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Going green

When the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers are hosting the Mississauga St. Michael's Major Friday at 7:05 p.m. at Compuware Arena, they'll also be working on a recycling campaign to assist American men and women in action and children and their families in need.

The Whalers — along with Plymouth flagship station 88.1FM WSDP "The Escape" — are asking fans to donate used cell phones to Friday's game against Mississauga. The cell phones will be donated to American soldiers deployed around the World and to families and their children involved with Friends of Jaclyn, a nonprofit, charitable organization that improves the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors and their families. FOJ matches a child with a college or high school sports team based on geographic location.

The Whalers and WSDP are working with the organization Cell Phones for Soldiers — www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com — and their campaign "Helping Heroes Home." Qualifying phones are refurbished and given to requesting soldiers along with a month of calling time.

For information, visit plymouthwhalers.com or call (734) 453-8400.

Frogs and toads

Training sessions to participate in the 2010 Frog and Toad Survey are now available. Several training sessions have been planned, including:

- Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to noon, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.
- Wednesday, March 3, 7-9 p.m., Canton's Summit on the Park Walnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health. The sessions are free and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org.



Erinne Williams got some good cuddling out of big brother Kevin Yopek after her December 2009 surgery.

Positive influence

Youngster won't let disease slow her down

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During a recent visit to her orthopedic surgeon, Erinne Williams heard another young girl sobbing uncontrollably in another room, and decided she might be able to help.

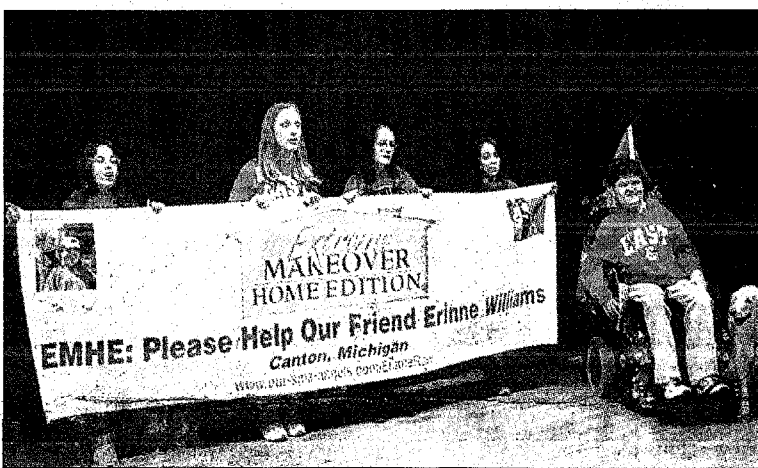
So Williams, a 12-year-old seventh-grader at East Middle School in Plymouth, went into the room to comfort the tearful patient, who faced a surgery that had her frightened. By the time the visit was over, the girls — complete strangers just minutes before — had exchanged e-mail addresses and became good friends.

What made the visit most poignant — and, it turns out, completely characteristic — was Erinne's own medical history. As a patient suffering from spinal muscular atrophy (a form of muscular dystrophy), she's been in the hospital 18 times, had 12 surgeries to correct severe scoliosis and has four metal rods in her back. Confined to a wheelchair, Erinne has already confounded doctors' expectations; they said she wouldn't live past the age of 8.

"Here's Erinne in her wheelchair, the other girl has very different reasons for her problems," said Dr. Michael Mendelow, Erinne's surgeon. "I didn't think they'd connect that way, but they did. That's an amazing connection to watch."

BEATING ODDS

It's a connection Erinne's mom said her daughter makes with everyone. She was diagnosed with SMA, a disease her mom calls "Lou Gehrig's disease for little kids," when she was 14 months old. She has been near death —



East Middle School teachers, students and administrators signed a banner hoping to convince those at the ABC show 'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' to build a new home for Erinne Williams (right) and her family.



In addition to wheelchair hockey, Erinne Williams plays soccer and baseball.

"She coded six times in one hospitalization," her mom said — to the point where one doctor suggested ceasing life-support efforts.

Erinne's most recent surgery came Dec. 22. She came home

the next day and was hanging out with friends the day after Christmas.

"She just doesn't let these hospitalizations slow her down," said Suzanne Williams, a Canton resident. "She's just go, go, go. She knows her diagnosis is terminal, and she hasn't let that affect her life. She's the first to say doctors said she wouldn't live past age 8, but 'Look at me now.'"

Erinne doesn't like to let her condition slow her down. She's forced to use a lot of machines, including a ventilator and a feeding tube. Still, she plays three wheelchair sports: hockey, soccer and baseball. Her friends accept the limitations "as part of Erinne's life," her mom said.

"Basically, I look at everything as a positive side," Erinne said. "It comes from experience. Other kids are down, and I try to help them cheer up. I go to hospitals, I really try to help everyone."

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Upgraded streetscape fresher, safer

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

PLANNING SESSIONS

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority wants to give the public, especially downtown business owners, the chance to learn about planned downtown streetscape improvements, about how the work will affect streets and sidewalks, and have their questions answered. To that end, the DDA has planned three informational meetings for later this month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Engineer Shawn Keough, from the consulting firm Wade-Trim, will be on hand to answer questions. The meetings are 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24; 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25; and 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

Renovations planned for downtown Plymouth's 15-year-old streetscape will make the streets and sidewalks safer and spruce up the look for visitors and business owners, officials say.

The nearly \$2 million project is scheduled to take place during the spring months over a three-year period beginning this year, when the focus will be on Ann Arbor Trail at Main Street and at Forest.

"It's not going to be a dramatic change because we're keeping kind of the same concepts," said Tony Bruscato, operations director for Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority, which is paying for the work. "It's going to give us a fresh look."

The intersection of Main and

Ann Arbor Trail will be rebuilt in concrete, with a logo depicting a compass in the center, formed from colored concrete. The crosswalks, made of brick pavers, will also be rebuilt, and mast arms will be installed to support new traffic lights, which are now suspended from cables.

Additionally, underground water mains in the intersection will be replaced.

Outside the intersection, Ann Arbor Trail will be resurfaced with asphalt westward to Forest and eastward to Union, and Main will be resurfaced northward to Penniman.

The intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Forest will also be rebuilt in concrete.

Shawn Keough, a civil engineer and vice president at Wade-Trim,

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

Diversity meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion will have a strategic planning team meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Plymouth Township offices.

The group has invited teachers, administrators, elected officials and anyone who wants to advance inclusion in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

The group will have new action plans for all working groups. Anyone who was in a previous working group is asked to attend the meeting to help achieve the goals and actions of the strategic plan.

Working groups include representation in public life, history and community life, education, public safety/law enforcement.

For more information, send an e-mail to pycandi@gmail.com or call (800) 871-9012, ext. 10311 and then hit the pound key.

Folk society

Baseline Folk Society will take the stage on the third Saturday of the month with

an open mic, host and guest performers for listening enjoyment of original music and cover tunes.

Each performer gets to perform two songs; if there are fewer than eight performers, each gets to perform three. The next performance is 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Featured artist is Matt Allen & Friends, with host Jeff Karoub. Refreshments are served, donations are accepted. Admission is \$5 per person.

For more information contact Mike Mullen at (248) 347-6881 or e-mail mjmullen@yahoo.com.

Show and tell

Have you ever seen a "bung hole auger"? How about an "etui" or a "Steiff monkey"? These unusual items and more will be on display in the Plymouth Historical Museum's new special exhibit, "Show and Tell Collectibles," which debuted Wednesday.

The exhibit is composed of an eclectic mix of personal and Museum collections ranging from antique tools (including the bung hole auger) to chatelaines (including the "etui") to stuffed animals (the Steiff monkey). You'll also find dogs,

fire items, several porcelain or china collections, aprons, birthday collectibles, toy horses, and the Museum's timeline of mannequins. The exhibit will run through Sunday, June 13.

Ice Cream Social

The Council on Aging also hosts an Ice Cream Social with State Representative Marc Corriveau 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, also at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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.

AAUW meets

The Plymouth/Canton branch of the American Association of University Women meets 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon (just north of North Territorial) in Plymouth.

The meeting will feature a light dinner (\$5 per person) followed by a skit, "The Tater Girls," written by Sharon Belobraidich and Mickey Edell and performed by AAUW members. Visitors and non-members are always welcome.

For more information contact Esther Nelson at enelson1c@att.net or (734) 981-4938.

New Morning

New Morning School hosts an open house 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, for families interested in enrolling their children in preschool through 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year.

Prospective families will be offered coffee and muffins as well as opportunities to see our classrooms in action, meet with teachers, and tour the building. The school is located at 14501 Haggerty Road in Plymouth. New Morning School is an independent parent cooperative offering individualized education, multi-age classrooms, a 12:1 student-teacher ratio, and student-directed goal management plans.

More information is available at www.newmorningschool.com. Call (734) 420-3331 with questions or to set up a private appointment to discuss and observe the school.

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



Rope party

Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions presents the play, "Rope," about two wealthy collegians who execute a "perfect murder," placing the hapless victim's body in their parlor trunk and proceeding to host a dinner party, serving food off the same macabre trunk. Among the dinner guests is their respected mentor, who unwittingly may have contributed to the young men's twisted actions. Performances are 8:40 p.m. Feb. 19-20 and Feb. 26-27, and 2 p.m. Feb. 21 and Feb. 28. Barefoot Productions stages the play at 240 N. Main in Plymouth (the former Walker-Buzenberg building). Tickets may be purchased online at www.justgobarefoot.com or by calling the box office at (734) 560-1493. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students/seniors.

\$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.

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 call (734) 377-0914.

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.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions Club is making plans for their annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3.

Youngsters through age 14 will be eligible to take place. The Plymouth Lions Club is looking for donations to help make the hunt a success.

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Canton high school graduate 'wanted to defend' country

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Cpl. Jacob Turbett

On Marine Cpl. Jacob Turbett's Myspace page, the 21-year-old wrote, "Bout to head out for a while, if you want to get updates, talk to the wifey. Mood: anxious."

That update was posted around 1:24 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

Two days later, Turbett, a 2007 Canton High School graduate who entered the U.S. Marines right out of high school, was dead, killed in the war in Afghanistan.

Turbett was apparently felled by a single gunshot over the weekend, according to his mother, Redford Township resident Sheila Turbett.

"He was actually looking forward to going over there," Sheila Turbett said about his tour of duty in Afghanistan, which followed tours in Bangladesh and Iraq. "Honor, courage, commitment ... what can I say, that's him."

Sheila Turbett said she talked to her son just a couple of days before he was killed. Jacob's unit was waiting to push into Marjah, but were delayed by a sand storm. Turbett and others in his unit

found the delay frustrating, according to his mother. "He said he was looking forward to it ... they were kind of put off that the sand storms weren't cooperating," said Sheila Turbett, who said Jacob called her regularly. "We got to say our 'I love yous.'"

Jacob Turbett followed in a long line of family members — one grandfather, two uncles and a cousin were Marines, his sister, Jamie, started Navy boot camp Feb. 3 — to serve their country. Turbett himself talked about joining the military as far back as junior high school. But with everything going on in the world — particularly the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — Canton High School auto teacher Jim O'Connor debated the point with Turbett, whom O'Connor called "a great kid."

"I talked to him about my fear of him not coming home, but he had already made his mind up," said O'Connor, who taught Turbett in both his auto-

motive technology and collision repair classes. "I respected him for that, and he was good enough to listen to my opinions, but he was very adamant about serving his country."

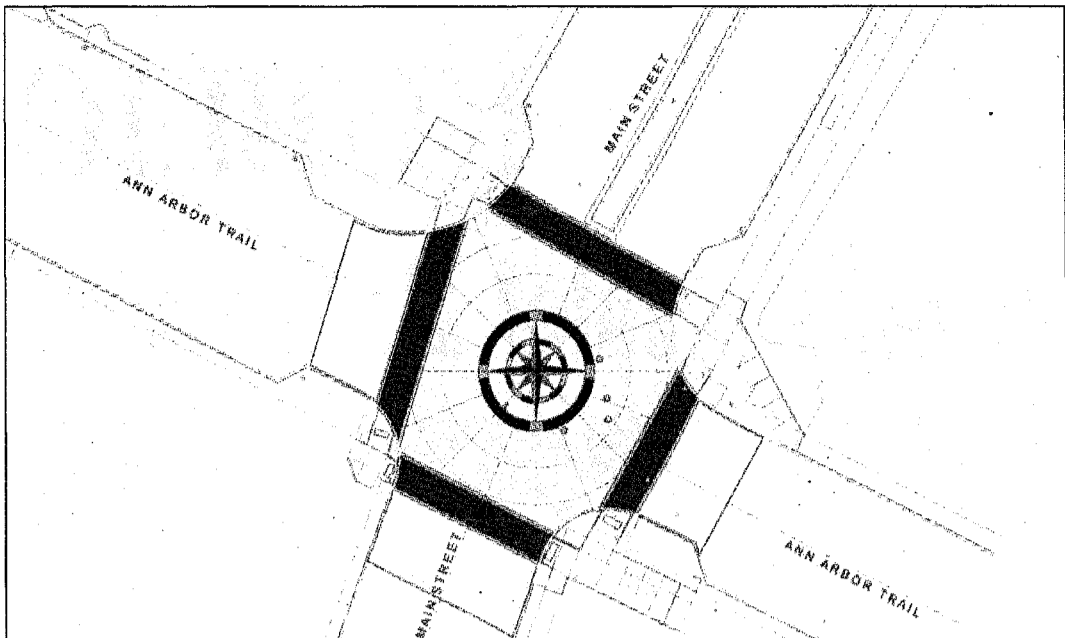
Turbett wasn't to be swayed and ultimately enlisted in the U.S. Marines. Over the weekend, though, his former teacher's fears came true when Turbett was killed.

According to information on his Myspace page, Turbett was a combat engineer who enlisted in the Marines in 2006. He was part of a unit out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.

O'Connor, a teacher at Canton High School for nine years, said Turbett couldn't wait to be a part of defending his country.

"It wasn't an ego thing for Jake," O'Connor said. "For Jake it was personal ... it was to be a soldier. He wanted to defend our country against terrorism and make the world a safer place."

Visitation will be noon to 9 p.m. Monday at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road in Canton, with a funeral the following day at 1 p.m. Turbett will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on March 9.



The upgraded streetscape in downtown Plymouth will feature a compass design in the intersection at Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

STREETSCAPE

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the city's engineering consultant, said the first phase of the work will cost approximately \$500,000.

The improvements, Keough said, will include two features that should make the intersection of Main and Ann Arbor Trail safer: a "countdown" display on the traffic signals that will show pedestrians when the lights will change, and the realignment of the crosswalk across Ann Arbor Trail on the east side of Main, which now leads walkers into a traffic lane at the intersection's northeast corner.

Brick pavers in the crosswalks that can be reused will be, Keough said, but new bricks of the same style and color are being ordered. While some of the crosswalks are in decent shape, "when you redo one you should redo them all to make them look the same," Keough said.

Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in March with the installation of underground conduits for the traffic-light mast arms, Keough said. That work may require temporary traffic lane and sidewalk closures, he said.

The major portion of the work will start in April, when both intersections will be closed at approximately the same time, Keough said, for

several weeks; Harvey and Union will become the bypass streets.

Bruscato said the entire project was spread over three years in order to reduce the negative effect the work might have on downtown business owners because of street and sidewalk closures.

"We're not here to put our merchants out of business and we know they're going to be inconvenienced," he said.

The DDA board, Bruscato said, is still considering ways to pay for the project. The DDA is supported by a portion of the property taxes paid by the owners of property in the district and has a budget for the current fiscal year of about \$950,000.

Nonpayment of rent gets downtown church evicted

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A religious group's eviction from Forest Avenue leaves three downtown Plymouth storefronts vacant.

Real Life Church, a non-denominational Christian church, was evicted Feb. 9, for nonpayment of rent, from three adjacent properties on Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing, where church leaders had hoped to build a sanctuary and conduct worship services.

Records in 35th District Court indicate the church,

under the name Passion Ministries, owed more than \$53,500 to Forest Street Shops LLC, the company that owns all three properties. District Judge James Plakas on Jan. 27 ordered the church to make restitution.

A spokeswoman for Real Life Church blamed the poor economy and said church leaders were planning to discuss the eviction in more detail, but followup calls to the church office were not returned.

Real Life Church had been the tenant at the site for months, and church leaders spoke last fall of their plans to

remodel the site as a sanctuary for their casual Sunday services.

Yet no work was ever started, and the main building sat empty except for a piece of heavy equipment and a pallet of copies of the book *The Next Level: A Message of Hope for Hard Times*, which was co-written by Shawn Hennessy, a pastor at Real Life.

The three properties encompass about 12,000 square feet, with the largest being some 6,000 square feet, according to the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

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she said, and others wait longer between visits.

"I'm unhappy" about the tax proposal, she said. "There's already a burden

on small businesses here in Michigan."

Attorney William J. Lawson Jr., who has an office in Plymouth Township, had a different take.

While he is not looking forward to paying a service tax, he said, it's the right thing to do, particularly when the

economy has shifted from a manufacturing base to more of a service base.

"While we have resisted this as a profession, it's probably morally right that the service providers pay some of the taxes," Lawson said.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Plymouth chief stresses safe texting

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Acting Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox is concerned about "sexting" among local teens.

