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Veterans Pete Rakowski of Plymouth, left, and Vaughn Hull of Westland salute while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during last year's Veterans Day ceremonies held at Veterans Memorial Park. This year's ceremony is Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Vet honors

The Plymouth community honors its veterans with its annual Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial Park, out in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

The event will feature speeches, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park band, and appearances by the community's various military groups, Scout troops and, of course, veterans.

Goodfellows

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Angel trees

J. C. Penney Company, Inc. and The Salvation Army are joining forces this Christmas season to give joy to even more people in need through a grand-scale online Angel Giving Tree program.

From now until Dec. 14, for the first time, customers can adopt and shop on-line for Angels at www.jcp. com/angel, providing tens of thousands of children and seniors facing hardship in communities across the country with Christmas gifts.

"In a year when so many need help, the new online Angel Giving Tree program will extend our reach and make it easier for our customers and Associates to give back this holiday season," said Mike Boylson, executive vice president and chief marketing officer for JCPenney.

Captain Dan Hull, pastor and corps officer of the Plymouth Corps states "We are excited about this new on-line Angel Giving Tree program that will allow caring neighbors to help a child in our community have a brighter Christmas."



Orlewicz

Lights are on

Christmas lights illuminated the trees along the median down Main Street after being turned on by Mayor Phil Pursell Thursday. The ceremony marked the start of holiday shopping season in Plymouth. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page A6.

Company's donation helps soldiers stay in touch

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

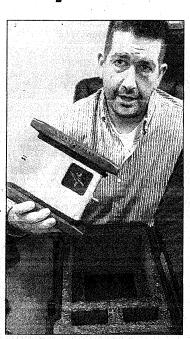
A Plymouth Township business stepped up last month to make it easier for about 30 U.S. Army soldiers serving in Iraq to keep in touch with families and friends.

Tech Tool Supply, located on General Drive, sent the soldiers a \$769 "Super Buddy" satellite meter, which helps them find satellites that link them to the Internet.

The soldiers, who had already chipped in for Internet service, paid \$250, a Tech Tool customer donated \$50, and the company subsidized the rest, said Brent Hagood, Tech Tool's owner and chief executive officer. Tech Tool also sent along some flashlights and company T-shirts.

"It seemed like it was a good cause," Hagood said recently. "The guys over there, I'm sure, are under all kinds of stress and it seemed like a small investment for me to help them out."

The soldiers, who have



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brent Hagood explains that the Super Buddy, often used by Dish Network and DirectTV installers, helps troops in Iraq align their satellite dish with the signal coming from a communications satellite, received the satellite meter, were giving the troops Internet access.

thrilled with the support. "I cannot thank the people

of Tech Tool enough for the gift they have given us. Words can't describe the help they have given us," said Army.Spc. William Grosswiler, through the messaging system on the Web site Facebook, in response to questions left for him there Thursday.

Grosswiler said the Super Buddy was "the best thing that's happened to us" and that he was able to align their equipment to two satellites at peak performance levels.

When members of the unit are traveling on missions to different parts of Iraq — missions that can last between a week and a few months — the Super Buddy can go with them to find one of the satellites from their new locations, Grosswiler said. That, he said, keeps morale high because the soldiers can continue to get music and video downloads and, more importantly, visit family and friends back home through Web cams and e-mail.

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Request for new Orlewicz trial in hands of judge now

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Jacobs believes Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry abused her discretion

and denied Jean Pierre Orlewicz an adequate defense when she refused to allow testimony in Orlewicz's trial for murder in the death of Daniel Sorenson.

Jeffrey Caminsky disagrees and says that, while such testimony may have made for interesting listening, it wouldn't have made a difference in the outcome of Orlewicz's 2008 trial.

Jacobs, Orlewicz's appellate attorney, wants Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow to order a new trial for Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teen who stabbed, beheaded and burned Sorensen in November 2007. Caminsky, a Wayne County assistant prosecutor, obviously opposes such a motion.

And, after months of legal wrangling, psychiatric testimony and final arguments Friday, it's finally up to Morrow, who told the lawyers he'd "try to have a decision for you by Thanksgiving."

At issue is Berry's decision to stop a psychological

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Thrown pumpkin injures driver

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A 50-year-old Pinckney man was in stable condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on Friday after being struck by a pumpkin that crashed through the windshield of the pickup truck he was driving in Plymouth Township.

The incident occurred on westbound M-14 at Ridge Road about 3:35 a.m. Friday, the Michigan State Police said. Police believe the pumpkin was deliberately thrown from the Ridge Road overpass.

The victim was driving a 2007 Ford Ranger pickup when three pumpkins were thrown from the overpass, police said.

The first two struck the front end of the pickup while the third went through the windshield and struck the driver, police said. He was rushed to the hospital.

The Michigan State Police Metro South Post is investigating the incident as a felonious assault and is seeking witnesses. Anyone with information on the incident can call the post at (734) 287-5000.

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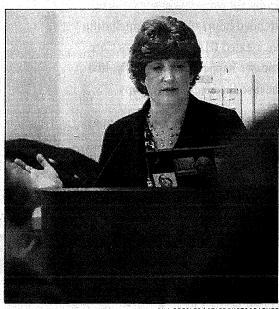
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Town hall meeting touts transit plan



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Representative Marie Donigan explains the regional transit plan at a town hall meeting in Canton.

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Dale Moore's son wanted to go to Wayne State University, but the round-trip from their Canton home was going to put too many miles on his leased car.

And, since there's no public transportation available - Canton opted out of the SMART program — Moore's son settled for Schoolcraft College. While she calls Schoolcraft "a wonderful school," she acknowledges the presence of a public transportation system that could have gotten her son to downtown Detroit would have changed his choice.

That's why Moore was at the town hall meeting on public transportation hosted by state Rep. Dian Slavens at the Summit on the Park - to hear what proponents of a new public transportation plan had to say.

"I am very much concerned with the lack of. transportation," said Moore, who had another

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examination of Orlewicz by Dr. Gerald Shiener and her contention Shiener's testimony would have been irrelevant. Jacobs said the decision was an abuse of Berry's judicial discretion and was tantamount to denying Orlewicz a right to counsel.

During the hearing before Morrow, Shiener and two psychiatrists called by Caminsky testified about Orlewicz's upbringing, his being diagnoses with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and whether he feared for his life when he entered the Canton garage of his grandfather and killed Sorensen.

Jacobs said that, while it may not have resulted in an acquittal,

she believes Orlewicz's mental state may have been a factor in the jury's decision whether to convict Orlewicz of first-degree murder or a lesser charge.

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"If it's a battle of the experts, then it's a battle of the experts,' Jacobs said. "But it should have happened in front of the jury. Berry abused her discretion ... it was a miscarriage of justice."

Caminsky said none of the doctors found any evidence Orlewicz was delusional at the time of the crime, and said there was "no evidence he would have misinterpreted what was happening."

"(Shiener's) testimony, while interesting, would have had no effect on the fact-finders," Caminsky said. "Whether Berry had allowed some of this testimony, it simply would have had no bearing on the outcome."



John Swatosh of the Regional Transit Coordinating Council, Carmine Palombo of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, And state Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) listen to the presentation at the town hall meeting on public transportation.

son graduate the University of Michigan and take a job in Washington, D.C., for the same reason. "I'd like to see our young people go to school here, graduate here and stay here. We need (public transit) to do that."

Slavens agrees, which why she hosted the 90-minute town hall at the Summit. That's why she and her panel of speakers — state Rep. Marie Donigan, D-Royal Oak, Carmine Palombo of SEMCOG and John Swatosh, representing the Regional Transit Coordinating Council — brought their rapid-transit plan to Canton.

"A lot of people are asking about (regional transportation)," said Slavens. 'Many people would prefer instead of getting into their cars to get on a bus or a rail system."

The Detroit Regional Mass Transit Initiative would give them that opportunity. The plan would add various layers of public transportation, ranging from enhancement of Detroit DOT and MDOT services to a commuter rail service throughout southeastern Michigan.

The plan would cost some \$6.5 to \$10.4 billion over the next 26 years, depending on how much of it is implemented. Those costs would include capital expenditures as well as operating costs.

But Donigan, who is pushing the issue

in the state House, said Michigan needs the system to keep pace with other cities - she cited Phoenix and Dallas, among others - around the country.

"We need to move better, faster and smarter if we want to catch up with the rest of the country," said Donigan, who said the 2000 Census said 10 percent of Michigan residents don't have cars. "All those cities that were based on cars know their residents need an alternate means of transportation."

The Detroit Regional Mass Transit Initiative would:

•Expand service time and increase frequency of existing bus routes and make bus stop enhancements;

• Likely include Plymouth and Canton as a hub, if those communities opt into the plan.

• By 2012 add light-rail along Woodward, commuter rail from Detroit to Ann Arbor and have arterial transportation around the Wayne-Oakland-Macomb County area.

• By 2016 expand the light rail further along Woodward, commuter rail from Detroit to Pontiac and expand bus routes around the tri-county area.

Such a system, Donigan believes, would be an economic boon to the region by allowing people not only to get to jobs, but also to get to retail outlets, shopping areas, etc.

"People ride public transportation to spend money and to make money, and we need a whole lot of that," she said. "We can't afford to leave anyone behind."

The plan has initial approval of what Donigan called "The Big Four" - Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, the mayor of Detroit and the Macomb County Commission.

Proponents know the cost could be prohibitive, but point out other areas are paving more. According to Swatosh, the average spending on public transportation in the top 25 metropolitan areas in the country is \$185 per capita; Michigan's is \$75.

The plan would create a Regional Transit Authority that would manage the system's budget.

But Swatosh said the economic benefits could outweigh the costs. He said a rapid transit system would create immediate jobs, attract employers, help retain a workforce, particularly among young people, and improve tax revenues.

'We know from extensive studies that transportation alternatives are one of the top three things major companies look at," Donigan said. "We also know when young people are deciding where to live, they don't want to be dependent

'There's no doubt it'll cost a lot of money," she added. "No one hides from that fact. But it's an investment in our future."

The plan can be found at www.semcog.org (under the "transportation"

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

Smith fund-raiser

Smith Elementary School hosts its seventh annual Holiday Shopping Spree Fundraiser 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13 in the school gymnasium. Admission is free.

More than 30 vendors will be on display offering a diverse range of products – just in time for holiday shopping! This event will also feature a raffle of over 30 products from participating vendors. Proceeds from table rentals and raffle ticket sales directly benefit the Smith Elementary

Applications are currently being accepted for home-based business owners/crafters that are interested in participating in this event.

Smith Elementary is located at 1298 McKinley, a block west of Harvey. For more information, contact Julie at (734) 414-0218.

Author speaks

Author Brian Hill, whose book "Plymouth" will be released Monday, will speak about his book, as well as sign copies, at the Plymouth Historical Society's monthly meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Hill is the Plymouth
Historical Society's Museum
Memo editor. Admission is
free to the meeting and lecture. Copies of the book will be
available for purchase and for
autographs. The book will sell
for \$21.99. Refreshments are
served following the meeting.

Farrand craft fair

Farrand Elementary School hosts its annual Vendor/Craft Fair 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the school, located at 41400 Greenbrian Lane in Plymouth. Well-known vendors as well

as home-made crafts will be available.

Admission is \$1 at the door.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution-Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter meet AROUND PLYMOUTH



Ott elected

Janet Ott, a 35-year resident of Canton, has been elected as Lieutenant Governor of Division 9 of the Michigan District of Kiwanis. The division includes South Lyon, Whitmore Lake, Hamburg, Brighton, Northville, Livonia, Plymouth and Canton. Ott has been active in the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club for 12 years and has held various club positions including president and secretary. The lieutenant governor works with clubs in administration, officer training, member education and club growth. For more information about Kiwanis or any of the clubs in the area, contact Ott at the club's Web site at www.pckiwanis.org or call (734) 981-0460.

for a birthday luncheon at noon Monday, Nov. 16, at Station 885, 885 Starkweather in Plymouth.

Speaker Sharon Hopkins, honorary state regent, state chairman Michigan Room, will speak about The Michigan Room.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Family fun day

The Learning Experience in Northville hosts a Family Fun Day and Open House 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Learning Experience, 16635 Ridge in Northville.

The day will feature family fun including a special visit from Nelson the Jungle Guy who will bring exotic pets for all the children to see and touch. Refreshments will be served. It is a great time to see our center, meet our teachers, learn more about our programs and have fun with the whole family.

For more information, please call us at 248-374-2495.

Medicare workshop

The Plymouth District Library will again be offering workshops to assist individuals who are looking to enroll in the prescription programs offered by Medicare.

Co-sponsored by CVS
Pharmacy, workshops will
be held on all Tuesdays in
November - Nov. 10, 17 and
24 - from 10 a.m. to noon.
Attendees are required to put
all their current medications
in a bag and bring it to the
workshop.

Trained library staff members will review the medications and obtain a comparative look at the programs offered. Space is limited; register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Goodfellows help

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Photo exhibit

Lotus Arts Gallery announced the opening of a new exhibit, "Icons, Symbols, Fictions and Fantasies: An Exhibition of Modern Photography," on display during November.

The exhibit will feature the photographic works of local artists Robert Stewart, Eric Smith and Joe Crachiola. Their three different styles of photography will give viewers an understanding of appreciation for what is being done in photography today. For more information see Lotus' Web site at www.lotusarts.com or call (734) 453-5400.

Hospice volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based organization committed to providing excellent hospice care for patients and their families. The group is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor to patients in the Western Wayne County area. Training is provided.

For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Volunteer Coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050 or e-mail at achristensen@cchnet.net.

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"It goes to show that there are people out there that still support us and truly respect what we do and what we are going through," he wrote.

It was Grosswiler who on Oct. 17 posted a Facebook message to Tech Tool, asking for help in the form of a discount or an installment plan. He had contacted several other companies but was not making much progress and was about to give up, he said, when Hagood messaged him, asking for his e-mail address, then made the offer.

Tech Tool, which Hagood started out of the basement of his house on 2003, sells specialty tools and equipment for installing cable and satellite systems, security systems, computer systems, home theaters and the like. Customers are cable and satellite installers and other technicians, and the occasional home do-it-yourselfer, Hagood said.

The portable Super Buddy, made by the Indiana-based Applied Instruments, is a top-of-the line satellite meter, he said. "Everybody in the industry loves this meter." he said.

Hagood said he didn't seek recognition for his company's good deed, because character is something that happens when other people aren't looking.

But employee Mike Audia brought the donation to the attention of *The Observer*.

Audia said he thought the story would be a way to show that a small business can make a difference, and a good antidote to recent news of layoffs and business struggles.

"He helps people he doesn't even know," Audia said.

