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Lung benefit

Darlene Bracewell of Canton wants nothing more than to take a deep breath. She's waiting for a lifesaving lung transplant, but the costs are over-



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dinner -
Saturday,
March
10 to
help with
medical costs.

In 1998, Bracewell came down with a bad cold that eventually worsened to pneumonia. She was referred to a pulmonologist, who diagnosed her with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, which has severely damaged her lungs. She has undergone evaluations and was recently added to the transplant waiting list.

A lung transplant costs approximately \$450,000. Even with health coverage Bracewell, 63, faces considerable medical expenses related to her transplant. To help, volunteers are planning a spaghetti dinner 4-8 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Kirk of Our Savior Church, 36660 Cherry Hill Road in Westland. Admission is \$10 per person and includes spaghetti, pop or water and coffee. Dessert is available for an additional purchase. The event will include several raffles and an auction.

For more information, please contact Bill Ratliff at (248) 762-5965.

Felony shift

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has proposed legislation that would amend the Michigan Penal Code Section 316 regarding First Degree Felony Murder. The legislation would amend the statute to include the predicate felony of Intentionally Discharging a Firearm at a Dwelling or an Occupied Structure.

Romney carries Canton, state

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton voters favored Republican candidate Mitt Romney in Tuesday's presidential primary, though some described their support as lukewarm and still others indicated they might switch to Democratic incumbent Barack Obama come November.

"I dislike Mitt Romney less than I dislike Rick Santorum," 53-year-old Mary Yoder said, shortly before she cast her ballot for Romney at one of Summit on the Park's four polling places.

Regardless, Yoder pledged to support the eventual GOP nominee in November, and she criticized Democrats who crossed party lines Tuesday merely to try to upset Romney.

"It might come back to bite you on the butt," she said.

Over at Precinct 20 at Fire Station No. 1 off Canton Center Road, 31-year-old voter Brian Mahon was casting his ballot for Romney.

"I think he's the less conservative of the whole bunch," Mahon said of the GOP contenders. "He's middle of the road between Democrat and Republican."

As for the November election, Mahon said, "I think I would go with Obama, but I'm not sure yet."

With all 48 precincts reporting, 11,115 of Canton's 60,881 voters cast ballots in Tuesday's primary, marking an 18.26 percent turnout compared to 26 percent during the 2008 primary. Romney accumulated 4,339 votes to Santorum's 3,127, with Ron Paul placing third with 1,066. Newt Gingrich finished a distant fourth with 663 votes.

Romney also carried Canton's Republican race in 2008, garnering nearly twice the votes as his closet competitor, John McCain.

Obama garnered 1,467 votes Tuesday in Canton, with 168 voters casting "uncommitted" ballots on the Democratic side.

Only 83 people had cast ballots at Precinct 20 by 5:30 p.m., though Ginger Bitter, precinct vice chair, said "we've had much slower days" in other elections. She worked alongside Becky Blackburn and Michael Sullivan.

Maria Martin, 23, said as she left Fire Station No. 1 that she cast her vote enthusiastically for Romney, who grew up in Michigan.

"He stands up for key issues that are important to me and my family," Mar-

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Ed Bobak votes at Canton Precinct 26, at the Summit.

Presidential Primary Results

Republican primary

Michele Bachmann	9
Herman Cain	8
Newt Gingrich	663
Jon Huntsman	14
Gary Johnson	7
Fred Karger	6
Ron Paul	1,066
Rick Perry	12
Buddy Roemer	13
Mitt Romney	4,339
Rick Santorum	3,127

Democratic primary

Barack Obama	1,467
W-W Sinking Fund	
Yes	385
No	251

Laloy says Canton will be stronger

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

After facing economic challenges "the likes of which Canton has never had to deal with," Supervisor Phil LaJoy predicted Wednesday afternoon the community will emerge "better, stronger" amid a concerted effort to prosper.

"Some people say our great future is behind us. I don't agree," LaJoy told a crowd gathered for his State of the Township address at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. "I believe the great future that was behind us is almost as great as the one ahead. Because that is the one we will create together — as a community."

Although Canton property values have declined every year since 2007, LaJoy said the trend has slowed even as local leaders battled revenue losses and thwarted a potential \$12 million to \$15 million deficit by imposing a 1.75-mill public safety tax increase, securing employee concessions and trimming other spending.

Rather than a deficit, preliminary figures indicate Canton is expected to have a \$6.3 million balance this year, including \$3.5 in the general fund, \$1.2 million in the police fund and \$1.6 million in the fire fund.

Welcome message

Sandy Kollinger, volunteer and special events coordinator for The Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps, welcomed that message.

"It's great to see the township staff is being proactive and changing with the times to stay ahead of the curve," she said after LaJoy's address, hosted by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Cost-cutting and revenue-raising measures, bolstered by an uptick in

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During his State of the Township address Wednesday, Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said some people "say our great future is behind us. I don't agree."

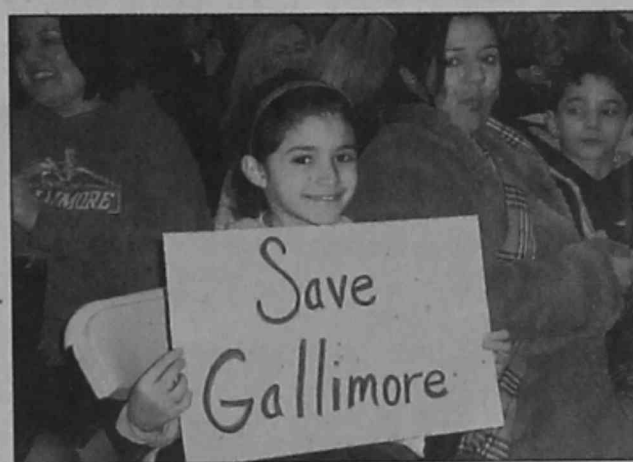
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Eight-year-old Joelle Zorob, with mom Habeba, made it perfectly clear how she feels about closing her school. Said Joelle: "I want my school to stay open. I love my school."

District explores Gallimore option

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

A couple of weeks ago, public forums to talk about the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' facilities study were heavily populated by parents and teachers from

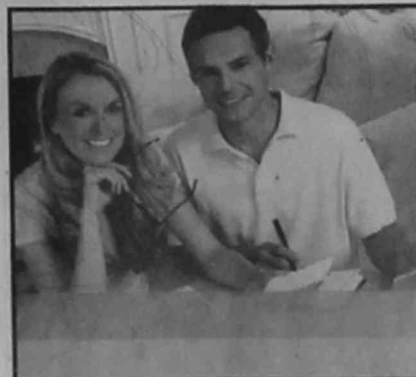
Hulsing Elementary School, which appeared (at least in their opinions) to be in the cross hairs for potential closing.

This week, it was Gallimore Elementary School's turn.

Dozens of parents and teachers from the Gal-

limore family turned out at Monday's public forum, the second conducted since the district received scenarios from Plante Moran CRESA designed to help the Board of Education

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Educating voters pays off: W-W sinking fund renewed

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

Education is the key to success for Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Of seven millage requests that appeared on Tuesday's Presidential primary ballot in Wayne County, the Grosse Pointe Library tax and Wayne-Westland's 10-year sinking fund renewal were the only ones to be approved by voters.

"We are grateful that the residents of Wayne-Westland continue to see the value in education and support our children and schools," said Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This support will allow the district to maintain quality school environments for our students to learn and our teachers to teach."



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Precinct 20 poll workers Becky Blackburn, Ginger Bitter and Michael Sullivan assist voter Maria Martin.

In unofficial results, the .9922-mill tax renewal was approved by a 2,211 vote margin - 5,188 yes votes to 2,977 no votes. In Westland, the largest portion of the district, almost two-thirds of the votes caste favored the renewal. Yes tally was 3,427 votes compared to 1,889

no votes.

'Huge number'

"I'm really excited about this, 5,000 yes votes, that's a huge number," said Baracy. "I'm very pleased with that."

In the month leading up to the election, school officials made numerous

presentations to educate residents throughout the district, which includes the city of Wayne and portions of Canton Township, Inkster and Romulus, about the millage request.

Baracy conducted 60 informational meetings with parent and labor groups, ministers and senior citizens. In an e-mail Wednesday morning, he extended a heartfelt thank you for their support in helping with the sinking fund efforts.

"It was an overwhelming success and illustrates that the community values our educational system and the children we serve," Baracy said. "When a school and community come together, wonderful things can happen. Thank you for everything you do for our

children and remember ... Great Futures Start Right Here."

The request was a renewal of a sinking fund millage approved by voters in 2003. That request is in its last year, with the last levy to appear on the July tax bill. In the first 10 years, the money was used to make capital improvements - new elementary media centers, additional gymnasiums at the high schools and parking lot improvements among other things.

"This is a true testament that residents like what they've seen done over that past 10 years with sinking fund and bond issue," he said.

Going forward

The renewal will generate \$1.9 million the first year and an esti-

mated \$19 million over 10 years. It will be used to make repairs and renovations to keep the districts' buildings in good condition.

"We're facing major roof repairs for most of our buildings, several elementary kitchen renovations, numerous boilers and chillers, some major plumbing and bathroom renovations, parking lot resurfacing and other significant repairs going forward," said Baracy. "All of them will be done on a priority basis."

"I personally want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who supported the sinking fund and worked to share accurate and factual information," he added.

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BENTLEY SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Bentley Elementary School, 1100 S. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Bentley Elementary School hosts its PTO Mom-to-Mom sale, featuring some 50 tables and a big-item room. There's a \$1 entry fee; strollers are welcome after 11 a.m.

Contact: For information, e-mail rcwegrzn@gmail.com

COFFEE WITH KURT

Date/Time: Friday, March 16, 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Panera Bread, 400 S. Main (at Ann Arbor Trail), in Plymouth.

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise is sponsoring coffee hours to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally. No appointment is necessary. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Monday, March 12, 3-4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

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new housing and business starts, have softened the economic blow LaJoy said could have led to "catastrophe" without proactive measures, though he cautioned "we are not out of the woods yet."

He cited several challenges Canton leaders still face:

- Rising employee health-care costs and complying with new state legislation forcing caps on spending for health insurance.

- Negotiating contracts this year with six employee unions while trying to control costs such as pensions, other retirement benefits and township debt for bond payments for buildings and construction projects.

- Delivering top-notch services despite downsizing Canton's workforce and consolidating certain positions.

"We are always looking for ways to do more with less as we keep a close eye on our finances," LaJoy said.



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The crowd reacts to Phil LaJoy's State of the Township speech Wednesday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Fight for funding

On other issues, LaJoy said the fight for funding to reshape the traffic-snarled I-275/Ford Road area continues, amid support from state legislators and transportation officials as Canton applies for a fourth round of federal dollars dubbed TIGER, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

After three rejections, local officials hope to involve local residents in lobbying federal officials.

LaJoy cited numerous upbeat messages during his speech — a tone welcomed by Brandon Dent, president/CEO of Dent Industries and a former chamber board member.

"I was pleasantly surprised that we have so many good stories to tell," Dent said.

Consider:

- Canton-based Lotus International plans to start manufacturing flat-screen TVs and create 100 jobs.

- Over 300,000 square feet of Canton's industrial and warehouse space has been filled, creating other jobs.

- Canton-based MTU Detroit Diesel is expected to bring over 700 visitors to its training site — visitors who will spend money at local hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

- Ford Road remains "vibrant," LaJoy said, and the Michigan Avenue corridor "is primed for more development."

- A resurgence in new housing starts has led to

plans for some 250 new homes, and a group of developers has bought another 400 acres in the Cherry Hill Village area for future projects.

- Canton has doubled its curbside recycling rate during the last four years and shown success with electronic and household hazardous waste collections.

- Canton has sustained a comparatively low crime rate among similar-size communities, and the police department was cited with a state award for a program that integrates location-based crime and traffic crash data to determine deployment of officers.

- The fire department plans soon to prepare patient reports electronically, streamlining services for patients and hospitals.

- Improved recreation offerings include a new, off-leash dog park and pedestrian bridges linking the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail from Heritage Park to the I-275 Metro Trail.

LaJoy's latest State of the Township address marked the last during his first four-year term as supervisor. He said he has always tried to "keep the message consistent and positive, and this year is no different."

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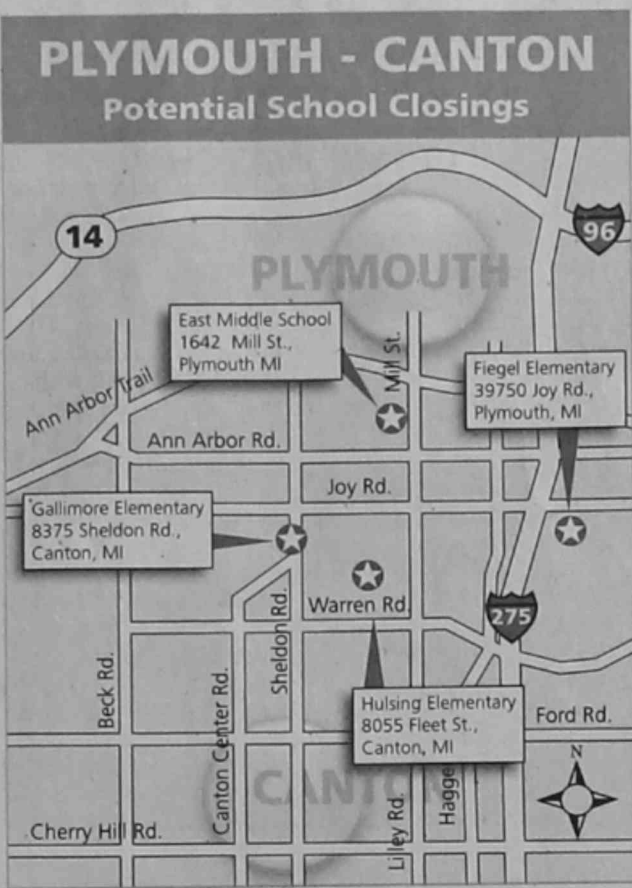
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decide how best to utilize the district's buildings. The newest option put Gallimore front-and-center for possible closure. "I have four children, two of them have gone to Gallimore and the other two are looking forward to going to Gallimore," said Canton resident Autumn Kearney, who spent the entire three-hour forum standing up holding a sign imploring the district not to close Gallimore. "We love Gallimore and we love our teachers. They've made a tremendous difference in the lives of my children. They are like family," said Kearney. Gallimore figures prominently in one of the latest scenarios presented to the community. In the new option, the district could close both Fiegel and Gallimore elementary schools, both of which are at the lower end of utilization and the higher end of the cost-per-pupil chart.

Location, location
Gallimore's location, according to Phil Freeman, assistant superintendent for operations,



tendent for operations, makes it a good target for expanding existing programs (the district could move the Tanger Center there) or offering new ones. Fiegel appears targeted as the new home for the alternative education high school program currently in Starkweather. "One of the things that makes Gallimore a choice (for new or expanded programs) is its location on main roads," said Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes. "Hulsing is deep inside a neighborhood. There are complications if we want to put a special program there. Gallimore is much more accessible." What won't be happening is a reconfiguration of

the elementary schools to a K-6 format. At a special meeting Tuesday, Board of Education members, based on feedback from administrators and teachers, told Hughes and his team to disregard any options that moves sixth-graders back into the elementary schools. "I don't see any reason to go to K-6," trustee Mark Horvath said. "I'm not looking at Option 2. Some of these clearly won't work."

Third option
While board members seemed to be leaning toward options that would put elementary schools at 85 percent capacity and would close Fiegel and either Gallimore or Hulsing, Hughes urged them to take another look at a scenario that hasn't gotten much play. That scenario, Option 3, would reconfigure elementary schools into K-2

and Grades 3-5 buildings, pairing lower elementary with upper elementary "sister" schools. Under that scenario, the district would close Fiegel and Hulsing. According to the CRESA study, it would affect the least number of elementary students and allow the district to cut five bus runs from its transportation schedule. "Instructionally, we have positive thoughts of K-2/3-5 elementary schools," Hughes said. "We are seriously discussing it as a possible recommendation."

Timeline questioned
While administrators have focused on scenarios that could be accomplished by the start of the 2012-13 school year in September, at least one trustee wondered if the district wasn't rushing things. Adrienne Davis suggested Tuesday the district take more time to

consider, and implement, changes, despite suggestions that some of the options could save the district more than \$2 million. "It seems like we're trying to get this done this year ... We don't have to do it that way," Davis said. "There are lots of ways to garner \$2 million. If we really need two years (to implement improvements), let's take the two years." Freeman pointed out massive redistricting was going to have to take place before September anyway, because the district is moving to all-day kindergarten. He said public feedback indicated parents do not want to see their children shuffled in that redistricting process, only to be moved again in 2013-14 if the district delays action.

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Summit hosts Home Improvement expo

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Canton's Summit on the Park. Highlights at the 2012 Home Expo will include free parking and refreshments; live broadcasts form special guest stars Murray Gula, Host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on 1130 WDFN, and Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor" from 1600 WAAM; how-to workshops on a variety topics from landscaping to solar energy; a hands-on children's project center; live woodcarving demonstrations; and multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters. The venue will include a welcome station featuring a free Expo Advertisement Booklet. The booklet is filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop schedules and several home improvement tips. To view a complete list of the vendors, obtain the Expo layout, and download the workshop schedule visit www.canton-mi.org/homeexpo.aspx. The Expo is free of charge and hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce, and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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Canton man ambushed, robbed

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A 22-year-old man returning from a Detroit bar to his Canton Crossings apartment told police he was assaulted and robbed by three suspects who ambushed him from behind as he was entering his residence.

"He believes one of the suspects may have had a weapon," Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said.

The incident happened around 2:30 a.m. Saturday at the apartment complex near Joy Road and I-275 on Canton's northeast side.

The victim, who also has a residence in Florida, contacted police to report he had been attacked.

"We had a report of a robbery of a citizen who was returning home to the Crossings from being out (at a Detroit nightclub)," Schreiner said.

"He said he has no idea who it was that attacked him."

The man told police he was robbed of cash, personal items and electronics. The incident started in the hallway and spilled into an apartment.

"He says they roughed him up in the hallway," Schreiner said.

One of the suspects was believed to have had a weapon, though police didn't give any more details.

Detective Tim Wright said the victim was approached from behind and struck on the head. He said the only description given by the victim was that his assailants were black males, one of whom was wearing a gray hoodie, or hooded sweatshirt.

Schreiner said this week the incident remained under investigation.

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Property damaged

1 Canton police received a report of three juveniles vandalizing property outside Crescent Academy, a school next to the Canton Mosque northwest of Palmer and Lotz roads.

The incident happened about 3:45 p.m. last Friday.

According to a police report, a school parent and principal went outside as the vandalism was occurring, and the three perpetrators ran away.

The report described the perpetrators as three white juveniles — one riding a bike, one on roller skates and one on foot. They were described as likely between the ages of 13 and 16.

According to the report, one juvenile went to the fenced-in day care playground, picked up a plastic toy doll house and broke it into several pieces. Another youngster took a PVC tube, estimated at 8-9 feet long, and began to hit a security camera on the northwest corner of the Canton Mosque.

Apartment invaded

2 A woman who went to sleep in her Can-

CRIME WATCH



ton Crossings apartment in the 8500 block of Honetree contacted police after she woke up and learned that items had been stolen from her residence.

The incident happened Saturday. The 18-year-old woman told police she went to sleep in her bedroom with the door locked and the radio on around noon and woke up about 5 p.m. to find that someone had thrown things around the apartment.

The woman said \$200 had been taken from her purse and diamond earrings from her wallet. Her 21-year-old male roommate indicated \$180 was missing from a dresser drawer.

A police report said the apartment's dead bolt may not have been locked at the time.

Drug arrest

3 Canton police found small amounts of marijuana and cocaine on a 49-year-old man after he was turned over to local police by Pittsfield Town-

ship authorities for a Canton warrant for driving while his license was suspended.

The incident happened about 2 p.m. Saturday. The Ypsilanti suspect was brought back to the Canton police station, where an officer noticed the scent of marijuana on him. He denied having any drugs, but a search found small amounts of marijuana and cocaine hidden in the lower pants leg of his sweatpants, according to a police report.

Cash copped

4 A man told police someone stole \$230 from his wallet after he left it in his vehicle while he was inside High Velocity Sports, a Canton sports complex on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road.

The victim said the incident happened between 3:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Sunday. A police report indicated there was no sign of forced entry to the vehicle.

Lunch time

5 A motorist told police someone broke into a 2007 Mercury Milan and took a lunch bag while the car was in a parking lot in the 44200 block of Cherry Hill, east of Sheldon, between 4:50 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. last Friday. No other details were available.

Home invasions

6 Canton police released two men after questioning them about home invasions that had recently occurred in a neighborhood southeast of Cherry Hill and Lotz.

A man who lives in the neighborhood contacted police shortly after 9 a.m. Sunday when he saw a blue Chevy van leaving Brookside Village — a vehicle that matched the description of a suspected getaway van during a pair of earlier home invasions, according to a police report.

One of the home invasions involved the theft of a gun and 15 rounds of ammunition.

The man who reported the suspicious van followed it to the Home Depot store near Ford and Lotz and called police. He said the two men in the van knew they were being trailed. He said one of them made a gesture in his pocket after the pair got out of the van.

Police confronted the men as they left the store, but they said the van belonged to someone else. Police searched the van and found nothing of significance.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Darrell Clem from Canton Police Department reports.

CANTON POLICE AUCTION

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Band boosters host annual craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble Saturday, March 10, at Plymouth High School. The fundraising event is a juried art show produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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

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

"The Arts & Craft Ensembles are two of the most successful fundraisers we host each year," said Erin Babcock, president of the 2012 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "It's a wonderful community event that welcomes springtime each year. We're hopeful the community will come out and support our kids by visiting our craft show."