Some students send pictures of girls who are naked or scantily clad. "It wasn't on the radar" 20 years ago when he was in high school, Cox said.

The age of consent for sex is 16, but those 16 and 17 sending such photos are still committing child pornography felonies, according to the chief.

"Once it hits the Internet it's never coming back," Cox, who holds a lieutenant rank, said of such photos. "Don't take a picture of yourself that you would not want your parents to see."

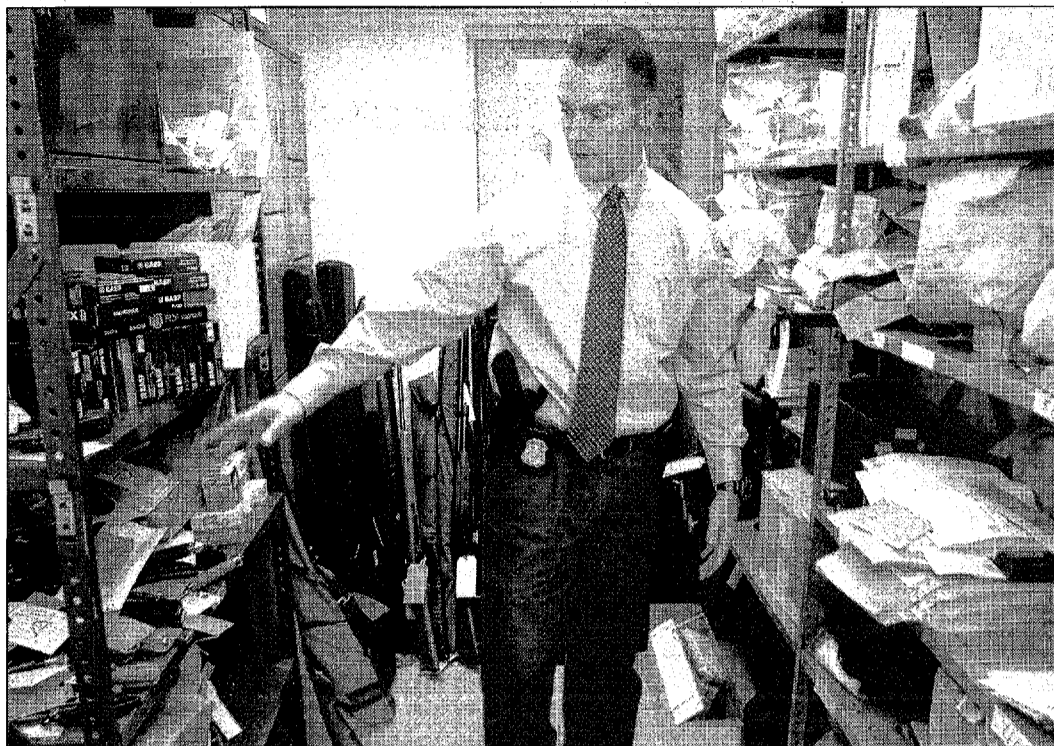
Cox spoke Tuesday to the Plymouth A.M. Rotary. He noted the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will make an example of older teens who commit such felonies for manufacturing, distribution and possession of child porn.

Prosecutors have more compassion for younger teens who do something dumb, he said, but not for older teens.

Cox also alerted Rotarians to the dangers in local middle and high schools of "scooping," in which boys compete to see how many girls' body parts they can touch. That's no game, he said, but constitutes second degree criminal sexual conduct.

"The bottom line is they're committing a crime," Cox and his wife have two young daughters, and he said he'd pursue a complaint vigorously. "I'm going to do everything I can to make this kid's life miserable," he said.

He said of such young men, "They're making decisions that can screw up their lives forever." Girls often also make poor decisions, and items posted on Facebook or other social networking sites can impact job



Acting Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox talked about the hazards of inappropriate texting and other crime issues during a speech to the Plymouth Rotary A.M. Tuesday.

opportunities years later.

Cox, who took some good-natured ribbing for being a Kiwanian, noted that in Plymouth police work, "You become a jack of all trades." Big cities like Detroit have divisions for narcotics and homicide, but homicides are rare here.

Traffic, criminal sexual conduct and property crimes occur in Plymouth. "We kind of cover the gamut of everything," said Cox, who grew up in Canton. "Domestic violence happens everywhere from your poorest to your richest communities."

Larcenies from autos and home invasions are common. Cox urged Rotarians to lock car doors even if they're home. The city had 60 vehicles broken into one night, and "not one window was broken."

Thieves seek GPS systems, iPods, "anything that's elec-

tronic that they can turn around." Young people from 14 on into their early 20s then fence items in Detroit or sell them on eBay.

When police respond and ask about locked doors, "They look at us like we're stupid. 'It's Plymouth.'" Cox noted there's not a lot left to steal in lower-income areas, making towns like Plymouth, Canton and Northville attractive.

Home doors, including garages, should be locked as well, he said. Keep your GPS out of sight in your vehicle, he recommended, especially while at a sports arena or movie theater. Some thieves will steal GPS systems from there and use an address (which shouldn't be listed) to break in and clean out a home while residents are at a game or movie.

Cox's dad was a longtime Northville policeman, and when his son commented

while new to police work on what goes on in Plymouth, his dad wasn't surprised.

"If we weren't needed, they wouldn't be paying us what they're paying us," the acting chief said, urging those who see suspicious activity to call police promptly.

Cox hung out in Plymouth as a teen. "Downtown Plymouth was my stomping ground," said Cox, who attended Plymouth Christian Academy and a Christian college in Indiana, then earned a master's degree from Central Michigan University with a public administration emphasis.

He's been with Plymouth 12 years, and had worked at the federal prison at Milan, a job he didn't like as well. "I love this job," he said. "It's a great place to be a police officer."

He took over last fall when Chief Wayne Carroll retired, and won't necessarily be the permanent successor. "There are options we're looking at for our emergency services," Cox said.

Not related to that comment but to an audience question, Cox noted merging with the Plymouth Township police has been discussed since the 1970s. The departments share dispatch, and the city and township fire departments merged years ago.

CRIME WATCH

Freeway speeder found with pot, police say

Two 20-year-old women were arrested, one on a marijuana-possession charge and the other on a charge of possessing drug paraphernalia, during a traffic stop on westbound M-14 Saturday night.

The car they were in, a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt, was clocked on police radar traveling at 87 mph shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The officer who had been monitoring freeway traffic stopped the driver west of Beck Road, police said.

Upon speaking with the driver, of Farmington Hills, the officer noticed the smell of burned marijuana, police said. When he asked where the marijuana was, the driver was evasive, police said.

Eventually, a plastic bag of suspected marijuana was found next to the driver's seat, the police report said. No other suspected illegal substances were found in the car, police said.

Meanwhile, the passenger, of Livonia, admitted having drug paraphernalia in her purse, where police found two pipes and a "grinder," the police report said.

Both women were arrested. The suspected marijuana later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Pot bust

Police arrested a 22-year-old township man on a marijuana-possession charge after crashing a loud party at an apartment on Shadywood Lane Saturday morning.

Two officers were dispatched to the apartment about 10 a.m. on a complaint about a loud party, a police report said, and yelling could be heard as the officers approached.

The officers went to the door and smelled the odor of marijuana, and one officer went back to a patrol vehicle to retrieve Radar, the department's drug-sniffing dog, the report said. They knocked at the door.

A man answered, the report said, told them he was the renter and apologized for the noise, saying they would keep it down.

An officer asked him where the "weed" was, the report said, and the tenant replied that it was inside. Police told him to get it.

He did so, and was arrested. Police said the substance he turned over weighed 15 grams and tested positive for marijuana.

- By Matt Jachman

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Feb. 10-16:

- Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Rescue run at a public building on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Micol, on S. Mill, on Cassidy and on Plymouth Road; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail and on Plymouth Road.

- Monday, Feb. 15 - Commercial rescue run on Haggerty; residential rescue runs on Pinewood and on Shadywood; carbon monoxide detector run on Newport; vehicle accident with wash-down on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon.

- Sunday, Feb. 14 - Residential rescue runs on Union, on Sheridan, on Woodleigh, on Gloucester and on Micol.

- Saturday, Feb. 13 - Rescue run on Ann Arbor Road; mutual-aid runs on Sheldon and on Robinwood; vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Oakview; residential rescue runs on Farmbrook, on Crabtree, on Shadywood and on Glenmore.

- Friday, Feb. 12 - Commercial rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Ann Arbor Road; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Woodgate and on Sycamore; rescue run at Beck and M-14.

- Thursday, Feb. 11 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Newport, on Jackson, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Hunters Creek; rescue run at Ann Arbor Trail and Beck; industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks Boulevard; vehicle accident at Beck and Galleon.

- Wednesday, Feb. 10 - Vehicle accident on southbound I-275 north of M-14; residential rescue runs on Oxford, on Birchwood, on Ann Arbor Road, on Clemons and on Sheridan; industrial rescue run on Industrial Drive; rescue run at a public building on Main; commercial rescue run on General Drive.



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CLASSROOM INSPIRATION

Friends and teachers agree Erinne is also an inspiration in the classroom. East Middle School Assistant Principal Tara Botosan said Erinne is very intelligent, a huge participant in class and "brings a lot to our building."

"Erinne is just an inspiration to our student body," Botosan said. "She's someone everyone loves, staff and students. She really is one of the nicest kids you'd ever meet. She's a wonderful young lady."

That's why Botosan and the rest of East Middle School were so willing to host a pep rally last week for Erinne and Suzanne, a single mother — she also has a 24-year-old daughter, Claire Yopek, and an 18-year-old son, Kevin Yopek — living in a non-handicap-accessible apartment in Canton. Erinne's doctors, Mendelow and pediatrician Mirka Soler, sponsored an application to the ABC-TV show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* to have a home built for the Williamses that would allow them to move out of their apartment and build a better life.

The pep rally at East was videotaped so it can be submitted to ABC as supporting material to the application, which is still pending.

"I think it'd be really easy for her to be sad and disappointed



Erinne Williams (right) with her best friend (and fellow spinal muscular atrophy patient) Olivia Werstein. The girls have been friends since they were 2 years old.

(in life), but she's so opposite of that," Botosan said of Erinne. "She lives every day to the fullest. We want to do whatever we can to help her family be selected."

The rally touched the hearts of both Suzanne and her daughter.

"It was really touching that people cared enough for Erinne," Suzanne Williams said. "But Erinne has touched a heck of a lot of people."

BIG HELP

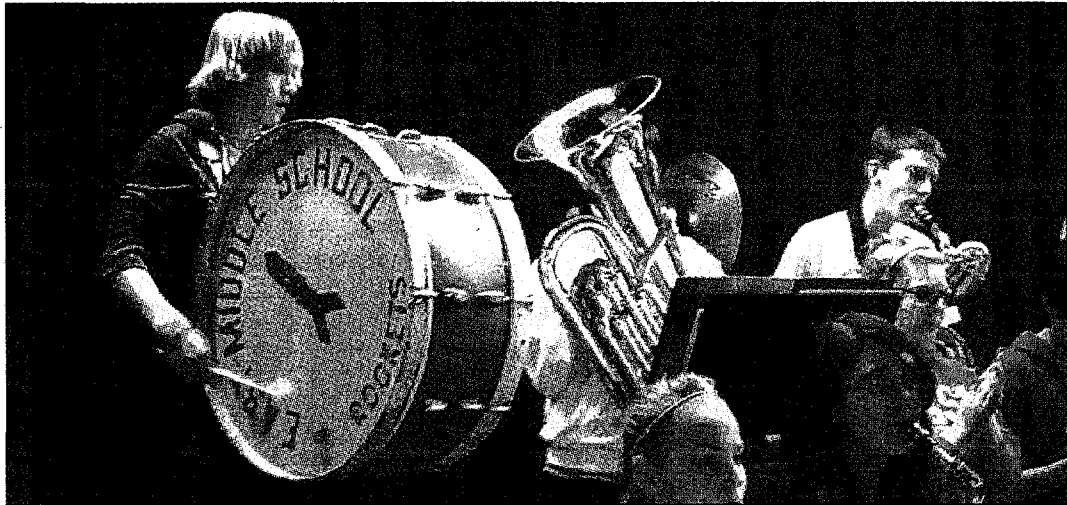
Suzanne Williams said the new home would not only help Erinne in the short term, but also be good for the family in the long run. At 5-foot-9 and 110 pounds, Erinne can be a handful to lift the six or seven times a day she must be car-

ried. The wheelchair weighs 420 pounds and doesn't fit into many of the rooms — including the bathroom or bedroom — in the Williams' apartment.

"I have a couple of bulging discs in my back, so it's only a matter of time before I have problems," Suzanne said. "But we take life one day at a time. You play with the hand life deals you."

The prospect of a potential new home is thrilling to Erinne, who appreciated the support shown at her school.

"It's really cool, I'm excited for it," Erinne said. "We've never had this much support. No school has ever done anything like this. It makes me feel really good. I can't describe it."



The East Middle School band played at Friday's pep rally for Erinne Williams.

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QuixWorks includes left to right: Debra Madonna, Tricia Cockfield and Sherri Lorimer. Not pictured are Michelle Clemens, Anna Steele and Patrick Connolly.

Massage therapy specialty at QuixWorks

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Deb Madonna of Plymouth Township and her QuixWorks partners have had their massage therapy business in downtown Plymouth for about four years now. It began when she and fellow therapist Tricia Cockfield graduated from the first class in a one-year certification program from Schoolcraft College.

"We're hanging on," said Madonna, also an occupational therapist. "It's always a little better. I think in this day and age people need to be cared for. I think that's why we're still busy."

QuixWorks is at 238 S. Main in downtown Plymouth and also includes massage therapists Sherri Lorimer, Michelle Clemens, Anna Steele and newest arrival Patrick Connolly.

It's pronounced "key works" and can be reached at (734) 377-0914 or online at www.quixworks.com.

The therapists share space to keep costs down. "We're all a little more mature too," Madonna said. "You have to be clever." The therapists have other side jobs, with Madonna still teaching at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

DETAILS

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primarily parenting education.

At QuixWorks, you tell the therapist what's going on. She or he applies techniques to address that issue. "It depends on their level of experience," Madonna said of people being comfortable talking.

They keep things on a professional level. Madonna works with autistic children and those with cerebral palsy. She also helps women with everyday aches and pains, "all that good stuff."

She may believe a colleague would better suit someone and says so. Each has built clientele.

"It's very warm and inviting," Madonna said of their second floor space. During Plymouth summer events, they use the porch for massages. "People

know we're there."

She and Cockfield came across another Plymouth location while still in school and moved to the Main Street location later. "It's a great location. It's fun to be back," said Madonna, who grew up in Plymouth.

"Somebody gives you an hour of time and addresses the issue. That's pretty enticing to people," said Madonna. "The human contact is really important."

For autistic children, she works with their parents to teach techniques. Getting those children accustomed to massages can take longer, but they do well.

"It's not magic and it's not a secret." She prefers quiet time for massages, believing that's better for the consumer than talking, although some like to chat.

"People are just all different. Again it's getting to know the people that come in."

For those with desk jobs, Madonna urges regular stretching, every 15-20 minutes. You need to get up and move around, not hunkering over a computer. Be careful about lifting, she added, and "get rid of those big old purses."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Basket Kreations hosts a Celebrate Michigan! party 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25.

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Basket Kreations is located at 550 Forest Ave., #10, in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 354-9156.

Tropical vacation

Spa Juliana hosts a Tropical Vacation Mixer & Spa Party 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at 444 S. Main in Plymouth.

Bring a friend and head to Spa Juliana for its open house and travel party event. Meet Detroit radio personality Linda Lanci, who will be introducing a new Luxury Travel Club.

Here's just a taste of what party goers can experience: mini spa treatments; bareMinerals makeup applications; skin care consultations; sales on boutique items; \$10 off any new facial or massage service scheduled that day for a future date; drawing for door prizes; and refreshments.

Space is limited for this open house. You must RSVP at spajuliana@yahoo.com and bring your confirmation with you to participate in the Open House.

Geo-Institute VP

Larry P. Jedele, vice president/principal with Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc., was elected vice president of the Geo-Institute Board of Governors.

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the geo-engineering community by improving the built environment, mitigating natural hazards, and economically constructing engineered facilities. The nine-member Board is responsible for the governance and oversight of the Institute, as well as for leading the Geo-Institute in a strategic direction.

Jedele has served as a Governor on the Geo-Institute Board since 2006 and has been actively involved in ASCE for over 30 years. He has served in several local and national level leadership positions, including the Ann Arbor Branch President, Michigan Section President, District 7 Director, national Policy Review Committee Chair, and member of the Technical Activities and Mentoring Committees.

At SME, Jedele assists SME clients at every stage of the building cycle - from site acquisition and design through construction and maintenance/restoration. He provides solutions to geo-technical engineering challenges and is our lead technical resource for Geodynamic and Pile Driving Analyzer services.

SKF reorganizes

SKF North America announced it has reorganized its sales and technical support organization in Mexico to provide a better level of service and responsiveness to its original equipment (OE) car and truck wheel end and powertrain customers there.

The organization will move from SKF's Industrial

Service Division to its Car Business Unit organization.

