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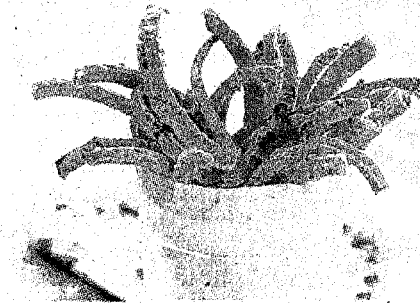
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Top judge

Judge Michael J. Gerou has been appointed Chief Judge of the 35th District Court for a two-year term by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Gerou was elected 35th District Court Judge in November 2002. He earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and



Gerou

his Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Detroit School of Law and has continued his legal education at the National Judicial College.

Gerou is a member of

the Michigan Bar Association, Michigan District Judges Association, Wayne County District Judges Association, Suburban Bar Association, and the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers. He is the judge for the 35th District Court's Sobriety Court program.

Chili check

The Great Lakes Regional Chili, Inc. presented Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County with a check for \$15,000 from the 2009 event held in downtown Plymouth. All net proceeds from the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff are given to charity.

Presenters Annette and Ken Horn, along with Harley Hog members and Christian Motorcycle Association members presented the \$15,000 check to Habitat board president Gil Schuckman and Executive Director Alice Dent.

The 2010 chili cook-off is tentatively set for Sunday, Oct. 3. Check www.greatlakeschili.com for updated information.

Summer camp

The Plymouth Family YMCA received a grant from the Plymouth Community Foundation to enhance its summer day camp.

The grant will allow the YMCA to add some advanced art components to its state-licensed day camp. Officials say funding from grants of this sort "really allow the YMCA to provide campers with more unique experiences throughout the summer."

"We are really excited to expand our arts and humanities component at camp this summer," program director Jenny Paffi said.

The camp is housed at Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Registration begins March 1; the weekly camps will run June 21-Sept. 3. For more information, call (734) 453-2904, visit the YMCA's Web site at www.ymcaindetroit.org, plymouth or email Paffi at jpaffi@ymcaindetroit.org.



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

Haitian heart

Couple heads efforts to help orphans

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

"It's heartbreaking to think of all those chil-

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BENEFIT CONCERT

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

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

Where: lifechurch Canton, 7001 Haggerty (north-east corner of Haggerty and Warren)

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

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

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



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

Worthy appeals new trial ruling in beheading

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As expected, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy filed a brief with the Michigan Court of Appeals, appealing a circuit court decision granting a new trial to Jean Pierre Orlewicz, a 19-year-old former Plymouth Township resident convicted in the November 2007 murder and beheading of a 26-year-old River Rouge man.

The order for a new trial was issued Dec. 22 by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow, after hearings that stretched over months in which Orlewicz appellate attorney Elizabeth Jacobs contended Orlewicz's Sixth Amendment rights to effective counsel when the trial judge, Annette Berry, refused to allow testimony from psychiatrists who would have testified to Orlewicz's mental condition at the time he stabbed and beheaded Daniel Sorensen.

"The Sixth Amendment guarantees to every person the right to counsel," Morrow wrote. "The order issued by the court ... denying the testimony of Drs. Billings, Speck and Shiener, denied defendant Orlewicz of the effective assistance of counsel. This denial deprived defendant Orlewicz of his right for a fair trial."

"Therefore, this Court will grant defendant's motion for a new trial," Morrow wrote.

Maria Miller, the communications director for Worthy, said Wednesday that Worthy wouldn't comment on the appeal, citing department policy not to comment on open filings. But at the time of Morrow's decision, Worthy said she was "baffled" by Morrow's decision.

"We ... believe it is based upon a profound misunderstanding of the Sixth Amendment, the rules of evidence, and the rules of criminal procedure," Worthy said in a statement. "We are confident that the Court of Appeals will reverse the decision in relatively short order."

Jacobs, who expected Worthy to appeal, understands any new trial is still a long way away. If and when it comes, Jacobs contends the result will be different.

"I believe (Morrow) came to the correct decision," Jacobs said. "We believe, given the opportunity to present the case completely, a jury will return a verdict more compatible with the evidence."

The parents of the victim are disappointed the process is continuing.

"I'm not happy, because (Morrow) is wrong," Jim Sorensen said in December. "This isn't any more than I expected he would do. He's basically allowed the defense to do an end-around around the original trial and present a second defense, and I'm not happy with that. I'm comfortable the appellate court will evaluate everything and reverse Judge Morrow's decision."

"The thing that's hard is it means it drags on a little bit more," Sorensen added. "By no means do I think there will be a second trial."



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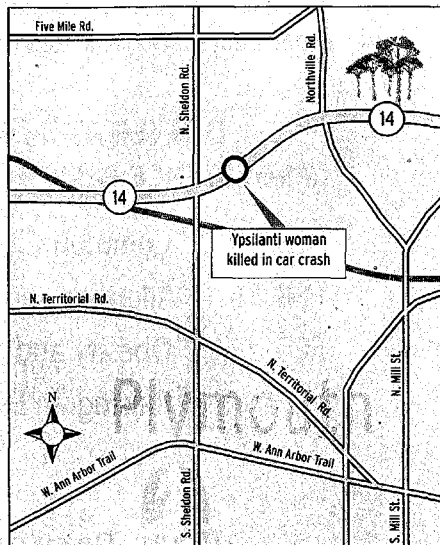
Freeway crash claims Ypsilanti teen

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 19-year-old Ypsilanti woman was killed in Plymouth Township on Tuesday afternoon when she was struck by a semi truck after being ejected from the car she was driving.

Elizabeth Wolf was pronounced dead at the scene, said troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Taylor. The accident occurred at about 2:30 p.m. on eastbound M-14 west of Sheldon Road.

Wolf lost control of the 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier she was driving, police said, and the car struck a guardrail on the right side of the freeway. Wolf, who was apparently not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the car and struck



by an eastbound semi traveling in the middle lane, police said.

The semi driver had tried to avoid a collision, police said.

A passenger in the Cavalier, a 24-year-old Ypsilanti man, was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti with minor injuries, police said.

Snowy, slippery road conditions appear to have played a role in the crash, which remains under investigation, police said.

The crash investigation closed the eastbound lanes of M-14 for several hours; traffic was routed off the

expressway.

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Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning Feb. 8.

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet for eight consecutive Monday nights from 7-8:45 p.m. at Ward Church, located on 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115 or visit New Hope's Web site www.newhopecenter.net.

CFCU scholars

Community Financial, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, will be awarding 11 scholarships in April, valued at \$1,000 apiece.

Applications can only be made on-line by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Read the guidelines for our "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships."

Students who qualify need only complete just one application; they will be considered for both scholarships.

Deadline to submit four copies of the application is March 5.

Headquartered in Plymouth, membership in Community Financial is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in the Michigan cities, townships or counties of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.

For more information, visit the credit union Web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Preschool open house

PCN co-op preschool hosts an open house 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

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For more information call (734) 455-6250 or check the Web at www.plymouthnursery.org.

Resource fair

The P-CCS Special Education Parent Advisory Committee hosts a Parent Resource Fair 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, in Canton.

A variety of vendors will be hosting tables with information relating to families of special needs children. A quiet room will be available for children.

The fair is designed to be a great resource for parents,

families and educators of children with special needs.

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St. Valentine's dinner

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours celebrates St. Valentine's Day with a specially prepared, four-course food and wine dinner 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at E.G.Nick's, 500 Forest Ave., in Plymouth.

Tickets are \$75 per person and all proceeds from the dinner will go to benefit needy families throughout our community.

For more information, contact Blanche Greene at (734) 451-9651 or blanche.greene@gmail.com

Bucks for Bach

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

The event - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 - will feature musicians from the orchestra including Symphony Conductor Nan Washburn, Flutist Dennis Carter, Cellist Amy Kuras and Pianist Patrick Johnson. The music

of Bach will be performed throughout the evening along with wine and Hors D'oeuvres.

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

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

Wrestling fund-raiser

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

in order for the club to receive a percentage of the proceeds from that day.

February classics

The Thursday Classics film series at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth continues in February with "Spencer Tracy Month."

The schedule includes "Without Love," Feb. 4; "Father of the Bride," Feb. 11; "Mannequin," Feb. 18; and "Woman of the Year," Feb. 25.

Box office opens at 6:30, with the movies starting at 7 p.m. All seats are \$3.

The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. For more information visit www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

CORRECTION



A caption for this photo that ran in Sunday's Observer should have identified the car as a Ford Fiesta.

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

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

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

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

The doctors would travel the country, setting up chairs wherever they could find space. Finding patients was no problem; according to Beth, long lines would form wherever the pair went. While they provided the medical support, Beth stayed back at the orphanage and became attached both to Don and Doris Peavey and, more importantly, to their young charges.

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

The couple was last in Haiti in November, bearing some 200 pounds of



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

provisions that included children's medicine, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other necessities.

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

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

The Cooleys agreed they'd already be back in Haiti but for initial warnings that it was mostly medical personnel needed. They do plan on going back this fall, and

they also hope, through their church (life-church in Canton), to provide more relief for the orphanage.

The church will host a benefit concert Feb. 12 to raise enough money not only to buy food, but to pay for the shipping (according to Beth Cooley, the Haitian government recently decided to charge tax on goods shipped into the country).

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

Clerk is township's 2010 census liaison

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Joe Bridgman is Plymouth Township's official liaison for this year's U.S. Census.

Bridgman, the township clerk, is tasked with processing correspondence from the Census Bureau, answering questions from the public, and getting the word out on how easy the bureau's new questionnaire is — and how important it is that everyone in the township be counted.

"I just want to make sure that we all stand up and get counted," said Bridgman on Tuesday.

Census numbers play a big role in how federal monies are doled out and how legislative districts, both at the state and federal levels, are divided. Michigan is expected to lose a Congressional seat under redistricting after census numbers are in late this year.

Bridgman said the Census Bureau's new 10-question form, which is sent to all



Bridgman

households on record, should make the enumeration process easier.

"It's going to be very cut and dried," Bridgman said.

"It's very simple compared to what it's been in the past."

Bridgman pointed out that some of the accolades Plymouth Township has recently received are linked to the census. The township ranked among the top communities by CNN Money in both 2008 and 2009, and some of the statistics cited in the announcements came from the last census, he said.

The 2000 census put the township's population at 27,798.

For residents with questions about the census, Bridgman's office can be reached at (734) 354-3224.

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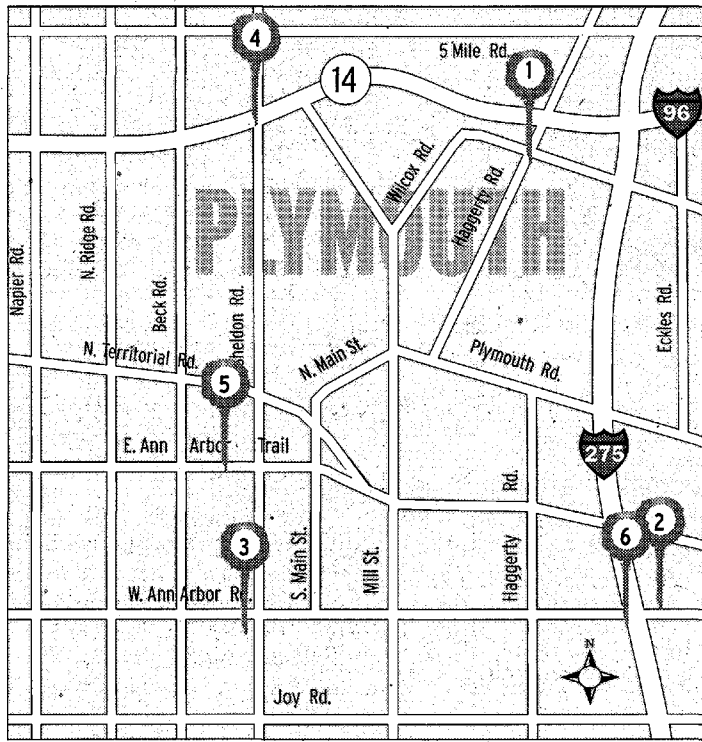
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CRIME WATCH



Teen surrenders pot after traffic stop

A traffic stop turned into a drug arrest early Sunday when a 17-year-old Plymouth Township woman handed police a plastic bag of suspected marijuana.

The woman had been stopped, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report, because a headlight was out on the Pontiac Grand Am she was driving. The incident occurred about 12:30 a.m. in the area of Schoolcraft and Haggerty roads, police said.

The officer smelled the odor of burned marijuana upon speaking to the woman, the report said, and asked if she had any marijuana in the car. She replied no, and said some friends had been smoking in her car, the report said.

But police brought in a drug-sniffing dog, Radar, to search the Grand Am. Upon being told the dog might try to scratch or bite if he sniffed marijuana on her person, the police report said, the woman handed over the suspected marijuana.

With Radar's help, police also found a pipe, smelling of marijuana, in the car's glove compartment.

The woman was arrested on charges of drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession. The substance she had given to police later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Minor in possession

Police arrested an obviously drunken woman from Newport, Mich., early Saturday after an officer saw her stumbling around in the Dunkin Donuts shop on Ann Arbor Road east of I-275.

An officer at the shop

just before 1 a.m. Saturday approached the woman and asked her age, a police report said. The woman replied that she was 19 years old and had had a few shots at work, police said. She said she was visiting someone at a nearby motel, police said.

She was arrested on a charge of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Shoplifting thwarted

A woman trying to take a shopping cart of groceries from the Kroger on Ann Arbor Road near Sheldon Road fled empty-handed after the store manager and an employee confronted her Friday afternoon, police said.

The employee said the woman tried to back into him as she drove out of the parking lot, a police report said. He was not hurt.

Both the manager and the employee told police they had seen the woman walking

through the store and putting groceries in the shopping cart she was pushing. The manager said she recognized the woman as having previously tried to shoplift there.

The woman pushed the cart of groceries past the cash registers and outside, where the manager and the employee confronted her, the police report said. She said she had forgotten to pay and abandoned the cart, resisting the employee's attempt to stop her, the report said.

She was last seen driving east on Ann Arbor Road in a red Pontiac Sunfire.

—By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan. 27-Feb. 2:

4 Tuesday, Feb. 2 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon, at Ann Arbor

Road and Beck, at Beck and Powell (with wash-down), at Ann Arbor Road and Hillcrest and at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha; rescue run on Amhurst; residential rescue runs on Sheridan and on Haggerty.

• Monday, Feb. 1 - Rescue run on Five Mile; residential rescue runs on Burning Tree Lane, on Newport, on Haggerty and on Wendover; commercial rescue runs on Lilley and on Forest.

• Sunday, Jan. 31 - Residential rescue runs on Postiff and on Newport; rescue runs on Sheridan and on Lorenz Way.

5 Saturday, Jan. 30 - Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Mayflower, on Tyler, on Provincetown, on Haggerty and on Mill; carbon monoxide detector run on Provincetown; vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Lorenz Way and on eastbound I-96 east of I-275, with extrication.

6 Friday, Jan. 29 - Dumpster fire on Jib; residential rescue runs on Shadywood, on Newport and on Sheldon; special run on Normandy Court; commercial rescue run on S. Main; vehicle accident (with wash-down) at Ann Arbor Road and I-275; rescue run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road.

• Thursday, Jan. 28 - Carbon monoxide detector run on Evergreen; residential rescue runs on Southworth and on Mill; smoke investigation on westbound M-14 and Northville Road.

• Wednesday, Jan. 27 - Residential rescue run on Northville Road and on Jackson; commercial rescue runs on Main and on Lilley; industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks; rescue run on Woodgate.