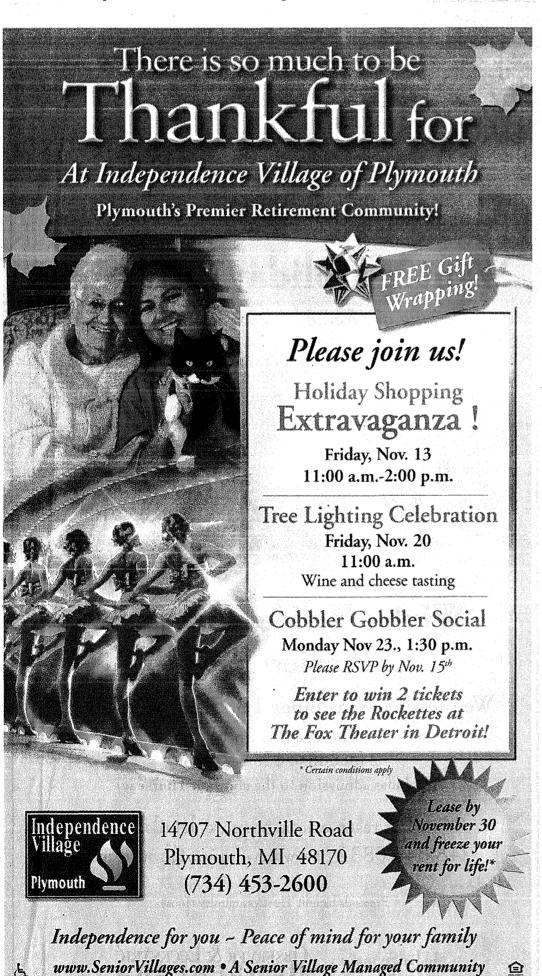
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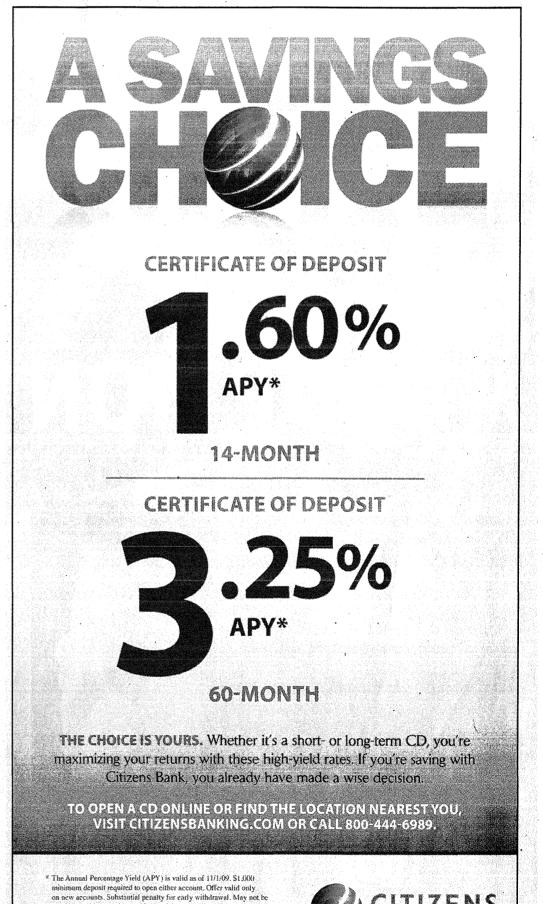




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Local school board takes aim at Legislature to fix funding issues

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

After cutting some \$20 million from the budget over the last four years, and facing a potential \$5.5 million slash in its state foundation grant this year, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has turned its attention to the one place board members figure can fix the problem.

Lansing.

Board president Steven Sneideman and treasurer Judy Mardigian spent an hour Thursday telling the district's Community School Council made up of parent organization representatives from each of the district's schools - about the cuts they've made and the challenges they face with shrinking revenues and rising costs.

And they made it clear in the discussion - which included a 15-minute power-point presentation - they believe a structural change in the way schools are funded, and not just some influx of cash, is necessary to save not only their district, but public schools throughout the state.

"There's not a lot of good news," Mardigian said. "Everyone knows we have a terrible economic situation in Michigan. The bottom line is (the economy) can't support the foundation allowance."

To get that to change, Plymouth-Canton administrators have begun calling on state Legislators to change the formula for funding schools, which has been dependent largely on the state sales tax and lottery money to fund schools since Proposal A passed in 1994.

Since then, Plymouth-Canton has been among the many districts shut out of local millage possibilities. Though they passed a bond proposal as recently as

2004, other proposals failed as taxpayers balked at more spend-

While Plymouth-Canton has been able to get a plethora of projects done with the \$109 million bond proposal approved in 2004, that hasn't done anything for their general fund bottom line, which continues to shrink with every cut by the state.

Administrators say Plymouth-Canton's \$7,600 per-student foundation allowance is lower than all but six of Wayne County's 34 school districts.

Plymouth-Canton officials say they've cut drastically over the last eight years and have committed to keeping the cuts out of the classroom.

"This funding issue isn't something that started with recent headlines," Sneideman said. "We haven't been living in a cave. We've cut \$20 million, and that wasn't in one chunk. That's over several years."

With the state struggling so mightily economically, Plymouth-Canton officials believe it's time to change that formula.

"Lansing is going to have to fix this problem," Mardigian said. "We can't solve it locally."

According to figures provided by the district, funding of the foundation grant has risen just 9 percent over the last six years, barely half of the 16 percent hike in inflation.

The lottery hasn't been the big boon to schools it was touted to be, officials say, because legislators "more often than not simply reduced the appropriation by the amount of the lottery input."

In a district where some 90 percent of the \$156 million budget goes toward personnel, district officials worry the only thing left to do is cut teachers, which would force them to raise class sizes.

So far, they say, the cuts have stayed out of the classroom and have not affected student achievement. Plymouth-Canton students out-perform state and national averages on tests such as the MEAP, the Michigan Merit Exam and the ACT. That might not be the case, they fear, if class sizes are forced to rise.

Superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel said Lansing needs to give districts more options to raise money, suggesting allowing millages for things such as transportation or athletics. Allowing districts to use the sinking fund for more than brick-and-mortar items would also help, officials

"State funding of schools is the right way to go, if they're going to fund them equitably," Fiegel said. "(The state) needs to give districts some opportunities to increase funds if, at the local level, voters are willing to pay."

Board members, administrators and parents will be among those in the "Save Our Schools" march on the capitol in Lansing at 10 a.m. Tuesday. In an effort to put even more pressure on legislators, school officials are urging parents to write letters to their state Representatives (Marc Corriveau in Plymouth, Dian Slavens in Canton) and state Sen. Bruce Patterson.

And the parents seem eager to take up the charge. Anne Brace has kids at both Smith Elementary and West Middle schools, and she thinks the district, which is still growing (if only slightly) shouldn't be hurt by the formula.

"Here we are a growing district and we're being penalized by Proposal A," Brace said. "I think parents need to hear this, because we're the ones who can do something about it."

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Songs of honor

The fourth-graders at Tonda Elementary paid tribute to veterans with their "A Salute to Service" concert. The concert honored veterans who have served in the military, as well as those still serving.

10 in a row: w-w wins financial awards

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gary Martin may need more wall space after accepting awards for the 10th year for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The district received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Board Officials International and Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the **Government Finance Officers** Association of the United States and Canada.

"Attaining these awards has increased our financial reporting credibility not only to the district but a community as a whole," said Martin, the deputy superintendent for administrative and business services.

Wayne-Westland is one of four districts in the state to be honored with this award," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy in recognizing Martin and his staff. "I commend you for your hard work."

The ASBO award is the highest recognition given for school district financial operations offered by the organization and is only given to districts that have met or exceeded the standards of the program.

Likewise, the GFOA certificate is the association's highest recognition given in governmental accounting and financial reporting and represents "a significant accomplishment by a government and its management." It also demonstrates "a constructive spirit of full disclosure."

Martin said participating in the

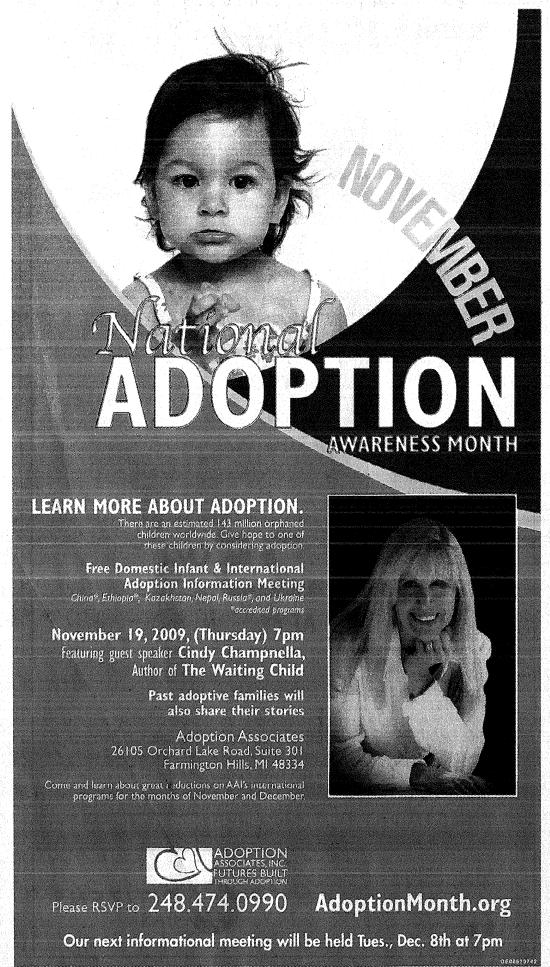
ASBO and GFOA certificate of excellence programs is a "rewarding experience" that validates the credibility of the school system's operations, and measured the integrity and competence of the business staff.

He also acknowledged the efforts of his "excellent staff," including Linda Compton, senior executive director of business and operations; Sue Rawson, her executive secretary, and Angela Black, supervisor of business/purchasing.

"I'm fortunate to have the very best co-workers available in Michigan," Martin said.

"Ten years in a row, you're like the New York Yankees of financial accounting," said Trustee William Gabriel. "I still believe Gary dreams numbers.'

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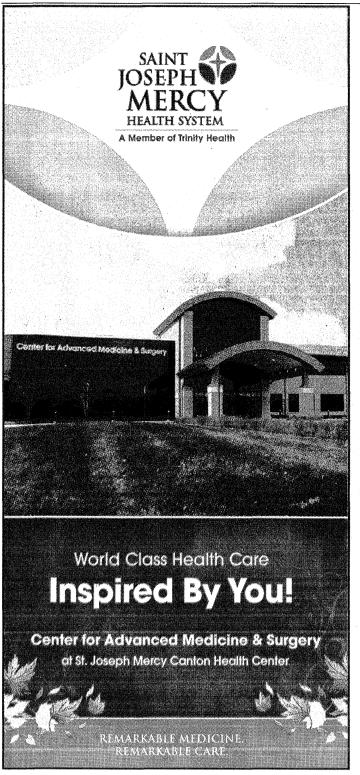
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Share your memories, Santa letters with us

The pumpkins are gone, now thoughts turn to turkey and tinsel. The holiday season is upon us and through the hustle and bustle, we're asking our reader to let us be a part of their celebration.

We're asking readers to send us their favorite holiday memories and photos to the Observer for the special holiday edition we are planning for Thursday, Dec. 24.

Did you get a favorite gift for Christmas, or do you have a special memory of Hanukkah? Is there a special tradition your family has that makes the season merry and bright?

Share those memories with your neighbors through us. Send your items - be sure to include a photo, if you can - to Observer Editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.

It is our intention to make that issue a "keeper," something that our readers will

Santa Claus also has started to make his list, although sources tell the Observer that while he's far from checking it twice, he is waiting by his mailbox for youngsters' gift lists and letters.

The Observer wants to make sure Santa Claus knows what children would like this Christmas and is asking youngsters to send us letters to him. We will publish the

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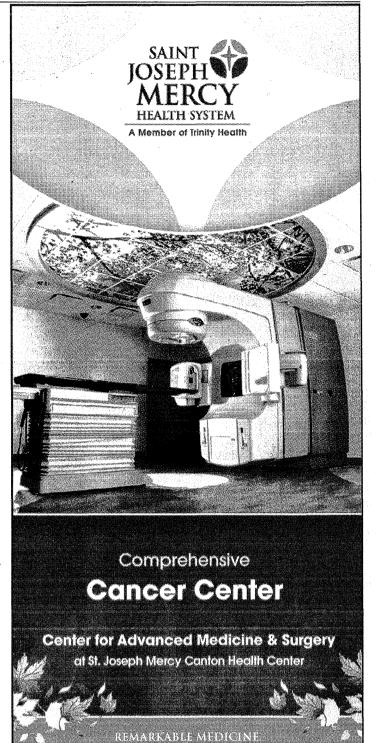
letters in the newspaper during December before sending them on to the North Pole.

The letters should be sent by e-mail and include a snapshot of the letter writer. They can be a list of toys, a holiday greeting for the Jolly Old Elf or whatever information youngsters want Santa to

Send Santa correspondence to bkadrich@hometownlife.com and be sure to put Letter to Santa in the subject line. They can also be mailed to Letter to Santa Claus, c/o Brad Kadrich, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226.

The Observer will publish letters throughout the month of December. And not to fear. The letters also will be sent on to the big guy in the red suit.

Don't delay, kids. Get out the Wish Book and start mak ing your lists. And parents, you can send in your wish lists, too. Santa delivers to all who believe.



REMARKABLE CAR

Deer me: Creatures pay unlikely visit to Canton man's yard

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton amateur photographer Richard Rich was working in his front yard on a beautiful autumn afternoon when he noticed a group of unusual visitors across the street in the Franklin Palmer Estates subdivision where he lives, near Palmer and Morton Taylor.

"I was surprised to see five lovely deer approaching the sidewalk," he said. "I caught their movement out of the corner of my eye, and they were coming in my direction."

Diverting his attention from his flower beds, Rich grabbed his camera from the porch,

but the five doe bolted toward a nearby neighborhood park

"I followed, keeping close to a fence, and sure enough they circled the park and returned to where I was," Rich said. "I think they froze as a group when they picked up my scent, and one of the larger ladies snorted to scare me into moving to give up my position.

Undeterred, Rich continued to take pictures of the deer.

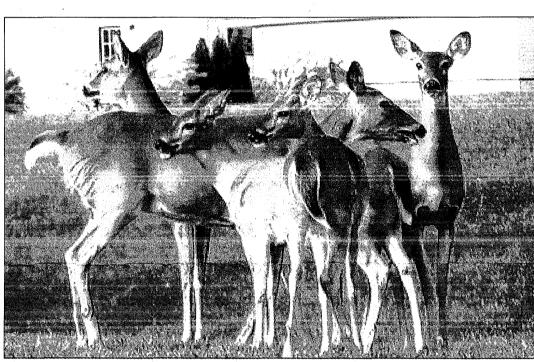
"Since I didn't call her bluff, they meandered there for a few minutes, not sure where to go next," he said. "One who seemed in charge was stunningly beautiful with a darker coat and chest patch."

Apparently ready for their close-up, the deer lingered for just a few minutes, and then they took off in a westerly direction toward Sheldon Road, bolting into a strip of wooded area.

Brad Sharp, Canton's parks and facilities manager, said it's not uncommon to see deer roaming certain areas of the community, especially in the heavily wooded Lower River Rouge Recreation Trail and around farmland on the township's west side.

"Any time you have a pocket of woods, you're going to find some deer in there," Sharp

Rich, an engineer by trade,



Canton resident Richard Rich noticed these "lovely visitors" as he worked in his yard

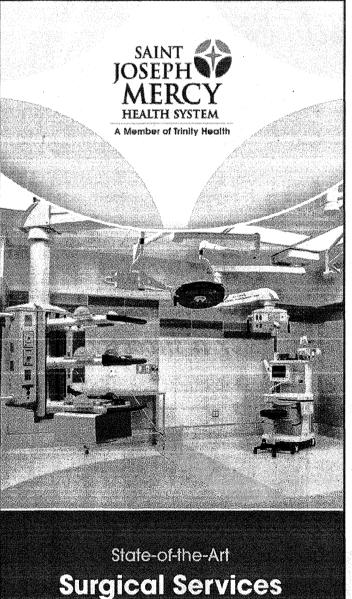
had previously seen deer on the outskirts of his neighborhood, but never quite so close to his home during the 24

years he has lived in Franklin Palmer Estates.

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come for this amateur photographer. "That was a first," he said

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Kids will learn a pom routine and a short dance routine. Cost is \$45 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings and for participants of the August 29 clinic. Parents are invited to watch their daughters perform at 2:30 p.m. All girls attending are invited to perform at a Canton Varsity Basketball game Dec. 11.

Registration is from 11-11:30 a.m. the morning of the clinic. Visit our Web site at www.cantonchiefettes.com to pre-register and save \$5 before Nov. 13. Registration is limited to the first 100 participants.