"This reorganization is vital to improving our business focus in this important and strategic market," said Gregg Rasmussen, vice president, SKF Car Business North America. "Mexico is a growth area in our business portfolio and we're taking the steps necessary to enhance our operations and improve our communications both internally and externally."

Sales and technical support in Mexico will be headed by Cristobal Magallanes, sales manager, who will report to Jorge Fernandez, director of sales, Automotive Division in Mexico. Magallanes will receive strategic direction for SKF Car Business customers from Jim Seta, director, Car Business Sales North America in Plymouth.

Technical support for wheel end applications will come from Michele Musso, manager, Car Corner Engineering, and support for powertrain applications will be headed by Thierry Pouille, application engineering manager, Powertrain and Steering Business, North America. Both are located at SKF's North American Technical Center in Plymouth.

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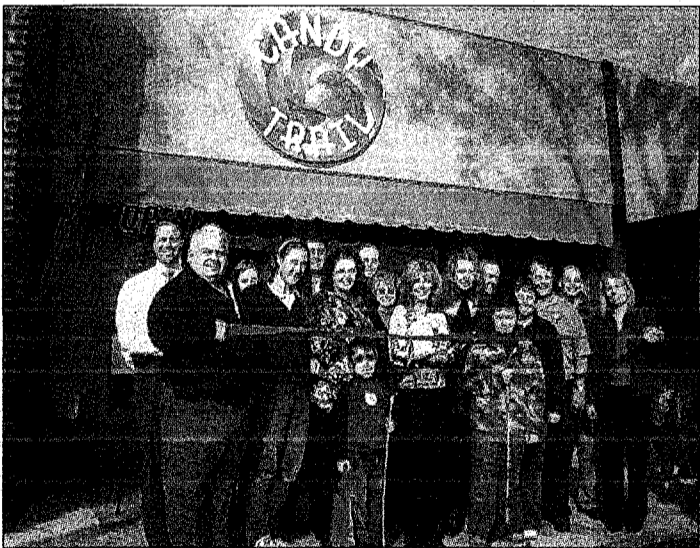
Plymouth Rocks on Wednesday, Feb. 24 as The Rock Bar & Grill will host an After Hours to give everyone a chance to enjoy Plymouth's newest hot spot. The event will run 5-7:30 p.m. and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Members will have a great opportunity to network with each other in a casual and fun atmosphere.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

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

Twitter marketing

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

The seminar will be presented by Urvi Mehta of PR Easy who is an expert in using



Sweet teeth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce helped cut the ribbon on a 'new' old-fashioned candy store that opened in downtown Plymouth. Sandi McGrew, Plymouth City Commissioner Ron Loiselle, friends and Chamber Ambassadors help her celebrate the opening of the Candy Trail at 942 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The store includes new and classic candies, toys, children's books and gift baskets to order. For more information, call (734-737-9338).

social media sites like Twitter to help businesses market themselves. The seminar will be held at the Chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail) on Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and seating is limited to 35 people. To RSVP e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Auction theme

The Chamber's Auction

Committee is asking members to provide ideas for a theme for this year's Gala Auction on Nov. 5. The theme is a vital part of making the event a successful, memorable evening for the 400 attendees. Please submit ideas for a theme by Feb. 22. If your theme is chosen we will announce it in our E-Newz. To provide ideas, please e-mail the Chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org.

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Mar 6	Charade (1963)	Sincerely Yours, Inc., 110 N. Center	Feb 20
Mar 13	Paris When It Sizzles (1964)	Sizzling Sticks, 144 Mary Alexander Ct.	Feb 27
Mar 20	Vertigo (1958)	Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main	Mar 6
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*Gardenviews' new location this Feb: 117 E. Main

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Storyteller passes message of listening to children

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Storyteller Ivory D. Williams had kids listening Tuesday at the Plymouth District Library, which was just what he wanted.

"The importance of listening is key," Williams told the children and adults. "When you listen you learn and when you learn you grow."

Detroit native and resident Williams shared his stories, urging children at the start of Tuesday's program, "Come on up. Let me show you how to play" the drum.

He showed a rain stick, which grows on a cactus. When it falls off, it's filled with hundreds of dried fruit seeds. It's capped and makes the sound of rainfall when shaken.

Williams told of an old, slow lion who kept his den clean. The lion beckoned to the gazelle and then the water buffalo and ate them up. The fox was smarter, noticing there were no animal tracks going back outside.

"When you take two seconds, you give better answers," Williams told his audience, helping them put that into practice. He gave some half-dozen children instruments to make sounds, and told the story of a man walking in the rain and knocking on a door.

"The wind made the chimes tinkle in the breeze," he said as the children made sounds to match the story.

Williams' stories were fun and had messages as well. "We can always solve any of our problems if we all work together," he said. "We never tease nor talk about anyone, do we?"

Another message was, "Real friends are with you through thick and thin even when things are not going so well."

Near the end, audience members said "I know something good about you" to neighbors.

"I loved it," day care provider Susan Karnesky of Gaines, Mich., said of the program. "This was truly wonderful. I



Ivory D. Williams tells the kids and adults that waiting two seconds and thinking will yield better answers.

think he held everyone's attention." She brought Gabby and Connor Crespi of Plymouth.

"We just happened to be in the library," Karnesky said. "She (the librarian) said it's going to be a good one."

Youth librarian Dana Bussard said the library does a school-age program in February when kids are on break. She wanted an African-American storyteller, and found Williams through the Web site of the Detroit Association of Black Story Tellers, of which he is president.

"I grew up in Detroit and I was exposed to lots of different cultures," Bussard said. "I just think I was the better for it."

Williams shares a message that people should slow down and listen. "We're getting away from just simply talking with each other," he said after the program.

He's particularly busy in January and February with school breaks and Black History Month, as well as the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday. Storytelling has deep roots in the African and African American community.

"A heavy tradition," said Williams, married and father to a son, 32. "It goes back to the ancient oral tradition."

The Griots of West Africa kept lineages and chronologies of events.

"They were the walking librarians," he said.

Williams can be reached at P.O. Box 312802, Detroit, MI 48231, (313) 822-6483.



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"Real friends are with you through thick and thin even when things are not going so well," was among Ivory D. Williams' messages. Here, kids make the sounds of a man walking in the rain and knocking on the door.

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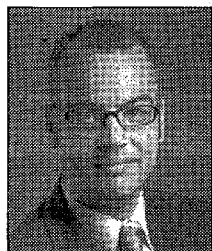
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OUR VIEWS

Certain issues can't cloud state constitution ballot question

This November, Michigan voters will decide — as they do every 16 years — whether it is time to convene a convention to draft a new state constitution.

There are legitimate concerns as to whether an entire rewrite of the constitution is necessary, or whether it is better to surgically make changes one at a time. It is also true that a new constitution isn't a panacea for the problems facing Michigan that must be addressed immediately.

While these are legitimate issues to debate over the next eight or nine months, there are a number of objections to calling a new convention that should be quickly dismissed.

For instance, some would argue that at a projected cost of \$45 million, it is too expensive to call a new convention. Really? This would be an odd time for lawmakers to suddenly worry about unnecessary costs. Lawmakers easily allocate triple that amount annually for taxpayer subsidies of filmmaking, even though they are forbidden to take even a cursory view of how that money is spent.

If the constitution can fix some of what ails state government, then surely the state can finance a one-time \$45 million expenditure from a state spending plan that well exceeds \$40 billion.

Some argue that there is no need to rewrite a constitution when the document can be amended by a public vote. But the two methods for proposed amendments to reach the ballot — two-thirds votes by both chambers of the state Legislature or a citizen petition drive — are unwieldy.

Lawmakers can't always get the majority votes needed for sensible budget reform, much less a two-thirds vote for meaningful constitutional change. Far from grassroots efforts, most petition drives are funded by special interest and out-of-state groups.

Look at it this way. Most lawmakers say they think that term limits should be changed. But they haven't been able to muster an amendment to do so.

Third, there is understandable but misplaced fear that a convention would draw extreme supporters of narrowly focused social issues, such as gay rights and abortion. Maybe so. But if the convention drafts a constitution that is dominated by unacceptable changes, then the public can be trusted to vote it down.

Finally, among the strangest of the objections is the fear that Michigan's next governor will be frozen into inaction by the knowledge that just down the street a convention is meeting that might radically change the state's constitution.

Such a concern presumes that the state government has been aggressively tackling budget and unemployment issues in the absence of such a distraction. If so, we haven't seen the results. If the next governor is going to be sidetracked by a constitutional convention, then he or she shouldn't have run for the job in the first place.

This is not to say that a new constitution is a good idea. The process is hampered by two factors: the partisan nature of the way that convention delegates will be elected and the fact that those elections will be held shortly after the November vote.

Delegates who are elected as Republicans or Democrats representing current state House and Senate districts could produce a convention that is every bit as partisan and nonproductive as the current Legislature. The fact that convention primary candidates must file within weeks of the November vote could limit qualified contenders.

If a convention does come to pass, voters will need to pay close attention to the type of change delegate candidates are proposing. Then they need to get out and vote, so that a small February turnout doesn't determine the architects of the new document.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think Michigan's economy will turn around this year?

We asked this question outside the U.S. Postal Service branch office on Penniman.



"It has nowhere else to go."
Robert Gillikin
Canton Township



"I think it's going to be a couple more years. ... (Because of) the layoffs and everything."
Jim Nichols
Plymouth



"I hope so. I guess I'm a little optimistic with Ford doing better."
Carol Lewthwaite
Canton Township



"No, I don't think so. ... Things aren't going to be good unless we get all these people back to work."
Clifford Martin
Canton Township

LETTERS

Heads up, seniors

This is an open letter to the citizens in Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth.

In particular, those who will be most affected by a potential funding problem are senior citizens, who currently comprise a majority of the population in both the City and Township of Plymouth.

Owing to the extended problems with the local, state and national economies, funding for senior-targeted programs is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain from ALL levels of government as each struggles to maintain services in the face of rapidly declining property tax and other declining sources of income.

Public or private, donations and other nontax-related fundings are also on a steep decline.

Whether increases in taxation, private grants, charities or a blending thereof, a way must be found to fund the services that many seniors are truly dependent on:

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ping, including groceries and other necessities.

- Senior-focused activities and recreation.
- Service programs for seniors, such as Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

This letter is meant as a "heads up" to inform the public about upcoming issues dealing with funding, resource allocation and potential tax increases.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Anthony P. Sayers
Plymouth

Watts dead on

Kudos to Michael Watts for his "spot-on" rendition of the weakest Plymouth Ice Festival I have ever been to.

Growing up in Livonia, and now a Plymouth resident, I have been attending this event for ... years. This time around was an utter disappointment.

First and foremost was the absence of the ice. Not only were there fewer sculptures, but the large lavish ones that brought the crowds in were gone. The metal barricade around the park, the bands that apparently took funding away from the heart of the festival — I didn't get it.

A "renewed spirit," Mayor? Really?

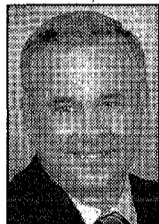
I understand the festival changed hands, but if the DDA and the Board really had the best interest of the city at heart they should swallow their pride and beg Watts to come back.

Stephanie Fraser
Plymouth

District handling Lansing's budget bombshells

If you follow the news, you know that Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has experienced some painful reductions in funding over the past few years. Unfortunately, the budget picture in Lansing remains grim, so this is probably just the beginning.

The legislature already cut the current budget by \$165 per student. Our operational budget is \$3 million less than last year. Many area districts have been forced to eliminate programs and even lay off teachers and staff in the middle of this school year.



The good news, at least for now, is we will not be making any

midyear cuts.

In spite of the reduction, several factors have helped us balance this year's budget. Our district was very fortunate to receive \$1 million from a recently settled lawsuit (the Bathie property in the City of Plymouth). We also had anticipated a decrease of about 100 students this school year.

Because our enrollment numbers remained the same, we received more than \$700,000 we had not planned on when we set our budget last June. Additionally, we have had strong cash management that has helped, as well.

Budget planning is difficult with the state's financial picture in constant flux. We will continue to plan appropriately to meet future budgetary constrictions.

In October, we began a participatory budgeting process to help everyone have a clearer picture of our budget. The Board of Education will use this infor-

mation to help them develop the 2010-11 school year budget. A few weeks ago, each of the seven committees presented their final reports. We asked each committee (high school, middle school, elementary school, district support, building/grounds/maintenance, transportation, and food service) to examine these budgets and set priorities at 90-95 percent, anticipating a budget reduction.

These committees consisted of a mix of staff members and individuals from the community. I want to thank all of the community members who gave their time to this very important process.

Now that we have presented the reports, I know that there is public concern about the district's plans as we move forward. The committees struggled with reducing expenditures because we have cut so much over the past eight years. It is difficult to find any additional reductions without impacting the quality programs we offer. The board will review the work of the committees and use it to help develop the 2010-11 school year budget.

These are unprecedented times, but working together will allow us to navigate through the uncertainty. Unfortunately, anxiety will be heightened as potential budget reductions are discussed.

This is just the beginning of a very long budget process and I ask you to stay informed. We value public input and promise to make all of the information available on our Web site.

Dr. Craig A. Fiegel is superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He can be reached at (734) 416-3045.

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS

Here's a look at what readers are saying about stories on our Web site, www.hometownlife.com.

• In response to the story "District begins budget grind":

nhorvath wrote:
"The elementary committee I worked on had numerous efficiency ideas the administration should be working on day and night to protect our kids and staff. These include simple things like more frequent redistricting of students to optimize class loading (could save \$3-5 million per year). We don't need more ideas, we need more action from our paid leadership."

"It's time to stop having citizens' meetings and forming committees and start holding our highly paid administrative leaders accountable for implementing these efficiencies. We need to actually start doing things differently rather than just talking about it. Isn't that what we are paying the Supt hundreds of thousands of \$\$\$ for?"

jlynggrim wrote:
"As I know that this district needs to find ways to cut the budget, I imagine that cutting busing for the Kindergarten students is a little extreme. Yes, it is much better than cutting the staff, but how would the district handle the cases where the parents do not have a working transportation to pick their child up from school? That is only looked at from the schools where the children live closer to the school. I live at N. Territorial and Ridge. My children attend Farrand. Farrand is located at Haggerty and Schoolcraft! Would the district then reimburse my mileage and gas?"

• In response to the story "Plymouth Township considers police layoffs without concessions":

luplymouth wrote:
"After reading about the layoffs of 3 Firefighter Paramedics, the threat of layoffs of Police Officers. Spending over \$600,000.00 on paving roads, over \$300,000.00 on a storage barn for lawnmowers while the Twp Board complains of financial hardship. YET THE SUPERVISOR, TREASURER, CLERK, OR ANY TRUSTEE has yet to take concessions that they are FORCING their employees to take, and not the \$1,100.00 some of the Trustees think is a fair comparison. If they want to lead then take 10 percent off their families income not from the \$11,400.00 they take from the Twp. Lead by example!"

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Investors need to do their homework in all markets

The other day I was watching *American Greed* on CNBC. The show highlights a variety of con artists who take advantage of investors. Since the Madoff scandal we have seen more stories in the media about investment scams. One issue that this show emphasizes is investment scams have been around for a while and they are not going away anytime soon.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

There are common elements that run through investment scams. These include returns that are too good to be true, slick-talking salespeople and, of course, greed.

Many people assume that the greed I refer to is that of the perpetrators of these scams. Although, there is no doubt about the greed on behalf of the scam artists, the greed I'm referring to is the emotion that exists in all of us. This greed results in us putting our better judgment to the side and investing into something without proper due diligence. In other words, allowing enticing rates of return to blind us when it comes to making an investment decision.

A recent episode of *American Greed* was about Allen Stanford and Stanford Financial. Stanford Financial sold high paying certificates of deposits to investors. It marketed the certificates as safe, secure investments that paid sometimes as much as 1.5 times what a CD would normally go for. Unfortunately, the CDs sold were not issued by an insured U.S. bank but rather by a bank on the Island of Antigua. Of course, the CDs were fraudulent and investors lost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Just like the Madoff scandal, it will be years before investors receive any of their money back and, at best, they will receive pennies on the dollar.

The Madoff story, however, is different because the majority of investors were very high net-worth individuals. In the Stanford situation, the majority of investors were average people who lost much of their life savings.

What is important to understand about the Stanford scandal is that unlike the Madoff situation (where Madoff made it initially difficult to invest with him), the exact opposite was true with Stanford Financial. They employed aggressive salespeople and enticed them with very high commissions to sell the product. This tactic is so prevalent in investment scams. That is why I believe that the best course of

action for an investor when they deal in this situation is to walk away.

I recognize that not all aggressive salespeople are selling bogus products, however, I find that when it comes to the investment world, more often than not when you have an aggressive salesperson they are more concerned about making the sale than putting you into a proper investment.

One point I always stress to individuals is, when you are dealing with salespeople in the financial world you should always find out how he/she is compensated. In the Stanford Financial situation, the salespeople were making substantial commissions.

As an investor, you ought to know if you're dealing with an advisor or a salesperson. High commissions ought to raise your antenna. When dealing with a salesperson the issue should always be whether he/she is doing what's good for you or what's good for the sale.

What is particularly important about the Stanford situation is we are in a very low interest rate environment and many investors, particularly seniors, are looking at getting higher rates of return.

