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Achieve Academy and Canton Charter Academy currently are holding open enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. Open enrollment will run through 5 p.m., Feb. 26.

Both schools are tuition-free public charter schools operated by National Heritage Academies, a Michigan-based charter school management company that currently operates 61 schools in six states. Seating availability is limited at both schools. Therefore, if the number of students enrolled is greater than the number of seats available, a lottery drawing will be held at a later date to determine which children will attend these schools.

For more information or to enroll your child at Achieve Academy or Canton Charter Academy, call 1-866-NHA-ENROLL.

Sagear scholars

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity with the \$500 Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio.

Application deadline is March 30, and the award will be announced April 16. Applications can be downloaded at www.storytellerdesign.com/SagearRotaryScholarship.pdf

For more information, contact Debra Madonna at clarion@storytellerdesign.com or by calling (734) 377-0914.

Park fun

The Friends of Miller Woods are planning their spring and summer calendar for scout troop activities.

The Friends provide specialized programs to match the badge requirements for different scouting activities, and welcome all troops.

Earth Day clean-up of the woods and the meadow surrounding the woods is planned for Saturday, April 24. Contact Cheryl Bord for more information or to register your troop at (734) 459-7666.

New township precinct map means changes for many

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Map with precinct boundaries, locations, A2.

Plymouth Township's precinct map has been redrawn as officials look to save money on elections without hindering the voting process.

The redistricting by the township Election Commission takes the number of voting precincts in the township from 17 to 12.

Clerk Joe Bridgman, who came up with the plan, said the plan should save money on elections inspectors, but still allow for the efficient processing of voters when they show up

at the polls.

"It boils down to the voters, getting the voters in, getting them processed, letting them vote," Bridgman said. "The voter is the most important part of this whole process."

Each township voter — there are about 21,350 of them — will be mailed a new voter identification card that includes a precinct number and polling place, Bridgman said. Although the boundaries of five precincts didn't change at all, four of those have new numbers; only

Precinct 12, in the southwest quarter of the township, had no changes in its boundaries, name, or polling place (Pioneer Middle School).

The new precinct map will be in effect for Michigan's August primary and for the state and U.S. Congressional election in November.

Bridgman estimated the reorganization will save a minimum of \$4,000 per election, based on personnel costs. The typical election in the township, he said, costs between \$30,000 and \$40,000 to run.

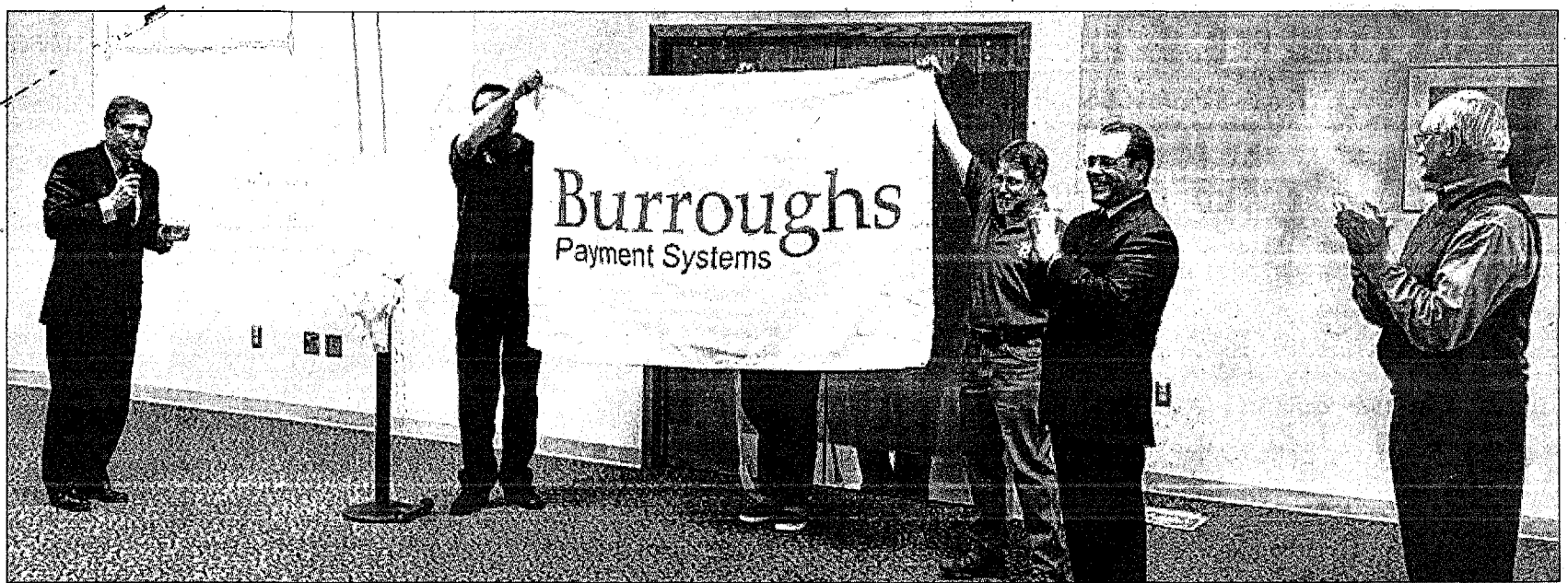
There will be other savings as well, Bridgman said, that are harder to

estimate, such as a reduced need for programming and testing voting machines because fewer will be in use.

Bridgman said he studied township voter turnout patterns from the last couple of elections before deciding which precincts could be combined. He said he found that of the township voters who turn out at the polls on an election day, about 40 percent do so between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

"It was a process to look at all that

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Unisys Corp.'s document- and cash-processing equipment and service business has been spun off as a separate company owned by a private equity firm, renamed Burroughs Payment Systems.

Reborn Burroughs spun off, plans growth

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A company with a long history in the Plymouth area is returning to its roots as it launches a new product and seeks new markets.

Unisys Corp.'s document- and cash-processing equipment and service business has been spun off as a separate company owned by a private equity firm. Renamed Burroughs Payment Systems, the company will be headquartered in Plymouth Township at Plymouth Road and Haggerty — in the building first opened in 1937 by the former Burroughs Corp.

"Burroughs is back!" said Alan Howard, the chief executive officer, during a gathering held Thursday afternoon to launch the new company.

Just over 200 people work at Burroughs headquarters, and Howard said up to 50 more people will be hired, mostly for administrative jobs, in the next 15 months.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano called it an exciting day.

"It's a global economy, and they can locate anywhere in the world," but chose Wayne County, Ficano told employees.

He added: "We do have the most skilled workforce in the world right here in southeastern Michigan."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said officials are "ecstatic" about the development.

"The smokestack may be gone, but Burroughs is still here," Reaume said.

The new Burroughs, Howard said, provides check-sorters and check-scanners (both assembled at the headquarters) and recently launched the SmartCash Vault, an automated safe that can provide instant bank credit. A short video played Thursday touted the SmartCash Vault as a more secure way for small businesses to handle cash.

The new company on Thursday also put up a new Web site, www.burroughs.com.

Burroughs began in the 19th century as a manufacturer of adding machines, and moved to Detroit in 1904 and to Plymouth Township in 1937. In 1986, long since involved in computer technology, Burroughs merged with the Sperry Corp. to become Unisys.

Howard said the new company's spin-off from Unisys was a natural parting of the ways, as Burroughs is more manufacturing-oriented while Unisys emphasizes service.

Burroughs Payment Systems is owned by Marlin Equity Partners of California. The sale price was not disclosed.

"Marlin will enable Burroughs to pursue an aggressive growth strategy leveraging the company's brand, cutting-edge technology and experienced management team," said Andy Martinez, a principal at Marlin, in a press release.

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CEO Alan Howard had a few remarks before cutting the ribbon on Burroughs' facility.

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Locals: Plymouth could benefit in Granholm's 'new' Michigan

BY MATT JACHMAN AND BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS



Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel said if Gov. Jennifer Granholm sticks to her pledge not to cut school funding, it would slice a projected \$9 million deficit in half.

In her last State of the State address Wednesday night, Gov. Jennifer Granholm said Michigan has to transition from an economy drawn on the automotive and manufacturing industries into a new economy that stresses more new, small businesses, tourism, the film industry and alternative-energy jobs.

While largely staying away from specifics about the budget she'll introduce next week, Granholm called on the state Legislature to adopt that budget by July 1 and talked about doing more with less, bringing back the Promise Scholarship to help students pay for college and said she'd also "draw a line against additional education cuts in the year ahead."

"Where the old Michigan economy was all about autos

and manufacturing ... the new Michigan economy is much broader: clean energy, life sciences — like bio-economy and medical devices — homeland security and defense, advanced manufacturing, film and tourism," Granholm said.

In Plymouth Township, which has lost its share of auto industry-related jobs but where several high-tech companies have also set up shop, Supervisor Richard Reaume said the governor's efforts to grow small business could be a big benefit. He pointed to high-tech companies like Stardoc, which Granholm mentioned in her address last year, and Secure 24.

"It's nice to see the state is going to try to grow entrepreneurs, because you never know where the next Apple is going to come from," Reaume said. "As compa-

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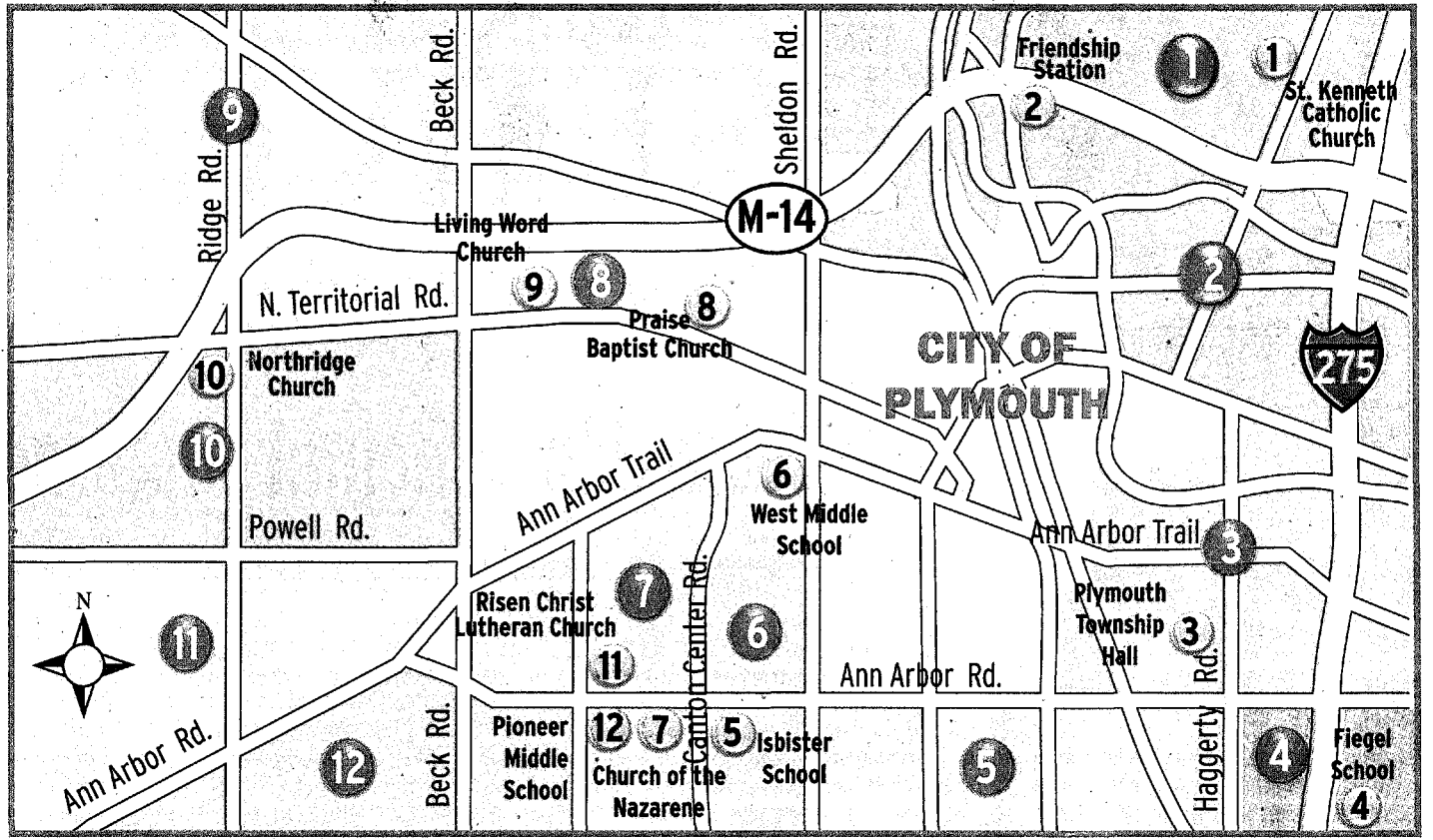
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kind of stuff," Bridgman said. He said that, as before, some precincts have polling locations that are actually in another precinct. That has to do, he said, with the location of buildings that can serve as polling places, typically churches, schools and government buildings. "You've got to use the locations that you can use," Bridgman said. In addition to Bridgman,

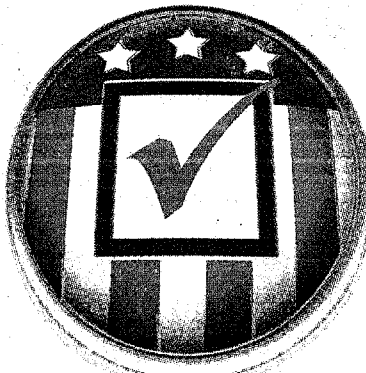
the Election Commission is made up of Board of Trustees members Kay Arnold and Robert Doroshewitz. Approval of the new map by the entire township board is not required. Bridgman said he will be reaching out to township homeowners groups in order to explain the precinct changes. For more information, or to schedule an appearance by Bridgman at a homeowners group meeting, call him at (734) 354-3224.

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- PRECINCT 5..... Isbister Elementary School
9300 N. Canton Center
- PRECINCT 6..... West Middle School
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nies grow, they start small and next thing you know they've got 100 employees. When they do, they look for a good community to be in, and they choose Plymouth Township. We like to see young companies like that that are growing, especially when they're in technology and innovative fields."

Longtime Plymouth resident Scott Lorenz watched Granholm's speech and said his overall impression was favorable. He agreed with Granholm's assertion that the "new Michigan" economy has to change.

"I think she's 100-percent right that we are in the transition stage," Lorenz said. "Manufacturing is still the lifeblood of the state and that's not going to change because the times have changed." He agreed, however, that the business base has to branch out more into areas Granholm touted, such as clean energy and high-tech jobs like the battery industry.

While not getting into specifics about her budget, which she promised by Feb. 12 "as required by law," Granholm channeled her mother, who

flew in from California to watch the speech, while addressing three specific areas.

"My mom could pinch pennies with the best of them, but she also taught me not to be penny-wise and pound-foolish," Granholm said. "We need to make common-sense investments that create jobs right away."

Three areas where Granholm said the state needed to "heed my mom's advice."

- Invest in Pure Michigan tourism advertising, which she said brings in \$2.23 for every \$1 invested. "More than 160,000 people work in the tourism industry," she told legislators. "Fund the Pure Michigan ads ... more people vacationing here means more jobs here."

- Take advantage of federal money for roads, many grants for which, she said, the state only has to come up with a 20-percent match. "It's like an 80-percent off coupon for our roads," she said. "Without the match, we'd lose 10,000 jobs each year."

- Invest in education. "Virtually every economist and everyone who reads the want ads agrees jobs today demand a technical degree or college diploma," she said. "It made no sense to abandon the Promise Scholarships ... the budget will restore the Michigan Promise

Scholarship. We'll announce a creative way to pay for it and we'll give it a new focus, keeping our young people in Michigan when they earn their degrees."

