taste matters

But really, it's the taste that matters — and sampling Jam by Hand flavors in Laming's kitchen quickly indicates there are no wrong choices. Raspberry jalapeno? "It's my best seller," Laming said.

Carrot cake jam? "That's a favorite, for sure."

Laming offers her recipes at events such as wedding parties and baby showers, and she assembles baskets for holidays such as Mother's Day. She has started a Jam by Hand Facebook page to tout her goods.

She estimated she spends three hours a day making jam, jelly and, occasionally, marmalade — often when the twins are napping or sometimes late at night. Her husband, who has a window-company marketing job,

sometimes helps out in the kitchen.

Laming created some of her own recipes and found other ideas on the Internet. She offers tips that take jam and jelly far beyond toast and biscuits.

Avid customer Amber Camiller uses the raspberry jalapeno jam with cream cheese and crackers, and she spreads an apple cider recipe over pork tenderloin to create a glaze.

Camiller also buys the low-sugar peach berry cobbler — made with sweet peaches, wild blueberries and cinnamon



Shelves in Christine Laming's dining room hold finished jars of jam, supplies and recipes.



Christine Laming's finished product is ready for the market.

— which she describes as "so much better than store-bought" jam.

"I'm a pretty local customer," Camiller said. "I have tried a lot of her flavors."

Laming keeps her recipes in a binder she affectionately titled the Jam by Hand Manual of World Jam Domination. Her children used crayons to create the artwork.

Somehow, she finds time to lead a Girl Scout troop — the Miller Elementary First-Grade Daisies — which plans to collect pasta during Winter Market for Canton's Open Door Ministry food pantry. She also is president of a group called Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples.

Standing over her stove, Laming stirs her Michigan apple pie jam recipe of chopped apples, lemon zest and juice, cinnamon, raisins, nutmeg, apple juice and sugar.

"It will taste like apple pie filling when it's done," she said.

It's a far cry from her record-industry days of pushing jams to radio stations. Yet, it doesn't seem to matter for a woman who creates such sweet hits right in her own kitchen.

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## COLBECK

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recall process is designed by the legislators (we) are seeking to remove," Kelley said.

• A lack of name recognition for Colbeck, a freshman legislator, and his stance on issues. "Many people did not know who he was," Kelley said.

• Concern by some peo-

ple about signing petitions and providing personal information, though Kelley said recall organizers plan to destroy the documents.

### Keeping focus

Colbeck has long said he remained focused on his job while he was targeted for potential recall. He said he was most concerned by rude treatment he received from his foes. "You never like to walk

down a street (in the district) and have someone tell you to go back to Lansing," he said. "The personal nature was disappointing, but that goes with the territory. I'm very good at focusing on what needs to be done."

Word that the recall effort against Colbeck has been abandoned came after a separate group earlier ditched plans to try to oust Democratic

state Reps. Dian Slavens of Canton, Phil Cavanagh of Redford and Tim Bledsoe of Grosse Pointe.

Colbeck, Slavens and other legislators have long said they opposed a wave of recall efforts, saying voters should aim their frustrations at elections rather than seek to oust lawmakers for their stance on a single issue.

"I'm glad it didn't go through for Dian Slavens

as well," Colbeck said Tuesday.

Stu Sandler, an attorney and Republican strategist, has said the anti-Democrat recall efforts were dropped to put the focus on this year's elections.

"I think our plan is, we are going to present our different views on how the Republican Party proposes to reinvent Michigan in this next election," he has said.

Slavens, Cavanagh and Bledsoe had been targeted for their opposition to emergency manager legislation.

Much like Colbeck, Slavens has defended her voting record in Lansing and said she is fighting in Lansing for jobs and other measures important to her constituents.

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## Third rape suspect ordered to trial

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A third Canton man is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court following charges he and two other men raped a 24-year-old woman inside a Sherwood Village mobile home after she passed out from mixing beer and an anti-anxiety drug.

Jordan Fredrick-Andrew Terrell, 21, was ordered Friday to stand trial after he voluntarily waived his preliminary examination Friday in 35th District Court — a decision that averted another round of testimony.

Terrell could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, three counts of third-degree CSC and one count of

assault with intent to commit sexual penetration.

He remains jailed with a \$500,000 cash bond. A not-guilty plea has been placed on his record.

The charges against Terrell and two other Sherwood Village residents — Ryan Orr, 17, and Steven Arthur Nausley, 50 — arose after the woman told Canton police she awoke last Aug. 12 to find herself partially undressed with three men standing in Orr's bedroom.

The woman told authorities she went to a hospital and had been sexually assaulted at Sherwood Village, on Canton's southeast side.

"I was raped," the woman testified in 35th District Court during a hearing in November.



Terrell



Orr



Nausley

Terrell was ordered to stand trial Friday after Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller confirmed that Orr had pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree CSC and was awaiting sentencing by Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette Berry.

Miller has said Orr could face penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison, though authorities have indicated he is expected to get less time for

pleading guilty. His plea led to the dismissal of several other charges of first- and third-degree CSC.

Nausley's trial is still pending. Unlike Orr and Terrell, he has been charged as a fourth-degree habitual offender, meaning his penalties could be strengthened if he is found guilty.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Nausley has a criminal history that includes resisting and obstructing a police officer and malicious destruction of fire or police property.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Danielle Hagaman-Clark said during the November court hearing that Orr gave

a written statement indicating he, Nausley and Terrell "all took separate turns" with the victim.

The alleged victim has testified the last thing she remembers before she was raped was walking to the store with the suspects for beer, though they didn't buy any because it was after 2 a.m. She said she already had taken Xanax and consumed two 24-ounce cans of malt liquor.

Hagaman-Clark indicated during her courtroom arguments in November that Nausley took off the victim's clothing and asked the other men if they wanted to have sex with her, even though she was unconscious.

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### CRIME WATCH

#### Cap stolen

A 14-year-old boy told Canton police he was robbed of his Chicago White Sox baseball cap by three other males, one of whom threatened to punch him.

The incident happened just before 6 p.m. Jan. 31 in the 1200 block of Stacy, northeast of Palmer and Haggerty.

The alleged victim said three teenage males, one on a bicycle, approached him and demanded his cap. He said he took it off and put it under his arm before it was forcibly taken from him.

He described the suspects as three black males in their teens. He said one wore a Chicago Bulls basketball cap and had facial hair and glasses. He said another had a large Afro hairstyle and what was described as a white fisherman's hat with green lettering. A fuller description of the third teen wasn't noted.

#### Home invasion

A 44-year-old man who had moved to Illinois reported someone broke into a home he still owns in Canton on Whittier, southwest of Saltz and Sheldon. The incident happened sometime prior to 3 p.m. Sunday.

He had returned to the home to find items missing such as a shotgun, a stove, a refrigerator, a dishwasher, a snowblower and computer equipment.

A police report indicated that authorities had a suspect.

Compiled by Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

### DNA

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Records indicate that a jury convicted Buhnerkemper of one rape in Canton, though he had been charged with two sexual assaults that authorities at the time said happened in Knollwood Cemetery, on Ridge south of Cherry Hill on the township's far west side.

Described as a drifter, Buhnerkemper was arrested in February 1992 at his brother's house in the 7900 block of Koppnick Road in Canton, following a lengthy investigation.

Buhnerkemper said in court at the time that he owned a 1982 Chevrolet Chevette and little else. He also told a judge he had been fired from his job with a temporary

work agency that included a stint at Canton-based Yazaki Corp.

#### Decades old

The first Knollwood incident occurred Aug. 27, 1988, when a 36-year-old Westland woman told police she was abducted from a Dearborn shopping mall and raped in the cemetery. She had been waiting for a bus but accepted a ride.

The second incident occurred Jan. 25, 1989, and involved a 37-year-old Taylor woman who told police she was picked up by a man near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights when her car ran out of gas. She said she was offered a ride to a gas station, but was taken to Knollwood and raped.

Both women eventually escaped. Michigan Department of Corrections records

indicate Buhnerkemper was convicted by a jury of the 1989 rape, along with other incidents such as the 1990 murder of a Pontiac woman, Carol Birrell, whose nude body was found in a Holly Township field near I-75.

"The woman had bite marks on her," then-Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. David Haire said at the time.

#### Same M/O

Schreiner said the woman whose rape in Canton led to a conviction also had bite marks.

Haire has said Buhnerkemper's victims talked of being bitten and of his unusual teeth, prompting authorities to get a court order to take imprints of his bite. Haire said the marks found on Birrell's back, neck and chest matched the imprints.

Schreiner said the latest developments in the case point out the importance of safeguarding DNA evidence that can now prove much more useful than in the past, due to advances in technology.

Paul Cates, the Innocence Project's communications director, didn't speak specifically of Buhnerkemper's case, but he said the organization relies on DNA and other evidence when it is believed a case should be reviewed.

"We try to let the evidence speak for itself," he said Tuesday from the organization's national headquarters in New York City.

According to the Innocence Project's website, 250 people in 34 states have been exonerated since 1989 due to DNA testing. Three of those have been in Michigan.

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# Tax code's tough to fathom

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Over the last few weeks there have been lots of stories about taxes. Whether it is the occupied Wall Street crowd, Warren Buffett's tax rate vs. his secretary, or the release of Mitt Romney's tax returns, taxes have been in the news. Unfortunately, what has become evident to me is that there is a total misunderstanding of our tax laws. Therefore, I thought it would be important to review some of the basics so readers have a better understanding. Everyone recognizes that no one, not even tax experts, understands our tax laws completely. After all, our tax laws are tens of thousands of pages long. Let's not forget they're written by lawyers for lawyers. Therefore, they are very difficult and complex to understand. However, there are some basics that help readers understand some of the conversations that are occurring.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

is a distinction between gross income and taxable income.

The other major bracket — capital gain — is based upon the taxes paid on an investment that is held for at least a year and then sold with a gain. Your capital gain rate can either be zero, five percent or 15 percent. Therefore, when Warren Buffett talks about having a lower bracket than his secretary, he is not telling you the whole story. He is comparing his capital gain bracket to his secretary's ordinary income bracket. A fair comparison would be comparing his ordinary bracket to her ordinary income bracket or his capital gain bracket to her capital gain bracket. What he did was compare his effective tax rate to her effective tax rate, which is something totally different.

### Effective tax rate

Many times during this discussion about taxes you will hear something referred to as your effective tax rate. Basically, your effective tax rate is the total taxes you pay as a percent of your income. However, like so much when it comes to taxes, there are different ways to compute it. First, since the effective tax rate is the percent of your income, the first question is what income do you use? Do you use your gross income, which

would be the \$75,000, or do you use taxable income, which would be the \$50,000 from the example outlined here. Or do you use what is considered adjustable taxable income? The next question is what taxes do you use? Do you use just federal income taxes or do you include all federal taxes such as the Medicare and Social Security tax? The bottom line is the effective tax rate can be computed a number of different ways and when you hear discussions regarding taxes and the effective tax rate, you should keep that in mind.