Money market accounts and CDs in the bank are virtually paying nothing which tempts people to let down their guard to look for higher rates of return. This is a temptation to avoid. As investors,

we must accept the current low interest rate environment and avoid allowing greed to dictate investment decisions.

I believe that many of the investors in Stanford Financial truly believed that the CDs they were buying were safe and secure. Unfortunately, the focus was not on the investment but the return.

Are there better alternatives than short term CDs and money market accounts to receive higher rates of return? The true answer is no. Unfortunately, there is no investment that will provide the same safety and security as bank CDs without taking higher risks.

Short term bond funds such as ones offered by Vanguard, for example, do pay higher rates of return with some additional risks. That is the trade-off that investors must make to get higher rates of return.

The bottom line is whether we are in a good market, a bad market, high interest/low interest rate environment, investors have a responsibility to do their homework.

Remember that as an investor you are your last line of defense. Good luck!

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

NEWS BRIEF

Calling folkies

Jeff Karoub will host the BaseLine Folk Society's next open-microphone concert, 7 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council building in Plymouth.

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This month's featured artist is Matt Allen & Friends.

Musicians interested in performing can sign up between 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. If more than eight performers sign up, names will be drawn.

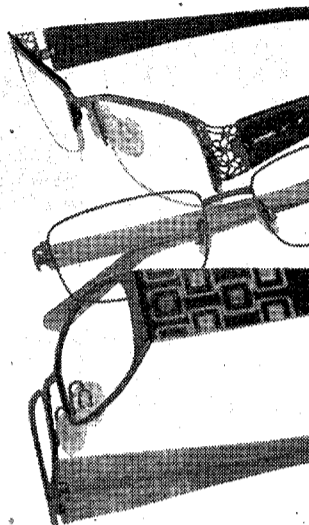
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First impressions

Canton, Salem start strong in KLAAs tourney

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park girls basketball teams made that necessary first step into the playoff pool — now they're about to dive in.

Tuesday night in KLAAs Kensington Conference first-round contests, host Canton (16-1, ranked No. 5 in Class A) outclassed Northville, 48-18.

Meanwhile, across "the Park," Salem (13-6) earned a 39-23 triumph over host Plymouth (6-11).

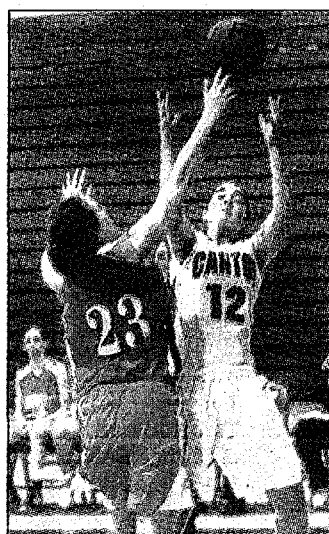
Those results set up a 7 p.m. Thursday game at Salem between the Rocks and Chiefs.

"I think their goal is to get all the way through this whole thing," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski, referring not only to the KLAAs tourney but the subsequent state playoffs. "But they're going to take one game at a time."

According to veteran Salem head coach Fred Thomann, going up against the Chiefs right away actually is a good thing.

"It's what you want, you want to play on the ... front side of the bracket," Thomann said. "You don't want to play on the back side."

"So we're looking forward to this game because we think



Going up for a loose ball Tuesday night are Canton's Alyssa Cottrell and Northville's Julia Ramey.

it's a good opportunity to play." Samulski emphasized that his players have very high expectations and realize "nothing comes easy."

And Thomann knows the reason top-notch nonconference games opened the schedule was to help girls prepare for the grind that's about to begin in earnest.

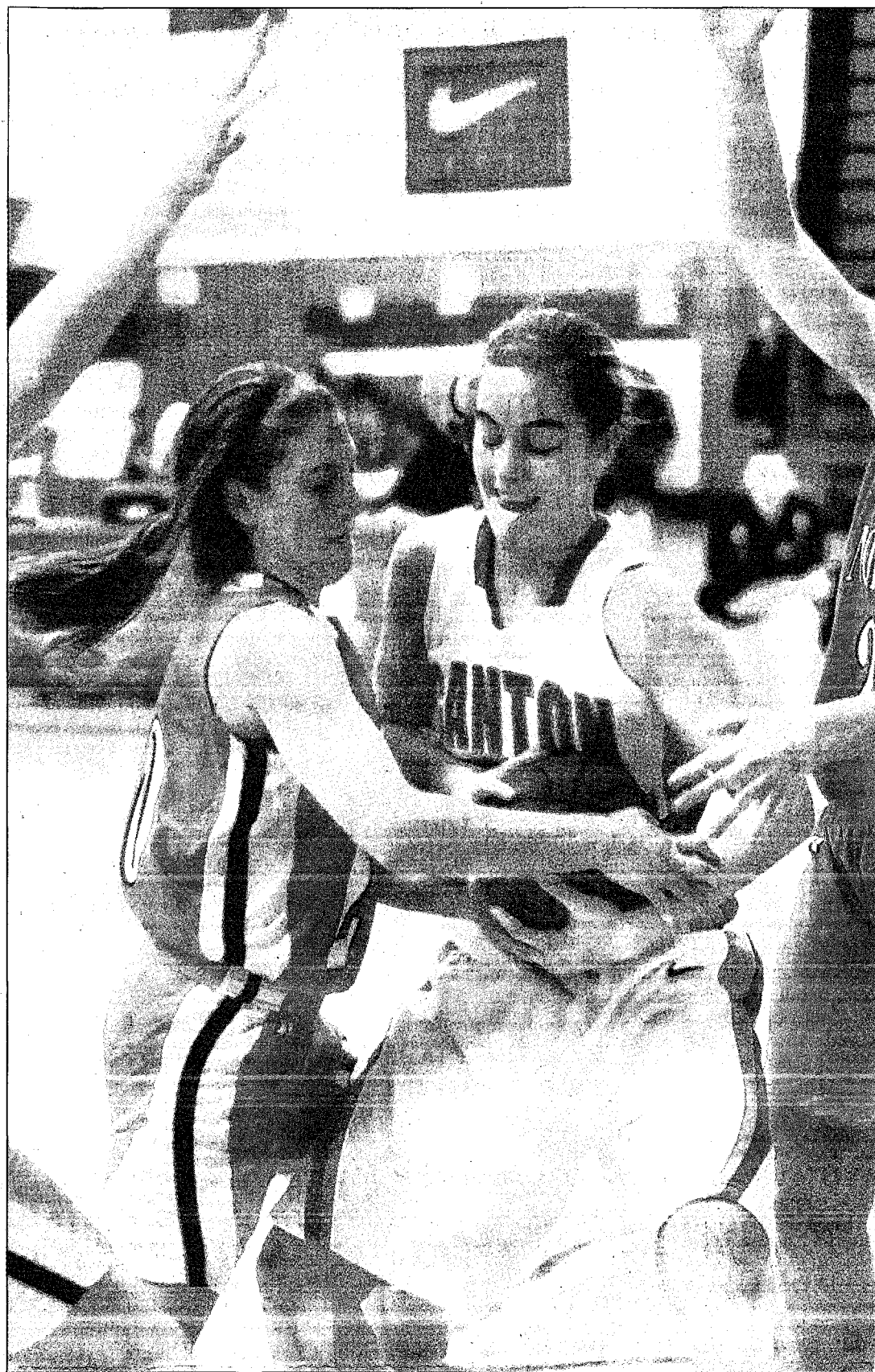
Both teams, of course, got started Tuesday. But both games were never in doubt.

CHIEFS START FAST

The South Division-leading Chiefs built leads of 11-2 after one quarter and 25-6 after two, with relentless pressure and repeat trips through the lane for points.

Northville (8-9, fourth in Central) chipped in with a

Please see **HOOPS, B3**



Battling for the basketball during Tuesday's KLAAs Conference playoff game are Canton's Karl Schmitt (No. 25) and Northville's Tori Wright (No. 20).

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SIDELINES

Whalers invite fans to donate cell phones

When the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers host the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors on Friday at 7 p.m. at Compuware Arena, they'll be working on a recycling campaign to assist American military men and women in action and children and their families in need.

The Whalers — along with Plymouth flagship station 88.1FM WSDP "The Escape" — are asking fans to donate used cell phones to Friday's game against Mississauga.

Proceeds from the cell phone collection will be donated to American soldiers deployed around the World and to families and their children involved with Friends of Jäclyn.

The Friends of Jäclyn Foundation is a nonprofit, charitable organization that improves the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors and their families. FOJ matches a child with a college or high school sports team based on geographic location. The child becomes the guest of honor at games and receives supportive text messages, e-mails and phone calls.

The Whalers and WSDP are working with the organization Cell Phones for Soldiers — www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com — and their campaign "Helping Heroes Home."

Qualifying phones are refurbished and given to requesting soldiers along with a month of calling time. Other donated phones will either be recycled or used to fund the charity's free calling-card program for troops overseas.

Please see **SIDELINES, B2**

Chiefs lead way at D1 individual districts

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton definitely is on a wrestling mission, both individually and as a team.

Saturday at Plymouth High School at the Division 1-District 4 individual districts, nine Chiefs finished in the top four of their weights to qualify for this weekend's individual regionals in Saline — setting a new school record.

The team was slated to compete Wednesday at the Canton-hosted D1 team regionals.

"I was really pleased with getting nine qualifiers," said Chiefs head coach Cory Mancuso. "But our goal was 11."

Canton district champions included Donnie Watkins (140), Brent Winekoff (152), Keith Zech (160) and Anthony Abro (189) with other qualifiers including 125 runner-up Waleed Faraj, third-place finishers Mitch Wolski (130) and Alex Eimers (119) and fourth-place finishers Ben Poirier (215) and Richard DeMarois at 103.

The Chiefs actually were very close to reaching the coveted 11 mark. Zach Marsh lost in overtime of the blood round at 135

while 152-pounder Sean O'Keefe lost 5-2 in the blood round to Observerland Tournament champion Matt Roos of Livonia Franklin.

As for the other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestling teams, Salem will be sending two representatives to the individual regionals (Devin Stratton, 125; James Middleditch, 135) after they finished in third place. Plymouth heavyweight Wally Eppler will also go after a second-place showing.

Despite only having one wrestler Saline-bound, Wildcats head coach Quinn Guernsey saw a lot of improvement from last year and potential for next.

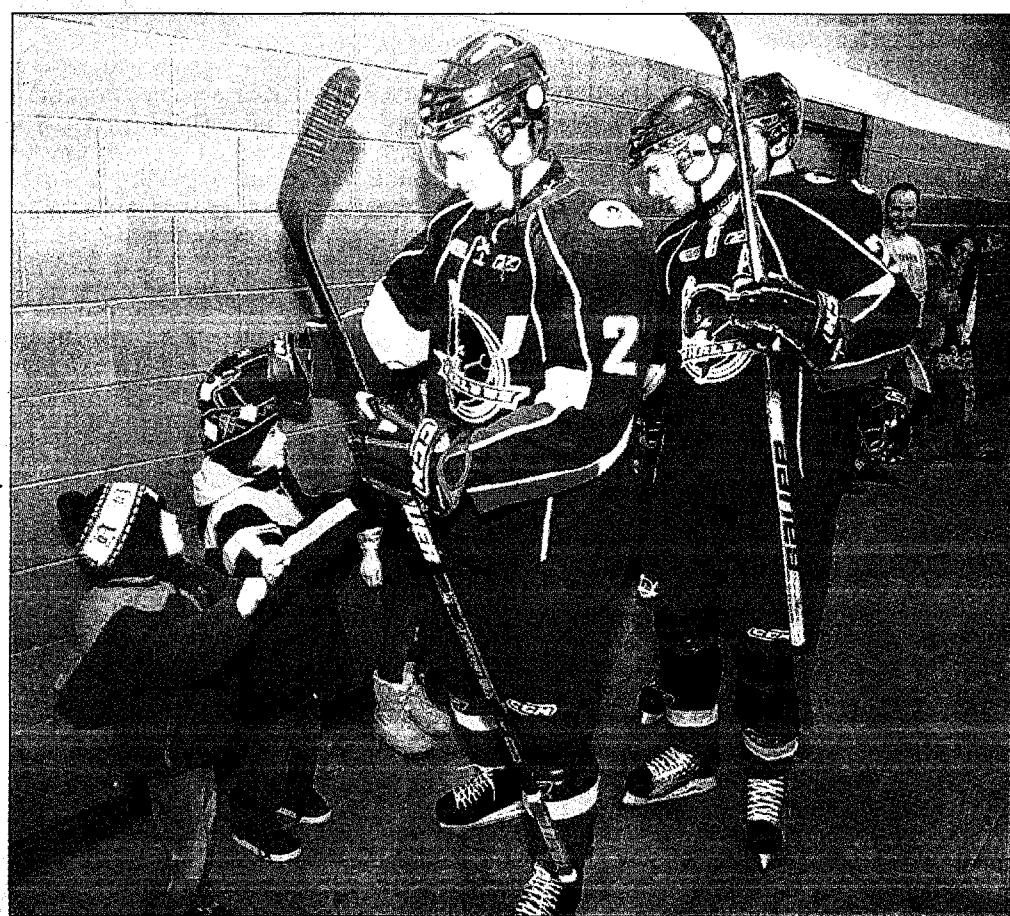
"The team looked good on the day though with six wrestlers falling one round shy of getting out," Guernsey said. "It was a big improvement over last year when we only had three make it to that round."

"Even more encouraging was that five of those six wrestlers will be returning next season."

Those include Jimmy Ahearn, Chase Kallil, Alec Breckenridge and Ziad Tamimi and Said Youssef with senior Jordan Birman the sixth.

DIVISION 1-DISTRICT 4 Feb. 13 at PLYMOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS (top 4 advance to regional)

- 140 pounds: Donnie Watkins (Canton) pinned Charlie Kokenakes (Livonia Stevenson), 1:54; 3rd place: Kevin Allard (Garden City) p. Avery Opperman (Livonia Franklin), 2:24.
- 145: Doug Eldridge (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) d. Josh Wright (Northville), 11-4; 3rd: Nick Tomski (Farmington) dec. Martin Bunney (Novi), 7-5.
- 152: Brent Winekoff (Canton) p. Jon Nelson (Northville), 5:11; 3rd: Matt Roos (Franklin) dec. Gerid Gee (CC), 5-3.
- 160: Keith Zech (Canton) dec. Andrew Erickson (CC), 4-0; 3rd: Alex Engelbretson (Novi) dec. Roy Edwards (Oak Park), 8-2.
- 171: Nick Mudar (Northville) won by major dec. over Curtis Castleberry (Livonia Churchill), 14-4; 3rd: Jake Burns (Stevenson) won by forfeit over Dan McCarthy (Stevenson).
- 189: Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Miles Trealtout (CC), 7-3; 3rd: Bobby Lahiff (Northville) dec. Andrew Schramm (Stevenson), 7-0.
- 215: Mike Kinville (CC) won by major dec. over Andrew Johnson (CC), 13-1; 3rd: Alan Mencer (Novi) dec. Ben Poirier (Canton), 4-3.
- 285: Dylan Wells (Farmington) dec. Wally Eppler (Plymouth), 7-4; 3rd: John Shekell (Churchill) dec. Nathan Keele (Stevenson), 4-3.
- 103: Ken Bade (CC) won by major dec. over T.J. Fagan (CC), 8-0; 3rd: Dan Martinez (Franklin) dec. Richard Demarois (Canton), 4-2.
- 112: Todd Melick (CC) p. Steve Tuvo (Franklin), 0:10; 3rd: Jake Meadows (Churchill) dec. Gabe Martinez (Franklin), 8-2.
- 119: Alex Mooradian (CC) won by technical fall over Matt Thompson (CC), 15-0; 3rd: Alex Eimers (Canton) dec. Anthony Porto (Farmington), 6-2.
- 125: Charlie Joseph (CC) won by major dec. over Waleed Faraj (Canton), 10-2; 3rd: Devin Stratton (Salem) p. Shabaig Sidu (Novi), 0:48.
- 130: Jordan McGuire (Franklin) won by forfeit over Nick Mason (CC); 3rd: Mitch Wolski (Canton) p. Ryan Berry (Franklin), 4-7.
- 135: Justin Melick (CC) p. Jon Bannoura (Churchill), 1:14; 3rd: James Middleditch (Salem) won by forfeit over Devin Ashley (Garden City).



Glove you guys

Before a recent game, Johnny and Aidan Muller encourage RJ Mahalak of the Plymouth Whalers. The little brothers are becoming a good luck charm for the OHL team. For the story, please turn to page B4.

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Goins lifts Lady Ocelots

April Goins scored 24 points, pulled down 14 rebounds and added seven steals Saturday as the host Schoolcraft College women's basketball team bounced back from its first loss of the season to down Oakland Community College, 72-49.

The Lady Ocelots, who improved to 23-1 overall and 13-1 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference, hold a one-game lead over St. Clair County CC with only two games remaining.

Antania Shepherd chipped in with 12 points for Schoolcraft, which took

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

control in the second half with an 8-0 run over the first four minutes to take a 39-21 advantage and record its 46th straight home victory.

The No. 1-ranked Lady Ocelots (NJCAA Division II) had won 71 of their last 73 conference games before being upset Feb. 10 by Delta CC, 66-59.

Alyssa Swindlehurst and Andrea Almasy each tallied 11 points for the Raiders (16-5, 10-4).