Not-guilty plea for museum director in assault case

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A not-guilty plea to a misdemeanor assault and battery charge was entered in 35th District Court Monday for the director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens stood mute to the charge during a brief appearance before Judge Mike Gerou, and the judge entered the plea for her. Gerou also scheduled a motion hearing in the case for Monday, April 12.

Kerstens is accused of pushing a former museum worker, Anna Lopez, out of her office on Aug. 17, 2009, following a dispute about Lopez's job status. Lopez was not hurt.

Lopez is the museum's former education coordinator. The dispute began, according to Lopez, when Kerstens informed her on Aug. 14 that she had to become a museum employee instead of a contract worker. Lopez said she wanted

to remain a contract worker; she also objected to other changes in employee policies.

Lopez said she left the Aug. 14 meeting with the understanding that she would become a volunteer, not a paid employee. When she next spoke with Kerstens on the following Monday, she said, an argument ensued and she was pushed.

Lopez did not file a complaint with police until October, saying she had hoped the Plymouth Historical Society board would take action. Board president Bee Friedlander said the board did take action, but would not disclose it, citing the confidentiality of personnel matters.

Kerstens' attorney, Rob Mullen, promised a vigorous defense. Mullen would not say Monday what motions he might file at the April 12 hearing. Kerstens is free without bond.

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Canton man charged in accident

A Canton man has been charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a Friday evening accident that left one woman hospitalized.

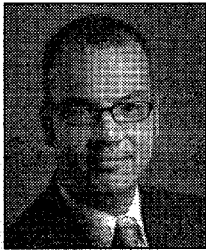
Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged Jason N. Choos, 45, of Canton, after the accident, which took place at Ann Arbor Road and I-275 in Plymouth Township. Choos was arraigned Sunday in 34th District Court, charged with operating under the influence causing serious injury, first-degree OUIL (a 93-day

misdemeanor), carrying a concealed weapon (four years) and a felony firearm charge (two-year mandatory sentence) and possession of marijuana (a one-year misdemeanor).

Magistrate Jeffrey Fanton set a \$250,000/10-percent bond, and Choos may not operate a motor vehicle, has to use an alcohol tether and submit to a daily blood test.

He's scheduled for a preliminary exam Friday, Feb. 12, in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

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Planner's priority: Providing dream weddings

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

Moment in Time: Our business is events, our specialty is weddings. We plan, coordinate and organize events, parties and weddings. In addition, we also provide custom floral design to our clients that has been featured in various publications such as the Knot Michigan and Brides Magazine Michigan. We have been voted the number one wedding planning company by WDIV voters (2008 and 2009) and Brides Choice Award 2009. Our biggest priority is to provide attentive, personal service that surpasses all the rest and give you the event you've always dreamed of. We tailor event planning packages that fit everyone's budget.

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

Moment in Time: My friends and family actually really encouraged me to start my business. My husband actually felt I had all the makings of a great event planner and suggested that I explore it further. So I did! I created my own website, got certified as a Bridal Consultant and started my business with \$200 in the bank! The rest, as they say, is history.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Moment in Time: I fell in love with Plymouth about 10



Wedding planner Jen House's top priority: "Giving you the event you've always dreamed of."

years ago and always pictured myself living in Plymouth or working in Plymouth. It's so beautiful, friendly and convenient. Also, because I serve all of Southeast Michigan, it's a fairly centrally located city, so it was perfect in terms of location and convenience for my clients and myself. I feel at home in Plymouth, even though I don't

live there...yet!

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Moment in Time: We are budget friendly, and one of the only planning companies around that also offers floral design. We also want our clients to enjoy the planning process and try eliminate the stress by finding ways to make the process enjoyable and

A MOMENT IN TIME

- **Business name:** A Moment In Time Wedding & Event Production
- **Business address, including city:** 1176 S. Main Street, Plymouth
- **Your name and title:** Jen House, Owner, Professional Bridal Consultant
- **Your hometown:** Ann Arbor
- **Business opened when?** 2005
- **Number of employees:** 4
- **Your business specialty:** Wedding and Event Planning, Custom Floral Design
- **Hours of operation:** By appointment only
- **Business phone and/or Web site:** (734) 649-5143 Web: www.momentsintime.biz E-mail: jen-house_Amitweddings@hotmail.com

Observer: Do you have a funny story or tidbit that you would like to share with our readers?

Moment in Time: I think being a wedding planner/small business owner has tons of comical and exciting moments. It's one of the toughest jobs in the wedding business, but it's also incredibly rewarding and engaging. Every week is a new adventure, ever changing and always comes with it's fair share of drama and intensity. I could tell stories for hours and go on and on forever! Just ask my friends.

Summer Concerts

The DDA is soliciting bids for concert promotion services for the Friday night Music in the Air concerts in Kellogg Park this spring and summer. The bid information and packet is on the City of Plymouth Web site: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. The bid deadline is Feb. 1 at 2 p.m., at which time the bids will be opened at City Hall.

Brownfield services

The City of Goshen, Ind., recently selected Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., of Plymouth, to provide brownfield consulting services related to the management of a \$200,000 U.S. EPA Hazardous Substances Cleanup Grant for environmental cleanup of the Street Department/Former Rieth-Riley Construction Company property.

The 6.7 acre site is adjacent to the Goshen Mill Race Canal and is part of an old industrial corridor in Goshen that is being redeveloped into a mixed-use development known as the River Race project.

SME will conduct additional contaminant delineation assessments; provide technical assistance and support for managing the grant, designing and overseeing cleanup activities, and reporting; perform remediation verification testing; and provide geotechnical engineering services to assist in evaluating constructability issues at the site.

SME is responsible for preparing a Community Involvement Plan, conducting a geotechnical evaluation, developing a Remediation Work Plan and project specifications, assisting the City of Goshen with bidding and remediation contractor selection, providing on-site monitoring during remediation and structure demolition activities, preparing a Remediation Completion Report, and assisting the City with financial oversight and cost tracking for remediation activities.

Travel Extravaganza

Find travel values, exclusive offers, rock-bottom pricing and travel experts to meet and talk with at the Travel Extravaganza 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia. Enter to win a three- or four-day cruise aboard Royal Caribbean International. Some of the participating vendors will be Royal Caribbean International, Apple Vacations, Carnival Cruise Lines, Delta Vacations, Universal Orlando, Cayman Islands Department of Tourism and much more. For more information, contact Brookside Travel at (248) 344-4747.

New Business

Coming soon: Informational meeting dates concerning the upcoming Streetscape Project in the DDA district are being finalized; but will most likely be held in early March at the Plymouth Cultural Center with engineers to present the paving and upgrading plan and answer all your questions. We will have at least one morning and one evening meeting to facilitate your schedules. Look for upcoming Weekly Updates and e-mails for times and dates. There will be construction downtown for nearly 8 weeks, starting sometime in March with the bulk of the work in April and May.

CHAMBER CHAT

Chamber coffee

On Thursday, Feb. 11, from 8-9 a.m., you can enjoy a delicious cup of coffee and breakfast treats while having the opportunity to make new connections with other chamber members. Panera Bread at 400 S. Main (corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail) is hosting the event with a special section of the restaurant designated for the Chamber Coffee. This will be a great way to start your business day.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no fee to attend this event.

After hours

Plymouth Rocks on Wednesday, February 24 as The Rock Bar & Grill will host an After Hours to give everyone a chance to enjoy Plymouth's newest hot spot. The event will run 5-7:30 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Members will have a great opportunity to network with each other in a casual and fun atmosphere. There will also be door prize drawings and members can join us any time throughout the evening.

To RSVP, please contact the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540. There is no charge to attend this business mixer. The Rock Bar & Grill is located at 844 Penniman,



Wes Graff

just east of the post office in downtown Plymouth. **Twitter marketing** Following the successful Facebook seminar last week, the Chamber will be holding a seminar about how to market through Twitter. You hear about the micro-blogging site Twitter in the media, but may not understand how it can actually help you to market your business. This seminar will take the mystery out of Twitter to help you add another powerful free marketing tool.

The seminar will be presented by Urvi Mehta of PR Easy who is an expert in using social media sites like Twitter to help businesses market themselves. The seminar will be held at the Chamber office (850 West Ann Arbor Trail) on Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and seating is limited to 35 people. To RSVP email teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Big Game event

If you sign up for a new membership at the Canton Sam's Club between Feb. 3-7, you will receive a \$10 gift card. This offer is valid for Advantage, Business and fully paid Add-On. The Canton Sam's Club is located at 39800 Ford Road in Canton.

Saturdays at the Penn

On February 6 the Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a Family concert at the Penn Theatre in Downtown Plymouth. Nan Washburn, Conductor of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras, members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra, actors from PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players and special guest performer elmoThumm will perform. The Box Office opens at 11:05 a.m. for the 11:30 a.m. performance. Admission is \$4. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

February exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is exhibiting the work of local artist Denise Lowe Cassidy. The Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth and they are open from Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

3-Day fund-raiser

On Feb. 11, Team Happy Feet is hosting a fund-raiser at 336 Main for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day walk. Starting at 7 p.m., the group will be guest bartenders for the evening. There will also be drink specials, a 50/50 raffle and gift raffles. 336 Main is located at 336 Main St. across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Visit their Web site at www.teamhappyfeetonline.com

Wes Graff is executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached via e-mail at wes@plymouthmich.org or by calling (734) 453-1540.



Grand opening

On Jan. 25, Midwest Tae Kwon Do held a grand opening for their new location at 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The building is just east of Kellogg Park. They offer traditional Tae Kwon Do and Olympic Sport Tae Kwon Do for both children and adults. Pictured is Tanya Panizzo along with students and their families and the school's staff. To learn more about Midwest Tae Kwon Do go to the school's Web site at www.midwesttaekwondo.com or call them at (734) 459-4183.

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OUR VIEWS

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For decades now (in some cases, more than a century), the *Plymouth Observer* has been proud and honored to develop a relationship with the community we serve. We are the hometown newspaper of record for your successes, your good news and bad.

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If you doubt we're your hometown newspaper, look around and count the other media bringing your good news to the community. Sure, other outlets show up for the Plymouth Ice Festival or when a major crime is committed or the president visits.

But the *Observer* is at school board meetings, and church group gatherings. We publish births, engagements, weddings and anniversaries. Yes, we cover the ups and downs of our local towns. Many of us live in our communities, and are right there with you through it all.

We're at football games on Fridays in the fall, baseball games in the spring. We're at band concerts and school plays, spelling bees and festivals. We provide the stories and photographs that end up on refrigerators, hung there with a magnet for all to see. Our stories and photos end up in scrapbooks, preserved for posterity.

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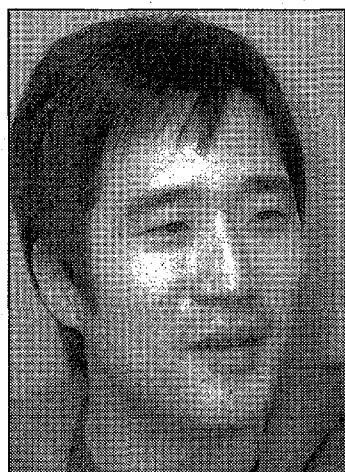
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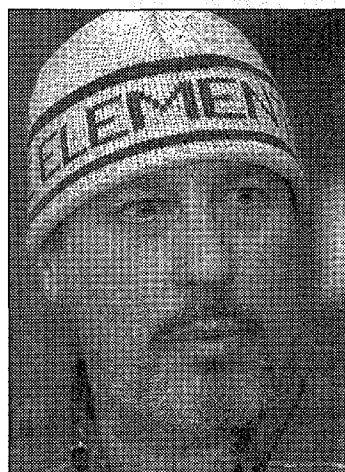
How do you think President Barack Obama is doing now that he's had a year in office?

We asked this question at the Plymouth Coffee Bean on Penniman.



"He's done all right. I'd like to see him focus more on the economy ... I'd like to see him focus on the economy, employment and mass transit, rather than health care."

Derek Swancutt
Northville



"Not good. I just think he's run up against too much of what he called Washington politics, business as usual. ... He inherited a lot of garbage."

Dennis Spencer
Brighton



"The first year is the toughest because you're still in that major learning curve. It's real hard to even judge. ... But I'm satisfied, and I voted for him."

Kat Owsley
Plymouth



"I think he's doing great. He was buried head-deep in a pile of s---t and he's been digging his way and our country out the best he can."

Jeffree St. John
Canton Township

LETTERS

What a disappointment

One of the great highlights of living in Plymouth has been to go to the Ice Festival events each January.

How disappointing it was this year to view such small carvings in Kellogg Park. In years past we used to marvel at the intricate carvings that these great professionals would carve as we watched them. This year it was an embarrassment to hear visitors' comments, who had come from neighboring cities to view these small carvings.

We are thankful for all the many past years that we were able to enjoy such a fabulous ice show in our town.

Jackie Norris
Plymouth

Lame ice show

I would like to say Ms. Christine Lalinsky was right on the spot with her letter.

The Plymouth ice show this year was the lamest one ever. Even if the weather would have been good, it was still very

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Todd Vernard
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Layoffs myopic

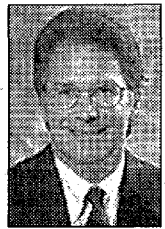
Laying off three Plymouth firefighters is equivalent to cancelling your homeowner's insurance. I've never used it in X-number of years, why should I keep paying for it? When you have a heart attack, or a serious car accident, you will applaud the efforts of your fire department.

The myopic thinking of the township board of trustees is short-sighted. If they want to consolidate services, why not consolidate Northville, Westland, etc., police departments, too? While we're at it, why not consolidate all city services and combine the township board of trustees, the DPW, the finance department, etc.?

Tom Kelly
Plymouth

Local coffee shops become 21st century unemployment offices

National chains and local coffee shops have become the Michigan (doesn't) work gathering places for the new and long-term unemployed. Take a look around the local Starbucks, Tuscan Cafe, Panera Bread, Biggby, Tim Horton's, McDonald's and Caribou Coffee and you will see the faces of Michigan's unemployment statistics.



Tom Watkins

The numbers are measured by real people, fathers, mothers, grandmothers and grandfathers out of work. Affluent suburb or inner city coffee shop — they have become the 21st century watering hole for the unemployed and underemployed.

With the nation's highest unemployment rate officially at near 15 percent (but much higher if you include the long-term unemployed and those who have fallen off the stats government keeps on the pain and misery), these watering holes are attracting many of the historically unemployed. Yet, also warning their hands with a cup of black coffee, like the vision of the down and out of the Great Depression around an oil barrel fire, are the new statistics that this decade's

long economic decline have snagged — the college-educated 40-50-year-old, recent college grads and those who never stood in an unemployment line.

No, they are not soot covered, disheveled or unshaven. Most are in professional attire, be it white or blue collar. Their tools are laptops and notebooks tapping into the free Wifi seeking new job leads, sending out resumes and typing out thank you letters after receiving a job rejection.

'RETREAT TO ESCAPE'

"Coffee houses are the retreat to escape the isolation of sitting at home when the unemployment and sub-paychecks stop coming and the family and friend networking make you feel as welcome as a Jehovah's Witnesses making a third stop at your house in one evening," explained Fred at a Plymouth Caribou Coffee.

"Look around," he continued, "it is the middle of the day and this place is packed with 50-year-old men and twentysomethings busy tapping on their computer keys desperately seeking work."

Fred motions for Susan to join us and she sheepishly, with a matter of fact tone, explains she lost her high paying logistics job with an auto supplier two years ago and has yet to find meaningful work.

"Sure, I have worked at temporary, low-paying jobs without benefits to try to survive, but I am college-educated, I have skills," she continued, her voice falling off. "I am losing my savings along with hope."