When taxes are discussed you will also hear the term, marginal tax rate. Your marginal tax rate would be the taxes that you pay on your last dollar of income. For example, if someone's taxable income (all ordinary income) was \$400,000 their marginal tax rate would be 35 percent. That means the last dollar that they earned was taxed at 35 percent, however, that doesn't mean that the entire \$400,000 was taxed at 35 percent. After all, our tax rates are progressive and, therefore, part of the \$400,000 would also have been taxed at the lower brackets.

I suspect that as the presidential campaign heats up later this year, we will hear more and more discussion about taxes, tax policies and tax

rates. As far as I'm concerned, it doesn't matter what side of the debate you're on. It is more important that you understand what the conversation is about and that you don't let anyone pull the wool over your eyes. We all know that numbers can be manipulated and politicians are pros at that.

One last note, during this whole discussion it is important to put things into perspective. According to the tax policy center, the following are the effective tax rates paid by the average American based upon gross income and federal income taxes. If your family makes between \$50,000-\$75,000, your effective tax rate is 5.7 percent. It is 7.2 percent for families earning \$75,000-\$100,000 and for families earning over \$200,000 it's 9.9 percent. For those lucky enough to earn over a \$1 million a year, the average effective rate is 18.9 percent.

My advice for lawmakers is that they shouldn't focus on tax rates and tax brackets but rather what would make things better for all of us — tax simplification. Good luck!

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# PCAC sets spring calendar

The Plymouth Community Arts Council announced its new line up of art programs for the spring/winter. All classes are held at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI unless otherwise specified.

• Spring Break Creative Arts Camp begins Tuesday, April 10 to Friday, April 13 for ages 6-12. Class runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$65 for Member, \$75 Non Member. Painting, printing, drawing, ceramics, weaving, theater games, and more.

• Returning are the ever-popular Pre School art programs with instructor Lisa Howard. You and Me Together is an explorative art class for 2-1/2 to 4 year olds together with a parent or caregiver, and will be offered for five week sessions starting Wednesday, Feb. 29. Littlest Artist Studio, offered Tuesday mornings, is intended for 4-5 year olds who can work independently. Emphasis is on creative expression and experimenting with new materials and techniques. Five week sessions of Littlest Artist Studio begin Tuesday, Feb. 28. Cost of either program is \$80

per five week session (\$65 for PCAC members).

• New this spring are some specialized classes including Abstract Painting Classes and Violin Lessons.

Abstract Painting Classes begin March 5 through May 14, and run 10 sessions. The class is designed for ages 15 and older, all skill levels are welcomed.

• Violin Lessons begin Fridays, March 2 through May 4, eight sessions. Classes meet in the PCAC Artscoco House 5:45-6:15 p.m. Cost is \$86 membership cost \$96 non member cost \$7 book fee. You may bring your own instrument, or rent one. RENTAL INFO: \$45 for 2-months rental, including a violin with bow and case, and music stand.

• Continuing this season are Drop-In Classes, including Pam Grossmann's Drop-In Drawing & Painting and Jeff Burda's Drop in Pottery classes.

For more information or to register for any of these programs visit the PCAC website: [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com), stop in the PCAC at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, or call (734) 416-4278.

### Types of income

Much has been said about the fact that Warren Buffett has a lower tax rate than his secretary. Although this may be true, it certainly doesn't mean that Warren Buffett pays less in taxes than his secretary. In fact, I am sure he pays more in taxes per year than most people earn in a lifetime. The confusion comes in understanding tax rates. For the great majority of taxpayers, there are two different tax rates — ordinary income and capital gains.

Ordinary income is generally income from wages. That money is taxed starting at a 10 percent bracket and eventually rises to 35 percent. However, what makes this a little more complex is that we do not pay taxes on our gross income. For example, if you earned \$75,000 in wages that does not mean you pay ordinary income taxes on that \$75,000. We pay taxes based upon our taxable income, not our gross income. Taxable income is income less any deductions and exemptions. Thus, if someone's gross income is \$75,000 their taxable income may only be \$50,000. It is important to recognize that there



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# Magical Night benefits Gleaners



Former Plymouth-Canton school board member Nancy Eggenberger picks up her Lucky Stars prize from Jerry Grady and state Rep. Dian Slavens.



Canton Community Foundation Board of Directors Chairman Jerry Grady (right) talks with new board member Brian Geer and his wife, Tamara.

Despite it being one of the few blustery, snowy nights so far this winter, guests and sponsors celebrated to a retro Hollywood theme at the Canton Community Foundation's fourth annual Magical Night of the Stars Jan. 29 at the Emagine Theater in Canton.

"What makes this evening extra special is that we are here to benefit and support Gleaners Community Food Bank," said Jerry Grady, chair of the CCF board of directors. "The importance of Gleaners and what it has done to help families in southeastern Michigan is unbelievable. We are especially thankful for Gleaners' strong commitment to Canton."

Steve and Jackie Darr, who operate the Open Door Ministry Food Pantry

on Lilley Road, received a round of applause for their work in helping feed the area's hungry. Gleaners' delivers an equivalent of 85,000 meals throughout southeastern Michigan through its partner agencies, such as Open Door.

"Our relationship with Gleaners is a testament to the partnerships the foundation is able to create and cultivate for the good of the community," Grady said. The board chair highlighted CCF's accomplishments in 2011, which included working with nonprofit agencies through programs such as the educational Lunch & Learn, planned giving programs and a new newsletter in which charitable organizations can share news with others.

Guests were treated to a cocktail reception, stroll-



Steve and Jackie Darr, who operate the Open Door Ministry Food Bank in Canton, receive a round of applause for their work.

ing dinner, dessert and a chance to win prizes at the Lucky Stars game. Olivia Scott won the eve-

ning with the \$500 cash prize in the 50/50 raffle with her choice of legendary star John Wayne. But



CCF Board chair Jerry Grady with Suzette Hohendorf, development coordinator at Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Dawn LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet pulled the card for irony when she won the Jack Demmer Ford "The Works" package for her choice of Barbra Streisand.

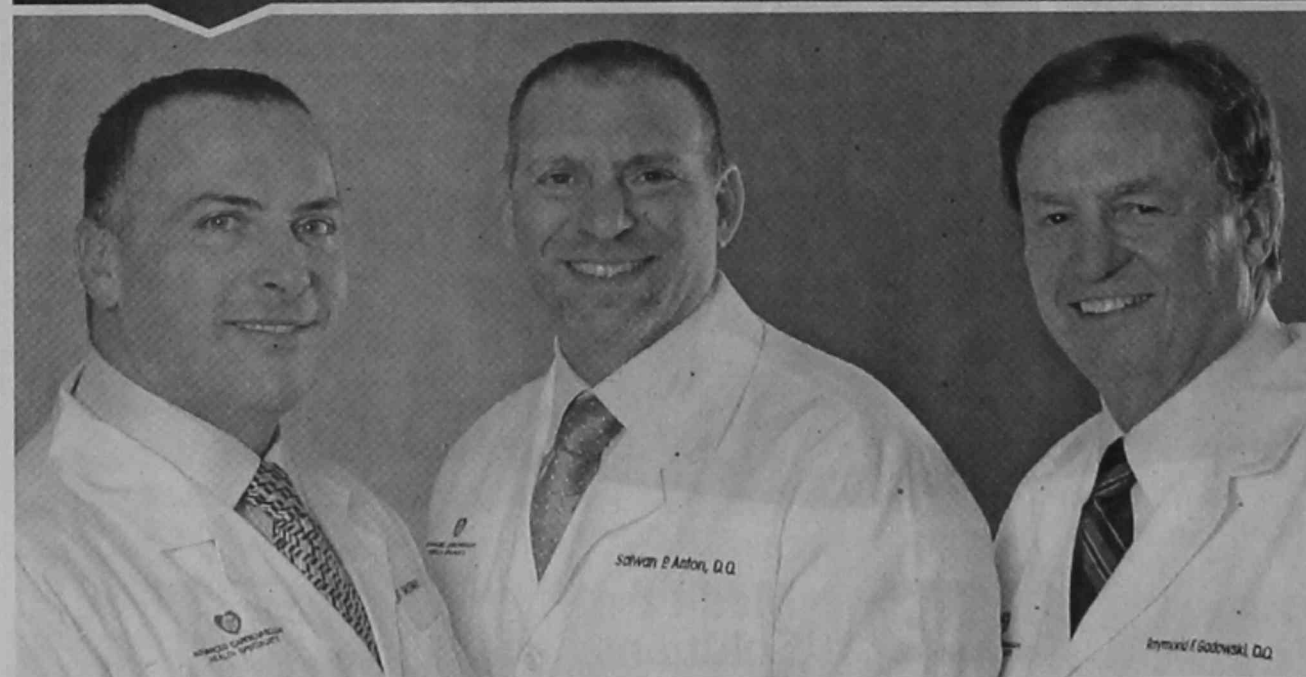
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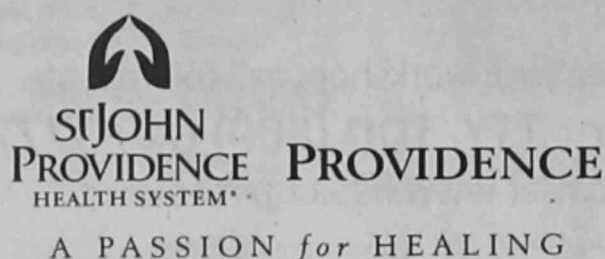
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# Senior troupe takes Biltmore stage

The Spotlight Still Got It Players navigate new literary territory as they present "The Oldest Profession" by Paula Vogel.

Organizers call the play funny, heartwarming, and "yes, a bit shocking," warning the play carries an "R" rating and is "not for the little ones." It will be presented in the Biltmore Studio at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

In the play, five aging practitioners of the oldest profes-

sion are faced with a diminishing clientele, increased competition for their niche market, and aching joints. With wit, compassion, and humor, they struggle to find and learn new tricks as they fight to stay in the Life.

"I read this play about a year ago and felt passionately that I needed to tell the story of these wonderful women," director Debbie Lannen said. "Rarely do you find a piece that is so well written and captures the

essence of it's character."

Performance dates are noon March 1; 7 p.m. March 2; 2 and 7 p.m. March 3; and 2 p.m. March 4. The cast includes Carol Lipinski of Plymouth as Ursula and Marian Busa of Canton as Edna.

Tickets are \$11 to \$15 and are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5460 or online at [www.canton-mi.org/village-theater](http://www.canton-mi.org/village-theater) or [www.spotlight-playersmi.org](http://www.spotlight-playersmi.org).



Carol Lipinski of Plymouth (left) and Marian Busa of Canton (right) star with Lana Collins of Northville in the Still Got It Players production of "The Oldest Profession."



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Mark Williams and his 6-year-old daughter, Lexie, and Michael Hamernik and 4-year-old daughter Gabby, get their boogie on.

# Steppin' out with dad!

**W**hen City of Plymouth recreation officials noticed there really weren't any offerings for fathers and their daughters in the local community, they decided to try one on for size.