For school districts struggling with shrinking foundation grants in the faltering Michigan economy, it was Granholm's pledge to "draw the line against additional education cuts in the year ahead" that had officials at least hopeful. However, since she didn't specify how she would balance that on the revenue side, Dr. Craig Fiegel said he'll wait and see what happens to a cut state officials have been talking about making to education funding.

"We figure, depending on what happens, we've got somewhere around a \$9 million

deficit next year," said Fiegel, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent. "About half of that or a little more would be in that \$268 cut they were talking about. That would reduce (the impending deficit) significantly, if that's what (Granholm) means."

But it can't be simply a matter of throwing money at the problem, according to Tom Salapatek of Canton. He cited something he read about test scores in Kansas City dropping even though funding was doubled.

"My gut feeling is money isn't the answer," Salapatek said Thursday morning over a cup of coffee at the Plymouth Panera Bread. "Better use of existing money is the answer. Don't just throw money at it."

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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.

Clothing bank

The Plymouth-Canton Community Clothing Bank is making appointments for individuals and families in need of clothing. Clothing bank officials have also issued a "thank you" to the community for "the various clothing drives that have been held" for the bank.

The banks hours of operations are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call (734) 416-6179.



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Helping Haiti

At Salem High School, Emily Hankinson, English teacher Regina Wilburn and Angel Hankinson raised money for Haiti earthquake relief. Their evening fund-raiser helped raise more than \$1,000 during a drive that lasted several days.

Damaris scholars

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with the \$1,000 Damaris Fine Arts Award.

Students' artwork will be judged on its originality, creativity, and use of material. Artwork will be professionally juried.

Applications will be accepted April 27-30, the work will be juried April 30-May 3, and the Damaris Fine Arts Award will be announced May 4.

Applications can be downloaded at: www.storytellerdesign.com/DamarisAward.pdf Contact Tamara Trudelle at the PCAC, (734) 416-4278 to

make an appointment to submit application and portfolio.

For more information, contact Debra Madonna, (734) 377-0914, clarion@storytellerdesign.com

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.

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Ice Cream Social

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It's an opportunity to come out and get updates on what is currently happening in the State Legislature. Corriveau will also entertain questions and concerns.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, to RSVP.

Cassidy exhibit

Spring comes early to the Plymouth Community Arts Council with an exhibit of colorful paintings by Plymouth resident Denise Lowe Cassidy. Her art will be on display for the month of February during regular PCAC business hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and at an Artist Reception 7-9 p.m. Feb. 19. All are welcome to attend the

reception, RSVP to (734) 416-4278.

Cassidy grew up in Wyandotte, and has been living in the Northville and Plymouth area for six years. While she has been dabbling in art most of her life, Cassidy began painting only a few years ago while taking a Continuing Education class at Schoolcraft College.

Her favorite subjects are flowers. "My best work comes from painting things that make me feel happy," she said. These acrylics on canvas range in size from 15"x19" to 30"x40", with prices ranging from \$150-\$600. This is Denise Lowe Cassidy's first public exhibit.

To find out more information about this exhibit or for information on all PCAC programs, visit www.plymoutharts.com or stop in at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

St. Valentine's dinner

The Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours celebrates St. Valentine's Day with a spe-

cially prepared, four-course food and wine dinner 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at E.G.Nick's, 500 Forest Ave., in Plymouth.

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

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.

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BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
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On Thursday, students at West Middle School had a chance to find out when they had a visit from professional dog sled racer Dan Anderson and his team of Siberian Huskies. "Mr. Dan the Dog Sled Man," as he likes to be called, is from Coopersville, Mich., and owns Tun-Dra Kennels in Nunica, Mich.

Anderson has always been an outdoors man, but it wasn't until he married his wife that he became interested in dog sledding.

Jokingly, he said, "I married into it." He said his deceased father-in-law, Dean Cheadle, was one of the co-partners of the Iditarod. Cheadle trained Anderson and Anderson soon learned it's a year round commitment, which is no different than other professional athletes. He raced for about 10 years and then took a break to spend more time with his children. He fondly remembers the Johnson Park Race near Grand Rapids several years ago, which he won by mere seconds.

In the off-season, mushers teach the dogs and puppies to get along with other dogs because, if they interfere with another dog during a race, they would get disqualified.

During the interactive assembly, Anderson covered several topics, including Alaska's Gold Rush Era and



West Middle School sixth-graders eagerly pet the sled dogs professional racer Dan Anderson brought to the school.

current riches of oil and gold. He also spoke about dog sledding equipment, including different size sleds. He explained the possible friction between the sled and the snow or ice.

Anderson also demonstrated all the gear a musher needs. The boots may be cumbersome, he said, yet can withstand temperatures as low as 100 degrees below zero and "are not heavy like you'd expect." Even the dogs have special equipment, including "booties," which he explained protect their paws on the ice. The booties are strapped on

with Velcro. He also passed around several animal skins, including coyote and beaver felts.

Naturally, Anderson spoke about the Iditarod, which is the world famous dog sled race that is about 1,049 miles of Alaskan territory. This year, it's set to start on March 6.

The Language Arts Teacher, Nicole Lerg, was happy with the presentation.

She said, "Starting next month, when the Iditarod actually starts, we'll read a book called 'Bright Star, Black Dawn' and this is kind of their

little preview for that," Lerg said, adding students learn about social studies [because] he talks about all these different locations and different cultures.

"It's just fun because it gives them a chance to be hands-on and it gives them something they are so excited about, which is the dogs," Lerg said. "It's perfect for when we go to Language Arts next month, I'll just remind them about this and they'll already have seen it and it gives them that first-hand experience."

Once the indoor assembly was completed, Anderson took the students to the snowy field outside and introduced his team of dogs: Storm and Ruby (lead dogs) and Sky,



Sixth-graders Nour Chehadi (standing) and Drew Smiley try out the sled.



Dan Anderson and his team of Siberian Huskies helped teach at West Middle School during a presentation this week.

Sable, Maverick and Faun, the newest member. Anderson said his dogs have the same bloodline as the original Balto. Balto was famous for his heroic efforts in the 1925 dog sled relay race, which brought relief to the citizens of Nome, Alaska, who had the diphtheria epidemic.

As the students gathered around the team of dogs, their playful excitement built up and soon, sixth-graders, Drew Smiley and Nour Chehadi

were whisked off on a dog sled ride. The dogs know several verbal commands such as "haw," "gee," "whoa" and "straight ahead."

"Straight ahead" is exactly the direction that Anderson is planning to take. Now that his youngest child is graduating from high school, he is ready to get back into dog sled racing and have some adventures again. This time, he'd like to take along his young grandson.

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Township Teamsters agree to concessions

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A second Plymouth Township employee union has agreed to a concessionary contract in the face of tight township budgets and a bleak revenue forecast.

The tentative deal with Teamsters Local 214, which represents six people in the Department of Public Works, calls for a pay cut of 7 percent but, unlike in a larger township union, no furlough days.

"We can't afford to lose them," said Supervisor Richard Reaume, explaining the department is already thinly staffed. The six workers maintain the township's water and sewer system, he said, and are paid out of the township's water fund, which faces a decline in revenue because of a drop in water usage.

"It was important to even get concessions in the water fund," Reaume said.

The contract would also have the workers pay more toward their health insurance and increase their

out-of-pocket health-care expenses, Reaume said.

The tentative agreement, already ratified by the Teamsters, goes before the township Board of Trustees at its next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 23. The deal would expire at the end of 2012.

The township's Teamsters at the top of the pay scale earn just over \$44,000 a year, before the 7-percent pay cut. Five of the six are at the top of the scale, Reaume said, and the sixth will be at the top shortly.

Early last month, the township's Technical, Professional and Officeworkers of Michigan workers agreed to a contract that calls for 26 unpaid days off as year, which amounts to a 10-percent cut, and other concessions. Officials estimate the TPOAM contract will save \$300,000 a year.

Teamsters Local 214 president Joe Valenti Jr. could not be reached on Friday.

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Charitable contributions must be documented



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: I'm preparing my 2009 tax return. The instructions state in order to deduct charitable contributions you must make the contribution in that calendar year. I thought I read something that said you were allowed to deduct charitable contributions on your 2009 return as long as a contribution was made before February 2010. If this correct?

A: Like most things when it comes to tax law, there are always exceptions to the rules. Last week Congress passed, and the president signed, new legislation that dealt with the Haiti relief effort. In order to encourage Americans to contribute to Haiti, Congress passed legislation that does allow you to deduct contributions for the Haiti relief effort on your 2009 tax returns as long as they are made by the end of February. This exception applies only to charitable contributions for the Haiti relief effort.

One last note regarding charitable contributions. In

general, it is important to save documentation. It is no longer sufficient to just save the cancelled checks. You also need to save receipts received from the charitable organization.

As I've always said, the best way to beat the IRS if you're audited is to have the proper documentation. Good luck!

Q: Dear Rick: Last year I inherited \$250,000 from a friend's estate. It was a CD outside of his IRA. How should I report this for tax purposes? I'm not sure it's important but I do my tax return using a software package. I know I have to report the money, I just can't figure out where it goes. Can you help?

A: Based upon the fact that you inherited non-retirement money I have good news for you. The \$250,000

you inherited is not subject to income taxes and does not have to be reported on your tax return. All that money is yours and you do not have to report it to the Internal Revenue Service.

The way our inheritance tax laws work is when you inherit money that was not in some sort of tax qualified retirement account, you inherit the money income tax free.

On the other hand, if you inherit an IRA, 401(k) Plan or an annuity there are income tax consequences to you. The exception is a Roth IRA. When you inherit a Roth IRA, since it is a tax-free account, there are no income tax consequences upon death.

Good estate planning takes that into consideration — not only estate taxes but also income taxes. For example, you would want someone in a lower income tax bracket to inherit retirement accounts and someone in a higher tax bracket to inherit non-retirement accounts. By doing it this way, you can reduce income tax consequences to

the beneficiaries.

Sometimes, there is confusion between estate taxes and income taxes. One really has nothing to do with the other. Estate tax deals with how the estate itself is taxed while, generally, the income tax deals with how the individual beneficiary is taxed. Obviously, one of the goals of good estate planning is to reduce and eliminate both estate and income taxes.

Keep in mind that there are differences between inherited money and money gifted to you. Gift taxes, if any, are the responsibility of the person giving the gift not the person receiving the gift. However, there are different income tax consequences involving gifting money and inheriting it, particularly when it comes to determining your basis in the property.

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

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Community reaches out to help Haiti



First Presbyterian Church member Susan Kage mans the display table showing the kinds of items that go into the relief kits for Haiti.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The national Presbyterian Church has responded to a number of emergencies recently, using its stocks of relief kits at a low ebb.

So when a 7.0-level earthquake leveled Port Au Prince, Haiti, leveling homes and leaving gut-wrenching devastation in its wake, the Presbyterians needed help to provide relief, and reached out to its member churches.

That call for aid reached First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, and the church's Presbyterian Women's group responded with more than 150 baby and hygiene kits, responding to the national church's Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

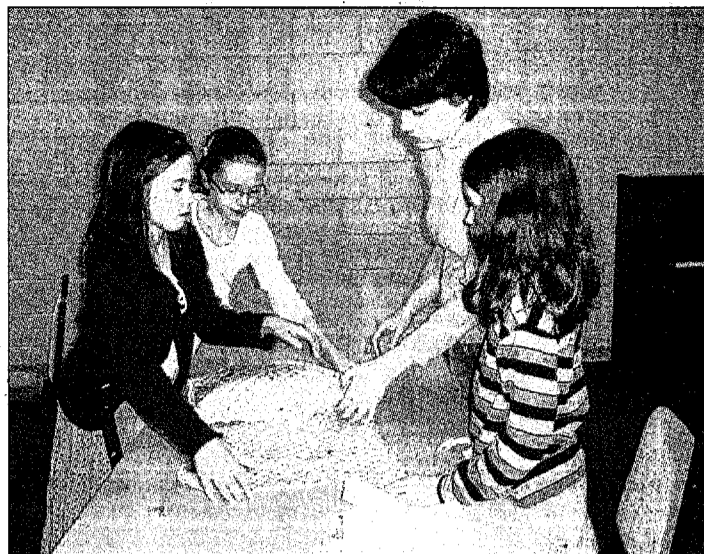
"They collect those kits and others, like school kits and cleanup kits," said Alisa Blunk, a member of the Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian. "They put out an urgent request for baby kits and hygiene kits because they'd sent their supply to other areas, and they were in need of them for the Haiti Relief."

A notice was put in First Presbyterian's church bulletin, and some 40 people volunteered to help put the kits together. Many more than that donated the money to buy the items that went into the kits. In addition to the kits, money needed to be raised to cover a \$2-per-kit shipping charge.

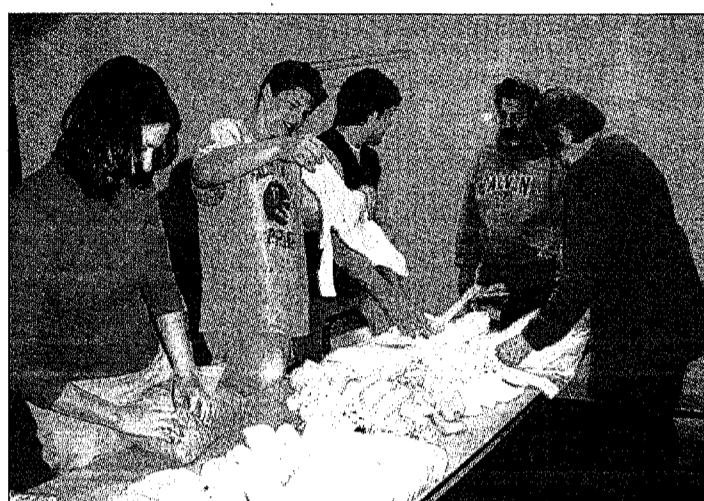
While exact figures aren't available, more than enough money was raised to do both: And a church member also arranged for her company to transport the kits to their shipping point in Maryland.

Altogether, volunteers put together more than 100 hygiene kits and more than 50 baby kits. Hygiene kits contain items such as hand towels, washcloths, combs, nail clippers, soap, toothbrushes and adhesive bandages. The baby kits include diapers, T-shirts, washcloths, gowns or sleepers, diaper pins, sweaters and blankets.

"It was a very generous



Volunteers Sophia Barkoff (from left), Carmen Bruchnak, Beth Bruchnak and Zoe Barkoff put the kits together for the First Presbyterian Haiti relief effort.



Marjorie Lynch (from right), Tom Kage, Devin Kelly, Dominick Ferrari and an unidentified volunteer help put kits together for the church's Haiti relief effort.

amount of money," collected from church members, Blunk said. "It was a total church effort. Everybody really came together."

OTHER EFFORTS

Cindy Rubio's 10-year-old twins saw the story about the earthquake that hit Haiti and, like many people, wondered what they could do about it.

According to Rubio, a Canton resident, her twins - Jimmy and Rachel - approached their Student Council at Eriksson Elementary School and, by week's end, the council had a flyer sent home with students asking for just \$1 per family. They were hoping the fifth-

grade class could raise \$600.

The Rubio twins also canvassed the neighborhood asking for donations, even offering to take returnable bottles and cans in lieu of cash. In one day, the twins raised more than \$60.

The effort netted \$1,429 for Haiti aid.

"These kids are outstanding," Eriksson principal Kevin Learned said. "This is a school community in a struggling economy, and it has hit Eriksson families hard. They raised more than double what we asked. That definitely speaks to the character of our students."