Since my encounter with Fred and Susan I have made it a point to pay attention to people in coffee shops as I travel the state. No, these unemployed are not as visible as the person at the freeway entrance and exit ramps with signs reading, "Will work for food," or the day laborers congregating in city centers. But many are becoming desperate and are hurting just the same.

I suspect it was the same type of people who vented their anger and frustration in electing the first Republican to the U.S. Senate in the bluest of blue Democratic states, Massachusetts.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

People with needs are all around us. No, Michigan is not Haiti, where the pain and need is great, where roughly half of the country's 10 million citizens live on the edge, without work, perched precariously on hillsides. Yet, Michigan and its 10 million citizens, where nearly a quarter million people lost jobs last year and close to a million over the last decade, are perched precariously, yet, less visibly along economic fault lines as well.

While there has been some

economic good news of late, University of Michigan economists predict continued job losses in 2010. Michigan loses jobs and employers in roaring tsunamis and replaces them in teardrops.

It can be argued that much of Michigan's economic troubles have their origins at the international and national level or failed state policies over which a few have control.

Here are a few things that could be done to help:

- The state should post job information from Michigan Works and the Talent Bank at all coffee shops across the state including education and training programs through the "No Worker Left Behind" program.

- In collaboration with the private-coffee shops, install computer terminals/kiosks linked to job and training opportunities to be available to those without computer access.

- If you are an employer, stop by any coffee shop and post or announce your employment opportunities. People like Fred and Susan would be most appreciative.

- If you are a politician seeking votes, stop by any local coffee shop, there are many voters there that will give you an earful.

Tom Watkins is the former state superintendent of schools (2001-05) and state mental health director (1986-90). He is currently a business consultant.

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Investors need a level head, emotions in check

January started on a good note and then fizzled.

Many investors are asking what caused the market to take a U-turn. It is very difficult to really know what moves the market over short periods of time. Many people think that when the market goes down there must be a specific reason.



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

That is not necessarily the case. Markets and stocks move based upon many factors and some of them make no sense. Over the last couple of weeks there have been a number of factors cited for the market downturn including the booming federal deficit, the problems with debt held by governments throughout the world and a variety of other geopolitical factors. The bottom line, it's hard to say what has caused the recent downturn. However, the issue for investors is how they should react.

There is a general belief in the investment world that as goes January, so goes the rest of the year. If January is down the whole year will be down. Although, you can look through history and find that's generally true, that doesn't mean history

will repeat. In fact, last year at this time many investors decided they had enough of the market and decided to bail out. We all know what happened. By the year's end all three of the markets had double digit increases and 2009 was one of the best years for the stock market.

When it comes to the market, I warn investors not to make generalizations. This is a new economy and one thing is for sure — things change at a very rapid pace.

Think about how fast things change in our world. A year ago, President Barack Obama had over 60 percent approval ratings. Today, he's below 50 percent. Two weeks ago the Democrats had a filibuster-proof Senate and now, because of the election in Massachusetts, that has changed.

Investors must accept that

change is a constant and be cautious not to let these changes affect investment strategies.

Fear and greed are the two emotions that plague investors and lead to bad decisions. In times of rapid change, emotions are on a roller coaster ride. A perfect example is what happened last month. In the beginning of January, after the market came off a very good 2009, many investors were feeling good and decided to jump back in the market. Then, mid-January comes and the market begins to sell off. Investors are now questioning whether they made the right decision.

In a short two-week period we've seen emotions go from confidence in the market to fear. If investors changed their portfolio every time their emotions change, ultimately they will find they are buying high and selling low.

It is best to keep emotions in check and guard against making irrational decisions when it comes to investments. One way of is to not look at the market on a day-to-day basis. After all, the market is irrational over the short run but is much more certain over the long run.

As we go through some gyrations in the market, investors must be cautious not to let fear dictate investment decision.

No one said being an investor is easy. However, you can make it easier on yourself by making sure when it comes to managing money your emotions stay on the sideline.

Good luck!

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Biggy Coffee CEO Robert Fish, co-founder of a business with more than 150 franchises in six states in the Midwest and the South, will be the next speaker as Canton continues its Strategies of Success series of workshops intended to inspire local companies amid a tough economy.

Fish, representing a growing company that started in East Lansing, will offer tips on how marketing and social networking have helped Biggy Coffee and how local companies can benefit from similar measures.

Fish will speak during a workshop, "Marketing in Today's Economy," scheduled for 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Canton's Summit on the Park banquet center, 46000 Summit Parkway. It's the second in a Strategies of Success series, sponsored by the township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, that continues through June.

"It's important to help our businesses stay successful," said Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton's economic development manager. "Our intent is to provide connections to resources and education for businesses in the community so they can stay successful."

The talk by Fish, who chairs the Michigan Restaurant Association board of directors, is free to Canton businesses and Canton chamber members. Others, including companies outside the township, may attend for \$10 per person.

Organizers say space is limited, and they are asking those planning to attend to register by Feb. 9 by calling the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has called the workshop series an effort to retain local businesses, because "we want them to stay in Canton and thrive."

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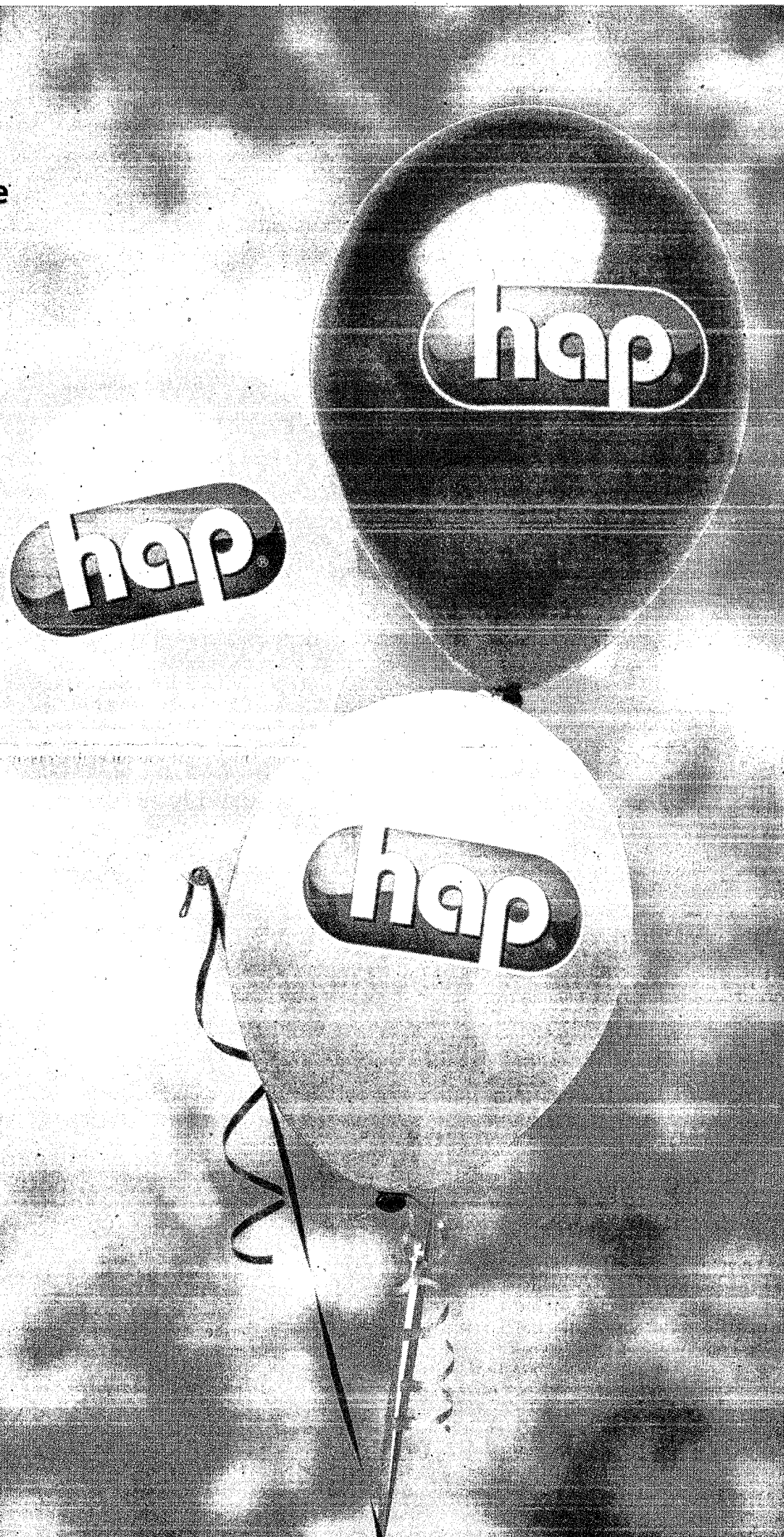
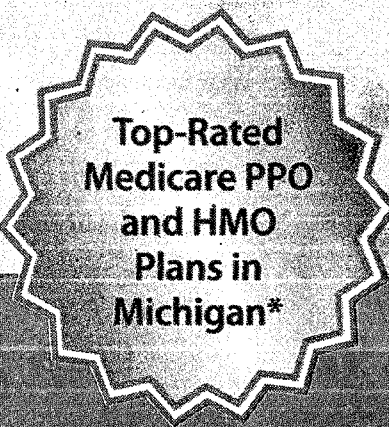
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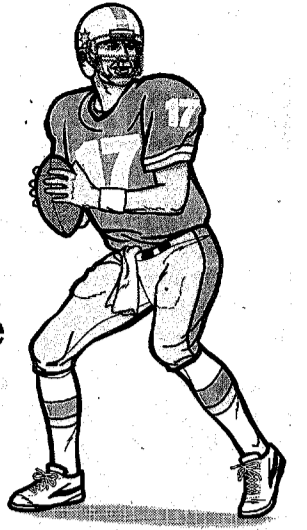
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Salem tankers impress

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When swimmers ignore any fatigue and go back-to-back for their team, it's a good sign that success will follow.

On Tuesday night, Salem's varsity boys swimming and diving team received that kind of effort and came away with an impressive 113-73 victory over Canton.

"We knew they swam pretty well last week against Plymouth, they got our attention," said Rocks head coach Chuck Olson. "And we had some guys who swam very well, stepped up."

"I moved some people around and they did what they were supposed to. So I was very pleased with a lot of them."

Then he cited the effort of Jason Zhang.

"Zhang came in second in the breaststroke and came right back in the next event and helped win the 400-free relay," Olson said. "So I was pretty impressed with him doubling up like that."

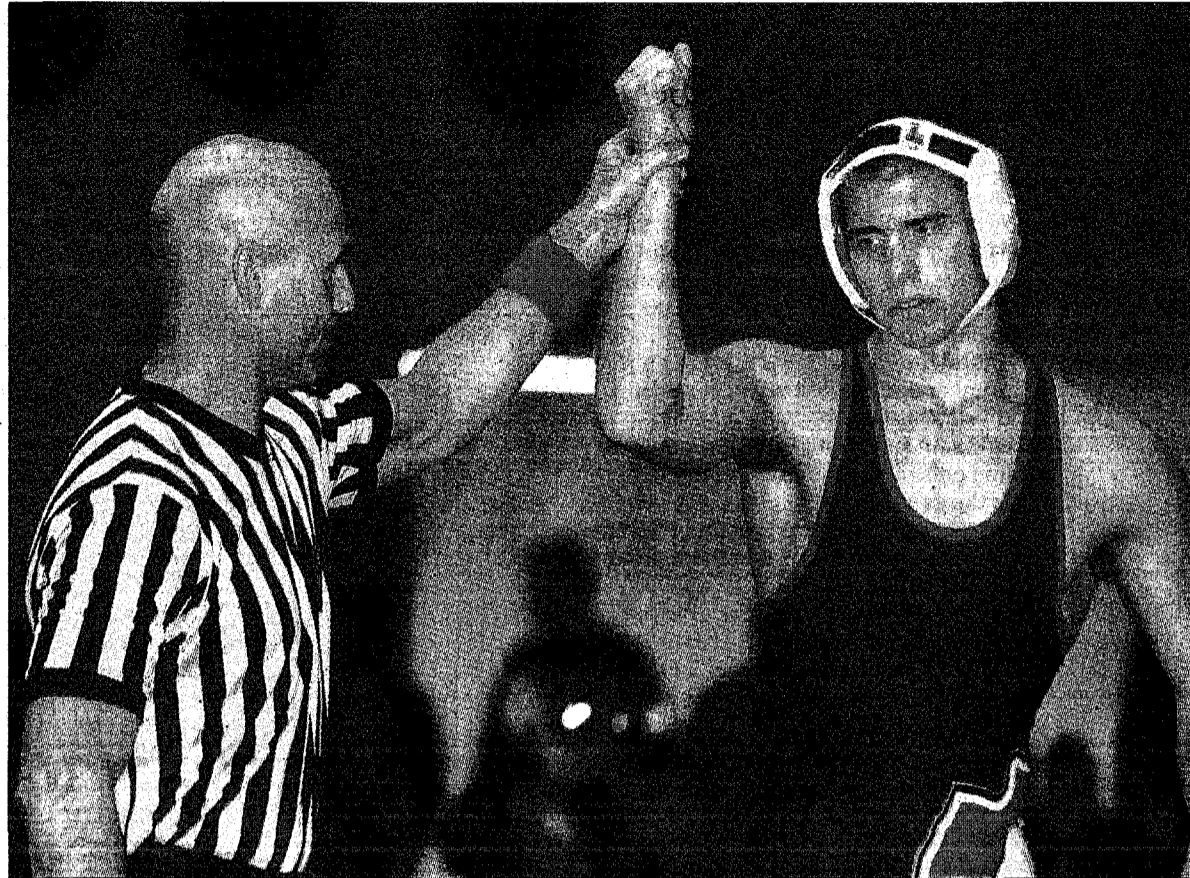
Another good sign for any team is finishing 1-2 in an event.

"Our other breaststroker touched him out for first so (Smaran) Bhakwara did a nice job," he continued. "It was a good team effort tonight."

According to Canton head coach Dave Le, his guys were pumped up for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park opponent. But with illness, team depth wasn't there in all events.

"We swam pretty hard, we were pretty consistent with where we normally are," Le said. "It's tough to lose to a cross-campus rival, but they had the better team tonight, a lot more depth."

Please see **SWIMMING, B2**



Canton senior wrestler Brent Winekoff celebrates a win in the 160-pound weight class during Saturday's Observerland Tournament.

Chiefs finish strong second

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's wrestling team racked up points on the board during Saturday's 19th annual Observerland Invitational like a pinball wizard.

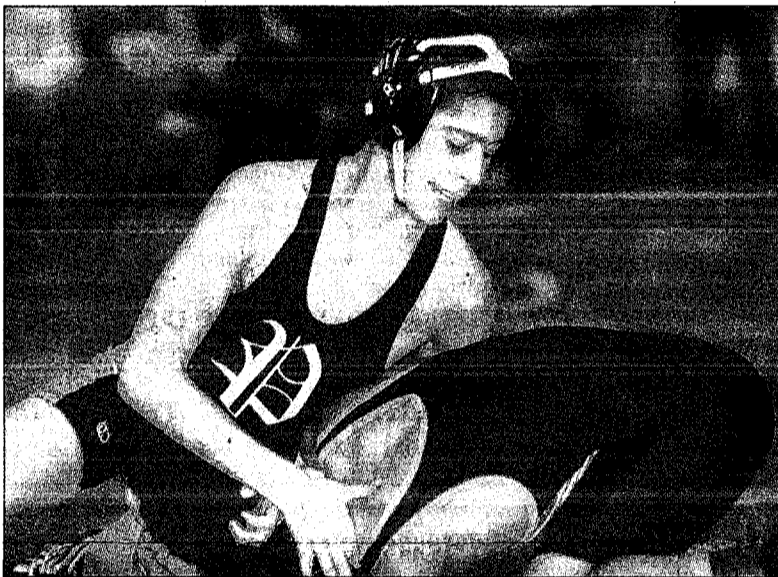
The Shamrocks, putting nine grapplers in the finals and coming away with six individual titles, racked up what is believed to be a tournament record 296.5 points to repeat as team champion in the 15-school in a meet hosted by Livonia Churchill.