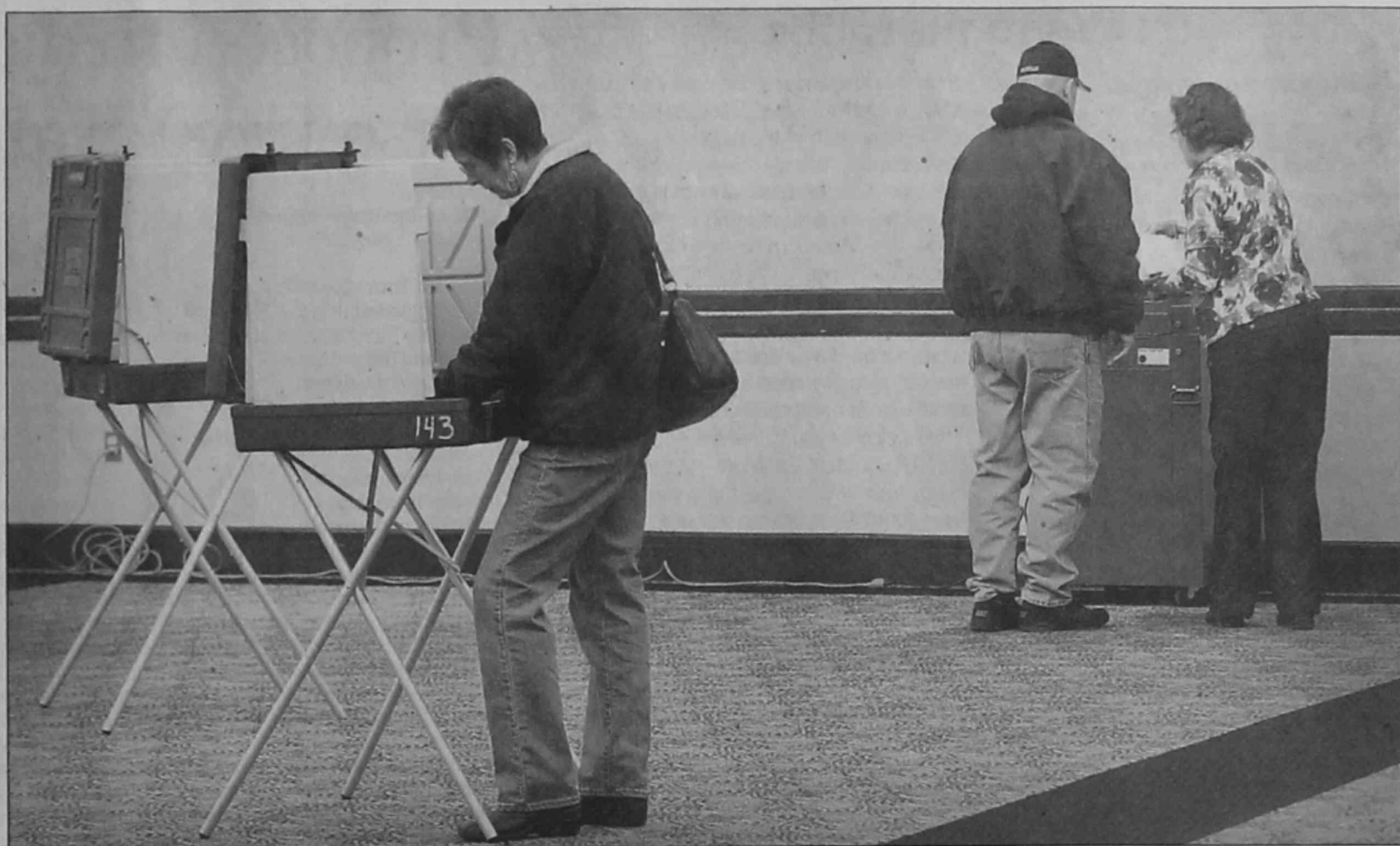
Schedule set for frog, toad survey training

Training sessions to participate in the 2012 Frog and Toad Survey will begin this weekend, with sessions scheduled as follows:

- Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, Plymouth Township Hall, located at 9955 Haggerty in Plymouth.
- Tuesday, March 6, from 7-9 p.m., at Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.
- Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at 32777 Five Mile Road.
- Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Bloomfield Township Hall, located at 4200 Telegraph Road.

Each training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are considered excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or email monitoring@therouge.org.



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Ann and Chris McBeth vote at The Summit in precinct 40. Election worker Mary Price assists Chris in feeding his ballot into the machine. Some 18 percent of Canton's registered voters cast ballots in Tuesday's primary.

PRIMARY

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tin said. "He really stands up for kids, and that's a big thing to me. He seems to be family oriented."

Martin has no children, but she said she was adopted as a child after her mother nearly had an abortion. She said her pro-life stance dovetails with Romney's.

Inside Precinct 40 at the Summit, precinct chair Maureen Frye said only 37 people out of 1,034

registered precinct voters had gone to the poll by 6 p.m. — and all voted Republican.

Frye worked alongside Bob England and Jan Goble, whose husband, Dave Goble, stood in a Summit hallway to help voters find their precinct. Like others, he bemoaned the low turnout.

"If I knew what we could do to change it, I would," Dave Goble said.

Though Romney won Canton, voters such as Debbie Roberts-Austin, 47, didn't leave Santorum

in the cold.

She was the 87th voter as of 3:30 p.m. at Discovery Middle School, and she questioned why people sat out the primary.

"That's horrible," Roberts-Austin said. "I thought there would be a huge crowd. It was quite sad."

Roberts-Austin opted for Santorum because he seemed more aligned with her political views.

"I really didn't like Romney's platform at all — or any of the others," she said. "I thought I'd try Santorum to see what

he could do."

Voters cited issues such as foreign policy, rising gasoline prices and a still-ailing economy as issues important to them. Republican Ed Bobak, 32, declined to name his candidate of choice as he left the Summit, but he said he will support the GOP nominee in November amid hopes the nation's deficit can be addressed.

"We're selling ourselves to other people," he said.



Maria Martin talks about her vote in the primary election.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gallimore advantages

We are concerned about the potential closing of Gallimore Elementary School. There are two classrooms of the district's Center Based Program for Autism Spectrum Disorder located at Gallimore. This program is dedicated to those students so affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder that they cannot be educated in a regular classroom setting.

Gallimore provides some very unique advantages for this program:

- Both ASD rooms are able to be located next to each other and are large enough to accommodate the sensory motor equipment the students require, such as ceiling swing, floor area with mats for motor movement, rocking chairs for calming activities, and time out areas.
- There is space for the students to work in their own work space since many of them cannot tolerate sitting closely to each other.
- The rooms have bathrooms located inside the classrooms which is a necessity because many of our students need assistance toileting, need to go to the bathroom

on a schedule, and need to have items such as extra clothing, wipes, latex gloves stored within easy reach of the bathroom.

- Gallimore, recently this year, added a seclusion room because some of our students have the potential to become violently aggressive. This room has been used on a regular basis since it was completed.

- We also have available close by a conference room area in case students need to work in a quiet area one on one with a teacher, para-pro, speech pathologist, OT, social worker or psychologist.

We welcome you to visit the ASD Center Based Program at Gallimore. We would be happy to answer any questions you would have about the program. We urge you to keep Gallimore Elementary School open, and keep the ASD Center Based Program here at Gallimore.

Jane Hasse and Carol Bachmann
ASD Teachers

Sarah Tavierne, Susan Micek,
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Proposed fire changes cause irreparable harm

By Greg Mangan

Guest Columnist

Plymouth Township officials have recently stated that the Plymouth Township Fire Department will be downsized and there must be a contraction of the department due to the end of the merger with the city of Plymouth. These changes will cause irreparable harm.

Plymouth Township is 18 square miles, with a population of some 28,000 that grows to over 38,000, a 35-percent increase, during the day due to the large amount of industrial, research and development areas, along with multiple manufacturing facilities.

Plymouth Township also includes I-96/M-14 and I-275, which are some of the busiest expressways in the state. It is also the CSX Railroads "Crossroads of the State of Michigan," with north/south and east/west trains passing through the area approximately every 15 minutes.

The Plymouth Community Fire department is a multi-faceted agency responsible for providing a wide range of emergency services, including fire suppression, hazardous materials response, advanced life support emergency medical service, and technical search and rescue.

In 2011, Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to 3,633 runs, with 2,622 in Plymouth Township. By comparison, in 1995, the first year of the fire department merger, there were a total of 2,564 runs, with 1,770 in Plymouth Township. That year there were a total of 25 employees of the fire department, as compared with 24 currently.

The department currently has a full-time staff of 24, which includes a chief, a fire inspector, an administrative assistant and 21 firefighter/paramedics. There are three fire stations, staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Maximum, daily staffing is currently seven firefighter/paramedics per day between all three stations, with a minimum of six.

Plymouth Community Fire Department has seen a reduction of eight full-time personnel, three from layoffs last year, and the remaining through attrition, from a high of 32 in 2002, a 25-percent decrease. Daily maximum staffing between the three stations has decreased from nine to seven.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trust-

ees is proposing drastic reductions to the fire department. They have indicated that six more firefighter/paramedics will need to be laid off to "right size" the department. This will result in a nearly 30-percent decrease in firefighter/paramedics available to respond to emergencies. Daily, maximum staffing will be further reduced from seven to five, with no more minimum staffing requirements. Daily minimum staffing could realistically be reduced to three a day, with the firefighter's contract allowing two firefighters to be off per day. Consequently, Fire station No. 2 will be closed permanently due to the decrease in staffing. Station No. 3 would be closed on days where staffing is less than 4 firefighters, leaving only Station No. 1 to cover all emergencies in the township.

The Lake Pointe area of Plymouth Township has more than 900 residences. Lake Pointe is in Station No. 2 response area. The Lake Pointe area can be inaccessible from Station No. 1, the next closest fire station, due to the railroad tracks at Haggerty and the occasions when Hines Drive is flooded. In those instances when Hines Dr. is flooded and there is also a train going through the railroad tracks, the fire department, with Station No. 2 being closed, will have to take an alternate route going out of the community into Livonia and Northville Township to get back into the Lake Pointe area. This will dramatically increase response times to that particular area in these instances by as much as eight to 10 minutes.

Increased response times will not be limited to this particular circumstance in Lake Pointe. But, in fact, response times will greatly increase for many other instances in the township due to the decrease in staffing levels and closing of fire stations.

The staffing and apparatus placement allow The Plymouth Township Fire Dept. to maintain an average response time of four and a half minutes. Time is critical in search and rescue.

The changes being proposed by the township would cause irreparable damage to the residents, visitors, workers and those traveling through Plymouth Township. The increase in response times to emergencies, along with the lack of minimum resources through personnel decreases could have dramatic consequences to those requiring emergency services in Plymouth Township.

Greg Mangan is treasurer of the Plymouth Township Firefighters Local 1496.



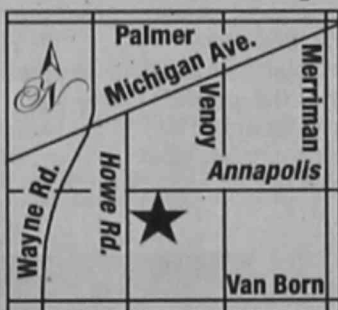
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Plymouth Christian Academy's FIRST Robotics team, the "Atoms Family," is one of 900 schools being sponsored by JCPenney.

'Atoms Family' gets help from JCPenney

The robotics team at Plymouth Christian Academy is getting ready for the annual FIRST Robotics competition, and they're doing it with some help from some friends. PCA's FIRST Team 4405 is one of 900 high school teams being sponsored this year by JCPenney. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a not-for-profit organization founded by Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology by engaging students in innovative robotics competitions. PCA's "The Atoms Family" is a newly formed team that has spent six intense weeks designing and building an original robot for the FIRST Regional Competition scheduled for March 9-10 in Waterford and March 23-24 in Northville. "Having our students involved in FIRST is not just about increasing educational opportunities in science and technology; but instilling well-rounded life capabilities such as self-confidence, communication and leadership," said coach Joe Lemieux. "JCPenney's sponsorship represents a commitment to building the future lead-

ers of tomorrow by making youth participation in FIRST possible." JCPenney's sponsorship of 900 FIRST teams this season reinforces the company's philanthropic goal to introduce FIRST to more schools and communities throughout the U.S. and encourage greater participation among minority and female students. PCA officials said JCPenney's "legacy of working with national youth organizations through its signature charity, jcpenny afterschool, helps make it possible for more students to become involved in life-enriching learning opportunities during the after school hours." Schools, communities and government acknowledge the need to improve the country's global economic competitiveness by increasing aptitudes in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) among America's youth. Studies show that FIRST students are three times more likely to major in engineering in college, 10 times as likely to have an apprenticeship their freshman year, more than twice as likely to pursue a science or technology career, and nearly four times as likely to pursue a career in engineering.

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

recently gave a speech at the Plymouth District Library and was asked when should one start collecting Social Security - at age 62, 65 or at 70?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Like most things in the world of personal finance, there is no one right answer. Everyone's situation is different. However, I explained there are some issues to consider in reaching an individual decision. The first issue to consider - and as far as I'm concerned the most important - is do you need the income?

Decision making
Some people have pensions, a working spouse, or other sources of income that cover living expenses. Do you have your living expenses covered without Social Security and without drawing from your investments? If the answer is yes, then generally you want to defer Social Security for as long as possible. On the other hand, if you don't have other sources of income to cover living expenses, then taking Social Security is the way to go. Where it gets a little difficult is if you need income from either Social Security or your investments, which one do you access first? One of the key issues to look at is the type of investor you are. If you're a conservative investor who feels comfortable in CDs and U.S. treasuries, use investments first. My reasoning is based

upon the return on your investments in CDs and treasuries, versus the return you get by delaying Social Security.

Are you a risk taker?
On the other hand, if you're an investor who understands risk and you feel comfortable having equities in your portfolio, I recommend taking Social Security now and letting your investments reinvest and grow. Once again, the theory being that the return on your investments over the long run will be a greater rate of return than by delaying Social Security. The key is to be honest with yourself as to the type of investor you are. Looking at how you invested over the last few years is a great way to determine this. If over the last few years you've kept your

money in CDs and treasuries, then you are a conservative investor and you should use investments first. If, however, you stayed invested in the market, that's a sign that you are a more moderate risk investor and delaying Social Security may be the way to go. When it comes to personal finance, there is rarely, if ever, one right answer for everyone. When you read advice, whether it's in my column or elsewhere, always remember to apply it to your individual situation.

What's wise for you
Unlike the past when everyone in a certain age group was pretty much in the same financial condition, that's no longer the case. Don't do what's good

for the majority of people but rather make financial decisions that work best for your individual situation. One last note, don't beat yourself up if you make the wrong decision. That accomplishes nothing. Some mistakes are irreversible and you have to make the best out of it. However, other mistakes can be fixed. The bottom line is don't focus on the past, always look to the future and what you will do now to put yourself in a better financial position. Good luck!

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

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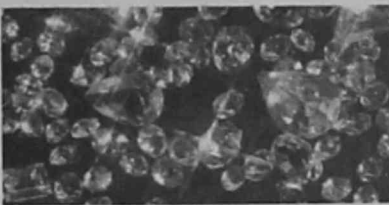
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Welcome to "How to," one of the many sketches in the Park Players production of "How to Get Kicked Out of Private School."

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'Sketch'y details

Park Players bring their own work to stage

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Amanda Tabbey has been writing "little stories" since she can remember first picking up a pencil.

Her stories, about "crazy stuff that happens," were largely for friends and family. But when the curtain rises Friday for the first performance of "How to Get Kicked Out of a Private School," some of Tabbey's best work will be on display for a much larger audience.

Tabbey wrote several of the many sketches that make up "How to Get Kicked," the sketch comedy being put on by the Park Players Theater Company in the DuBois Little Theater at Canton High School.

"I've always liked to say things other people wouldn't say," said Tabbey, a Salem High School junior from Plymouth. "It helps me emotionally, and it brings joy to other people."

Tabbey and the other Park Players are responsible for all of the content in the sketches, put on in Saturday Night Live fashion by the 22-member cast.

It's the kind of ownership of material students showed last year, when director Johnathan Rase did the first sketch comedy show for the Players. He said students were "so impressed" last year by the reaction to their writings that some 75 students auditioned for this year's show (after just 13 last year).

"It was great to see that spark start up," Rase said. "These kids have so many good ideas. The sheer amount of things they wanted to talk about was amazing."

Students did "the whole shebang," Rase said, taking accountability for everything from script writing to costume design to prop work.

Salem High School senior J.J. Smudski



Brandon Bileti, Ben Davis and Meg Ellis in the sketch "Mr. Brown and Mr. Green."



Director Johnathan Rase speaks with actors Taylor Mabeltini and Ghadeer Nasser before rehearsal begins.

wouldn't have had it any other way. A few of the sketches — "Campfire," "First Date" and "Meeting the President" — are his, and he's not the least bit nervous about seeing his words put into action.

"I've always liked making up and telling stories," Smudski said. "I'm hoping people will leave the theater laughing and applauding."

The Park Players Theatre Company Presents
"How to Get Kicked Out

of a Private School," in the Canton High School Dubois Little Theater on March 2-3 and March 9-10 at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on March 10. Tickets are \$7.

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Emily Gibson and Jonathan Shipman in a sketch exploring mishaps with cell phone auto-correct.



Brandon Armstrong as a rapper in "The Shack."

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

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Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Surface Solutions: I chose Canton because I have lived here since 2002, my kids go to school here, and I wanted to have my business in what I know to be a great community. We are very centrally located to all major freeways so I am able to cover the entire metro Detroit area without driving much more than an hour in any direction.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

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are family owned, I manage a crew of nine refinishers while my wife Sheila manages the office along with Sherry, a part-time assistant. Also my mom does some part time commercial sales for us.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Surface Solutions: I started the business in 2004 on my own and just focused on apartment complexes. I hired my first technician just four months later and a second at nine months. By the end of that first year it was too much to do alone so my wife came on board full time to run the office. We continued to add technicians every year and expanded into the residential market and the Safeway Step installs.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Surface Solutions: The recent downturn in the economy has actually increased our business. Homeowners realize that values aren't coming back quickly so they are reluctant to spend large amounts of money to redo bathrooms. Most of these homes have very well built tile and tubs that

we can make look new for a small percentage of the cost of a total remodel. They get to enjoy a beautiful bathroom again without breaking the bank.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Surface Solutions: Know your product well and provide good customer service. Many customers thank us for having someone that answers the phone and is knowledgeable enough to answer their questions and give them prices. Obviously you need to provide a quality product at a reasonable price to stay in business for the long term. Treat your customers well and you will be rewarded with referrals, word of mouth is the best form of advertising.

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

Surface Solutions: Besides the special events we hold, we have gift bags in our future. We've already started creating them to see where they land. We've taken interesting bowls and items that come to us, and create these fun one-of-a-kind definitely unique gift baskets at all price points.

Time for digital spring cleaning

By Jon Gunnells
Guest Columnist

Don't let the snow on the ground fool you — spring is almost here. And what better time to take care of some much needed digital spring cleaning.

Many of the items you need to properly clean your electronics are already in your home, but that doesn't mean you should simply grab a bottle of Windex and start wiping down everything you own. Follow these helpful tips when it comes to cleaning and maintaining your electronic devices.

Never clean screens, monitors or other delicate devices with a multi-purpose cleaner or potentially damaging cloths. Take the same care with your computer monitors and television screens that you would with the clear coat paint on a fancy car. Use microfiber, fleece or other soft cloths to dust and use a combination of water and alcohol to remove marks and stains from screens.

Be sure to remove all excess water on screens, especially around edges so moisture doesn't reach behind the viewing surface and near speakers.

When cleaning handheld devices like smartphones, a damp, soft cloth is all you need. Alcohol or other cleaning products could damage the touch screen on the iPhone.



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

delicate places, try purchasing compressed air (sometimes called canned duster). A 10-ounce bottle can be purchased for less than \$10 and will come with an extension tube to help you clean crevices like the ones all over your keyboard.

Canned air is odorless and can be moisture-less in some circumstances. When used for long periods of times, however, the can and the compressed air may become cold and make devices appear frosty for a few moments. The cold air won't damage your keyboard or most household products. Just be sure that you don't get any frost or moisture on circuits like the circuits found in your DVR, or your computer motherboard.

Digital cameras are another household item that can be cleaned with canned air, but more expensive devices and lenses require more sophisticated equipment. You can purchase digital camera, video camera and lens cleaning equipment at spe-

Air cleaner

If you are looking to clean computer towers, keyboards or other small

cialty camera stores. Many electronics stores also carry lens-cleaning products for CD players, DVD players, Blue Ray players and the discs themselves.

Cleaning tips

Nearly any electronic device in your home, from video game units to speakers, can be cleaned with dusters or whisks. Dirtier items can be wiped down with a damp cloth but, again, avoid getting moisture inside a speaker grille or video game console.

If your main goal is to disinfect your tech toys, you can always clean them with antibacterial wipes, or cotton swabs with rubbing alcohol. Cotton will clean and disinfect surfaces without leaving lint behind.

Of course, the dirtiest electronics you own are almost assuredly your cell phone and your tablet. Those filthy items that you touch with your dirty hands hundreds of times a day might be damaged with rubbing alcohol.

A solution: Wipe the screen down more often with water, and wash your hands with soap and water even more.

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OUR VIEWS

Right sizing

Local parishes spared, more collaboration, coordination sought

Right sizing is a phrase which has been used by school districts and manufacturers to talk about the layoffs of thousands of workers and the closing of schools, plants and businesses.

In Plymouth Township, officials are using the phrase in conjunction with its fire department. Plymouth-Canton Schools are using the same terminology in dealing with potential school closings.

But it's not a word you would expect to associate with religion. However, last week the Archdiocese of Detroit did just that in announcing what will happen during the second phase of its Forward in Faith plan. Its footprint — the number of churches it has in the metro Detroit — will shrink as it right sizes to accommodate the problem of too many churches and too few priests.

While the decisions are going to be a painful for a lot of churches, parishes in Plymouth and Canton were left largely unscathed. None will close, though three in Canton — St. John Neumann, Resurrection and St. Thomas a'Becket — and two in Plymouth — Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Kenneth — have to submit "cluster" plans, showing areas where collaboration can take place, should the need arise.

The fact there's no rush — the plan for the Plymouth churches is due to the Archdiocese June 30, while the Canton churches have until the end of the year — suggests the local churches aren't in much danger.

However, in other parts of the archdiocese, the loss of churches will be profoundly felt by those who have considered them the rock of their faith and an important part of their social and cultural life.

We are not surprised at the scope of the plan, after witnessing the changes following the economic collapse in 2008. Auto companies shed hundreds of thousands of jobs and shuttered one plant after another and cities. Families fled the state in search of work, forcing school districts to close schools and lay off employees to stay fiscally viable. Young adults with families left the state.

For the archdiocese, the mission of the church is harder to accomplish with fewer and fewer priests. The statistics speak to the problem. Across the archdiocese, the average priest-to-people ratio is 1 per 2,839 parishioners, compared with 1 per 2,135 10 years ago.