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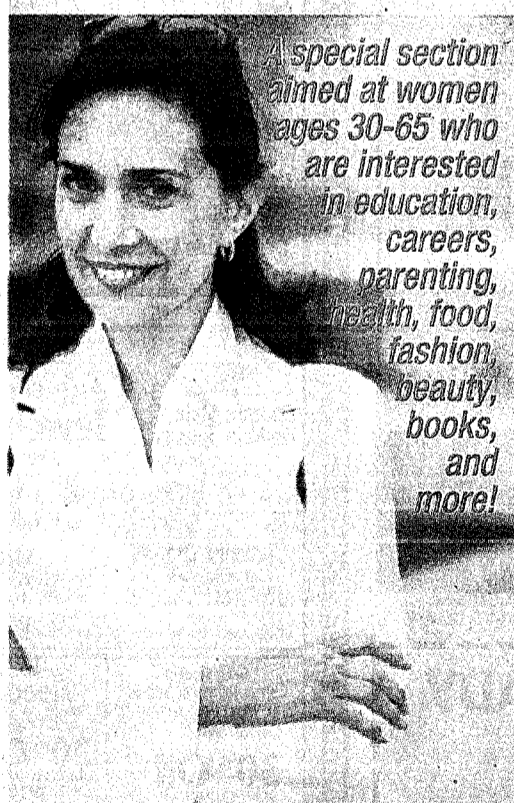
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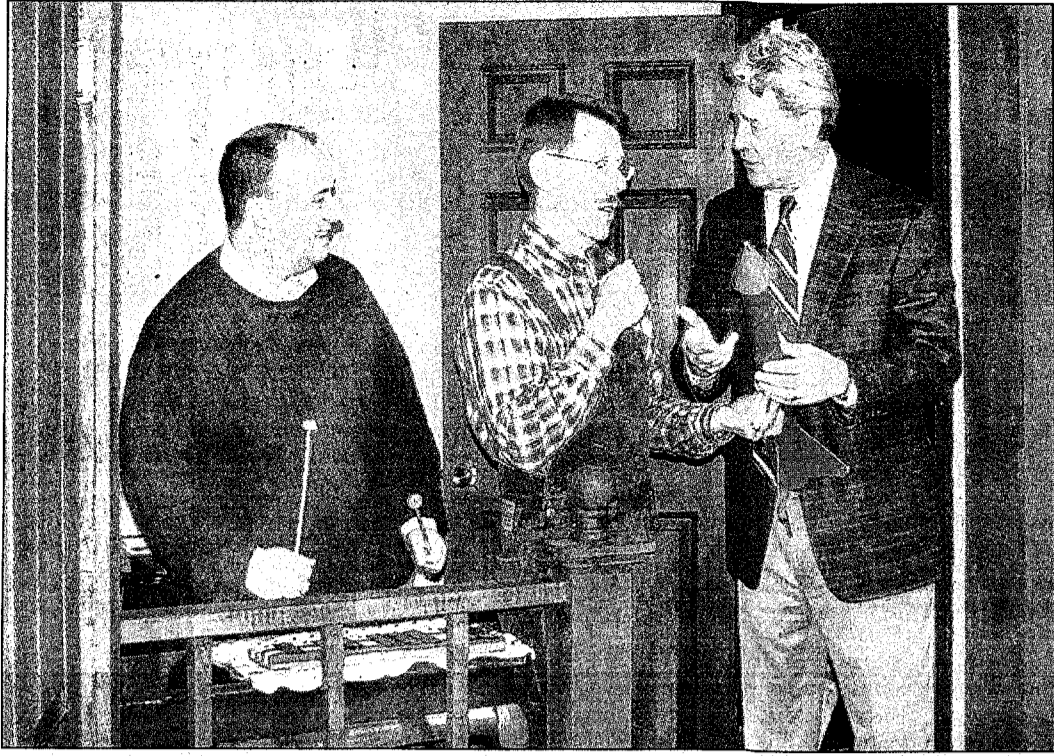
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From left: Joseph Munem, Phil Hadley and Jim Moll rehearse a scene from 'You Can't Take it With You.'

Hilarious clash unfolds in Players production

It is love American style when two people fall for each other and their mismatched families finally meet.

The Farmington Players will open Valentine's Day weekend with *You Can't Take It With You*, a screwball comedy that has been stealing hearts since it debuted on Broadway in 1936.

The play runs Feb. 12 to March 6 at the Players' Barn Theater in Farmington Hills. It is sponsored by Mall Malisow & Cooney, P.C. - Holistic Estate & ElderCare Planning Attorneys in Farmington Hills.

The classic by George S. Kaufman & Moss Hart won the Pulitzer Prize in 1937. The story follows the carefree Sycamores as they cross paths with the uptight Kirbys in a comedic clash of classes and lifestyles.

Alice Sycamore is the only normal one in the family of free spirits that includes an eccentric mom, a wacky dad who cooks up homemade explosives in the basement, and an odd snake-collecting grandpa.

'YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU'

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• Feb. 12-13, Feb. 19-20, Feb. 25-27, March 4-6, 8 p.m.
• Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.

The secretary Alice, is in love with her boss's son, Tony. However, she fears her strange family won't pass muster with Tony's stuffy, Wall Street father and snobbish socialite mother.

Director Emily McSweeney of Farmington Hills says, "The subject matter is as timely now as when it was written."

McSweeney stage directed when The Farmington Players first performed *You Can't Take It With You* in 1985. Some of the original cast members have returned for the 2010 version. McSweeney's husband Bob is reprising his role as the offbeat Grandpa, who tells the tax collector he doesn't believe in taxes. This time, Bob McSweeney is the perfect age.

Brian Tupper of Farmington Hills now plays the IRS Agent. Last time, he portrayed Ed

Carmichael, the amateur printer, who prints anything that sounds good to him.

The cast includes Michael Schacherbauer, of Plymouth, who plays Mr. Kirby.

TICKET INFO

Tickets are available today at farmingtonplayers.org or at the box office (248) 553-2955. Adults: \$15, senior discount \$2 off (Sunday, Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Only) Group Discounts: \$2 off any performance: Must Have 10 or more people. Students: \$2 off; Thrifty Thursdays: \$2 off - Feb. 25, March 4.

OPENING NIGHT

The Barn will kick off Opening Night Feb. 12, with a special event known as "Aftershow, Afterglow." In honor of Valentine's Day, one lucky patron will win a sinfully rich box of chocolate (on this night only) as a second prize in the 50/50 raffle. Following the show, audience members will have a chance to toast the performance with a selection of tasty treats and sparkling juice.

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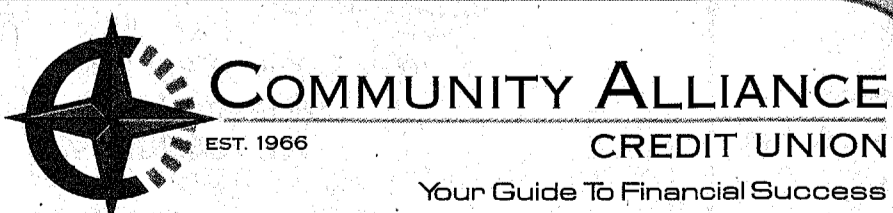
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Proverbs to pantyhose: Tea party fellowship good for soul

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Beth McBain's hat stood out in a room full of festive headgear — not an item women wear too much these days.

"I decided I didn't want a long veil for my wedding," the Canton homemaker explained at a recent tea for Geneva Presbyterian Church women and their friends. She shopped with her mother-in-law for her 1994 wedding to Keith.

"It was a new hat," she said. McBain was among some 25 Geneva women and guests who enjoyed each other's company at the home of Jennifer Smith of Canton, winning the prize for best hat.

"Wonderful," McBain said. "It's just precious the women went out to make it a traditional tea. It's very nice to interact with the women from the church."

Echoing those thoughts was Charlene Jones of Canton, a church member and pediatric nurse: "I thought it was great. It was awesome. Sort of a



Friends Barb Berberet (left) and Marilyn Sinclair of Canton wore Red Hat Society attire.

touch of the past, what ladies' teas were like. It was festive."

The women moved to "stations" in the Smith home according to letters on their name tags. At each, they

enjoyed conversation. Reading from Proverbs, women were asked to relate a biblical verse to their own lives.

A reading related to kindness shown by a woman led

to a discussion of sisters and their role in women's lives. The attendees also picked tea bags with pennies for each year, telling of a significant event in their life that year.

One woman had worked on Hubert Humphrey's 1968 presidential campaign. A discussion of the advent of pantyhose around that time drew laughs, along with memories of the girdles that came before.

Many remembered graduations, first jobs, weddings, children born and other milestones.

The women also told the stories behind the tea cup each brought from home. "Session



Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton teased best hat winner Beth McBain, "That means you have to wear it to church tomorrow." Moon-Dupree enjoyed the fellowship of the Saturday tea.

(at Geneva) had bought me this and the tea cup was in it," church secretary Cindy Thomas of Canton said of her china floral cup with the word "faith" on it. That was a birthday gift in a basket about six years ago.

One woman is a Depression glass collector, and another beautiful cup was a garage sale find. Many cups came from grandmothers. A breast cancer survivor had a china cup with the distinctive pink ribbon design.

Barb Berberet of Canton brought along friend Marilyn Sinclair, both wearing Red Hat Society garb. "We've been friends for many, many years," Berberet said. "She just moved here from Up North."

"It was fun to sit down and talk to everybody," the retired human resources manager added. "It was wonderful fellowship."

Carrie Moon-Dupree of Canton is vice president at Presbyterian Villages of Michigan. "I had fun," she said. "I learned a lot more about women I've known for years."

Moon-Dupree has a goal this year to renew an old friendship and make a new friend. "This is a start," she said. "At 60, it's not so easy to make friends."

Erin Archambault of Plymouth Township said, "Life gets busy and we let it kind of sweep us away. This was a time to stop the clock and enjoy each other."

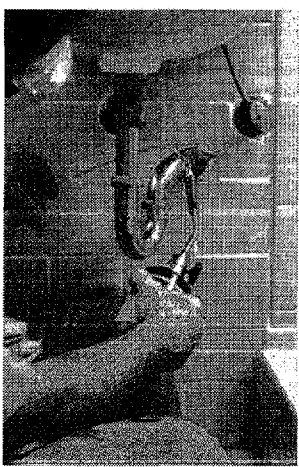
She's a trust operations manager in banking, and had to borrow her white gloves for the afternoon from a co-worker. "I loved it," Archambault said of the tea. "It was a light-hearted, old-fashioned way to connect with friends."

She added, "I had no hat so I just 'pouffed' my hair," using ribbons and flowers.

Jennifer Smith, whose husband is pastor at the church, was glad to host the tea party. "I thought it was great, a fantastic turnout," the speech and language pathologist said. "Fellowship. Just fellowship and a chance to get together with other women."

Church member Julie Grundstadt of Canton, who couldn't attend, provided the Proverbs and discussion points. "I think it was a wonderful turnout and a wonderful spirit," Smith said. "I can't wait for the next one."

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Indigo Salon, Spa and Boutique is pleased to announce their partnership with Canton Goodrich Quality Theater during the week of Feb. 8 in order to promote the movie premiere of "Valentine's Day." To do so, the duo will be holding two promotional events for all residents to partake in.

From Feb. 8-12, Indigo and Canton Goodrich will hold a "Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt" throughout Canton. Clues to where prize pack-

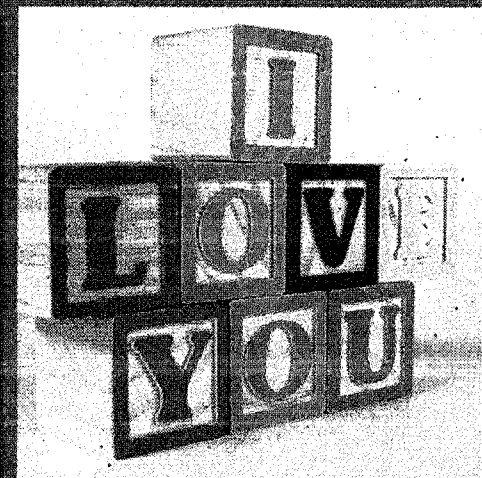
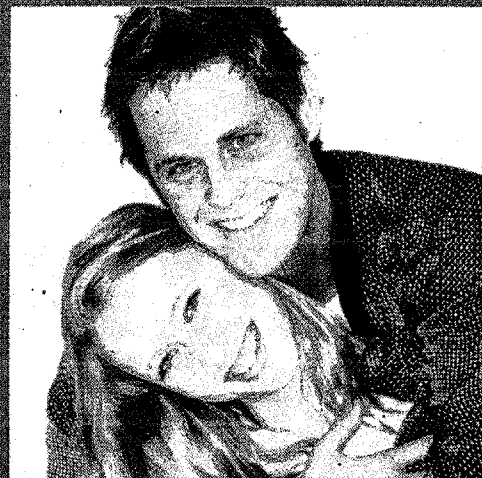
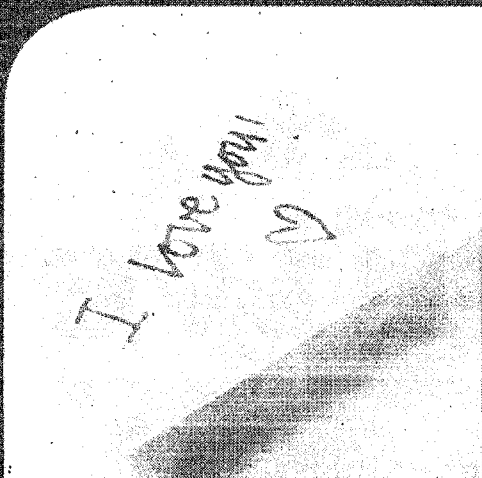
ages are hidden will be given Monday via Indigo's Facebook and Twitter pages. Those who participate have the opportunity to win prizes such as two to four free movie tickets for the premier of "Valentine's Day" (valid Feb. 26, 2010 through Jan. 26, 2011), as well as free Indigo Salon, Spa and Boutique gift cards ranging from \$10-\$50, which will be scattered throughout the city.

In addition, from 6-9 p.m. on the evening of the premiere Friday, Feb. 12, Indigo will be

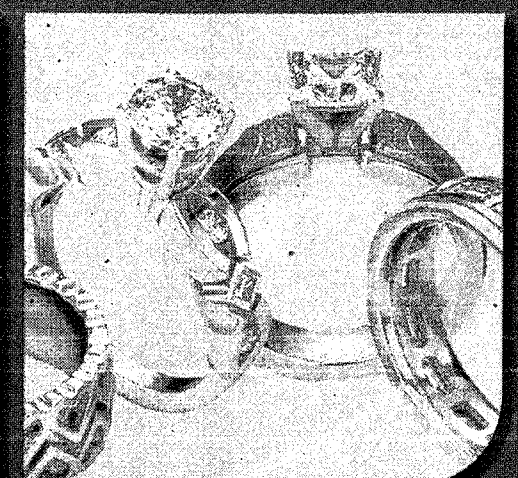
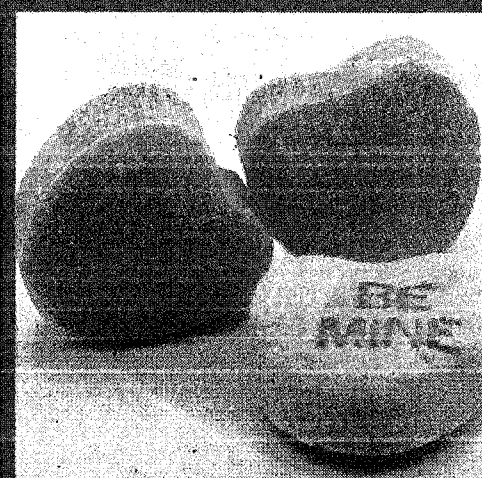
giving out 100 free \$20 gift certificates for the first 100 moviegoers at the premiere. They will also receive a new client welcome pack which includes over \$125 in gift certificates and savings.