How impressive were the Shamrocks?

By comparison, CC scored 218.5 last year en route to the title.

"We have some high goals and we had some goals coming into this tournament – continuing to progress and continuing to get better," said CC coach Mitch Hancock, whose team is ranked No. 2 in Division 1. "We have our goals set on one thing – Feb. 26 and 27 (state team finals in Battle Creek). And if these guys continue to improve like they are, and continue to work like they are, they can accomplish their goals."

State-ranked Canton, meanwhile, was runner-up with a total



Battling it out in the 103-pound weight class at the Observerland tourney are Plymouth's Shadi Jummoul and Farmington's Mike Hoover.

OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL

of 203, while Livonia Franklin raised some eyebrows with a third-place showing, edging state-ranked Westland John Glenn, 170-166.

Belleville was fifth overall with 114, while Farmington Hills Harrison turned it one of its better Observerland performances in

sixth with 96.5.

But the day belonged to the Shamrocks, who received individual titles from T.J. Fagan (103 pounds), Ken Bade (112), Alec Mooradian (125), Justin Melick (140), Doug Eldridge (145) and Mike Kinville (215).

Also reaching the finals were

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**

Lever-age lifts Chiefs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dietrich Lever's 25 points and 11 assists Tuesday lifted host Canton to a 62-48 KLA South victory over Livonia Churchill.

"That was probably Dietrich's best game of his career as far as scoring at the rim," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy. "He made us go tonight, getting other people shots."

The Chiefs (9-4 overall, 6-1) led 14-8 after one quarter and 29-14 at halftime, with strong defense and rebounding big reasons for the hefty edge, Reddy said.

But the Chargers (7-5, 3-4) rallied in the third, nailing a few triples and pulling to within 36-33. Canton then built the lead back up to 44-36 after three and went on from there.

"We showed some poise and extended the lead back up to 13 or 14," Reddy said.

Also in double figures for the Chiefs were forwards Paul Baumgart and Kevin Weisz, with 12 points each.

Scoring 13 for Churchill was Adam Bedell, with D'Juan Cooks chipping in with 12. Canton will host Plymouth in the second half of a boys-girls doubleheader Friday night, with the tip set for 7:30 p.m. (instead of the original 8 p.m. start time).

NOVI TOPS SALEM: In a KLA Central varsity boys basketball contest Tuesday night at Novi, the host Wildcats defeated Salem 65-59.

Senior center Jake Peterson had a big night for the Rocks, scoring 23 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Adding 13 points was Devonta Riley while Tyler Stewart and Zinovy Pelekh contributed nine points each.

Registering 19 points for Novi was 6-5 junior forward Samer Oziar.

Salem (6-7, 2-5) trailed 33-23 at halftime before playing Novi on even terms during the second half.

Rocks head coach Bob Brodie liked how his team performed, singling out Peterson's excellent game. But he noted there weren't enough defensive stops down the stretch.

CATS FALL IN TRIPLE-OT: Tuesday night in a KLA South boys basketball game at Wayne Memorial, the Zebras finally got past Plymouth – winning 69-64 in triple overtime.

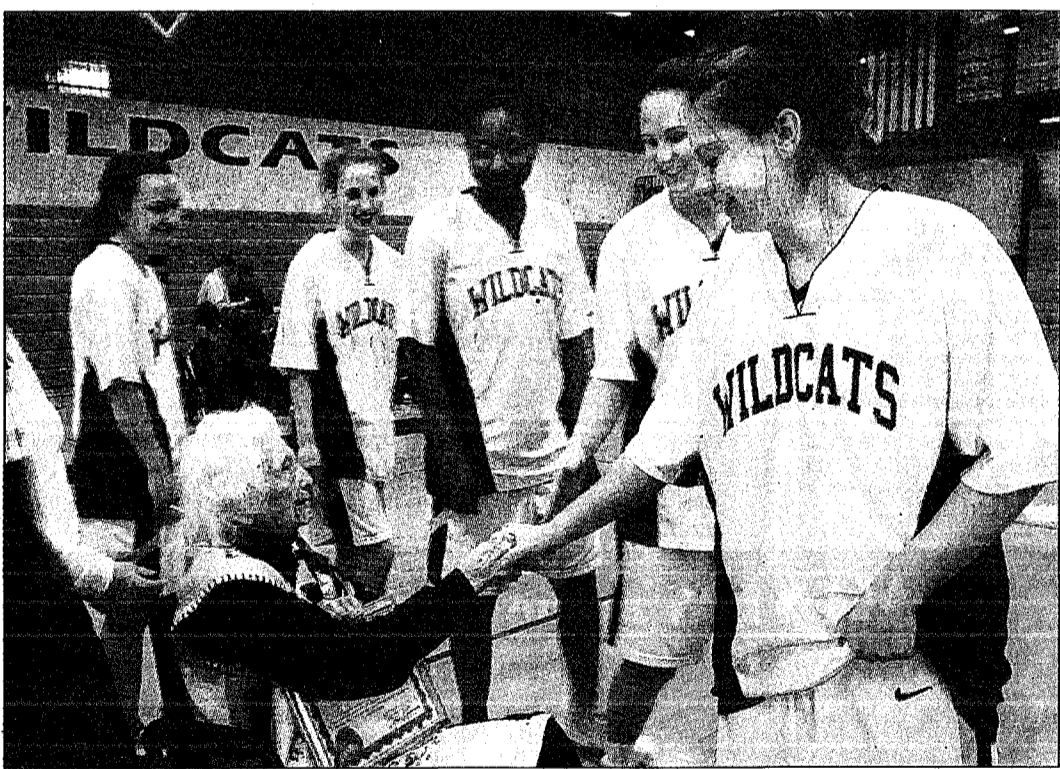
"It was nip and tuck," said Wildcats head coach Mike Soukup. "But in the third OT they just made a few more plays than we did."

Senior power forward Brennan Beyer scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Plymouth offense. Adding 17 points each were Pat Salo and Mike Nadratowski.

Derric Horton (18), James Strickland (17), Daniel Hill (11) and Bryan Gray (10) all had productive nights for Wayne.

PCA EDGED: Despite 24 points by sophomore Eric Jipping and 15 from senior Don Mullett, Plymouth Christian Academy lost 69-67 to Franklin Road Christian. The Eagles fell to 8-3 overall with the defeat.

Leading the victors with 23 points was Nick Ward.



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Nearly 100 years old, onetime Plymouth Rocks basketball player Marguerite Evans shakes hands with Lejla Kulagic while meeting the Wildcats before Tuesday's game.

100 cheers

Wildcats toast oldest girls basketball alum

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Marguerite Evans played girls basketball for the original Plymouth High School in 1926 and 1927, there were no chalk talks, video analysis or complex diagrams drawn up

by coaches on the sidelines. Those things were decades away.

"She (Evans) said they just played real simple, they didn't have a whole lot of plays," said her son-in-law, Steve Lyons of Plymouth Township. "They just tried to shoot the ball as

much as they could."

Tuesday night at the 21st century version of Plymouth High School, Evans — who turns 100 years old on March 2 — had the chance to see how today's girls play the game.

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Chiefs vault past Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton sophomore gymnast Ayana Lewis wowed spectators at Plymouth High School Monday night with a floor exercise routine that included a series of awe-inspiring backflips.

Not too far from the dynamic Lewis, Plymouth sophomore Reagan Engstrom's dexterity and determination on the balance beam was evident as she completed her routine.

First, Engstrom dropped low for a pivot and followed that up with an acrobatic flip.

But Lewis and Engstrom weren't the only reasons why the Chiefs and Wildcats combined for an excellent dual meet — which the Chiefs won by a score of 142.40 to 130.95.

"We had a couple girls hurt and a couple girls that went home sick," said veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham. "But generally, the group did extremely well. This ties our high score for the year."

Meanwhile, the Wildcats eclipsed the former Plymouth record for team points in a meet (130.85) for the third time this season.

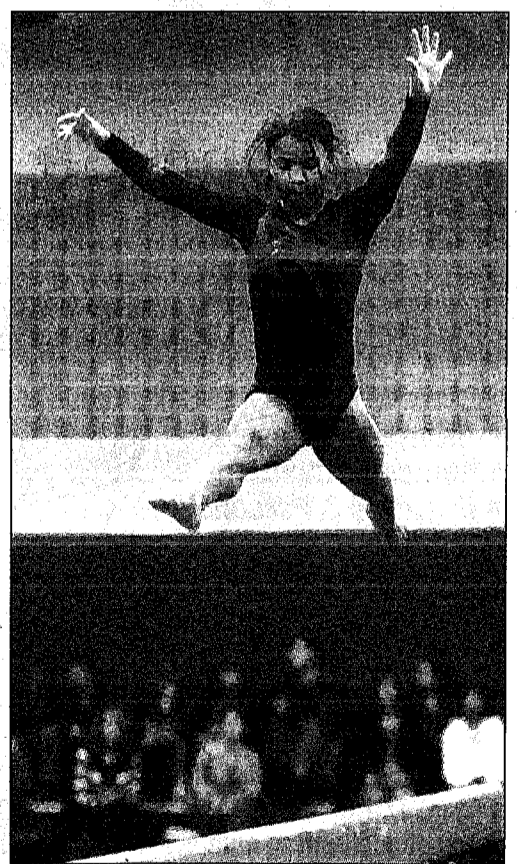
"I have nine girls that are scoring exactly the same," said Plymouth head coach Pam Yockey. "It doesn't matter which nine I put in, they always score exactly the same. The team score's been very consistent."

Cunningham said his team is beginning to show evidence it can have success at Saturday's 19-team invitational at Canton and give Northville a run for its money in the regionals. (The Chiefs probably will need to score about 145 points to do so.)

"We've got time, we still have three or four meets left," he noted. "But I'm looking forward to improvement, it's happening."

FAB FOUR

Canton's depth is coming through for Cunningham. Despite the injuries and illness, his gymnasts grabbed the top four all-around



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Canton sophomore Ayana Lewis demonstrates her agility on the balance beam during Monday's dual meet against Plymouth.

spots Monday.

Leading the way for the Chiefs (7-1 overall) was junior Robyn Piwowar (36.2 points) followed by freshman Alex Fideler (a personal best 35.9), Lewis (35.7) and senior Mallory Hudak (34.55).

Tying for fifth with 32.5 points were

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B2**

Whalers remain red hot with victory

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Maybe Plymouth Whalers' coach and general manager Mike Vellucci had a crystal ball in front of him when he pulled the trigger on a January trade that brought winger Phil McRae to Compuware Arena.

Playing Saturday against his former team, the 6-3 McRae tallied a goal and an assist as the Whalers pounded the Midwest Division leading London Knights, 6-1.

More than 3,200 fans turned out on Hockey Day in Michigan to watch Plymouth (31-20-0-1) score five second period goals — two on the power play — to blow open the contest.

"I think he's a finisher and he's a good playmaker and that's what we needed," said Vellucci about McRae. "We were hanging in games, but when we only scored one or two goals we weren't winning the games."

"We needed that third goal and to get a guy who adds a point a game that's going to help us out a lot."

Since joining the Whalers, McRae has collected six points (including four goals) to enable Vellucci to roll out three strong, productive lines. Also playing well since arriving in a separate trade is forward James Livingston.

As a result, the Whalers are jelling and playing their best hockey of the season and are closing in on the Kitchener Rangers — the third-place team in the Western Conference.

London (35-13-0-2) found out just how solid a team Plymouth is entering the final two months of the OHL season.

Setting the tone Saturday was Whalers forward AJ Jenks, who tallied a short-handed goal just 4:15 into the opening frame to make it 1-0.

Jenks chased a puck in the neutral zone and skated into London's zone. He broke left, then right, before slipping the puck behind Knights starting goalie Michael Hutchinson.

Perhaps the key stretch of the game was a 1:17 stretch where London enjoyed a two-man advantage. Plymouth killed off the penalties, with goaltender Matt Hackett's left pad rejecting a shot by center Nazem Kadri.

"The kills were as big as anything, and the shorthanded goal," Vellucci said.



WALT DMOCH

Keeping the pressure on around London's goal Saturday night is Plymouth Whalers forward Phil McRae (No. 38), who scored in the second period. Plymouth is 7-1 since McRae joined the team in a trade.

Early in the second period, Plymouth went up 2-0 when center Tyler Seguin one-timed a rocket from the right circle over Hutchinson's glove for his 37th goal of the season.

The onslaught then began in earnest. Just 1:34 after Seguin's goal, Jenks (1 goal,

1 assist) centered the puck to forward Garrett Meurs who buried it for a 3-0 lead.

On the power play with more than 15 minutes left, Seguin (1 goal, 1 assist) then sent a shot toward Hutchinson that forward Joe Gaynor tipped home.



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Plymouth's Natalia Diacovo finished fourth on the uneven parallel bars Monday against Canton.

GYMNASTICS

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Plymouth's Engstrom and Jessica Luibakka.

Canton also finished 1-4 in floor exercise, with all four scoring at least nine points (Piwowar, Fideler, Hudak and Lewis).

"Give me an event with four nines and I'll have a good day," said Cunningham with a smile.

Piwowar also tied for first place in the vault with Lewis (each registering 9.3) while other victorious Chiefs were Lewis on the uneven bars (9.15) and Fideler on beam (9.45).

Cunningham added that Canton's gymnasts are beginning to add to skill sets, something that could lead to more points in team scores.

"This is what we're working towards," he said. "Alex did her double back dismount on uneven bars. Ayana and Nicole both threw their tsuks (Tsukahara) which is a step up,

something they haven't done before."

Yockey noted excellent showings Monday by Luibakka (fifth in two events), Sarah Uhlman (second on beam, 8.7), Natalia Diacova (fourth on bars, 8.15; fifth on vault, 8.55) and Engstrom (fourth on vault, 8.7).

Other Wildcats are opening Yockey's eyes. "Really coming along is Alisha Punjabi. And brand new to competition, and she did excellent tonight, is Lydia Plencner," she said.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS RESULTS

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Feb. 1 at Plymouth H.S.

Vault: 1. (tie) Robyn Piwowar (Canton) and Ayana Lewis (C), 9.3; 3. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.95; 4. Reagan Engstrom (Plymouth), 8.7; 5. Natalia Diacova (P), 8.55.

Uneven bars: 1. Lewis (C), 9.15; 2. Alex Fideler (C), 9.0; 3. Piwowar (C), 8.8; 4. Diacova (P), 8.15; 5. Jessica Luibakka (P), 7.95.

Balance beam: 1. Fideler (C), 9.45; 2. Sarah Uhlman (P), 8.7; 3. Piwowar (C), 8.55; 4. Hudak (C), 8.5; 5. Luibakka (P), 8.35.

Floor exercise: 1. Piwowar (C), 9.55; 2. (tie) Fideler (C) and Hudak (C), 9.3; 4. Lewis (C), 9.05; 5. (tie) Uhlman (P) and Jane McCurry (P), 8.4.

All-around: 1. Piwowar (C), 36.2; 2. Fideler (C), 35.9; 3. Lewis (C), 35.7; 4. Hudak (C), 34.55; 5. (tie) Luibakka (P) and Engstrom (P), 32.5.

Canton's dual meet record: 7-1 overall; Plymouth's dual meet record: 2-4 overall.