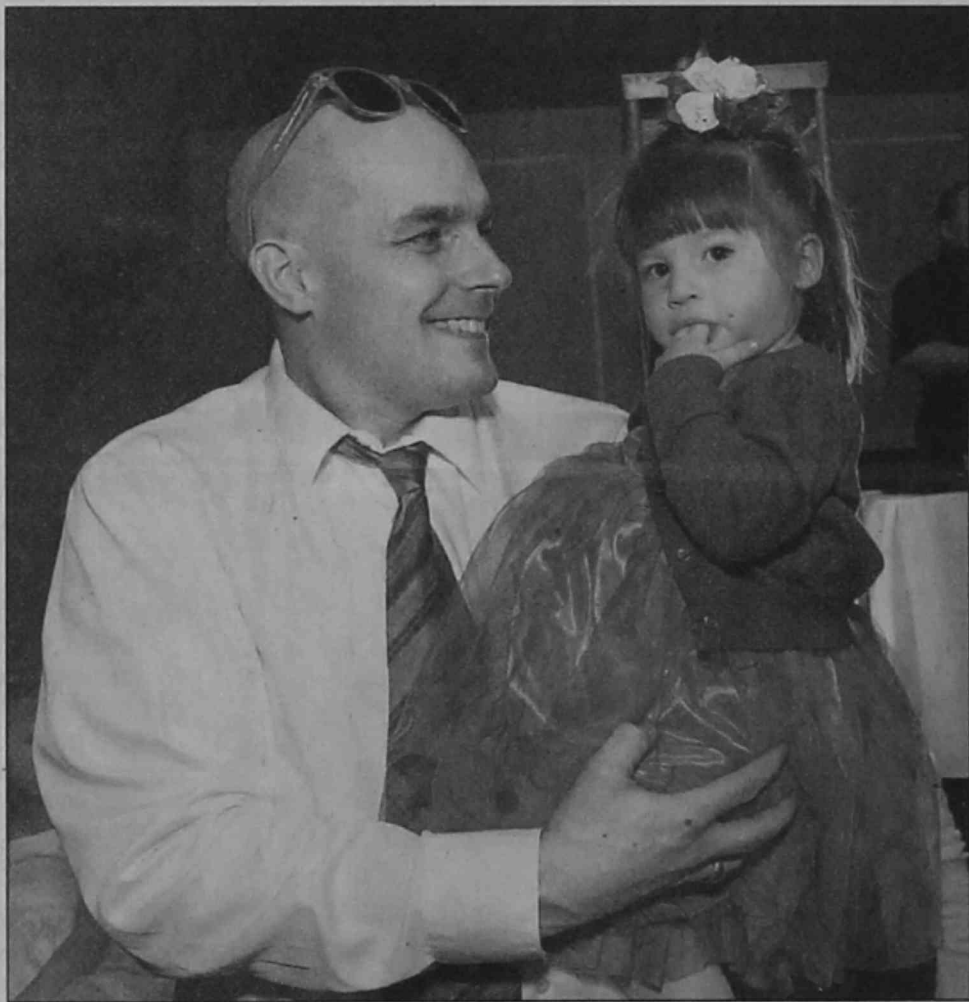
Judging by the response, they're likely to do it again.

Some 130 dancers turned out for the inaugural "Daddy/Daughter Dance." The young ladies each received a pair of sunglasses, and refreshments were served.

"We noticed there wasn't anything like it currently offered in Plymouth," said Lauren Misuraca, assistant director for recreation. "We thought it would be a good fit."

Apparently, the community agreed. The sell-out crowd filled the Plymouth Cultural Center's large reception room.

"It's definitely something we'll do again," Misuraca said.



John Buzuvis and 2-year-old daughter Meghan enjoy the festivities.



Mike Bambery enjoys the dance with 3-year-old Erin.



It's time to get down with the daddies and daughters at Plymouth's Cultural Center.



Photographer Dan Swint makes a portrait of dad Brad Galant and 3-year-old daughter Kate.



Brent Ruffner and daughter Katie, 7 years old. Daughters Kelsey and Karly are sitting out this dance.



Rick Moreno and 3-year-old Macy dance to the DJ's tunes.



Adam Vincens and daughter Isabel, who'll be 2 years old in March.



## CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



RealBarBQ, which opens Monday, Feb. 13, at 42452 Ford Road in Canton, will feature specialties such as ribs and chicken, as well as sandwiches and salads. The restaurant will also donate \$1 for every sale of a 'Booster Sandwich' to Plymouth-Canton high school athletic programs.

### BarBQ benefit

RealBarBQ, the fastest-growing Michigan-owned group of barbecue restaurants, opens its doors Monday, Feb. 13, featuring RealBarBQ specialties such as ribs and chicken, as well as sandwiches and salads.

With restaurants already located in Lincoln Park and Detroit, RealBarBQ officials said they're "excited" to open the doors in Canton. To show appreciation for the welcome mat already being put out by residents and businesses, RealBarBQ is supporting local schools by donating money to Plymouth-Canton high schools every time a "Booster Sandwich" is purchased.

The sandwich, which features pulled pork, pulled chicken, cheese, bacon, lettuce and tomato, will not only satisfy the diner's appetite, but will help support local high school athletics. For every sandwich sold, \$1 will be donated to athletic programs.

RealBarBQ hours will be 11 a.m. to midnight each of the week, with breakfast hours Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon. The restaurant also features a full bar, with a happy hour daily from 3-7 p.m.

RealBarBQ of Canton is located at 42452 Ford Road (at the northwest corner of Ford and Lilley).

### Entrepreneur week

Mark Carrigan of AlphaGraphics of Canton knows how important it is to encourage entrepreneurship in business — on both the local and national level. That's why the local business center is shining a spotlight on National Entrepreneurship Week, Feb. 18-25, a celebration of entrepreneurs in America and the educational opportunities available to prepare tomorrow's business leaders.

"At AlphaGraphics of Canton we understand how to support local small businesses because we ARE a small business," said Carrigan. "All AlphaGraphics business centers are locally owned and operated, and that gives us an insider's understanding of what small businesses need to get on their

feet and prosper."

This year, National Entrepreneurship Week will focus on "Entrepreneurial Literacy" by encouraging students, parents, educators, business people and government officials to understand the basics of how a business is created and managed. Carrigan said this emphasis on educating up-and-coming business leaders is critical, especially in today's economic environment.

AlphaGraphics believes that small businesses will continue to be instrumental in helping the economy recover by providing much needed job opportunities.

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For more information about AlphaGraphics of Canton, please contact Mark Carrigan at (734) 455-6550 or mcarrigan@alphagraphics.com.

### Conference speaker

Dan Saban, CTO of Danotek Motion Technologies, will be in the lineup of speakers at "Magnetics 2012," a forum on magnetic applications, technologies and materials set for March 13-14 in Orlando, Fla. This two-day conference is a leading global event focused on the latest economic developments and technical advancements in magnetics markets and technologies bringing together worldwide magnetics experts.

Danotek is a developer and manufacturer of highly efficient and reliable permanent magnet rotating equipment for the global wind energy, distributed generation, and electric vehicle markets.

Saban will be giving a presentation titled, "Cost Effective Drivetrains for Multi-Megawatt Wind Turbines with Medium-Speed Permanent Magnet Generators," offering attendees an understanding of the drive-train system design trade-offs for a lowest cost of energy wind power generation system.

## CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

### February luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its February luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 29, 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 \$25 (advance registration), \$30 (at the door) \$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 guest speaker Phil LaJoy, our township supervisor," said Dianne Cojei, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "Mr. LaJoy will discuss Canton's goals for 2012 as well as what's happening in the Township."

February's luncheon is hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Xuereb Snow PC and Oakwood Healthcare Systems. Seating is limited and reservations are required.

To make a reservation, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040. Deadline for reservations is Friday,



Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will give his State of the Township address at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's February luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 29, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Feb. 24.

### Dinner auction

The Canton Chamber Annual Dinner Auction takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's theme is "Made in Michigan." The décor will include Detroit's sports teams, Motown, Casinos and everything in-between.

Chamber officials called the auction a "fun night for socializing and networking with key businesses and community leaders in a social setting."

Tickets for the Auction are \$75 per person, which includes entrance to the event, dinner, premium bar, raffles, live & silent Auction, DJ and enter-

tainment.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at various levels and include event tickets and sponsorship recognition, along with a prize purchased in the business name (sponsorship form is available on the chamber website; go to forms & flyers).

The prize committee is looking for donations such as gift certificates, appliances, electronics, patio furnishings, jewelry, video equipment, gift baskets, travel vouchers, restaurant certificates, event tickets and sports equipment, for raffles and the live auction.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Get involved Now's the time to take part in process

It looks like there's going to be a race in Canton Township this year, and the time for residents considering a run for the township board to make that decision is now.

With a May 15 filing deadline approaching, only three people outside the current trustees have picked up petition packets for a potential run. Incumbent Trustee Pat Williams is the only candidate to have filed already, and former Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack is considering it. Five other members of the current board — Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Clerk Terry Bennett, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and trustees John Anthony and Greg Demopoulos — are also reportedly collecting signatures. Demopoulos is finishing the term of former Trustee Todd Caccamo.

There will definitely be at least one new member of the board. Dr. Syed Taj has decided not to seek re-election to the Canton Township board, instead deciding to seek the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congress.

We hope more people will take an interest. That's certainly not an indictment of the current board, which seems to enjoy a strong approval rating.

But competition is healthy, and a larger candidate pool gives Canton a chance to grab its best and brightest. The more people who get involved, the better the chance of developing a board with divergent opinions and thought processes.

This is the chance for anyone who has stood in their living rooms and said, "Why is the board doing that?" to be part of the discussion and part of the solution. The township has issues — of budgets and roads, growth and development — and could use all the help it can get solving them.

While conceding "all that's needed for evil to triumph is for good (people) to do nothing" is a bit melodramatic, we still urge good people to do something.

And you've got until May 15 to decide to do it.

## W-W's sinking fund deserves 'yes' vote

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools has worked hard over the past decade to earn the trust of residents when it comes to tax issues.

In 1998, the district won approval of a \$108 million bond issue to repair and renovate the schools. But the list was more than what could be covered by the bond issue. As a result, the district in 2003 asked voters for a 10-year 1-mill sinking fund tax, that allowed it to address those six pages of repairs.

The voters approved the request, and the last levy of that tax will come on this summer's tax bill. As a prelude to its expiration, school officials are asking district residents to approve a 0.99222-mill renewal on the Feb. 28 presidential primary ballot. If approved, the money would be utilized for the repair and replacement of Wayne-Westland's current educational infrastructure and protect taxpayers' investment in the students, schools and community.

The tax renewal would raise an estimated \$1.93 million a year. The money raised could only be used for what is stated in the ballot language, basically building repairs and maintenance.