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HOMETOWN LIFE



Happy to be the man

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jimmy Reddy knows a lot is expected on "The Park," because he went to school there.

He also has a number of years of experience coaching various boys and girls basketball teams at Canton — where he graduated in 2000 after his own career as a player ended.

But for the first time, the diminutive Reddy is at the top of the totem pole with Canton's boys basketball program as varsity head coach.

So far, Reddy is handling things as smoothly as Canton junior point guard Dietrich Lever does when he floats through the lane for a layup.

"I've been here, it's just now you're the guy," Reddy said. "A little more pressure comes with that, absolutely."

"That's the major difference, there's more pressure as the head coach, which I think I've dealt with well because I have great people around me."

With kids wearing red T-shirts with the words "The Reddy Zone" on them, it's also apparent that he's successfully melded into the Canton scene.

Reddy meets almost every day with much-valued varsity assistants Dan Colligan, Devarone Jackson and Neil Sharma — not to mention JV coach

Tony Wichmann and freshman coach Jason Slaughter — to make sure his defense-first philosophy is getting over.

"That's what we made sure when I took over," Reddy said. "We wanted to make sure we had guys that I knew and could trust and guys who share the same kind of same philosophy with me, so it's worked out well that way."

Contending for the KLAAs South Division and playing deep into the state tourney are obvious goals for the Chiefs' new regime. But for that to happen, players must embrace the style of play Reddy himself excelled at under the watch of his Canton coach, Dan Young.

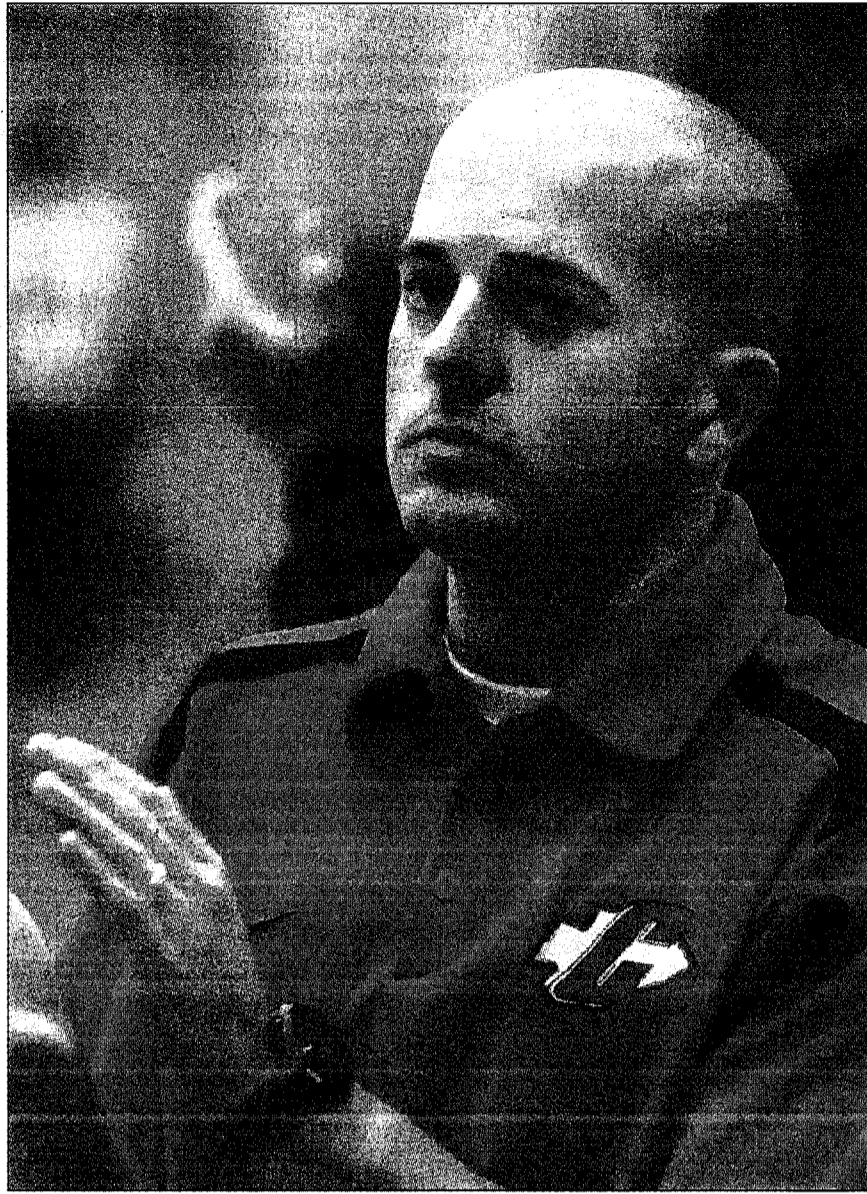
"If we can defend and rebound, which we have done a pretty good job of (lately), that gives you a chance to win," Reddy said. "And offensively, we're motion. I tell our guys if we can pass and catch, we'll give ourselves a chance to score."

BRINGING HIS STYLE

Playing with energy, constantly pestering opponents and being in the right place at the right time — the style Young preached in the late 1990s — is Reddy's own blueprint.

"You don't need to be the biggest guy, the strongest guy, the quickest guy or

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Canton first-year head boys basketball coach Jimmy Reddy monitors the action during a recent contest.

JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GAME WRAPS

Boys basketball

PCA WINS CLOSE ONE: Clutch long-range shooting by Josh Johnson and another big game from Eric Jipping sparked host Plymouth Christian Academy to a 57-55 win over Taylor Baptist Park.

The victory was the ninth straight for the Eagles, who improved to 9-3 overall and 8-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Eagles led 31-25 at halftime, but fell behind 40-38 going into the final quarter. That's when Johnson scored all eight of his points — including six of them on a pair of treys.

"You have to be ready in any situation and Josh was tonight," PCA head coach Mike Doyle said. "He carried the team in the fourth quarter."

Jipping, a sophomore, scored 20 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and played strong against Baptist Park's two 6-foot-5 post players.

Helping the PCA cause was senior Don Mullet, with nine points.

Girls basketball

VICTORY FOR EAGLES: Thursday night was a good one for Plymouth Christian's girls basketball team, too. The Eagles defeated host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 42-32.

The Eagles (4-9) and Crusaders got off to a slow start, with the first quarter ending 5-5. But PCA took a 15-11 halftime lead and built on that in the second half with strong defense and timely offense leading the way.

"We played really good

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Wildcats turn tables on Chiefs, hot start sparks road win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The shoe was on the other foot Friday night.

When campus rivals Plymouth and Canton played a boys basketball game last month, it was the visiting Chiefs to storm out of the gate and go on to victory.

But not this time. The Wildcats got out to a 13-8 lead after one, thanks largely to three triples from guard Mike Nadratowski.

Plymouth kept the lead most of the

game, but needed to hold off a furious late charge by Canton point guard Dietrich Lever (15 of the Chiefs' 19 fourth-quarter points) for a 54-50 KLAAs South triumph. The boys game followed the contest featuring both school's varsity girls teams.

"We definitely wanted to have a better start than the first game (against Canton)," Nadratowski said. "It was really good to get off to that start."

"It was good to take the crowd out of it a little bit, get my team some confidence."

According to Canton head coach

Jimmy Reddy, the hot start by Nadratowski "made it difficult. We didn't have enough energy from the beginning."

Reddy praised Nadratowski, who scored 24 points.

"Mike Nadratowski played a great game," Reddy said. "He was a tough cover all night and made a few threes, he was at the rim."

Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said Nadratowski "is the straw that stirs the drink for us. We play much better when he's attacking like that."

The Wildcats led 23-17 at halftime, holding Lever to just four points.

But he started to get untracked after intermission, scoring seven in the third. That didn't put much of a dent in the deficit however as Plymouth still maintained a 38-31 edge.

Lever, however, registered the first 11 points his team scored in the fourth to make it a 50-46 Plymouth lead with 90 seconds left.

After Canton's pressure defense forced a 10-second violation by Plymouth, Lever (26 points, four assists) made a circus layup with a half-minute

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Two's better than one

The Plymouth Razor Sharks, of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association, recently won their second tournament in as many weeks. After coming home as champions of the Cleveland Rock 'N' Roll Cup Tournament, the Razor Sharks went undefeated in four games to win the PeeWee B division of the Motown Cup Hockey Tournament in Downriver Detroit. The "never-die" Sharks came back from 2 goals down to tie the Oakville Titans (Toronto) 3-3, then from 3-goal deficits to beat both Kensington Valley Cavalry 6-5 and Kentwood Falcons (Grand Rapids) 5-4 in the preliminary rounds, and went on to win the rematch against the Titans 6-3 in the championship game. Sharks center Matthew Cusumano's second goal of the game was the winning tally, while Sharks goalie Alex Remski shut down the Titans in the championship game and was named tournament MVP. Members of the team include: (front row) Steven Sisolak; (second row, from left) Mitchell Gonzalez, Austin Foss, Nolan Kerwin, Alex Remski, Andrew Pascaris and David Cook; (third row, from left) Ethan Fitzgerald, Amanda Hoehn and Matthew Cusumano; (fourth row, from left) Jay Andrusiak, Max Chumley, Erik Liubakka and Tom Kowalkoski; (back row, from left) coach Tom Remski, coach Lee Cook, head coach Chris Hoehn and coach Steve Kowalkoski.

Salem's Root signs with Ferris

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Austin Root's head-knocking, head-turning style of football is on its way to Ferris State University.

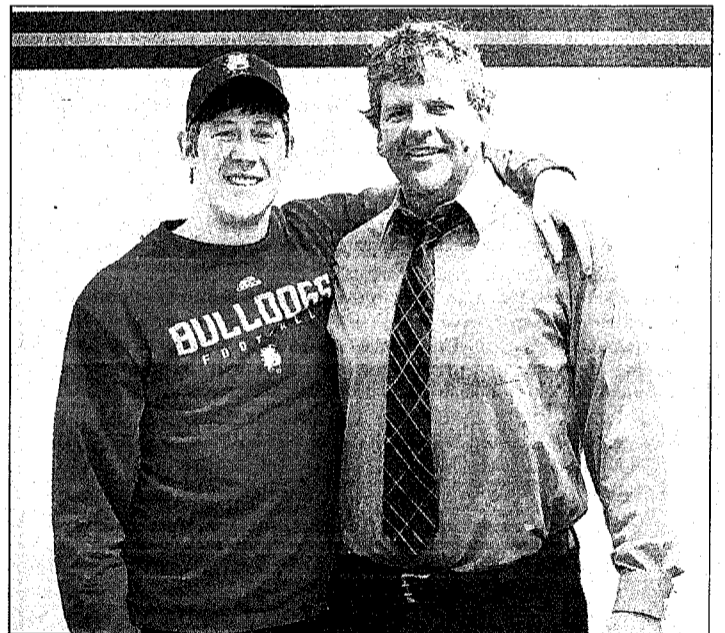
The Salem senior, who was a heart-and-soul type player for first-year head coach Kurt Britnell, signed on National Signing Day to play Division 2 football at FSU.

He'll be red-shirted in 2010, but is expected to contend for a starting linebacker spot the following season.

"I'm real excited to have the opportunity to play college football," said Root, following Wednesday's signing ceremony at Salem. "It's going to be great to see how athletics are played at the next level."

On hand for the festivities were Root's parents (Larry Root, Lisa Elias), other family members, Salem coaches and staff members.

"It's a great statement of what hard work can get you," Britnell said. "Austin worked hard every



All smiles on National Signing Day is Salem's Austin Root, wearing the Ferris State colors. Celebrating with him is Rocks head football coach Kurt Britnell.

day. He was a great player for us and he's going to be a good player at Ferris State. It speaks volumes for him."

Root tallied 108 tackles in 2009, along with two fumble

recoveries and a quarterback sack. He was named to the All-Observer and All-KLAAs first teams.

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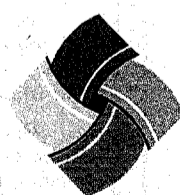
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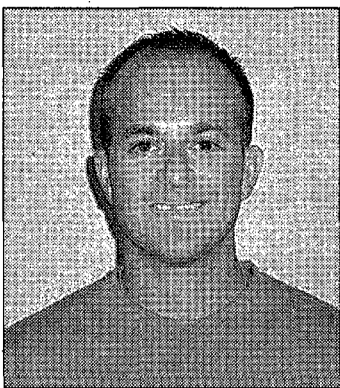
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REDDY
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'I've been here, it's just now you're the guy. A little more pressure comes with that, absolutely.'

JIMMY REDDY, Canton boys hoops coach

the best jumper," Reddy said. "If you're in the right position, and you're willing to go get the ball, you can excel at being a good defender and good rebounder."

Drawing up the X's and O's is only part of it. Canton varsity girls coach Brian Samulski provided some guidance as Reddy went about completing other tasks that go with the territory of being head coach.

"Brian's helped me huge with the other stuff, the organization of everything and making sure you're interacting with parents," Reddy said. "Right before the season started, that was probably my biggest concern, stuff outside of basketball."

"You've got to put in orders for apparel. Just everyday duties, making sure your younger level coaches have everything."

Reddy had a ready-made "in" with some of those parents anyway, having coached current seniors both on the freshman and JV teams.

"I was their freshman coach, their JV coach, a varsity assistant and now I'm their varsity head coach," he said. "So I've spent a lot of time with these kids. I've seen them a ton."

Reddy emphasized that Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is somewhat different from his own playing days, however, with the addition of Plymouth as the third high school on campus.

"Now there's a third school, more kids, you're playing both schools," Reddy said. "Now Plymouth has become a bigger game in the sense they're in

our division and we play them twice.

"Whereas when I was here, it was just Canton and Salem, so that's probably the main difference."

But Reddy insisted that when the ball is lofted for the opening tip, players from the three rival schools quickly forget any subplots.

At least, that's what he hopes happens.

"When we played Plymouth (Jan. 15), the biggest part was that we were trying to get our second division win, not that we were playing Plymouth," Reddy said. "For me, it's just another game."

"I know the kids obviously are a little more psyched and ready to play when they're playing against kids they know and have classes with. But for me, it's not that big of an issue."

Coming soon is a look at the other new PCEP basketball coach of 2009-10, Plymouth's Mike Soukup.

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Canton makes quick work of 'Cats

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday night was the second varsity basketball twinbill of the season featuring Canton and Plymouth.

But fans getting there late for the opener missed most of that contest's drama, as the host Chiefs' girls basketball team jumped out 17-2 and rolled to a 63-21 KLA South victory.

Canton head coach Brian Samulski said one of the important aspects of the victory was how well Alyssa Cottrell, Kari Schmitt and Sara Schmitt threw a defensive blanket over Plymouth senior forward Stacey Klonowski (2

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points). "I thought all three of those kids did a nice job on her," Samulski said. "To hold her to two free throws."

Canton (13-1, 8-0) enjoyed leads of 32-9 at halftime and 49-15 after three.

Top performers for the Chiefs included Kari Schmitt (19 points, 15 rebounds, 6 steals), Kayla Bridges (11 points), Sara Schmitt and CarolAnn Sexauer (8 points each) and Lindsey Winters (7 points).

Taylor Birman tallied five for the Wildcats (4-10/3-5) while Danielle Desilets and

Leja Kulagic each scored four. According to Samulski, the Canton-Plymouth twinbill was fun to be part of.

"Just like it was at Plymouth, it was a cool environment," he said. "I think it's good for basketball, good for the 'Park' and it allows people to come out and see two varsity games for the price of one."

In the nightcap, Plymouth's boys varsity team nipped Canton 54-50.