Plymouth downs South Lyon; Salem tops Country Day

Perhaps Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team was looking ahead to Saturday's "Lash Trophy" game against Canton when they skated Tuesday night against visiting South Lyon at Compuware Arena.

But the Wildcats still had enough in the tank to win 4-2 and improve to 14-3-1 overall (5-3-1 in the KLAA South).

"We didn't play with as much fire as we usually do,"

said Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender.

Ryan Renault scored in the first period, which ended 1-1. Setting up the goal were Kevin Matusiak and Evan Swieczkowski (3 assists).

The Wildcats went up 2-1 in the second on a marker by Tyler Sanders (1 goal, 1 assist) but the Lions answered just nine seconds later to even the match after two frames.

Early in the third, Pat Smiatacz (1 goal, 1 assist) gave Plymouth a 3-2 edge and Zach Gambrell added an insurance goal, from Sanders and Dean Gunther.

Stopping 26 shots for the win was goalie Mike Justus.

On Saturday, Justus and the 'Cats blanked Northville 2-0. Plymouth will host Canton at 2:30 p.m., at Compuware Arena.

SALEM PREVAILS: A three-goal third period Tuesday night enabled Salem to earn a 5-2 victory over Detroit Country Day at Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Rocks improved to 10-5-3 overall and could clinch the KLAA South with a win on Friday against Novi (8:30 p.m., Cultural Center).

Salem junior defenseman Michael Hochkins scored two goals in the third period, helping the Rocks break a 2-2 tie and go on to the triumph.

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BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING DUAL MEET RESULTS

SALEM 113

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Feb. 2 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Jason Zhang, Smaran Bhaktawara, Jeremy Wellman, Matt Collingwood), 1:46.34; 2. Canton (Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Brandon Tolinski, Victor Zhang), 1:46.67; 3. Salem (Alex Suriano, Calvin Kahler, Patrick Huls, Chad Newton), 1:51.96.

200 freestyle: 1. Max Mills (S), 1:52.72; 2. Kyle Kemp (C), 1:54.31; 3. Aaron Micek (S), 1:59.03; 4. Jacob Dillon (C), 2:02.09; 5. Scott Carpenter (S), 2:02.51.

200 individual medley: 1. Adam Seroka (S), 2:01.49; 2. Jin (C), 2:05.73; 3. J. Zhang (S), 2:12.92; 4. Adrian Simion (C), 2:17.38; 5. Christopher Krebs (C), 2:19.88.

50 freestyle: 1. V. Zhang (C), 22.52; 2. Collingwood (S), 22.60; 3. Newton (S), 24.50; 4. Evan Champagne (C), 24.90; 5. Jerry Bai (S), 25.11.

1-meter diving: 1. Ryan Kilgore (C), 183.05

points: 2. Joey Rudelick (S), 179.35; 3. Nick Orliwicki (S), 170.75; 4. Mac Duncan (S), 147.80; 5. Wayne Roberts (C), 132.45.

100 butterfly: 1. Seroka (S), 55.82; 2. Wellman (S), 58.23; 3. Huls (S), 59.56; 4. Tolinski (C), 1:00.97; 5. Boes (C), 1:07.28.

100 freestyle: 1. Collingwood (S), 50.77; 2. Patrick Jenner (C), 51.63; 3. Newton (S), 53.77; 4. Mike Carlson (C), 54.68; 5. Bai (S), 54.71.

500 freestyle: 1. Jin (C), 5:01.23; 2. Kemp (C), 5:01.92; 3. Mills (S), 5:02.91; 4. Micek (S), 5:18.72; 5. Carpenter (S), 5:36.04.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Jenner, Carlson, Tolinski, V. Zhang), 1:35.17; 2. Salem (Newton, Steven Clagg, Mills, Seroka), 1:37.26; 3. Canton (Champine, Simion, Eric Tian, Ryan DeFrain), 1:40.10.

100 backstroke: 1. Wellman (S), 1:01.27; 2. Suriano (S), 1:01.72; 3. Simion (C), 1:02.96; 4. Krebs (C), 1:03.06; 5. Huls (S), 1:04.55.

100 breaststroke: 1. Bhaktawara (S), 1:08.56; 2. J. Zhang (S), 1:09.15; 3. Dillon (C), 1:10.09; 4. Boes (C), 1:10.51; 5. Kahler (S), 1:12.61.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Seroka, Mills, J. Zhang, Collingwood), 3:27.29; 2. Salem (Huls, Micek, Wellman, Suriano), 3:41.94; 3. Canton (Champine, Carlson, Kemp, Krebs), 3:42.45.

Dual meet records: Canton, 4-2 overall; Salem, 4-4 overall.



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Salem's Adam Seroka keeps working in the 100 butterfly during Tuesday's dual meet against Canton. He won the race with a time of 55.82 seconds.

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Feb 27	That Touch of Mink (1962)	Alexander's Custom Clothiers, 124 W. Main	Feb 13
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Mar 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
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WRESTLING

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Todd Melick (119), Gerid Gee (152) and Miles Trealout (189). "We had couple guys in finals that have never reached the finals before," Hancock said. "Gerid Gee had heck of day and Miles Trealout continues to progress. T.J. Fagan had one a heck of tournament."

CHIEFS EXCEL

Canton boasted six finalists and came away with three titles led by champions Brent Winekoff (160), who had to go overtime to beat Harrison's Kevin Beazley; Keith Zech (171), who avenged a loss earlier in the week to Churchill's Curtis Castleberry, 4-3; and Anthony Abro (189).

"I give our team an A-minus today — we wrestled very well," Canton coach Cory Mancuso said. "Our 152 (Sean O'Keefe, who placed third), did really well and our 103 (Keshav Patel) made the finals and beat a kid (Dan Martinez of Franklin) that majored him before in the semifinals. And I thought Anthony Abro (189) kind of dominated for the tourney."

Franklin came away with two individual crowns led by 135-pounder Jordan McGuire and Matt Roos at 152.

McGuire defeated Harrison's James Roberts in a high scoring final, 20-13, while Roos pinned CC's Gee with 19 seconds left in the first period.

Glenn, despite missing four starters out of its lineup, earned three individual titles led by Josh Austin (125), who earned lower weights MVP honors with a 14-6 major decision of CC's Todd Melick.

Meanwhile, the Rockets' Anthony Pavlich (130) had to grind out a 1-0 victory over Tyler Schneider of Belleville.

Pavlich, a state placer last year, is a senior and has only two losses. He recently broke the Glenn pin record and notched his 150th win over a week ago.

Heavyweight Dustin Gajowiak gave Glenn its other first place with a 39-second pin against Belleville's Dustin Staton.

Repeat champions included Mooradian, a state champion last year at 112; Justin Melick, and Kinville — all of CC — along with Winekoff of Canton.

Ironically, Beazley was voted the upper weights MVP by the tournament coaches for his sterling effort in a near-upset of Winekoff in the 160 final.

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OLDEST

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"They're pretty active, aren't they?" noted Evans as she left the gymnasium just before halftime. "They're a good team, the girls all looked like they were enjoying themselves."

Evans, who is confined to a wheelchair, said she was "very surprised" to be invited to a presentation honoring her upcoming birthday prior to the Wildcats game against Wayne Memorial.

But she said the whole thing was "wonderful," and others shared that sentiment.

"It's awesome she's here," said Plymouth senior forward Stacey Klonowski. "Everyone is like 'Oh, my gosh I want to meet her, I just to talk to her.' Everyone is just so inspired that she's here."

PAVING THE WAY

Marguerite's only child, 59-year-old Susan Evans (Lyons' wife), said word of the invitation wasn't carefully conveyed until Monday.

"I didn't want to surprise her," Susan said. "It's not a good thing to surprise people who are 100 years old."

Lyons concurred, adding that Marguerite was "a little upset at first (about the ceremony). She's really shy. But she's handling it real well."

The presentation began with Sue Stoney of the Plymouth Library providing some facts about the honoree's younger years.



Marguerite Evans waves to the cheering crowd. Behind her is daughter Susan Evans, Wildcats coach Ted Sturdivant and athletic director Sue Heinzman.

For example, Evans was born on farmland that today is where Madonna University is located. Her family moved to Farmer Street in downtown Plymouth where she walked to school.

"Her favorite classes were English and basketball," Stoney said.

Next up, athletic director Sue Heinzman toasted the district's oldest girls basketball alum.

Marguerite played two seasons for the Plymouth Rocks before graduating in 1928 from the building that today is Central Middle School.

"Mrs. Evans, I just want to say from the bottom of my heart, that I wouldn't be a female athletic director without you leading the way," Heinzman said. "So thank you, so very much."

Following a warm ovation, Heinzman presented Evans a No. 43 Wildcats jersey signed by current players, coaches and staff members.

GOOD LUCK CHARM

A certificate from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, wishing Marguerite a happy 100th, also was presented.

Then, the entire 2009-10 team huddled around her to share in the moment and pose for pictures.

"She just wished us luck," Klonowski said.

That wish apparently was pretty effective. Plymouth rolled out to early leads of 11-0 and 24-3 on the way to a 62-21 victory.

"I think the presentation inspired us," said head coach Ted Sturdivant. "It was a wonderful presentation and it's great the girls had a chance to see part of the past."

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Her visit inspires Wildcats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's pre-game presentation honoring Marguerite Evans had a welcome impact on the 2009-10 Plymouth Wildcats girls basketball team.

The Wildcats, with nearly 100-year-old Evans watching from mid-court, absolutely hammered Wayne Memorial, 62-21 in a KLAAs South game where the running clock was invoked during the third quarter.

It was 5-0 following a trey by Troi Davis (10 points), then Alex Roberts (17 points) dropped in a field goal for an 11-0 advantage just 3:45 into the contest.

When senior forward Stacey Klonowski (17 points, 8 rebounds) and Roberts each scored two fast-break layups in the final two minutes, the Wildcats were up 24-3 and the rout was on.

For the record, Plymouth (4-9, 3-4) then outscored Wayne 18-6 in the second for a 42-9 lead and it was 52-11 after three.

"We had the opportunity to get out and work our break today," said Plymouth head coach Ted Sturdivant. "And we did a great job of finishing and running the floor and taking the open shot — which we haven't done all season long."

Helping the cause for the Wildcats was Isis Haywood, with six blocks and five boards. Davis collected five assists.

Sturdivant expects a more competitive game Friday night, when Plymouth visits Canton. That game will start at 6 p.m. (instead of 6:30 p.m., as originally listed).

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Salem still in good shape despite loss to Novi

BY TIM SMITH
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Fred Thomann knows his Salem girls basketball team can control its own destiny as far as winning the KLAAs Central Division is concerned, even after Tuesday's 39-28 loss to visiting Novi.

The loss enabled Novi to tie Salem at the top of the division standings with a 6-1 record. But Salem has three games coming up against Central opponents the odds of finishing first go up with victories.

"We have to win those," Thomann emphasized.

Salem will visit Livonia Stevenson (Friday night), South Lyon and Northville over the next eight days.

Tuesday, the Wildcats stifled Salem's offense — giving up just nine first-half points

(Novi led 16-9) and forcing too many turnovers for Thomann's liking.

But Thomann said his team still had ample opportunities around the bucket.

"We didn't make the (field) goals," he noted. "If you don't make baskets in this game you can't win."

One player who had a stand-out game for the Rocks was senior guard Sara Stone, with 13 points, 12 rebounds and six

blocked shots. "She had a pretty nice game," Thomann said.

Senior guard Brett deBear scored six points while senior forward Tabitha Mann tallied four.

CANTON GIRLS ROLL: Canton's defensive prowess and patient offense again came to the forefront Tuesday, and the Chiefs secured a 48-20 girls basketball victory over KLAAs South rival Livonia Churchill.

The Chargers managed just five points in the first half, falling

behind 24-5 and Canton never let up to improve to 12-1 overall and 7-0 in the South. Churchill's record dipped to 7-6, 2-5.

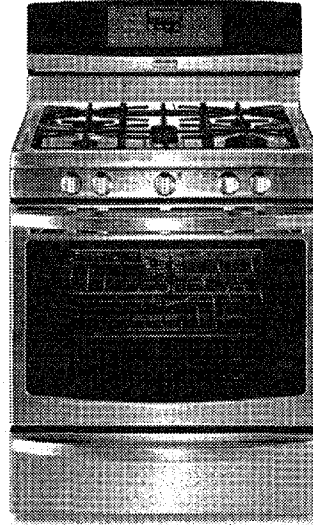
Sara Schmitt scored 11 points while Kari Schmitt contributed nine points, 10 rebounds and five steals.

Other Chiefs with solid outings included CarolAnn Sexauer (8 points) and Kayla Bridges (6 points, 8 boards).

For Churchill, Erin Menard and Darcy Deroo scored eight and six points, respectively.

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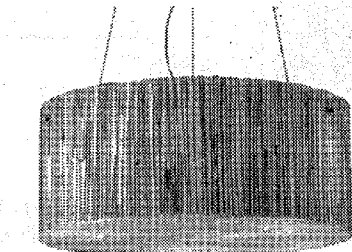
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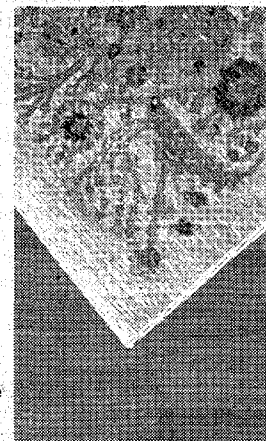
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| C143 Lindsey Hickman | Computer Monitor, 2 Boxes, Clothes |
| C179 Jasmine Curry | Vacuum, Computer, Desk |
| D156 Mike Paulus | Chair, Table, Tote |
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| Stopchinski, Claud E196 10x10 | Fridge, microwave, vacuum, bedroom set, faux tiffany lamp, 2 pole lamp, mountain bike, misc. outdoor furniture, misc. household goods. |
| Gibbons, Hanoe F218 5x10 | 8+ totes, 6+ bags, small animal cage/crate, stereo speakers, misc. household goods. |
| Beattie, William I324 10x15 | Full mattress & box springs, twin mattress & box springs, Spiderman razor style scooter, bedroom set, washer, dryer, 4+ totes, 6+ boxes, misc. household goods. |
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FEB. 4-10

Christ Our Savior Lutheran
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will hold an organizational meeting for its 2010 Apostles Build program. The program brings together any interested religious organizations in the community to sponsor and help build a Habitat for Humanity home. Clergy, outreach directors and other lay leaders interested in involving their congregation in this local outreach program may attend.
Contact: Barb Fichtenberg at (734) 981-4205 or e-mail to bfichtenberg@hotmail.com

First United Methodist Church of Wayne
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Feb. 5
Location: 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: A dinner fund-raiser for Haiti will include mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, beverages and dessert, for a free will offering. The money raised at the dinner will go to United Methodist Committee On Relief, which works with many denominations to help the Haitian people. Everything - from paper plates to pasta - for the dinner fund-raiser is donated by the church and all proceeds will benefit Haiti. Helping Haiti comes naturally to the church. It sends school supply kits, hygiene kits, blankets and other items to the island nation every year.
Contact: (734) 721-4801
St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: WXYZ-TV reporter, weekend anchor, and former host of "Sunday Sports Update", Vic Faust, is the guest speaker at "Why Be Catholic," a new program series. Faust was joined the evangelistic fundamentalism movement during his teen years. He shares the story of his return to the church, along with his wife and three young children, and the new insights he has found for living a Christian life in a secular world. No admission charge
Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 207

FEB. 11-17

First United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 4-7 p.m., Friday, beginning Feb. 12 and running through March 26
Location: 3 Town Square, across the street from the Wayne post-office, in Wayne
Details: 4th Annual Fish Fry offers choice of baked or fried fish, french fries or baked potato, Cole slaw, roll and beverages, for \$8. A child's portion will be available. Fresh pie will be offered by the women's group for \$1 per slice. The money raised goes to help needy family's during the holiday season
Contact: (734) 891-2523