For more information e-mail pomclinic@cantonchiefettes.com

Preventing cancer

Cancer nutritionist Sharlene Bidini is coming to the Plymouth Cultural Center on Nov. 21 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Her presentation "Lifestyle Choices and Cancer Prevention" is designed for cancer prevention, survivors and previvors. Topics include nutrition, exercise, weight and supplements. Bidini is a registered dietitian and a board certified specialist in oncology

Cost is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Please respond via e-mail to sbidini@hotmail.com or call (734) 934-4440 for more information.

Prisoner family support

Do you have a family member currently in prison? Do you feel alone? Do you wish you had a support group that you could turn

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this support group is for you. Contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or e-mail hope-4healing@rocketmail.com for more information. This support group is to provide adult family members with support and a place to talk with others that have experienced similar pain.

Meetings are free and run 6:30-8:30 p.m., the second Monday of every month at Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland.

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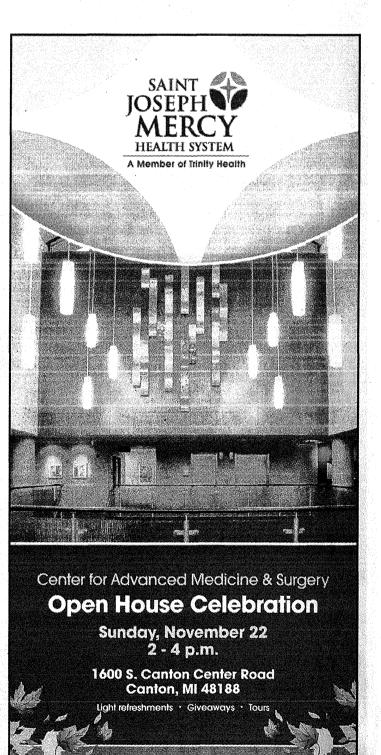
Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, the largest rabbit rescue in the United States, is looking for individual sponsors of its 500-plus bunnies.

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461-1726. **PLAV** members

PLAV Post #166, located at 39375 Amrhein in Livonia (at the southeastern corner of Amrhein and Eckles) is seeking new veteran members (the first year is offered

The Post meeting is the second Monday of every month (except July and August) and begins at 7:30 p.m. with a light lunch that follows the meeting. Those interested are welcome; contact Sr Vice Cmdr/Adj Roger L. Kehrier, (734) 453-2031.



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Let there be lights

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, November 8, 2009

Tree lighting signals start of holiday shopping season

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a *partridge* in a pear tree, but rather some new lighting, that Plymouth officials used Thursday to mark the 50 Days of (or Until)

'This is kind of the kickoff to the holiday shopping in downtown Plymouth," said Mayor Phil Pursell before throwing a ceremonial switch on Main Street Thursday afternoon.

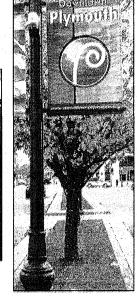
As he did so, lights in the eight pear trees in the median between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail blinked on. The new lights, wrapped onto the trees' trunks and main branches, were recently purchased by the Downtown Development Authority.

Pursell, who leaves office this week — he did not seek re-election to the Plymouth City Commission — also made a pitch for supporting Plymouth businesses during the holiday season.

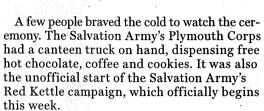
Shop local. The town you save might be your own," he said.



Teresa Moriarty is volunteer coordinator for the Salvation Army and she's recruiting bell ringers for the kettle campaign.

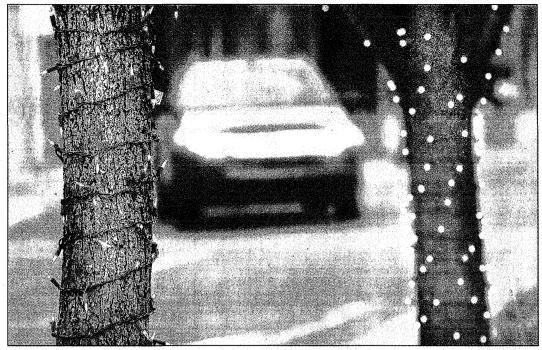


The new lights illuminate the trees on the boulevard.



"We truly just wanted to come out and say 'thank you,' " said the Salvation Army's Laurie Aren.

The new pear-tree lights, because of the



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The DDA sprung for new lights for trees in downtown Plymouth.

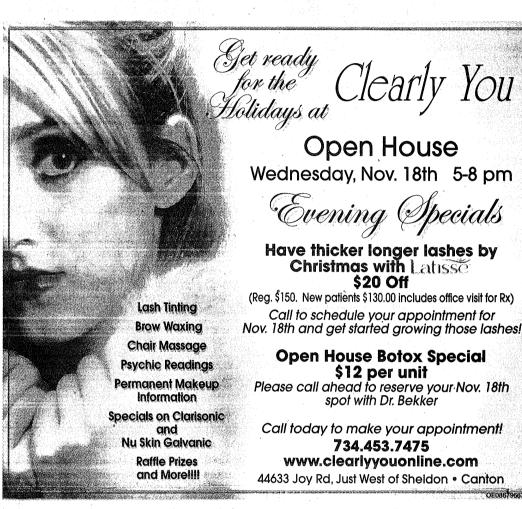
way they were installed, are expected to be more durable that the ones they replaced. The DDA paid Zone 5 Landscaping of Plymouth \$1,825 for the lights, the installation, maintenance of the lights through January, and the takedown of the lights early next year, if officials decide to have them taken down.

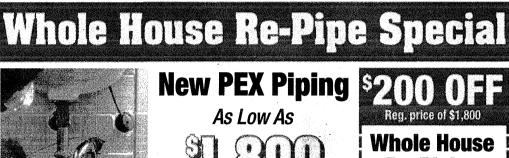
Early next year, the DDA plans to install,

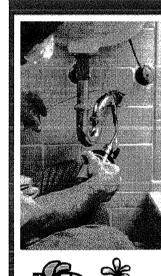
through Old Village Landscaping, two permanent "well lights" at the base of each tree that will highlight the trees at night.

The well lights, for about \$2,200, will replace the strings of tiny lights that had been in the branches year-round for several years, Buzuvis said.

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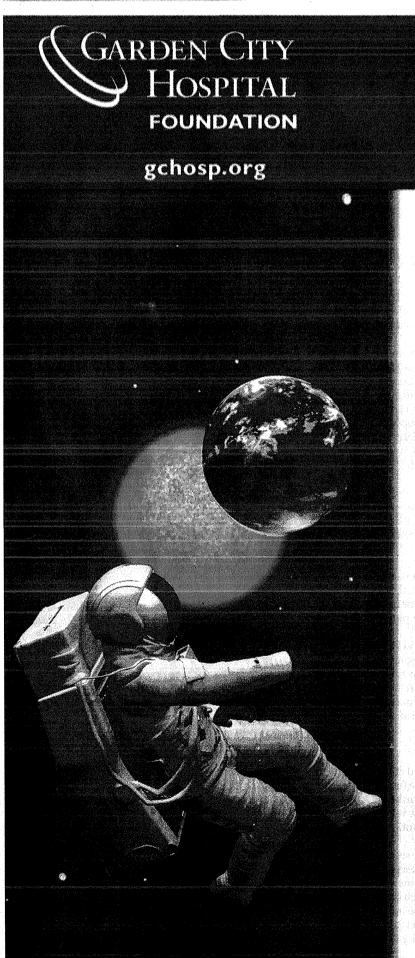
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Brothers in arms

Canton siblings are third-generation cadets

When the month of November rolls around, many of us think about Veteran's Day and remember those who served in our armed forces. As an Air Force veteran, I often think of the local Plymouth/Canton vets and especially those younger citizens serving today that are making sacrifices and contributing to our nation's defense.

The McKinney family of Canton - my family has a legacy of service that includes four generations of military service.

Austin and Connor McKinney - our sons - are both Plymouth High School graduates and are currently cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. I am a B-757 Captain for Northwest Airlines and is a retired Major of the Air Force Reserves.

My father, Ivan McKinney, of Bossier City, La., is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and a former navigator. Ivan's father, Henry McKinney of Sophia, W. Va., was an enlisted man in World War I, serving as a cook in France during the war.

That means Austin and Connor are third-generation Air Force officers and the fourth generation of honorable military duty to protect and serve our nation.

It is rare for a local family to have one son or daughter appointed to a Service Academy. It is even more rare for one family to have two children

Dahill had

enrolled at the highly competitive institutions. Becky McKinney, the boys' mom, said: "As par-

ents, we are proud that our children have a desire to serve our country in some way."

Austin, Plymouth class of 2006, and Connor, Plymouth class of 2009, both received Presidential nominations to the Air Force Academy. Connor also received Michigan Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's nomination from the 11th Congressional District. Congressman McCotter was instrumental in helping Connor gain an appointment to the

Both young men are doing well in the demanding, pressure-packed environment of a Service Academy education. The USAFA was recently ranked in the top-ten of all US Universities and Colleges in the nation by Forbes magazine. Cadets are continually challenged academically and personally. They spend four years at one of the best schools in the country.

Last year, the USAFA received over 12,000 applications and chose 1,350 as deserving appointments to the class of 2013. Almost 20 percent of recent classes have been women and 20 percent were minority candidates.

Currently, Austin, a senior at the Academy, is a Cadet Colonel and Group Commander, in charge of over 1,100 cadets. Austin is currently ranked



Austin and Connor McKinney of Canton are both cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

number one academically in his class of 2010 with a GPA of 3.99. He is a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship. Winners attend the University of Oxford, in England, and are awarded a 2-year Master's Degree of their choice.

"I would like to study for a Master's of Philosophy in Latin Studies", said Austin. "I am very interested in helping improve economic and political conditions in Latin America and especially Mexico. If I am lucky enough to win the Rhodes scholarship, maybe I can contribute in some way, possibly as a diplomat working for the US State Department in the region.'

Austin is also a finalist for the Marshall Award,



Air Force Cadets Austin and Connor McKinney of Canton with mom Becky and dad Blaine.

where he would study for his graduate degree at the University of London.

Connor, a freshman cadet at the Academy, is studying hard and trying to learn the system for success at the 50-year old institution.

I am studying three times harder than I did in high school," said the doolie cadet. "They keep us very busy with academics, leadership training and athletics. Every cadet is required to participate in the intramural sports program if they are not already a Division One athlete at the school."

Sometimes you hear older folks around the country saying that the youth of today are spoiled and do not appreciate the sacrifices of their elders to our American society. This is one instance of young people today who are willing to do what it takes to keep our nation safe and follow the footsteps of the "greatest generation."

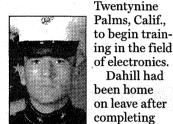
This Veteran's Day month of November, we pause to say thanks. Thank you to all of our local veterans and I'll quote the inscription on the memory bricks behind the Canton municipal building: "In honor of those who served, in memory of those who died."

Blaine McKinney and his wife, Rebecca, are Canton residents.

MILITARY NEWS

Semper Fi

Private 1st Class Daniel Dahill, the son of Glenn Dahill of Canton, reported to Marine Corps Communications **Electronic School in**



Infantry graduate

Army Pvt. Erik Morisette has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

ing.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills. and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed

Morisette, a 2004 graduate of Starkweather School, is the son of Kathy Morisette of Canton.

to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

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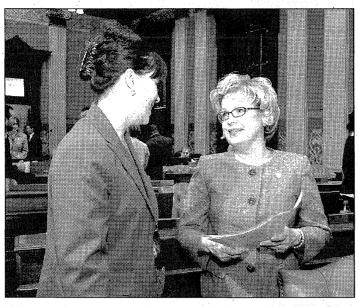
Lawmaker backs voting plan for military overseas

The Michigan House of Representatives this week passed a comprehensive plan championed by State Rep. Dian Slavens (D-Canton) that will make it easier for troops stationed overseas to vote by absentee ballot and to help ensure their ballots are returned to their communities in time to be counted.

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"Short deadlines and long mailing times are standing in the way of our troops stationed overseas being able to vote," Slavens said. "These are ballots from the brave men and women defending our country who expect to have their voices heard and they deserve better. Our plan will make sure that the votes of those fighting for our freedoms are returned in time to be counted, just like every other American.'

In the 2008 presidential election, more than a quarter of the ballots requested by U.S. military members stationed abroad and other American voters



State Representatives Jennifer Haase (Richmond), left, and Dian Slavens (Canton) discuss their plan to make it easier for troops stationed overseas to vote by absentee ballot on the House floor. The plan passed the House with strong bipartisan support and now awaits Senate action.

overseas went uncollected or uncounted, according to Congressional Research Services. In Michigan, of the nearly 21,300 ballots sent, only 15,407 were returned in

time to be counted. Slavens' plan will help ensure that military personnel and citizens living overseas can vote in time by:

• Allowing for fast, e-mail

transmission of absentee ballots to service members stationed overseas. The service members would then print them, fill them out and mail them back to the clerk.

• Requiring all absentee ballots to be delivered to clerks for distribution at least 45 days in advance of all elections.

· Giving local governments more time to print out ballots in order to send them to military personnel.

Thirty-two other states already allow for the electronic transmission of absentee ballots to voters.

"With Veterans Day just around the corner, let's send a clear message to Michigan's men and women serving overseas: Your votes will be counted and your voices will be heard," Slavens said.

Cherry Hill mystery

A group of Central Michigan University students and the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will roll out the red carpet for

area residents next month.

"Mystery on Cherry Hill," presented by students in CMU's Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services Administration 440: Special **Event Administration course** in cooperation with the Village Theater, will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Tickets for the public event cost \$15 each in advance and can be reserved by calling Meghan Wideman at (989) 289-2351. Ticket sales and event information is also available online at http:// mysteryoncherryhill.yolasite. com/. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$20 each and cash or check payment will be accepted.

The "Mystery on Cherry Hill." which is also sponsored by CMU's Alumni Association, evening will feature appetizers, a cash bar. a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction for a variety of donated prizes. Guests are encouraged to wear cocktail attire.

All profits from the event will benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation- an organization that gives cancer patients resources and support to help fight cancer head-on.

The Lance Armstrong Foundation "funds research and also connects people and communities to drive social change," according to Parker, who is one of the students helping to organize the event.

CMU's interdisciplinary minor in event management includes core coursework in foods and foodservice, lodging operations, commercial recreation, recreation programming, meeting and exposition planning, and special event administration. Electives cover such topics as public relations, fundraising, tourism, recreation facility operations, food and beverage management, liability and risk management, promotion of leisure service agencies and programs, and

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Left, Tiffany Zendejas of Canton and Diane McDaniel of Redford display their Lia Sophia products. The Thursday event at the Costick Center was hosted by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services.

Businesses bring their best to expo

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Chorazewitz of Farmington Hills was showing wares Thursday at the Holiday Shopping Expo at the Costick Center.

His wife, Cheryl, owns a business, Bottle Docker, offering a personal bottle beverage carrier.

"This has become my full-time job," said Steve Chorazewitz, the chief operating officer. "We first started at the Founders Festival this year."

A couple customers appeared at the expo, offered by the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services. "No belt required," he told them. "Try one

You can find out more at www. bottledocker.com. The design's not theirs, but they have changed it to make it competitive. "Ours is easy on, easy off," he said. "It's more for the casual walker, someone who goes to ballgames.'

It sells for \$5 or five for \$20, and there's also a device to extend it for purse clip-on use. "They've done well," he said, themselves." He's working on

listing shows in Wilmington,

N.C., where they're made, as

Clair River Fest.

well as Dayton, Ohio, and the St.

"We're just on the edge of going retail," he said. "They sell

ways to improve product demon-"We plan to do our own bottle,

too. You've got to walk before you run," he concluded. The expo featured some 70

vendors with a variety of wares just in time for Christmas and Hanukkah. Bling N' Thingz owners Beth Lipman and Loree Gordon, both of Farmington Hills, are proud of their Swarovski Crystal-embellished shoes and boots. They also had baby bibs and other items.

Shoes start with babies and go on up: "All the way up," said Gordon. "My seventh-grader has a pair." The women have had their business two and a half years.