SALEM 53, STEVENSON 42: Brett deBear tallied 17 points and Sara Stone added 14 to power the Rocks (10-3, 7-1) to a KLA Central Division victory Friday at home against Livonia Stevenson (4-10, 3-5). Stevenson led 11-10 after

one quarter, but got outscored 23-7 in the second and never recovered.

"We shot the ball well from the free-throw line (9-of-12) and we had a huge second quarter," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann. "That really set the game in pretty good shape for us the rest of the night."

Thomann said a balanced attack also was a key, with five players scoring in the second.

Rachel Norman (7 points), Heidi Schmidt (6 points) and Katelynn Krause (5 points) all helped the Salem cause and Thomann noted strong rebounding from Stone (7), Tabitha Mann (7) and Breanne Beaver (5).

WILDCATS

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remaining to make it a 52-50 contest — thrilling the home side of the gym.

"Dietrich can do that, he's a special player," Reddy said about Lever's late heroics. "He got rolling there in the fourth quarter and got us in it and gave us a shot to win."

"But we didn't make enough plays tonight, bottom line."

As an example, Canton (9-5, 6-2) got the ball back with enough time to attempt to tie the game with a trey. But the shot wouldn't fall and Plymouth (7-7, 4-4) prevailed.

Soukup said it was huge for his team to scrap and battle and hold off the charging Chiefs.

"(Brennen) Beyer played well, cleaning the boards off and we won a couple scrums, a couple loose ball battles that were key for us," Soukup said. "We played smart basketball, we made a couple good reads."

Beyer tallied nine rebounds while Dion Johnson and Pat Salo scored eight and seven points, respectively. Also in double figures for

Canton were Brandon Duffey (12 points) and Kevin Weisz (10 points).

STEVENSON 68, SALEM 53: Junior guard C.J. Mwila did it again Friday night, scoring a game-high 36 points as KLA Central Division co-leader Livonia Stevenson (10-3, 7-1) downed the host Rocks (6-8, 2-6).

Mwila, a 5-foot-11 transfer from Orchard Lake St. Mary's, made nine triples on the night including five straight during the third quarter to spark a 26-11 run after the Spartans trailed 34-29 at halftime.

He had 25 in his season debut Jan. 15 in an overtime win over Salem.

"C.J. put on a performance at Stevenson that will be remembered for years to come," Spartan coach Mike Allie said. "I proud of the whole team and that we're able to contend for a (Central) division title."

Senior guards Bobby Naubert and Kyle Bambach added 14 and eight points, respectively, for the Spartans, who will face Novi (12-2, 7-1) in a KLA Central showdown 7 p.m. Tuesday at Stevenson.

Jake Peterson and Devonta Riley tallied 16 and 14 points, respectively, for Salem.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem wrestling fundraiser

Salem High School Wrestling Boosters invites everyone to their fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings at 41980 Ford Road in Canton on Monday, Feb. 15.

Flyers can be obtained at www.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. Please come and enjoy a great meal and help the wrestling program.

Hoop Shoot competition

The Canton Sports Center is inviting you to show off your basketball skills in the MRPA Hoop Shoot Skills Competition and the Three-on-Three Tournament.

Both events will take place on Saturday, Feb. 20 in the Summit Gymnasium, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The free Hoop Shoot Competition gives boys and girls ages 8 - 15 the chance to show off their shooting abilities. Each contestant has 60 seconds to score as many points from various locations on the court.

Check-in for the event will start at 8:30 a.m., with the event scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Players may either pre-register

or register on-site, but all players must present a valid birth certificate for age verification.

The Three-on-Three Basketball Tournament is arranged by boy and girl divisions for grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. All teams are guaranteed two games and prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each division.

The cost is \$52 per team, which can have up to four players, and the first games will start at approximately 10 a.m. The registration deadline is 9:30 a.m. on February 20, so teams are encouraged to pre-register.

For more information on the MRPA Hoop Shoot and the Three-on-Three Tournaments or to register for the events, call the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600 or visit <http://csc.canton-mi.org>.

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF PROPOSED CORRECTIVE MEASURES DECISION is hereby given that on February 7, 2010, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) proposes to issue a Corrective Measures Decision under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC), for its facility located at 13400 West Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan, (U.S. EPA Identification Number MID 005 356 803) and that the U.S. EPA will be accepting comments on the proposed decision.

A RCRA Facility Investigation, along with previous environmental investigations and interim measures were performed by DDC to address areas of contamination in soil and groundwater at the facility. DDC was also awarded the U.S. EPA's 2008 Region 5 Phoenix Award and 2008 National Grand Prize for their Brownfields redevelopment efforts. Based on those efforts, the U.S. EPA has determined that DDC needs to perform further corrective measures to address remaining contaminants in groundwater at its facility, including removal and treatment of Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) and monitoring of groundwater and LNAPL.

A public notice will appear in the Redford Observer Newspaper on February 7, 2010. The U.S. EPA is soliciting input from the community on the proposed Corrective Measures Decision for the DDC facility. The U.S. EPA has scheduled a public comment period starting on February 8, 2010, in order to encourage public participation in the Corrective Measures Decision process. During the comment period, the U.S. EPA will accept written comments on the proposed determination.

Any person interested in submitting comments on the proposed decision must do so by March 11, 2010. All comments should be submitted in writing to:

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Remediation and Reuse Branch (LU-9J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604
Attention: Gregory Rudloff
Email: mail to: Rudloff.Gregory@epa.gov
Phone: 312-886-0455

Copies of relevant documents, including the Statement of Basis, are available for public inspection and copying from February 8, 2010, to March 11, 2010, during normal business hours at:

Redford Township District Library
25320 West 6 Mile Road
Redford Township, Michigan

and

Detroit Public Library
5201 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

These materials, and other supporting documents which make up the administrative record, are available for viewing at the U.S. EPA, Region 5 office identified above from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. To view the Administrative Record, or for information regarding technical aspects of the proposed decision, contact Gregory Rudloff at (312) 886-0455 or by email at Rudloff.Gregory@epa.gov.

Following the public comment period, the U.S. EPA will select the final Corrective Measures and provide notification of its decision and rationale in a "Final Decision and Response to Comments" ("Final Decision").

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LEGAL NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Bauer Associates, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Bauer Associates, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 44190 Plymouth Oaks Blvd, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Bauer Associates, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BROWNFIELD PLAN OF THE PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time in the Township Hall located at 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority pursuant to Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The property to which the proposed Brownfield Plan applies is the property located at Five Mile and Ridge Road, including the former Western Wayne Correctional Facility site, in Plymouth Township.

Maps, plats and copies of the proposed Brownfield Plan are on file at the office of the Township Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the Township Board shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan for the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. All aspects of the Brownfield Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Township Clerk.

This notice is given by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular meeting February 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-0750
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OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Open enrollment for the 2010-2011 academic school year ends on Friday, 2/26/2010 at 5 p.m. Applications are available for grades K-7 and can be obtained at the school or by calling 866-NHA-ENROLL. Applications may be mailed or faxed to the school. Applications can also be completed online at www.NHAschools.com. Should the number of applications received during open enrollment exceed available seats, a random-selection drawing will be necessary. The drawing, if needed, will be held on Tuesday, 3/23/2010 at 4:30 pm. at the school. Applications received after open enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis for remaining open seats. Waiting lists will be formed accordingly.

Canton Charter Academy

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

Achieve Academy and Canton Charter Academy admit students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. They do not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or athletic abilities, measures of achievement or aptitude, disability, status as a handicapped person, homeless status, English proficiency, religion, creed, race, sex, color, or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies and athletic or other school-administered programs.

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Penguins rally for win over Walled Lake

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Shauna Siebert might have uttered "Enough already!" as she drilled her game-winning shot Thursday for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

The unassisted marker, with 2:48 left in the third, capped a three-goal surge that lifted the Penguins to a 6-5 girls hockey victory over the Walled Lake Wild at Suburban Ice Farmington Hills. It gave PCS (8-7-0) its first lead of a back-and-forth tilt.

"It felt really good," said the senior defenseman about her third goal of the night. "If I see an opening I just go with it."

Siebert slapped the puck from the left circle and it soared past Walled Lake freshman netminder Christina Karagozian.

"She (Siebert) had a hat trick and Kara Bongiovanni had four assists, so we definitely got a lot of our points from our defensemen," said Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson. "Jordyn Moore, another defenseman, had two goals."

"They were both playing offense and defense today, which is very important for us."

Johnson needed that kind of effort from her senior co-captains to help support goaltender Ellexus Montoya — playing her first-ever game at the position following an injury to regular Cortny McAdoo.

"Ellexus did a really good job, we weren't sure what to expect," Johnson said. "She's only been out at practice twice with the goalie pads on."

SHORING UP THE 'D'

After Walled Lake (a combined team with players from three high schools) scored three first-period goals, the PCS coaches changed things up to play "more of a trap."

Johnson said she had a forward join the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PCS Penguins defenseman Jordyn Moore (No. 19), shown from an earlier game, scored two goals Thursday against the Walled Lake Wild.

D-men back on the blue-line to keep the puck in the Wild end "and keep the shots to the outside when they do get into our offensive zone. I thought it worked out pretty well."

Walled Lake (3-12-0) outshot the Penguins 20-16 over the first two periods, which ended with PCS down 5-4. But the Wild managed just two shots in the third.

After a tentative start, Montoya became more comfortable in the crease and that enabled the rest of the team to relax and go to work.

"I think they were a little unsure what to expect and the coaching staff felt the same way," Johnson said. "We weren't sure what was going to happen."

"But the girls became confident after Ellexus started making a few saves."

Walled Lake freshman forward Emma Crone opened the scoring in the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey High School Hockey League matchup four minutes into the first.

Crone took the pass from freshman defenseman Jordan Maynard and sent a shot from inside the blue line past Montoya.

Two goals by Melissa Phalin, both set up by Grace Jardine — sandwiched around Siebert's first goal (assisted by Mallory Rojo) — put the Wild up 3-1 with 3:35 left in the stanza.

But a Moore wrist shot found the five-hole to cut the deficit to 3-2 at 12:52.

Soon thereafter, Montoya made a couple important saves on the doorstep against Mackenzie Moug to keep the game close.

Moore evened things up at 4:48 of the second. She skated into the Walled Lake zone, moved into the slot and buried the puck.

The Wild then scored twice in a 40-second span (one each by Moug and Crone) for a 5-3 edge.

CHIPPING AWAY

Almost as important as her winner was Siebert's power play goal with 7:10 remaining in the second to make it a 5-4 game entering the third.

Siebert received a crisp feed from Bongiovanni and sent a wrist shot inside the right post.

Montoya helped kill off a penalty early in the third and the Penguins drew even with 9:19 left.

Forward Marissa Sullivan made it 5-5, scoring from the slot. Bongiovanni assisted again.

That set the stage for Siebert's exclamation point.

Penguins top Mercy

On Tuesday at Arctic Edge, the PCS Penguins defeated Farmington Hills Mercy, 4-2.

Scoring two goals for the Penguins was Mallory Rojo, with other goals by Jordyn Moore and Kara Bongiovanni. Collecting one assist each were Bongiovanni, Shauna Siebert and Rhianna Fleisher while freshman goalie Cortny McAdoo earned the win.

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Canton icers edged by Northville, 4-3

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the seesaw stopped, Canton was on the low end — dropping a 4-3 decision to Northville at Arctic Edge.

The KLAAs boys hockey teams traded goals throughout the Wednesday matchup. But Northville had the last goal and the last laugh, spoiling "Senior Night" for the Chiefs and their families.

With the loss, Canton (9-9-1 overall, 3-4-1 in the KLAAs South) was eliminated from contention for the division title. Salem (5-2-1) clinched it in the process.

"It's a little disheartening when you're trying to battle for the division championship," said Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, "because if we won out our last two games against Northville and Stevenson it was ours."

Majszak said the Chiefs "took it to them the majority of the game. ... The puck just didn't find its way into the back of their net and it found its way into the back of ours."

Northville head coach Jeff Hatley, whose team improved to 8-10-0 overall and 3-5-0 in the KLAAs Central, credited the victory to work ethic and strong netminding by junior David Ketelhut, who made 33 stops — many of them on bona fide Canton scoring chances.

"Our goalie played well, and it was a tough effort by the kids, they really gutted it out," Hatley said. "I thought we had the legs in the third period."

It was 2-2 after two frames, but Mustangs senior forward Mike

Scorzo walked out of the left corner and wired a shot top-shelf behind Canton sophomore goalie Ryan Bazner 7:10 into the third.

As they had all night, the Chiefs answered, this time on an unassisted goal by junior forward Garrett Bryden (one goal, one assist) with 6:22 to go.

Bryden corralled a bouncing puck in the Northville zone and ripped a high shot from the left circle past Ketelhut.

But Scorzo once again scored to give the Mustangs the lead, and this time, the goal held up. Brady Marotta sent the puck to Scorzo who beat Bazner (11 saves on 13 shots) from point-blank range.

Bazner played well after relieving starter Spencer Craig just 27 seconds into the middle period. Majszak changed goalies after a shot from inside the blue line by Joey Close eluded Craig to give Northville a 2-1 lead.

Tying the game entering the third was Canton junior forward Jordan Smith. He converted a cross-crease feed from senior winger Sean Murphy.

Trading first-period goals were Northville's Matt Rosiar and Canton junior forward Phil Baciak.

SENIOR NIGHT: Before the game, Canton seniors Rohn Gaudi, Alec Gilo, Riley Hoernschmeyer, Kyle Korte, Sean Murphy and Will Romanowski were honored along with their parents.

Meanwhile, the seniors' moms participated in the Score-O feature during the second intermission.

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Rocks take 7-1 pounding at the hands of Novi

Salem's boys hockey team perhaps didn't have as big a reason to play well Friday night against Novi than it would have with something at stake.

The Rocks — clinching the KLAAs South Division Wednesday when Canton lost — gave up four power

play goals to the Wildcats, getting pounded 7-1 in a physical matchup at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Novi (15-2-2) went up 2-0 in the first period when Taylor Howell and Joey Ferriss scored against Salem goalie Steven Manser and the Wildcats added two

more in the second (by Tyler Manning and Evan Dixon) to extend the lead to four goals.

Before the middle stanza ended, Josh Jarvela tallied a power play goal for the Rocks, with an assist to Mario Macari.

But in the third, a Salem

parade to the penalty box resulted in goals by Tyler Perpich, Dixon and Curtis Herzog. The final goal came against Eric Fiorentino, who played the final 10 minutes.

Salem dropped to 7-4-3 overall, but finished 5-2-1 in the South to clinch first place.

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Thursday	7 pm	\$ 5	Yes	80% Pay Back	500 Start Chips
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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 27 CANTON 3 Feb. 4 at Super Bowl (Canton) John Glenn scorers: Kyle Hamlin, 201-247-448; Thomas Brusseau, 203-185-388; Chris Harper, 193-174-367; Derrick Ammons, 218; Tommy Ruark, 200; Jordan Hornes, 190; split scorer, 157. Team totals: 944-1,014-1,958 (17 points); Baker games: 188-196-394 (10 points). Canton scorers: Trevor Cummins, 188-217-405; Ross Terrasi, 201-200-401; Andrew Klein, 184-182-366; Casey Bindas, 176-149-325; Billy Keppen, 167; David Blythe, 148. Team totals: 916-896-1,812 (3 points); Baker games: 154-175-329 (10 points). Dual match records: John Glenn, 11-2 overall, 9-1 KLA Central Division; Canton, 6-6 overall, 4-5 KLA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 26 PLYMOUTH 4 Feb. 1 at Town 'N Country Lanes John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 196-210-406; Natalie Brown, 188-200-388; Julianne Ayers, 168-127-295; Alyssa Bradke, 166; Jennifer Horgas, 156; Karlyon Rhynes, 130; Khiry Sparks, 114. Team totals: 832-823-2,309 (16 points); Baker games: 184-192-376 (10 points). Plymouth scorers: McKenzie Carlson, 165-237-402; Alysson Gibbs, 132-162-294; Kristyn Sturtz, 130-124-254; Serena Oliver, 154; Tiffani Patterson, 143; Alyssa Conrad, 136; Amanda Martin, 101. Team totals: 664-820-1,484; Baker games: 116-130-246 (0 points). Dual match records: John Glenn, 8-3 overall, 7-1 KLA Central Division; Plymouth, 2-7 overall, 2-4 KLA Central.