The archdiocese is projecting a loss of nearly one-third of 290 priests who now run parishes in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lapeer and St. Clair counties. By 2021, it's looking at having 192 priests to serve the faithful. And with the average age of priests serving in parishes about 57, the archdiocese could lose almost half to retirement and death in the next 10 years. It's a loss that's hard to cover when an average of only four priests are ordained each year in the archdiocese.

This is not an attempt to weigh in on the decisions made by the church hierarchy, which has spent much time studying the issues.

Instead, we want to offer encouragement to those who will be making adjustments. After all, does brick and mortar cement one's faith?

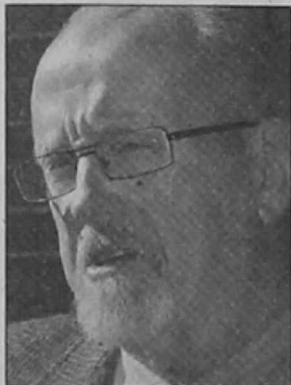
No, the body of a church lies with its people who gather together for everything from Sunday worship services and youth programs to community outreach efforts such as food pantries and clothing drives, who rely on their deep belief in God to lead them.

The operation will change, if necessary. But nothing will change that faith in God — and in each other.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What should Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano do, considering all the controversy surrounding his administration?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Resign."
Dan Carleton
Canton



"At this point in time, with all the negative energy this is creating, he should step down."
Greg Szalapski
Canton



"I would like to see more investigation. If it shows he has improprieties, he should step down sooner than later."
Gary Marks
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"I think he should step down. It's embarrassing to have him in office still."
Donita Tripp
Westland

LETTERS

Safety first

Sure, everybody wants to save a buck. But at what cost are we willing to jeopardize the safety of our young elementary Plymouth-Canton toddlers?

It is understood Plymouth-Canton School District's demographics are changing, and something needs to be done to make our schools more efficient for our future minds. OK, got it. There is a need to redistrict, a probable need to close at least one elementary school, and perhaps a middle school or two. OK, got it again. But children's safety should be at the forefront of any decision, not an accountant's calculator.

According to Sunday's *Canton Observer*, the scenario Plant Moran's CRESA accountants most favor is option 1C which will close Fiegel and Gallimore elementary schools, and leave Hulsing school open (which contradicts earlier 'findings').

This option also puts our children in harm's way the most. Hulsing lacks the transportation infrastructure to safely manage the excessive overflow of buses, cars, bikes, scooters and walkers that would undoubtedly inundate this quiet, residential neighborhood. Yes, residential neighborhood with residential streets and their own inherent residential traffic flow problems. They are essentially not equipped for this.

I challenge anybody to visit Hulsing's constricting area and then answer this question: "Are you comfortable with your child, whom is one of 600-800 K-5 children coming and going throughout the day, darting in and out of traffic, attending this school." Unless you have dollar signs on the brain, nobody in their reasonable mind would answer yes.

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Phil Freeman cites transportation issues will be a determining factor for school closing decisions. If any of the proposed options causes the most transportation issues, option 1C epitomizes it. There are better options which would achieve the school's objective of 85-percent capacity, and more importantly, keep our children safe. Our kids should be focused on attaining the highest education possible, not have to worry about being the frog in the frogger game of long ago.

We cannot 'joy stick' our children safely to school and back. It would be gross negligence to put our kids in this position. The potential for law suits would far outweigh any perceived initial savings. No accountant can put a 'cost savings' on a potential life or life-threatening injuries.

There are more important issues than saving the district the most money possible up front. Safety should number one.

S. Allen
Canton

Obama spins the truth

February 2012 marks the three-year anniversary of the passing of President Obama's stimulus package. The rate of unemployment has remained above 8 percent since February 2009, making the last three years the longest stretch of high unemployment since the Great Depression. Nearly four million people have dropped out of the labor force and long-term unemployment is at Depression-era levels.

The Congressional Budget Office now projects that the unemployment rate will remain above 8 percent until 2014. The official unemployment rate excludes those individuals who would like to work, but have not searched for a job in the last four weeks as well as those who are working part time but would prefer full-time work. If those people were counted among the unemployed, the unemployment rate in January 2012 would have been about 15 percent. Also, the share of unemployed people looking for work for more than six months (long-term unemployed) exceeded 40 percent in December 2009 for the first time since 1948 when such data began to be collected, and it has remained above that level ever since.

... listen to President Obama and his stunningly inexperienced (less than 10 percent of his administration has any real-world business experience) and inept administration spin the truth and claim that the economy is improving and unemployment is dropping. So much for hope and change.

Who will you vote for in November?

TC Howery
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GUEST COLUMN

Trust must be regained to revive county

By Kevin McNamara
Guest Columnist

Government cannot endure without some form of trust among the elected officials and by the taxpayers who voted for them.

The past decade's trend of elected officials and their appointees taking advantage of taxpayers, contractors and public resources is not only unethical and many times illegal, it creates the perception that Wayne County only has self-serving leaders. I caution anyone from throwing a blanket statement like this out there over all elected officials and government employees.

As a county elected official and a lifelong Wayne County resident, I am concerned and frustrated about the recent events that have surfaced in the news media.

An umbrella of distraction in Wayne County is redirecting time and limited resources away from providing services to tax-

payers. It's time for Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to sit down with the entire commission and lay everything out that has occurred and is expected to happen. Everyone must be on the same page. Ficano needs to stop spoon-feeding us the truth as the news media uncovers it. Tell the whole truth to the commission members and, more importantly, to the taxpayers.

Now is the time to eliminate the mistrust and lack of transparency, to bring new cooperation among elected officials. There is no concrete evidence that Ficano has taken any illegal action. However, the allegations within his administration do make us question his leadership and managerial capabilities.

The executive branch and legislative bodies in local, state and federal governments have frequent disagreements due to the nature of varying perspectives and priorities. What they do have is trust among one another that nothing will be hidden. Certainly disagreements will occur with Ficano, but the valid concern and frustration is the hidden actions taken within his administration.

The mass exodus of key person-

nel from the Ficano administration is also a concern. The investigation has cost him half of his inner circle. Some of our best people are resigning and more are planning to leave shortly so their association with the administration will not tarnish their image and affect future careers. Until the allegations are resolved and everything is revealed it will be difficult to find qualified people to fill those key county government positions, since they serve at the pleasure of the county executive, whose own employment has the perception of being short-lived.

While I urge the Ficano administration to come to the table, I remain focused on the business that I was elected to perform. The distractions will not block me from focusing on improving the infrastructure, parks and recreation, youth programs, and senior services that citizens and businesses well deserve.

We will move forward, and we will make Wayne County an ideal place for families to live, work and play.

Kevin M. McNamara is a Wayne County commissioner from Canton.

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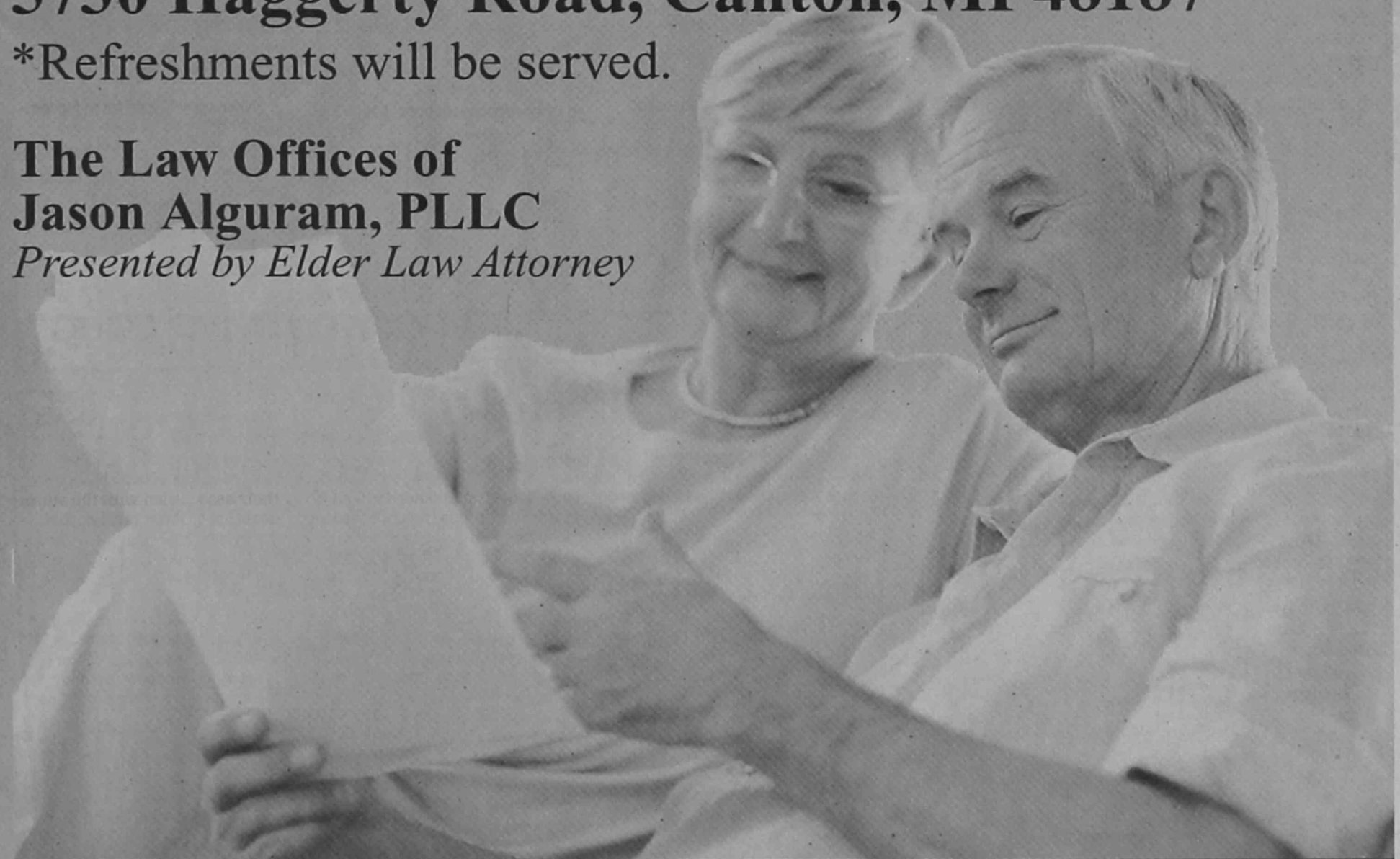
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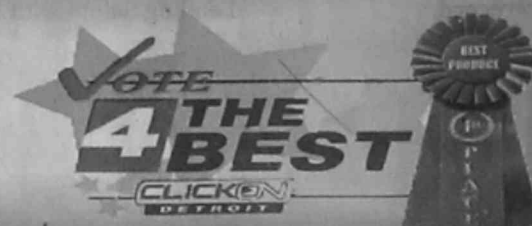
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Rocks wear KLAA crown

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When the going got tough Tuesday night, Salem's Tyler Stewart and Chris Dierker did all the heavy lifting.

Stewart and Dierker each scored nine of the Rocks final 18 points — beginning late in the third — for a come-from-behind 52-48 victory over Pinckney.

After the Rocks finished winning the KLAA boys basketball championship game, the talented duo and their teammates got to do a different kind of lifting — the title trophy.

"You know those are

the go-to players," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "In big games, they've stepped up for us most of the season."

"They were bound and determined that they wanted their championship tonight."

Salem (18-2) trailed 34-32 with about one minute to play in the third when guard Nate Sass hit a jumper to even things up.

Stewart (20 points) then stole the ball and went in for a layup and Dierker (18 points, 11 rebounds, four blocks) walked in from the left corner to throw down a slam at the buzzer for a 38-34 lead.

They and their teammates kept it going in the

final frame, not allowing the Pirates to get any closer than three the rest of the night.

Closing it out

The Rocks had all the answers down the stretch, with tight defense leading to several steals and transition buckets.

"I knew where they were going," explained Stewart after the game. "I anticipated well and knew we could fast break on them."

"We just needed to keep our defense going and fast break on them, take off when we got the rebound."

Concurring was Dier-

ker, who battled Pinckney's big and physical post players and often came away with the ball.

"We just had to get some rebounds, make some free throws at the end, hold the ball and don't turn it over," Dierker said.

Winning Salem's first KLAA boys basketball championship wasn't easy, however.

The pesky Pirates (13-7) came out and carried the play early, building an 18-11 advantage after the first quarter.

"We knew they were going to come in very aggressive," Brodie said.

Please see **HOOPS, B2**



JOHN KEMSKI

The Salem Rocks hoist their newly won KLAA championship trophy after defeating Pinckney Tuesday night.

DIVISION 1 BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONALS

Chiefs hold off Rocks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A few ticks on the scoreboard, a few inches on the Eddie Edgar Arena ice is all that separated Canton and Salem in Monday's Division 1 boys hockey pre-regional.

When the hard-fought, closely contested match-up was over, the Chiefs were 4-3 victors — advancing to Wednesday's regional semifinal against Livonia Churchill.

A furious late push by the Rocks to send the game to overtime was thwarted by Canton senior goalie Spencer Craig, who made several clutch stops.

"We had two, three or four great opportunities," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "Even before that we had a couple point-blank chances."

"Spencer Craig, for my money, is as good as it gets in high school hockey and when you fall behind against him you're going to have a hard time coming back."

According to Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, the contest "was exactly what thought it was going to be, a hard-fought game. It was, all the way down to the buzzer."



Cutting around Salem defender Colin Pietron (No. 21) during Monday's pre-regional is Canton forward Brandon Grillo (No. 19). Trailing the play is the Chiefs Taylor Baker (No. 22).

Ossenmacher wondered what might have been had junior center Alek Zultowski not pulled up lame on a potential breakaway in the final seconds of the second period and the game tied 2-2.

Zultowski, battling a hip flexor in recent weeks, aggravated the injury while stretching to reach a puck as it entered Canton's zone. He could not play the rest of the game.

"It's been lingering, and unfortunately it popped out at the wrong time," Ossenmacher said. "... It was just a bad break, one because it's a breakaway and two, he's our top center and he was going to get a lot of ice time."

"It just pushed us down

a guy. But we battled, we had our chances."

Trying to rally

After falling behind 4-2 on Canton's third-period goals by senior forward Duggan Tear and junior forward Matt Cox, the Rocks made a spirited bid to extend the game.

Salem senior center and team captain Mark McGee netted his second goal of the game (and 61st of his career, second most in school history) on a 5-on-3 power play with 5:13 left to make it a 4-3 deficit.

Sophomore linemate Jake Sealy centered the puck in front, where McGee roofed his shot over Craig's blocker.

Although the scoring play began with the Rocks on a two-man advantage, it ended just a second after Canton's first penalty expired. That meant Salem lost the second power-play chance by the slimmest of margins.

"That's their call, they're the officials," Ossenmacher said. "I had our assistant coaches watching the clock specifically for that reason. "We thought we lost two seconds, but if they say we didn't, we didn't. In the end, that's not the reason we lost the game, either."

Salem (9-14-1) either had the lead or were tied for the first two periods,

Please see **HOCKEY, B3**

Churchill ices 'Cats

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

It's only the first leg of the MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey tournament, but Livonia Churchill appears poised for another strong run.

The Chargers, who reached the state quarterfinals last year before losing in four overtimes to Orchard Lake St. Mary, improved to 19-6 on the season with a 4-1 pre-regional victory Monday night over Plymouth at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

Churchill avenged a 4-3 OT loss on Feb. 4 to the Wildcats, move into the pre-regional final beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday

to face Canton, which also advanced Monday night at Edgar with a 4-3 victory over rival Salem.

Plymouth led 1-0 after one period thanks to a power play goal from John VanDenBeurgery off a two-on-one play from Cody Staub.

Churchill then came back at 5:09 of the second period to tie it on Kevin Louwers' rebound goal off a shot from the left circle by Tommy Carey.

And at 8:16 of the second, Churchill took the lead for keeps on senior defenseman Jim Lelekatch's goal from Nick Proben and Riley Brown.

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Vying for a loose puck Monday night are Livonia Churchill's Brad Milks and Plymouth's Cam Nadell (No. 18).

CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

Too little, too late for Salem girls

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Monday's 41-31 loss to Novi in the Class A districts ended the 2011-12 season for Salem's varsity girls basketball team, but veteran head coach Fred Thomann liked how the squad battled against the Wildcats — and made much improvement since the schedule began in December.

"We're a much better team now than we were at the beginning of the year," said Thomann, whose team finished with a 6-15 record.

He added that the Rocks "competed in a lot of games this year and had we made a couple key baskets we might have made it to the .500 mark."

As for the district quarterfinal against district-host Novi, Salem kept it close throughout. It was a 7-6 Rocks lead after one quarter and the Wildcats were up 18-17 at halftime. Only late in the fourth quarter did the game slip away.

"They defended us pretty well," Thomann said. "But I thought this was one of our better outings. We played well for long stretches in this game."

Novi's Kerri McMahan and Jade Antolec scored 18 and 11 points, respectively.

Leading Salem with 18 points was senior guard Bri Berberet, with junior forward Breanne Beaver tallying six.

Senior point guard Katelynn Krause



JOHN KEMSKI

Eyeing the basket Monday night is Salem's Breanne Beaver (No. 20). In the background for the Rocks is Katie Heitmeyer (No. 22).

(Salem's all-KLAA first-team selection) and sophomore Kelly Whalen each led the Rocks with six rebounds.

Thomann added that Berberet and Beaver were named all-conference honorable mentions.

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Wildcats fall in district opener

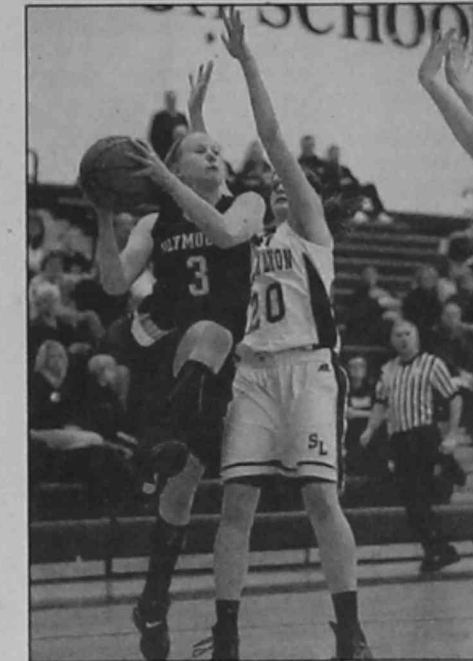
By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Monday's season-ending defeat left Plymouth varsity girls basketball coach Bob de Bear wondering "what if?"

The Wildcats dropped a 36-32 decision to South Lyon in a Class A district quarterfinal at Novi High School.

"It was a tough end to our year," de Bear said. "We just did not play well. A lot of that had to do with South Lyon. They are a good team, well-coached, and their defense was outstanding."

He lamented not having senior point guard Kate Watson at full strength for much of the season, including Monday night. Hampered by a lingering ankle injury, Watson played under a min-



JOHN KEMSKI

ute in her prep finale and showed her mettle by scoring four free throws. "She was an exciting, exciting player," de Bear

said. "And it's a shame she didn't have a chance to show it her senior

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL REGION BOWLING RESULTS DIVISION 1-REGION 5 Feb. 25 at Westland Bowl

Top 10 boys qualifiers: 1. Elliot Arnold (Wayne Memorial), 1,219 (six-game total); 2. Zack Huffman (Wayne), 1,218; 3. Jack Herndel (Howell), 1,205; 4. Vince Pakela (Ann Arbor Skyline), 1,187; 5. Tim Belcher (Ann Arbor Pioneer), 1,174; 6. Jimmy Bowling (Salem), 1,157; 7. David Nikkila (Salem), 1,154; 8. Mikey Richards (Canton), 1,142; 9. Steven Golm (Howell), 1,124; 10. Steven Cadwell (Salem), 1,118.

Canton scorers: 7. Mikey Richards, 1,142 (212 high game); 17. Alex Champagne, 1,073 (202 high); 31. Josh Pozan, 1,006 (198 high); 32. Gary Barnett, 1,004 (179 high); 38. Kurt Kowalski, 983, (207 high); 39. Aaron Madsen, 976 (200 high).

Plymouth scorers: 14. Rob Korstjens, 1,097 (211 high); 15. Matt Bracey, 1,079 (212 high); 16. Eric Thompson, 1,074 (217 high); 25. Ryan Riva, 1,036 (199 high); 28. Brandon Congdon, 1,022 (203 high); 46. Evan Grimme, 956 (176 high).

Salem scorers: 6. Jimmy Bowling, 1,157 (230 high); 7. David Nikkila, 1,154 (219 high);

10. Steven Cadwell, 1,120 (208 high); 21. Nolan Rudis, 1,046 (201 high); 58. Joseph Mirsky, 909 (163 high).

Top 10 girls qualifiers: 1. Caitlyn Webb (Plymouth), 1,169 (242 high game); 2. Bridget Maul (Salem), 1,078 (203 high); 2. Esha Bedi (Northville), 1,047 (245 high); 4. Maribeth Golm (Howell), 1,038 (191 high); 5. (tie) Marissa Campbell (Brighton), 1,033 (201 high); Allison Morris (Ann Arbor Huron), 1,033 (181 high); 7. Kristin Larkins (Salem), 1,015 (190 high); 8. Danielle Robson (Howell), 1,013 (205 high); Cheylyn Wilson (Howell), 1,011 (212 high); 10. Emily Fraser (Plymouth), 1,008 (188 high).

Canton scorers: 28. Charlotte Zimmer, 913 (197 high); 32. Brianna Bailey, 886 (189 high); 43. Jessica Holowicki, 842 (189 high); 61. Amber Holly, 724 (136 high); 65. Kim A'Hearn, 699 (151 high).

Plymouth scorers: 1. Caitlyn Webb, 1,169 (242 high); 10. Emily Fraser, 1,008 (188 high); 17. Megan Blanck, 949 (179 high); 31. Tiffani Patterson, 887 (194 high).

Salem scorers: 2. Bridget Maul, 1,078 (203 high); 7. Kristin Larkins, 1,015 (190 high); 24. Ashley Hinojosa, 929 (199 high); 53. Rachel Amadio, 783 (178 high).