MADONNA 60, CORNERSTONE 59 (OT):

A layup from junior Tabatha Wydryk with seven ticks left in overtime gave Madonna University (10-14, 6-6) team its first season sweep of Cornerstone University (14-13, 7-5) in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

Heather Goodwin's three-pointer with 17 seconds left set up Wydryk's game-winner (following a Golden Eagles turnover).

Junior Katie Mount and senior Kim Olech (Plymouth) led the Crusaders with 14 points each, while Wydryk added six points to go along with five rebounds and a like number of assists.

Melissa Veltkamp led all players with 20 points for the Golden Eagles in the loss.

PCEP tankers have MISCA success

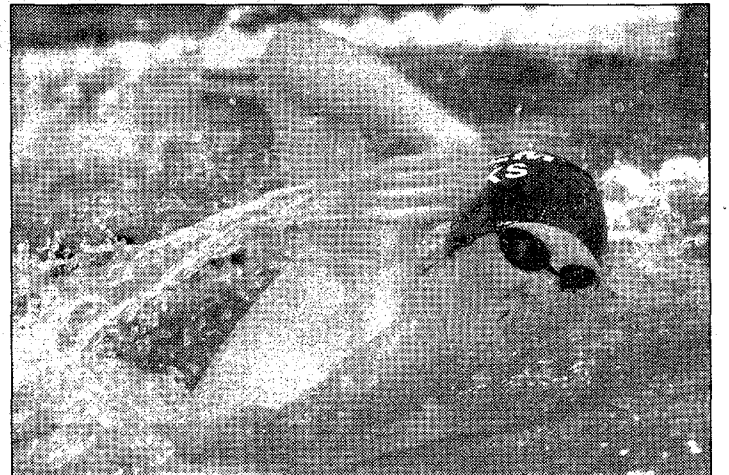
BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After two strong showings earlier in the meet, Salem's varsity boys swim team had a successful showing at the Eastern Michigan University-hosted MISCA Meet.

Salem knocked off Plymouth 120-66 on Feb. 9 before defeating Howell 98-88 two days later.

At Saturday's Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association, Adam Seroka finished first in the 500 free (4:43.19) and second in the 200 IM (1:56.78).

But Rocks head coach Chuck Olson praised several others, too.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of a number of Salem swimmers to garner praise from head coach Chuck Olson following the MISCA Meet is Max Mills, shown from an earlier meet.

Salem competes at the South Lyon-hosted KLAAs Central Division meet on Saturday.

Highlights for 'Cats

Plymouth head coach Doug Schade said the Wildcats had an excellent day at Eastern, led by all three relays registering their best times of the season.

Also, Alex Jouney tallied a 2:08 in the 200 IM (the D1 state cut is 2:04.29).

In the 200-medley relay, Plymouth's Cameron Earls, Tim Castle, Ethan Christenson and Chris Wilson just missed the D1 state cut (1:45.19) with a time of 1:45.4 seconds.

Plymouth's 200-free relay team of Castle, Adam Liakos, Jouney and Wilson finished in 1:34.43, less than a second away from the D1 state cut.

And in the 400 relay, the tandem of Wilson, Jouney, Castle

and Liakos also came close, with a mark of 3:31.24 seconds.

Schade said the Wildcats now gear up for Saturday's KLAAs South Division meet against Canton, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn.

Canton bright spots

Also at MISCA was Canton, and season-long stalwarts enjoyed plenty of success.

The 200 medley relay team of Jay Jin, Ryan Boes, Victor Zhang and Patrick Jenner came in 15th with a D1 qualifying time of 1:44.80 seconds.

Jim's 56.62 in the 100 back (eighth place) was a D1 finisher while Zhang (4th, 500 free, 1:34.43) also made it. Kyle Kemp's 14th-place finish of 4:59.42 in the 500 free barely fell short of the 4:59.29 D1 cut.

Canton tunes up with tri-meet win

As far as Canton head girls gymnastics coach John Cunningham is concerned, Tuesday's win at a tri-meet hosted by Livonia Churchill is a nice little primer for Saturday's KLAAs Kensington Conference Meet at Walled Lake Central.

Cunningham's Chiefs scored a season-high 144.75 points, plenty to defeat Northville (139.875) and Livonia Red (136.475).

"It was a very good meet for us," said Cunningham, whose team improved to 9-2 overall. "We're looking forward to the league championships this Saturday. Hopefully, we can do well there."

Canton originally was slated to only face Livonia Red in a dual meet. But Northville joined the lineup in order to complete a makeup meet with Livonia Red.

Even with the extra competition, the Chiefs grabbed first

in three events along with all-around scoring.

Only on vault, with Northville's Allison Kemp nipping Canton senior Robyn Piowar for the top spot, did the Chiefs fall short in any event.

Freshman Alex Fideler took first on uneven bars, with a 9.2 score, with Piowar third at 8.825.

Piowar and Fideler shared honors on balance beam, each registering a 9.6 total; Canton's Marina Mirad tied for third with a 9.1 score.

In the floor exercise department, it was Piowar in first with 9.65, followed by Kemp (9.55) and Fideler (9.2).

That was the same 1-2-3 placement in all-around scoring. Piowar won with 37.325 points, while Kemp (36.90) and Fideler (36.25) weren't far behind.

Other Chiefs to score

included Mallory Hudak (vault, floor-ex., all-around), Brooke Granowicz (all-around), Nicole Lasecki (floor-ex) and Ayana Lewis (vault, all-around).

TRI-MEET RESULTS

CANTON 144.75
NORTHVILLE 139.875
LIVONIA RED 136.475
Feb. 16 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. Allison Kemp (N), 9.35; 2. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.25; 3. (tie) Mallory Hudak (C) and Cassidy Winter (N), 9.15 each; 5. (tie) Katie Kretzschmer (Red) and Ayana Lewis (C), 8.9 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Alex Fideler (C), 9.2; 2. Kemp (N), 8.9; 3. Piowar (C), 8.825; 4. Winter (N), 8.725; 5. (tie) Kretzschmer (Red) and Taylor Dempsey (N), 8.55 each.

Balance beam: 1. (tie) Piowar (C) and Fideler (C), 9.6 each; 3. (tie) Dayna Esper (Red), Marina Milad (C) and Kemp (N), 9.1 each.

Floor exercise: 1. Piowar (C), 9.65; Kemp (N), 9.55; 3. Fideler (C), 9.2; 4. (tie) Katina St. Pierre (Red), Hudak (C) and Nicole Lasecki (C), 9.05 each.

All-around: 1. Piowar (C), 37.325; 2. Kemp (N), 36.90; 3. Fideler (C), 36.25; 4. Winter (N), 35.15; 5. Kretzschmer (Red), 34.475; 6. Lewis (C), 34.40; 7. Michelle Steslicki (N), 33.775; 8. St. Pierre (Red), 33.70; 9. Milad (C), 33.40; 10. (tie) Brooke Granowicz (C) and Taylor Dempsey (N), 33.25 each.

Canton's dual meet record: 9-2 overall.

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.

Plymouth Y programs

Several spring offerings are being served up by the Plymouth Family YMCA, including:

- Registration is ongoing for instructional clinics. The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction.
- Clinics include: Preschool Soccer for ages 3-5; Preschool Basketball for ages 4-5; and Youth Basketball for ages 6-7. The programs run the weeks of March 17-April 28.

All classes are held in local schools during the week.

- Speed and Agility Training, a class to focus on improving your speed (stride length and frequency, starting and stopping ability, sprint form and technique) and agility (the ability to explosively brake, change direction, and accelerate again). Rarely in team sports do you run in a straight line at a fixed pace for a fixed length of time.
- The class will improve movements in any direction at any sport, improve foot speed and increase strength and power.
- Participants will learn new techniques through drills and play games to put learned skills into use. The class will be taught by an NCAA Division I athlete with a degree in Exercise Science.
- Registrations are being accepted for the Spring Co-Ed Soccer League and Girls' Volleyball League.
- Both seasons run from April 19-June 12. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$71 for program members or \$103 for community members. All participants need a YMCA Youth Sports Reversible Jersey (\$15).
- The signup deadline is April 1. Coaches also are welcome.
- For all programs, contact the Plymouth Family YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcaofpenn.org.

Are you a Bad Bowler?

Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton might be your place if you are. The facility is hosting a 12-week "Bad Bowlers Club" at 8 p.m. Thursdays through

March. The program is for beginning or low-average bowlers.

Teams of four (any combination of men and women) may participate in a pressure-free environment. The cost is \$9.95 per person per week. Call (734) 459-6070 for more information.

Football inductees

Longtime Detroit Catholic Central assistant coach Rick Coratti and former Wayne Memorial standout Al Slamer (Holt) will be among those honored at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame induction and banquet Saturday, March 27, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ann Arbor.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., with the social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m., followed by induction ceremonies at 8 p.m.

Guest speaker will be University of Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez.

To obtain tickets, call Gandalf Church at (269) 963-0865. For more information, call Larry Merx at (845) 837-9438; or e-mail lmerx@max-preps.com.

Lacrosse coach wanted

Applications are being taken by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department for a boys seventh- and eighth-grade lacrosse coach. Lacrosse experience as a player or coach is preferred, but not mandatory. Contact recreation director Steve Anderson at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302, or e-mail him at sanderson@ci.plymouth.

SIDELINES

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Fans donating used cell phones to Friday's game will have the opportunity to win one of three \$100 Music Download cards. In addition, fans will receive a free Plymouth Whalers ring tone card.

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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 three-four, five-six, and seven-eight. 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 Feb. 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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HOOPS

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number of blown layups and turnovers.

Leading the first-half charge were the Schmitt twins, as they often do. Kari scored 11 of her 17 points before the intermission and Sara scored all eight of her points during that span.

Other key contributors for Canton included Robyn Mack (eight points), Kayla Bridges (seven points, five rebounds) and Alyssa Cottrell (four steals). The leading rebounder was Kari Schmitt, with seven.

Northville's Meredith Williams led the Mustangs — missing injured top scorer Katherine Jansen (broken wrist) — with seven points.

"We stress defense and rebounding, and I thought we did a pretty good job of that tonight," Samulski added. "We ran the floor well. It was a different kind of zone we've seen this year, but I thought we handled that well."

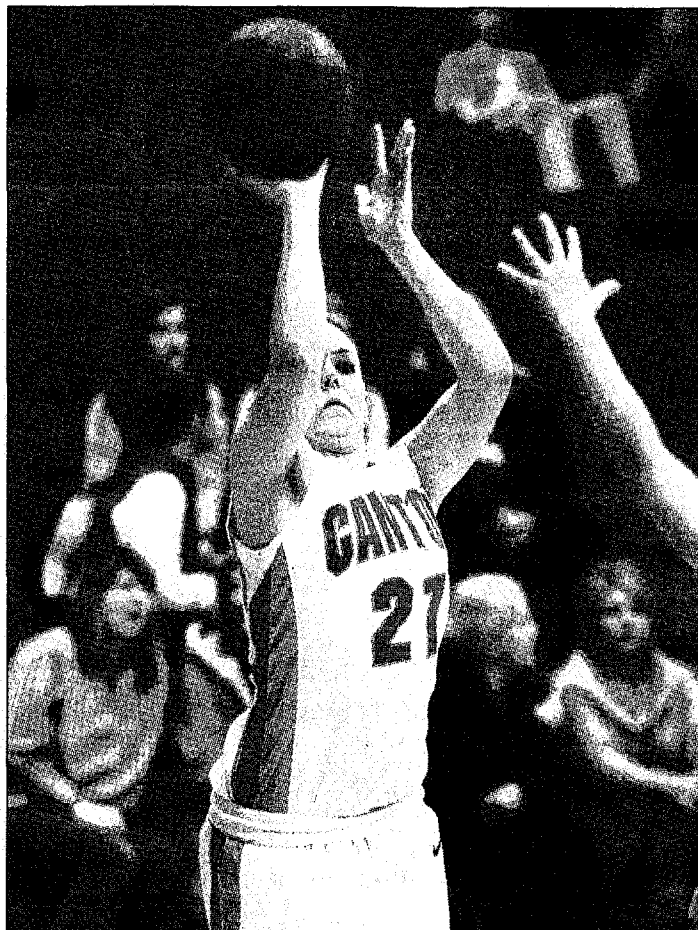
SALEM OVERCOMES

In the Salem-Plymouth game, the Rocks (second in Central) broke out to a 13-6 edge after one frame despite some tentative play and sloppiness.

"We struggled a little bit, just taking care of the basketball and getting the kind of shots we wanted," Thomann said.

But spark plug Tabitha Mann was ready from the get-go, scoring Salem's first six points (she finished with seven points) and pulling down a handful of rebounds.

"She (Mann) did a nice job



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Launching a long-range jumper during the KLAAs playoff opener is Canton's CarolAnn Sexauer (No. 21).

in the first half, she really did," Thomann said.

The Wildcats (6-11, third in South) played the Rocks on even terms in the second with each squad tallying seven points, enabling Salem to lead 20-13 at the break.

Salem really iced the game with a 13-6 fourth quarter. "We had a little more focus" in the second half, Thomann said.

Senior guard Sara Stone

scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Mann, Rachel Norman and Brett deBear all registered seven points.

Plymouth's bright spots included sophomore Rachael Hille and junior Alex Roberts, who finished with nine and eight points, respectively. Adding four was Taylor Birman.

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Rocks look to keep it going

BY TIM SMITH
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Salem's varsity boys hockey team has a pretty good idea what kind of challenge awaited it Wednesday in a KLAAs first round matchup against No. 2-ranked Livonia Stevenson.

In mid-December, Stevenson pounded the Rocks 6-1 at Plymouth Cultural Center. But this week's tilt, which took place after this issue of the Observer went to press, figured to be much closer.

That's because the Rocks are rolling, having captured the KLAAs South Division as well as knocking off both opponents at last week's prestigious Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase in Trenton.

"We played solid team hockey

PREP HOCKEY

in both games, which is something we have been looking for over the past couple of weeks," said Salem head coach Ryan Ossemmacher. "Our top players stepped up and played very well."

"They definitely took advantage of the opportunity to play in the showcase" a three-day event heavily scouted by junior and college hockey teams.

Ossemmacher added that a 2-1 win over Birmingham Unified on Feb. 11 followed by a 4-2 victory the next day against Farmington gives his team confidence and momentum entering the next phase of the season.

"Hopefully we can build off this performance and play a solid game against Stevenson

on Wednesday," he said.

Scoring both goals against Birmingham was senior forward Josh Jarvela, both assisted by sophomore forward Mark McGee (with junior D-man Mike Hochkins helping set up one of the tallies).

Jarvela kept his production level high against Farmington with a goal and two assists. But he wasn't the only player to make a big contribution.

McGee scored twice and assisted on Jarvela's goal while senior forward Mario Macari assisted twice, including a first-period goal by junior forward Garrett Berg.

Collecting single assists were junior forward Ryan Quigley and senior forward Ryan Blakey.

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PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

CANTON 22

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Feb. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Canton scorers: Billy Keppen, 204-194-398; Andrew Klein, 227-157-384; Casey Bindas, 210-160-370; Trevor Cummins, 137-174-311. Team totals: 972-906-1,878 (12 points); Baker games: 188-168-356 (10 points).
Novi team totals: 807-912-1,719 (8 points); Baker games: 187-160-347 (0 points).

SALEM 19

WAYNE 11

Feb. 12 at Super Bowl (Canton)
Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 217-212-429; Shaun Schmidt, 152-223-375; Tyler Foley, 169-200-369; David Nikkila, 190-172-362; Kevin Williams, 168; (split), 148. Team totals: 896-955-1,851 (9 points); Baker games: 166-209-375 (10 points).
Wayne scorers: Tony Lave, 216-208-424; Jeremy Brown, 161-187-348; Elliot Arnold, 192; Mike Gabriel, 188; Scott Franklin, 188; Mike Grandowicz, 184; Zack Huffman, 180; Kelley Collison, 172. Team totals: 941-935-1,876 (11 points); Baker games: 162-167-329 (0 points).

CANTON 21

WAYNE 9

Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl
Canton scorers: Ross Terrasi, 243-221-415; Andrew Klein, 191-215-406; Trevor Cummins, 227-154-381; Billy Keppen, 148-181-329; David Blythe, 177; Casey Bindas, 142. Team totals: 951-930-1,881 (15 points); Baker games: 146-194-340 (6 points).
Wayne scorers: Jeremy Brown, 225-219-442; Scott Franklin, 188-176-364; Elliot Arnold, 189-154-343; Zack Huffman, 171; Tony Lave, 167; Mike Gabriel, 128; Mike Grandowicz, 115. Team totals: 897-835-1,732 (5 points); Baker games: 166-143-309 (4 points).