The district will use the money to focus on major repairs. Boilers, roofs, chillers and cooling towers, exterior soffits and canopies, exterior doors and windows, elementary kitchen remodeling and expansions, parking lot upgrades and expansions and bathroom renovations are on the list.

Canton residents who live in the W-W school district need to remember that this is not a new tax request, it's a 10-year renewal. It will not increase the amount of taxes they currently pay. For the homeowner with a taxable value of \$40,000, considered average in the district, it would cost \$39.69 annually.

We recommend a YES on the 0.99222-mill sinking fund renewal Feb. 28. It is an investment in the students, the schools and the community, an investment that has helped the district meet the challenges of education in the 21st century.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What do you think of the mild winter we've been having?

We asked this question Monday at the Canton Public Library.



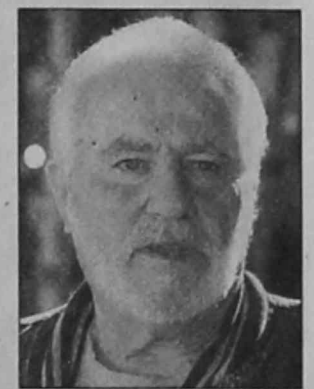
"It's awesome."  
**Linda Evanoff**  
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"What's not to like?"  
**Kalin Turri**  
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"I'm in favor of it. It makes things a lot nicer to be living in Michigan."  
**Pat Sankpal**  
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"I love it. It could be like this every day."  
**Dennis Urick**  
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## LETTERS

### Thoughtful opinion

Thank you for a thoughtful and well-written editorial on the current book "debate" in our community ("Politics moves front-and-center in book debate," Observer, Jan. 29).

And a hope you do not receive any virile or stinky mail — e or snail variety. But then, if you do, you know you have done well in the accuracy and relevance of your observations.

**Barbara Moroski-Browne**  
Northville

### Thank you

I am writing to thank you for your column on Sunday, Jan. 29 ("Politics moves front-and-center in book debate").

I worry about what is happening in our community, and I appreciate your article — especially the part about this issue not being about the children!

Keep up the good work!

**Becky Hurst**  
Plymouth

### Keep it in context

Thank you for this opinion piece ("Politics moves front-and-center in book debate," Jan. 29) and informing the community of just who is behind this craziness that is preventing the school board and administration from moving on with more important work.

There are many odd and crazy things about this whole protest of AP English curriculum books,

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which have been part of the program since my son took AP English in 2003-04. One issue that I have not seen addressed in all of the news articles and discussion is the fact that the people criticizing the books, including the superintendent of the district, are taking excerpts from the books in question without including them in context.

In order to put those passages in context, one must read the entire book. The superintendent openly admitted that he had not read the whole book, just the "dirty bits" pointed out to him. And he professes to be a former teacher of literature? That's why

it's AP English and not AP CliffNotes. Now that's what I call dumbing down of education.

As a taxpayer and resident of the school district, I lay this huge unplanned expense of time, resources, and energy at all levels of the school district at Jeremy Hughes' feet for his original reflexive reaction back in December. And I certainly find it ironic that members of the Tea Party (who so adamantly oppose taxes and government waste) are perpetuating such waste. We will likely see more such antics as the superintendent's action has allowed these groups to feel empowered.

In some ways the expense can be considered waste, but it is my sincerest hope that the high school students and more balanced members of the community are paying attention and learning about the importance of participation in keeping their rights.

I would like to give my best wishes and encouragement to all of the AP English students who are diligently reading, studying, and discussing literature in order to prepare for the National AP exams which are less than three months away. My hope is that they are not distracted by the antics of this small group of anti-intellectuals.

**Valerie Musselman**  
Plymouth

## GUEST COLUMN

# Concerned parents face double standard

By **Tony Lollo**  
Guest Columnist

When Barbara and Matt Dame decided to voice their opinion about the books *Beloved* and *Waterland* in the AP English curriculum on the PCCS campus, they did so as citizens and concerned parents of a student currently enrolled in the class.

It should stand to reason, then, that their opinion would be treated with the sort of respect that should be the foundation of a society valuing the freedoms of speech and press. What happened to the Dames was something entirely different. A campaign of spoken and written hyperbole about "banning" and "book burning" has turned our quiet town into another political battleground.

Publications and blog sites as far away as New York have decided not to report both sides of this debate, but have instead launched personal and hurtful attacks against the Dames, and anyone else who may hold a similar view about questionable material in the district's curriculum.

The question begs to be answered: Who brought politics into an issue that started between a school district and a group of concerned parents? Should a person's political or religious views be called into question when voicing their concern to a school district in which that person lives, and where their chil-

dren attend school? If the answer to this question is no, then it certainly wasn't the Dames who brought politics into this issue.

Sharon Lollo came under fire for simply reading one of the questionable paragraphs from *Beloved* in front of the school board, drawing the gavel from Vice President Adrienne Davis. Davis reprimanded Lollo for using questionable language, compelling Lollo to ask why language and content deemed acceptable for the district's students couldn't be read out loud in front of the board members.

The "stunt," as some have called it, drew raucous applause from some in the meeting who had come to support the Dames. Much has been made, even in this publication, about Lollo's political affiliations, as one of the founding members of "Rattle With Us," a Tea Party group based here in Plymouth. What seems to have been left out is the fact that Sharon Lollo also lives in, and has a grandchild, in the district. So the question again is this: Should a person's religious or political views be called into question when voicing concern to a school district in which that person lives, and where their children attend school? If the answer to the question is no, then it wasn't Sharon Lollo who brought politics into the issue.

My purpose is not to try and convince anyone to take a particular side on this issue, but rather to point out a few inconsistencies in the way the matter has been treated. There seems to always be a double standard when it comes to how we deal with censorship in

our schools. Literature with questionable, often offensive material is included in curriculum because of its cultural relevance or historical value, while the Bible, arguably the most culturally relevant work in Western civilization, is off the table as a teaching tool.

If this issue was about an AP English teacher assigning readings from the New Testament, would everyone file into the same side of the boardroom as they did on Monday night? Would the ACLU and the usual list of bloggers still talk about censorship and book burning?

Teachers are discouraged from displaying devotional material and talking about faith in order to preserve unity in the classroom, so students with different belief systems are not marginalized and made uncomfortable; yet a student who felt uncomfortable with the material in *Beloved* was marginalized and separated from her peers because of her beliefs, sent to the cafeteria while her classmates continued without her.

Barbara and Matt Dame's daughter is the victim of a double standard. If we are going to insist that our classrooms be religiously neutral and all-inclusive, we'd better be consistent. We owe it to our kids. A dangerous precedent is set in a free-thinking society when concerned parents, regardless of their political or religious beliefs, are made fodder for local journalists and propagandist bloggers. It was these, not the Dames or Sharon Lollo, who brought politics into this issue.

**Tony Lollo** is a Plymouth resident.



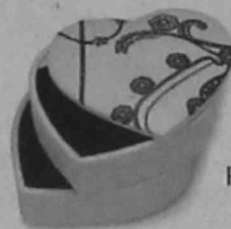
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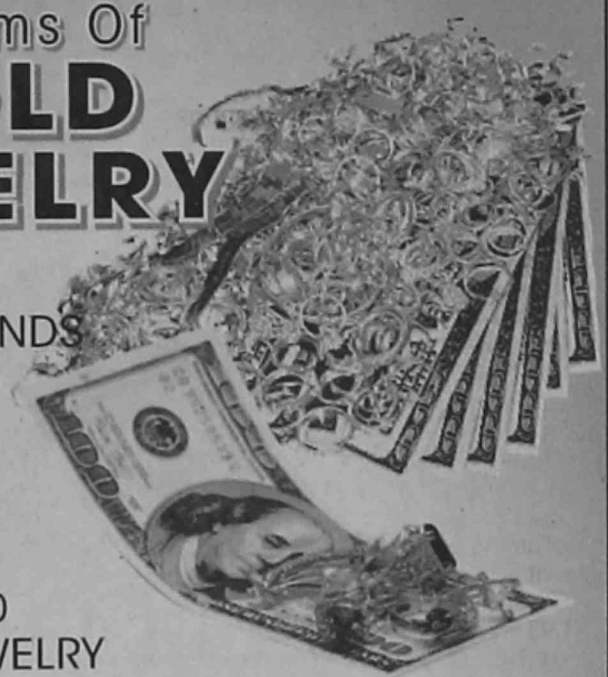
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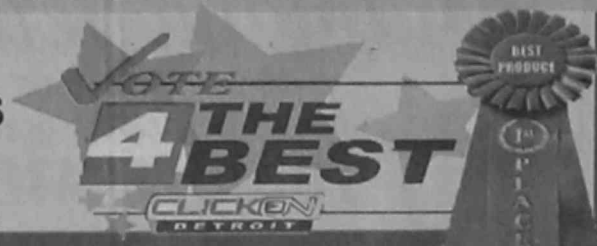
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## Roll model

Bowler, 62, cashes in with 1st tourney win

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Bowling is in Rick Capaldi's blood.

His father, grandfather and uncles built Westland Bowl in the early 1960s when he was a teenager attending Redford Union.

"I was 14 years old, that's when I and where I actually started bowling," said the Canton resident, now 62. "My grandfather, my father (the late Henry) and his brothers they built that place. I'd bowl a lot of games, practice and go after school, especially after I got my driver's license."

Other than a 20-year respite from competitive bowling to raise his own family and raise his own bowling alley (Oak Lanes on Middlebelt in Westland), the sport has been an integral part of his adult life, too.

And on Jan. 29, Capaldi defeated a bowler half his age to capture the Metro Detroit USBC Association Masters Tournament at Century Bowl in Waterford Township. His match score of 734 eclipsed the 691 tallied by Grand Blanc's Corey Miller. Earlier that day, he rolled a 300 game and 815 series against Joseph Krajenke and defeated Miller 773-

### THE CAPALDI FILE

**Who:** Rick Capaldi, 62, Canton resident and owner of Westland's Oak Lanes.

**What:** He captured the Metro Detroit USBC Association Masters Bowling Tournament on Jan. 29 with a 734-691 match win over Corey Miller at Century Bowl in Waterford Township. Capaldi averaged 231.1 for the entire tournament (which began Jan. 21) and 233.7 in match play. He topped a field of 32 players of all ages.