Canton boys bowlers qualify for state meet

The Wayne Memorial boys bowling team ran away with the MHSAA Division 1-Region 5 team tourney title last Friday at Westland Bowl with a total of 4,170 pins.

Also qualifying for a trip to the Division 1 state finals this weekend at M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek were region runner-up Howell (3,942) and third-place finisher Canton (3,820).

The Chiefs — who finished fourth at the recent KLAA tourney — also qualified Michael Richards for the single's state finals. Richards placed eighth in the region and will bowl Saturday in Battle Creek.

Other members of the Canton boys team include Alex Champagne, Josh Pozen, Aaron Madsen, Kurt Kowalski, Gary Barnett and Jacob Peltz.

Chiefs work OT for win

Canton earned a 57-53 overtime victory Tuesday over visiting Grand Blanc in a KLAA boys basketball consolation bracket contest.

Kyle Adams paced the Chiefs with 19 points with Josh Mayberry (13 points) and Paul Baumgart (11 points, nine rebounds) helping the cause.

Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy cited the effort of Scott Gring, "who did a great job rebounding the ball" with 10 boards. Chipping in with nine boards was Jordan Nobles.

The Chiefs (15-5) owned the glass, out-rebounding Grand Blanc 44-24. Yet the game needed extra time to be decided, thanks to a 20-14 run in the fourth by the Bobcats (14-6), making it 47-47 at the end of regulation.

Next up for the Chiefs is a district opener 7 p.m. Monday, at home against Novi.

HOWELL 45, PLYMOUTH 31: The host Wildcats finished their regular season Tuesday night with this loss in a KLAA consolation bracket tilt. Plymouth (6-14) scored just three points in the first quarter and trailed 25-9 at halftime, too big of a deficit to successfully rally.

"The kids played really, really hard the whole night," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "They competed the whole night despite the score and the time that was left."

"They made a furious run in the fourth quarter, but it was just too much to overcome," Brendan Swanson scored eight points for the Wildcats, with Sid Acharya and Ryan Karr chipping in with seven and six, respectively.

GARDEN CITY 71, PCA 53: Mick Noel scored 26 points and Daniel Jipping added 18, but they could not lift Plymouth Christian Academy to a win Tuesday night. PCA (6-13) hosts Detroit City at 5 p.m. Thursday.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIM MEET Feb. 24-25 at S. Lyon East

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 847.5 points; 2. South Lyon Unified, 807; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 717; 4. Novi, 560.5; 5. Salem, 466; 6. Canton, 393; 7. Westland John Glenn, 311; 8. Plymouth, 302; 9. Wayne Memorial, 191; 10. Livonia Churchill, 126; 11. Livonia Franklin, 32.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (John Ferrara, Grant McNamara, Bradley Bielicki, Brandon Bielicki), 1:38.93; 2. Novi (Gucci Onimura, Jong Min Kim, Tanner Vincent, Eugene Song), 1:39.19; 3. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Jerry Bai, Jason Zhang), 1:40.77; 4. Northville, 1:41.34; 5. South Lyon, 1:41.63; 6. Plymouth, 1:43.57; 7. John Glenn, 1:46.08; 8. Canton, 1:46.18.

200 freestyle: 1. Andrew Ao (Novi), 1:46.62; 2. Chris Kim (N'ville), 1:47.41; 3. Spencer Ruggiero (SL), 1:47.5; 4. Jay Jin (Canton), 1:48.29; 5. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:50.32; 6. Max Wilkinson (SL), 1:50.82; 8. Dennis Kim (N'ville), 1:53.66.

200 individual medley: 1. Victor Zhang (Canton), 1:51.65; 2. Kim (Novi), 2:00.66; 3. Zhang (Salem), 2:01.93; 4. Jake McNamara (LS), 2:01.97; 5. Andrew Westphal (N'ville), 2:03.73; 6. Scott Wang (N'ville), 2:03.96; 6. Nick Hayes (N'ville), 2:04.21; 8. Joel Bischoff (SL), 2:12.69.

50 freestyle: 1. Evan Faletti (SL), 21.95; 2. Mike Carlson (Canton), 22.08; 3. Spencer Miller (N'ville), 22.12; 4. Sam Boyea (N'ville), 22.56; 5. Brandon Bielicki (SL), 22.62; 6. Adam Liakos (PLY), 22.64; 7. Song (Novi), 22.8; 8. Eric Weiss (SL), 23.0.

1-meter diving: 1. Dan Gironza (SL), 471.15 points; 2. Derek Kim (Novi), 411.15; 3. Brendan O'Shea (SL), 388.30; 4. Charlie Dillon (Salem), 380.15; 5. Alex Canadi (SL), 376.75; 6. Nick Griwicki (Salem), 352.80; 7. Ryan Kilgore (Canton), 334.60; 8. Jacob

Lanczki (SL), 314.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Zhang (Canton), 50.43; 2. Vincent (Novi), 53.32; 3. Wellman (Salem), 55.36; 4. Jin (Canton), 55.41; 6. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 55.79; 7. Cameron Earls (PLY), 56.27; 8. Wang (N'ville), 56.8.

100 freestyle: 1. Miller (N'ville), 48.52; 2. Faletti (SL), 48.55; 3. Ao (Novi), 48.67; 4. Westphal (N'ville), 48.87; 5. Brandon Bielicki (LS), 49.56; 6. Kim (N'ville), 50.13; 7. Boyea (N'ville), 50.4; 8. Eric Weiss (SL), 50.44.

500 freestyle: 1. Ferrara (LS), 4:48.37; 2. Ruggiero (SL), 4:55.45; 3. G. McNamara (LS), 4:57.94; 4. Zhang (Salem), 4:58.64; 5. Jake Ferguson (WJG), 5:00.36; 6. John Dunnuck (SL), 5:00.53; 7. Wilkin-son (SL), 5:02.62; 8. Matt LaPorte (LS), 5:03.77.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Zhang, Jin, Simion, Carlson), 1:28.01; 2. South Lyon (Weiss, Ruggiero, Faletti, Wilkinson), 1:28.56; 3. Northville (Boeya, Westphal, Dawson Laabs, Miller), 1:28.67; 4. Novi, 1:32.31; 5. John Glenn, 1:32.52; 6. Plymouth, 1:33.15; 7. Stevenson, 1:33.42; 8. Salem, 1:34.01.

100 backstroke: 1. Ferrara (LS), 52.54; 2. Filippo (N'ville), 54.86; 3. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 55.42; 4. Bischoff (SL), 55.8; 5. Wellman (Salem), 56.06; 6. Onimura (Novi), 56.56; 7. Simion (Canton), 56.75; 8. Adam Stone (SL), 56.86.

100 breaststroke: 1. Jake McNamara (LS), 1:00.77; 2. Kim (Novi), 1:01.27; 3. Dunnuck (SL), 1:01.54; 4. G. McNamara (LS), 1:02.11; 5. Tommy O'Donohue (LS), 1:03.79; 6. Austin Reed (Novi), 1:04.43; 7. Alan Ruan (N'ville), 1:04.73; 8. Solterman (Salem), 1:04.77.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Zhang, Jin, Simion, Carlson), 3:12.8; 2. Northville (Westphal, Boyea, Kim, Miller), 3:16.53; 3. Stevenson (Brandon Bielicki, Alex Lee, J. McNamara, Ferrara), 3:16.92; 4. South Lyon, 3:19.16; 5. Novi, 3:21.23; 6. Salem, 3:24.3; 7. John Glenn, 3:35.14; 8. Wayne, 3:35.59.

Hello, Neumann

SJN eighth graders take record clip into CYO playoffs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

When Mike Marek played basketball at Canton's St. John Neumann Parish as an eighth-grader, it was the time of his life.

He was on a team that won 16 games, coached by his dad and current SJN athletic director Walt Marek.

Now the 23-year-old might be surpassing that chapter in his first season as coach of SJN's record-smashing varsity boys No. 1 eighth grade team.

"This is where I played in eighth grade, the funnest times I ever had was playing at St. John Neumann," Mike Marek said. "So to come back here and coach and give back to the community is just great."

"It's all volunteer work, too. I love doing what I do. I love being in the gym practicing."

And there's a good reason for that enthusiasm:

- All Marek's new team has done is set a new parish record by going 17-0 during the Catholic Youth Organization regular season, breaking the mark set in 2002-03.
 - SJN currently is making a bid for its first CYO playoff championship, part of a 32-team, single-elimination tournament.
 - The team opened the tourney with a 32-21 win over St. Pius to improve to 18-0 overall and will face St. Raphael on Saturday at St. Michael's in Livonia.
- Most of Marek's current team moved up with him from last year's seventh-grade squad. Key players from that group include point guard Pete Carravallah and 6-4 center Kenny Topolovec.
- The latter is averaging 15 points per game and is being scouted by Salem, the very high school



St. John Neumann Parish's varsity boys No. 1 eighth grade team, shown after winning a holiday tournament, have kept right on winning — currently sporting an 18-0 record. In the front row (from left) are Jase Kochan, Jacob Donnelly, Trevor Nowaske, Pete Carravallah, Aaron Kosmyna and Evan Voyles. In the back row (from left) are head coach Mike Marek, Trevor Molenda, Kenny Topolovec and assistant coach Jim Nowaske. Not pictured are Cody Zidzik and Matt Hughes.

Marek went on to play for in the mid-2000s.

"These kids, a good number of them can go to high school, step in and make the freshman or JV team," Marek continued.

Another important player attends school in the Belleville district, however. That is 6-3 power forward Trevor Molenda, who is scoring 12 points per contest and complementing Topolovec in the low post.

"He's the one that came to this team and kind of brought this thing together," Marek said.

According to Molenda, CYO basketball is "better, more competitive" than he thought it would be.

"I think we just pass the ball real quick," Molenda said. "We move the ball so the defenses move. And then we just always get it inside and score. And we play good defense."

Role model

Molenda added that he feels confident he can make a smooth transition from CYO to high school basketball, simply because that's exactly what Marek did.

"He always gives us tips and stuff," Molenda said. "And also in practice he plays and makes us better because he's very good. So he helps us see what we have to do in high school to be better."

Other players are Jacob Donnelly, Matt Hughes, Jase Kochan, Aaron Kosmyna, Trevor Nowaske, Evan Voyles and Cody Zidzik.

Marek said one of the reasons for the team's success is the players know each other.

Besides belonging to SJN, seven of 10 players go to Discovery Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton district.

"They all have the same homeroom class together," Marek said. "They all get along, they're all great students, a lot of them are 4.0 students."

But meshing as a unit doesn't usually lead to perfection.

"Looking back before the season started we saw all the games we could have and we kind of went through and said 'We can win this game or this game,'" Marek stressed. "But to be 17-0 ... we want to win all the games but that doesn't always happen. That experience, the kids are loving it."

If SJN keeps winning during the tourney, the ride could last another week or two with the championship game set for Dearborn Divine Child.

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"After beating them in overtime at Christmas you know they want some revenge."

This time, Salem did not give Pinckney's Drew Stephens any room to get set and launch treys, which he did regularly in the first meeting between the teams. Tuesday night, Stephens did not even score a point.

"Everybody knew he was the shooter and he's the guy that kind of sparks them," Brodie said. "If you can't let him spark, you put out the fire. And that's what happened."

The Rocks then got things going in the second quarter, outscoring the Pirates 15-4 to take a 26-22 halftime lead.

Stewart connected on two layups to make it 22-22 and senior point guard Grant Bettner (five points, four assists) took an inside-out dish from Austin Whitted and buried a 3-ball with 20 seconds to play.

Pinckney came out strong to open the second half, however. Salem turnovers led to consecutive baskets by senior center Peter Barry (26 points).

The Pirates either held a slim lead or were tied



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem's varsity boys basketball team celebrates Tuesday after winning the KLAA championship. Flanking the players are head coach Bob Brodie (far left) and assistant coach Steve Aspinall (far right) with assistant coach Ryan Nimmerguth fourth from left. Players, listed alphabetically, include Grant Bettner, Jake Burns, Chris Dierker, Ahmad Khalid, Ryan Jankowski, Kevin Mack, Markus Olind, Josh Peterson, Nate Sass, Tyler Stewart, Ankit Tiwari, Cameron Werner and Austin Whitted.

for nearly the rest of the third.

Here they come

Then came the Stewart-Dierker show, with strong work by the supporting cast.

As a result, Salem's superior depth wore down the high-octane Pirates, who ran out of gas late.

"All season long it's been our forte, a lot of our players contribute," Brodie said. "We rotate play-

ers in the first and second halves, they all play and they all contribute. That keeps you fresh at the end.

"Their tongues were hanging ... we got some easy baskets late in the game, some fast-break baskets where they were trying to catch us. And they couldn't catch us."

Pinckney head coach Tom Reason noted that the Pirates played well for long stretches, but were unable to contain Salem's big guns when it

counted.

"We play a very high-pressure, rotating defense," Reason said. "We were a step slow tonight in those rotations and that really hurt us down the stretch."

Salem now will look to keep winning in the state tournament. The Rocks visit Plymouth at 7 p.m. Monday in a Class A district opener.

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year."

Watson's leadership will be missed, as well as that provided by seniors Alyssa Burris and Chyna Williams. "We will dearly miss our seniors," de

Bears said. "We desperately need our underclassmen to step in and fill that loss of leadership."

Kylie Robb led Plymouth (11-10) with nine points, while Tionne Johnson (six points), Burris (five points) and Shelby Cheston (five points) made contributions to no

avail.

"We had trouble with South Lyon's full court press," de Bear said. "We did not reverse the ball against their press and our middle player would be down the court too far. We had breakdowns on the baseline out of bounds and turned the ball over."

The second-year coach

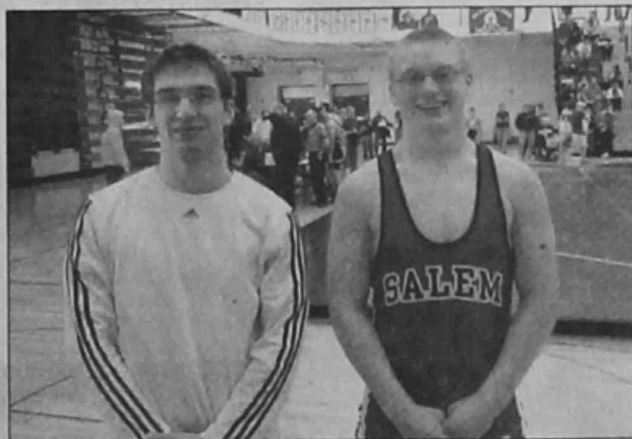
added that the low-scoring contest came down to whichever team managed to find the mark down the stretch.

"We only made two field goals in the second half, none in the fourth quarter," he added.

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Headed to this week's D1 individual wrestling finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills are Canton's (from left) from Plymouth are (from left) Ben Griffin, Zach Marsh and Alec Pantaleo.



Salem's Tyler Gross (left) and Jacob McCabe qualified for the D1 individual wrestling finals.

PCEP wrestlers gear up for D1 individual finals

Eight wrestlers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams will compete Thursday through Saturday at the Division 1 individual finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

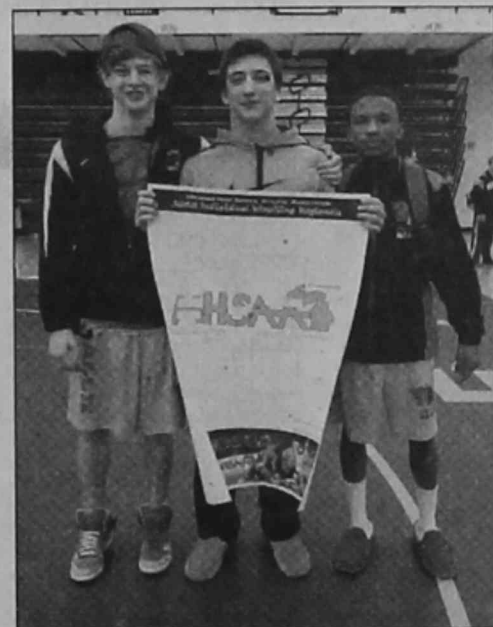
All of the wrestlers qualified by finishing in the top four of their respective weight classes at the Feb. 18 D1 individual regionals held at Saline High School.

Making the trip with hopes of reaching the podium are: Canton's Ben Griffin (112), Alec Pantaleo (135) and regional champion Zach Marsh (145); Plymouth's Brandon Harris (103), Chase Kallil (125) and regional champion Said Youssef (140); and

Salem's Tyler Gross (160) and Jacob McCabe (189). Following are the first-round pairings as unveiled by the MHSAA.

MHSAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING FINALS AREA 1ST-ROUND PAIRINGS March 1-3 at Auburn Hills DIVISION 1

- 103:** Justin Kim (Rochester), 35-1; vs. Brandon Harris (Plymouth), 37-11.
112: Dave Markowicz (Kalamazoo Central), 32-8; vs. Ben Griffin (Canton), 44-6.
125: Eric Maniaci (L'Anse Creuse), 40-5; vs. Chase Kallil (Plymouth), 38-14.
135: Alec Pantaleo (Canton), 49-3; vs. Carter Stoddard (Davison), 31-11.
140: Said Youssef (Plymouth), 40-9; vs. Gideon Gaiter (L'Anse Creuse North), 42-5.
145: Zach Marsh (Canton), 37-11; vs. Nick Brish (Brighton), 43-9.
160: Greg Dollard (Chippewa



Valley), 43-7; vs. Tyler Gross (Salem), 40-9.
189: Kevin Miller (North Farmington), 43-4; vs. Jacob McCabe (Salem), 33-14.
Note: starting weight is 189.

Qualifying for the Division 1 individual wrestling finals from Plymouth are (from left) Chase Kallil, Said Youssef and Brandon Harris, shown after the recent D1 individual regionals at Saline.

Stinging finale for Salem captain

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mark McGee didn't want it to end.

The senior team captain of Salem's varsity boys hockey team remained in full uniform 15 minutes after the Rocks dropped a gut-wrenching 4-3 decision to campus rival Canton.

With the loss, in the opener of Monday's Division 1 pre-regional twin-bill at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena, McGee's high school career was over.

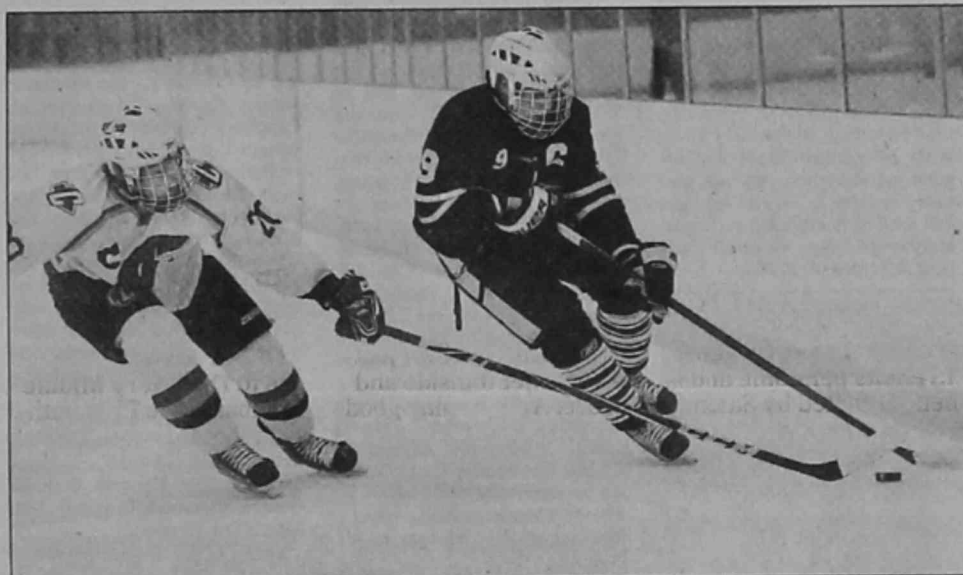
Yet there he stood on his skates in the corridor, looking towards the ice as Plymouth and Livonia Churchill skated in pre-game warmups for the nightcap.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to play with," McGee said. "You know, it's just sad for it to end like this."

He did his best to keep the season going, scoring two goals — giving him 61 for his three-year varsity career, the second-highest tally in Salem history.

That accomplishment is "a huge honor," McGee noted.

"Coming to Salem my sophomore year, I never even thought any of this would happen," he said. "It's just great to see that



Salem senior forward Mark McGee (No. 9) scoots past Canton senior defenseman Brandon Schlieger during Monday's pre-regional. McGee scored two of the Rocks three goals in his final prep contest.

hard work does pay off. I came in barely able to skate."

When the disappointment fades, McGee has the potential to keep playing in junior hockey.

Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said teams in the North American Hockey League have shown interest in McGee.

"He's an excellent high school hockey player," Ossenmacher said.

"Every night on the ice he has a chance to be the best player and that's just because he's worked his butt off for three years.

"That's why, after this season is over he's moving on to junior hockey next year and hopefully continue on from there."

Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak also tipped his cap to McGee.

"McGee is an excellent player, it's unfortunate somebody like that has their season end now," Majszak said. "It's not an easy thing to see your high school career end. He gave us a run."

Ossenmacher, meanwhile, said it was hard that the defeat brought the curtain down on the

prep careers of seniors McGee, Austin Sartorius, Michael Manser and Kyle Eggenberger.

"For the juniors and sophomores it's painful, but they understand they're coming back from this," Ossenmacher stressed. "Whereas the senior, he's packing up his stuff today and he's done."

"It's the last time he's going to wear the Salem sweater. It's tough for those guys."

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with senior forward Austin Sartorius putting the Rocks up 1-0 four minutes into the game.

Sartorius walked out from behind the Canton net and slipped a low shot past Craig, who stopped 23 of 26 shots. Assisting were junior forward Jake Fedel and Zultowski.

The Chiefs netted the tying marker with 7:21 left in the first. Canton senior forward Taylor Baker sent a pass to senior linemate Derek Voight, whose initial shot was blocked by Salem junior netminder George Veresan (28 saves).

But Voight persisted and chipped in the rebound.

Back in front

McGee restored Salem's lead with 42 seconds remaining in the opening

stanza.

An errant clearing attempt by the Chiefs was blocked by Salem senior forward Michael Manser, and McGee collected the carom. McGee then skated in and ripped a shot from between the circles past Craig.

The one-goal difference stood until the final stages of the second period.

Salem was penalized for a bench minor with 4:33 to play in the second and the Chiefs capitalized. A cross-crease pass by senior forward Brandon Grillo (two assists) was tapped in by senior forward Andrew Gorski (one goal, one assist), stationed outside the paint near the right goal post.