They started with adult flipflops after seeing them sold in Las Vegas while on a trip.

"Then it moved onto infant stuff," Lipman said.



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Investors 'last line of defense' in protecting money

just read an article about the Madoff affair which deals with the lapses by the Securities



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

& Exchange Commission. The federal agency that should have been regulating Madoff's activities failed miserably.

When the scandal broke a little over a year ago, the general consensus was he used a variety

of sophisticated techniques to fool federal regulators.

After reading the article,

get away with this scheme not because he was so sophisticated, but rather, because federal regulators failed to do their job. For example, regulators admit that when it came to auditing Madoff and his business, they took his word as opposed to looking at underlying documents. What's more remarkable is that even when they caught him in a lie they failed to pursue it. The bottom line is regulators turned a blind

eye to what was happening.

The real issue is how it affects have to recognize the government doesn't have the resources to protect us. We must be our last line of defense when it comes to our

It is up to individuals to do the homework it takes to protect investments. That is why I believe simpler is better. The more complex an investment, the less likely

the government regulators will do their job. I know that doesn't make sense, but it is sort of like dealing with the IRS. People that make a lot of money tend to have less of a risk of an audit than peo-

Before investing your hardearned money, make sure everything is on the up and up. It is not sufficient that the investment is sold through a large brokerage house or even a bank. You must be

First, I won't invest in anything that I can't check out independently. I want to research an investment using sources that don't have an axe to grind with the investment. I also never invest in anything that doesn't have a track

record. I generally look at three-, five- and 10-year track records, spending the most time analyzing the five-year record.

One of the mistakes investors make is they assume if an investment is complex and difficult to understand, it's worth pursuing. I believe the exact opposite. I don't invest in anything that I don't understand.

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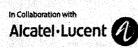
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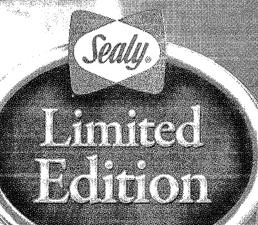




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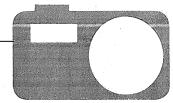


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Hauling in the only Canton pass of Friday night's Division 1 district final is senior tight end Alex Dixon. He scored his first touchdown of the season on the play, a 47-yarder.

Canton cooks up 60-point feast

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bigger isn't always better in high school football, something Canton proved in its 60-24 romp over Ann Arbor Pioneer in Friday's Division 1 district final.

The Chiefs prepared all week to face a big, physical opponent at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park — with the Pioneers featuring gigantic linemen.

But Canton (10-1) had a field day, lling up more than 500 yards offense (mostly on the ground) and scoring touchdowns on each of its first nine drives. Senior running back Adam Payter led the way with 229 yards in 16 carries and two TDs.

"It's a good thing you can be small and run this offense, like we are," said Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler following the district trophy presentation. "It just provides blocking angles and you can double-team at the point of attack and it helps.

"I think it (Canton's system) hurts a team that plays in a spread league, and it's hard to get prepared for our offense. They kind of get into a guessing game and they just couldn't guess

Against Pioneer's big defensive line, Canton's O-line of seniors Dakota Dark-Bird, Carter Staffield and others got low and rocked their opponents out of the trenches

"Carter Staffield, our right tackle, he was very dominant, very physical tonight," noted Baechler.

Dark-Bird also was on his game, elping open holes for the Canton

backs to scoot through. Payter was sensational, with gains of 59, 45 and 49 yards (the latter for a TD) while junior tailback Davion Stackhouse contributed 117 yards rushing in 18 carries and three scores from inside the five-yard line.

"We had to get low," said Dark-Bird, who left the game briefly in the second quarter after rolling his right ankle. "They were big, so we had to be the lower team and apparently we

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NINE FOR NINE

Canton scored touchdowns in each of the first nine offensive series Friday night in its 60-24 rout of Ann Arbor Pioneer. The Chiefs TDs were as fol-

1. Kevin Delapaz, 14-yard run at 1:50 of the first quarter; extra point Alex Dixon, 7-0.

2. Davion Stackhouse, 2-yard run with 4:23 left in the first; Dixon extra point, 14-7.

3. Delapaz, 3-yard run at 33 seconds of the second; Dixon extra point, 21-7.

4. Stackhouse, 5-yard run at 4:36 of the second; Dixon extra point, 28-7. 5. Alex Dixon hauls in a 47-yard TD pass with

6:23 left in the first half; Dixon extra point, 35-14. 6. Adam Payter runs it in from 14 yards with 47

seconds to go in the half, 41-14. 7. Stackhouse, 1-yard run at 5:37 of the third,

8. Payter, a 49-yard gallop at 6:32 of the third,

9. Sam Scott scores an 11-yard TD at 2:49 of the

fourth; extra point Connor Shennan, 60-21.

DISTRICT FINALS

Chiefs lose steam

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

The Canton Chiefs came out on fire Friday night against the host Novi Wildcats in the District 18 championship volleyball match, but couldn't maintain their intensity as Novi came away with a 20-25, 25-17, 25-18, 25-21 win.

Canton took a 3-0 lead early on three errors by Novi and never let the 'Cats get close during the rest of the first game.

Down 11-4, Novi took a time out to get situated, but Canton continued to dominate with performances behind the stellar play of sophomore Kristen Muir and senior Jordan Kielty, who helped the Chiefs jump to an Canton wins semifinal - B4

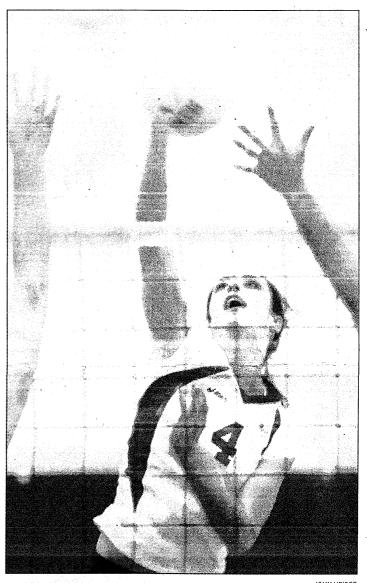
19-8 lead.

"Kristen Muir played the best game I've seen her play," Canton co-coach Mary Kryska said.

Novi clawed back into the first game, but the 11-point spread was too much to cover. Wildcat junior Laura Subject set up senior Allison Hoomaian for a pair of kills to cut Canton's lead to 21-14, a combination Novi would repeatedly capitalize on throughout the rest of the

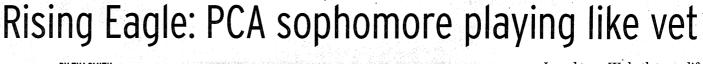
Not breaking under pressure, Novi continued their run from the end of the first game

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Getting set to power the ball for a spike kill Friday night is Canton's Kristen Muir (No. 4) during the Chiefs' district final against Novi.

Plymouth Christian sophomore Kristin Malcolm's talent, leadership and enthusiasm are quickly making her a player to be reckoned with.



BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

When the ball is on the Plymouth Christian Academy side of the net, it's sophomore

Kristin Malcolm who wants it.

Of course, there are other excellent volleyball players on the Eagles — as evidenced by their recent Division 4 district title. But Malcolm already is rising above the crowd, both as a talented 5-10 middle hitter and mature team leader.

"That's why Kristin's our captain," said PCA head coach Kelly Blackney recently. "She's extremely mature for her age, she's a leader, and she's consistent — not just with how she

ABOUT KRISTIN

Who: Kristin Malcolm, 15, Plymouth Christian volleyball player. Family: The sophomore is one of Annie and Greg Malcolm's three children. The others are Jenny and Matt, who attend eighth- and fourth-grade at PCA, respectively. Leading the team: Kristin and Amy Zinn are co-captains for the

plays but how she behaves. She's a great student, I have her in class as well and I just filled out her All-Academic Team nomination form."

According to Malcolm, she is the quiet co-captain Eagles, helping lead the team to another Division 4 district title. Other: Malcolm, besides volleyball, plays girls basketball at PCA. She carries a 4.0 grade-point average. Earlier this year she played on a club team (Huron Valley Volleyball Club) for the first time.

while sophomore Amy Zinn is the outgoing one. They have meshed well as a leadership

"I'm just doing my best to lead the team," Kristin said. "I try to encourage everyone when

I need to. ... We both try to lift the team up as much as possible and keep a positive attitude."

Malcolm not only is acing academic subjects to the tune of a 4.0 grade-point average, she is striving for perfection on the volleyball court.

DIDN'T TAKE LONG

Her height and jumping ability enable her to sky for balls and drill them back into available holes on the other side.

"I've always been the tallest girl in my class and on the team," Malcolm said with a

grin. "It does help." Kristin's ascent is noteworthy

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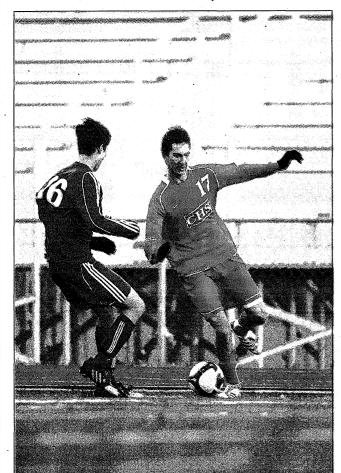
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Giving him credit

Canton senior midfielder Kevin Zemanski (No. 17 above) fed the pass that resulted in the Chiefs' lone goal in the Oct. 31 Division 1 regional final boys soccer game against Salem. In a story in Thursday's Observer, it was reported that Daniel Ovesea directly set up the goal by Brandon Tolinski. Although Ovesea started the play, it was Zemanski whose pass from the left side of the box was finished by Tolinski. We apologize for any inconvenience the factual error may have caused. In this photo, Zemanski and Salem's Jake Genrich battle it out during the Oct. 31 contest.



Young Wildcats among top girls golfers

FIRST-TEAM Maggie Lentz, Mercy: She was the

leader on a team that finished eighth in the Division 2 state meet.

The junior averaged 43 for dual matches and 88.9 for tournaments. Her best nine-hole score was 39 at Walnut Creek Country Club, and her low round for 18 was an 80 in the regional at Fox Hills in which she finished second. Lentz was 16th in the state and received an all-state honorable mention.

"She broke 90 quite a few times, and next year she wants to break 80," coach Vicky Kowalski said. "Maggie was one of our co-captains; she showed great team leadership. She was the one who had to step up and play No. 1 in all our tournaments and play against the top players in the state, and I thought she handled herself quite well."

Kelsey Murphy, Plymouth: There is no telling what this freshman can accomplish on the links by the time her prep career is over

She's already made a major impact, having been the medalist for all of the Wildcats dual matches this season and setting school records of 34 and 77 for nine- and 18-holes, respectively.

Murphy won the Kensington Conference title with a 78 at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton, captured the regional championship with a 77 at Giant Oak in Temperance and placed 15th in the state, earning All-State

For the year, she averaged 80 strokes per 18 holes and 40 for nine.

Plymouth coach Chris Moore praised both Murphy and All-Observer second-teamer Sarah Thompson (also a freshman) for their work ethic. "Both girls spent many hours outside of our practices to get better and work on their

Heidi Irvine, John Glenn: The senior, a Division 1 state qualifier, capped a stellar four-year career this fall by averaging 44 strokes per nine and 91 for 18 holes.

She was medalist in five of 11 matches and placed third with an 84 in the KLAA Kensington Conference tournament. Irvine also shot an 84 to qualify

out of the Giant Oaks regional. Her two-day totals at the state tournament were 102-96-198.

"Heidi will be a tremendous college golfer because of her desire to improve her golf game," Glenn coach Steve Pilon

Adrienne Jones, Thurston: Competing in her fourth and final varsity season, Jones experienced a thrill of a lifetime by emerging as regional champion by shooting 79 and getting an opportunity to showcase her talents among the state's top golfers at the Division 2 state finals. A three-year captain in the Eagles' lineup, Jones averaged 41.5 strokes for nine holes during the season and 86.5 for 18.

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golf season by earning All-Kensington

She also recorded a 10th-place finish

at the Ladywood Invitational with a 92.

often leaving our match or practice to

compete there," Stevenson coach Jason

worked diligently on her game through-

Delo said of the Spartans' MVP. "She

out the season and took every event

to heart, whether we were winning or

"Becca also had the lowest scoring

average of anyone on our team this sea-

son, and also the lowest scoring average

team in my tenure of coaching the girls

Georgia Patrick, Franklin: The senior

averaged 50.1 per nine in dual matches

team (the past eight seasons) - a truly

remarkable accomplishment."

and 101 for 18-hole tournaments.

ors with a 95.

Patrick was runner-up in the

Franklin Invitational with a 94 and

earned All-Kensington Conference hon-

of our program for the last four years,"

Franklin coach Brian McCalister said.

"She worked hard to become a competi-

tive golfer after first picking up a club as

a freshman. She was a true leader and

competitor and had a desire to do well.

Our program is in a better place because

Amanda Harris, Farmington: She aver-

aged 44.4 in dual matches and 94.2

for tournaments. Her best scores were

41 and 88 (in the second OAA White

Division meet at Bald Mountain). Harris

was a state qualifier who shot 96-93 at

the Division 2 finals. Her regional score

"Amanda was solid; her scores were

consistent," coach Dennis Zaleski said.

"She always wanted to do better every.

time she played. Her goal this year was

to make it to state finals. Last year she

"Georgia has been an important part

of any player in their first year on the

head straight to the soccer pitch and

"Becca is a true multi-sport athlete

Conference honors with a 97.

Thompson

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Jordyn Shepler Churchill



Patty Battersby Mercy



Brenna Hammond Mercv



Elena Vlachos

Mercy was tied for third in the regional and lost a two-hole playoff. She really wants the

team to qualify next year. She already

has plans to get everybody to play and

qualify." Sarah Thompson, Plymouth:

Thompson, like Murphy, is a freshman who is already playing like an upperclassman. She averaged 48 for nine holes and registered an 18-hole career best of 86 at the Division 1 regional. Other achievements included finishing 10th at the KLAA meet with a score of 93 and placing in the top 15 at the Davison Invite, with a 96.

Wildcats' head coach Chris Moore had kudos for how both of his freshmen are so dedicated to improving.

"They were often the last to leave practice and the first to get there,"

Brenna Hammond, Mercy: Only a freshman, Vlachos represents the future of the Mercy program. She averaged 47.7 for nine holes and 97 in tournaments. Her best was a 45 at Gowanie Golf Course in Macomb County, and her low 18-hole score was an 89 in the Grosse Ile tournament. She shot 94 at the league meet and made the All-Catholic team with Lentz.

"On the second day in Traverse City. she had a 91, so right off the bat we knew we had a player," coach Kowalski said. "She was a nice addition as a freshman, and we look forward to three more strong years from her. She's a young lady I know will be working hard on her game to improve next season."

Elena Vlachos, Mercy: Vlachos averaged 48.7 in duals and 98 in tournaments, but the junior saved her best for last, shooting 91 and 88 in the two-day state meet.

"You pretty much knew what you

were going to get when she went into a

tournament," coach Kowalski said. "At the state final, everything clicked. She was the second-best player on our team, and she helped us get to that eighthplace finish. "Her best dual score was 46 at Walnut Creek against Sacred Heart. Even

though we lost by one stroke, she came through that day for us. Her state final just blew us away; it was just awesome. I sure hope that means good things for Elena in her senior year next season." Brian Gulick, Thurston, coach: In his

11th season as head coach at Thurston, Brian Gulick has earned All-Observer Coach of the Year honors by producing the school's first state qualifier and seeing vast improvement

from the rest of the Eagles roster. Senior Adrienne Jones qualified for the Division 2 state finals after winning the regional crown with a sterling round of 79 and teammates Lindsey Scupholm, Meagan Thurston coach Nystrom and

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Brian Gulick

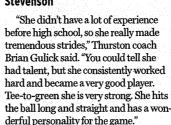
Michelle Gordon all saw their averages fall as the season went along. "The fun thing about this group is

they all worked hard at improving and had a good time doing it," Gulick said. "I try and tell the girls it doesn't matter what you shoot. The important thing is to go out and work at your game, have fun doing it, and you'll find 90 percent of the girls who are committed to that do improve. This year really didn't seem like work. It was great to see the strides they all made."