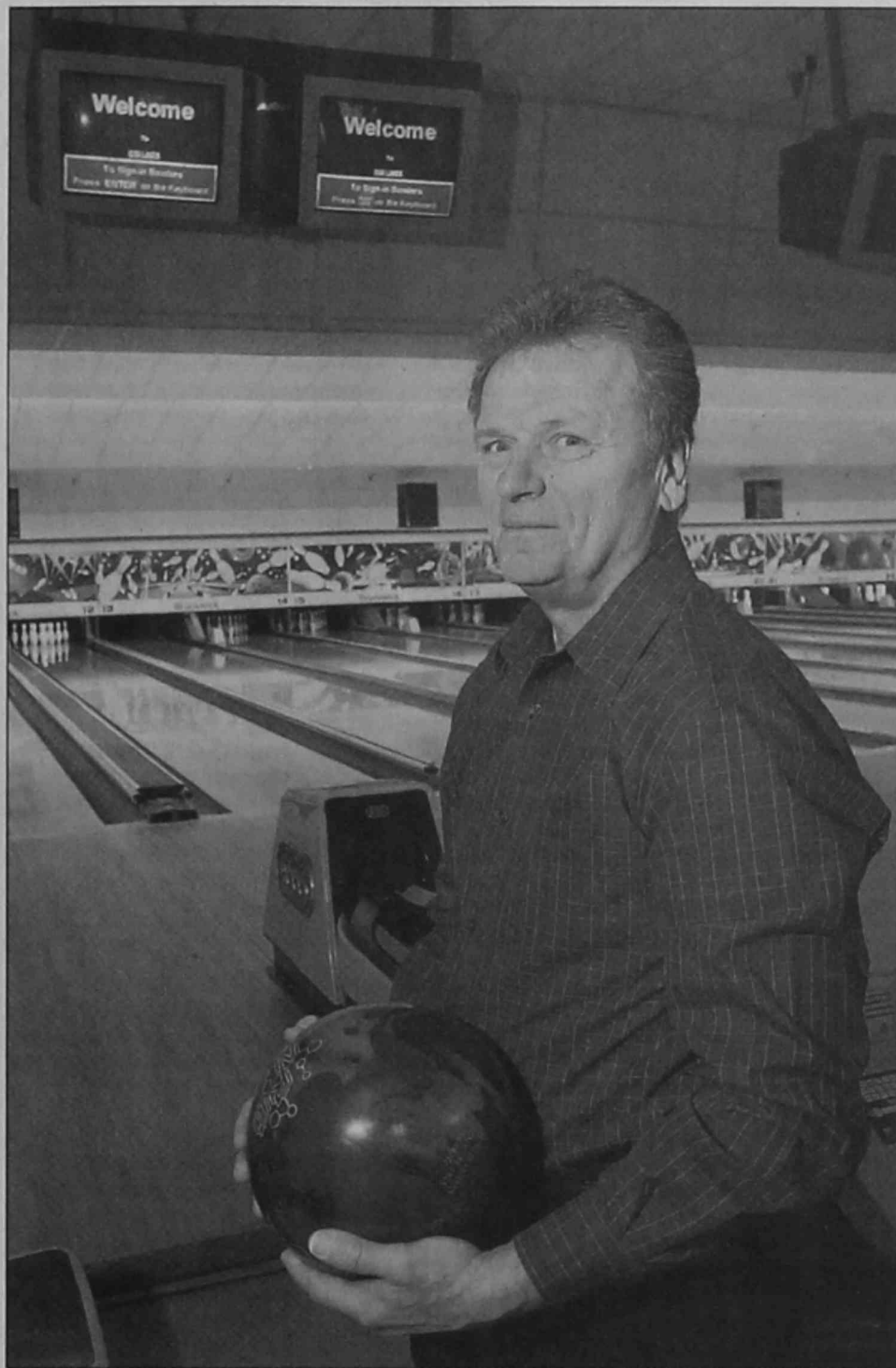
**Prize:** Capaldi, who graduated from Redford Union, won a \$4,000 check. Co-sponsoring the tournament were Turbo 2-N-1 Grips, Red Robin Restaurants of Michigan and Ansara's Big Boy Restaurants.

**Family:** His wife is Pam. They have four adult children (Christy, Rico, Kelly and Matt) and seven grandchildren.

759 en route to the final match.

After Miller bested him 659-635, that forced a

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Bowling's been a big part of Canton resident Rick Capaldi's life since he was a youngster. Capaldi, shown this week at Oak Lanes in Westland (which he owns), won his first-ever tournament on Jan. 29.

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## Salem nears crown

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Salem needs one more victory to clinch at least a share of the KLA Central varsity boys basketball title.

**BOYS HOOPS** That's thanks to Tuesday's 62-51 victory at Novi, lifting the Rocks' record to 13-2 overall and 7-2 in the division.

As of Tuesday night, Salem moved ahead of Northville pending late results from the Mustangs game against South Lyon.

If Northville lost, the Rocks can win the title outright with a win in the 7 p.m. Friday contest against the Lions.

"We led wire to wire," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said, noting that the Rocks closed out the win with efficiency from the charity stripe.

"We knocked down free throws (13-22 in the game) to close it out," he said. "It was a good win for us."

Scoring 17 points for Salem was Chris Dier-

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JOHN KEMSKI

The picture of confidence is Canton's Ayana Lewis, who was a standout at Saturday's Canton Invitational.

## Close to the 'Ledge'

Invite stats, B3

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham always knew he had a pretty special team this season — one that could make some noise at the state meet.

But after Saturday's strong, second-place performance at the Canton Invitational, the athletes themselves are realizing just how strong their team is.

Canton scored 145.825 points, less than one point behind perennial powerhouse Grand Ledge (146.8).

"We proved, or at least they proved to themselves, that they can actually win," Cunningham said. "I'm talking about the state championship, as long as we didn't

### CANTON INVITATIONAL

scare Grand Ledge into doing something because nobody's been close to them.

"They've been four, five points ahead of all the other teams. And now finally we're a situation where we're within a point of them."

With a dozen or so elite teams among the field of 20, the invite again gave Cunningham and his team a gauge as to what it has the potential to achieve.

"If the kids had any question about how good they are, they should understand now that they really belong in the elite," he said.

The Chiefs finished ahead of Farmington (143.725), Troy Athens (143.250) and Howell (140.450) in the top five. Salem placed sixth with

a score of 137.425 while Plymouth finished 13th (135.025).

### Game plan

Now with state regionals and the state meet just a few weeks away, the veteran coach employs a simple mantra with the gymnasts.

"Don't get sick, don't get injured and keep improving," Cunningham said. "That's the rule."

Once again, Ayana Lewis was outstanding in the Division 1 competition. She broke her own school record on uneven parallel bars, finishing third with a 9.675 (the former mark was 9.6). But Cunningham said Grand Ledge's Christine Wilson scored a perfect 10.0.

"As far as I know (that's) the first one ever in the state. A 9.675 set our school record, but it was third place," he noted.

Lewis also placed fourth on vault (9.4), sixth on balance beam (9.5) and tied with teammate Melissa Green for sixth in all-around scoring with a 36.875.

"I think Melissa is the only person on the team that medaled (Top 10) in every event plus all-around," Cunningham said. "That's really good."

Green medaled in every event, including second on vault with a 9.55 score. Other Top-10 showings were on beam (9.5, fifth), bars (8.825, ninth) and floor (10th, 9.0).

Returning from injury to medal in two D1 events plus all-around was Jocelyn Moraw. Her scores included 9.35 on floor (fourth) and 9.05 on bars (seventh). Her all-around of 36.0 was good for eighth.

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Canton girls soccer coach Jeannine Reddy (second from right) celebrates with three of her players on National Signing Day. The players include (from left) Allyson Krause, Karyn Berinti and (far right) Megan Trapp.



PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI

Two members of the Salem varsity girls soccer team participated in National Signing Day festivities, along with their parents.

Seated at left is Katelynn Krause, with parents Arno and Cathy Krause behind her.

Seated at right is Emily Lundh, with parents Mark and Dorie Lundh.



### NATIONAL SIGNING DAY - PT. 2

## Soccer players enjoy signing day spotlight

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Football still garners the biggest share of the spotlight when National Signing Day rolls around.

But that doesn't mean high school soccer players aren't doing what they can to garner more attention for their sport.

"Yeah, football seems to be the main focus around here," said Canton senior Allyson Krause, who was one of five girls soccer players from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to sign national letters of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 1. "So we're trying to get soccer more involved here. Kids are starting to get more athletic scholarships for soccer, which is kind of cool."

Krause signed to play soccer at Michigan State University. Canton teammates Karyn Berinti (Alma College) and Megan Trapp (Eastern Michigan University) also made it official during a late afternoon press conference at Canton High School.

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### WHERE THEY'RE GOING

Five girls soccer players from the Park participated last week in National Signing Day ceremonies. Following is a look at the quintet:

**Karyn Berinti, Canton senior:** Division III Alma College is where Berinti signed to play. Owner of a 3.6 grade point average, she is a forward with the Chiefs and hopes to keep playing that position at Alma. Her parents are Nicholas and Faith Berinti.

**Allyson Krause, Canton senior:** The Michigan State University-bound forward carries a 3.2 grade point average. Here parents are Mary and Darrel Krause.

**Katelynn Krause, Salem senior:** She will play center-

mid at Grand Valley State University. Her parents are Arno and Cathy Krause. She carries a 4.17 grade point average and is in the National Honor Society.

**Emily Lundh, Salem senior:** Lundh, who carries a 3.75 grade point average, is a forward for the Rocks. She signed with Eastern Michigan University. Her parents are Mark and Dorie Lundh.

**Megan Trapp, Canton senior:** Trapp is a center-midfielder who signed with Eastern Michigan University. She carries a 3.5 grade point average. Her mom is Laurie Trapp and her older sister, 2010 Canton grad Allison Trapp, attends Western Michigan University.

# Salem netter signs with Adrian

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

National Signing Day wasn't just about football and soccer at the Park. Salem senior tennis player Morgan Spencer joined the party on Feb. 1 at Canton High School. The 17-year-old signed to play tennis at Division 3 Adrian College.

"It's real exciting, it means a lot," said Spencer, who still has one more season to go with Salem's varsity girls tennis team. "I really love playing so it means a lot that I can play in college and keep going."

Also thrilled about Spencer's accomplishment was Salem coach Lin Ware, on hand for the afternoon press conference.

"It's really exciting to have a tennis player here (at the press conference)," Ware said.

"We've only had six since the 1970s. It's been about four years since we had a player."

"And they play singles and doubles in college and she'll definitely be on the team her freshman year."

Spencer's prep career has seen a steady rise, moving up to No. 3 singles as a junior. This spring, Ware expects her to be at 1-2 singles.

"She's a solid player, she keeps the ball in play," Ware noted. "She's a fighter and she's done really well."

According to Spencer, a tennis player since fifth grade, she immediately knew Adrian was a perfect fit for her.

"It's really a nice campus," she said. "I like that it's only an hour away. That's nice and I get to play tennis there so that's a plus, too."

Her parents, Wanda and Mike Spencer, also



Salem girls tennis player Morgan Spencer signs with Adrian College during last week's National Signing Day. On hand for the big moment were (standing, from left) Salem head coach Lin Ware and Morgan's parents Mike and Wanda Spencer.

were there for the signing event.

The short drive to Adrian is one plus, Wanda Spencer said. But it also is a great opportunity for Morgan because the Bulldogs are looking to restock the team after losing a number of seniors following the upcoming 2012 season.

"The coach (Adam Albertsen) recruited her (last) summer," Wan-

da said. "He was looking for players that had a lot of growth and potential and were strong players because he's losing five of his seven seniors this coming year."