Then in the final seconds of the frame, with Salem killing off a penalty, Zultowski chased a long outlet pass out of the Rocks' end with a chance to break in on Craig.

But as the injured Zul-

towski slumped to the ice inside Canton's blue line near the right boards, the puck and final seconds of the period slipped away.

Canton finally took the lead with 13:29 to play in the third.

Tear's sharp-angle shot to the left of Veresan banked in off a Salem player.

"Gorski passed it down low to me," Tear said. "I came out and wanted to feed Grillo backdoor and it bounced off their player and went in five hole."

Also drawing an assist was senior blueliner Brandon Schlieger (two assists).

Good to win

The eventual game winner turned out to be the goal scored by Matt Cox with 9:50 left, on the power play. Cox snapped in a centering pass from Grillo with Gorski also assisting.

"They (Rocks) worked

hard, they didn't give up at all," Tear said. "It was a good game, the last three times we've played them it's been a one-goal game, two-goal game. It's been close every time. It feels nice to win a playoff game."

Majszak said Canton's power play and contributions from up and down the bench really made the difference.

"Our power play's not been effective all year long," he noted. "But tonight they moved the puck really well. Our first unit with Duggan, Gorski and Grillo really found a way to get to the net and get some great chances and they ended up scoring some goals."

Others such as Cox and sophomore forward Christian Flack also "stepped up. It was a team effort tonight," Majszak added.

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Wedgewood saves the day

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There's no denying the dog days have recently been taking a bite out of the Plymouth Whalers.

The OHL West Division leaders entered two week-end games at Compuware Arena on a 2-4 slide, giving up 35 goals during that span.

But after the Whalers rebooted during the week with a couple days off, Plymouth goalie Scott Wedgewood took matters into his own hands — stopping 73 of 77 shots during back-to-back wins against Oshawa (4-3 in OT on Friday) and Sudbury.

On Saturday against the Wolves, Wedgewood stood on his head all night — flashing his glove hand to commit leather larceny on several occasions en route to a 42-save performance and 4-1 win before 3,003 fans. The victory upped Plymouth's record to 39-17-2-1.

Back to basics

"The last two weeks we've kind of been running around in our own end, getting away from Whaler hockey," said Wedgewood, the No. 1 star in the Sudbury contest. "But we had a good week of practice, went back to the basics, I got my feet under me, worked hard, battled back and get some confidence."

Wedgewood was solid as a rock, keeping the game close (1-0 Sudbury) during the first 30 minutes when the Wolves carried the play and had a 20-7 edge in shots.

Then with Sudbury (31-22-4-1) leading 2-1 early in the third period, the New Jersey Devils prospect stood tall to help kill off three straight penalties.

He made five stops during one of the PKs, throwing a pad out to stop a blast by Josh McFadden and pouncing on the rebound bid by Joshua Leivo.

"He played really well," Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said. "He definitely was the star of the game and with all their power plays he made some big saves."

Wedgewood shrugged off his role in that key six-minute stretch.

"Guys sacrificed their body, we blocked a lot of shots on those," he said. "The guys were doing the right things, getting their sticks in the passing lanes,

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things like that. That's going to help us build up going into the playoffs."

Plymouth fell behind 1-0 in the first on a power-play goal by McFadden.

What they needed

But early in the second period the Whalers scored a gift goal to make it 1-1 and get a spark.

Forward Stefan Noesen — who scored a hat trick including the OT winner Friday against Oshawa — threw a shot from the left side of the net that caromed in off a defenseman past Sudbury goalie Joel Vienneau (29 saves). It was Noesen's team-leading 30th goal of the season.

Assisting were defenseman Beau Schmitz and forward Cody Payne.

"We didn't have a very good first period," Vellucci said. "But we were short-handed three times in the first, so we were back on our heels. Once we got that (first) goal, it gave us a little confidence."

Then with 7:31 to play in the stanza, forward J.T. Miller broke the tie with an unassisted marker. Miller skated to the bottom of the left circle, snapping a wrist shot that beat Vienneau over his trapper.

After Wedgewood and the Whalers survived the spate of penalties in the third, forward Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) opened up a 3-1 lead.

Center Andy Bathgate feathered a pass from the left wing boards in front of the Sudbury goal. Aleardi deked Vienneau before sliding a backhand into the cage for his 29th.

An empty-net goal by forward Garrett Meurs (from forward Michael Whaley) in the final seconds closed the scoring.

According to Vellucci, he gave his team a couple days off to hopefully navigate past a couple bumps in the long, grueling road that is an OHL season.

"We just finished six games in nine nights, that's a lot of hockey and we had some injuries," Vellucci said. "It was more or less we all needed to get recharged, coaches, everybody included. "... This is always a tough month, February. In March, you're getting ready towards playoffs."

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Hard to stop

Plymouth took four penalties during the second period and successfully fought off and 5-on-3 situation for over a minute, but that couldn't prevent the Chargers' building momentum.

"We took the penalties because we weren't moving our feet," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said. "They were beating us to every puck. They were more physical than us. But give our guys credit, they battled and killed them off."

"But you expend a lot of energy killing off penalties like that and Churchill had a lot of jump tonight, and took it to us. They're a heckuva team and we saw it tonight."

Churchill's third goal — just 1:29 into the third — came on Devin Smythe's opportunistic short-handed effort from Jake Otto.

The goal came as a result of a mix-up in the Wildcats' end as they were trying to move the puck out of their own end to start a power play.

"It was a little bit of a

breakdown," Vento said. "We kind of rushed it back there. I think the goalie (Rich Guglielmi) and 'D' had a little more time than they thought. Give Churchill credit. They jumped on it and buried it."

Louwers, a senior, then scored his second of the night shortly after to make it 4-1 with Mike Gambino and Chris Mireles assisting.

Churchill netminder Alex Estes, who made a couple of key first-period stops, finished with 17 saves.

Guglielmi made 36 saves in his final game for the Wildcats, who finished 15-10 overall in Vento's first season.

"It was just a remarkable bunch of kids," the Plymouth coach said. "To come in as a first-year coach, and not know what I'm dealing with and who I'm dealing with ... my seniors were unbelievable. It made it a remarkable season. To go from eight wins to 15 wins is a credit to them. Though it's bitter when you lose your last game, but when you look back on the season they should be very proud of themselves."

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BISHOP, MATILDA C.

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in Ann Arbor on February 25, 2012, at 12:30 AM. She was born on September 29, 1911 in Hazelton, PA, the youngest of 12 children of Mary and Sylvester Jason. Preceding her were her parents, her husband, Frank H. Bishop, and her son, Christopher J. Bishop. She is survived by her daughters B. Susan Bishop, Lydia K. Lotz, Ellen R. Bishop, and Katherine A. Smathers, and her step-son Daniel F. Bishop; her granddaughters Brooke Lotz, Jennifer Molina, Aimee Smathers, and Lynne Jay; and grandsons Eric Lotz, Andrew Molina, Alex Smathers, C.J. Bishop, and Daniel F. Bishop, Jr., and seven great grandchildren. Early in her teens, Matilda and her siblings moved to Cleveland, OH. In her early 20's she worked as a model and merchandise manager for Halle Bros. and Milgrim's. After her marriage, she moved to Birmingham, MI, where she found much joy in raising her 5 children. She gave us all good solid values, curiosity, humor, and her wonderful problem-solving ability. When her children were grown, she went back to work as the Manager of the Maternity Department at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy, MI. She was business savvy and a saleswoman par excellence. She loved music, traveling, was an avid photographer, and enjoyed the wonders of nature. She traveled frequently to Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Florida to visit her children and her niece, Carol Fox. And she had wonderful stories to tell about the century in which she lived. We will all miss her love, her strength, her wonderful smile and that twinkle in her beautiful blue eyes. Her family appreciates the compassionate and skilled care given her by Dr. N. Cary Engleberg, and the decades long spiritual support provided by Bishop Bernard J. Harrington. The family will receive friends at Nie Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI on February 29, 2012, from 2 PM to 4 PM and from 6 PM to 8 PM. A funeral mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2150 Frieze Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 on March 1, 2012, with visitation from 10 AM to 11 AM. The Mass will begin at 11 AM. A private burial will take place at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI.



CRIGER, MARIE

Age 90, widow of Marvin Criger, passed away on February 25, 2012 at Carriage Club, Charlotte, North Carolina. She was born on October 19, 1921 in Laurium, Michigan, daughter of the late Ralph and Della Panattoni. The youngest of four sisters, she graduated from Calumet High School, Calumet, Michigan, and Suomi Business College, Hancock, Michigan. She moved with her family to Plymouth, Michigan where she worked as an Executive Secretary for Wayne County and later met her husband. They were active members of the community and Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She was an avid bridge player and her many activities included leading her children's scout troops, golfing, and gardening. Upon their retirement to New Smyrna Beach, Florida, she was a member of Sacred Heart Parish, as well as the Ladies Golf Club, various bridge clubs, the A.A.U.W., and the Garden Club in their Fairgreen Country Club community. They relocated to Charlotte, NC several years ago to live closer to their children. Marie was predeceased by her parents, her sisters, and most recently her husband. She is survived by her children, Nadine Criger Hershey of Mt. Pleasant, SC, and Dane Criger of Charlotte, NC, as well as her nieces and nephews. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Gabriel Catholic Church on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 11:00 AM, 3016 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211. Interment will be in the St. Gabriel Catholic Church Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Special thanks to the nurses, aids, and companions at Carriage Club Health Care Center who cared for and comforted her. Heritage Funeral Home / Weddington Chapel is assisting the family.

CATALLO, LEO

Passed away February 25th, 2012, at the age of 96. He was a long-time Livonia resident. Leo got his first hole-in-one at the age of 90 on one of Livonia's city courses. Leo is survived by his loving wife, Margaret; children Albert Lee Catallo (Julie), Thomas Dale Catallo (Pauline), Cathy Christine Catallo (Mark McAlpine); grandchildren Darren Catallo (Casey), Heather Catallo, Kevin Catallo (Alexandra), Katie Catallo-Bauman (Markus Bauman); five great-grandchildren. Viewing at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday, March 4th from 4-6pm. In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Detroit Public Television.

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FALCONER, WALTER B.



Age 85, passed away on January 27 with his daughters by his side. Walter was born in Almont, MI on 3/10/26 to Walter and Antonia Falconer. He attended Northville High School and was a member of the football team, golf team, and archery team, where he earned many medals. In 1944, he graduated early so he could join the US Army as a paratrooper. After his duty, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology at Western Michigan University. Walter married Betty Lewis in 1952 and they had three children: Michael, Susan, and Teri. Being a fine craftsman, he owned and operated his own remodeling business. Walter's second wife of 31 years was Rosemary Symanski. He built his home in Irish Hills, with the help of his son and step-sons. Walt loved hunting, golf, airplanes, flying, music, and dancing. He also loved to laugh and was known for his practical jokes. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, daughters Susan (Ron) Tipton and Teri (Jim) Harrelson, step-children Susan Digue, Steven Symanski, Tim (Kim) Symanski, Ron Symanski, Stan (Dottie) Symanski, along with 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael and Rick Symanski, Bruce Digue, and Jessica Digue. A service was held at Santeiu & Son.

DICKSON, ADAM THOMAS

Age 35 of Westland passed away Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Uof M Hospital, Ann Arbor following a courageous battle with cancer. Adam was born on May 27, 1976 in Dearborn to Robert and Suzanne (nee Nelson) Dickson. He was a graduate of John Glen High School, class of 1994. Adam was a Supervisor at Service All/Capital Cleaning in Livonia. Adam is survived by his devoted pet, Charlie; mother, Suzanne; brother Pete; sister-in-law Angie; uncle to Andrew and JoHannah. Cherished grandson of Grandma Martha Dickson; nephew of Aunt Sally and Uncle Rick Botzler; Aunt Cindy and Uncle John Rocchi; Aunt Mary and Uncle Gary Parker plus many loving cousins and friends. Funeral Service will be held at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave., Dearborn at 11:00 am on Friday, March 2nd. Visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday, March 1st from 1-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Burial will follow at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. www.howepeterson.com

GIROLAMI, VICTOR

Age 84, of Novi, died February 24, 2012. Beloved husband of Gale for 63 wonderful years; devoted father of Gigi (Bob) Steel, Jayne (Gary) Hines, Linda (Anthony) Petty, Tom and Michael (Lisa); dear brother of Quin (Doris) Barrett and the late Roland (Nina); cherished grandfather of Kirra Steel, Michael Steel, Joel Langemaat, Andrea (Patrick) Nichols, Matthew, Anthony Petty II, Quynn Petty and Emma Gale. Funeral service Saturday, March 3rd, 2:30 pm, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation 12 Noon until the 2:30 service time. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Kenneth Catholic Community CSA Church Organ Fund or Fox Run Scholarship Fund, Novi. heeney-sundquist.com



STOLBERG, ANN BRIGID

Age 57, of Farmington Hills, died February 24, 2012. Ann was born April 4, 1954 in Detroit. She is survived by her loving sister, Barbara J. Stolberg and brother, Donald Howard Stolberg; aunts, Julia Brigid Howard and Ann O'Hare; uncle, Kenneth Robertson; and numerous loving cousins and friends. Sadly, she was preceded in death by her adoring mother, Mary Howard Stolberg in 2005, and her sister, Mary Margaret in 2009. Miss Stolberg proudly served on the Farmington Hills Historical Commission, being the impetus for many creative and innovative projects. For 22 years, Ann served on the faculty of William Tyndale College teaching music and also proudly training hundreds of young violinists along with her late sister, Mary Margaret through their business, Oakland-Suzuki Violin. In 1996, they played, along with their students, in the East Room of the White House. Ann was an original member of the Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra, and also played Viola for the Scandinavian Symphony Orchestra. Ann's interests were many and varied. For several years, she worked alongside her mother at the family's interior design firm, Village Designs, and became a Certified Picture Framer through Larson Juhl in Chicago, IL. Ann was also a voracious reader of history and religion. She graduated from Farmington High School where she won numerous awards in debate and music, and also attended Wayne State University. Hers was a virtuous and well-spent life. It is suggested that those who wish to honor her memory may do so by making charitable contributions in her name to the Farmington Hills Historical Commission. Visitation Monday, Feb. 27th, 2-9 pm, with a 7 pm rosary at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Interment Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. heeney-sundquist.com

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2/27/2012. Survived by wife Betty Ann, 3 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Griffin Funeral Home 734-981-1700.



OLDFORD, HOWARD A.

Age 75 of Plymouth, born March 29th, 1936, died Feb. 27th 2012. Loving husband of 48 years to Patricia. Beloved father of Thomas (Beth) Oldford, Martha McGraw and John (Heather) Oldford. Preceded in death by daughter Sarah Oldford. Proud grandfather of Clare, Ben and Andrew McGraw, Sarah and Sloane Oldford. Dear brother of Stewart (Linda) Oldford, Martin Oldford, Marion (Rob) Beatty and Larry (Michelle) Oldford. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Howard graduated from Plymouth High School in 1954 and Michigan State University in 1959. He was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and served in the Michigan Air National Guard. Howard was active with the Plymouth Jaycees and Plymouth Rotary, serving with pride and determination in many capacities, including chairman, at the Plymouth Fall Festival Chicken BBQ. He was the co-founder of the Plymouth Junior Community Basketball League. Howard owned and operated many local businesses including Stewart Oldford and Sons Builders and Developers, Northville Lumber Company and Plymouth Lumber and Hardware. Howard loved fishing, sailing, his MSU Spartans and anything Irish. His family and friends will never forget his absolute devotion, easy-going demeanor and thoughtful problem solving skills. He will be missed by all. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, Fri March 2nd, 2-9pm. Funeral Service at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, Plymouth Township, Sat. March 3rd 12 noon.

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Livonia Civic Chorus gets a bite out of restaurant's sales



The Livonia Civic Chorus performs its winter 2011 show. The Chorus' spring show is May 6.

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

The Livonia Civic Chorus will hold its first fundraiser Monday, March 5 — 47 years after its members began singing together.

It will participate in the Good Neighbor Rewards program, 11 a.m.-midnight, at Max and Erma's restaurant, 37714 Six Mile, Livonia and will earn 20 percent of sales from supporters' lunches or dinners that day. Patrons must submit an event flyer along with their bill when they pay for their meals. Flyers are available on the Chorus website, <http://www.livoniacivicchorus.org>, at the UPS Store at Five Mile and Newburgh, from a Chorus member, or call (734) 542-9071.

Why did the Chorus wait 47 years to raise money in partnership with a local business?

"The issue is we weren't eligible because we weren't a 501c3 organization," said Peggy Gaskill, publicity chair. "We just acquired the designation in the fall. It's a designation from the IRS."

"Organizations from Max and Erma's to other restaurants make that a requirement."

The all-volunteer group decided to start the move toward becoming a nonprofit, 501c3 organization approximately two years ago. The change creates more opportunities for fundraising partnerships and grants.

"We didn't have the tax advantages and designations for people who make donations," Gaskill. "When we'd do a spring show, we'd have a patron section in our program. We'd ask people to donate money and we'd put in their name in recognition. Now, if they chose to do so, they can deduct that donation from their taxes."

The chorus performs two shows every year. Members who sign up for the fall-winter semester pay \$50 in dues and sing at a show in December. Those who participate in the winter-spring session also pay \$50 in dues and sing at a concert in May.

Scholarships

Dues, ticket sales and patron advertisements in the

show programs raise money for venue rental, a portion of costume costs and other necessities, in addition to funding annual scholarships. Livonia Civic Chorus awards two scholarships annually to Livonia students for Interlochen Academy or Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. It also gives a scholarship each fall to a music student at Madonna University.

"Another thing the 501c3 allows us to do is to apply for possible grants from organizations," Gaskill said. "We applied for a grant from the Livonia Community Foundation. It opens up a number of doors."

Gaskill said the chorus' 45 members chose Max & Erma's for its first fundraiser through a survey.

"We looked on websites to see what policies were and saw several restaurants. We did a survey of members and asked where they'd want to go out to eat to support the chorus."

Upcoming shows

In addition to the fundraiser next week at Max & Erma's, the Livonia Civic Chorus will perform at the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's "Water Music" concert, 4 p.m. Saturday, April

28, at the Louis Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, in Livonia.

The chorus' spring concert, "Legends" is planned for 3 p.m., Sunday, May 6, also at Schmidt Auditorium.

The program will include music from the 1930s-50s, such as *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* and *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend*.

"We don't hold formal auditions. We love to

sing...and all of our music has to be memorized for concert performance."

For more information about joining the Livonia Civic Chorus, its shows or future fundraisers, visit www.livoniacivicchorus.org.

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Recruitment and training of volunteers begin in the spring to prepare for the peak summer season, starting with the Detroit Zoo's annual Bunnyville event on April 7. Training will be offered for both seasonal and year-round opportunities in the Zoo's Arctic Ring of Life, Australian Outback Adventure and Wildlife Interpretive Gallery.

Volunteer positions at the zoo include:

- Docents train to become educators and interpreters at animal habitats throughout the zoo. They also lead tours and assist with educational programs at the zoo and in the community.

- Mob Squad members volunteer at the Australian Outback Adventure, where visitors get a close view of kangaroos, wallabies and emus.

- Gallery guides are based in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery and spend their time talking about butterflies.

- Ford Education Center assistants help as needed. No specific training is required.

- Arctic Ring of Life guest assistants help



FILE PHOTO

Visitors get a close-up view of a kangaroo in the Australian Outback Adventure Exhibit at the Detroit Zoo, where members of the "Mob Squad," volunteer,

with crowd control in the exhibit.

- Staff aides offer clerical and telephone skills

- Special events offer opportunities to volunteer as greeters, craft assistants, face painters, storytellers, costume wearers and registration helpers. Each event has its wish list of specialized assistance. No specific training is provided.

Orientation times and dates are:

- 9-11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 24

- 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 19

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You can have fries

Add potatoes to the plate for a boost of healthy potassium

Do your heart a favor and add the largest and most affordable source of potassium of any vegetable or fruit to your plate — potatoes. Potassium has been shown to help reduce the risk of high blood pressure.

In addition to potassium, potatoes, a mainstay of traditional diets for centuries, contain essential vitamins and minerals, fiber, and antioxidants. At just 110 calories, one medium-size (5.3 ounce) skin-on potato has more potassium (620mg) than a banana (450mg), provides almost half the daily value of vitamin C (45 percent), and contains no fat, sodium or cholesterol.

So, craving a burger and fries? Believe it or not, it's easy to make this traditional comfort food into a healthful meal. Use lean ground beef for the burger patty, and skip the cheese to lower saturated fat. Top with healthful veggies, and go light on the condiments to create a well-balanced meal. Even frozen fries are lower in fat and sodium than in the past.

For more recipes and serving ideas from the U.S. Potato Board, visit www.potatogoodness.com.

Burger and Shoestring Fries

This meal is an excellent source of potassium, fiber, protein, vitamin C, riboflavin, vitamin B6, folate, vitamin B12, iron, phosphorus, magnesium, zinc and copper, and a good source of vitamin A, vitamin E, niacin, pantothenic acid and calcium.

Serves 4

- 1 pound lean ground beef (5% fat), thawed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon garlic powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon onion powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 medium tomatoes, sliced
- 1 medium red onion, sliced thinly
- 4 leaves red lettuce (or other leaf lettuce)
- 4 whole wheat hamburger buns
- 8 teaspoons ketchup
- 2 teaspoons mustard
- 4 cups frozen shoestring French fries

In a medium bowl, mix ground beef with seasonings; shape into patties. Grill or pan fry. Bake shoestring French fries according to package directions.

To complete the meal, serve with about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup blueberry, red raspberry and kiwi medley, or other fresh, frozen, or canned fruit medley, and sparkling water with a lemon slice or wedge.

Nutrition per serving: Calories, 490; total fat, 13g; saturated fat, 3.5g; % of calories from fat, 24%; % calories from sat fat, 8%; protein, 31g; carbohydrates, 66g; cholesterol, 65mg; dietary fiber, 10g; sodium, 670mg.



Buffalo Chicken Potato Skins Recipe

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- 12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1 cup water
- 4 medium russet potatoes (about 6 ounces each)
- 3 tablespoons hot pepper sauce (like Frank's, not Tabasco)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup non-fat milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fat-reduced sour cream
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup crumbled blue cheese
- 2 green onions
- 2 medium tomatoes
- 4 celery stalks

Center oven rack and preheat oven to 425°F. Place chicken in a sauté pan, add water, and cover. Simmer for 20 minutes and remove from pan; let cool slightly. When chicken is cool enough to handle, shred using two forks, one in each hand.