Becca Bubenheimer Stevenson



Jordyn Shepler, Churchill: The sophomore was a model of consistency all season as she led the Chargers with a 46.1 nine-hole average and a 95.3 18-

Shepler, who helped Churchill to a KLAA South Division co-title, was medalist in seven matches.

She also took All-Kensington Conference honors placing sixth with a 91 and was 13th at the regional with

"Jordyn has nothing but a bright future ahead as she continues to improve her overall game," Churchill coach Paul Worley said of the KLAA Scholar-Athlete.

Patty Battersby, Mercy: The other cocaptain averaged 46.8 in dual matches and 96.9 in tournaments. Her best was 42 for nine holes, and she shot an 87 on the second day of the Traverse City tournament. She had a 93 at the regional and was seventh. The senior also had a 92 at a Flint tournament, 94 at the league meet (tied for 12th) and 95 on the first day of the state finals. Battersby received an academic all-state honorable mention from the coaches association.

"Patty has been a nice four-year player for us and has steadily improved every year," coach Kowalski said. "It was her second year on the varsity, and she made a big improvement from last year. It was nice to see her step up as a senior and be the No. 2 on our team this year." SECOND TEAM

Rebecca Bubenheimer, Stevenson: The sophomore made the most of her first

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Patty Battersby, senior, Mercy **SECOND TEAM** Becca Bubenheimer, soph., Stevenson Georgia Patrick, senior, Franklin Amanda Harris, junior, Farmington Sarah Thompson, freshman, Plymouth

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Brenna Hammond, freshman, Mercy

Canton: sr. Erin Lixie, jr. Mary Elizabeth Winther, soph. Paige Osler, sr. Megan Baumgart; Churchill: fr. Jaclyn Burdette, sr. Stephanie Panaretos; Farmington: sr. Michelle Casey; Franklin: soph. Alexis Smith; John Glenn: soph. Michelle Bishop; Ladywood: sr. Val DiMilia; Mercy: sr. Bethany Rizik; North Farmington-Harrison: soph. Claire Butts; Plymouth: ir. Chloe Marentic; Salem: fr. Gabrielle LeBlanc; Stevenson: soph. Sarah King, sr. Andrea Burford; Thurston: sr. Lindsey Scupholm; Wayne: jr.

"We got out there and were knocking kids off the ball, coming off hard. We played with everything tonight.'

And the only time Canton senior quarterback Kevin Delapaz needed to put the ball up, it came down into the hands of senior tight end Alex Dixon for a 47-yard TD catchand-run midway through the second quarter to make it 35-14 (the Chiefs led 41-14 at the

"It was my first one (TD) of the year," Dixon said. "I was just trying to get open, trying to spread out so the other back could get out there too.

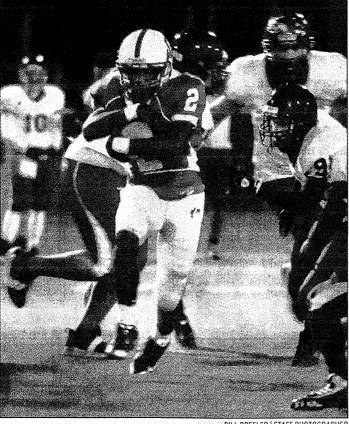
"But I was wide open and Kevin had a nice pass. I looked it in and kept running."

Delapaz helped his own cause with touchdown runs of one- and three yards while junior Sam Scott scored on an 11-yard end-around in the fourth.

Pioneer (8-3) could only muster about 170 yards of offense, with Canton's defensive secondary doing a number on University-of-Michigan bound wide receiver Ricardo Miller (6 catches, 85 yards, 1 TD)

That coverage, with Chiefs senior Arron Boudreaux giving Miller and senior quarterback Miles Sorise (7-20) fits, helped short-circuit any thoughts the Pioneers might have had of lighting it up at PCEP.

"We played a lot of man on him (Miller) with Arron," Baechler said. "He (Boudreaux) did a great job covering him deep, he just missed a couple tackles on him. But Arron's a



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Finding another seam to run through Friday is Canton junior running back Davion Stackhouse (No. 2).

good player, he can run with that guy.

Probably the only mistake of note made in the game by Canton was a muffed punt return by Boudreaux in the first with the game 7-0.

The punt bounced over Boudreaux's head and he couldn't field the ball behind him. Pioneer recovered the ball at Canton's nine-yard line and scored two plays later on a run by Drake Johnson to briefly tie

But Boudreaux made up for that by intercepting a pass that led to another Canton scoring

With the unexpected scoring binge behind them, the Chiefs will now move on to the regionals and play the winner of Saturday night's district final between Novi-Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson.

"Usually the third round, the rubber hits the road," Baechler said. "It's really, really good football teams. We expected that tonight, too, but next week will definitely be tough."

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to take a 13-6 lead in the second game after Hoomaian and senior Julia Thomas combined to block a Canton spike back over the net.

Muir scored Canton's next five points to bring the Chiefs back to within three at 15-12, but a slew of errors by Canton put the team back into a 20-14 hole shortly after.

"We beat ourselves," Kryska said. "We made too many errors. ... We couldn't service." Coming out of a Canton time out, Novi's Subject set up four of the Wildcats' final five points, as a Subject setup allowed junior Erin Hoomaian to set the ball for junior Erica Robb to put the exclamation point on a 25-17 game that tied the match at one apiece.

"Erin Hoomaian played a great game," Novi coach Julie Fisette said of her junior's 19 digs on 30 received balls.

NO RECOVERY

Despite each team rushing out to big leads in the first two games, the third was neck in neck from the start. Neither team could gain a lead bigger than two points until Novi busted open an 8-8 contest to take a 16-10 lead behind the play of Subject.

Canton couldn't recover despite the efforts of Muir, Kielty and sophomore Alaina Turner.

The effort of a few wasn't enough to hold back the skill of Novi's many, as the Wildcats pushed through to win the third game 25-18.

Needing a win to stay alive, Canton was hoping to pull even by winning the fourth

Neither team surrendered a lead any larger than three points before their opponent would come back and tie it in the fourth game. Canton's Muir and Novi's Subject-to-Allison Hoomaian combination traded off points until Subject set up sophomore Katie Enright for a kill and a 19-15 lead, drawing a Canton time out.

"I don't think they did anything special. They got the kills," Kryska said.

Canton came out of the time out to bring the game back to 19-18 after Kielty went to work with Muir and senior Traci Breitmeyer.

After Novi called a time out and came out with two straight points, the Chiefs called another time out, to which they came out with another point from Muir to bring the score to 21-19. The teams traded points, but Novi's lead was never closed in on as the Wildcats won the fourth game 25-21 to claim the district title.

The Wildcats improved to 43-8 on the season, while Canton fell to 37-11.

"I think (the loss) brought (our season) down. We have the best record in Canton history," Kryska said.

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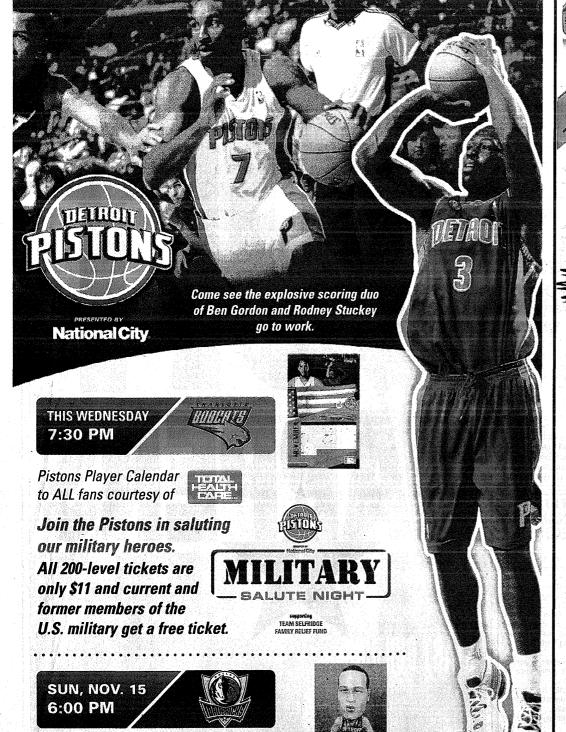
All ages are welcome to sign up for the clinic, which begins Monday, Nov. 16 (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.) Sessions are every Monday and Friday and are \$15 per session, per player and \$225 for all 16 sessions if paid up front.

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Eagles win district championship Chiefs sweep to D1 finals

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Complacency won't get in the way of Plymouth Christian Academy's postseason

drive. The Eagles Thursday captured their seventh consecutive Division 4 volleyball district championship with a 3-0 triumph over Washtenaw Christian (25-10, 25-15, 25-9) at Saline Calvary Christian.

Next up for coach Kelly Blackney's team are the regionals, slated to begin Tuesday at Hillsdale Academy.

We are happy with our victory, but not satisfied," Blackney said. "We will continue to push so we can advance further than

last year, and the years before."

The regional opener is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday against the winner of the Camden-Frontier district. But getting through the districts wasn't a cakewalk for the Eagles (29-8-2).

We went into the match with the mindset that although we felt that we were the best team there," Blackney explained, "that didn't mean we deserved to win we had to earn each and every point.

"We wanted to focus on playing together as one team, as a united front, and I believed we accomplished that."

Thanks to an energetic effort along with strong offense and serving, PCA managed to take care of business.

"We came out strong in the first set and carried that energy and momentum throughout all three," Blackney added.

Sophomore middle hitter Kristin Malcolm again had a big night, leading the team with 14 kills along with 11 service points. Other players helping out up front were Folake Olojo (8 kills), Ariel Rock (5 kills) and Amy Zinn (4 kills).

Controlling the offense with 23 assists and five kills was setter Brianna Harris while others with productive nights serving included libero Abby Bartes (9 points, 3 aces), Zinn (7 points) and Jessica Rich (6

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RY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Solid in all aspects, Canton's volleyball team knocked off Plymouth 3-0 in Wednesday's Division 1 district semifinal at Novi High School.

With the 25-14, 25-18, 25-16 victory, the Chiefs improved to 37-10 overall entering Friday's district final against Novi. Cocoach Mary Kryska said that is the best record in team history.

"Everyone on the team needs to congratulate themselves for not mentally beating themselves," Kryska said. "Even the few times that we were down or making several errors in a row everyone's attitude and mental game stayed composed."

In the front row, Kristen Muir (11 kills, 16 digs), Jordan Kielty and Alaina Turner (6 kills each) converted set-ups from Traci Breitmeyer (10 assists, 12 digs) and Kielty (15 assists) to put plenty of pressure on the Wildcats defense.

Plymouth did try to gum up the works for Canton's offense by blocking up front. But the Wildcats could not sustain their defense against the likes of Muir and Kielty.

"We knew Canton had strong hitters in Kielty and Muir and we also knew their libero Lauren (Macuga, 21 digs) would get up every ball," said Plymouth head coach Kelly McCausland, whose team finished 28-15-3. "We practiced for the last two weeks knowing our opponents strengths and I am disappointed that we did not execute that plan."

Plymouth felt the loss of junior outside hitter Kayla Bridge, although McCausland said freshman Emilee Beyer "stepped in as our other outside and had a great match" with six kills.

Also with six kills, along with 16 digs was junior outside hitter Dani Risi. Other Plymouth contributors included Katie Salo (16 digs, 18 assists) and Mariah

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Tesarz (11 digs).

The Chiefs benefited from playing smart and communicating on offense, along with getting the usual excellent defense from Macuga.

"Lauren does a very good job at reading the other team's defense and assists in helping the hitters to read the open spots on the court," Kryska said.

The spot-on serving of Leah Powers also was significant. She had no errors and chalked up three aces while chipping in defensively with nine digs.

"She was very consistent and hit each and every zone given to her," Kryska said. "(Powers) stepped it up today when it was needed in such a big game."

Salem eliminated

In Wednesday's other semifinal, Salem dropped a 3-1 decision to Novi (26-24, 22-25, 19-25, 18-25).

After winning the opener, the Rocks started strong in Game 2, building a 15-8 edge. But seven hitting errors in a row turned the tables, said head coach Amanda Suder.

"From then on it was a tight game," Suder said. "It was 22-21 us, we missed a serve and never saw the ball again. That loss was a huge momentum shift for us."

Salem then played with too many unforced errors for Suder's liking and Novi took advantage.

"Once you let them in it it's hard to get back," she said. "It was an emotional game and my girls worked hard. We just would of liked a different outcome."

Nicole Merget (26 kills, 3 blocks), Kerry MacDonald (43 assists, 12 digs, 2 aces), Lauren Aschermann (26 digs) and Lauren Dworzanin (7 kills, 7 digs, 2 aces in the senior's final prep game) all had solid performances.

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considering she didn't play competitive vollevball until seventh grade at PCA.

'I played in my backyard and I knew that I liked it," she said. "When seventh grade hit and I was allowed to be on the team I was very, very excited."

She can block with the best of them, too, and her ability to scrap defensively when needed and reel off points from the service stripe already make her as complete a sophomore player as one can find.

Intensity and love for the sport certainly have propelled her to become an impact player in a short period of time.

"I like killing the ball, that's my favorite thing to do," Kristin said. "It's really exhila-rating when you see the ball hit the ground and I know that my arm did that."

COLLEGE POTENTIAL

Blackney said smaller colleges in the area are already starting to inquire about Kristin as a potential future cornerstone for their programs.

"She just really has an understanding of where the ball is in relation to where she is," the coach said. "She anticipates well and she's able to move and get there. She's just very athletic."

And how good can Malcolm be when she reaches her senior year?

"The difference between how she played as a freshman to now is off the charts,



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Plymouth Christian sophomore co-captains Kristin Malcolm and Amy Zinn (No. 9) celebrate after scoring a point during a recent volleyball match.

Blackney said. "And so I think if she continues to put the work in and improve we can expect big things from her.

There's no doubt about that. Kristin

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The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Filoteo Agbay of Santa Clara, Calif., is employed by Fujitsu America, San Jose, Calif.

The groom, son of Mike and Barbara Sullivan of Farmington Hills, is employed by Wigix Inc., in Oakland, Calif.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to New York City, N.Y., and have made their home in San Jose, Calif.

BAILEY-VONEHR

Keith and Teri Bailey of

Farmington Hills are pleased

to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon, to

Justin von Ehr, son of Pat and

Shannon and Justin met at

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Shannon is in her final year

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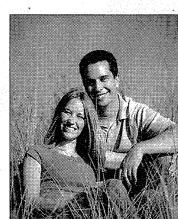
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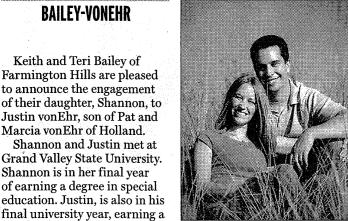
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John and Virginia Pernak of Redford in 1949

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

John J. and Virginia (Shovek) Pedrnak of Redford will mark their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26. The couple were wed in 1949 at St. Peter and Paul Church, Detroit.

Their children are Michael and Jeanna Pernak of Marco Island, Fla. and Sharon and Leonard Damico of Northville. They also have eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

John retired from his job as a U.S. Postal carrier 30 years ago. Virginia is a homemaker. They're active in Knights of Columbus, the retirees group and other volunteer groups at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Redford.

The couple plans to celebrate with family at a local restaurant.

RAJAEE-JUCIKAS

Mozhdeh Rajaee and Dan Jucikas ll announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Sharon and Sam Rajaee of Canton, graduated in 2004 from Plymouth Canton High School and in May 2008 from the University of Toledo. She is employed as a registered nurse at the Cleveland Clinic.