Lola Park Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6:15 p.m., soup and sandwich supper, followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Free will offering accepted for soup supper
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Feb. 12
Location: 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: All-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner includes a salad and ice cream bar. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for youth ages 4-10 and under 4 free. Prince of Peace also will collect health kits for Haiti. Items include: soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb. **Contact:** (248)

553-3380
St. John Lutheran
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11
Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Details: St. John Lutheran Church and St. Gerald Catholic Church will come together for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God. The Rev. Lauren Kirsh-Carr of St. John and the Rev. Festus Ejimadu of St. Gerald will deliver messages during this 25th annual Service of Christian Unity. Special music will be provided by the choirs of both congregations
Coming up: 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14 "Songs of the Heart" concert with Canadian baritone, John Worthington, and pianist Wesley Fishwick. A free will offering for Haiti relief will be collected during the concert. An intermission reception will be held in the church lobby
Contact: (248) 474-0584

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m., pasta bar and desserts; 7 p.m., the movie "Casablanca"
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: "Hearts for Haiti" dinner and a movie fund-raiser costs \$10 per person, \$18 per couple, and \$6 for children 5-12. An appropriate movie and activities will be available for kids. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but event organizers request an RSVP
Contact: (313) 570-4443 or e-mail to yd@stmatthewslivonia.com

FEB 18-24

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Lutheran Choraliers will sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal
Contact: (734) 522-6830

Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 21

Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This is the first of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Greek Orthodox Monastery, Hayesville, Ohio, will be the homilist. An inter-Orthodox choir under the direction of Victoria Kopistiansky, choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service
Contact: Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or e-mail to rmitc02@ameritech.net

FEB. 25-MARCH 3

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 28
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: 78th Annual Inter-Congregational Men's Club Dinner with guest speaker Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. Cost is \$54 per person and will include kosher dinner catered by Paul Wertz of Kosher Too Catering. Advance reservations are required.
Contact: Members of local synagogues and temples may contact their Men's Club or Brotherhood by Feb. 1 to make reservations and advance payment. Others may make reservations through Beth Ahm by calling Ron Jedwab by phone at (248) 788-3068 or by e-mailing him at dannysldad@comcast.net or by mailing a check in the amount of \$54 per person (payable to Cong. Beth Ahm Men's Club) to: Beth Ahm (ATTN: Ron Jedwab / Men's Club), 5075 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield MI 48322

Newburg United Methodist Church
Time/Date: Orders taken for Cornish Pasties, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 1-2. Call in orders only. Any orders left on the answering machine, faxed or e-mailed will be ignored. Pick up is 1-6 p.m., March 11 and noon-5 p.m., March 12
Location: 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: Cost is \$4.
Contact: (734) 422-0149

MARCH 11-17

St. Joseph Parish
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, March 11
Location: 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon
Details: A panel discussion on domestic violence will include Joyce Hyttinen, director, Office for Catholic Social Action, Domestic Violence Education and Action with the Archdiocese of Detroit; Samantha Lederman, psychotherapist specializing in ways to end the cycle of abuse and break free from repression; and Cristy S. Cardinal, director of prevention at HAVEN in Pontiac. Question and answer session after the presentations; refreshments will be served
Contact: Elaine M. Young at (248) 719-6855

ONGOING

AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills
Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast
St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia
Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, and assorted breakfast beverages. Meals are served buffet-style. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, 4-11, free for children under 3, and \$15 for a family with two adults and children
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Classes/study
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5
Contact: (248) 348-7600

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net

Livonia Unity
Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Learn Qigong, the ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine - a safe and effective way to rid the body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions
Contact: (810) 813-4073 or gary@energeticarts.org

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 p.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Details: Adult and English as a Second Language literacy classes are available for those who want to improve reading, writing and English conversational skills. Open to age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day or evening.
Contact: (734) 421-0472; leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. Thursday
Location: 26701 Joy
Details: Wednesday study/discussion group focuses on relationship with God and that of other religious groups and philosophical and scientific issues that might impact faith. Thursday group examines early writings not included in the Bible as well as other versions, extensions and controversies concerning Christianity. Led by interim pastor Larry Hoxey
Contact: (313) 274-3820

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Seeds of Mercy Mission Home
Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Friday
Location: 21819 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Bible study
Contact: Nicole Christ at (313) 531-1234

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
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Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

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Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton
Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528

Lenten services
Lola Park Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24
Location: 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: This year's theme is "Prominent Places of the Passion" with insights from Pastor Gregory Gibbons' recent trip to the Holy Land. There will be free treats after the services
Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

St. James Chapel
Time/Date: 7 p.m., every Wednesday through March 24 and Maundy Thursday, April 1
Location: 25350 West Six Mile, Redford
Contact: (313) 534-7730

Moms
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday and 7-9 p.m., fourth Tuesday
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers. Aided at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Angie at (248) 427-1020

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Prayer
Good Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Details: Prayer, spiritual healing and outreach
Contact: (734) 427-3660


Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests
Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday
Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia
Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows
Contact: (734) 261-1455

Singles
First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
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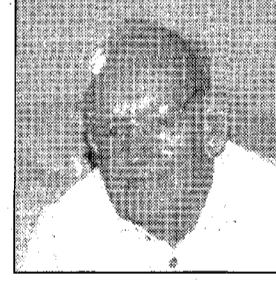
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WILLIAM G. CAREY
 Suddenly, January 30, 2010, age 80. Beloved Husband of Dolores (Dee). Dearest Father of Debora (Jim) Clements, and the late Laura. Loving Grandfather of Lyndsey and David. Dear Brother-in-law of Marianne (Jack) Rusin. Dear Uncle of nieces and nephews. Mr. Carey was a retired national sales manager in the computer industry. Visitation The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at St. Fabian Church, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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CECIL SEYBOURN LANG JR.
 Age 57, January 30, 2010, of Westland. Beloved husband of Lynn M. Loving father of Cecil S. III and Trina (Randy). Proud grandfather of Clayton and Shyla. Dear brother of Dee Dee (John) Gay-Lang. Visitation Thurs 1 PM - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill), Westland. Funeral Service during visitation Thurs 7:30 PM. Interment Michigan Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated. To share memories or to leave a message of condolence for the family please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MARCELLA IRENE (BECHLER) STOEGBAUER
 Marcella Irene Stoegbauer, 91, of Henderson, NV, passed away January 16, 2010 in Indio, CA. She was born January 14, 1919 to Louis and Mary Ann Bechler in Athens, WI. She married Norbert A. Stoegbauer on October 2, 1943 in Athens. Marcella was a registered nurse for 50 years and a graduate of St. Joseph's Nursing School in Marshfield, WI. She was a member of St. Francis Assisi, La Quinta CA. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Kay Gallagher of Henderson and Jean Ann Murphy of Hadley, NY, and sons James N. Stoegbauer of Glendale, AZ and Michael J. Stoegbauer of Henderson; as well as seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert. Services were private. Internment took place January 26, 2010.

BRUCE HARVEY PANZL
 Age 75, of Onsted, formerly of Livonia, passed away January 15, 2010. He was the beloved husband of 51 years to Melba; the loving father of Chris J. (Tammy) Panzl, Susan P. (Christopher) Bushong, Greg R. Panzl (Rachel Clark); the grandfather of Theodora Panzl, Kaylee and Savannah Bushong, Brennan and Drew Panzl; the brother of Kenneth (Barbara) Panzl of Seattle, Washington; loving master to his dog Oscar. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of his life will take place this summer.

HARRY E. WILLIAMS
 Age 89, January 30, 2010. Loving husband of Mary for 58 years. Dear father of Mary (the late Wendell) Clark, Dale Williams and Robin (William) Ward. Grandfather of Lauren (Chris) McKay, Justin Clark and Kathryn Williams. Great grandfather of Caleb McKay. Brother of Wanda Myers. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Please visit: www.harrywillfuneralhome.com



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Designer Passover tables on display

More than 20 exotic Passover "tablescapes" innovated by the interior designers, home décor business owners and area activists are on display from 6-8:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills.

The event, which will include cocktails and small plates catered by Excellence Too Catering, will benefit Temple Beth El's Religious School programming.

Would-be passover hosts can glean innovative table-setting strategies from table designers from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin and West Bloomfield, who will incorporate special and personal themes into their tablescapes. Each table will also incorporate the traditional symbols of Passover, such as the Seder plate.

"This event is not necessarily just about using your most beautiful linens and finest china. It's about incorporating those beautiful pieces into a tablescape that reflects your own special sentiment or makes a bold statement," said Elyse Foltyn, event co-chair. "It will provide guests a venue to gather table-setting ideas to apply to their own dining room tables—and not necessarily just for Passover."

A special twist to this first-ever holiday-inspired event is that many of the tables feature the combined talents of teams—mother/daughters, aunts/nieces, multi-generational friends, sister-in-laws and even children — each of whom has found an added way to extend their family feeling or tradition into their design and holiday.

Fair Radom of Bloomfield Hills, who co-chairs the event with Foltyn, has a long history of designing tables for Cranbrook's Holiday Tables. Members of the Host Committee include Karen and Jon Borenstein, Jody and Daniel Boorstein, Lillian and Alex Erdeljan, Kimberly and Gary Goodman, Laura and David Gorosh, Rose and David Handleman, Rozlyn and Scott Jacobson, Heidi and Jay Kreindler, Nicole and Steven London, Liz and "JJ" Modell, Louise and Edward Sable and Julie and Ron Yolles. Tickets are \$75 per person, or \$125 per patron, and \$200 per patron couple.

Established in 1850, Temple Beth El is the first Jewish congregation founded in Michigan and is the religious home to 1,200 families. For tickets or information call (248) 865-0617 and press 1. Temple Beth El is located at 7400 Telegraph.

Prayer breakfast speaker shares lessons from Operation Babylift

LeAnn Thieman was a volunteer, helping to raise money and supplies for war orphans in 1975, when she agreed to escort six babies from Saigon to their adoptive homes in the U.S.

By the time she arrived in Vietnam, Saigon was falling to the Communists and Thieman, a nurse, was told her charges had grown from six to 300. Thieman struggled through the extraordinary circumstances and found the courage to succeed, helping to rescue the tiny war orphans who were loaded into cardboard boxes and strapped into a cargo plane.

Thieman will share the lessons she learned by "accidentally" being caught up in the historic Vietnam Orphan Airlift, with listeners at the 36th Annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 30, in Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center. In addition to Thieman's keynote address, the



LeAnn Thieman

program will feature music by the Livonia Youth Choir. "The story she tells is a phenom-

enal story that appeals to everyone," said Sally Butler, a member of the prayer breakfast planning committee. "The story has appeal to the heart. That's why we wanted to have her."

Thieman wrote about her life-changing experience in her book, *This Must Be My Brother*. She's also co-author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Chicken Soup for the Nurse's Soul*, as well as *Chicken Soup for the Christian Woman's Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Father and Daughter Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Grandmother's Soul*, *Chicken Soup for the Mother and Son Soul* and *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul II*.

Through her multi-media presentation, "Light a Single Candle," she'll tell listeners how ordinary people can make a difference in the world.

"LeAnn is quite well known in

medical community. She does a lot of seminars for nurses," Butler noted. "She does a great deal of public speaking."

Her presentations help people focus on the importance of balance, the power of positivity, finding hope in the world and maintaining good health and happiness.

Tickets for Thieman's multi-media presentation are \$15 per person, \$10 for students in K-12, or \$150 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes a full breakfast and the program. For tickets call Butler at (248) 476-9427.

"It's a lovely morning," Butler described the event. "Tickets won't be mailed until April, but people are welcome to send their checks now."

For more information about the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, visit www.livoniaprayerbreakfast.org.

— By Sharon Dargay

B'nai Moshe planning centennial events

Got a story to share about Congregation B'nai Moshe, in West Bloomfield?

The synagogue, which will celebrate 100 years in 2011, seeks past members and family of past members to contribute their recollections of the congregation and its history.

Congregation B'nai Moshe held services in Detroit when it was founded in 1911. It was located on Hastings and later moved to Dexter before moving to Oak Park and then West Bloomfield.

The anniversary planning committee is co-chaired by past president Pearlina Bodzin and Carol Pollack. Anyone with memories to share can call Bodzin at (248) 357-1157 or e-mail her at pearlpal@aol.com. Pollack's e-mail is cpollack000@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

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Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, for ages 30 and older, offers fellowship and related topics. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Support

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling

Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; no dues, but donations are accepted

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451

St. John's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

Thomas' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m., Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

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FILTER

Theater troupes stage murder thriller, interactive mystery

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

8:40 p.m. may seem like an odd curtain time for a play, but it's the perfect beginning for a dinner gathering tainted by murder.

Audience members are likely to feel like they're on the party guest list when they take their seats at Barefoot Productions' upcoming production of *Rope*. The suspense thriller will run without intermission.

"The dinner party takes place in the evening and to add to realism it's run in real time as if the audience are actual participants in the party," said Kristin Heitmeier, Barefoot marketing director. "It's a unique twist. Barefoot thinks out of the norm."

The play, set in the 1920s was written by Patrick Hamilton and inspired Alfred Hitchcock's famous 1948 movie of the same name, which starred Jimmy Stewart. It opens Friday, Feb. 12, and also runs at 8:40 p.m. Feb. 19-20, and 26-27, with 2 p.m. matinees Feb. 21 and 28, at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 North Main Street, Plymouth. Tickets are \$12 per person; \$10 for students.

It's one of two plays about murder in the 1920s being staged locally next weekend.

Funeral for a Gangster, by Spotlight Players, takes a playful, interactive look at the murder of mob boss Vito "The Gut," Marzetti in a dinner theater-style performance at the Biltmore Studio, inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the play at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. Tickets are \$45 per person, with discounts available for tables of eight.

"The audience serves as the mourners to the wake," said Laurie Kondek, Spotlight



Kim Elliot (left) of Canton and Maureen Paraventi of Redford rehearse for the 2nd Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on Feb. 13 by Spotlight Players at the Village Theater in Canton.

Players marketing director. "So, they are part of it. They're invited to dress up like the 1920s. There will be prizes for the best costume."

INTERACTIVE FUN

The audience helps solve the mystery — Who killed Vito and where did he hide his wealth — listening to evidence and clues unfurl during the wake.

"It's really fun," said Kondek, adding that Spotlight Players will perform the play again on March 13.

The theater is transformed into a speakeasy for the local actors who mingle with the audience and with each other. Rebecca Biber is

the piano player Bella Ciao; Lisa Brawley is the Club Hostess; Kimberly Elliot is Lena Marzetti, the grieving, scheming widow; Rick Holland is Joey "the Lump" Marzetti, the rum-runner and enforcer of the family; Mike Martin is Frankie "Marbles" Marzetti, con artist and master of many parts; Maureen Paraventi is Ruby "Finger" Marzetti, former pickpocket and current owner of Ruby's Place, the speakeasy where the wake is being held; and David Zolotarchuk is Special Agent Farmer, of the FBI.

A NAIL BITER

While theatre-goers are likely to leave the dinner



Barefoot Productions presents the thriller, "Rope" by Patrick Hamilton, featuring Nathan Corliss (left) of Livonia as Brandon and Ken Karges of Plymouth as Rupert Cadell. The show runs Feb. 12-28 at the Walker-Buzenberg Building, 240 N. Main, Plymouth.

theater laughing, Barefoot Players' *Rope* will keep them in suspense.

"The plot revolves around two wealthy collegians who perform a cold-blooded murder. Then they place the body in a trunk in the center of the living room and host an elaborate party," Heitmeier explained. "I've had the good fortune to have see a sneak preview in dress rehearsal and it's riveting. Even though I know the play, I sit there and don't realize I'm holding my breath."