While chicken is simmering, prepare remaining ingredients: Wash potatoes and slit each one lengthwise about 1-inch deep. Place potatoes in a microwave-safe dish and microwave on high, uncovered, for about 10 minutes. Let cool slightly. Slice each potato in half length-wise, scoop out potato, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch shell. Mash potato together with hot pepper sauce, sour cream, margarine, and milk. Fold in blue cheese and shredded chicken. Spoon mixture into potato skins slightly denting center (to hold fresh toppings after baking).

Place filled potato skins on a 9- by 13-inch baking sheet and bake about 15-20 minutes until tops are golden brown. Dice tomatoes and green onions. Cut celery stalks into four-inch sticks. To serve, top potatoes with onions and tomatoes. Serve celery sticks on the side for scooping potato contents.

Nutrition: Calories, 360; cholesterol, 45 mg; sodium, 550 mg; fat: 12 grams; fiber: 8 grams; protein: 20 grams



Burger and Shoestring Fries



Grilled Potato Dippers with a Trio of Sauces

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Serve these potato dippers as a side dish or a fun appetizer at your next gathering. The dipping sauces all use fat-free Greek yogurt as a base and can be made up to 24 hours ahead and stored tightly covered in the refrigerator.

- 2 pounds russet potatoes, scrubbed and cut into wedges
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Sea salt to taste
- Sauces (see below)
- Red Pepper Basil Dipping Sauce:
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fat-free Greek yogurt
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup roasted red peppers, drained and patted dry
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each: sliced green onions and basil leaves
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Caramelized Onion and Chive Dipping Sauce:
 - 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
 - 1 medium onion, quartered and thinly sliced
 - 1 cup fat-free Greek yogurt
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced chives or green onion tops
 - 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- Avocado Cilantro Dipping Sauce:
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fat-free Greek yogurt
 - 1 ripe avocado, peeled and pitted
 - 2 cloves garlic
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lightly packed fresh cilantro leaves
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon lime juice
- Sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Place potato wedges in a large bowl with olive oil; toss well to coat. Grill over medium-high heat for 10 minutes, turning once or twice, until lightly charred and cooked through. Season with salt and serve immediately with dippers.

Red Pepper Basil Dipping Sauce

Puree yogurt, peppers and garlic in a blender or small food processor. Add onions and basil and pulse on and off until finely chopped. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Nutritional analysis per serving: Calories, 15; fat, 0g; cholesterol, 0mg; sodium, 105mg; potassium, 20mg; carbohydrates, 2g; fiber, 0g; sugar, 1g; protein, 2g; vitamin A, 15 %; vitamin C, 15%; calcium, 2%; iron, 0%.

Caramelized Onion and Chive Dipping Sauce

Heat oil in a medium skillet. Add onion and cook over low heat for 20 minutes stirring frequently; let cool. Puree onion and yogurt in a blender or small food processor until smooth. Add chives and rosemary and pulse on and off until finely chopped. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Nutritional analysis per serving: calories, 40; fat, 2g; saturated fat: 0g; trans fat, 0g; cholesterol, 0mg; sodium, 55mg; potassium, 31mg; carbohydrates, 3g; fiber, 0g; Sugar, 2g; protein, 3g; vitamin A, 2%; vitamin C, 4%; calcium, 8%; iron, 0%.

Avocado Cilantro Dipping Sauce

Puree yogurt, avocado and garlic in a blender or small food processor until smooth. Add cilantro and lime juice and pulse on and off until finely chopped. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Nutritional analysis per serving: calories, 70; fat, 4g; saturated fat, 0.5g; trans fat, 0g; cholesterol, 0mg; sodium, 60mg; potassium, 162mg; carbohydrates, 4g.

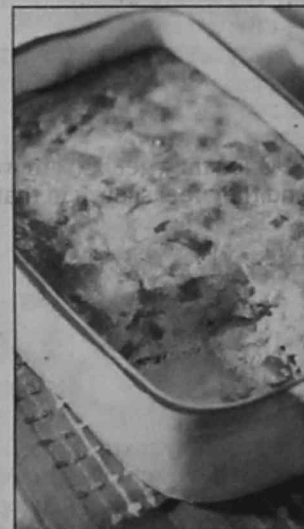
Potato and Egg Dinner Bake

Breakfast for dinner is one of our favorite things. Just whip together this veggie filled potato-and-egg casserole and pop it in the oven. In 45 minutes you'll have a nutritious and delicious dinner that's easy on the budget at just \$1.62 per serving.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ pound red potatoes, cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cubes
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each: chopped red bell pepper and zucchini
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced green onions
- 2 cups coarsely shredded 2% or regular sharp cheddar cheese
- 8 eggs
- 3 tablespoons flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F and spray an 11- by 7-inch casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Spread potatoes, pepper, zucchini, green onions and cheddar cheese into prepared pan. In a separate bowl, whisk together eggs, flour, baking powder and garlic salt. Stir in cottage cheese and pour into prepared dish; stir lightly. Bake for 45 minutes or until eggs are puffed, golden brown and set in the center.

Nutrition: Calories, 310; cholesterol, 315mg; sodium, 800mg; fat, 14g; vitamin C, 60%; potassium, 379mg; fiber, 2g; protein, 23g.



Creamy Potato Leek Soup with Tangy Tarragon Drizzle

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 cups leeks, cleaned and thinly sliced (white and light green parts only)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped shallots
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup diced onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 5 cups reduced sodium chicken broth
- 3 medium (5.3 ounce) russet potatoes, peeled and cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch cubes
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 slice whole wheat bread, lightly toasted and torn in to small pieces

- 1 cup low-fat evaporated milk
- Tangy Tarragon Drizzle:
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup reduced fat or fat-free mayonnaise

- 6 tablespoons buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Tarragon leaves for garnish (if desired)

In a large Dutch oven or heavy pot, melt butter and olive oil together over medium heat. Add leeks, shallots and onions and stir to combine and coat with melted butter. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium and cook until vegetables are softened, stirring frequently, about 10-15 minutes.

Increase heat to high and add chicken broth, cubed potatoes and bay leaves. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until the potatoes are soft and tender, about 12-15 minutes. Remove half the potatoes and set aside. Add toasted bread and cook until bread begins to dissolve, about 5 more minutes. Remove bay leaves. Puree soup until smooth using a blender or food processor. Stir in reserved potatoes and evaporated milk. Top with Tangy Tarragon Drizzle before serving.

Tangy Tarragon Drizzle:

Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl. Season with salt and pepper. May be covered and refrigerated until ready to use. To serve, drizzle on soup and garnish with tarragon leaves.

Nutrition: Calories, 280; cholesterol, 25mg; sodium, 820mg; fat, 15g; vitamin C, 25%; potassium, 731mg; fiber, 2g; protein, 9g.

— Family Features

Report: Metropolitan Detroit housing market improves in recent months

The list of housing markets showing measurable improvement expanded by 29 metros in February to include a total of 98 entries on the National Association of Home Builders/First American Improving Markets Index (IMI), released Feb. 6. Thirty-six states are now represented by at least one market on the list.

Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, said the market has improved recently. "Over the last couple of months, locations in Michigan start showing up," he said. Those included Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

The metro Detroit area showed up in February's report, for the four counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair.

"They look at three factors." Those are sustained improvement in home sale prices, new home permits, and employment.

"All three of those areas have improved consistently," a pleased Stoskopf said.

"Pleasantly surprised. You hope that the Lions make the playoffs and all of a sudden they do. Hopefully we stay on this list for a while."

He had looked monthly at statistics, and found "all of those factors are holding. It comes down to jobs."

"Once they get back to work and they feel secure in that job ..." Typically consumers who feel secure will begin to move or perhaps buy a car.

"That economic activity spurs additional activity. I think that's really what we're seeing," Stoskopf said.

In the last six months in the four-country metro area, 27,000 people have returned to work, he said. "That's 27,000 people that now have that potential to buy a home."

"It's pretty good news, we're

very excited about it. Hopefully we can sustain the momentum," Stoskopf added.

The index identifies metropolitan areas that have shown improvement from their respective troughs in housing permits, employment and house prices for at least six consecutive months. The February index adds some metropolitan areas that have been particularly weak; this is due to the fact that the IMI measures improvement from a bottom, and some of the hardest hit markets are showing signs of coming off of extreme lows. Keeping this in mind, notable new entrants to list in February include Miami, Fla.; Boston; Detroit; Kansas City, Mo.; Portland, Ore.; Memphis, Tenn.; and Salt Lake City.

"The number of improving housing markets has risen for six consecutive months, and 36 states now have at least one metropolitan area on the list," said NAHB Chairman Bob Nielsen, a home builder from Reno, Nev. "This indicates that despite the many challenges that continue to drag on a housing recovery — including the tight lending environment for builders and buyers — improving conditions are slowly but surely spreading from one housing market to the next."

"While many of the markets on the February IMI are far from fully recovered, the index points out where employment, home prices and housing production are no longer retreating and have held above their lowest recession troughs for six months or more," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "This is a sign that a large cross section of the country is starting to turn the corner as local economic conditions stabilize."

"The fact that there are nearly 100 markets now on



the improving list shows that the momentum is building for a housing recovery and that more buyers and sellers are starting to feel confident enough to return to the market," said Kurt Pfotenhauer, vice chairman of First American Title Insurance Company.

The IMI is designed to track housing markets throughout the country that are showing signs of improving economic health. The index measures three sets of independent monthly data to get a mark on the top improving Metropolitan Statistical Areas. The three indicators that are analyzed are employment growth from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, house price appreciation from Freddie Mac, and single-family housing permit growth from the U.S. Census Bureau. NAHB uses the latest available data from

these sources to generate a list of improving markets. A metropolitan area must see improvement in all three areas for at least six months following their respective troughs before being included on the improving markets list.

Seven markets dropped from the NAHB/First American Improving Markets Index in February as they experienced softening house prices. These metros include San Jose, Calif.; Washington, D.C.; Kankakee, Ill.; New Orleans; Worcester, Mass.; Jackson, Miss.; and Sherman, Texas.

A complete list of all 98 metropolitan areas currently on the IMI, and a separate breakout of metros newly added to the list in February, is available at: www.nahb.org/imi.

O&E staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

Nashville shows some high notes

By Robert Meisner
Guest Columnist

Q: I understand that downtown Nashville is a source of redevelopment, but do you have any information about it?

A: Like many cities, including Detroit, there was a mass exodus of commercial and retail



Robert Meisner

from downtown Nashville about 20 years ago. Slowly, but surely, however, retail and office building

development has returned to downtown Nashville particularly with the stadia that have been constructed as well as the commuter railroad which offers an opportunity for people to come directly to the downtown area have helped revitalize the area. Of course, there is still the honkytonk streets filled with bars providing all sorts of music which is a major attraction and results in increased activity. Also, a new convention center is planned which will also spur development and the increase in real estate property values.

Q: Our board has some concern about coyotes and other potentially dangerous animals entering our condominium project. Are we, in effect, responsible for the behavior of indigenous wild animals?

A: Generally not. Generally speaking, community associations are not responsible for the behavior of indigenous wild animals — a legal doctrine known as *ferae naturae*. However, a recent ruling in Georgia poses an inroad into the blanket immunity that community associations have enjoyed. In that case, the majority in the Appellate Court said that it is reasonable to consider whether liability exists for the association, based in part on its policy of removing alligators that were more than seven feet long. In that situation, the alligator that killed a woman was more than eight feet long. So in any situation, you should consult with your community association attorney and insurance carrier.

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

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 14-18, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON
39580 Cathar St \$95,000
50137 Grant St \$227,000
5873 Meadowview Dr \$285,000
4242 Monarch Ave \$154,000
289 Selkirk St \$145,000

6921 Sylvania Ln \$350,000
GARDEN CITY
6148 Cardwell St \$93,000
623 Gilman St \$65,000
31983 Leona St \$75,000
31930 Rosslyn Ave \$53,000
LIVONIA
30257 Acacia St \$108,000
18975 Bainbridge Ave \$170,000
36184 Fairway Dr \$45,000
20626 Golf Ridge Cir \$262,000
35638 Grennada St \$110,000
18608 Irving St \$134,000
11100 Karen St \$82,000
29447 Mark Ln \$125,000

9870 Merriman Rd \$65,000
30989 Orangelawn St \$130,000
29870 Richland St \$115,000
20218 Saint Francis St \$50,000
9921 Seltzer St \$110,000
15953 Woodring Dr \$124,000
9289 Woodring St \$125,000
NORTHVILLE
16775 Black River Dr \$446,000
46597 Crystal Downs W \$467,000
39640 Rockcrest Ln \$115,000
17697 Rolling Woods Cir \$448,000
16115 Thorndyke Ct \$305,000
39507 Village Run Dr \$240,000
PLYMOUTH

676 Burroughs St \$190,000
13200 Cambridge Ct \$320,000
46490 Rockledge Dr \$280,000
REDFORD
25280 Five Mile Rd \$17,000
14210 Breakfast Dr \$134,000
9103 Dale \$35,000
19512 Garfield \$35,000
19452 Lexington \$45,000
19782 Sumner \$45,000
26245 W Six Mile Rd \$18,000
WESTLAND
32250 Hazelwood St \$70,000
32726 Winona St \$98,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 7-11, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS
32355 Eastlady Dr \$483,000
BIRMINGHAM
976 Bird Ave \$100,000
2196 Manchester Rd \$210,000
309 N Eton St \$40,000
452 Park St \$260,000
1889 Pine St \$379,000

1431 Washington Blvd \$547,000
2601 Windemere Rd \$170,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
2735 Ayshire Dr \$200,000
518 Kingsley Trl \$555,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
2816 Birchwood Ct \$575,000
1042 Brenthaven Dr \$152,000
702 Browning Ct \$1,100,000
1839 Golf Ridge Dr \$137,000
7285 Kingswood Dr \$370,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP
8627 Cooley Lake Rd # 309 \$256,000
8648 Hummingbird \$265,000
FARMINGTON
23731 Ely Ct \$80,000
33718 Grand River Ave \$150,000

35527 Heritage Ln \$78,000
21246 Larkspur St \$118,000
FARMINGTON HILLS
26315 Drake Rd \$215,000
27948 Gettysburg St \$148,000
38887 Holsworth Ct \$196,000
30139 Kimberly Ct \$230,000
28634 Kirkside Ln \$240,000
24829 Lakeland St \$185,000
29041 Summerwood Rd \$200,000
36838 Tanglewood Ln \$178,000
31120 W Eight Mile Rd \$450,000
35231 White Pine Trl \$160,000
MILFORD
803 Atlantic St \$212,000
373 Whitewater St \$225,000
NOVI

50829 Calvert Isle Dr \$463,000
50708 Chesapeake Dr \$686,000
25890 Clark St \$128,000
24065 Cranbrooke Dr \$165,000
23485 Winthrop Ct \$238,000
SOUTHFIELD
15834 Fairfax St \$90,000
28530 Fairfax St \$12,000
21420 Frazer Ave \$19,000
29809 N Bedford St \$85,000
19307 Nadol Dr \$69,000
29351 Rambling Rd \$40,000
23558 Russell St \$66,000
20702 Woodburn Dr \$47,000
WHITE LAKE
8797 Cooley Beach Dr \$77,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

On the job

RE/MAX Classic announced Teresa McCollom has joined the Canton office. McCollom is a longtime resident of Canton and has branded herself as a



McCollom

real estate professional in Western Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Macomb counties for the past 10 years. She specializes in residential and commercial sales and leasing, executive properties, golf course communities and buyer representation. McCollom is certified as a Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource Specialist and brings with her a strong

background in interior design and staging offering home sellers a unique edge selling their home in today's market.

"Teresa is genuine, professional and extremely dedicated when it comes to servicing her clients. Her knowledge and exceptional communication skills and caring have made her a much sought after Realtor in the industry," said Carol Boji, broker/owner of RE/MAX Classic.

"Real estate isn't just my career, it's my lifestyle," said McCollom on the secret to her success. "I live it continually in all facets of my life. I see a new door opening every day for families buying their first home, moving up or scaling down."

Wayne Investors

Wayne Real Estate Investors Association will

host Noel Selewski of Noel Selewski Insurance Agency Tuesday, March 6, speaking on insurance on empty or rented units. Meetings are 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Red Lobster on Eureka on Southgate. Call Wayne Koehler, (313) 277-4168.

Investors

"Mr. Landlord" (Jeffrey Taylor), a nationally known "Landlording Expert" and author, will cover finding qualified prospects, having tenants leave the property in move-in condition and how to increase monthly cash flow when filling vacancies at the regular meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, March 8, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Club Venetian, 29310 John R, north of 12 Mile, Madison Heights.

Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. www.REIAofOAKLAND.com; (800) 747-6742.

Real Estate Career Seminar

A free Real Estate Career Seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Keller Williams Realty 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 Plymouth. For more information, contact Lesley Aiello at (734) 459-4700 or laiello@kw.com.

BIA courses

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present all three courses needed for Certified Aging-in-Place designation by the National Association of Home Builders. Don Pratt, CAPS, CGB, CGR of CECS of Michigan,

LLC will be the instructor for all three. He will cover the technical, business management and customer service skills essential for competing. CAPS I, Marketing and Communication Strategies for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Monday, March 12. CAPS II, Design/Build Solutions for Aging and Accessibility, will be held on Tuesday, March 13. Business Management, the third course required for this designation, will be held on Wednesday, March 14. Each session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Association Offices, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Registration for each course is \$195 per person for BIA members and \$225 per person for guests. For information, call (248) 862-1002 or register online at www.builders.org.

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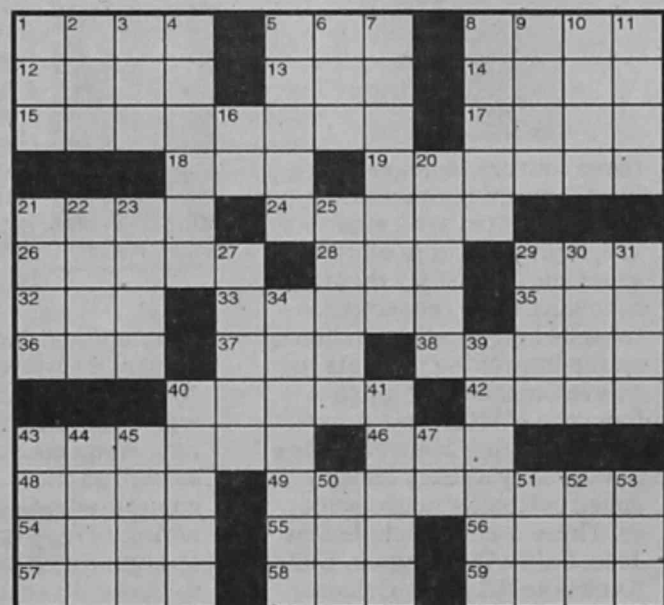
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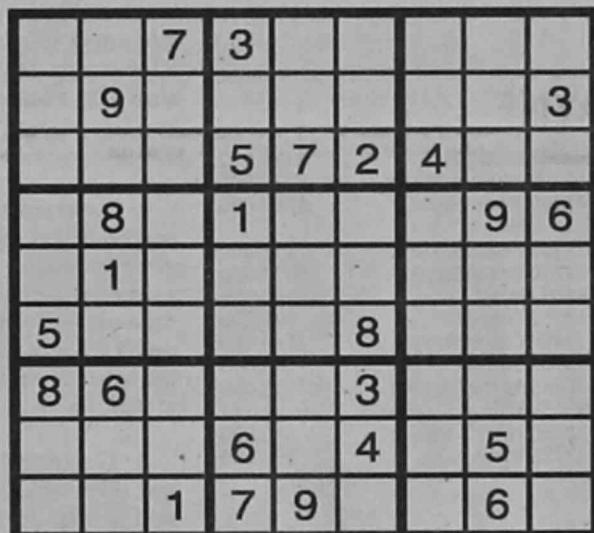
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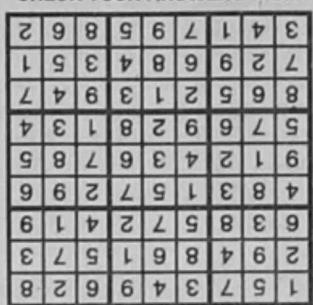
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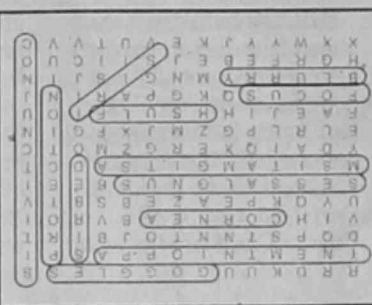
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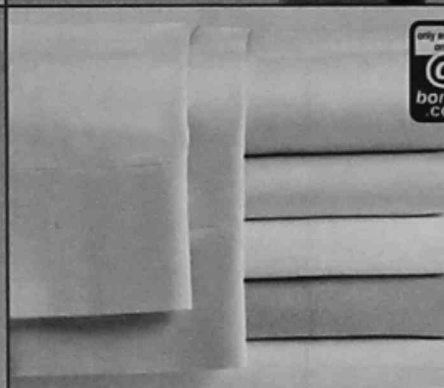
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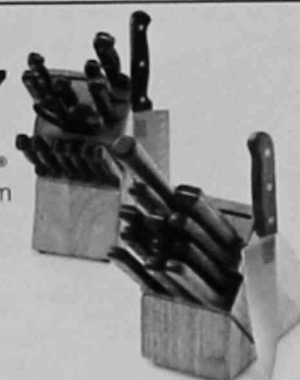
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A black and white portrait of Leeza Gibbons, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, smiling and wearing large hoop earrings and a dark sleeveless top. She has her arms crossed.

Leeza Gibbons

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Q Can you tell me about Wendy Williams, host of the TV game show *Love Triangle*?

—Elizabeth Bell, Speedway, Va.

Williams, 47, was born the daughter of school teachers in Asbury Park, N.J., and received a degree in communications from Northeastern University. She was a DJ for more than 20 years in New York City and Philadelphia and currently hosts her own daily syndicated radio program, *The Wendy Williams Show*. Also an author, the “shock jock-ette” refers to herself as the “Queen of All Media.” Williams lives in northern New Jersey with husband-manager Kevin Hunter and their 11-year-old son.