Her fiancé, son of Vickie and Dan Jucikas of Munroe Falls, Ohio, is a 2004 graduate of Walsh Jesuit High School and a May 2008 graduate of the University of Toledo. He is employed as a retirement plan specialist for Equity Trust.

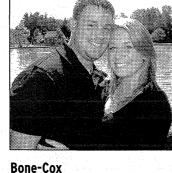
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Gary and Monica Bone of Westland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lauren, to James M. Cox, son of James and Ruthann Cox of Burton.

The bride-to-be is a 2008 graduate of John Glenn High School and her fiancé is a 2006 graduate of Bentley Senior High School in Burton.

The couple attends Mott College in Flint. Jennifer is pursuing a nursing career and James is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

An August 2010 wedding is planned in Flint.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



James and Donna Sovel in 1959

James and Donna (Wallace) Sovel of Port St. Lucie, Fla., will celebrate their 50th anniversary Nov. 14. The couple were married in 1959 at ST. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Children are Loretta Sovel of Westland, Karen White of Plymouth Township, Mark Sovel of West Hollywood, Calif., and Christine Sovel of Superior Township. They also have two grandchildren.

James retired from the FAA 15 years ago. The couple is active in their Florida community. They also reside in Westland a few months each

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HENNRIETTA (Henny) BADER

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JAMES LAUGHLIN COLLINS

Jim Collins, 44, died unexpectedly and peacefully in his sleep early Sunday, October 25, 2009, at his home in Ann Arbor. He was born June 25, 1965, in Royal Oak, Michigan. He was the youngest son of Edward J. Collins of Leland, and Anne Wemmer Collins of Eureka, CA, who survive. Jim is also survived by his brother Chuck Collins (Patricia Brennan) of Jamaica Plain, MA; sister Roberta Mickelson of Trinidad, CA; stepmother Barbara Collins of Leland; stepbrothers Bruce Justusson (Elaine Matthews) of New Paltz, NY; Scott Justusson of Glenview, Ill; James Justusson of North Richland Hills, TX; and eight nieces and nephews as well as many cousins and good friends. Jim attended Bloomfield Hills public grade schools, Leland Public School, graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy High School, and attended Beloit College where he was named to the President's List while studying ancient Greece and art. He lived for a time in Corfu, Greece, and loved sports, movies, art, travel, and his many deep friendships. Cremation has taken place. Memorials in his name may be directed to the Interlochen Arts Academy's Motion Picture Arts Division, Box 199, Interlochen, MI 49643; the Leelanau



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DR. FREDERICK B. FOUST Nov 1, 2009. Age 86. Long

time resident of Plymouth

and Glen Arbor. Loving husband of 63 years to Joyce. Proud father of Brian (Cathy), Craig (Denise) and Carol (Kelvin) Chen. Beloved grandfather of David, Tiair Champlin, Jennifer (Jason) DeMink, and Kari (Stephen) Foust-Christensen. Dear great grandfather of Rina Champlin, Jace Champlin and Madeline DeMink. Fred was always very active in the community by serving the following organizations: Plymouth Kiwanis Club, Plymouth Historical Museum, First Presbyterian Church-Ordained Elder, Glen Lake Association, Several Antique Car Clubs, Plymouth Community Schools Planning Commission, Plymouth Salvation Army, PTA, Little League, Boy Scouts, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Antique Boat Club, Michigan Dental Assoc., Crystal Downs Country Club, Model Train Club and Traverse City Child and Family Services. Fred enjoyed all sports; he was an avid golfer for 75 years. He proudly served his country for 2 years in the US Navy. The family will gather with friends on Friday 4-7:30 PM until the 7:30 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170 or Glen Lake Association

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ROBERT A. GOSHORN Age 90. October 31, 2009. Former long-time resident

of Farmington. Beloved husband of Nan for 61 years. Loving father of Gregg (Bernadette), Kevin (Andrea), and Tedi Lojewski (Robert). Also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren that he cherished. Robert served dur-ing WW II as a U.S. Army Captain under General MacArthur, earning the Bronze Star. He was also a Boy Scout volunteer and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Memorial Service 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 6th at Fox Run (Performing Arts Center) 41100 Fox Run Road, Novi, MI 48377. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Fox Run Scholarship Fund, Dept. of Philanthropy, 41100 Fox Run Road, Novi, MI 48377

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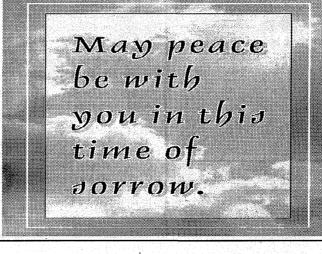
Age 89, of Westland, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, after a lengthy illness. She was born on Nov. 7, 1919, to Joseph and Julianna Page and grew up in Ecorse. She married her sweetheart James Happ on Sept. 13, 1940. She was a loving wife mother and grandmother who enjoyed camping, ice skating, travel and famiget-togethers. She was a member St. Richard's Parish where she helped found the Seniors Club. She also ran the ice cream stand during narish festivals and was a cook at the weekly bingo games. She was wellknown for her homemade pies, fruit cakes and candied apples she gave out to trick-or-treaters on Halloween. She is survived by her children, Robert of Chiniak, Alaska, Elizabeth (Richard) McClure of Milford, Susan (Robert) Mason of Westland, and Timothy (Susan) of Brighton; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Sr. Marie Walter Page, SSJ, and Mary LaCombe. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Happ Sr., son James Happ Jr., grandson Robert Matthew Mason, a brother, Walter Page, and a sister, Josephine Page. Visitation Sunday 3-9:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland (btwn Ford and Cherry Hill). Funeral Mass 9:30am on Monday at St. Richard Catholic Church, Instate at 9:00am. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

MARY HILL

Age 95, November 2. Formerly of Redford and Westland. Beloved wife of the late Axel Hill. Loving mother of Viola (Vern) Raben and Daniel (Wendy) Hill. Dear sister of Ann Norden and grandmother of Joshua Hill. A Memorial Service was held at St. John Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford. Contributions may be made to the church or to Angela Hospice.

VIRGINIA M. KANIA

November 3, 2009, age 82. Loving wife of the late Robert. Devoted mother of Debbe (Ken) Kirk, Bruce (Kathy), Rob, Carol (Mike) Jackman and Theresa (Dale) Upton. Grammy to Megan, Michael, Alex, Ryker, Anna, Michaela. Great Gramma to Kylee. Preceded in death by brother Adam. Virginia will be missed by brothers Don (Debbie) and Dennis (Geri) Protas, sister in law Jeanne Andrzejczak, many nieces and nephews and grammy nannies Cynthia, May and Viola. Visitation was Thursday 4-9 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile (East of I275) Rosary 7 p.m. Funeral Mass was held Friday 9:30 a.m. at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Rd. In state 9 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemtery. Please leave the family a memorial message at: harryjwillfuneralhome.com



In Memory Of **EDDIE LIEBERT**

My best friend who went to be with the Lord on Monday November 2, 2009. I will always miss you until we meet again. - Bernard Miley



Passed away November 6, 2009 at the age of 99. She is the beloved daughter of the late William and Annie Nugent Sister of the late Ethel (late Jerry) Gaudio. The late Nora Nugent. The late William and Virginia Nugent. Devoted mother of Joann (Jan) Wiegle and Philip (Sharlene) undy. Grandmother of Dean Wiegle, Kenneth Wiegle, Philip (Roni) Lundy Jr., and Laura (Michael) Modjeski Great-grandmother of Kathryn Lundy, Griffin and Jordan Modjeski. Also survived by nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews. She was a grad-uate of the first class of Mercy High School (1926) in Chicago. Funeral Services will be held Monday, 11:15am at St. Linus Catholic Church 10300 Lawler, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am. Burial place will be Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, Illinois. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mercy Retirement Fund, 400 W. Sullivan Rd., Aurora, Illinois 60506. To leave a condolence: www.schrader-howell.com

DOROTHEA MARTIN

November 5, 2009, age 83, of Livonia Longtime resident of Livonia for 52 years. Retired from Livonia Public Schools. Preceded in death by her husband Leon of 60 years. Loving mother of Sally Captain and James Martin. Five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and sister of Terry Border Visitation Monday 3-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia and Funeral Service Tuesday 10am at the funeral home. Family requests donations to the American Heart Association.

JOSEPHINE E. RUPERT

Age 91 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Henry. Dear mother of Joanne (Michael) Smith and Mary Rupert. Also survived by 2 granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by seven brothers and sisters. Private cremation services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home. To leave a message of condolence, please visit

vermeulenfuneralhome.com



HARRY R. WILLS, SR.

October 30, 2009. Age 75, of Plymouth. Beloved Dad of Ginny (Gary) Cummins, Diane (Doug) Clinton, Harry R. Jr., (Reyna), Michael (Carolyn) Wills and the late Kathleen. Proud grandfather of 12 and great-grandpa of 5. Dear brother of Leota Mendola, Marianne Lundberg and Gloria (Jim "Pudge") Podzikowski. Interment Friday 1:00 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. The family gathered with friends Saturday 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM for a Memorial Service at Church of Christ 9301 Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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NEIGHBORS

New animal shelter gives room to roam, 'to love'

BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER

The outdoor dog runs are heated.

The cat condos are spacious And the clinic tripled in size. But in addition to cuttingedge improvements at The **Humane Society of Huron** Valley's (HSHV) new stateof-the-art animal shelter, visitors will find plenty of comfy "space to fall in love" with adoptable companions.

"The goal for me was creating a healthy, low-stress environment for the animals and the people," said executive director Tanya Hilgendorf. "The old shelter was for diehards. A lot of people were really repelled by it. It was depressing.

"But you have to fall in love when you walk through that door to choose a family member. You need a warm welcoming facility to do that. I want you to choose to adopt. I don't want you picking an animal for the rest of your life because of pity. "We definitely picked up more space ... it's space to fall in love. We have little rooms you can go in with the animals. We have little walking paths. It's important to get to know the animal. It's also in setting that they'll look



Director Tanya Hilgendorf

good. They're not going to be terrified, barking, sick. They're going to be more appealing.

HSHV, which services Plymouth, Canton and Washtenaw county, opened the new nearly 30,000-squarefoot building a little over a week ago. When it's finished landscaping and parking lot construction are still underway — the project will cost about \$8.6 million. A mix of donations and a county-issued bond fueled the capital campaign started a few years ago.

LONG TIME COMING "There had been discussion of needing a new shelter for 20 years," said Hilgendorf, who has a background in social work. She's led HSHV for 4 1/2 years. When the old facility was constructed in 1951, shelters primarily were used to warehouse strays until they were retrieved by their owners or eventually euthanized. As the animal rescue field evolved, emphasizing adoptions and animal care, the building quickly became outdated.

Deb Kern, marketing director, said there was no indoor space to visit with a potential adoptee. The facility was dark, ventilation, heating and cooling were poor, it was noisy and stressful on animals and humans alike.

"This is so friendly and inviting, you can see it in the steps of the staff," she said, comparing the new and old facilities. "Everyone has a jump in their step.'

She said the volunteers welcomed the change, too. HSHV has more than 300 active volunteers. About 300 animals – more than are in the shelter

"This is a great working environment. It's upbeat," said Deb Salinas of Canton. She is fostering a dog and volunteers as a greeter and customer ser-

- live in foster care.



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Volunteers Mary McIver of Livonia, and Deb Salinas of Canton, talk. They are standing in an entrance area for Dogtown, and in front of a private room where people can spend some time with a dog they might want to adopt.

vice representative on Fridays

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

and Saturdays at the shelter.

She also volunteers from home, getting the word out to Canton-Plymouth area residents that HSHV takes in stays from those communities.

She placed donation canisters for the shelter throughout Canton and picks up food donations weekly from Pet Supplies "Plus" and monthly from Open Door Ministry for the shelter's Bountiful Bowls program that helps economically-stressed families and

individuals feed their pets. "I spend a lot of time right

here in Canton doing face time with vets. I get information to them, get them aware of adoptions in Canton," Salinas said. "I've been talking with trustees, getting them up and running on what our shelter does, that we are more than a shelter that recycles animals."

Salinas looks forward to more learning programs in the shelter's new education room. She'd like to see ongoing training for volunteers and a pet first aid class.

Hilgendorf envisions dog

training, summer day camps, and anti-cruelty programs atrisk high schools.

"What we really want to be is a resource to the community that supports good responsible companion care. We've got some great innovative programs."

HSHV runs a special pitbull adoption program and a behavior hotline. Its "Safe Harbor" program allows owners in a housing crisis - because of eviction, domestic violence or disaster — to

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HSHV AT A GLANCE

Getting there — If you're coming from the Canton-Plymouth area, take Plymouth Road west into Dixboro, turn left at Cherry Hill Road. Look for the shelter on the west side of the road. If you're coming from the Livonia or Farmington areas, take I-275 south to M-14 west to M-23 south. Exit at Plymouth Road and head east into Dixboro. Turn at Cherry Hill Road. The shelter's mailing address is 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Shelter Hours — Adoption hours are noon to 6 p.m. daily, with the last adoption meeting at 5:45 p.m.; clinic hours by appointment only are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday and Saturday by appointment; animal intake is 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., daily.

Contact -(734) 662-5585; www.hshv.

Service area — Plymouth, Canton and Washtenaw county for stray pick-up;



Volunteer Deb Salinas of Canton greets visitors and gives the animals a little TLC.

adoptions and other programs open to the general public.

The new building — At approximately 30,000-square-feet, it's nearly triple the size of the old facility, which will be demolished. Includes:

■ Education room for dog training, day camps and programs that will help prevent animal abuse, homelessness, abandonment and overpopulation.

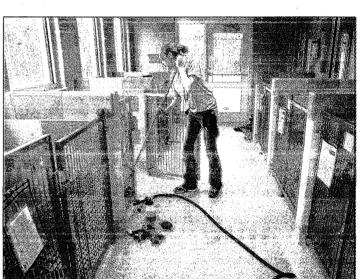
A clinic ■ A store with clothing, gifts and pet

■ Kennel area for dogs with indoor and heated outdoor spaces; visitors can touch the dogs through the cages — no glass

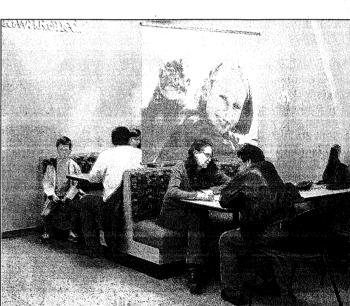
separates them from canines.

■ Cat areas include "condos" for kittens with climbing and hiding spaces; communal living areas for grown cats, as well as spacious cages with perches for individual felines.

Comfy visiting areas for people and " their prospective pets to get to know each other before adopting.



Rachel Sterling works at the shelter, cleaning the puppy cages.



People adopting animals fill out paperwork and meet with adoption counselors in this area.

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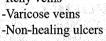
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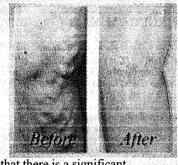
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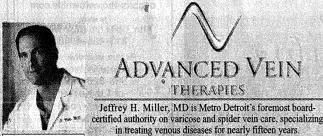
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WHERE TO LOOK

In my previous column I discussed the caution needed in using the Web to obtaining information on arthritis. Several readers responded with the reasonable question: What Web sources are reliable? This column will try to answer that query. The Web sites I recommend include the following:

(Mayo Clinic) (Johns Hopkins University) hopkinsmedicine.org healthfinder.gov (government site) medlineplus.gov (government site) (Arthritis Foundation

Each of the above includes a search field at the top of the home page where you can type in the topic that is of interest to you. The information that follows represents the best available evidence and data on a particular arthritic condition.