"I don't believe anyone will leave disappointed. It's a very powerful, intense ending."

Craig Hane, Barefoot artistic director, directed the drama. The cast includes father and son, Michael and Nathan Corliss of Livonia, Joy Holloway of Livonia, William Brezina of Dearborn Heights, Ken Karges of Plymouth, Samantha Lowry of Novi; Ethan McIntyre of Livonia and Matthew Williams of Redford.

"The original play was said to be inspired by the infamous Leopold and Loeb murder in Chicago," Heitmeier said. In 1924, Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, two affluent University of Chicago students, kidnapped and

murdered a neighbor, Robert Franks, for the exhilaration of plotting and executing the perfect crime. They were sentenced to prison after confessing.

"This particular genre is one of our most highly anticipated," Heitmeier said. "It's a great story, an outstanding cast and it will leave people breathless."

For "Rope" tickets, call the Barefoot Productions box office at (734) 560-1493 or visit www.justgobarefoot.com. For "Funeral for a Gangster" tickets, VillageTheater box office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

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Every winter, football fans come together for the viewing party of the season. This year, as you prepare to host a hungry crowd for the big game, intercept unhealthy appetizers and lighten up your favorite game-watching dishes by infusing vegetables.

Jodie Shield, mom and childhood nutrition expert, knows first-hand the challenge of making dishes that not only taste good, but are good for you.

"People don't traditionally think veggies when they think about game-day entertaining, but incorporating vegetables into your favorite recipes is an easy way to feel good about the food you are serving while still scoring points for home team health," says Shield. "Veggies are full of nutrients and flavor, are a great way to add flavor, texture and color to your recipes, and can even be used as edible serving pieces."

To ensure your guests enjoy their veggies before and after the final whistle is blown, here are some of Jodie's tried-and-true tips for making vegetables delectable on game day and every day:

- **Shred the evidence.** Shred veggies, like broccoli, carrots, bell peppers or mushrooms, and toss them into turkey-sliders, sloppy Joes, quesadillas, tacos or pizza. A small amount will blend right into your favorite dishes and boost the nutritional value, too.

- **Contain their interest.** Tempt big and small appetites by using the vegetables themselves as edible serving pieces. Serve veggie dips in hollowed-out bell peppers, mashed potatoes in potato skins or even squash soup in mini pumpkins.

- **Dip it.** Don't be afraid to pair up vegetables with tasty sauces or dips. A 2006 study found that children eat more vegetables when paired with a moderate amount of ranch dressing.

For great veggie-filled recipes, check out the recipes below or go to www.loveyourveggies.com or www.hiddenvally.com.

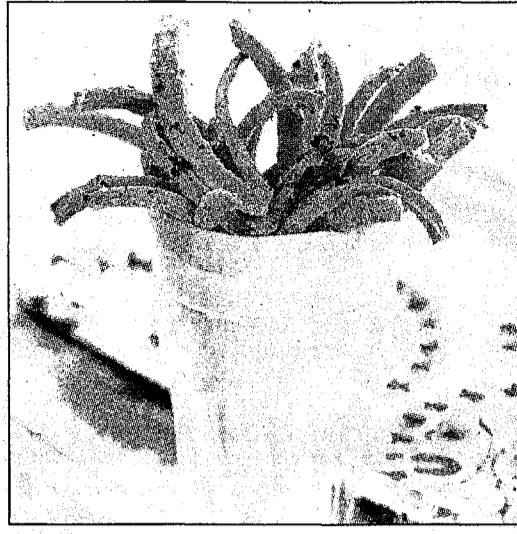
ORIGINAL RANCH SPINACH DIP

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Chill Time: 30 minutes

Makes 2 cups

- 1 (1.1-ounce) packet of Hidden Valley Original Ranch dip mix
- 16 ounces sour cream
- 10 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well-drained
- 8 ounces water chestnuts, rinsed, drained and chopped
- 1 round loaf French bread Fresh vegetable sticks
- Combine Hidden Valley Original Ranch dip mix, sour cream, spinach and water chestnuts.
- Chill 30 minutes or until just before serving.
- Cut top off the bread and remove center (use firm bread pieces as dippers).
- Fill bread bowl with dip.
- Serve with cubed bread and vegetables.



CARROT OVEN FRIES

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 pound carrots (about 5 or 6 large) peeled and cut into 4- by 1/2-inch sticks
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 (1.1-ounce) packet ranch dressing & seasoning mix
- 1 teaspoon corn starch
- Vegetable cooking spray
- Preheat the oven to 400°F.
- In a large bowl, combine the carrots together with the olive oil, corn starch and ranch dressing & seasoning mix, and toss until well coated.
- Use a sheet tray or quarter sheet pan. Spray generously with cooking spray.
- Arrange the carrots in a single layer on rack and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until crispy. Bake for 35 minutes for extra crispy fries.

PICK-A-PECK-OF-PEPPERS FIESTA RANCH DIP

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Serves 8

- 1 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup fat-free sour cream
- 1/2 cup nonfat, plain yogurt
- 1 (1.1-ounce) packet ranch dip mix
- 2 each: green, red, orange and yellow bell peppers
- Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, yogurt and ranch dip mix in a medium-size bowl; place in the refrigerator to chill.
- Meanwhile, remove the tops of the bell peppers, rinse and remove seeds.
- Slice one green, red, orange and yellow bell pepper into quarters. Place one quarter of each color bell pepper into a food processor and chop until fine. Remove and drain excess water.
- Add the diced bell pepper mixture to the fiesta dip and stir until well combined.
- Pour the dip into each of the remaining whole bell peppers and serve with the remaining bell pepper cut into strips.

Courtesy of Family Features

Score a 'Touchdown Team Brownie' for dessert

TOUCHDOWN TEAM BROWNIE

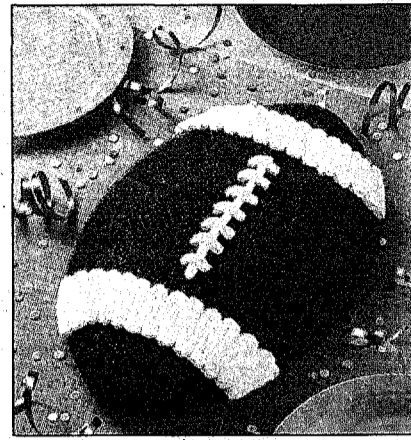
Makes about 20 servings

- 1 package (about 20 ounces) brownie mix (13- by 9-inch size)
- Egg, oil and water to prepare mix
- 1 can ready-to-use white decorator icing

Everyone needs a game plan: a winning menu to keep armchair quarterbacks fueled through all four quarters of the big game.

Kick off the festivities with easy-to-serve, easy-to-eat pre-game nibbles like chips and salsa, veggies and dip plus plenty of liquid libations. Fans will cheer at halftime when they're offered favorites like make-your-own sandwiches, hearty chili and coleslaw to tackle their hunger. Rely on the super-market deli/prepared foods sections and purchase some or all of the foods ready to serve...that way everyone can enjoy the game instead of spending time in the kitchen.

Make the final quarter memorable with a fabulous dessert...Touchdown Team Brownie. It's easy to bake and decorate, and it can be made a day in advance of the game. Bake the brownie (use a mix for convenience) in Wilton's first and ten football pan, then simply add the zigzag stripes and outline stitching with white decorator icing. It's a winner.



Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray First and Ten Football Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, prepare brownie mix following package instructions; spread into prepared pan (will only fill pan about 1/3 full). Bake 30-35 minutes or until brownie tests done. Cool in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.

Place cooled brownie on serving platter. Add zigzag icing stripes and outline stitching.

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The owners of Livonia's newest authentic Mexican restaurant are bringing a whole new meaning to "Catch the Z."

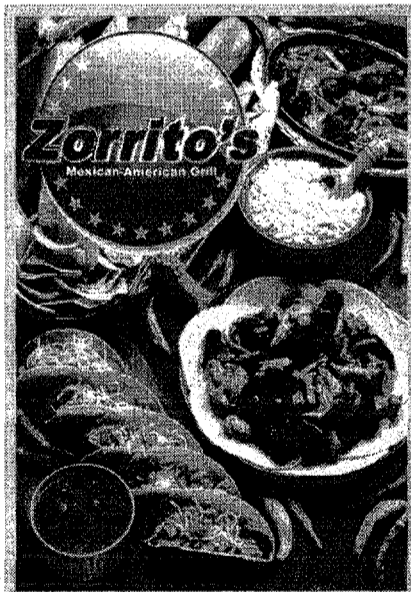
With abundant big-screen televisions so diners can catch the big game, a game room and coloring books for the kids and an enjoyable family atmosphere, Zorrito's Mexican/American Grill (across the street from their other Livonia restaurant, Giulio's Cucina Italiana) is anything but sleepy, offering a total package for family entertainment.

We pride ourselves on being a family friendly combination restaurant and sports bar that fills a need in the area for Mexican food," manager Norman Raymon said of Zorrito's, which opened in November. "You can watch the game, families are welcome and we love to see the kids."

The atmosphere shifts a little after 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, when live music takes to the stage. But that's not the only entertainment the restaurant features: Dart tournaments highlight Mondays, while Thursdays feature live trivia contests.

The restaurant offers delicious homemade Mexican entrees. The house speciality is steak or chicken fajitas and quesadillas. Lots of appetizers are available to munch on before dinner or during the game. Zorrito's American entree's include burgers, salads, and even fish and chips.

They feature daily \$5 lunch specials, 75-cent "sliders" and 25-cent wings. Diners get 20 percent off their total bill on Sundays (excluding alcohol). The Fiesta starts here!



Upcoming Events

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Valentine Celebration
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February 27th
Birthday Party for Pisces
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Zorrito's Mexi-Cantina, located at 32030 Plymouth Road
Open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to midnight Sundays
For more information, call (734) 421-2300

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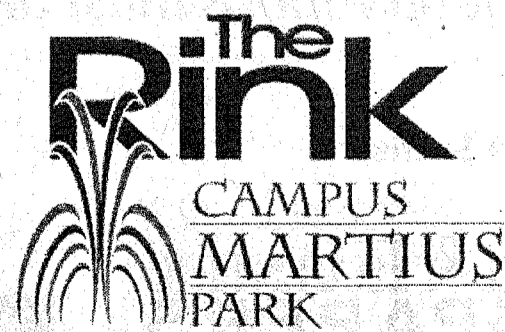


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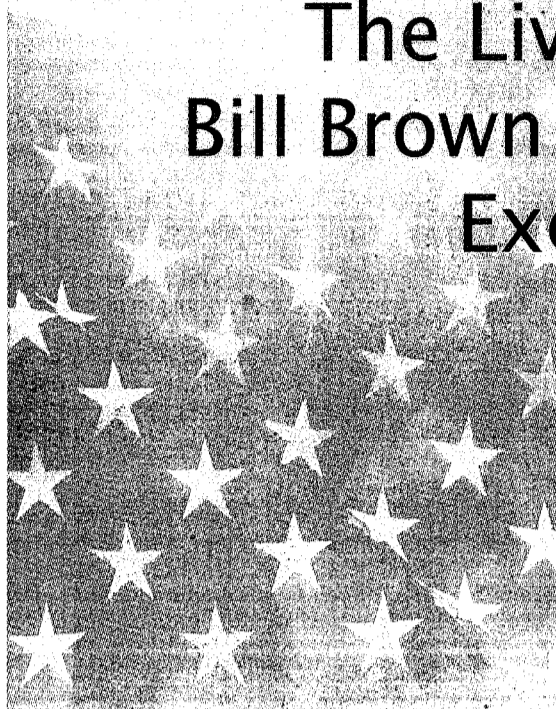
Located in Detroit's Meeting Place. Across from the Compuware Building and Hard Rock Cafe.

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“American competitiveness in a global economy”

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce and Bill Brown Ford welcome Ford Motor Company Executive Chairman Bill Ford Jr.



Bill Ford Jr., Executive Chairman of Ford Motor Co. and the great-grandson of the automaker's founder Henry Ford, will talk about the progress being made with Ford Motor Company and answer audience questions.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

11:30 am-1:30 pm

**Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center
39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia**

Seats are Reserved with Credit Card or Payment

Admission, which includes a sit-down lunch, is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. For more information, call the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 734.427.2122, or e-mail Public Affairs Director Dawne Toppa at toppa@livonia.org.



Ed Brown, (right) owner of Livonia's Bill Brown Ford, greets Ford Motor Chief Executive Alan Mulally (left) at the 2010 North American International Auto Show Charity Preview last month at Cobo Center.

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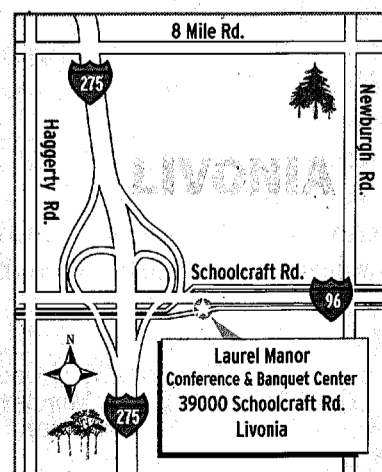
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Building Industry Association honors leaders

Top industry professionals are being lauded this week by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. The honorees include:

HALL OF FAME

Janet and Jim Compo joined the Building Industry Association in 1970 after nearly winning the House of Nails contest at BIA's Builders Show. When they came to BIA offices for the drawing that would determine which of the three tied entries would win an all electric home near 13 Mile and Gratiot, they met Irvin Yackness and learned about the association. They were duly impressed and began what has now grown to a 40-year involvement in the organization.

They began their building business 50 years ago, in 1961, building several small commercial buildings and remodeling. They currently design and build one-of-a-kind custom homes as well as continue to remodel homes and buildings. During their 57-year marriage, they have created a family business that allows them to work with their sons and daughters-in-law. Their mission is to build the most energy efficient, green, beautiful homes with the finest possible design for the dollar. Their personal goals for the company are to build with "quality, great design and energy savings no matter what," said Janet emphatically.

Janet is the only woman to have served as president of BIA. Some of her other accomplishments include being named Builder of the Year, Remodeler of the Year, serving on the BIA Board of Directors for 20 years and as an MAHB area vice president for three years. She has served continually on both the MAHB and NAHB Boards.

Janet and Jim both consider their integral involvement in Victoria Park — the first Homearama event held in the City of Detroit — as one of their most rewarding accomplishments along with involvement in a number of Habitat for Humanity projects and fund-raising for Lighthouse of Oakland County.

"BIA has played a tremendous role in our success," said Jim. "We advise other builders to follow our lead and take advantage of all the available training. We have both earned our CAPS, CGB and CGR designations through BIA."

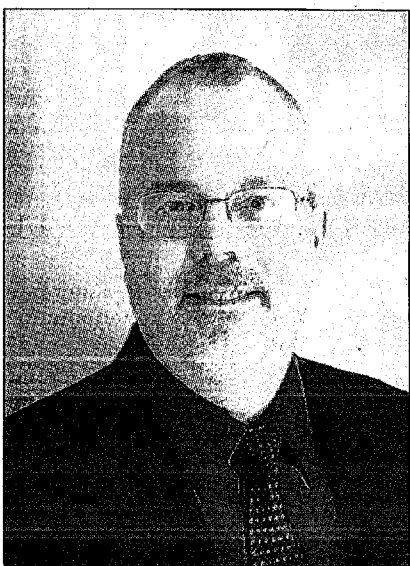
BUILDER OF THE YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH HONOREE

Building homes for over 100 families in the past 10 years is a major accomplishment for president and owner of Silverado Custom Homes Inc. Bob Tedesco.

Located in Rochester, the company is diversified and builds custom single-family homes, additions,



Bob Tedesco is Builder of the Year.