Q What has happened to Heather Langenkamp, who starred in *A Nightmare on Elm Street*?

—Chris Waters, Everett, Wash.

Langenkamp, who played Nancy Thompson, Freddy Krueger’s nemesis and the resourceful heroine in the classic 1984 horror movie, recently produced *I Am Nancy*, an autobiographical documentary. “After 25 years of going to conventions and talking to fans, I decided to take a film crew to help illuminate why the Nancy character is so important to the history of the film. I wanted people to feel it was OK to root for the hero again,” says Langenkamp, 47. The Tulsa, Okla., native is married to Hollywood makeup artist David Leroy Anderson and raising their two children in Los Angeles.



Q What can you tell us about Ty Pennington?

—Barbara King, Clarksburg, Maine

After years of renovating people’s homes on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, Pennington, 47, recently joined the cast of ABC’s new daytime series *The Revolution*, on which he uses his design and carpentry skills to continue helping people transform their lives. In addition, the Atlanta, Ga.-born handyman continues to develop his home décor line for Sears, design new pieces for his Signature Home Furnishings collection and write books. “I am blessed to have the kinds of jobs that do change someone’s life, that have an impact, and that you can see make a difference. There are not many opportunities in life that you get a chance to do that,” he says.



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Carole King

Q Can you tell me who sings the theme song for *Gilmore Girls*?

—Jan Tracy, Batesville, Ark.

The song "Where You Lead," written by **Carole King**, 70, is performed for the TV series by King and daughter **Louise Goffin**. Mom and daughter also collaborated on King's recently released first holiday album, *A Holiday Carole*, which Goffin produced. The CD is a mixture of traditional songs, along with a few new Christmas-y tunes cowritten by Goffin.



Louise Goffin

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An important correction from BONIVA for women with postmenopausal osteoporosis

You may have seen an ad about BONIVA for the treatment and prevention of postmenopausal osteoporosis that may have given you the wrong impression. Our ads stated that "After one year on BONIVA, 9 out of 10 women stopped and reversed their bone loss." The FDA has found that there is not enough evidence to support this statement and wants us to clear up any misunderstanding you may have had about these ads and make sure you have the correct information about BONIVA.

BONIVA has not been proven to stop and reverse bone loss in 9 out of 10 women and is **not** a cure for postmenopausal osteoporosis. BONIVA has been shown to help increase bone mass and help reduce the chance of having a spinal fracture (break). We encourage all patients to discuss their treatment with their healthcare provider. Only your doctor can determine if BONIVA is right for you.

What is BONIVA?

BONIVA is a prescription medicine used to treat or prevent osteoporosis in women after menopause. BONIVA helps increase bone mass and helps reduce the chance of having a spinal fracture (break).

It is not known how long BONIVA works for the treatment and prevention of osteoporosis. You should see your doctor regularly to determine if BONIVA is still right for you.

Important Risk Information for BONIVA

You should not take BONIVA if you have certain problems with your esophagus (the tube that connects your mouth and stomach), low blood

calcium, cannot sit or stand for at least 60 minutes, or are allergic to BONIVA or any of its ingredients.

BONIVA can cause serious side effects including problems with the esophagus; low blood calcium; bone, joint, or muscle pain; severe jaw bone problems; and unusual thigh bone fractures.

Before starting BONIVA, tell your doctor if you have problems with swallowing, stomach or digestive problems, have low blood calcium, plan to have dental surgery or teeth removed, or have kidney problems.

Stop taking BONIVA and tell your doctor right away if you have pain or trouble swallowing, chest pain, or severe or continuing heartburn, as these may be signs of serious upper digestive problems. Call your doctor immediately if jaw problems or hip, groin, or thigh pain develops; or if you have symptoms of low blood calcium such as spasms, twitching, cramps in your muscles, or numbness or tingling in your fingers, toes, or around your mouth.

Follow the dosing instructions for once-monthly BONIVA carefully.

The most common side effects are back pain, heartburn, stomach area pain, pain in your arms and legs, diarrhea, headache, muscle pain, and flu-like symptoms.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA at www.fda.gov/medwatch or by calling 1-800-FDA-1088.

Talk to your doctor for more information or if you have questions about your treatment.

Please read additional important risk information for BONIVA on the next page.

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In from the Cold

PETER LARSON was a first-grade Cub Scout the first time he camped out for a cause—raising awareness about and money for homeless people by sleeping outside in frigid Minnesota weather.

Now 17 and a senior at Wayzata High School, Peter has completed his 12th and final wintry season of sleeping outside in a cardboard box in his backyard in Plymouth, Minn., raising more than \$500,000 to combat homelessness since that first night.

"It feels good," says Peter, coming in from the cold on Jan. 1 after his final 48-night sleepout.

American Profile profiled Peter in a 2009 cover story, prompting many of our readers to contribute money to support his efforts through Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners, a nonprofit organization that helps low-income families obtain affordable housing in the Minneapolis area.

Because the average cost to help one homeless family for a year is \$2,000, Peter now can sleep well knowing he has helped more than 250 families.

"One person really can make a huge difference, even if they start small," says Peter, who plans to study computer science in college beginning this fall.

"It all adds up." ★



To read our 2009 story about Peter's heart for the homeless, visit americanprofile.com/peter

Medication Guide BONIVA® (bon-EE-va) (ibandronate sodium) TABLETS

Read the Medication Guide that comes with BONIVA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. Talk to your doctor if you have any questions about BONIVA.

What is the most important information I should know about BONIVA?

BONIVA can cause serious side effects including:

1. Esophagus problems
 2. Low calcium levels in your blood (hypocalcemia)
 3. Bone, joint or muscle pain
 4. Severe jaw bone problems (osteonecrosis)
 5. Unusual thigh bone fractures
- 1. Esophagus problems.** Some people who take BONIVA may develop problems in the esophagus (the tube that connects the mouth and the stomach). These problems include irritation, inflammation, or ulcers of the esophagus, which may sometimes bleed.
- It is important that you take BONIVA exactly as prescribed to help lower your chance of getting esophagus problems. (See the section "How should I take BONIVA?")
 - Stop taking BONIVA and call your doctor right away if you get chest pain, new or worsening heartburn, or have trouble or pain when you swallow.

2. Low calcium levels in your blood (hypocalcemia). BONIVA may lower the calcium levels in your blood. If you have low blood calcium before you start taking BONIVA, it may get worse during treatment. Your low blood calcium must be treated before you take BONIVA. Most people with low blood calcium levels do not have symptoms, but some people may have symptoms. Call your doctor right away if you have symptoms of low blood calcium such as:

- Spasms, twitches, or cramps in your muscles
- Numbness or tingling in your fingers, toes, or around your mouth

Your doctor may prescribe calcium and vitamin D to help prevent low calcium levels in your blood while you take BONIVA. Take calcium and vitamin D as your doctor tells you to.

3. Bone, joint, or muscle pain. Some people who take BONIVA develop severe bone, joint, or muscle pain.

4. Severe jaw bone problems (osteonecrosis). Severe jaw bone problems may happen when you take BONIVA. Your doctor may examine your mouth before you start BONIVA. Your doctor may tell you to see your dentist before you start BONIVA. It is important for you to practice good mouth care during treatment with BONIVA.

5. Unusual thigh bone fractures. Some people have developed unusual fractures in their thigh bone. Symptoms of a fracture may include new or unusual pain in your hip, groin, or thigh. Call your doctor right away if you have any of these side effects. What is BONIVA?

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known how long BONIVA works for the treatment and prevention of osteoporosis. You should see your doctor regularly to determine if BONIVA is still right for you. It is not known if BONIVA is safe and effective in children.

Who should not take BONIVA?

Do not take BONIVA if you:

- Have certain problems with your esophagus, the tube that connects your mouth with your stomach
- Cannot stand or sit upright for at least 60 minutes
- Have low levels of calcium in your blood
- Are allergic to BONIVA or any of its ingredients. A list of ingredients is at the end of this leaflet.

What should I tell my doctor before taking BONIVA?

Before you start BONIVA, be sure to talk to your doctor if you:

- Have problems with swallowing
- Have stomach or digestive problems
- Have low blood calcium
- Plan to have dental surgery or teeth removed
- Have kidney problems
- Have been told you have trouble absorbing minerals in your stomach or intestines (malabsorption syndrome)
- Are pregnant, or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if BONIVA can harm your unborn baby.
- Are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if BONIVA passes into your milk and may harm your baby.

Tell your doctor and dentist about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Certain medicines may affect how BONIVA works. Especially tell your doctor if you take:

- antacids
- aspirin
- Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory (NSAID) medicines

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them and show it to your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine.

How should I take BONIVA?

- Take BONIVA exactly as your doctor tells you.

BONIVA works only if taken on an empty stomach.

- Take 1 BONIVA tablet **after** you get up for the day and **before** taking your first food, drink, or other medicine.
- Take BONIVA while you are sitting or standing.
- Do not chew or suck on a tablet of BONIVA.
- Swallow BONIVA tablet with a full glass (6-8 oz) of plain water only.
- Do not take BONIVA with mineral water, coffee, tea, soda, or juice.

After swallowing BONIVA tablet, wait at least 60 minutes:

- Before you lie down. You may sit, stand or walk, and do normal activities like reading.
- Before you take your first food or drink except for plain water.
- Before you take other medicines, including antacids, calcium, and other supplements and vitamins.

Do not lie down for at least 60 minutes after you take BONIVA and do not eat your first food of the day for at least 60 minutes after you take BONIVA.

- If you miss a dose of BONIVA, do not take it later in the day. Call your doctor for instructions.

- If you take too much BONIVA, call your doctor. Do not try to vomit. Do not lie down.
- What are the possible side effects of BONIVA?**

BONIVA may cause serious side effects.

- See "What is the most important information I should know about BONIVA?"

The most common side effects of BONIVA are:

- Back pain
- Heartburn
- Stomach area (abdominal) pain
- Pain in your arms and legs
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Flu-like symptoms

You may get allergic reactions, such as hives or, in rare cases, swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat. Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of BONIVA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How do I store BONIVA?

- Store BONIVA at room temperature, 59°F to 86°F (15°C to 30°C).
- Keep BONIVA in a tightly closed container.

Keep BONIVA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of BONIVA.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use BONIVA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give BONIVA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about BONIVA. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about BONIVA that is written for health professionals.

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Leeza Gibbons

The popular talk-show host finds a new mission after her mother's brave battle with Alzheimer's

// BY M.B. ROBERTS

LEEZA GIBBONS, the effervescent TV personality known for hosting *Entertainment Tonight*, *Extra* and *Leeza*, has always moved at full speed. Even when taking a break from Hollywood to visit her parents at their home near where she grew up in Irmo, S.C., it was tough for her to hit the brakes.



// Smiling for her fifth-grade portrait

"My mom finally taught me to slow down," says Gibbons, 54, whose mother, Jean Gibbons, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1999. "Even when I couldn't communicate with her and all I could do was brush her hair, hold her hand or play her favorite song, I learned that my hyperactivity wasn't meaningful. The only thing

that mattered was to slow down, take a deep breath, and be present."

Jean, who died in 2008 at age 72, and Leeza's father, Carlos, now 82, were always an inspiration to Leeza, brother Carlos Jr. (Carl), now 57, and sister Cammy, 47. Carlos Sr., an elementary school principal and later school superintendent, ran for governor of South Carolina in the mid-1970s.

"I went out campaigning for my dad on a little whistle-stop tour when I was 15," Gibbons says. "It was electrifying. Not only was he affecting people's lives, he was really happy doing it. He definitely influenced me to follow my passions."

And Jean—or "Mama G," as Leeza's friends

called her—was the epitome of the gracious hostess, selfless in her service to others.

"She always had the door open," Gibbons says. "And the coffee was always on."

'Something isn't right'

In the late 1990s, the Gibbons family noticed that Jean, whom Leeza describes as a "sassy, funny, strong Southern woman," was becoming forgetful. She would pay the same bill three times or let loose an occasional profanity, something she'd never done before. At first, the family tried to justify the behavior. "Jean's probably been drinking a little too much," someone would say. Or, "She's just getting older."

But Jean, whose own mother had suffered from Alzheimer's disease, knew better.

"She was the one who said, 'Something isn't right,'" Gibbons says. "I was in such denial. Mom was the one who forced us to get our heads out of the sand."

Jean had only one request.

"Go tell the story," she told her entertainment-journalist daughter. "And make it count."



See photos of Gibbons' life and career at americanprofile.com/leezagibbons



A focus on caregivers

And that's exactly what Leeza did, eventually chronicling the family's ordeal in her 2009 book, *Take Your Oxygen First: Protecting Your Health and Happiness While Caring for a Loved One with Memory Loss*.

In 2002, Gibbons created the Miami, Fla.-based Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation and its signature program, Leeza's Place, with two locations near her Los Angeles home, plus one in Florida and one in Illinois, that provide resources for people caring for someone seriously ill.

In 2003, Gibbons left her post at TV's *Extra* to run the foundation.

"If Leeza is in a position to make a difference or give something back, she does it," says her sister-in-law, Anne Marie Gibbons, 53, in Columbia, S.C. "Everything she's involved in, she truly cares about. Her full energy goes into it."

Besides the hands-on participation of its namesake, Leeza's Place is unique for its emphasis on the caregiver, not the person with the illness.

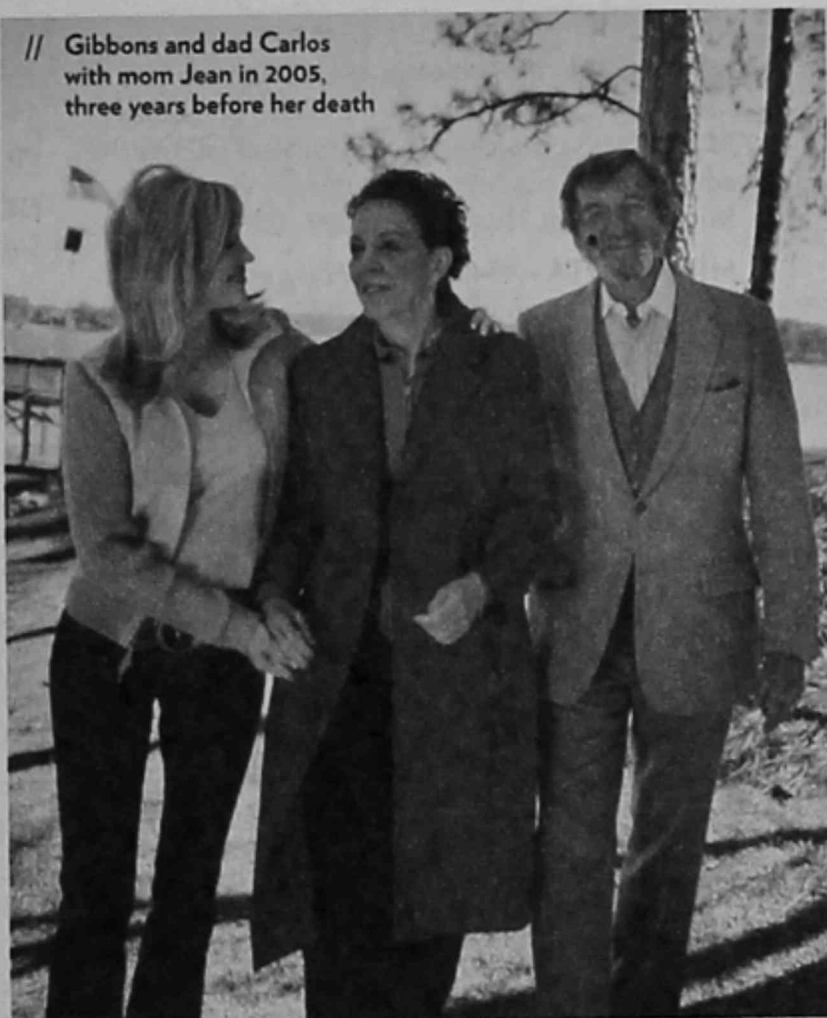
"That's our focus, because if you nourish the caregiver with mind, body, soul and spirit, you'll get better outcomes for the care receiver," Gibbons says.

Juggling work and family

Besides her role as caregiver advocate, Gibbons maintains an up-tempo schedule promoting her Sheer Cover makeup line and hosting the PBS lifestyle series *My Generation*, the radio program *Hollywood Confidential*, and *America Now*, a nightly syndicated TV news magazine co-hosted by Bill Rancic, the 2004 winner of the TV reality show *The Apprentice*.

"We give a lot of information very quickly on a

// Gibbons and dad Carlos with mom Jean in 2005, three years before her death



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wide variety of topics, then provide viewers with the next step," she says of *America Now*. "I love it because we actually show what you can do about a problem like bullying or identity fraud."

Of all her endeavors, from interviewing movie stars (easy, she says) to learning moves for the 2007 season of *Dancing with the Stars* (much more challenging!), family remains her priority.

"She is truly doing 100 things a day, and yet everybody gets the attention they deserve," says Holly Tyrer, 34, Gibbons' longtime friend and Los Angeles-based assistant. "Her kids are first. It's family, then work."

In April of last year, Gibbons expanded her family when she married Steven Fenton, 41, a Los Angeles talent manager whom she met on a blind

date nearly four years ago.

"I am in the most supportive marriage and relationship, and that makes all the difference," says Gibbons, who was married three times previously. "I'm probably authentically myself for the first time. I'm always telling my friends, 'Don't give up!'"

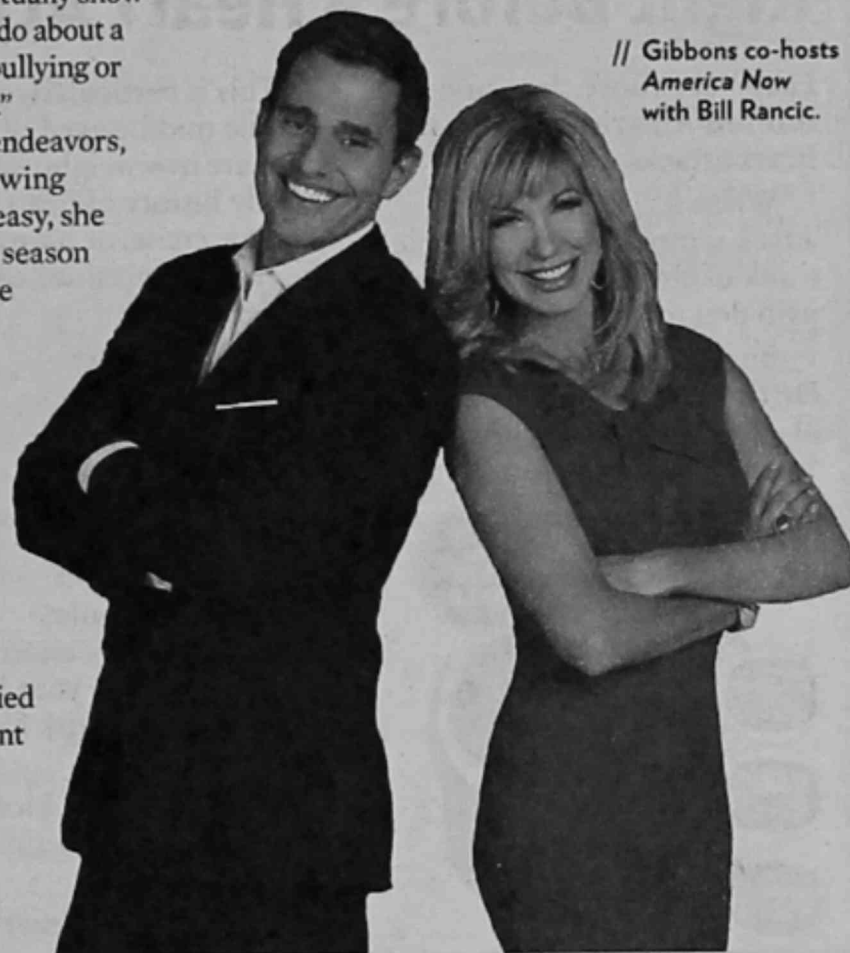
The only wedding guests were Gibbons' three children. In fact, beforehand, daughter Lexi, 22, an aspiring dancer, and son Troy, 19, a film student, became ordained ministers online so they could perform the ceremony. Nathan, 14, who Gibbons says has been a comedian from before he could talk, presided over the giving of the rings.

"I've never been an empty, unhappy person—there was nothing broken," she says. "But now it's just higher heights. It's wonderful."

And, as much as Gibbons misses her mother, she continues to be inspired by her request to "tell the story" of her Alzheimer's, one that resulted in a mission to help others find hope in the midst of heartbreak.

"It's been an unbelievable opportunity," she says, "and the most enriching experience of my life." ★

// Gibbons co-hosts
America Now
with Bill Rancic.



// Gibbons' children Nathan, Lexi and Troy attended and even officiated at her 2011 wedding to Steven Fenton (second from left).



March 5-25

HAPPENINGS

ILLINOIS—Girl Scout 100th Birthday Celebration—Oglesby, March 18. View displays by Central Illinois troops showcasing Girl Scout history and projects, and enjoy a camp song sing-along, crafts, games, concessions and cake. Illinois Valley Community College gym. (815) 883-3381.

INDIANA—Disney on Ice: Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey—Evansville, March 8-11. Take a trip with Mickey and Minnie Mouse into magical worlds, at the Ford Center. (812) 422-8000.

IOWA—An Evening with Colin Hay—Cedar Falls, March 9. Delight in the artist's performance of classic and contemporary songs interspersed with stories drawn from his experiences, at Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. (319) 273-4849.

KANSAS—Tri-State Farm Toys & Collectibles Show—Norton, March 17. Dealers from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas display new and used farm toys and collectibles at National Guard Armory. (785) 877-3835.

MICHIGAN—Little Women, the Musical—Flint, March 23-25, 30-31 and April 1. Based on Louisa May Alcott's classic novel, this musical follows the adventures of the March sisters. University of Michigan-Flint Theatre. (810) 237-6520.

MINNESOTA—A Midsummer Night's Dream—Rochester, March 16-18. The Children's Dance Theatre presents this ballet based on Shakespeare's play and featuring a live orchestra and choir at Mayo Civic Center. (800) 422-2199.

MISSOURI—Fanfare of Quilts—Ballwin, March 17-18. More than 350 handmade quilts are on display and for sale during this event presented by the Bits 'n' Pieces Quilt Guild, at Queeny Park. (636) 227-7829.