"So he wanted to get a strong upcoming freshman team so he could build that team strong for the four years."

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# Senior sendoff for girls cagers

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

"Senior Night" on Tuesday was a winning one for the Plymouth varsity girls basketball team as the Wildcats defeated Wayne Memorial by a 44-30 score.

Cross-campus rival Salem also had ceremonies honoring seniors as they played their final home game. But the Rocks, despite playing tough, fell 42-37 to KLAAs Central co-leader Novi.

Plymouth (10-5, 6-3 in the KLAAs South Division) won each of the four quarters, going up 11-8 after one and 19-14 at halftime.

"We definitely won the rebounding battle," Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear said. "We came out in the third quarter and widened our lead a little bit (to 35-25)."

"We won every quarter, I'm very happy for these guys."

He was most happy for seniors Alyssa Burris, Kate Watson and Chyna Williams (six points, 12 rebounds), who were honored in what de Bear called a "beautiful" ceremony including speeches from teammates.

Other Wildcats who made a big impact on the night included sophomore guard Kylie Robb (18 points, five rebounds), sophomore forward Jada Woody (nine points, six boards) and sophomore forward Tionne Johnson (six points, 12 boards in a starting role).

Robb's "floor game was outstanding," the coach said.

**Rocks come close**

Over at Salem, on the night of the final home game for seniors Bri Berberet, Katelynn Krause, Katie Heitmeyer and Jenny First, the Rocks enjoyed a 26-16 lead at the break.

But then came the Wildcats with a 17-3 third frame to upset Salem's apple cart.

"We just made a couple turnovers and missed a couple defensive assignments in the third quarter," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "It got away from us."

Thomann, who said his team played a strong first half, noted that the Rocks didn't give up and cut the deficit to a deuce in the waning moments.

Berberet, as she has most of the season, led Salem in scoring with 18 points. Krause contributed 11.

The loss dropped the Rocks record to 3-12 and 2-7 in the KLAAs Central while Novi improved to 12-3 and 7-2.

**CANTON 43, CHURCHILL 27:** Visiting Canton broke Livonia Churchill's zone defense to go on a 17-6 tear in the third quarter Tuesday, busting open a tight KLAAs South Division game.

Senior point guard Robyn Mack led the Chiefs (12-3, 7-2) with 14 points, with Paige Aresco and Rachel Winters tallying eight each. Aresco also grabbed seven rebounds.

"I didn't think we played great tonight, but to the kids credit they hung in there and kept working at it," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "I really thought we came out and had a nice third quarter."

Leading Churchill (5-9, 2-7) with nine points was Cecile Hansen.

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## SIGNINGS

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So did Salem's Katelynn Krause (no relation to Allyson) and Emily Lundh, who will go to Grand Valley State University and Eastern, respectively.

### Duly noted

"We have a lot signing today," Lundh said. "It's exciting when you have a lot of people here who are getting recognized for soccer, which is good."

Concurring was Katelynn Krause, also a varsity girls basketball player

at Salem.

"I just think it's great there's so many, just from the Park itself," she said. "It shows what talent we have here and what commitment the players playing at Canton, Salem and Plymouth have."

Canton's Berinti said "It means a lot, it's exciting and cool to see everyone together, to see where they're going. It's kind of our last step all together before everyone takes off."

That is, after one last season of high school soccer, taking place this spring.

Sharing their big moment were parents,

classmates, other teammates and coaches.

"I wish them the best of luck, and all three are so deserving of playing at the collegiate level," Canton girls soccer coach Jeannine Reddy said. "You have to be very committed, whether it be in club, or high school (with) all the time and effort they put into it."

According to Salem girls soccer coach Joe Nora, his two signing players are "tremendous players, tremendous kids" who are going to strong programs.

"I'm lucky to have them for one more season and then they're off

to the next stage of their soccer lives and professional lives," Nora said.

"I have no doubt they will succeed."

**Fitting in**

The girls agreed that it was important to feel they fit in with the college they signed on with, including proximity to home and a comfort level with those in the college program.

"I really like the Eastern coaches and the team feels like a family," Lundh said. "I'm really excited to be going there next year and starting this new chapter in my life."

One of Lundh's future teammates at Eastern is Canton's Trapp.

"The program that they had I was really interested in, with the coaches they had and the girls were super nice," Trapp said. "It was close to home which was definitely one of the things I was looking for."

"So my family, my mom and my close family that lives around here could come and watch. Also, just the level of it. I was really looking into D-I, but I knew the MAC was good competition, a good place and a good level for me."

Allyson Krause said she visited several colleges. It wasn't a given that she'd stay in the Great Lakes state when she started looking toward her future.

"I've been playing since I was four, and I started getting looked at by colleges my freshman year," she said. "So I went to a few schools."

"I didn't want to go to (MSU) at first, but then my parents said it'd be a good idea since it's in-state. I went there and fell in love with it."

### The payoff

National Signing Day, for all five girls, put a caper on their college soccer dreams — which started when they were kids playing in rec programs.

"It's a really exciting day, just because it's what I've worked for since I was little, when I was 5 years old and starting to play soccer," Katelynn Krause said. "At that point you don't think you might get here where you're going to actually play college soccer, stuff like that."

"But as I got older, I really made it a goal for myself and really strived to get to this point. It's just a great feeling."

**Come back Sunday** for Pt. 3 of National Signing Day coverage.

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# Early lead boosts PCA

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Thanks to a fast start Saturday, Plymouth Christian Academy varsity girls basketball coach Carol Gerulis was able to get everybody involved in the Eagles' 49-33 victory over Lenawee Christian.

The Eagles broke out to a 15-4 lead after one quarter and didn't stop there, whether starters or backups were on the court at PCA. At halftime, the lead was a whopping 31-9.

"We had a real big lead early on so they did what I asked them to do," PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said. "I wanted to make sure we got everybody in the game and were trying to get everybody on the scoresheet."

Actually, nine of PCA's 11 players scored at least one point as the Eagles improved to 11-4 overall.

After building a 19-7 edge midway through the second quarter, the Eagles really took control of the non-conference matchup with a 12-2 run the rest of the half. Junior guard Karen Windle (14 points, eight rebounds, four steals) scored a layup and added a free throw for a three-point play.

Following up with field goals were junior center Allison Smith (five points) and senior guard Kristin Lindberg before junior guard Jenna Abraham (eight points, four assists) drained a trey from the left corner at the halftime horn.

It was more of the same in the third, with quick ball movement around the perimeter exposing weaknesses in the Cougars' defense. A triple by sophomore guard Martha Mullett (six points) and buckets by sophomore center Jenny Malcolm and sophomore guard Rachael Fuller in the final 90 seconds upped PCA's lead to 44-19 after three.

"We're taking care of the basketball, something we've learned in the last couple games," Gerulis said. "We've learned how to take care of it in pres-



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

**Dribbling past Lenawee Christian's Laurel Schaaf on Saturday is Plymouth Christian's Emily Gerulis (No. 10).**

sure situations. So they showed they could do it a whole game now."

Tallying seven points, three steals and three assists was sophomore forward Emily Gerulis. Chipping in with six points and five rebounds was sophomore forward Rachel Smith.

For Lenawee Christian, Kirstyn Gordon and Nikki Schaefer scored 13 and eight points, respectively.

On Friday, the Eagles defeated Bloomfield Hills Roper 34-32 in a Michigan Independent Athletics Conference Blue Division matchup, with a late surge doing the trick.

"We were down five points with four minutes to go in the fourth quarter and they hung in their tough," coach Gerulis said. "We were able to get out of there with a two-point win."

Malcolm led PCA (8-1 in the MIAC Blue) with 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Windle tallied 11 points, nine rebounds and eight steals.

**PCA 52, LUTHERAN N'WEST 38:** Karen Windle scored 17 points Tuesday to pace Plymouth Christian Academy (12-4 overall, 9-1 in the MIAC).

Also solid for the Eagles was Emily Gerulis, with 12 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

PCA got off to an 8-0 start and carried that into halftime, leading 25-12. The Eagles weren't seriously threatened the rest of the night.

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By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

## Comedy catechism

### Nostalgic show benefits Redford church

Arrive late for Mary Zentmyer's performance this weekend at Thurston High School in Redford, and she'll make you apologize to the audience.

Wear a top with cleavage or a short skirt and you risk a dressing down.

Chew gum and you're guaranteed a reprimand.

And if your cell phone rings?

"I will confiscate cell phones. People get shook up. If I can figure out how to call the person back, I'll hold the phone to the mic and ask them to apologize," said Zentmyer, who has played the role of "Sister," a nun from the order of SOB (Sisters of Blarney) in the popular *Late Nite Catechism* series of interactive shows, for the past 16 years.

"There is some discipline and people eat it up. I don't think patrons like to be picked on but they like to see their friends get picked on. It's hilarious to me."

Zentmyer, who appeared in *Late Nite's* Christmas show during a six-week run last year at the Century Theatre in Detroit, will return in *Till Death Do Us Part*, *Late Nite's Catechism 3* Saturday in Redford. The show includes Sister's lessons on marriage and life, along with a *Newlywed Game*-style competition for audience members. The show is about 80 percent scripted and 20 percent improvisation.

"There's no profanity and it's good clean fun," said Zentmyer, 56, a Catholic school alumna from Chicago, Ill. She's one of several actresses from around the coun-



Mary Zentmyer makes a point in "class" while performing as "Sister" in the "Late Night Catechism" series.

try who perform the nun character for Entertainment Events, Inc., a New York company that has produced the show since 1999.

Zentmyer said audiences love the nostalgia and the interaction. Audience members who correctly answer Sister's questions might take home a prize, such as a laminated holy card.

#### Nostalgic show

"You're back in grammar school and I'm your

teacher. If you went to Catholic school, it's hilarious," Zentmyer explained. "And even if you didn't go to Catholic school, you still catch on, because everyone has had one tough teacher."

That's exactly the situation that Maryann and Dave Capman of Redford found themselves in when they saw one of the *Late Nite Catechism* shows years ago in Birmingham, and more recently at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

"I went to Catholic school, so I knew what was coming. I lived it," Capman said, recalling the performance. "My husband didn't go to Catholic school and he was cracking up."

"At the Gem, she called us out of the audience. She asked us all these silly questions. You had to sit there like a student and answer the questions and if you didn't answer it right, you didn't get a lollipop. I did pretty good but I was laughing."

#### Perfect date night

Capman is a member of the church council at Our Lady of Loretto and suggested the church hire one of the *Late Nite Catechism* productions to help raise money for a new roof, parking lot and masonry repairs. *Till Death Do Us Part* was the perfect choice for the weekend before Valentine's Day.

"I think people will really enjoy it," Capman said. "We hope it's a good crowd."