Brad Hinkson is Remodeler of the Year.



Janet and Jim Compo are Hall of Fame members for the BIA.

remodeling and light commercial. His business has been built on customer satisfaction. "Our clients are mostly by referral of happy homeowners who are thankful for the quality and attention to detail, as well as our personal service. They are confident in recommending us to their friends and family," Tedesco said.

The best advice he received came from his father who was also a builder, "Build every house to the expectations and standards you would demand for yourself." Tedesco practices this on a daily basis and requires his superintendent to do the same. This philoso-

phy has been vital in Silverado's ability to grow in today's economy.

He has been very pleased with the opportunities and support BIA has offered him. "BIA has been instrumental to my company's success," he said. "I have developed relationships with member architects, subcontractors and suppliers who share our same goals." Silverado regularly participates in the Parade of Homes. "The exposure is tremendous," he said. In November, Tedesco was contacted by *Luxury Home Quarterly Magazine* to profile Silverado Custom Homes in their spring 2010 issue. When he

asked them how they found his company they said, "Through the Building Industry of Southeastern Michigan."

Tedesco is active in giving back to the community. He is an annual contributor to the Detroit Zoo, Rochester Avon Recreation Authority and Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association Children's Benevolent Fund. He has made several donations and contributions to Habitat for Humanity and encourages his clients to donate windows, cabinets and fixtures, when remodeling homes. He enjoys playing the drums, fishing, scuba diving and spending time with his wife, Suzanne, and 6-year-old daughter Jacklyn.

REMODELER OF THE YEAR

Brad Hinkson is president and co-founder of Hinkson Construction Inc., located in Bloomfield Township. The company specializes in full service remodeling and an occasional custom home.

The company has been serving clients for 19 years with honesty and integrity, dedicated to helping them with all of their home maintenance and improvement needs, including anything from changing a light bulb to a whole house renovation. Hinkson Construction Inc. focuses on providing an outstanding client experience through daily communication, attention to detail and clean, organized job sites.

An accomplishment Brad Hinkson is grateful for is that the company has never sued or been sued; filed a lien or had a lien filed against them. To others involved in the construction industry, he advises, "Strive to do the right thing and if you make a mistake, make it right."

Brad is a Certified Remodeler (CR) of the National Association of The Remodeling Industry (NARI) and chair of BIA's NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council. He remarked that several years ago, fellow BIA members and staff encouraged him to get involved with the council and since then, he has found it to be a great experience. "During my 17 years at BIA many members have knowingly and unknowingly mentored me through their actions and by unselfishly sharing their experiences and their knowledge."

Brad and his wife, Sue, have been married for 27 years and have five children ranging in age from 15 to 25. He enjoys any outdoor activity and watching his daughters' basketball games. Brad also roots for University of Michigan football and Michigan State University basketball. He has volunteered his time with Jewish Family Services, Father Gabriel Richard High School Auction Committee, Bradley University Parent Board of Directors and the St. Mary Magdalen Construction Task Force.

Enforce bylaws, deed standards

Q: We live in a condo where we have a limit on the number of units that can be rented out. However, we have now got a situation where more than the prescribed number of units are being rented out, and one of our board officers wants to enforce the documents even though we have been lax in the past about doing so. I believe that we shouldn't go after these renters because the units are occupied. What do you think?

A: Notwithstanding the change in economic circumstances, I believe that the board still has an obligation to enforce the bylaws and other deed



Robert Meisner

restrictions. If the board wishes to offer a proposed amendment to the co-owners to increase the number of units that can be rented, that is, as always, a possibility. On the other hand, there is no real excuse for the board not enforcing the documents.

Q: I noted that one of your readers commented about the co-owner's inability in a condominium to see the books for financial improprieties. But how do you deal with embezzlement?

A: If the association is concerned about embezzlement, it would behoove it to have the books audited by a forensic auditor rather than a regular CPA auditor. A forensic auditor specifically looks for wrongdoings. In addition to looking for the conventional type of embezzlement schemes, their expert witness status would be helpful if precision is needed. Thus looking at the association's books may not disclose money that has left the table via the banking community. For example, if checks are wrongfully endorsed or deposited in accounts not belonging to the association, it may never show up in the condominium books of that activity. Those types of embezzlements or honest errors are done in or corrected in the banking community. Any posting to the co-owner's accounts are usually correct on the association books. However, the funds may never make it to the association's bank accounts. Your auditor should be aware of this.

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

HOMES SOLD - WAYNE

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 13-16, 2009, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a free 59-minute Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Questions regarding startup cost, commission and success potential will be answered. The office is at 36642 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

Plymouth Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth.

Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Candidates should have: good people/communication skills, some computer

knowledge, a strong work ethic, and an optimistic "can do" attitude.

Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, available training, company profit share, commission structures. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

Rental Property

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

Price: \$99 for three days. Presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland. To register, contact: www.REIAofOakland.com; (800) 747-6742.

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■ Does the thought of rehabbing make you think twice about buying a property?

Paul Esajian of the A & E TV New Haven Team of "Flip This House" will share what it takes to succeed in this or any market. He is an experienced project manager who specializes in personnel management and incentive based motivation for contractors. His company has purchased, rehabbed and wholesaled more than 180 properties in the last three years.

Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, Feb. 11, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com).

Real Estate Sales and Appraising

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

Seminar on Tuesdays

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

HOMES SOLD - OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 19-23, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Beverly Hills	
15858 Buckingham Ave	\$148,000
18230 Dunblaine Ave	\$270,000
Bingham Farms	
31301 Fromm Ct	\$275,000
Birmingham	
251 Baldwin Rd	\$250,000
1276 Hillside Dr	\$229,000
2810 Manchester Rd	\$204,000
Bloomfield Hills	
1880 E Valley Rd	\$888,000
540 Haverhill Rd	\$595,000
Bloomfield Township	
2806 Hunters Blf	\$505,000
583 N Cranbrook Rd	\$410,000
439 N Williamsbury Rd	\$315,000
526 S Spinningwheel Ln	\$145,000
1529 Winthrop Rd	\$154,000
Clarkston	
5241 Oak Park	\$81,000

6568 Summit Ridge Ct	\$165,000
Commerce Township	
4919 Halberd St	\$108,000
5265 S River Dr	\$155,000
Davidsburg	
5400 Leddys Ln	\$70,000
Farmington	
20764 Farmington Rd	\$220,000
31736 Folkstone Ct	\$127,000
32070 Grand River Ave	\$32,000
22808 Manning St	\$125,000
33258 Slocum Dr	\$136,000
22740 Violet St	\$149,000
Farmington Hills	
27145 Arden Park Cir	\$150,000
25300 Elizabeth Way	\$124,000
30380 Fox Club Dr	\$270,000
27476 Kalish Ct	\$260,000
30610 Knighton Dr	\$275,000
38270 Lowell Dr	\$225,000
35092 Meadow Ln	\$112,000
31810 N Marklawn St	\$165,000
28139 New Bedford Dr	\$275,000
31935 W 14 Mile Rd	\$88,000
27689 W Echo Vly	\$50,000
Franklin	
27140 Gardenway Rd	\$225,000
Lake Orion	
150 Burniah Ln	\$225,000
3383 Chalice Rd	\$83,000
2312 Hammerlea Rd	\$88,000

372 Newton Ct	\$137,000
Milford	
1808 Hidden Valley Dr	\$385,000
1542 Milford Meadows Ct	\$230,000
1525 S Tropic Lake Rd	\$146,000
Northville	
20824 E Glen Haven Cir	\$45,000
40360 Prestwick Ct	\$1,200,000
Novi	
43363 Ashbury Dr	\$218,000
2118 Chase Dr	\$353,000
22378 Chase Dr	\$259,000
26519 Glenwood Dr	\$485,000
44431 Midway Dr	\$380,000
23250 Mystic Forest Dr	\$343,000
24780 Upland HI	\$196,000
21052 Wheaton Ln	\$373,000
45663 White Pines Dr	\$315,000
28291 Wolcott Dr	\$100,000
Oxford	
639 Elder Road	\$170,000
1784 Harvard Ct	\$158,000
861 Phillips Dr	\$160,000
Rochester	
1848 Flagstone Cir	\$94,000
1360 Sycamore Dr	\$113,000
Rochester Hills	
1233 Candlestick Ln	\$80,000
1122 Cove Ln	\$127,000
1636 Dancer Dr	\$120,000
820 Fieldstone Dr	\$200,000

3200 Gerald Ave	\$44,000
934 Golfview Ct	\$198,000
3580 John R Rd	\$173,000
1725 Kilburn Rd N	\$235,000
379 Mystic Wy	\$284,000
3255 S Adams Rd	\$63,000
2857 Tallahassee Dr	\$160,000
1902 Westridge Dr	\$380,000
South Lyon	
1230 Hackney Dr	\$242,000
172 Princeton Dr	\$72,000
24580 Wedgewood Dr	\$262,000
Southfield	
15564 Arbor Pl	\$60,000
29835 Brentwood St	\$95,000
27319 Marshall St	\$75,000
2114 Melrose St	\$98,000
17500 Nadora St	\$105,000
30580 Pierce St	\$95,000
28765 Tavistock Trl	\$150,000
Sylvan Lake	
2392 Garland St	\$90,000
Troy	
3069 Dominique	\$305,000
822 Drew Dr	\$226,000
1360 Sycamore Dr	\$260,000
3824 Edenderry Dr	\$130,000
2212 Milverton Dr	\$120,000
2671 Roundtree Dr	\$65,000
105 Vermont Dr	\$42,000
Walled Lake	
3105 Chesapeake Cir	\$115,000

Waterford	
2580 Bonita Dr	\$124,000
2232 Denby Dr	\$115,000
6853 Forestlawn Ct	\$122,000
287 Lansing Dr	\$82,000
359 S Cass Lake Rd	\$68,000
West Bloomfield	
4280 Barcraft Way	\$270,000
4321 Bunker Ave	\$85,000
7208 Creeks Bend Dr	\$135,000
7659 Danbury Cir	\$125,000
7600 Hemlock Dr	\$170,000
6975 Lakemont Cir	\$330,000
2100 N Hammond Lake Rd	\$100,000
7032 Nottingham	\$88,000
4148 Old Dominion Dr	\$263,000
6936 Pebblecreek Woods Dr	\$118,000
6777 Stonehedge Ct	\$104,000
7478 Verona Dr	\$131,000
3154 Winchester Rd	\$168,000
White Lake	
1173 Fairview St	\$61,000
8074 Sequoia Ln	\$93,000
8150 Sequoia Ln	\$95,000
934 Sloane Ct	\$130,000
505 Union Lake Rd	\$188,000
Wolverine Lake	
2170 Newport Ct	\$123,000

Canton	
1438 Colonade Ct	\$373,000
44108 Duchess Dr	\$175,000
43741 Gatehouse Ct	\$183,000
799 Meadowlake Rd	\$113,000
620 Roosevelt Rd	\$203,000
4051 Sarah Ann Dr	\$190,000
47066 Southgate Ct	\$238,000
Garden City	
28504 Beechwood St	\$42,000
28453 Donnelly St	\$45,000
Livonia	
11022 Brookfield St	\$106,000
8996 Danzig St	\$115,000
9012 Farmington Rd	\$85,000
16704 Fitzgerald St	\$185,000
36537 Gardner St	\$165,000
33112 Grenada St	\$90,000
31080 Westfield St	\$98,000
Northville	
665 Potomac St	\$453,000
Plymouth	
13924 Burning Tree Ln	\$209,000
10464 Chestnut Ct	\$140,000
9235 Corinne St	\$62,000
703 Karmada St	\$50,000
647 Maple St	\$13,000
1796 Nantucket Rd	\$173,000
1199 S Sheldon Rd	\$30,000
Westland	
30854 Grandview Ave	\$80,000
34274 Marina Ct	\$180,000
34277 Parkgrove Dr	\$150,000
27681 Trailbrooke Cir	\$56,000

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- Beetle Bailey's superior
 - Greenish mineral
 - Skin blemish
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 - Toe-toed sloth
 - Sonic bounce
 - 1950s record
 - Nothing —!
 - Opera solo
 - Tower over
 - Really bright kid
 - Energetic persons
 - Jacket fabrics
 - Cornfield sound
 - Zorba portrayer
 - Speaker
 - introducer
 - Thick soup
 - Watch pocket
 - Glamorous wraps
 - Unmuddled
 - Tote
 - Physique
 - Horror-flick extra
 - Excellence
 - Babble
 - Call — cab
 - Like bees and ants
 - Full of holes
 - Blinker (2 wds.)
 - Jungle warning
 - Pharaoh's god

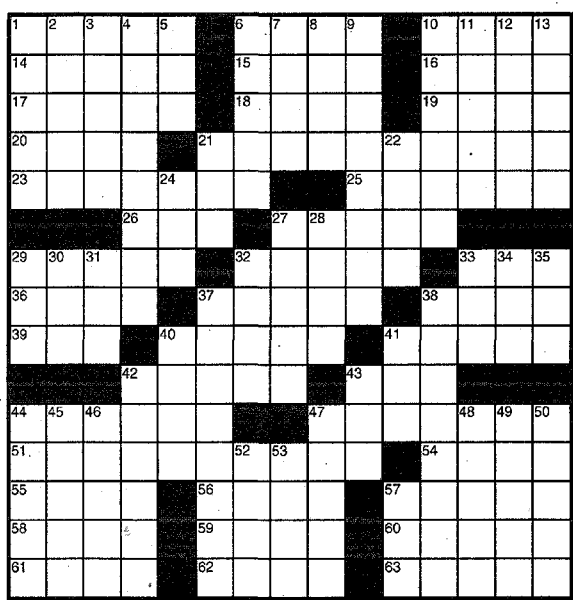
- DOWN**
- Fix a meal
 - Tumpike
 - Big celebration
 - Effortlessness
 - Wishes
 - Astaire or Rogers
 - Husky's burden
 - Ominous signs
 - Reprimand
 - Bronze or pewter
 - Toxic emanation
 - Makes a face
 - Use sparingly
 - "Swan Lake" costumes
 - Presently
 - Fixed the table
 - Cloyingly prettier
 - Dilute
 - Bitter
 - Dry white wine
 - Garden hoppers
 - Leave wide-eyed
 - Viking letter
 - Novelist Rita —
 - Brown
 - Waiting line
 - Europe-Asia range
 - Recede
 - Cattle call?

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 IMPEDE AVE HANK
 TASSEL RAN ANNA
 HERE TOM CUE
 SMELL NEE STARS
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 OOH CAR PEER
 UH HUH AOL SIDED
 MOONLIGHTING
 BYRD FOOT TAPPED
 ELSE SRS CREAM
 REED OAT HENNAS

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- Rascal
- Exterior
- Conspiracy
- A long way off
- Yes, to Pierre
- Diner order
- Goblets
- Car buyer's concern
- Pate de foie —
- Sz. option
- Defeated, in wrestling
- Wire gauge
- Flagpole
- Minotaur's island
- Did a fall chore
- Jeweler's lens
- Down the hatch
- Put on some clothing
- Target
- Muzzle or nuzzle
- Between pi and sigma



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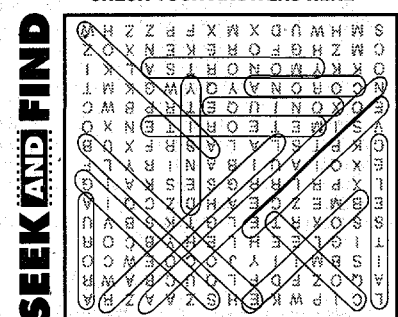
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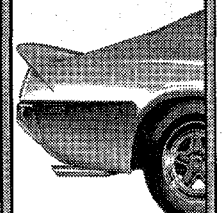
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