NEBRASKA—Crane Watch Festival—Kearney, Minden and Gibbon, March 23-April 1. A "Lift-Off Luncheon" with guest speaker Michael Forsberg

kicks off this event, which also features sandhill crane viewing, entertainment and educational programs. (800) 227-8340.

NORTH DAKOTA—Home Design & Garden Show—Grand Forks, March 23-25. Explore the latest products and services in home improvement and gardening presented by vendors at Alerus Center. (701) 792-1200.

OHIO—Chocolate & More—Ashland, March 17. Sample sweet treats from area businesses and organizations, and enjoy children's crafts, storytelling and live entertainment at 508 Center St. (419) 903-0475.

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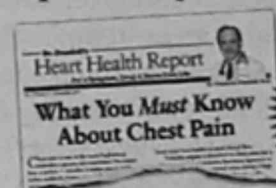
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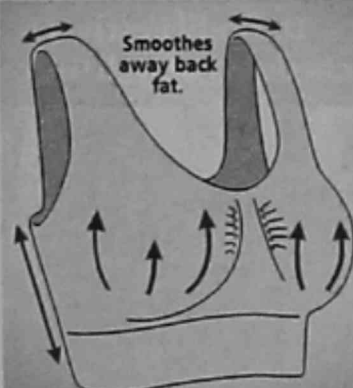
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Daffodil Queen

Arkansas woman's hobby flowers into festival

By Marti Attoun, contributing editor • PHOTOS BY GREG OWENS

WADING KNEE-DEEP in daffodils on her farm in Camden, Ark. (pop. 13,154), Roxane Daniel greets different varieties of the springtime flower by name as if they're dear friends.

"That's Professor Einstein," says Daniel, 72, as she reaches down to pick an orange-cupped daffodil. "There's Golden Dawn and Early Cheer, and over there is Fortune, one of my favorites because it's so hardy."

Each spring, Daniel's forests and fields are ablaze with 3 million daffodils, including more than a thousand varieties and hybrids that bloom in buttery yellow bursts and white and peach-colored swaths across 17 acres.

"I'm a painter and live on a hill and always thought how wonderful it would be to look out and see a Renoir and a mass of color," says Daniel, who began planting daffodils on her farm during the 1960s. "I grew up with daffodils and all kinds of flowers. Planting flowers is the Southern thing to do."

For Daniel, so is sharing her flowers. She always has welcomed picnickers and sightseers, as well as brides and high school seniors who pose against the dazzling floral canvas for their formal portraits.

Nineteen years ago, when money was needed to restore the 1913 Missouri Pacific Railroad depot in Camden, Daniel proposed an idea that has blossomed into the Camden Daffodil Festival, which attracts several thousand visitors each March and benefits the town year-round.

"The depot was in ruins, and Dennis and I had given all the money we could afford to give," says Daniel, referring to her late husband. "It was March, and our daffodils were in bloom. My friend and

I were standing in my front yard and I said, 'Do you think, if this was for charity, that people would pay to drive through and see these flowers?'"

Daniel painted a poster, which volunteers circulated at local churches and businesses, inviting flower lovers to her farm. "Doggone, we raised \$1,200 at \$5 a carload," Daniel adds.

Each spring, attendance at the festival multiplies, along with the daffodils and attractions. Visitors board buses and wagons to tour several flower gardens and historic homes. Other festival attractions include an art show, quilt show, steak cook-off, Civil War re-enactment encampment, arts & crafts, and storytelling at the 1830 Oakland Confederate Cemetery where many town pioneers are buried.

"Because of Roxane's idea and her interest in her community, the festival benefits so many," says festival treasurer Sammie Briery, 68, who has 1,400 daffodils in her own front yard. "The whole town has been caught up in the fun and excitement of having so many visitors."

Profits from the Daffodil Festival fund upkeep of the pioneer cemetery, projects of the Ouachita County Historical Society, and downtown murals, benches and flower boxes blooming with daffodils.

Daffodils long have comforted Daniel. In 1980, when her son, Dennis Jr., served with the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS *John F. Kennedy*, she found solace in planting a daffodil for each of the ship's 5,500 sailors.

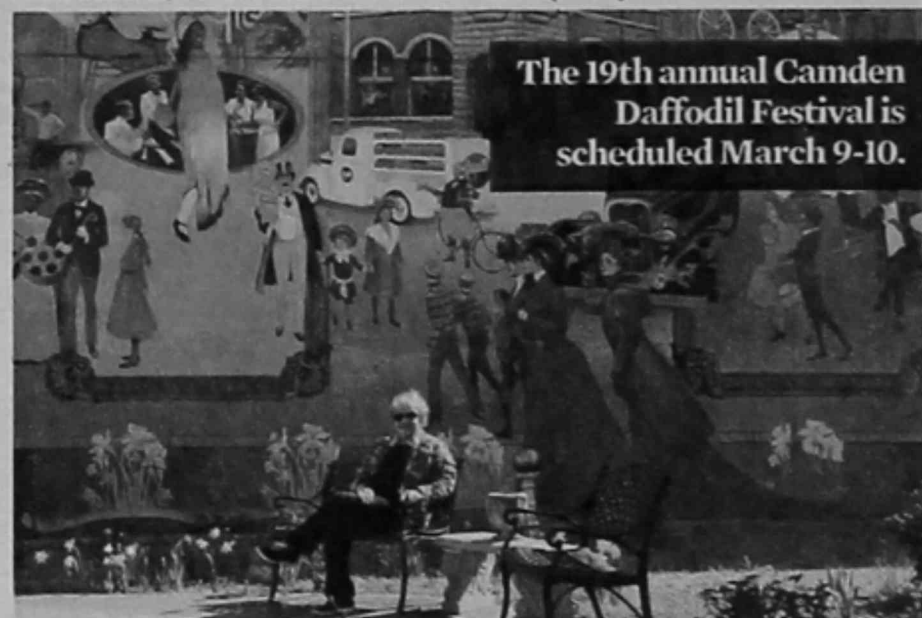
"As I planted each bulb, I'd say a prayer," Daniel recalls.

When she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1986, her surgeon advised Daniel

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Roxane Daniel's springtime bouquet blossomed into a community festival, which funds benches, flower boxes and historical murals (below) in downtown Camden, Ark.



The 19th annual Camden Daffodil Festival is scheduled March 9-10.

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Daniel strolls in a field ablaze with daffodils.

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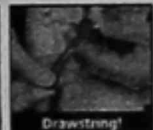
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| 3/4 cup vegetable oil | 1 quart reduced-sodium chicken broth |
| 3/4 cups all-purpose flour | 1 quart clam juice |
| 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme | 1 1/2 pounds small or medium shrimp, peeled, shells reserved |
| 1/2 teaspoon dried basil | 1 (14-ounce) can fire-roasted tomatoes |
| 1 bay leaf, crushed | 2 cups fresh oysters, drained |
| 1 tablespoon salt | 1 pound lump crabmeat, shell pieces removed |
| 3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper | 1 pound frozen crawfish tail meat |
| 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper | 8 cups cooked white rice |
| 1/2 cup diced celery | 4 green onions, chopped |
| 1/2 cup diced bell pepper | |
| 1/2 cup diced white onion | |
| 1 cup sliced okra (about 1 pound) | |
| 4 garlic cloves, minced | |

1. Heat oil in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Stir in flour; cook until smooth and darkened (about the color of a penny).

Add thyme and next 10 ingredients (thyme through garlic). Cook until vegetables are tender. Remove from heat and cool about 30 minutes.

2. Bring chicken broth, clam juice and reserved shrimp shells to a

boil in a large pot. Cook 10 minutes. Remove shrimp shells, and reserve stock.

3. Add vegetable mixture to stock and blend well. Cook until thickened. Add tomatoes, oysters, crab, crawfish and shrimp. Simmer 20 to 30 minutes. Serve over rice; sprinkle with green onions.

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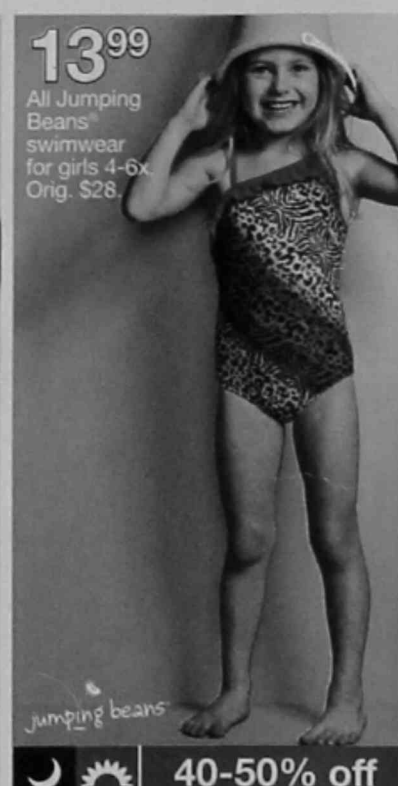
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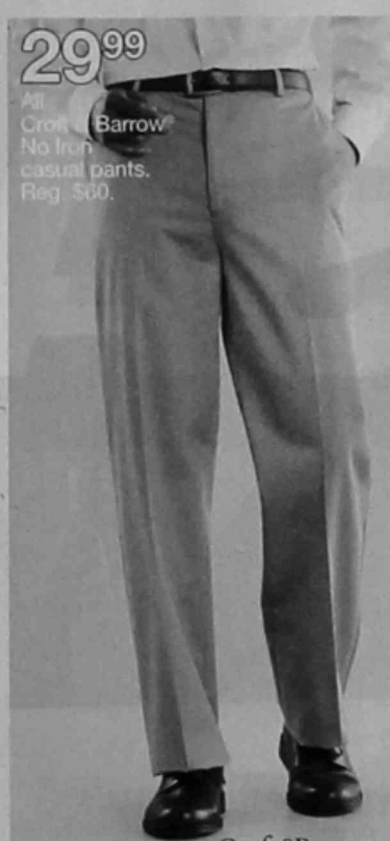
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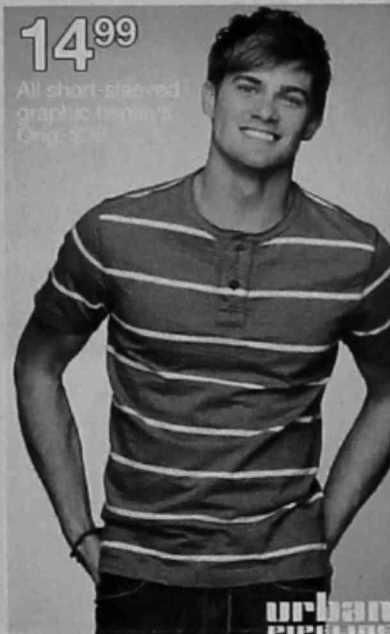
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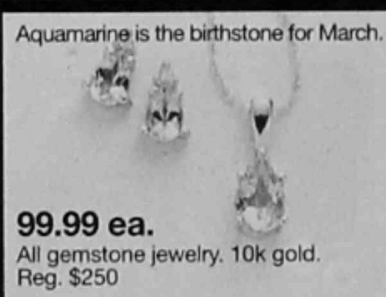
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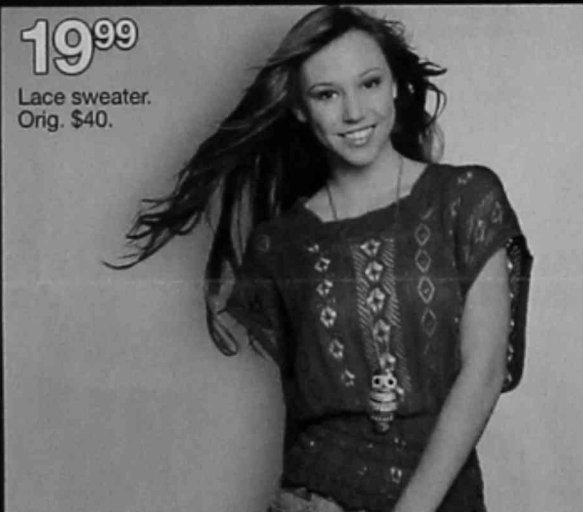
50% off
All SO® apparel for juniors. Sale 4.99-27.99, orig. \$14-\$48.



14⁹⁹
Lily Rose hi-low
tees. Orig. \$28.

40-50% off

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orig. \$14-\$40. Excludes Softe® and collections.



19⁹⁹
Lace sweater.
Orig. \$40.

40-50% off

All sweaters and woven tops for juniors.
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Athletic shoes for the family. Sale 23.99-51.99, orig. 29.99-64.99. Select
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Orig. \$29.99-64.99.



39⁹⁹
Dress and casual
shoes
for men.
Orig. \$70.
Select
styles.

40-50% off All other dress and
casual shoes for men from SONOMA
life + style®, Croft & Barrow® and Apt. 9®.
Sale \$39-\$45, orig. \$65-\$75.

APT.9



24⁹⁹
Athletic sandals
for men and
women.
Orig. \$32.
Select styles.

plus, save on all other
athletic sandals for the family.
Orig. \$20-\$32.

Nike



KIDS

17⁹⁹

Shoes and
sandals for
kids.
Orig. 32.99-
39.99. Select
styles.

plus, save
on all other
shoes for kids.
Orig. 29.99-70.00

carter's

OshKosh
Bigosh



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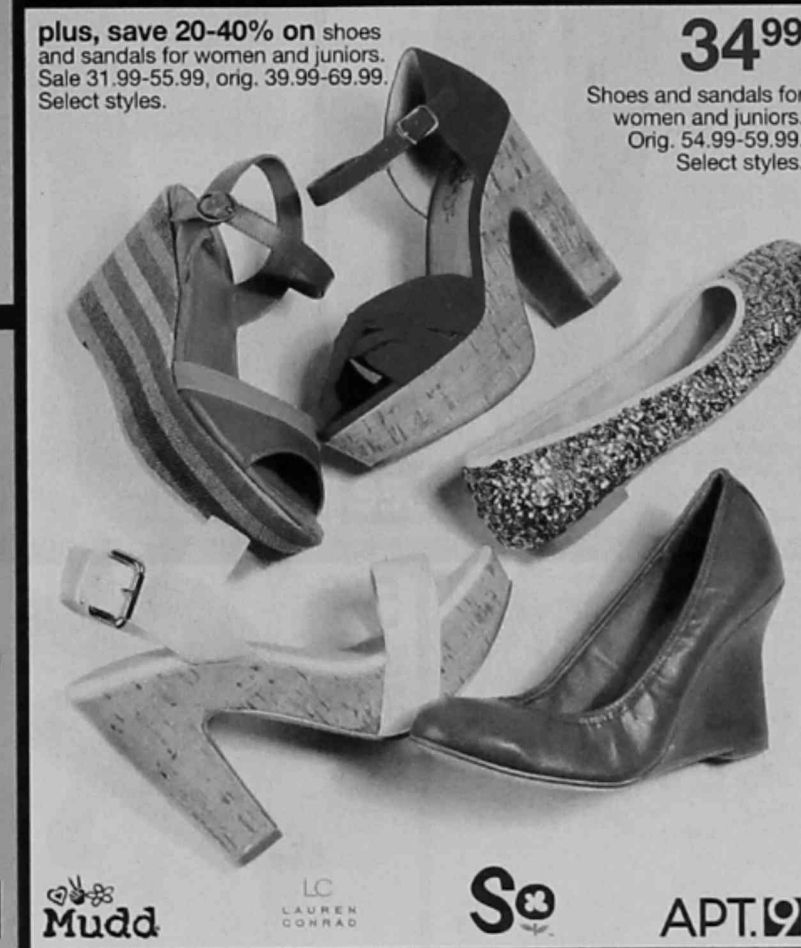
Shoes
and sandals
for women.
Orig. 59.99.
Select styles.

plus, save 30-40%
on shoes and sandals for
women. Sale 34.99-48.99,
orig. 59.99-69.99.
Select styles.

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LIFE + STYLE

Mudd's
TEETHSES



plus, save 20-40% on shoes
and sandals for women and juniors.
Sale 31.99-55.99, orig. 39.99-69.99.
Select styles.

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women and juniors.
Orig. 54.99-59.99.
Select styles.

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on items marked final clearance

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Montauk



queen
199⁹⁹

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queen

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50% off

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500-thread count

64⁹⁹

Full sheet set
from SONOMA
life + style®.
Reg. 129.99.

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50% off

Sheet sets. Sale 16.99-99.99, reg. 34.99-199.99. Select styles.

24⁹⁹

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contour memory
foam bed pillow.
Reg. 59.99

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169⁹⁹

Home Classics®
3" sculpted
memory foam
mattress topper.
Orig. 339.99.

MEMORY FOAM
CONTOUR PILLOW

3" sculpted
memory foam
mattress topper.

Orig. 339.99.

home classics

50-60% off

All bed pillows & mattress pads.
Sale 4.99-284.99, reg. 11.99-569.99.

15⁹⁹

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Reg. 31.99.

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number of breaths we take,
but the moments that take our
breath away.*



50% off

All frames & decorative art. Sale 1.09-99.99, reg. 2.19-199.99. Excludes digital.

14⁹⁹

Seahorse
plaque.
Orig. 29.99.



50% off

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orig. 9.99-129.99. Select styles.



50% off

Table linens & kitchen textiles.
Sale 1.99-29.99, orig. 3.99-59.99. Select styles.

12⁹⁹

Chaps premium Turkish
cotton bath towels.
Reg. 25.99.



50% off

Bath towels & bath rugs. Sale 2.99-49.99,
reg. 5.99-99.99. Select styles.

74.99

Hawthorne
Bistro chair.
Orig. 129.99.



99.99

Hawthorne
Bistro table.
Orig. 189.99.



40-50% off

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44.99

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counter height
bar stool.
Reg. 79.99.



109.99

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height bar stool.
Reg. 219.99.



40-50% off

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39⁹⁹

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Food Network™
melamine bowls
set of 6 or 14-pc.
storage set.
Reg. 49.99.



food
network

10-40% off

All food prep. Sale 4.99-224.99, reg. 5.99-249.99.

29⁹⁹

Your choice Rowenta
Prosteam handheld steamer
or Shark® Professional
Rapido iron. Reg. 59.99 ea.

Rowenta Shark



10-30% off

All personal care. Sale 12.99-152.99, reg. 14.99-169.99.

129⁹⁹

T-fal®
Professional
10-pc. nonstick
cookware set.
Reg. 179.99.

T-fal



10-40% off

All cookware. Sale 12.99-399.99, reg. 14.99-449.99.

99⁹⁹

Samsonite® Glyde
21" upright carry-on.
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129.99

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food sealer.
Reg. 159.99.



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Dual ProFry
deep fryer.
Reg. 99.99.

119.99

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Elite Brewer.
Reg. 149.99.



49.99

TRU triple
slowcooker,
three 2.5-qt. pots.
Reg. 69.99.

29.99

George Foreman® Lean Mean
grill. Reg. 39.99.

10-33% off

All kitchen electrics. Sale 17.99-449.99, reg. 19.99-499.99.

9⁹⁹

Croft & Barrow® short-sleeved embellished printed top for misses. Orig. \$24.

14⁹⁹

SONOMA life + style™ dipman-sleeved cardigan for misses. Orig. \$36.

19⁹⁹

Flyaway sweater for misses. Orig. \$54.

13⁹⁹

Striped knit top for misses. Orig. \$36.

19⁹⁹

Your choice printed top or ruffled-front top for juniors. Orig. \$38-\$42.

50-60% off

All Croft & Barrow® and SONOMA life + style® sportswear for misses, petites & women. Sale 7.49-34.00, orig. \$15-\$68.

50-60% off

Apt. 9® sportswear for misses, petites and women. Sale 8.99-29.99, orig. \$20-\$60. Select styles.

40-60% off

All collections, dresses and dressy bottoms for juniors. Sale 7.99-44.99, orig. \$14-\$78.

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NIGHTOWLS
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women

7⁹⁹

Your choice SONOMA life + style® graphic tee or Croft & Barrow® crewneck top. Orig. \$18 ea.

50-60% off

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14⁹⁹

Maidenform® Adjust to Me underwire bra. Reg. \$35.

40-50% off

Bras from Maidenform®, Warner's®, barely there®, Bali®, Playtex®, Olga® and Vanity Fair®. Sale 14.99-21.60, reg. \$31-\$36. Select styles.

40-50% off

When you buy panties in multiples. Select styles.

28⁹⁹

Apt. 9® Theresa shopper. Orig. \$59.

50-60% off

Handbags & wallets for her. Sale 10.00-79.50, orig. \$20-\$159. Select styles.

5⁹⁹-14⁹⁹

Fashion boxed rings. Orig. \$12-\$30.

40-60% off

All fashion jewelry. Sale 5.99-46.50, orig. \$10-\$78. Excludes LC Lauren Conrad and SO®.

12⁹⁹

Dresses for toddlers. Orig. \$26. Select styles.

50% off

All dresses & collections for toddlers, girls 4-16, infants and newborns. Sale \$12-\$35, orig. \$24-\$70.

6⁴⁹

All Jumping Beans® short-sleeved tees for boys 4-7. Orig. \$17.

50-60% off

All fashion tops & bottoms for boys 4-7, girls 4-16, toddlers, infants and newborns from SO®, SONOMA life + style® and Jumping Beans®. Sale 6.49-17.00, orig. \$13-\$34.

18⁹⁹

All Arrow poplin dress shirts for men. Reg. \$45.

45-55% off

All dress shirts for men from Arrow, Croft & Barrow® and Van Heusen. Sale 18.99-35.75, reg. \$36-\$65.

79⁹⁹

Farberware® Enhanced 13-pc. nonstick cookware set. Reg. 149.99.

15-50% off

All cookware. Sale 11.99-379.99, reg. 14.99-449.99.

3⁹⁹

The Big One® bed pillow. Reg. 11.99.

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Twin The Big One® mattress pad. Reg. 29.99.

60% off

Bed pillows and mattress pads. Sale 3.99-67.99, reg. 11.99-169.99. Select styles.

7⁹⁹

Apt. 9® quick-drying bath towels. Reg. 17.99.

55% off

Bath towels. Sale 2.69-17.99, reg. 5.99-39.99. Select styles.

8⁹⁹

SONOMA life + style® jar candle. Orig. 20.99.

55% off

Candles & décor. Sale 4.49-58.49, orig. 9.99-129.99. Select styles.

59⁹⁹

Anti-gravity chair. Orig. 139.99.

79⁹⁹

Oversized anti-gravity chair. Orig. 179.99.

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