#### 'TIL DEATH DO US PART

**What:** The third interactive show in the popular "Late Nite Catechism" series with Chicago actress, Mary Zentmyer playing the part of Sister  
**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11

**Where:** William F. Weber Performing Arts Center at Thurston High School, 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford

**Details:** After teaching countless students about the saints, venial sins, limbo and more, Sister will offer a hilarious lessons on the Sacraments of Marriage and the Last Rites, including her own wacky version of the "Newlywed Game." Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Loretto's Capital Campaign for a new roof, parking lot and building masonry repair

**Tickets:** \$30, available at Our Lady of Loretto, visit [www.entertainment-events.com](http://www.entertainment-events.com), or call (877) 386-6969

**Contact:** Our Lady of Loretto at (313) 534-9000

Zentmyer looks forward to interacting with the audience. She said the improvised portion of the show helps keep the material fresh and "keeps me on my toes."

She has portrayed the nun — in full habit with no makeup — in churches, "fancy schmancy theaters," black box performing spaces and even a church festival beer tent last summer in Portland, northwest of Lansing.

"I dressed in the rectory and they took Sister in a golf cart to the beer tent," she said. "It's a great gig. I get to make people laugh. How lucky is that?"

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Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
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Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

DIRTY SHOW

Time/Date: 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Feb. 10-11, 21 and over; noon-5 p.m., Feb. 12, 18 and over; 7 p.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 14; 7 p.m.-2 a.m., Feb. 17-18, 18 and over
Location: Bert's Warehouse Theatre, 2739 Russell Street, Detroit
Details: Exotic art exhibit with art by more than 300 artists, priced \$10-\$10,000. The show includes a film screening, burlesque performance, and more. Tickets are \$20 in advance at www.dirtyshow.org and \$25 at the door
Contact: (313) 393-3233

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Feb. 24

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: The work of Patrice Erickson, all original oils, is on exhibit. Erickson is inspired by nature and strives for landscapes that are rich in color
Contact: (248) 473-1856

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Feb. 18
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: "6th Annual Member Exhibition," includes work by more than 70 artists; free admission
Coming up: Sell or donate "used art" for "Art from the Attic," 2-7 p.m. Feb. 21-22 or by appointment. Opening sale and reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24; public art sale is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Opening reception tickets are \$10; public sale is free admission
Contact: (248) 344-0497

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25-May 20
Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor
Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free
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Photography by Erron Reed of Westland, including this piece, will be on display at The Dirty Show, beginning Feb. 10, in Detroit. The exhibit includes works by more than 300 artists.

p.m. Monday-Friday through Feb. 24
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
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Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Basile, through Feb. 11; Mikey Mason, Feb. 15-16; Rich Guzzi, Feb. 17-19; Coco, Feb. 22-25; Glen Wool, Feb. 29-March 3
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Dance

DANCE MONTH

Time/Date: through Feb. 18
Location: Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Eisenhower

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Film

MARQUIS THEATRE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Details: "Anatomy of a Murder," tickets \$3
Coming up: "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World," Feb. 18, "Bye, Bye, Birdie," Feb. 25
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PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: "Happy Feet 2," \$3
Coming up: "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb.

17-18, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19; "Hugo," 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 25-26 and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1
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REDFORD THEATRE
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 17 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 18
Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit
Details: "The Apartment," tickets \$4
Coming up: "Gone With The Wind" 8 p.m. March 2-3 and 2 p.m. March 4, includes an appearance by "the Gone With The Wind answer lady," Kathleen Marcaccio
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Museums

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Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit
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PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Ration Stamps & Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17
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## Monday meal makeovers

For some, Mondays may be the start of another week of the same old thing. But with a little help, Mondays can be the perfect time to make a difference in your routine. Celebrity fitness trainer and author Kathy Kaehler has teamed up with MorningStar Farms and the Meatless Monday campaign to encourage people to eat a healthier diet, one week at a time.

"My approach to lasting change has always been to start with small steps," said Kaehler. "I advise taking a weekly approach to help make diet and exercise changes manageable."

Kaehler shares these simple tips and tools for success:

- **Get Organized at the top of the week.** Use Sundays to make a grocery list, rinse and prep your vegetables for the week, and make a schedule of dinners for each night. It will take you no longer than an hour, will help you get organized, and will save time and money.

- **Go Meatless on Mondays.** Join the national Meatless Monday campaign and pledge to reduce your meat intake, one Monday at a time. It's a fun way to explore meatless eating, and there are some great meat alternative products that you can incorporate each week.

- **Themed Meals.** Planning themed meals can make eating healthy a little more exciting. Try meatballs on Monday, tacos on Tuesday and fish on Friday. Try these recipes for Sweet-and-Sour Veggie Meatballs over brown rice or Thai Peanut-Sauced Veggie Meatballs over your favorite noodles.

For recipes, coupons and more, visit [www.MorningStarFarms.com](http://www.MorningStarFarms.com).

### Sweet-and-Sour Veggie Meatballs

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Total Time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 14

2 packages (8.5 ounces each) Morningstar Farms Meal Starter Veggie Meatballs

- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons cornstarch
- ½ cup vegetable broth
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon light-colored corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons grated gingerroot
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 green onions, cut into 1-inch pieces

Prepare veggie meatballs according to package directions.

In medium saucepan stir together brown sugar and cornstarch. Stir in broth, vinegar, soy sauce, corn syrup and gingerroot. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until boiling and thickened. Stir in bell pepper.

In chafing dish or 2½-quart crockery cooker place meatballs. Spoon sauce over top, gently stirring to mix. Sprinkle with green onions. Keep warm over low heat for up to 2 hours. Serve with cocktail picks.



Thai Peanut-Sauced Veggie Meatballs

### Thai Peanut-Sauced Veggie Meatballs

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Total Time: 20 minutes  
Servings: 14

2 packages (8.5 ounces each) Morningstar Farms Meal Starter Veggie Meatballs

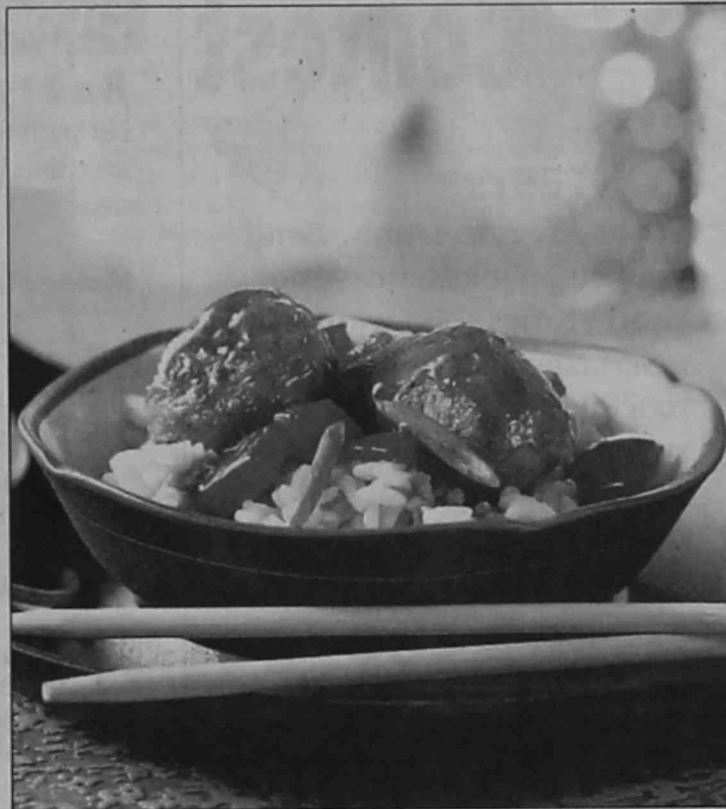
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- ½ cup vegetable broth
- ½ cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 3 tablespoons chili paste with garlic (sambal oelek)
- 2 teaspoons grated gingerroot
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons sliced green onions
- 3 tablespoons dry roasted peanuts

Prepare veggie meatballs according to package directions.

Meanwhile, in small saucepan whisk together peanut butter, broth, soy sauce, vinegar, chili paste, gingerroot and sugar. Cook and stir over medium heat for 3-5 minutes or until heated through.

In chafing dish or 2½-quart crockery cooker, place meatballs. Spoon peanut sauce over top, gently stirring to mix. Sprinkle with green onions and peanuts. Keep warm over low heat for up to 2 hours. Serve with cocktail picks.

— Courtesy of Family Features



Sweet-and-Sour Veggie Meatballs

## Brewing your perfect cup of tea

Hot or iced, decaf or caffeinated, with milk or with sugar, there are a lot of ways to enjoy drinking one of the world's most popular beverages — tea. In addition to knowing your preferred way of enjoying tea, it is important to know the right way to brew it. Below are some simple tips to ensure a flawless cup.

- The perfect cup of tea starts with fresh water. If tap water is being used, let the water run for a few minutes so it's as fresh as can be.

- If you plan on serving your tea in a teapot, pre-heat the pot. This prevents cracking that could occur when boiling water is placed in a pot that is room temperature.

- Brewing time depends on the type of tea you are preparing and how strong you'd like it to be. Green tea only needs about 1-4 minutes. Black tea generally steeps for about 3-5 minutes.

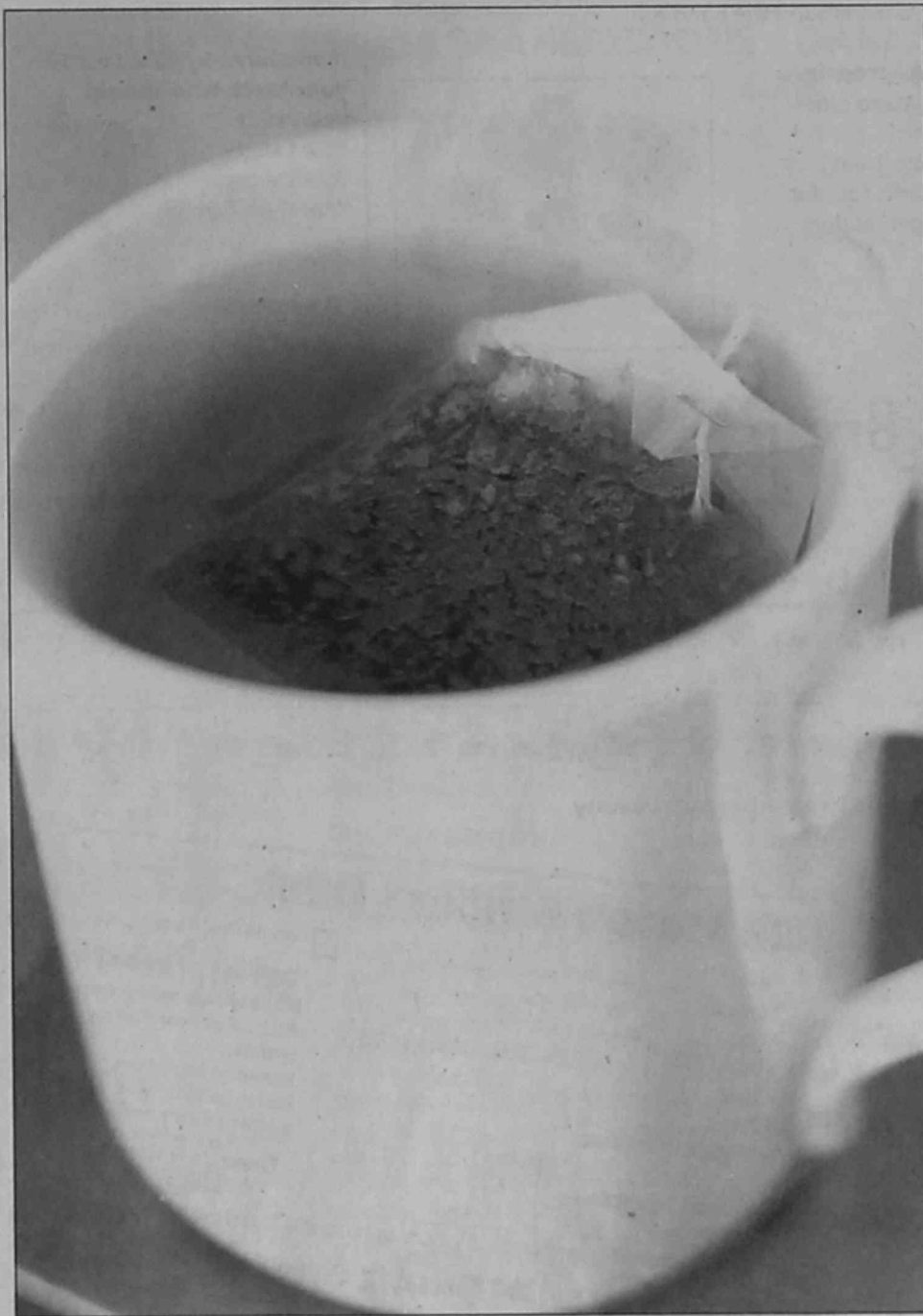
- Be sure to use a tea cozy if you are keeping tea in a teapot for a while. Reheating the tea will cause the tea to have less flavor.