JOHN GLENN 18.5

SALEM 11.5

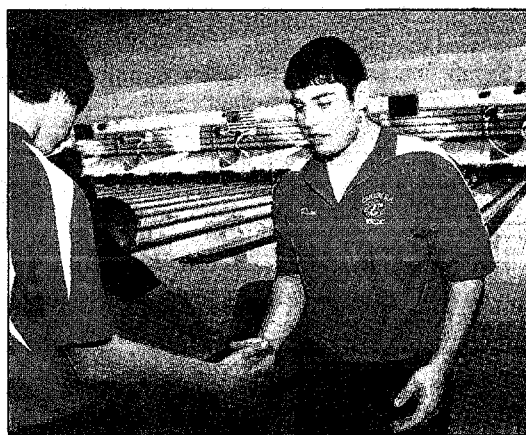
Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl
Glenn scorers: Derrick Ammons, 223-183-406; Tommy Ruark, 201-192-5-393.5; Kyle Hamlin, 198-187-385; Chris Harper, 209-172-381. Team totals: 999-898-1,897 (14.5 points); Baker games: 215-192-407 (4 points).
Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 225-239-464; Shaun Schmidt, 234-145-379; David Nikkila, 179-192-5-371.5; Kyle Newcomb, 179-180-359. Team totals: 974-896-1,870 (5.5 points); Baker games: 212-203-415 (6 points).

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

JOHN GLENN 16

SALEM 14

Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl
Glenn scorers: Alysson Kassab, 154-187-341; Khiry Sparks, 154-155-309; Julianne Ayers, 165-142-307; Natalie Brown, 140; Megan Redmond, 134; Alyssa Bradke, 121. Team totals: 706-739-1,445 (10 points); Baker games: 153-144-297 (6 points).
Salem scorers: Rachel Amodio, 143-177-320; Ashley Kretschmer, 159-143-302; Kristin Larkins, 152-146-298; Kristin Peltz, 121-128-249; Emily Simmons, 85-149-234. Team totals: 660-743-1,403 (10 points);



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ross Terrasi (right) is congratulated after rolling a strike during a recent match. He bowled a 398 game Friday against Novi, second to teammate Billy Keppen's 415.

Baker games: 125-150-275 (4 points).

WAYNE 28

CANTON 2

Feb. 11 at Westland Bowl
Wayne scorers: Stephani Harris, 234-154-388; Chelsey Pries, 166-145-311; Tiffany Markham, 148-133-281; Chelsea Morneau, 121-154-275; Deanna Boston, 117-138-255. Team totals: 786-724-1,510 (18 points); Baker games: 167-148-315 (10 points).
Canton scorers: Ashley Cadie, 165-166-331; Jackie Polaski, 137-142-279; Charlotte Zimmer, 139-109-248; Kelsey Joseph, 80-152-232; Chelsie Huz, 131; Cheryl Cosby, 114. Team totals: 635-700-1,335 (2 points); Baker games: 142-169-312 (0 points).

KLAAs CENTRAL STANDINGS

BOYS: 1. John Glenn, 11-1; 2. Salem, 9-1; 3. Canton, 6-5; 4. (tie) Plymouth and Wayne Memorial, 4-6-1 each; 6. Novi, 2-8-1; 7. Northville, 0-10-1.

Overall records: John Glenn, 13-2; Salem, 11-3; Canton, 8-6; Wayne, 5-7-2; Plymouth, 5-8-1; Novi, 2-11-1; Northville, 1-12-1.

GIRLS: 1. Northville, 11-0; 2. John Glenn, 8-2; 3. Wayne, 8-4-4; Canton, 4-7-1; 5. Plymouth, 3-5-1; 6. Salem, 2-9-1; Novi, 0-11.

Overall records: Northville, 13-1; John Glenn, 9-4; Wayne, 8-6; Canton, 5-9-1; Plymouth, 3-8-1; Salem, 3-10-1; Novi, 0-14.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 19
Plymouth Christian at Macomb Christian, 6:30 p.m.
(Kensington Conference Playoffs)

TBD at Canton, 7 p.m.
TBD at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Salem at TBD, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 18
(Kensington Conference Playoffs)

Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at TBD, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19
University Lidgett at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Thursday, Feb. 18
KLAAs Crossover vs. Plymouth at Compuware, 6:40 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 19
KLAAs Crossover vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20
Flint Powers vs. Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
CHSL Final at O.L. St. Mary Rink, TBA.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Feb. 20
(Individual Regionals)

Division 1 at Saline, TBA.
Division 3 at Williamston, TBA.
Division 4 at Addison, TBA.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING
Friday, Feb. 19

KLAAs South Diving at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
KLAAs Central Diving at S. Lyon, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20

KLAAs South Meet at Salem, noon.
KLAAs Central Meet at S. Lyon, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Feb. 20

KLAAs Meet at W.L. Central, TBA.

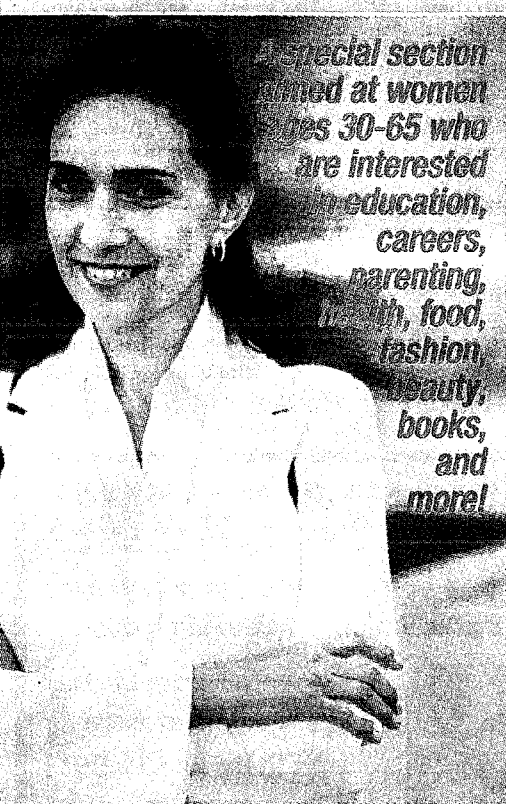
PREP BOWLING
Friday, Feb. 19
KLAAs Tournament at Town 'N Country Lanes, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20
CHSL Tourney at Astro Lanes, 9 a.m.

GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Feb. 20
(Team Districts)

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Seguin OT goal stings Sarnia

Tyler Seguin's second goal of the game at 4:02 of overtime brought the Plymouth Whalers all the way back from a 4-1 deficit and the Whalers defeated the Sarnia Sting, 5-4, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 2,586 Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth broke a two-game losing streak and is now 33-22-0-2, good for 68 points, second place in the OHL's West Division and fourth seed in the OHL Western Conference playoff race.

Sarnia remains in last place in the OHL with a record of 14-38-3-1. Sarnia is now 0-15-2-0 over its last 17 games.

Plymouth lost Feb. 10 in Guelph (6-3) and Feb. 11 in Saginaw (5-2).

Seguin described the game-winning goal, which came on a power play with Sarnia's Craig Hottot serving a penalty for tripping at 2:32 of the overtime. On the play, Seguin carried the puck over the Sarnia line, waited at the high slot and then scored top-shelf past Sarnia goaltender Shayne Campbell, who was screened by Whalers forward Josh Brittain.

MANY CONTRIBUTORS

In all, Seguin scored two goals (38-39) and added two assists. Seguin leads the OHL in scoring with 39 goals and 51 assists for 90 points in 52 games. Joe Gaynor (13), Ryan Hayes (12) and Tyler Brown (9) also scored for the Whalers.

Kale Kerbashian (21), Zack MacQueen (8), Daniel Broussard (1) and Brandon Alderson (13) scored for

Sarnia

Sarnia outshot Plymouth, 14-5, in the first period and led 3-1 after twenty minutes on a power play goal on Kerbashian (hard shot left circle at 2:45), MacQueen (short handed set up out in front of the Plymouth goal at 6:40) and Broussard (shot right point at 19:42).

Gaynor scored the only Plymouth goal of the first period, snapping a shot from the right side of the Sarnia goal at 4:42.

Alderson gave Sarnia a 4-1 lead at 0:50 at the second period when his shot from the right circle eluded Plymouth goaltender Matt Hackett. Hackett regrouped at that point in the game and pitched a shutout the rest of the game.

Gaynor won a faceoff in the Sarnia zone and shoveled the puck to the right side of the Sarnia crease to Hayes, who scored at 14:08. Seguin cut the Sarnia lead to 4-3 at 17:03 with a rising shot that Campbell reacted late on.

NET CRASHER

Seguin and AJ Jenks teamed up to set up Brown's equalizer at 17:03 of the third period. Brown skated hard through the Sarnia zone and redirected Seguin's pass from the high slot past Campbell.

With Hottot serving his penalty in overtime, Sarnia had a chance to score shorthanded when Kerbashian skated into Plymouth territory on the left wing, circled behind the Whalers goal and tried a wrap-around on the right side of the net but hit the outside of the post. Seconds later, Seguin scored the game-winner.

Best kind of assist

Little brothers score in hearts of the Plymouth Whalers

BY NATALIE SHAVER
CORRESPONDENT

Some people might say little Johnny Muller is lucky.

Johnny and his family last month attended their first Plymouth Whalers game at Compuware Arena and watched warmups from the penalty box.

Whalers goaltender Matt Hackett skated over at the start of warmups and gave Johnny a goalie stick signed by the whole team.

During the game, the Muller family sat in the front row of Section 114 and saw all three Whalers goals scored right in front of them in the 3-0 win over Niagara.

Johnny even got a game puck.

After the game, Johnny was lucky enough to catch Ryan Hayes' Star of the Game shirt. He then got to go in the Whalers locker room and meet all the Whalers and get autographs.

Yep, Johnny's a pretty lucky kid, especially since his brain tumors aren't cancerous.

Johnny and his family came into contact with the Plymouth Whalers through the Friends of Jaclyn program, which tries to improve the quality of life for children with pediatric brain tumors and their families by matching the child with a sports team.

The goal of Friends of Jaclyn is that a deep bond will be formed between the child, the child's family and the sports team.

The relationship is a priceless gift. The gift is in the relationship; a child is gaining a loving support network and the team is gaining an insight into the value of life and the power of love.

"It's great to have Johnny and his younger brother Aidan around us as we keep winning, it's as if they are our little luck charms," Whalers forward Ryan Hayes said. "Myself and all the boys love having them around us even after the games. We have all grown to know each other, which is great, not only for Johnny, but for us and the organization as well."

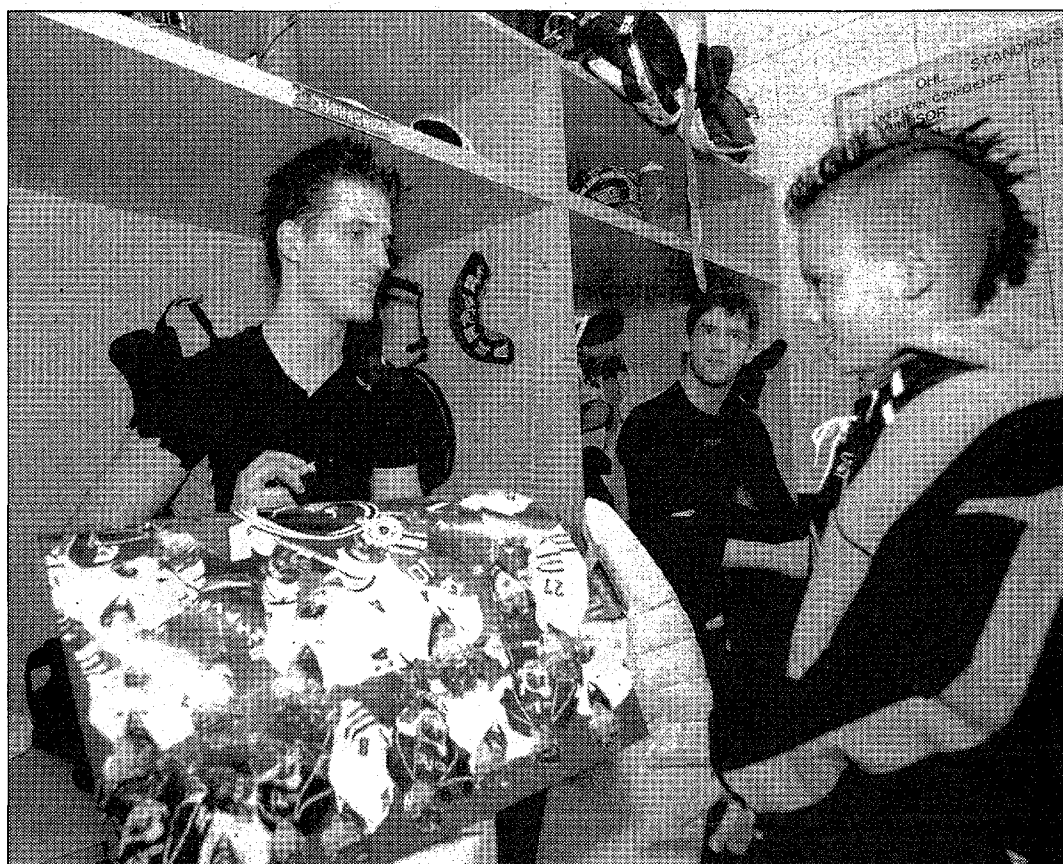
"Not many (of the players) understood what we were doing at first by taking in Johnny, but the team has come together and realized what it means to the family as well as Johnny to be around a team-like atmosphere."

Johnny's family knew something was a little different about him early on. He didn't walk until he was 18 months old and didn't speak much at all. His doctor thought he might be somewhere on the autism spectrum, but could not give a diagnosis.

Johnny's first tumor was discovered when he was 2 years old. When he went to the doctor, his parents were told Johnny had the mumps and were sent home.

They waited a couple of weeks and returned to the doctor when the lump didn't go away. They were then sent to an ear, nose and throat doctor, who said it was a tumor.

The tumor was located on his parotid gland in front of his ear and Johnny's doctors didn't want to remove it because it was



Johnny Muller is all smiles in the Whalers locker room as goaltender Matt Hackett gets set to sign a team poster.

so close to his facial nerves.

There was a 90-percent chance he would lose function in half of his face if it was removed. After a year, his parents knew they would have to chance the risky surgery because the tumor had doubled in size.

'NO HURT'

Luckily, it was removed with absolutely no nerve damage. The night it was removed, Johnny spoke some of his first words: "no hurt." Until that point, nobody knew that the tumor had been causing him pain.

The surgery also left Johnny with one of his most famous trademarks — his mohawk. Since doctors had to shave half his head to remove the tumor, Johnny's parents shaved the other half to match, and the look has stuck his whole life.

After that tumor came out, things still weren't quite right and Johnny went from doctor to doctor until finally an MRI of his brain showed a mass in his right cerebellum. This was a bittersweet find because it finally made all his symptoms make sense.

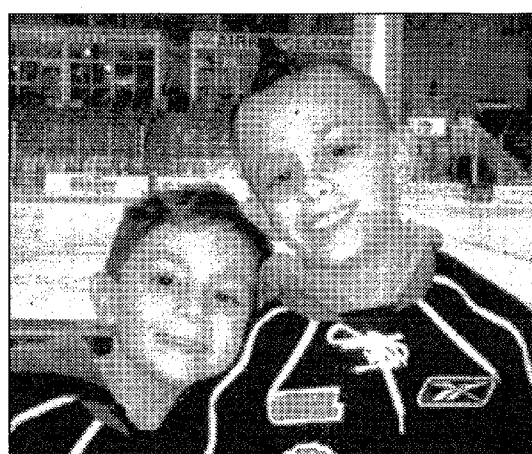
The area his tumor is in controls balance and sensory function. Because of this, many of his symptoms mimic autism.

Although his left side should be affected since the tumor is on the right side of his brain, the tumor sits low in the cerebellum and actually controls the same side of the body that it is in.

Johnny is naturally right-handed, but because of the weakness in that side he started training himself to use his left hand to write and do many other things.

He still switches back and forth between hands, depending on how he's feeling, and even keeps a right- and left-handed mitt with him when playing baseball because he never knows which one will feel right.

Johnny has trouble balancing, jumping, skipping and even running. His right side is considerably weaker than his



Brothers Aidan (left) and Johnny Muller are winning over the Plymouth Whalers these days.

KRISSY MULLER

left, and even hopping on his right foot is quite a challenge. However, he loves sports and plays baseball and soccer and now wants to start playing hockey because of the Whalers.

The Whalers are heavily involved with the community and realize the biggest assist doesn't have to come on the ice. The relationship Johnny has built with all his new brothers on the Whalers has had an immediate impact on everyone.

Johnny met another member from the Friends of Jaclyn program at his first game and realized for the first time that he isn't the only kid with a brain tumor.

He has stepped up his physical therapy because he wants to get his legs strong enough to skate as fast as his favorite player, Tyler Seguin.

Although he's good with numbers, Johnny's tumors make it difficult to remember names and faces. Doctors believe the Whalers can help Johnny since he can match names and faces with their numbers, but Johnny has no trouble remembering his favorite No. 9, Seguin.

Although Johnny has four favorite players in Seguin, Hayes, AJ Jenks and Matt Hackett, Aidan's favorite is easily Hayes and he can always be found near his locker.

In the Niagara game, Hayes tallied a goal and two assists in the 3-0 win, but it was after the game and off the ice that he made the biggest impact.

THEIR LUCKY CHARM

Hayes helped organize everything with the Muller family and has become a favorite of both Johnny and Aidan.

When kids tour the locker room after the game, Hayes' stall is a little squished as Aidan is a mainstay the whole time and Johnny wanders back and forth between sitting in Hayes and Seguin's stalls.