PLYMOUTH 130 CHURCHILL 55 Feb. 4 at Livonia Churchill 200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Elhan Weiner, Tim Castle, Chris Wilson, Alex Jouney), 1:50.98; 2. Churchill (Brad Johns, David Vincentini, Jacob Rimatzi, Mark Freyberg), 1:51.28; 3. Plymouth (Scott Wang, Matt Eudy, Peter Burns, Alex Wilson), 2:00.45. 200 freestyle: 1. Ethan Christenson (P), 2:02.56; 2. Cameron Earis (P), 2:02.64; 3. Adam Liakos (P), 2:05.23; 4. Derek Atzinger (LC), 2:06.61; 5. Freyberg (LC), 2:10.73. 200 individual medley: 1. C. Wilson (P), 2:11.95; 2. Vincentini (LC), 2:11.99; 3. Scott Wang (P), 2:22.09; 4. Rimatzi (LC), 2:22.38; 5. Todd Maslyk (P), 2:32.46. 50 freestyle: 1. Weiner (P), 25.1; 2. Burns (P), 26.20; 3. Brian Sharp (LC), 26.41; 4. Linus Ziemba (LC), 26.95; 5. Eudy (P), 27.83. 1-meter diving: 1. Ian Smith (P), 159.00 points; 2. Alan Robinson (LC), 143.50; 3. Connor McManus (P), 132.25; 4. Christopher Sharp (LC), 127.30. 100 butterfly: 1. Jouney (P), 1:01.43; 2. Vincentini (LC), 1:01.86; 3. Wang (P), 1:04.52; 4. Zach Koch (P), 1:06.68; 5. Johns (LC), 1:13.36. 100 freestyle: 1. Castle (P), 53.95; 2. Burns (P), 57.25; 3. Sharp (LC), 58.21; 4. Zack Anderson (LC), 58.43; 5. Ziemba (LC), 1:00.43. 500 freestyle: 1. Earis (P), 5:29.62; 2. Atzinger (LC), 5:35.66; 3. Liakos (P), 5:48.27; 4. Christenson (P), 5:49.40; 5. John Yurgil (LC), 6:12.34. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Castle, Weiner, Liakos), 1:39.67; 2. Churchill (Freyberg, Anderson, Rimatzi, Vincentini), 1:39.88; 3. Plymouth (Maslyk, Kyle Strobel, Christenson, Earis), 1:46.03. 100 backstroke: 1. C. Wilson (P), 1:04.23; 2. Rimatzi (LC), 1:07.08; 3. Nick Weber (P), 1:14.32; 4. Maslyk (P), 1:15.15; 5. Aaron Flynn (LC), 1:22.18. 100 breaststroke: 1. Jouney (P), 1:10.72; 2. Castle (P), 1:10.98; 3. Yurgil (LC), 1:15.29; 4. Strobel (P), 1:17.48; 5. Anderson (LC), 1:19.93. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (C. Wilson, Christenson, Liakos, Jouney), 3:42.34; 2. Plymouth (Koch, Earis, Wang, A. Wilson), 3:56.64; 3. Churchill (Atzinger, Lance Korcesoja, Kenny Denstaedt, Yurgil), 4:11.44. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 4-2 overall, 3-1 KLA South.

SALEM 113 CANTON 73 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 Simon (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 Rudelic (S), 179.33; 3. Nick Grivicki (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 (Champagne, Simon, Eric Tian, Ryan DeFrain), 1:40.10. 100 backstroke: 1. Wellman (S), 1:01.27; 2. Suriano (S), 1:01.72; 3. Simon (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 (Champagne, Carlson, Kemp, Krebs), 3:42.45. Dual meet records: Canton, 4-2 overall; Salem, 4-4 overall.

ROOT

FROM PAGE B1

Supreme confidence was something the 5-11, 185-pounder possessed during his outstanding prep career, and that should prove beneficial for Root in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Football Conference. "I feel once I get situated in a starting position I can lead the team well and help the defense function properly," Root said. According to Britnell, that confidence as well as drive to excel will enable Root to be a leader for the Bulldogs, too. "Absolutely, the thing about Austin, he's a competitor," Britnell said. "If someone's better than him, he's going to work his butt off to equal that and better that. "Again, I'll say that he'll play

well for them and be an awesome football player for that program." Britnell emphasized that the signing also is a plus for Salem football as the program strives to turn things around. The Rocks finished 1-8 in 2008 and 2-7 last fall in Britnell's first season. "Personally, any time you get a player to play at the next level it's huge for us as a program," the coach said. "It's always good for us to have that kind of stuff happen. We're extremely proud of him and what he's done." Root was the lone signee on Wednesday from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams. But Britnell and Plymouth's Mike Sawchuk said they expect others to sign or be walk-ons, likely for Division 3 colleges.

poise, committing just 16 turnovers compared to the 25 in Tuesday's game against Oakland Christian (a 48-38 loss).

WRAPS

FROM PAGE B1

team defense tonight," Eagles head coach Carol Gerulis said. "Brianna Harris did a great job handling the ball tonight. Kristin Malcolm had an all-around good game again tonight for us." Harris scored six points and registered four steals, while Malcolm led the scoring with 20 points (along with 13 boards and four steals). Gerulis cited the work of Michaela Wheeler, who scored six of her nine points in the third quarter "and had a couple of key assists to players flashing to the basket." The coach emphasized that the Eagles played with

Gymnastics CANTON EDGED: The visiting Chiefs lost a 147.65-142.00 dual meet to No. 2-ranked Farmington, despite senior Robyn Piwovar finishing third in all-around scoring with a 36.35 total. Piwovar took first in vault with 9.45, followed by Ayana Lewis (fourth, 9.1) and Mallory Hudak (sixth, 8.95). In uneven bars, Alex Fideler placed fourth with 8.7, while in balance beam Fideler and Kali Pierce tied for fifth with 9.0. Piwovar took second in floor exercise (9.55), followed by Fideler (sixth, 9.2).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Saberettes Kids Clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes are holding a Kids Pompon Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 20, at the Plymouth High School cafeteria. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14. Pre-registration is now open on the www.pompons.plymouthwildcats.com Web site. You may also contact Saberette parents Lisa Krahel at lisalynn1509@aol.com or Lori Schroeder at wearefamily@aol.com.

Cost is \$40 per child and includes a T-shirt, poms and a snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic. All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Plymouth Variety Show in April. Pre-registration participants should arrive between 8:45-9:00 a.m. Same day registration is also available at 8:30 a.m., but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

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GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16.5 CANTON 13.5 Feb. 4 at Super Bowl (Canton) John Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 266-156-422; Julianne Ayers, 147-118-265; Karlyon Rhynes, 168; Jennifer Horgas, 152; Natalie Brown, 147; Alyssa Bradke and Megan Redmond, 145 each; Khiry Sparks, 136. Team totals: 850-738-1,580 (12.5 points); Baker games: 130-154-284 (4 points). Canton scorers: Jackie Polaski, 158-126-394; Lauren Obradovich, 147-196-343; Ashley Cade, 160-166-326; Kelsey Joseph, 148; Allison Fries, 116; split scores, 118-127-245. Team totals: 720-1,472 (7.5 points); Baker games: 183-122-305 (6 points). Dual match records: John Glenn, 8-3 overall, 7-1 KLA Central Division; Canton, 4-8 overall, 3-6 KLA Central.

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TOMPKINS-RIDDELL



Hilary Tompkins and Bridge Riddell announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gary Tompkins of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Karen Tompkins of Temperance, graduated from Bedford Senior High School in 2006. She plans to graduate from Spring Arbor University in May 2010.

Her fiancé, son of Mark and Cindy Riddell of Canton, graduated in 2004 from Plymouth Christian Academy and in 2008 from Spring Arbor University. He is employed at McCann Erickson in Birmingham.

The couple plans to wed in August 2010, in Toledo, Ohio.

TYLER-SAAITO

Melissa Lynn Saatio and Bennett William Tyler were married July 10, 2009 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton. The Rev. Dr. Jerry Yarnell officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ellen and David Saatio of Livonia. The groom's parents are Marian and Bill Tyler of Livonia.

Ellen Saatio, mother of the bride, served as the Matron of Honor. The bridesmaids were Alison Fuerstman and Carolyn Stoddard, cousins of the bride; Sarah Horka and Tessa Stokfisz, friends of the bride; Shannon Karbousky, cousin of the groom; and Christine Saatio and Rachael Saatio, sisters of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Madelyn Stoddard, cousin of the bride. Jacquelyn Stoddard, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl.

Best Man was Alan Tyler, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Christopher Clemens, Jason Clemens and Alex Fuerstman, all cousins of the bride; Robbie Hamill and Brian Zeni, friends of the groom; and James Tyler, brother of the groom. Ushers were Daryl Pettrica, friend of the groom and Evan Stokfisz, friend of the bride. Ryan Beningo, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Scripture readers were Nicole Cooper, friend of



the bride, and Kathleen Karbousky, the groom's aunt.

Sarah Grodek, friend of the bride, and Christine Saatio, sister of the bride, sang a duet. John Stoddard, the bride's uncle, was a soloist and Bill Tyler, the groom's father, played guitar. Sue Lukasik was the organist.

A wedding reception was held at the St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. The couple took a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon.

The bride and groom met when they were students at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The bride teaches kindergarten and the groom teaches fourth grade. Both are employed by West Bloomfield School District.

They live in Novi.



Gniewek-Schian

SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Cheryl Gniewek and Nicholas Schian announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Lynn Gniewek of Canton, graduated from University of Phoenix with a BS in business management. She is employed by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in

Pittsburgh, Pa. Her fiancé, son of James Schian and Mrs. Karen Sobieray, both of Davison, attended Michigan Technological University. He is employed as a project engineer at Graycor Industrial Constructors. A September 2010 wedding is planned in Dexter.



Grass-Braunreiter

JANUARY WEDDING

Amber Rose Gras and James Paul Braunreiter were married Jan. 9, 2010 in Jacksonville, Fla.

The bride, daughter of Greg and Laura Grass of Wichita, Kan., is employed by State Farm Insurance.

The groom, son of Jim and Julie Braunreiter of Livonia, is in the U.S. Navy.

The couple resides in Jacksonville, Fla.



DYLAN CHRISTOPHER KUNA

Dylan Christopher Kuna was born Dec. 27, 2009 at Botsford Hospital, in Farmington Hills.

Proud parents are Debby and Randall Kuna of Farmington Hills.

Grandparents are Barbara Schultz of Birmingham, Larry and Ronna Schultz of Commerce Township, Ken and Kathy Kuna of Brighton, and Mary Lynn Snow of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Great-grandparents are Mary Tierney of Oak Park and Helen Snow of Chicago, Ill.

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the paper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your announcement at least two weeks in advance to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

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

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960

50th Reunion May 1 at Crown Plaza-Metro Airport. Call (248) 625-4598 or (734) 464-1692 for more information.

REUNION CALENDAR

High School Class of 1970 Reunion. Or e-mail Carla Campbell Lehn at dblehn@aol.com.

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

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40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included.

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Oak Park High School Class of 1980

30th reunion, July 2-4; for information e-mail to ophighschool1980@yahoo.com.

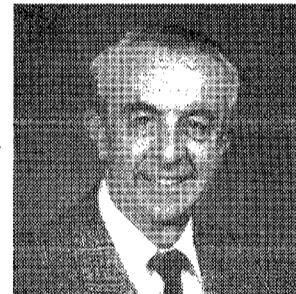
Redford Union Class of 1960

50-year reunion, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. For more information contact Mike and Carol (Geroeff) Pontius (248) 446-9948 or e-mail to mikecarol91500@att.net. Or call Tena (Fear) Keith at (248) 437-6827.



JEAN "JUNE" ASH

Age 87 of Plymouth, February 3, 2010. Beloved wife of the late "Stine". Dear aunt of Don (Judy) Denhoff, Bob (Laurie) Failing, Rich (Donna) Failing, Janet (Bill) Gerhardt, Tom (Maudie) Ryan, Michael (Brenda) Ryan, Carol (Dewitt) Wolverson, and Jennifer Ash; and sister-in-law Blanch Ash; and also many great and great-great nephews and nieces. Visitation Sunday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Funeral Monday 11 AM. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, or the Juvenile Diabetes Association. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



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 www.mccabefuneralhome.com



MILDRED "MILLIE" COSNER

Feb 3, 2010 Age 79. Beloved wife of John for 58 years. Loving mother of Karen (Michael) Stearnes, Janette (Larry) Cunningham and Deanna (Brian) Molnar. Dear grandma of Michael (Megan DeWolf) Stearnes, Kathryn (Chad Osos) Stearnes, Zachary (Sarah) Stearnes, Sarah (Russell) Long, Jessica (Matthew) Marcinski, Brian Shea, Molnar, Alexander Molnar and Noah Molnar. Dearest great-grandma of Steven Long, Jacob Long and William Dufour. Visitation: Sat, Feb 6, 3-9pm and Sun, Feb 7, 12-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. Funeral: Mon, Feb 8, 2010 In-State 9:00am, Service 10:00am at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church 9600 Levene, Redford, MI 48239. Memorial donations may be made in Millie's name to Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church. Please leave the family a message at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

EDNA E. GILROY

Age 84, February 2, 2010. Beloved wife of the late Percy. Dear father of Percilla (John) Gabany, Clara, Mary Solano and the late Sue Roland. Mother-in-law of Tim Roland. Grandmother of DeAnn; Angela, Leonard, Brandon, Derek, and Danielle. Great-grandmother of Brittany, Ryan, Jordan, Matthew, Mackenzie, Michael Jr., Parker, Isabella and Griffin. Sister of Mable Mulder, and survived and loved by many nieces, nephew and friends. Visitation Sunday 2-9pm at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill). In state Monday 9:30am until the 10am Funeral Service at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt (just south of Ford Rd.). Memorials suggested to Hospice of Michigan or Garden City Presbyterian Church.



CECIL SEYBOURN LANG JR.



PETER DAWSON

Age 77. Married to Julie Whitney Dawson in 1966. Died January 28, 2010. Born in Cleveland, moved to Birmingham in 1952, automotive engineer: Chrysler, Ford, and Car Skates. Interests included cars, auto-racing, motor scooters, world travel, theatre. Earned degrees from DePauw University, Case Institute, and Chrysler Institute. In addition to Julie, family members include parents Clare and Ruth Dawson (deceased); brother George (deceased) and his wife Shirley; and his nephews and niece and their families: Mark, Rita, and Peter Dawson; Cindy, David, Elizabeth, and Julia Trull; Peter, Nan, Jack, and Quinn Dawson; and the members of Julie's family. Those who wish to remember Peter with a gift may contribute to The Beaumont Foundation, Beaumont Hospitals, PO Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007 or on line at www.beaumont-hospitals.com.