My advice is to review one or more of these references before going on to google

a subject. You can look on the information in these sites as the foundation for your understanding of a particular condition or treatment. Do not put much stock in what you see in advertisements. What ads present nes mainly from Madison Avenue, not the National Institute of Health. (The NIH). If after much reading, you are confused, you should know you are not alone. In many instances, reading the medical literature, leads the inquiring doctor into a

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Rescues seek MRI donations, craft show visitors

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Almost Home Animal Rescue League is seeking donations to pay for an MRI for Ava, a Rottweiler -Shepherd female mix, in its

Ava arrived at the group's shelter, Almost Home Animal Haven, as a stray, along with another dog, four months ago. She had been ready for adoption until recently becoming

"It's just an educated guess, but I got the feeling someone dumped them. They were both overweight and the other dog, Sassy, has had many litters. They both got along with all of the other dogs," said Lisa McVeigh of Canton, an Almost Home member.

McVeigh said Ava is approximately 5 years old, with and "awesome temperament and personality."

"Unfortunately Ava has recently become ill. She has had several trips to the vet, had x-rays and is now hospitalized. She is in extreme pain and we have been unable to determine the cause."

The next diagnostic step is an MRI that will show whether Ava has a soft tissue problem, such as a tumor, and then surgery, if needed.

"We'll get done whatever we have to get done," McVeigh said. "We'll take care of her but it will deplete everything we have. We'll need to replen-



Almost Home Animal Haven in Southfield is raising money for Ava's MRI.



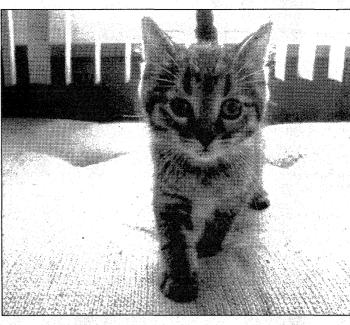
PET PROJECTS

McVeigh estimates the cost of an MRI at \$2,000-\$3,000. Almost Home is asking for donations to help pay for the diagnostic test and follow-up treatment so that Ava can eventually be adopted into a permanent home.

"She is a very sweet and happy-go-lucky girl. She loves to be taken outside and just given one-on-one attention by the volunteers. She is so special and deserving of a better life. If we can get her pain-free and walking again, we'd be looking for someone to foster her, with the hope of someone adopting her."

Mail donations — indicating

on the check that it's for Ava or stop by in person at Almost Home Animal Haven, 25503 Clara Lane, Southfield, MI 48034. It's open from noon to 3 p.m., Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday; 3:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday; and 1:30-5:30 p.m., Saturday. Or use PayPal on the organization's Web site, www.almosthomeanimals.org. (248) 200-2695



The Country Cat and The City Kitty Rescue will hold a craft show Nov. 14 to raise money for felines.

KITTENS AND CRAFTS

The Country Cat and The City Kitty Rescue will present "It's all about Meow, Part Mew(2)!" craft show fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Livonia Elks Lodge.

The rescue organization's founder, Ann Grenier, has been rescuing cats for almost 20 years. She is in the process of gaining 501C status for the rescue and has offered to "shave her head for a single donation of \$5,000 or \$7,500 collectively.'

She says she'll do "anything" to "help the kitties."

Admission to the craft fair is \$1 which will benefit the cats/kittens taken in by the rescue. The Livonia Elks Lodge is located at 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Many vendors. artists and craft exhibits will be on hand and refreshments will be sold. A 50-50 raffle and silent auction will be held to help raise money. Dr. Shera Dickie, from St Julian's Cat Care will be present for "Cat Chat." Visitors also can bring their pets or children to meet Santa Claus. Adoptable cats and kittens also will be on hand.



Volunteer Brent Holding walks Bowser. Landscaping is still under way at the shelter.

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leave their pets at the shelter for up to two weeks. Cats used to living outdoors are targeted for homes with barns, under the Barn Cat program. And feral cats are trapped, neutered or spayed and then returned to the outdoors in the TNR pro-

"I believe companion animals are critical for our lives. Unfortunately they end up in bad situations and become abandoned, homeless and abused ... one minute they are sleeping on someone's couch and the next minute they don't know where they are," Hilgendorf said. They deserve a healthy, comforting place to recover and find a new loving home."

GARDEN CALENDAR



Make a tabletop Christmas tree at English Gardens.

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

At English Gardens

■ Make a table top Christmas tree at 7 p.m., Nov. 12; fee is \$34.99. The store will supply everything needed to decorate a two-foot table top tree. Designs are available in red and silver or red and gold. Participation is limited. Sign up in the store or

online at www.englishgardens.com. Holiday "how to" weekends will be held noon to 4 p.m., Nov. 14-15 and Nov. 21-22. Experts will conduct 15 minute demonstrations on a variety of topics, including: Make a bow, magnificent mantles, holiday lights, holiday wreaths, top 10 tips for lifelike trees, decorating a Christmas tree, holiday light tips and decorating an entrance.

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

Holiday Tables

The Farmington Garden Club presents its ninth annual Holiday Table Exhibition 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located off Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington. Tickets are available for \$5 at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, and the day of the event at the Spicer House. There will be a Complimentary Coffee Shoppe with refreshments, a small gift shop and some hands-on demonstrations.

The Farmington Garden Club is devoted to the development of all phases of gardening, betterment and beautification of the community and the protection and preservation of natural resources. The group studies flower arranging and gardening. Each meeting includes a program on garden, instruction on flower arranging, or environmental subjects. The club meets at noon the first Monday of the month at the Spicer House. Guests are welcome. For more information visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

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Mercy High stages 'I Remember Mama' next weekend

Mercy High School's fall production of I Remember Mama is fast approaching.

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The play is set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and can be bought at the box office the night of the performance. The box office and the doors open a half hour before curtain. For further information, call the Performing Arts Department at (248) 893-3533.

Kathy Sill is Performing Arts Department chair of Mercy High School, and director of I Remember Mama.

I Remember Mama is the classic tale of a Norwegian-American immigrant family in 1910 San Francisco who is guided by a loving and understanding mother. With the help of her husband and Uncle Chris, Mama protects her family from harm, even from the reality that no bank account exists. The story is told through a narrator, the oldest daughter, who, with her two sisters and brother, discovers what family truly means. Three comic aunts lend humor to the show. The play was first produced on Broadway in 1944 by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein and was a popular television series in the 1950s.

"I Remember Mama is a tribute to mothers everywhere. It is a show that makes us all take pause and realize not only what mothers do for a family, but also what is most important in life is family," Sill said. "Mothers truly are the glue that holds the family

The cast includes: junior Jane Huffman (Katrin) of Livonia, junior Emily Shimskey (Mama) of West Bloomfield, junior Caroline Powers (Christine) of Farmington Hills, sophomore Kelly Redmond (Dagmar) of Brighton, Catholic Central senior Adam Arrons (Uncle Chris) of Canton, University of Detroit-Jesuit senior Connor Stec (Papa) of Farmington Hills, and U-D junior JaVon Hansknecht of Southfield. Others in the cast include seniors Maura Donovan and Isabelle Moore, junior Erin Burke, sophomore Shanyn Rapson, and freshman Marisa Jonna, all of Farmington Hills, senior Annie Jacobs of Wyandotte, junior Rachel Anctil of Plymouth, Catholic Central senior Nick Brown of Livonia, junior Anna Seibert, Kayanna Green and sixth-grade Gesu Grade School student Teddy Berg, all of Detroit, junior Jessica Danowski of Brighton, and junior Bridget and freshman Monica Johnson of Commerce Township.



Left to right, Adam Arrons of Canton, Catholic Central, as Uncle Chris, Maura Donovan of Farmington Hills, as Aunt Sigrid, Annie Jacobs of Wyandotte, as Aunt Jenny, and Rachel Anctil of Plymouth, as Aunt Trina.

REUNION CALENDAR

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com. Got a photo of your graduating class? Maybe a prom photo or some other special moment? Send it along, too, as a jpg attachment.

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

50th reunion festivities in September 2010 will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites Fort Shelby in downtown Detroit. For more information call Sherry Forbush (Sharon Bailey) at (248) 994-0664 or Joan Harrington (Mazey) at (734) 595-7508.

Detroit St. B Class of 1959

Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Farmington High School

Planning reunion in 2010. Seeking classmates. Join the group on Facebook by searching Farmington High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

Fordson High School Class of 1984

25-year reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Nov. 28, Burton Manor in Livonia. Cost is \$65 per person and includes dinner, dancing/DJ, and full bar. A photographer will be on-site taking and selling group and individual photos. Invitations will be mailed out in October. E-mail Michele (Tonna) Belczak at michelebel@sbcglobal.net or Melanie (Monaghan) Scharboneau at mscharboneau@yahoo.com to provide current mailing address.

Garden City High School

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

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also cordially invited to attend. For more informa-

tion, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254. Dearborn Heights Haston High

45-year reunion, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. July 24, 2010; Contact Pat Beadle-Kopczyk, 3334 Kneeland Circle, Howell, MI 48843, at (517) 552-1182 or e-mail to her at patkopczyk@aol.com

Ladywood

Class of 1984 25th reunion, Dec. 26; for information e-mail to Sara Czarnecki Levitsky at saralevitsky@

comcast.net Livonia Bentley

Classes of 1968-1970 Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www. bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie

(Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Classes of '78, '79, '80

Combo-Class Reunion Friday, Nov. 27, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 before Nov. 1 and \$60 after. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event includes food, live music and an open bar.

Visit www.bentleyclassof1979.com. Contact bentleyclassof78@yahoo.com or call John at

(734) 358-3272. Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

40th high school reunion, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Nov. 14, at Lyon Oaks Banquet Center, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom. No tickets will be sold at the door. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at Klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1979

30th reunion, 6 p.m., Nov. 28, Station 885,

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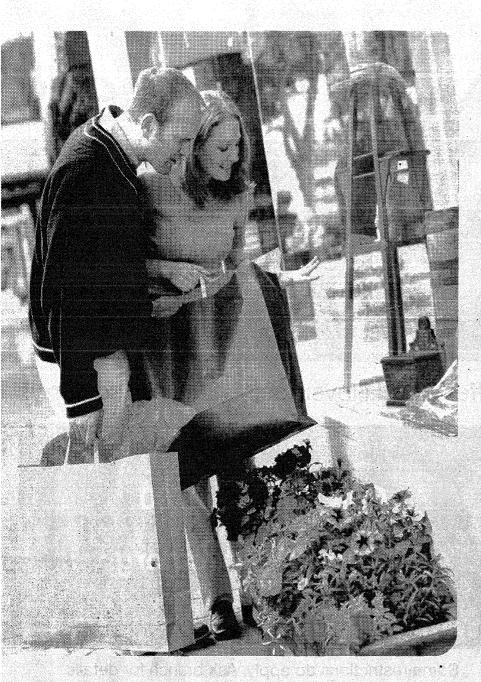
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30th reunion, July 2-4, 2010; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com **Rosary High School of Detroit** Class of 1969

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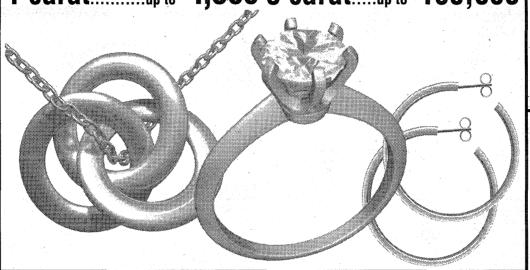
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These new guidelines apply to all UMHS hospitals, health centers and other treatment locations throughout Southeast Michigan and the SJMHS hospitals and health centers including St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor, Livingston, Oakland, Saline, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Chelsea Community Hospital.

Both major health systems ask for the public's help in protecting patients by cooperating with these

■ Individuals who are experiencing flu-like symptoms should not come to any of their facilities for any reason except to seek care. This includes not only patients' loved ones but those with business reasons for visiting these facilities. Flu-like symptoms are a fever over 100 degrees, together with a cough, sore throat, or runny nose. Exceptions will be allowed only with the approval of the patient's care

■ No visitors under the age of 16 will be allowed to visit any hospitalized patient, except in certain circumstances that must be cleared by the patient's care team. Visitors

under the age of 16 are strongly discouraged in outpatient settings as well. This age group is most susceptible to the H1N1 flu virus, and high rates of illness are being seen in children and teens.

■ No patient who has been admitted to any hospital or emergency department belonging to either health system may have more than two visitors to their room at a time. Visitors should be limited to those who are essential to the emotional and physical support of the patient. Exceptions can be made by the patient's care team and should be approved in advance before visitors arrive at the hospital.

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Hospitals across the country are implementing new visitor guidelines to slow the spread of flu, which has become widespread in Michigan. Patients who are hospitalized include many people who are much more likely than the general public to develop severe complications if they

catch the flu.

While we recognize the inconvenience of visitor restrictions, it is very important that we seek to provide a safe and healthy environment for patients, staff and visitors," stated Anthony Denton, senior associate director and chief operating officer of UMHHC. "We look forward to easing visitor restrictions in the future when it appears safe to do so."

More information on the new guidelines, and on other flu-related topics, is available on the Web sites of both health systems: www.med. umich.edu/flu and www.sjmercyhealth.org.

Hospice seeks volunteers to assist with care

In-House Hospice is looking for volunteers willing to donate their time to provide caring and compassionate end-of-life care to patients and their families. In-House Hospice services residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, as well as other areas in Michigan and Ohio. Its tri-county area office is based in Southfield.

The hospice needs volunteers who are available to provide patient companionship, give caregivers much-needed breaks, help with vigil and bereavement support, play music or sing, provide pet companionship, and make homemade comfort items. They also would assist In-House staff with routine tasks as well as special projects, stay with a patient while family members take a needed break or keep an appointment, work on a craft or share a special talent or interest such as scrapbooking, card games, sports and more.

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• Brian Najarian, M.D., an orthopedic specialist, received his degree from Wayne State University and completed his residencies at Wavne State University and Cleveland Clinic Hospital. He also completed a Hand Surgery Fellowship at Tufts University

School of Medicine.

· Christopher Papp, M.D., is an ophthalmologist who received his degree from the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. He completed his residency at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York.

• Bnan Razoky, M.D., specializes in Internal Medicine and received her degree from the University of Mosul Medical School, Mosul, Iraq. She completed residencies at the University Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio, and the Detroit Medical Center.

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile. Visit its Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.





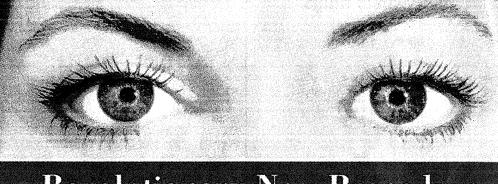
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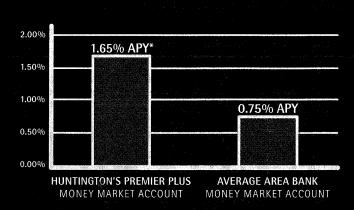
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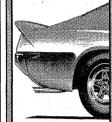
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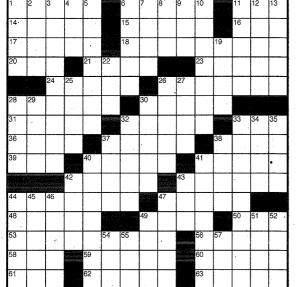
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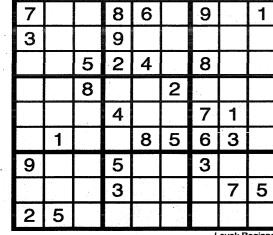
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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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TAKE A CHANCE ON ME SWPF, 48, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, N/S, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink. 2311355

DBF, 47, one older son, would like to meet a SM, 45-55, for friendship and dating that could possibly lead to more. 2322980

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for com-

Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, f friendship, dating, possible LTR. 2295421

SINGLE DAD WELCOME PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. \$\tilde{\pi}\$298002

Attractive SBPF, 35, NS, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBPM, 25-50, to enjoy life together. 27300680

SEEKING A REAL MAN Retired SBF, 48, likes the internet, watching tv, shopping, visiting friends, picnics, taking walks, parks, dining, hanging out with friends. Looking for a SBWM, 29-58. \$\mathbb{T}\$314707

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 36, 5'4", 166lbs, brown/brown, dramafree, disease-free, looking for SW/BM, 35-60, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. \$\alpha\$317137

Sensitive SWF, 41, 5'5", likes Bon Jovi and Van Halen, spaghetti dinners, gardening, hockey and baseball, old movies, arts and crafts, picnics, reading. Looking for a gentleman, 45-57, race open, for friendship

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive SWF, 5'5", 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75.