The Whalers are reaping the benefits of their new best buddy as well. Although Seguin promised Johnny a goal for his first game against Niagara, it didn't happen. Johnny said it was fine and knew Seguin would score a goal for him soon. He just needed to touch the stick for good luck.

Some might think Seguin has the lucky touch, but maybe it's Johnny's touch as Seguin immediately went on a career-best tying six-game goal streak.

The Whalers also reeled off seven wins in a row, beginning with that Jan. 16 game against Niagara.

"It's great to see their faces before and after the games," Hayes said. "We know our lucky charms are with us at our home games."

"There is no doubt in Johnny's mind that he is the team's good luck charm," added Johnny's mom, Krissy.

Guess little Johnny Muller is lucky.

Natalie Shaver is sales and marketing administrator for the Plymouth Whalers.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for Prescription Drug Carve Out/Repricing. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Brenda Armour, Underwriting Consultant at (248) 502-1108. Technical questions should also be directed to Brenda Armour. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2010. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Nancy Eggenberger, Secretary

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2010 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2010 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010	from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 4, 2010	from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 11, 2010	from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 15, 2010	from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 15, 2010.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 15, 2010 by 3:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

Tues, March 2	9 am - Noon	Organizational Meeting
	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Mon, March 8	2 pm - 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment
	6 pm - 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment
Wed, March 10	9 am - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
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Sat, March 13	9 am - 11 am	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing office by the close of business on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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"A lot of people think being heart healthy requires a whole lifestyle overhaul, which may be a key deterrent, particularly for adults who are set in their ways," Collins said. "There are many easy steps you can take to help support heart health — from substituting ingredients in recipes to choosing the right beverages and making the most of the activities you already enjoy. Many heart healthy steps can be relatively quick and easy to incorporate and don't have to break your budget."

For example, 100 percent orange juice is a refrigerator staple that may help support heart health. It can even go beyond the breakfast table — one cup added to your favorite salad dressing, smoothie or marinade is an easy and delicious way to incorporate the beverage's nutrients into your meals.

"The orange juice that starts many Americans' mornings provides nutrients such as potassium, which may help maintain healthy blood pressure and promote heart health," Collins said.

The Cooking Cardiologist has easy ways to make deliciously good-for-you choices:

- Use nut oils such as sesame seed, walnut or almond in your salad dressing to enhance flavor and add heart healthy ingredients to a salad.
- When reading nutrition

labels, look for foods that are rich in vitamin C. Vitamin C can support heart health by helping to neutralize free radicals that may contribute to cell and tissue damage — damage that may contribute to the development of chronic health issues like heart disease and cancer. Many fruits and vegetables and their juices, such as 100 percent orange juice, are excellent sources of vitamin C.

• Not all fats are bad. While you should avoid saturated fats and trans fats, omega-3 fats may help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Omega-3 fats are found in foods such as walnuts, flaxseed and fatty fish, such as salmon or tuna.

Try these savory recipes for Orange Tarragon Ginger Shrimp with Rice Noodles and Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine — two easy ways to serve up heart healthy meals that you're sure to enjoy.

Visit www.FloridaJuice.com for more heart healthy recipes and information on heart health.

ORANGE TARRAGON GINGER SHRIMP WITH RICE NOODLES

- Makes 4 servings
- 1 cup orange juice
 - 12 jumbo raw shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails attached
 - 2 tablespoons fresh tarragon, finely chopped
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, finely chopped
 - 1 shallot, finely chopped
 - 1 (8-ounce) package rice noodles, prepared according to package directions
 - 1 tablespoon sesame seed oil
 - Nonstick cooking spray
 - 2 cups fresh snow peas
 - 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
 - 1 tablespoon Asian hot chili sauce, optional

Combine orange juice, shrimp, tarragon, olive oil, ginger and shallot in a zipper-seal plastic bag. Seal bag securely; toss gently to combine ingredients. Marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator.

Prepare rice noodles according to package directions. Drain and combine with sesame seed oil; toss to coat evenly; reserve.

Spray wok with nonstick cooking spray and heat over medium heat. Drain shrimp mixture; reserve 1/2 cup marinade and discard remaining marinade. Add shrimp and reserved 1/2 cup of marinade to wok; bring to a boil and stir fry shrimp for 1 to 2 minutes. Add snow peas; stir fry for 3 more minutes, just until snow peas are tender crisp and shrimp is cooked through. Add sesame seeds and chili sauce, if desired. Remove from heat and add reserved rice noodles; toss to combine and serve immediately.

ORANGE-APRICOT CHICKEN TAGINE

A tagine is a cooking pot commonly used in North African countries, such as Morocco and Algeria. It consists of two pieces — a plate-like bottom and a conical-shaped lid. Tagines can be purchased online or in most stores where kitchenware is sold.

- Makes 4 servings
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
 - 4 small skinless chicken breasts, approximately 4 ounces each
 - 1 yellow onion, sliced
 - 1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic
 - 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
 - 1 cup orange juice
 - 1 tablespoon turmeric
 - 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1 saffron thread, optional
 - 1 (15-ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
 - 1 cup dried apricots
 - 1 cup diced fresh tomatoes
 - 1/2 cup cashews, chopped and toasted



Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine

- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

Heat oil in tagine and brown chicken breasts for 3 to 5 minutes; remove chicken breasts and reserve. Add onion, garlic and ginger to tagine; sauté for 3 minutes. Add orange juice, turmeric, nutmeg, cinnamon and saffron, if desired. Simmer for 3 minutes; do not boil. Add garbanzo beans, apricots and tomatoes. Bring to simmer; add reserved chicken breasts. Cover tagine and cook for 20 to 30 minutes over low heat until chicken is thoroughly cooked. Garnish with cashews and cilantro; serve immediately.

Serving suggestion: Serve Orange-Apricot Chicken Tagine with cooked couscous.



Courtesy of Family Features Orange Tarragon Ginger Shrimp with Rice Noodles

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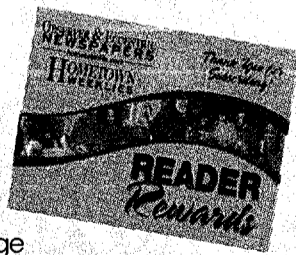


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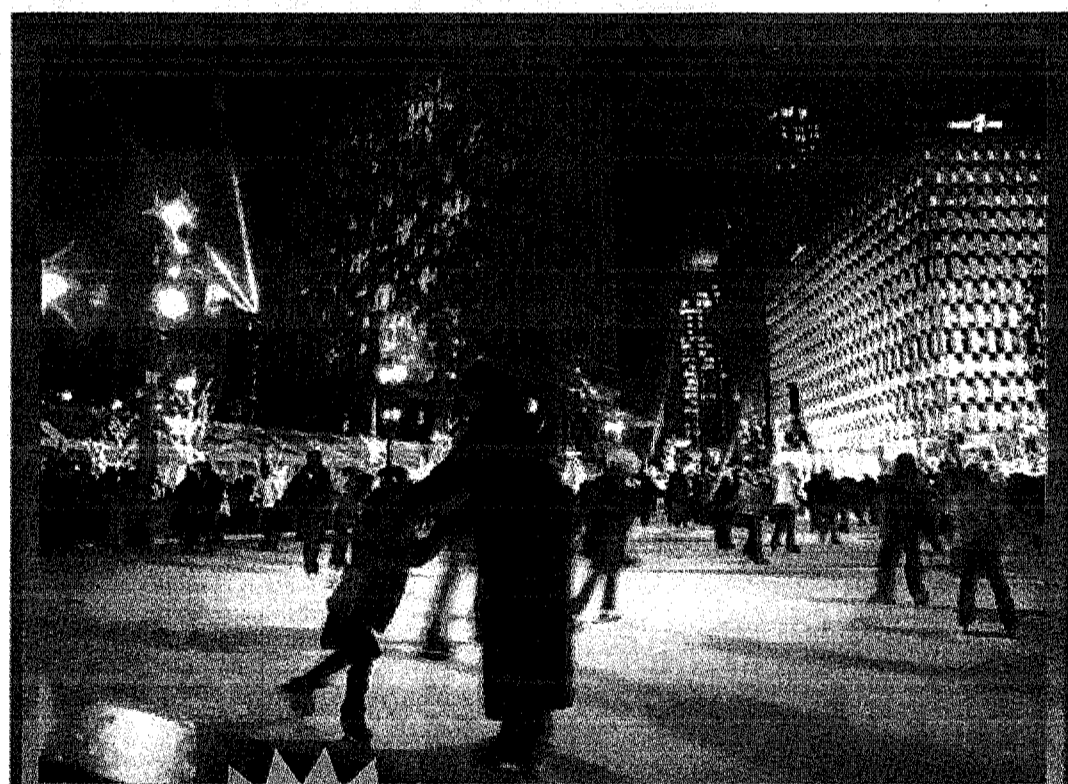
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Plymouth scientist heads team on National Geographic Channel show

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Science is the star in a National Geographic Channel series that uses technology to test and measure the capabilities of fighters, martial arts experts, soldiers and SWAT officers.

Cynthia Bir, lead scientist on *Fight Science*, wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think it's good to put science out there in front of kids. There is enough of what I call eye candy on the show that kids can relate to. They watch that and then you put the science in front of them," said Bir, a Plymouth resident and professor of biomechanical engineering at Wayne State University.

"I've brought high school classes to my lab and talked to them about what I do and what biomechanical engineering is and that's all part of getting kids excited about science. It makes it real for them. It's an application of what they're learning."

Fight Science's fourth show of this season, "Human Weapon," airs at 9 p.m. today. "Super Cops," the fifth episode rounds out the series at 9 p.m., Feb. 25. Episodes from previous seasons will be replayed March 4 and 11. Check www.channel.nationalgeographic.com and click on *Fight Science* for more broadcast times.

Super Cops incorporates a lot of Bir's research on evaluating body armor and less-lethal technology, such as rubber bullets, water cannons and stunt hand grenades. In the episode, SWAT officers test their techniques and equipment in simulated conflicts and sensor-equipped dummies are used to test the effects of less-lethal weapons.

In one demonstration during tonight's Human Weapon episode, self-defense experts show how to apply force to a weak point on an opponent's body to disable the attacker.

Bir uses one finger, applied to the philtrum, the area between the nose and upper lip, to stop a much stronger man. The pressure creates enough leverage to push the neck back at about

a 45 degree angle, disturbing equilibrium and pushing the man back.

"I feel fortunate to have the opportunity," Bir said, describing her involvement with the show, which is produced in California. She also is lead scientist on ESPN *Sport Science*, which won an Emmy award.

"Someone asked me, would you ever do this (the show) full time? Would Wayne State lose you? I couldn't. I need Wayne State. What I learn here I apply there (to the show)."

"I love what I do. I love the research," she said. "I have an Emmy on my mantle at home. It's nice, it's fun...but it's another world. It's nothing I set out to do. It just happened."

MATH BACKGROUND

Bir earned a nursing degree, before earning a master's degree in bioengineering from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in mechanical engineering, and a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, from Wayne State.

"I've always had a strong math background and I'm very mechanically inclined. When you put the human body into that as well, that's when it gets exciting."

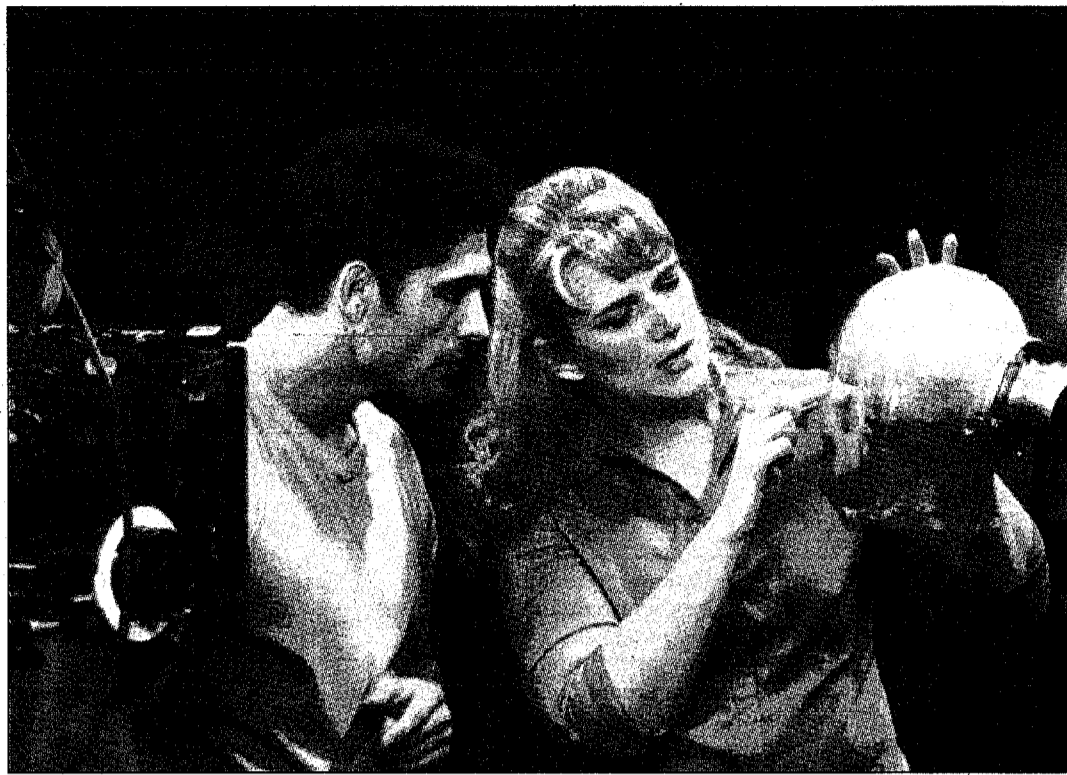
She works with the orthopedic surgery department in the school of medicine as well as the Bioengineering Center in the school of engineering.

"Five years ago we had a call from an executive producer saying they were looking to do a show called *Fight Science*. They asked if we wanted to be involved. We've done a lot of work with USA Boxing and they had seen some of that work."

Bir figured it would be a "once in a lifetime thing" that she'd never repeat, but after the first season's one episode, the producers suggested a season two and "it snowballed from there."

In the meantime, she began working with *Sports Science*.

"The National Geographic Channel shows are a little more in depth in terms of the science we put into them. It's a very different feel to the show, more serious and intense. There's a lot of research



Self defense instructor Bren Foster and Wayne State University biomechanics expert Cindy Bir prep for the anatomical weaknesses test.

I've conducted in the lab and took to the set and incorporated into the show. A lot of what we do on a day to day basis is what we do in the show."

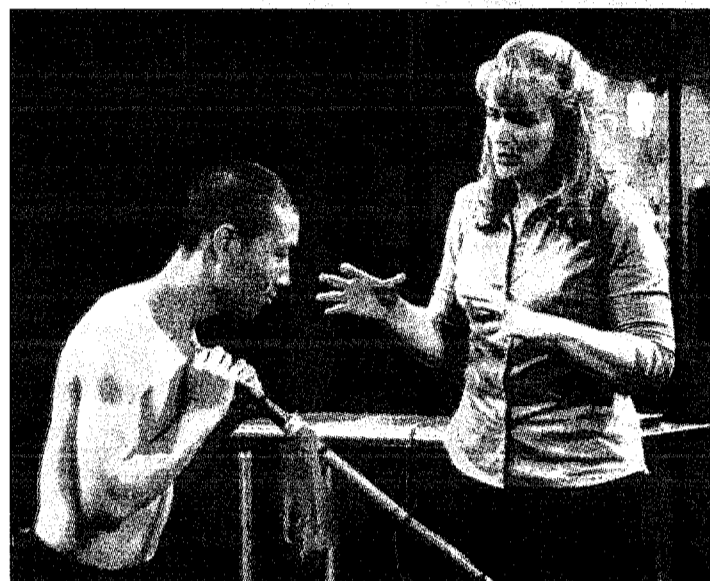
Bir juggles teaching with travel for the show, as well as scholarly conferences and research. She's also married, to a patent attorney, and together they have four children, ages 16,14,8 and 5. "It's as little tricky," she described her schedule.

FROM MONKS TO PLANES

She also has worked with the History Channel on a program about individuals with "superhuman" abilities. During the show, she evaluated the punching and striking abilities of a Shaolin monk on a crash dummy.

Next month, she'll work with one of three scientific teams testing the outcome of a "survivable" plane crash in Mexico. The crash and testing will be filmed by a British production company.

"They're going to crash a full size 727 with crash test dummies on the plane," she said. "Because it's such a big cost, they want to get as much scientific information out of it as we can glean from it."



Xiao Jun Wang and Wayne State University biomechanics expert Cindy Bir prepare for a spear test on "Flight Science." Wang practices chi-gong and uses tai chi to protect his body from the spear.

"Our group is charged with the dummies. It's supposed to be a failed landing, a survivable crash, so we'll look at the types of injuries sustained."

She said two pilots would fly the plane to the targeted area and parachute out before it crashed.