MARION HARRISON (née DAVIDSON)

Aged 84 years and long-time resident of Farmington, passed away quietly on February 1, 2010. She was born January 20, 1926 and lived most of her life in the Detroit area. She graduated from Wayne State University and worked as a librarian. She maintained a life-long interest in books and literature, participated in various book clubs, and served as a library volunteer. She also loved camping, travel, and her cottage up north. She was a loyal friend and loving mother. Together with her husband of 49 years, she raised a family of five boys. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D. Harrison, her father, Robert Davidson, and mother, Gladys Davidson née Phetteplace, her brother, the Reverend Canon F. Robert Davidson, sister Marcia Burman, and granddaughter, Caroline E. Harrison. She is survived by her five sons, Duane (Cynthia) Cookingham) Harrison, Gregg Harrison, Michael (Patricia) Harrison, David (Jane) Harrison, and James (Janet) Harrison, grandchildren Elizabeth, Robert, Matthew, Colleen, Clare, Meredith, Rebecca, and Wesley, along with many nieces and nephews. A Memorial service will be held at 12 Noon on Saturday, March 6 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 9020 S. Saginaw, Grand Blanc, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 9020 S. Saginaw, Grand Blanc, MI, or Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Seney, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, (248-474-5200) heeneey-sundquist.com

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 Theadora 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.

THOMAS PAUL POMORSKI

Of Redford, MI. Age 62, died January 27th, peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Lake Charles, Louisiana. His son Scott, his daughter Caryn, son-in-law William Gerhard, granddaughter Hannah, life partner Guilherme, and sister Sharon survived Tom. Funeral arrangements have been made at Keehn Funeral Home, in Brighton, MI. Viewing was Friday and the funeral is on Saturday, February 6th at 11am.

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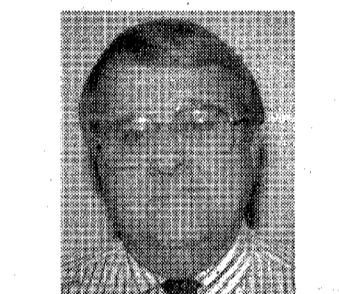
JOSEPH S. HOFFMANN

May 26, 1964 - Feb. 6, 2008

My dearest husband and loving son, you are both so deeply missed. It has been two years since you left us and everyday we think of you. Life will never be the same. You are forever in our hearts and memories. Love never dies; you will always be with us. Love forever and ever, M. Hoffmann, A. Miller, K. Hoffmann and Joseph S. Hoffmann II

MURPHY DEFOREST SHELL

BORN OCTOBER 2, 1920 DIED JANUARY 19, 2010 The third of nine children, Mr. Shell was born in St. Louis, MO in 1920. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1940 and traveled to China-Burma-India, training mechanics on the P-51 Mustang. After being discharged from the US Army Air Corps in 1945, Mr. Shell attended Wayne State University on the GI Bill and obtained an electrical engineering degree. He worked at Parke Davis and then General Motors, retiring from GM in 1980 as the head electrical engineer for the Technical Center in Warren, MI. He was an active member of Theta Tau Engineering fraternity and a lifetime member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. Mr. Shell was an avid downhill skier, skiing until the age of 82. He was happiest when fixing something. Mr. Shell was a forty-five year resident of Birmingham, MI., and resided at Arbor House in Traverse City, MI the last few years of his life with his wife of 53 years, Mary McDonald Shell. He will be remembered by his wife, four children; Murdeen Shell Wilms (Gerald Wilms), David Shell (Debbie), Julie Shell, and Amy Shell-Gellasch (Chris Gellasch). He is also survived by five grandchildren and 6.5 great grandchildren. Donations can be made in Mr. Shell's honor to the Wayne State University Alumni Association. Mr. Shell's memorial website can be visited at: www.lifestorynet.com/memories/55405/



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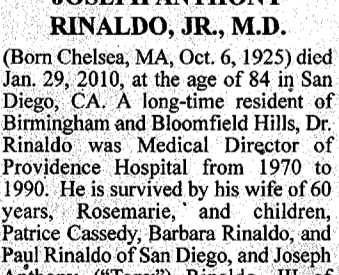
Age 89, of Farmington Hills, MI. Passed away February 1, 2010. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI.

THERESA (CARUSO) POMA

Age 48, passed away February 4. Wife of Brian. Mother of Alesha Edwards and Amanda. Daughter of Ann and Bill Caruso.

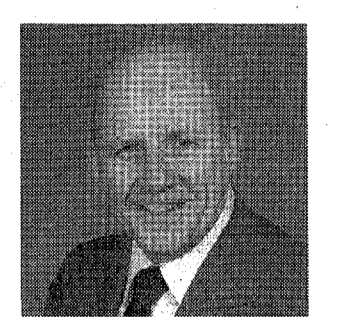
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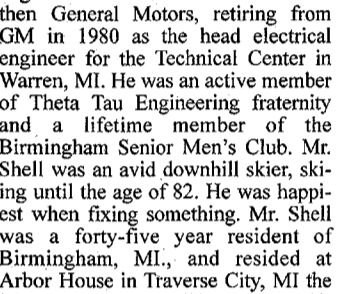
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DONALD PHILIP VOORHIS

Age 65 of the Tellico Village Community Loudon, TN formerly of Birmingham, MI passed away of ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease) on February 1, 2010. He died peacefully at home holding the hands of his wife and daughter. He was a member of the Tellico Village Community Church. Originally from Middletown, OH, he graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BS in Industrial Management, June of 1967 and an MBA in Macro Economics June of 1968. Don was a member of Gamma X Chapter University of Cincinnati class of 1967. He worked his entire career at Chrysler Corporation in Michigan. Don was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Preceded in death by father, Howard Voorhis, mother, Betty Voorhis, and first wife Patricia Rogers Voorhis. Survived by his current wife, Cheryl Voorhis; daughters, Jenny Mitchell and husband, Jordan of Kirkland WA, Sarah Fraley and husband, Kevin of Milan, MI; grandchildren, Hannah Hunter, Joseph and Miranda; His second family who loved and adored him, Cheryl's children, James Turner and his wife Ebru, Kimberly Dickerson and her husband, Kent, Tracie Bondy and her husband Scott, and Darel Turner; grandchildren Kaitlin, Avery, Savannah, Jesse, Hunter, Jack, Cheyenne, Ciara and Dakota. The family received friends Friday, February 5 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Click Funeral Home & Cremations, Tellico Village Chapel, 145 Chota Center, Tellico Village. They also received friends on Saturday, February 6 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Tellico Village Community Church; a Celebration of Life followed at 4 p.m. with Rev. Marty Singley officiating. Following the service, a reception was held at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Muscular Dystrophy Associations (MDA) - ALS, 6408 Papermill Drive, Suite 230, Knoxville, TN 37919. Click Funeral Home - Tellico Village Chapel, 145 Chota Center, Loudon, TN is serving the family of Donald Voorhis: www.clickfuneralhome.com.

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.harryjwillfuneralhome.com.



NEIGHBORS

Dream fulfilled

Redford woman will compete in state pageant as Mrs. Wayne County

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Sarah Johnson likely will wear her talent on her sleeve — and her bodice, neckline and skirt — when she competes in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant.

Although the event doesn't require contestants to sing, dance or exhibit a spare time passion, Johnson, 25, can't help but show her skills with needle and thread. The Redford woman hopes to make her gown for the pageant, which will be held April 9-10 in Grand Rapids.

The reigning Mrs. Wayne County might even design it, too.

"There was a sewing program when I was in middle school for maybe a semester. Then they took it away. I was crushed, but I kept on sewing and learning little things here and there. I kept reading and drawing and sketching," she said.

Johnson has sewn ever since. Her husband, Kerrell, bought her first sewing machine and a best friend gave her the mannequin dress form she uses for fitting. Yards of silky-textured fabric are piled next to the machine, near more conservative suiting material that is being shaped into a coat, with sleeves designed like petals.

"I'll probably buy a gown and make a gown and then figure out which to wear," she said with a laugh. She also promised to make her daughter, Karah, 4, a gown for Metro Detroit's Largest Princess Party and Pageant sponsored by Royal Blush Events.

"It is like a mother-daughter thing,"



Sarah Johnson of Redford wears her Mrs. Wayne County crown and sash.

may give her an edge at the pageant. She also has taken on print modeling assignments.

"I wasn't allowed to do this when I was younger. I just got into this. I wanted to model and I wanted to do pageants but my mother was protective because I was more of an intellectual."

Johnson, who grew up in Detroit in a family of eight, said her mother, was "very traditional" and also discouraged her from modeling.

"She didn't want me getting caught up in the sexual aspect of it. Even when I got older and started modeling, I stopped for a while because it did get to the point where it was all politics and people wanting you to do things you didn't want to do."

As a feminist in college, Johnson sometimes didn't see eye to eye with her mother. Now, as a mother herself, she understands her mom's point of view. And Johnson said her mother is happy about the upcoming pageant.

COMPETING FOR TITLES

Johnson said the Mrs. Wayne County title seemed to fall into her lap.

She submitted her application and photos, and eventually met with a pageant organizer who gave her the go ahead to serve as Wayne County delegate to the pageant in April.

While talking about the event with a friend in the clothing store where she previously worked, a customer offered to give her half of the \$500 sponsorship fee need-

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Sarah Johnson and daughter Karah sing together.

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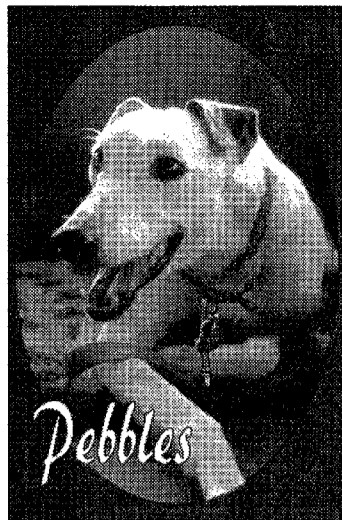
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Pebbles will be on-hand at the "Meet and Greet" at Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

ADOPTABLE GREYHOUNDS

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption not only received several new greyhounds from Florida this week, it also found a new home for a monthly "Meet and Greet."

"We are thrilled that Celebrity Pets, located in Laurel Park Place," has invited us to join them on the second Sunday of the month," said Jackie Bowen, Greyheart public relations coordinator. "We will provide families an opportunity to learn about this alluring breed and get up close and personal with them."

The adoption event runs from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The first will be Sunday, Feb. 14. Laurel Park Place is located at 37700 West Six Mile, in Livonia.

"We will have with us a beautiful little girl who is available for adoption," Bowen said.

Pebbles, a white greyhound with pebble markings and deep brown eyes will be on hand.

"Come on out, pet a greyhound."

For more information, visit www.greyheart.org.

GARDEN & NATURE

Visit hometownlife.com to view the Garden Calendar in its entirety.

At English Gardens

The English Gardens 8th Annual Orchid Festival through Feb. 28 includes these workshops and presentations:

- More about orchids, 1 p.m., Feb. 13; free.
- Orchid re-potting demonstration, 2:30 p.m., Feb. 13; free.

Collecting for Haiti

Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia, is a collection site for items needed by Haitian Christian Outreach.

The church will collect items until Saturday, Feb. 27.

The public can help by placing goods in the donation boxes under the church canopy. Financial gifts will be accepted 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Thursday in the church, by mail or anytime by dropping the donation between the church doors.

Here are the high priority items needed: generators, work gloves, head lamp with batteries, peanut butter, meats in cans or foil packages, bottled water, medical dressings, gauze, surgical supplies, gloves, tape, suture materials, alcohol, peroxide, antibiotic cream (Neosporin), Vaseline, Ziploc bags in all sizes, crutches — including used sets as long as the hand grips and arm pads are in good shape — Tylenol, ibuprofen, antacids, Tums, cough medicine, prenatal vitamins, anti-diarrhea medication (like Imodium) in tablets or capsules, but not liquid or liquid-gels, anti-itch cream (Benadryl), eye drops that are non-medicated such as saline or liquid tears, baby cereal, powdered infant formula, empty baby bottles and ibuprofen or Tylenol liquids for infants.

Medium priority items are needed, as well. They are: children's clothing and shoes, new or used in good condition and sheets. Twin size sheets are needed most.

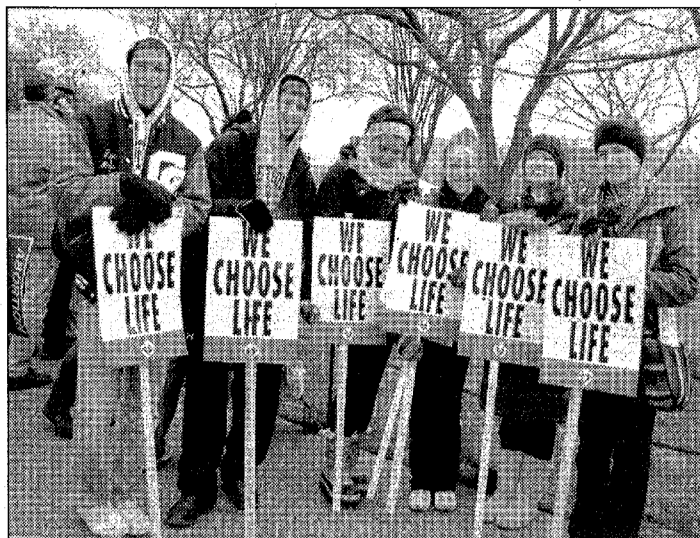
Checks may also be sent to the church to help Haitian Christian Outreach. Write "HCO Earthquake Fund" on the memo line of the check made payable to Kenwood Church of Christ.

For more information, call the church at (248) 476-8222.

Involved youth

More than 60 local young people, sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Youth Group of Livonia, attended the 37th March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 22, to participate in the annual March which marks the anniversary of Roe v

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



At the 37th March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 22 are Ryan Majsak (left) and Daniel Thiesen, both of Catholic Central High School in Novi, along with Hillary Shesterkin, Laurel Cummings, Meghan Doulette, and Alex Cummings, all of Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Wade and the American legalization of abortion in 1973. "The attendance at this year's march was phenomenal," stated Patrick Cummings of Westland, who has accompanied his daughters to the March for several years. "Estimates are that the crowds were even larger than last year, numbering between 350,000 and 400,000, and it was great to see that two-thirds of those attending were college age or younger."

With a song

The HarmonyTown Chorus is still taking reservations for singing valentines. Quartets from the group will serenade your loved one with two songs for \$40. The delivery includes a rose and personalized card. To schedule a visit Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14, call (734) 743-1764.

Bucks for Bach

Musicians from Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras will perform the music of Bach in an artistic setting, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, in Lotus Arts Gallery in downtown Plymouth.

Flutist Dennis Carter, Cellist Amy Kuras and Pianist Patrick Johnson, along with conductor Nan Washburn, will perform. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served throughout the evening.

Suggested donation for the event is \$35.

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

Save the date

ZONTA of Farmington/Novi and Parisian have teamed up to present the 16th annual "Steppin' Out in Style" fund-raiser for First Step, Western Wayne County's project on domestic and sexual violence.

The event will include after-hours, discounted shopping, a strolling supper and entertainment, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday, March 21, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place, located at Six Mile and Newburgh roads, in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Proceeds from fund-raisers help First Step pay for such costs as client transportation, utilities, food bills and other expenses not covered by grant revenue.

For ticket and sponsorship information visit www.zontaoffarmingtonnovi.org and click on "events."

Learn about DAR

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter will show a video about "Today's DAR" during its Good Citizen Reception, 10:30 a.m., in the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth.

For more information call (734) 459-4764.

MRS. WAYNE

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ed to enter the Miss Michigan America pageant. "He said just do it. He didn't want to know anything about me. He didn't want to know my address. This is how it's been for me since I said I wanted to be in this pageant."

Winning Mrs. Michigan would give her a platform to encourage others, especially young women, to follow their dreams. She noted that no African American women have reigned as Mrs. Michigan.

"What I really want to get across is that the impossible is possible. It's only impossible because you think it is."

View Johnson's pageant page by visiting www.MrsMichiganAmerica.com and clicking on "delegates."