### Going Green

Growing in popularity, and with good reason, green tea is a consumer favorite and provides a number of benefits. Research suggests that drinking two to three cups per day of green (or black) tea may help support normal, healthy vascular function. Those looking for the benefits of green tea along with the refreshing taste of superfruits can enjoy both with Lipton's Green Tea with Superfruit

flavors. This includes flavors such as Red Goji and Raspberry, White Peach and Mangosteen, and Purple Acai and Blueberry.

Here are two recipes using perfectly-brewed green tea. Find more recipes at [www.lipton.com](http://www.lipton.com).



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Use fresh water for the perfect cup of tea.

### Warm Cinnamon-Spiked Red Goji Tea

Makes: 2 servings  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Brew Time: 3 minutes

- 2½ cups water
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar or firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 3 Lipton Red Goji with Raspberry Green Tea Bags

Bring water and sugar to a boil in 1-quart saucepan. Add cinnamon sticks and simmer 3 minutes. Remove from heat and then add tea bags. Cover and brew 3 minutes. Remove cinnamon sticks, then tea bags and squeeze. Pour into mugs.

### Ginger-Honey Mangosteen Warmer

Makes: 4 servings  
Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Brew Time: 3 minutes

- 4 cups boiling water
- 1 piece fresh ginger (about 3 inches), sliced
- 6 Lipton White Mangosteen and Peach Green Tea Bags
- 3 tablespoons honey or agave nectar

Bring water and ginger to a boil in 2½-quart saucepan. Remove from heat and then add tea bags. Cover and brew 3 minutes. Remove ginger, then tea bags and squeeze. Stir in honey.

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### Wine tasting

LIVONIA — d.vine fine wines and Andiamo Italian Trattoria are partnering to present a tasting of small plates and fine wines, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. Cost for "A Food and Wine Pairing Straight from the Heart" is \$45.99 per person. Try 16 different wines from around the world along with appetizers, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Cost is \$20 per person, \$15 per Wine Club member. Call (734) 432-3800 for reservations.

### Coffee time

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN — Get a free small coffee every Wednesday through February at participating McDonald's restaurants. The offer is available from open to close at participating restaurants for in-lobby dining and at the drive-thru. No purchase necessary.

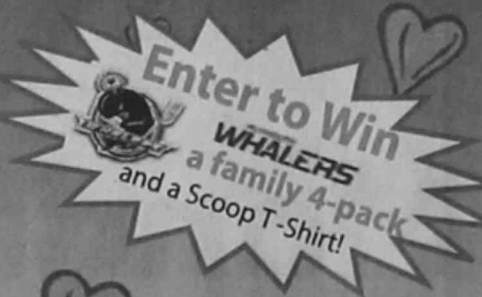
### Happy hour

PLYMOUTH — Panache 447 started a happy hour this week. It features a half-off drink menu at the bar and lounge from 4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. In addition, Panache will begin offering paired dinner tastings in their White Room, Tuesday, Feb. 21. Call (734) 386-8447. Panache 447 is located at 447 Forest Ave.

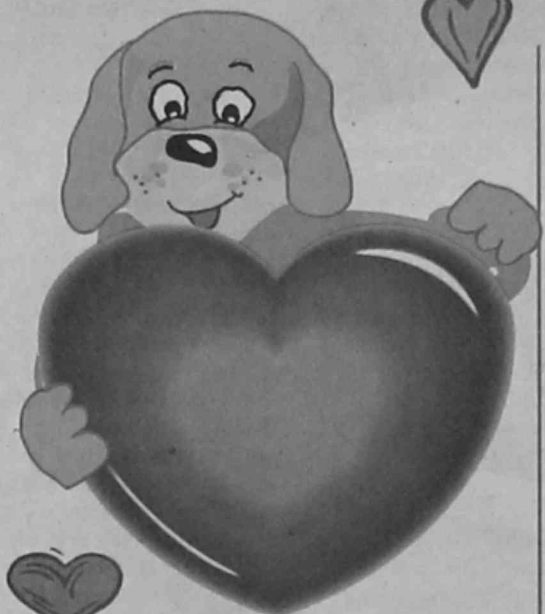
### Paczki already?

PLYMOUTH — Perfectly Sweet Cakes & Desserts is taking pre-orders for Paczki before Feb. 21. Call (734) 453-2253. What about Valentine's Day? Yes, it has Valentine's cookies, coffee and cake, too. It's located at 880 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

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# Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights



## Funny Valentine Contest

### CONTEST:

Scoop loves to laugh. Send your clean jokes, riddles or short stories. The winner(s) will receive a family 4-pack to a Plymouth Whalers game and a Scoop t-shirt. Good Luck!

Mail to:

**Scoop the Newshound**  
**41304 Concept Drive**  
**Plymouth, MI 48170**

### Deadline for submissions:

All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers by close of the business day on March 29th. Winners to be announced in the March Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

### Scoop's Funny Bone: Riddles, Jokes, and other Funnies

- **Knock knock**  
Who's there?  
**Frank**  
Frank who?  
**Frank you for being my friend!**
- **What did the boy owl say to the girl owl on Valentine's Day?**  
Owl be yours!
- **What did the valentine card say to the stamp?**  
Stick with me and we'll go places!

**Funny Valentine Contest**

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's information to contact winning entry:  
 (Phone, email, home address) \_\_\_\_\_

Selected winners will have their name, age, hometown and photo in the next Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.

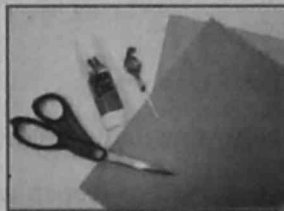
### Scoop's Craft Corner

#### Be My Valentine

Let your friends know how much you care for them by making a special Valentine's treat.

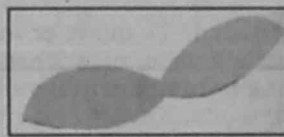
#### Materials Needed:

- Red, pink, and green construction paper
- Scissors
- Lollipop
- Glue stick



#### Step by Step Instructions:

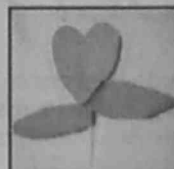
Use red and pink construction paper to cut out a heart shape. Make sure that the heart is larger than lollipop candy.



Now let's make leaves. Fold the green paper in half and cut out a leaf shape. Keep the two sides attached making sure not to cut the seam.

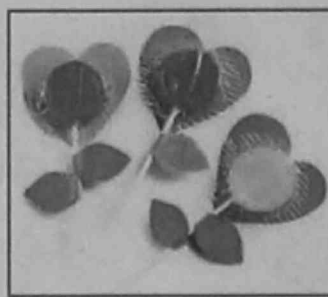
Write a special message to your Valentine on the heart or leaf.

Now glue the heart to the candy wrapper. Make sure that your message is on the un-glued opposite side.



Unfold leaf shape and spread glue on it. Place the lollipop handle in the seam of the two leaf sides and press the two glued sides together to secure it around the handle.

**Age Appropriate:**  
5 years and older



Partners Help Needed? Yes - for younger readers

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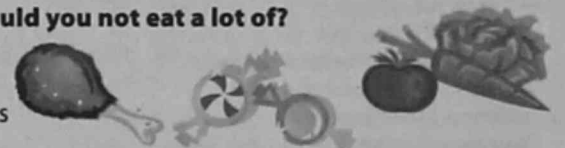
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After eating all of your Valentine sweets make sure to take care of our teeth. In recognition of the National Children's Dental Health Month take a short quiz to see how much you know about good oral care.

#### What should you not eat a lot of?

- Meats
- Sweets
- Vegetables



#### Teeth not only help you eat, but they also help you

- Taste
- Talk
- Hear



#### How many times a day should you clean your teeth?

- 1 time
- 2 times
- 5 times



#### Canine teeth are used for

- Tearing food
- Chewing Food
- Tasting Food

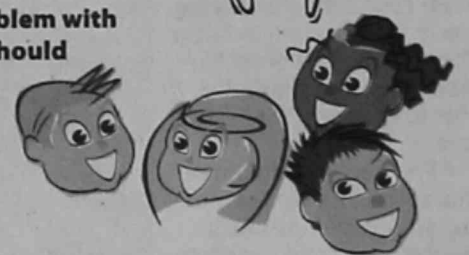
#### What are the last four teeth a person will get?

- Molars
- Wisdom
- Canine



#### If you have a problem with your teeth who should you visit?

- Your Doctor
- Your Dentist
- Your Gym Teacher



#### Answers:

Sweets, 2. Talk, 3. 2 times, 4. Tearing, 5. Wisdom, 6. Dentist

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### Brain TEASER

Each letter has a symbol. Decode the special Valentine Day message by replacing each symbol with a letter.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Answer: Love is special when you share it

### Join Scoop's Birthday Club!

I would like to sign up for **baskinBRobbins** Birthday Club and receive a FREE 2.5 oz. scoop on my birthday. Expect an email from Baskin Robbins with additional instructions.

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\* Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* City: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Boy or Girl  
 \* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out the form and have your parent's fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!

Mail to: Scoop the Newshound - 41304 Concept Dr. Plymouth, MI 48170



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