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DOWN-TO-EARTH Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. \$2279171

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. 2292940

PRETTY EYES SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. \$\pi 298970\$

ing, movies, cooking, quiet nights at home, reading, going out, playing sports. Seeking a family-oriented WM, 38-44, who likes the same things. 2321514

DOWN-TO-EARTH WOMAN I enjoy jazz and cl 65. 2321569

PLUS-SIZED LADY...

34, 200lbs, sexy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! 2217234 **CALLING ALL GOLFERS!**

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE

Hil I'm a widowed, white female, 58 years old, dark blonde hair, blue eyes, I wear glasses. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, and gardening. I have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I am also a very caring and considerate person.

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. ISO honest, compassion Possible LTR. 23963760

AWESOMELY UNIQUE Single morn, 35, seeks honest, kind, caring, compassionate, unique man, 25-50, for friendship first. Want to know more? Call me. \$\pi\$321196

SEARCHING FOR A MAN... 40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 12962317

CURVACEOUS
SWF, 47, 57" 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. 2283605

MUSICAL GIRL Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things.

ARE WE A MATCH?

ing pool, dining. Seeking SBM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc.

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?

friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic SM, 40-65, N/S, who loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth.

Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SB/WM, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. 2300110

SEEKING SEM COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair,
honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I
hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy
things with. Preferably 55-75. Life is too short
have fun with me. 23302311

TAKE A CHANCE TAKE A CHANCE
SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more.

2306228

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN WF, 5'9", blond/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. 27310164

DBF SÉEKS LTR DBF SEEKS LTR
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally
unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must
be ready to start a new found friendship and
see where it goes. Ballroom dancing is a
plus. 2310736

SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SB/HM, 18-27, for possible relationship. \$\oldsymbol{\Omega}\$311174

LOOK NO FURTHER SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown eyes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is eyes, wants to meet that obin, ... tired of playing games. 2311011

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
DBF, 50, 5'3", full-figured, N/S, loving, independent, intelligent, down-to-earth, great sense of humor, enjoys going out and romantic evenings at home. Seeking \$/DBM, 50+, with similar qualities and interests, who ints to enjoy the rest of life with no drama.

SOPHISTICATED LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, laid-back yet serious-minded and responsible, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, responsible, good sense of humor, with good values and morals, for serious relationship. \$\frac{1}{47}\$207254

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. \$\pi\$568059

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. \$\pi\63808\$

SBF, 58, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-60, N/S, intel-ligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 27113198

WANTED: MATURE MAN Semi retired nurse, WF, dark hair, blue eyes, 5', N/S, enjoys travel, history and home life. Looking for an honest, loyal man, 60-70, N/S, for a possible LTR. 27320985

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

A SPECIAL GUY

HARD-WORKER SWM, 45, 5'5", short brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45. 2296097

LET'S HAVE FUN
SM, 5'4", 150lbs, short black hair, has dogs, likes working out, biking, the outdoors and more. Seeking SF, 35-45, who is fun to be with and enjoys life. 27323039

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
DWM, 51, medium build, seeks S/DF, 40-60, for a real relationship. I'm honest, have a good sense of humor and many interests.

IS THAT YOU?

NO GAMES SBM, 31, 6'1", likes bowling, going out, just having fun. Looking for a young lady, 25-50, who knows what she wants, likes having fun, movies, plays, dining out. \$\mathbb{T}\$323787

HARDWORKING

SOMEONE TO TALK TO SBM, 65", 230lbs, NS, ND, athletic build, clean shaven, mustache and goatee, professionally employed homeowner, looking for SF, 30-45. 27323187

EASYGOING EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. 2187614

AHE WE A MATCH?
SM, 49, 6', 185lbs, brown/brown, down-to-earth, easygoing, looking for SF, 30-50, with same qualities. \$\overline{\pi}\$2323835 ARE WE A MATCH?

ONE DAY AT A TIME ONE DAY AT A TIME SBM, 37, 55°, 2201bs, beard and mustache, brown eyes, likes writing poetry, listening to jazz. Looking for a nice lady, 30-42, who knows what she wants out of life, understands herself. \$\tilde{x}\$323746

A WALK AND A TALK A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good
listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee
shops, nature and concerts. I seek a likeminded counterpart for where ever it goes.
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LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE

Call me if you desire a nice shape. SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance \$6573855 mance. 27672855 LET'S SEE WHERE THINGS GO

SBM, 54, smoker, looking for a SW/BF, 35-55, for friendship, possibly more. Call me!

Good-natured, good-looking SWM, 41, energetic, versatile, fun, passionate, into boating, casinos, flea markets. Seeking conversation SWF, for conversation and connection.

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TIRED OF GAMES?
Intelligent, attractive guy, 38, 6', slim, seeks woman, 30-40, slim/average build. I like movies, music, sports, concerts, etc. Open to new things you might like. Look forward to your call! 2229719

FUNNY & ATTRACTIVE SWM, 44, 57", likes outdoor activities, cooking, movies, kids, animals. Seeking SWF, 30-45, to spend time together. \$\mathbb{T}297143

LET'S GET TOGETHER
BM, 6'1", 220lbs, would like to meet a woman,
25-48, who knows what she wants in life, for
fun, dating, companionship and possible
LTR. 12'299087

SEEKING A GIRLFRIEND SBM, 35, 6'3", 186ibs, brown eyes, likes sing-ing, travel, basketball. Seeking similar wom-an, 20-35. 27299411

LET'S TALK SWM, 39, 6'3", NS, dark/blue, enjoys sports, movies, dining. Seeking attractive SB/HF, 18-50, for possible relationship. \$\overline{\pi}299949

NO DRAMA
SBM, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, slim build, medium complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, N/D, spiritual, drama-free, no children, independent, romantic, college-educated, family-oriented, seeks cute, slim, down-to-earth female, 30-49. 27299975

ARE YOU MISS RIGHT? SBM, 42, 510", 225lbs, light-complected, from Detroit East Side, business owner, NS, N/D, N/Drugs, no drama, homeowner, seeks strong woman, 25-35, who is sexy, determined, assertive and together. 27300038

TALL, DARK, HANDSOME SHM, 39, seeks quiet, artistically creative woman, 49-61, with a beautiful mind. I hope you are the right one! \$\overline{125}\$300709

WINTER SPORTS
Single DWM, 42, 61", 218lbs, hardworking, easygoing guy. Likes movies, bowling and winter sports. Looking for SWM, 35-42, for dation \$201662

SBM, 42, looking for positive, intelligent SF, 32-48, with no negativity in her life. Call, let's see if we click! \$\tilde{x}\$301956

OUTDOORSMAN
BM, 5'7", 165lbs, likes boating, swimming, basketball, fishing and enjoying life. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. \$\textit{T302424}\$

THE ONE FOR ME
SBM, 38, 5'8", athletic build, seeks attractive
lady for dining, movies, taking walks, reading
poetry and more. 2302986

SEEKING A FRIEND SBM, 40, 6'3", 240lbs, wants to meet a down-to-earth SBF, 35-42, who is easy to get along with, for friendship, maybe more. 2303036

SWM SEEKS SBF DWM, 37, NS, no kids, looking for SBF, 46+, to get to know. I'm a cool dude who cooks and has a good job. \$\textit{T}\$303043

WANT TO TALK?
Sexy SBM, 35, NS, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SB/WF, 18-24, to chat with I like movies, dining, just chilling out.

NOT A GAME PLAYER SWM, 46, smoker, no children, searching for a special lady, 28-42, who doesn't play games, loves the outdoors, is honest, caring, loving. 2302998

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU WM would like to meet a nice woman, 20-55, to develop a relationship with hopefully. If interested, give me a call. \$\pi 303066\$

THE ONE TO CALL BM, 42, 5'8", 165lbs, enjoys all sports, bowling, walks in the park, quiet nights at home and barbecues. Looking for an attractive, honest lady, 21-49, to go out and have fun with. \$\textit{T303275}\$

SBM, 43, 5'9", 143lbs, grown children, enjoys fishing, boating, outings, working on cars. Seeking SB/WF, 21-45, for friendship first, maybe more. \$\alpha\$303815

LETS GET GOING! SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. 27128302

FEMININE LADY WANTED Attractive SWPM, 48, 5'10", 190lbs, N/S, never married, loves outdoors, going to church, traveling, family time, candle light dinners, movies, long walks, holding hands, good conversation, seeking sweet, feminine ladv. conversation, seeking sweet, fem 30-50, for possible LTR. 2291990

MAXIMUM RETURN ON.. your investment. SBM, 5'8", seeks mature, level-headed, down-to-earth female, 30-45, for fun, dating and possible LTR. \$\textit{TR293155}\$ CALL ME!

SWM, 45, likes sports, working out, cooking, bodybuilding. Looking for a similar lady for LTR. 2319016 SOUTH AMERICAN SF WANTED WM, 6'3", dark hair, blue eyes, good sense of humor, likes concerts, movies, dining out. Seeking South American SHF, 18-52, for LTR.

Will answer all calls. 2320560 BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED SBM, early 40s, seeks attractive, younger lady, 28-45, for romance, companionship, must be independent and shapely. Serious

replies only. 22684501 CALL THIS MAN!

Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **ENJOY THE VIEW**

Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. \$\mathbb{T}\$113835 CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests 1720 0459

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN Attractive SWPM, 41, seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes

proportionate, affect to travel. 2262579 ARE YOU OUTGOING? ARE YOU OUTGOING?
SBM, 38, looking for SBF, 26-38, for long-lasting relationship. N/S, N/D, no drugs. You must be sincere, honest and respectful. I love movies, dining, sports, walks in the park. \$\pi\$310527

NO DRAMA SBM, 42, 5'9", 175ibs, N/S, caramel complexion, enjoys the outdoors, movies, dining. Seeking SBF, 25-45, who is not into drama. \$\pi_309519\$

TAKE A CHANCE WM, 38, likes cars, all kinds of music, having fun, movies and more. Looking for a woman, 30-59, to have fun with. \$\mathbb{T}296181\$

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WM, 6'2", 200lbs, light brown/blue, NS, clean-shaven, down-to-earth, looking for a female, 25-45, HW proportionate, NS, for dating.

LET'S TALK
BM looking for BF, 26-54, with good sense of humor, who loves bowling, long walks and more. 27296604

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship.

WELL-ROUNDED DWM, 59, retired gentleman of independent means, emotionally/financially secure, honest, eclectic, N/S, seeks slender, physically fit

woman who loves the outdoors. 2284895 READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP Male, 60, tall, slim, attractive, brown/brown, no bad habits, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind female, 40-70. 2287161

CALL ME! SBM, 50, 195lbs, 6'1", physically fit, likes working out, plays, movies, concerts, bowl-

ing. Looking for SF, 45-52, for possible relationship. 2289335 TRUE GENTLEMAN WM. 75, would like to meet a female, 65-75,

N/S, for friendship, companionship and more. 22293604 SOMEONE SPECIAL SBM, 61, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, affectionate, getting ready to

retire, homeowner, loves fishing, vegetable and flower gardens, antiques, walks in the park. Seeking SF, 45-63. 22295048 **WANTED: NEW BEST FRIEND** Fun-loving, humorous SWM, 57, 6', seeks attractive, slim, H/W proportionate woman,

35-55, prefer N/S. I love outdoors, fishing, gardening, movies, museums. \$\overline{\pi}\$299425 ARE WE A MATCH? SWM, 61, N/S, looking for a lady, 55-64, who

enjoys life in general taking walks, shopping, movies, the arts, card games. 2301709 CALL ME!

Honest, hard-working SWM, 5'10", in search of honest, sweet, gentle SWF, 28-35. Friendship first, we'll take it from there. I enjoy mountain climbing, travel, life in general. 2309098

LET'S TALK SBM, 52, N/S, looking for a SBF, 45-56, 180-200lbs, to spend some time with and get to know. Friendship possibly leading to more

WORTH YOUR CALL! DM, 58, 5'7", 135lbs, recently retired, hoping to meet a petite WF, late 40s-late 50s, who enjoys classic cars, motorcycles, anim outdoors, quiet times at home. Seeking SF

48-59, for possible relationship. 2312442 LOOKING FOR YOU SWM, 63, 5'10", 195lbs, dark complexion, good-looking, enjoys boating, good conversation. Seeking SW/BF, late 50s, for friend

ship or more. 2315526

SEEKING WELL-GROOMED LADY SWM, 70, looking for a well-groomed lady, 60s-70s, H/W proportionate. Looking for those golden years everyone is talking about. Would you help me find them? I'm an easygoing, laid-back, Democrat handyman. I look good when I clean up. 2315631

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR SWM, WS, easygoing, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining. Seeking attractive female, 18-55, for dating, maybe more. **23**318761 MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/

blue, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF for fun. Age/location open MOVING FORWARD SWM, 39-years-old 5'8, thin and fit, N/S, light-

caring, Interests: film, music, and literature Looking for friendship possibly leading to a more serious relationship. 2304387 SEEKING REAL WOMAN SM, 38, 6'2", brown/brown, likes cooking, dancing, watching sports and more. Looking

blue eyes, brown hair, open-minded and

for an easygoing female who is honest and WM, 6'3", dark/blue, with great sense of hu-

mor, likes sports, movies, concerts, dining out. Would love to meet a Hispanic female, 18-50, for dating, possibly more. 22308881 SO WE MATCH?

SM likes skating, music, horseback riding,

going to bars and spending time at home.

Would like to meet a woman, 39-48, who is nice and likes going out. 27308942 **GENUINE NICE GUY** WM, 45, 6'1", blond/blue, N/S, social drinker, honest, caring, compassionate and a great listener, likes most kinds of movies, quiet times at home, music, travel and watching the Steelers play football. Seeking female

and race unimportant, just be a sincere person with Christian values. 23308313 LET'S GO OUT BM, 5'9", 170lbs, medium build, looking for an intelligent female, 30-45, who likes to go

with similar qualities and values. Age, weight

out and have a lot of fun. 22308637 FULFILL MY LIFE SBM, 42, 6'2", 280lbs, short black/brown, dark complexion, loves Italian food, travel, time at home. Seeking that special, sexy, full-figured woman who is honest, caring, sincere, ro-

mantic, spontaneous, compassionate, and ready for a relationship. 2309096 LET'S MEET SBM, 49, 5'11", works as a DJ, loves movies, basketball, skating. Looking for similar SF,

29-40. 27312103 YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE SBM, 42, 6'1", athletic build, carpenter, enjoys jazz, cooking, music, sports. Looking for SF, 21-45, to share my life with. 2315352

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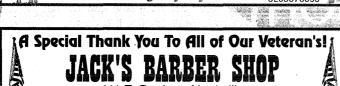
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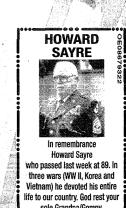


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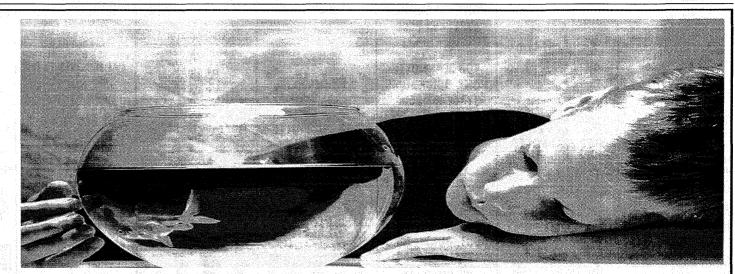
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