Sarah-Johnson of Redford in one of her modeling portfolio photos.

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The patient's answers to these questions help the doctor decide the cause of the stiffness. Most stiffness comes from being out of shape, and is the most common type of stiffness found in people over age 70. Insufficient exercise means muscles are weak and sluggish to respond to sudden demands. Arising easily from a seated position requires both strength and stamina, the very qualities of muscle lost when an individual does not undertake regular exercise.

However, a doctor must be careful in this assessment. Another condition - Polymyalgia Rheumatica - has stiffness as its main feature. The stiffness is intense, comes on rapidly and lasts through the day, though aching is worse in the morning. The doctor wants to make a correct diagnosis of Polymyalgia as its treatment is straightforward and results in cure of the stiffness.

Finally, stiffness can be the result of strain. For example, a stiff back may reflect an arthritic knee. Poor posture because of knee impairment can create strain that the individual feels as a stiff back.

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Weight loss support group offers Valentine Day tips

Chocolates and other sweets may abound on Feb. 14, but TOPS Club, Inc., (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), says you can have a fuller heart — without a wider waistline — when the holiday ends.

The nonprofit weight loss support group offers these tips to renew your commitment to a healthy lifestyle and enhance your well-being on Valentine's Day:

- Realize how great it is that you are one of a kind. Appreciate your voice, vision, and uniqueness.
- Write down your many talents and qualities that you like about yourself.
- Get enough rest.
- Indulge in a non-food treat. Buy a bouquet of flowers to brighten up your home or pamper your feet with a rejuvenating pedicure. Valentine's Day is the perfect occasion to treat yourself well.
- Take time to write down

and examine your goals. You may surprise yourself. Expressing your goals specifically on paper can be freeing and open up possibilities you might never have considered. Many of them might already be within your grasp.

• Remember the special people in your life. Feb. 14 doesn't have to focus on the love you share with your significant other. Consider family members, friends, and mentors who make your life meaningful the rest of the year. Send a card to let them know how much you care or spend an afternoon just catching up.

• Try something new. Give yourself permission to take risks by exploring a new hobby, tackling that home improvement project, or training for a race. Don't let fear or excuses hold you back from your best self.

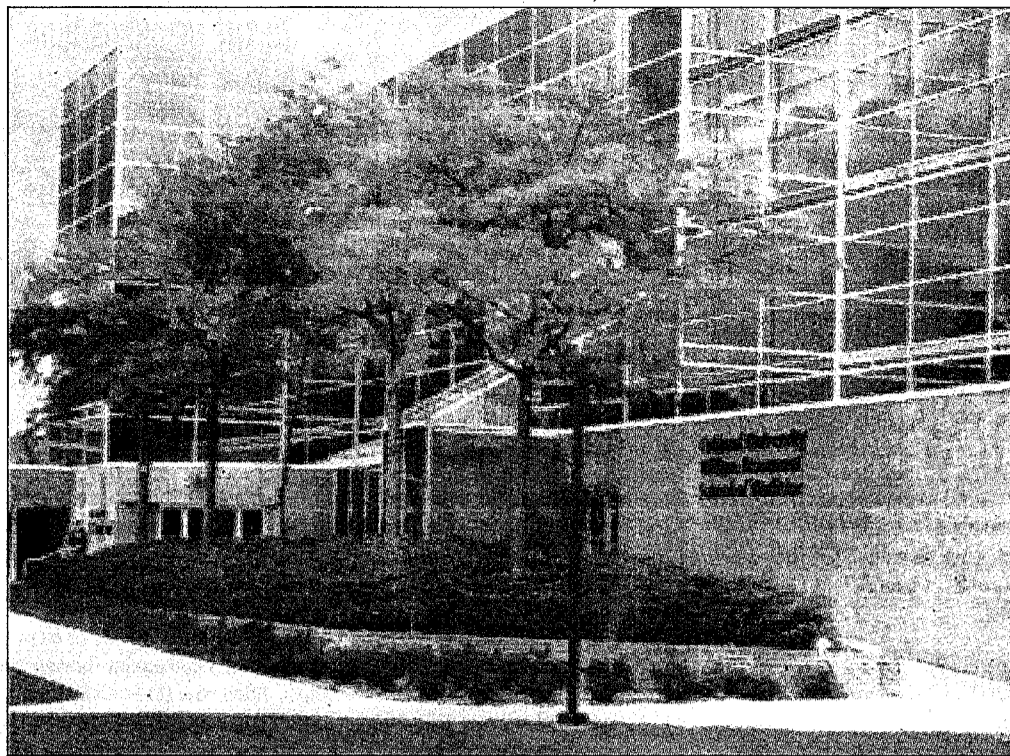
• Create a food and exercise/activity plan. Peruse healthy

lifestyle magazines for workout tips, meal plans, and delicious, low-calorie recipes. Visit the local library or surf the Web for free materials and advice.

• Count your blessings and record them in a journal every night. The habit of looking on the bright side of each day and being grateful helps create an upbeat attitude and can add a sweet touch to life.

• Relax, play, and enjoy life without guilt. Give yourself a break occasionally. Stop expecting the impossible from yourself and simply do the best you can with each day.

TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, and several chapters in Europe. Visitors may attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.



Oakland University's School of Medicine

New medical school a step closer to 2011 start

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) has awarded preliminary accreditation to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.

The Committee is the national accrediting authority for medical education programs in the United States and Canada. Its survey team visited Oakland University in November 2009 and the Committee this month voted to grant preliminary accreditation.

"We are delighted that the LCME has recognized the quality and value of our team's efforts to create a dynamic learning environment to produce highly competent, patient-centered doctors with a commitment to lifelong learning," said Robert Folberg, M.D., founding dean of the medical school, in a written statement. "This important milestone keeps us on track to begin instruction in August 2011."

Dr. Virinder Moudgil, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the uni-

versity, called the achievement "historic" for Southeastern Michigan.

"This significantly expands our commitment to the role higher education will play in the region and the state, and it shows that we're ready and able to build an innovative, knowledge-based economy for the future," he said.

As part of the OU-Beaumont partnership, students will receive instruction in basic sciences and research at the school of medicine on Oakland University's campus in Rochester, and take part in clinical training and applied research at Beaumont Hospitals.

"Beaumont has long been a national leader in providing post-graduate residency and fellowship training for physicians," said Ananias Diokno, M.D., chief medical officer at Beaumont Hospitals. "Our involvement in this new medical school will attract even more medical talent to us and to the region — benefiting our patients and the communities we serve."

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Feel Like Giving Up on Your Job Search?

5 ways to shake things up

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 36 percent of unemployed people — or 5.4 million — had been without a job for 27 weeks or more in September 2009.

Whether you're out of work for five days, five weeks, five months or five years, any period of unexpected unemployment can be frustrating — especially when it seems to go on forever. Although the economy seems to be showing signs of recovery, any job seeker who has been out of work for a long time will tell you: It's still not easy to find a job.

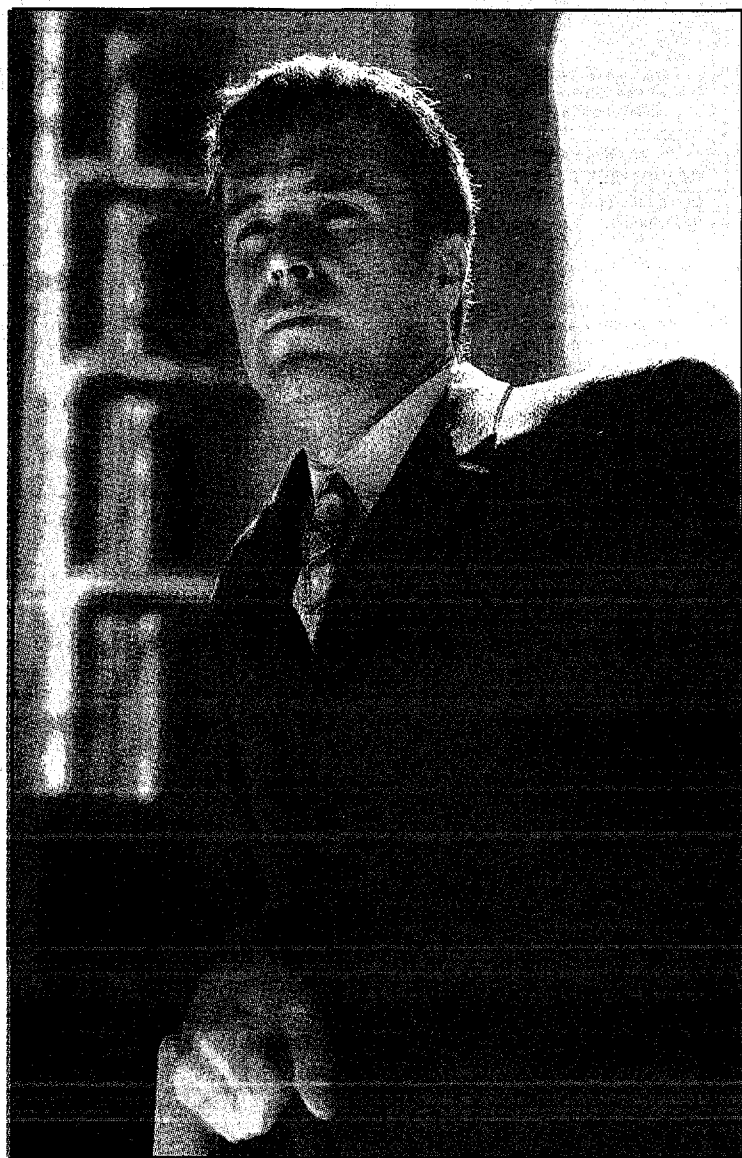
"Even though there are positive indicators, companies aren't adding jobs now at the rate they cut jobs over the last year," says Noah Blumenthal, best-selling author of "Be the Hero: Three Powerful Ways to Overcome Challenges in Work and Life." Despite that, Blumenthal reminds us that economic activities are cyclical. "Every boom feels like it will last forever and so does every bust. But none of them do. Know that things will turn around. The jobs will come back."

Laura Torres, a 28-year-old development associate in Boston, knows firsthand about being frustrated with a job search. She was laid off in December 2008 and didn't find a job for about nine months.

"The most frustrating aspect was not feeling totally in control of the process — particularly once you started interviewing at a job," she recalls. "Obviously you can play the game and even play it well, but your fate is still up to a small group of people. The agonizing wait between the interview and the follow-up is eerily reminiscent of trying to date someone who 'just isn't that into you.'"

Elena Sokolow-Kaufman, 30, who works at small nonprofit in Massachusetts, also had a frustrating job search. After being unemployed for a little more than two months, she reached a breaking point.

"I had sent out a lot of résumés and



had a few interviews for specific job opportunities, but nothing seemed like it was moving forward. At the time I was going on a lot of informational interviews, and at that point I started to feel very burned out," she recalls.

If you do reach a breaking point like Sokolow-Kaufman, Blumenthal says it's important to switch things up and try something new in your job search. Doing so will reinvigorate you and help you stay motivated.

"When you've been searching [for a

job] for a long time, it can wear you out. You need to do things to keep you excited about your job search so that you keep going," he says. "The most important thing you can do is keep yourself eager, motivated and energized to continue the search."

To revitalize her efforts, Sokolow-Kaufman says she started a blog, in addition to working on her search in coffee shops with friends who were in the same position.

"It helped me a lot to feel less

isolated and was a good reminder that many other people were in the same boat I was in," she says.

Torres also took measures to revive her job search by narrowing her focus in order to find a job she really wanted. In the meantime, Torres challenged herself by applying for jobs outside of her interests or background.

"I never got interviews for these jobs, but it helped me think outside the box a little," she says. "I also sometimes just had informational interviews with people whose careers were markedly different from mine. Again, this was to broaden my horizons a bit and give me more perspective."

If you (and your job search) are stuck in a rut, here are five ways Blumenthal suggests to rejuvenate your job search and mix things up a bit:

1. Go online

"You've sent out more résumés than you can count. But have you tweeted? It's a social networking world. Build your online connections on services like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. Then use that platform to make value-added observations about your line of work and job searching. You never know where your electronic connections can lead," he says.

2. Separate yourself

"Hiring managers and recruiters receive tons of résumés. Some are better than others, but frankly, none of them stand out. You need something else," he says. "Try writing an article or two about your field. Print them up on glossy paper with a nice graphic design. Add a professional bio, and put it all together in a nice folder. Now, instead of sending a résumé, you're sending a press kit on you. That stands out."

3. Have fun

"I know a woman who once sent her résumé folded up and stuffed inside of a baby sneaker. Her note said she was sure to be a 'shoe-in' for the job," he recalls. "If you are bored with your job search, it will show in your materials,

your applications and your interviews. So have some fun." (And yes, the 'shoe-in' did get the job.)

4. Set a big goal

"You've already met 100, 200, 500 people? Set a goal to meet and have one-on-one conversations with 100 new people this month. Is it possible? Can you do it? Use Facebook. Go to professional meetings. Ask 10 friends to introduce you to 10 new people. It doesn't matter if they are in your field. This is the "Six Degrees of Separation" game. Meet up and let the new connections take you where they will," he says.

5. Go to work

"Volunteer at a local charity or political organization. You have the time, and this helps you in so many ways," he says. How? It feels good to help; you're using your skills; you're meeting new people; you're getting off the couch and out of the house; and you will build your stockpile of stories. "When you meet people or interview, the connections you make are through your stories. What better story to tell than something that happened while you were helping make the world a better place?"

Ultimately, Blumenthal reminds job seekers to treat their job search like a job, and like a project that has a long-term objective.

"Do what you would do if this were such a project. Celebrate milestones and accomplishments along the way. Appreciate what you love about this job. After all, you can work in your pajamas, set your own hours, work from Starbucks and pick your kids up from school."

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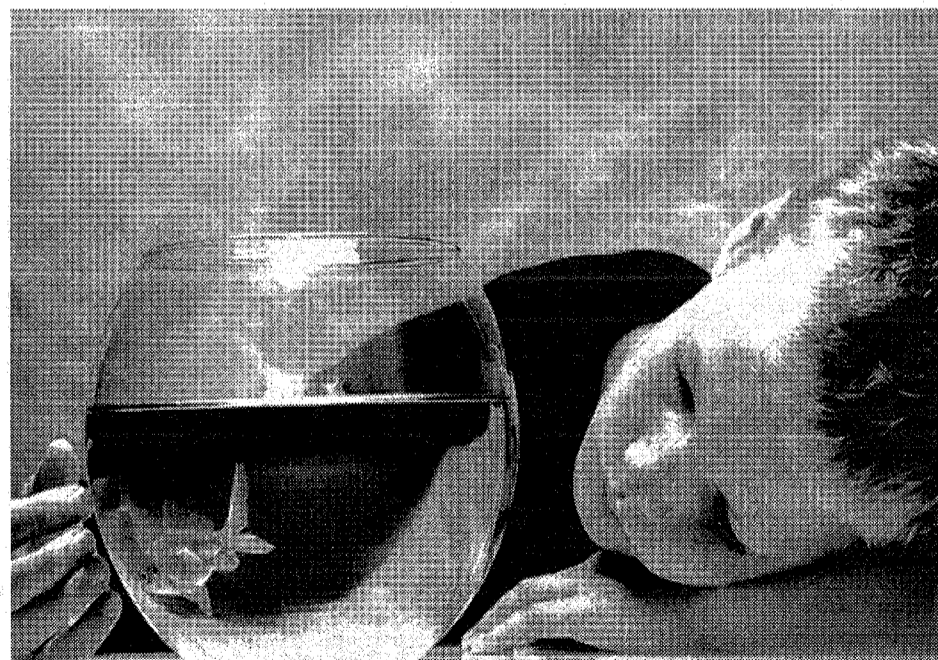
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