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ART

Costick Center
Time/Date: Through Feb. 26
Location: 28600 W. 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills
Details: "Metallics: Photography by Janna Bissett"
Contact: (248) 473-1856

Lotus Arts Gallery
Location: 995 West Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth
Details: Yuroz is the artist of the month
Contact: (888) 889-4ART (toll free) or (734)453-5400

Northville Art House
Time/Date: Through Feb. 26;
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: 4th annual exhibition showcasing the varied styles and mediums of more than 50 artist members
Contact: (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org

COMEDY

Go Comedy!
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays
Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays
Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.go.comedy.net

JD's House of Comedy
Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings
Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield
Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday
Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, Open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Steve McGew, Feb. 18-20; Ty Barnett, Feb. 25-27; Ruben Paul, March 3-6; Sheila Kay, March 10-13; Jay Black, March 17-20; Myq Kaplan, March 24-27
Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Time/Date: Joe Starr's combination of comic storytelling and physical humor, Feb. 18-20; Denver native Phil Palisoul, Feb. 25-27; Gary Valentine, a series regular on "The King of Queens," March 4-6; Brooklyn native Brian Spolaro, March 11-13; Bret Ernst, who appeared in the movie "Beer League," and hosted MTVs "Wrestling Society X," March 18-20
Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak
Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

The Ark
Time/Date: Marc Cohn, Feb. 18; Terri Clark Unplugged and Alone, Feb. 19; Blackthorn, Feb. 21 - a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society Action Network, Feb. 21, Catie Curtis, (folk-rock) March 3; Monte Montgomery, (acoustic guitar) March 4; Howie Day, (rock-influenced) March 5; Po' Girl, (Canadian 21st Century roots music) March 6; Richard Shindell, (folk, storytelling songs) March 7; Scythian, (Celtic) March 8; Horse Feathers, (Western) March 10; Caravan of Thieves, (gypsy jazz) March 11; Joe Henry, (mixed genre) March 12; Justin Roberts & The Not Ready for Naptime Players, (rock music for kids) March 13; The Band of Heathens (country and Americana) March 13; Lehto & Wright (folk rock) March 14
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org



Terri Clark brings her "Unplugged & Alone" tour to The Ark in Ann Arbor Feb. 19.

Bluefish Music

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25
Location: 744 Starkweather St., Plymouth
Details: Bobby Pennock and guitar player Terry Birkett perform songs from the CD "10,000 Stories" as well as some new songs from two upcoming CDs. The show is free
Contact: (734) 927-0675

Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Date: Friday Night Live concerts, 7 and 8:30 p.m.
Location: 5200 Woodward Ave
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Genettis Hole in the Wall
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19
Location: 108 E. Main, Northville
Details: Performance Benefit for Haiti Relief, an evening of local actors, musicians, dancers, poets and artists devoting their time and talent to help the people of Haiti. Suggested donation is \$5
Contact: (248) 767-2339

Hill Auditorium
Time/Date: Swedish Radio Choir, 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, \$10-\$50 tickets;
Location: 825 N. University Avenue, Ann Arbor
Details: University Musical Society events
Contact: (734) 764-2538

JWH Center for the Arts
Time/Date: 6:15-6:45 p.m., open mic sign up; performances, 7 p.m. Next performance is Saturday, Feb. 20
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Matt Allen & Friends are the featured performers; host is Jeff Karoub. BaseLine Folk Society open mic is for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. Admission is \$5. BaseLine Folk Society open mic runs every third Saturday of the month through May
Contact: Mike Mullen, founder, mjmmullen@yahoo.com

Magic Bag
Time/Dates: The Mega 80's, Feb. 19 and 27; Frontiers, Feb. 20, PBM & Jamie McCarthy, Feb. 26; 40oz. To Freedom, March 2; Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, March 4; Laith Al Saadi & Back Forty, March 5
Location: 22920 Woodward, Ferndale
Contact: (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

Max M. Fisher Music Center
Time/Date: 10:45 a.m., and 8 p.m., Feb. 18; 8:30 p.m., Feb. 19-20; and 3 p.m., Feb. 21
Details: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Ontario-based rock group, Jeans 'N Classics, play the music of the Beach Boys; tickets range from \$19 to \$123
Location: 3711 Woodward Ave, Detroit
Contact: (313) 576-5111

Music Hall Jazz Cafe

Time/Date: Ben's Friends, Feb. 18
Location: 350 Madison, Detroit
Contact: (313) 887-8500

Trinity House Theater
Time/Date: Cats and the Fiddler, 8 p.m., Feb. 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Mike Mangione and His Band, 8 p.m., Feb. 26, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers; Blue Water Ramblers, 8 p.m., Feb. 27, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers; Stacey Earle and Marek Stuart, 8 p.m., March 5, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Rachele Eve with Ben Salazar, 8 p.m., March 6, tickets \$12, \$9 for subscribers; Michael McDermott with John D. Lamb, 8 p.m., March 12, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Jill Jack with Luke Brindley, 8 p.m., March 13, tickets \$15, \$12 for members; Brooks Williams and Beauoup Blue, 8 p.m., March 19, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Annie and Rod Capps, 8 p.m., March 20, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers; Gemini, 8 p.m., March 27, tickets \$15, \$12 for subscribers
Location: 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org



Mike Mangione and His Band play Feb. 26 at Trinity House Theater in Livonia.

FAMILY

The Ark
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21 and 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22
Location: 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor
Details: 23rd Annual Storytelling Festival featuring Bill Lepop and Linda Gorham; tickets are \$20 Saturday and \$10 Sunday
Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Bakers Keyboard Lounge
Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Details: Jazz for Kids Program
Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit
Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.baker-keyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts
Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays
Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission
Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit
Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Marquis Theatre
Time/Dates: 2:30 p.m. all shows; Saturday, March 13, 20, 27, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1; Monday-Friday, April 5-9; and Sunday, March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2
Location: 135 E. Main, Northville
Details: "Peter Cottontail," tickets, \$8.50, ages 3 and up
Contact: (248) 349-8110, www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Detroit Zoo
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through March
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free. Wild Winter Weekends offer crafts, entertainment, educational experiences March 6-7
Contact: (248) 541-5717



A polar bear strolls through the snow at the Detroit Zoo.

FILM

Penn Theatre
Time/Dates: "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m., Feb. 19-20 and 5 p.m. and 7:20 p.m., Feb. 21
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: \$3 admission
Coming up: "The Young Victoria," 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Feb. 26-27; 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 28; "Sherlock Holmes," 7 p.m. and 9:20 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 5-6 and 5 p.m. and 7:20 p.m., Sunday, March 7
Contact: (734) 453-0870, www.penntheatre.com

Redford Theatre
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 19 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Feb. 20
Location: 17360 Lahser, Detroit
Details: "Flying Down to Rio," starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers; tickets are \$4
Coming up: "A Day at the Races," with The Marx Brothers and Margaret Dumont, 8 p.m., March 5-6 and 4 p.m., March 6
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Cranbrook Institute of Science
Time/Date: "Artology: The Fusion of Art and Science at Cranbrook" showcases the work of artists whose creations intersect with science; through June 4
Location: 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills
Contact: (248) 645-3200, http://science.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Science Center
Time/Date: "Black Holes" in the planetarium; "Accidental Mummies of Guanajuato" through April 11
Location: 5020 John R, Detroit
Contact: (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Greenfield Village
Time/Date: "Good Design: stories from Herman Miller" through April 25
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn
Details: The touring exhibition explores the problem-solving design process employed at the world-renowned West Michigan-based furniture company Herman Miller Inc. Developed in collaboration with the Muskegon Museum of Art, the exhibition draws upon The Henry Ford's Herman Miller Design Collection, a comprehensive archive of the company's innovative processes and products, most of which have never been on public view.
Contact: (313) 982-6001 or thehenryford.org

Historic Greenmead
Time/Date: Presidential Tea at the Blue House, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Feb. 27
Location: 20501 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Sample crab bisque, nibble on tea sandwiches, scones and desserts and hear Mary Ann Wheeler speak about the Lincoln family; \$25 advance tickets only
Coming Up: Lecture series presented by the 17th Michigan Civil War Re-enactors, 7 p.m., and 9 p.m., March 16, in the Alexander Blue House
Contact: (248) 477-7375

Plymouth Historical Museum
Time/Dates: "Show and Tell Collectibles" exhibit, through June 13
Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org

Washtenaw Community College
Time/Dates: The Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival, held in conjunction with the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and the Ford Seahorses, Saturday, Feb. 27
Location: 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor
Details: \$15 in advance
Contact: www.shipwreckfestival.org

SOMTHING DIFFERENT

Rock Financial Center
Time/Date: 2 - 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 25-26; 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28
Location: 46100 Grand River Ave. between Novi and Beck Roads in Novi
Details: Cottage & Lakefront Living Show exhibits include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, designers, cottage furnishings, lakefront homebuilders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, non-profit environmental organizations, government agencies, financing and other products and services. Ideas to increase your outdoor living space are incorporated in the landscape displays of fireplaces, cooking options, patios, decks and gardening products. Sandcastle contest and demonstration and Whisper in the Woods fine art display and sale. Admission is \$10; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free
Contact: www.NoviCottageShow.com or call (800) 328-6550

THEATRE

Barefoot Productions
Time/Date: 8:40 p.m., Feb. 19-20 and 26-27; 2 p.m., Feb. 21
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: "Rope," by Patrick Hamilton, the play that inspired the classic Alfred Hitchcock film
Contact: (734) 582-9688; www.justgobarefoot.com

Spotlight Players
Time/Date: 8 p.m., Feb. 19-20 and 26-27; and 2 p.m., Feb. 20-21 and 27-28
Location: Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: "Barefoot in the Park," tickets are \$18 for adults, 19-59; and \$16 for senior citizens over age 59 and students, under age 19
Contact: (734) 480-4945; www.spotlightplayersmi.org

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FEB. 18-24

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. meal and Bible study; worship service at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, in Livonia
Details: The Lutheran Choraliers will

sing at the Lenten midweek service; a free will offering will be accepted for the meal
Contact: (734) 522-6830
Garden City Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Feb. 20
Location: 1841 Middlebelt
Details: Aaron Lucas & Co. performs
Contact: (734) 421-7620 or e-mail to gcpcvents@wowway.com
St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21

Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: A cappella choral groups, "BackBeat" and "TrebleMakers" from Northville High School, will perform; admission is a free will offering
Contact: (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or www.stjohnsplymouth.org
Living Peace Church
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Thursdays, beginning Feb. 18 and Sundays, beginning Feb. 21
Location: Small-group Bible studies meet in private homes

Details: The church is coming to Canton in the fall and is introducing itself to the community through Bible studies. This study will cover the final week of Jesus' life and ministry from his entry into Jerusalem through his resurrection
Contact: (313) 937-1199
Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Feb. 21
Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This is the first of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, president of the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of St. John Chrysostom of Metropolitan Detroit and spiritual advisor to the COCC, will preside at the service, assisted by other members of the Clergy Brotherhood. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris), abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Greek Orthodox Monastery, Hayesville, Ohio, will be the homilist. An inter-Orthodox choir under the direction of Victoria Kopistiansky, choir director at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, will sing during the service. Refreshments will be served after the service
Contact: Robert Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or e-mail to rmitc02@ameritech.net
St. Theodore Catholic Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, Feb. 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall,

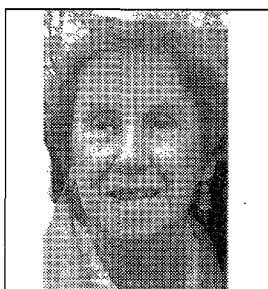
8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast; \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, ages 2-10. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club.
Contact: (734) 425-4421

FEB. 25-MARCH 3

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

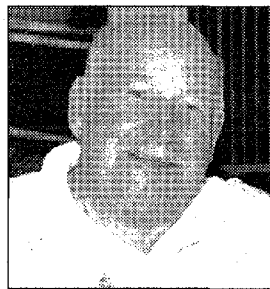
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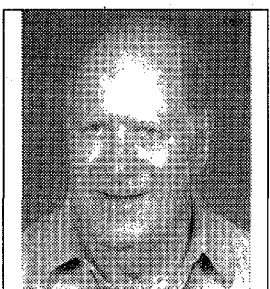
BETTY ALMBURG

Died February 11, 2010, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Paul. Dear Mother of Scott, Tim (Darlene), Beth (Stuart) Delaney, and the late Jeff. Grandmother of Sean and Cara Delaney. Preceded in death by parents, Edward Tuttle and Ella Stomberg Tuttle. Graduate of Madonna University. Long time Livonia resident, and member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for almost 50 years. Visitation Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) on Saturday, February 20th from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. In State Sunday, February 21st 2 p.m. until time of Services, 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 5 Mile Road, Livonia. Memorials are suggested to the Open Door program at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, or St. Paul's. Online Guestbook at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com



BURKE "BUCK" JOHNSON

Age 77, of Punta Gorda, FL passed away February 14, 2010. He was born January 3, 1933 in Nankin, MI to Clifton and Anna Johnson. He served in the US Army. He retired from the City of Westland, MI where he had worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator and an Animal Control Officer. He moved to this area in 1991 from Westland. Buck was a member of the American Legion Post 251, the Moose Lodge 2121, the Eagles #4104 and attended Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church. He loved spending time in his garage with friends and was an avid motorcycle enthusiast. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Linda Diane Johnson; children, Dianna Rose Linder; Clifton (Tressa) Johnson, Shiela (Rodney) Peace, Ann Marie Johnson; grandchildren, Jessica, Crystal, Patricia, CJ, Taylor, Sara (Nick), Sarina, Breanna, Jesse, Brittney, Joey; great grandchildren, Heather, April, Jonathan, Alexis, Lorianna, Michael, De'Mya; mother-in-law, Jean Johnson; many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Pauline Hedger and a brother, Phillip Johnson. The Visitation will be from 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm, Friday, February 19, 2010 at the Kays-Ponger & Useton Funeral Home, 635 E Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. The Funeral Service will follow at 5:00 pm Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations available to Linda Johnson in memory of Buck. Please visit kays-ponger.com to leave the family condolences and to sign the online guestbook. Kays-Ponger & Useton Funeral Home, Punta Gorda chapel, is in charge of arrangements.



GARY B. NAVARRE

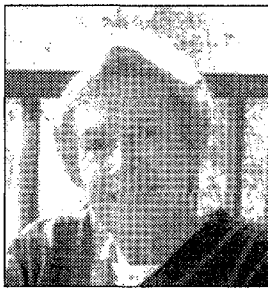
Passed away on February 12, 2010 at the age of 76. Born in Monroe, Michigan and was a veteran of the Korea Conflict. Graduated with a B.S. from Eastern Michigan University, M.S. from the University of Oregon and an Ed.D from Wayne State University. Professor emeritus from Eastern Michigan University. Also worked as a teacher, school psychologist and Director of Special Services at various southeastern Michigan school districts. Received a Green Cross Life Saving Award from Ohio for saving five lives on Lake Erie. Self-described lovable curmudgeon, survived by his wife Nancy; sons Jeffrey and Steven (Veronica) Navarre and siblings Beverly Dines, Sam Navarre and Carolyn Navarre Chiera. Services were held on Wed at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Contributions are suggested to the Halmhuber-Navarre Endowed Scholarship, c/o Eastern Michigan University Foundation, 1349 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or the Salvation Army. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com.

JO SCHELLMAT (nee ROGERS)

Age 54, of Farmington, passed away February 6, 2010. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK Funeral Home, Farmington.

JOAN A. VAN DYKE

79, of Traverse City, formerly of Livonia, passed away in her home Wednesday, February 15, 2010 with the caring help of Munson Hospice. Joan is survived by her two daughters Gair Van Dyke and Lea (Gary) Wood, daughter-in-law Ann Van Dyke and three grandsons; Tim Wood, Scott Van Dyke, and Paul Van Dyke. Joan was preceded in death by her husband Robert Van Dyke, Sr., and her son Robert Van Dyke, Jr. Those wishing to honor her memory with a charitable contribution are asked to consider Cherryland Amateur Radio Club or Munson Hospice. The family is being served by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City, MI.



MAUREEN BREEN HUTTON

75, passed away in Venice, Florida on February 10, 2010. Her husband of 30 years, John, preceded her in 2001. Maureen was born October 31, 1934 in Detroit. She was a graduate of the University of Detroit and went on to receive her Masters degree from the University of Michigan. She taught business at Western High School for many years. Maureen and John were members of St. Fabian's parish for 30 years and both were in the choir. Their joint Irish heritage was enriched by their numerous trips to visit relatives in Ireland. Maureen was a fiercely independent woman and she did not "suffer fools gladly." She touched the lives of her many nieces and nephews in profound ways and the entire family mourns her premature passing. Maureen had a deep faith and it is a comfort to know she is now reunited with her beloved John. Maureen is survived by her beloved sister in law Beatrice (the late Jerome) Breen, many nieces, nephews, and other members of her late husband's family. Funeral Mass Thursday, February 18, 2010, 10:30am at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

WILLIAM EVERETT MINDER JR.

Age 53, passed away February 5, 2010 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was preceded in death by his parents Helen and William Everett. Bill was a long standing member and past president of Garden City Rotary and a brother to the Vaclavek Family, formerly of Garden City. He will be fondly remembered by Richard, Jack, Grace, Gus, Alexandra, Kristina and Gerard as "Uncle Bill" and sorely missed by Mary, his dear friend of 35 years. A memorial service will be held at Amantea's Restaurant on Warren Road east of Venoy on February 20, 2010 at 2:30pm. His remains will be interred at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Details available on request. Donations can be made in his memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

VICTORIA "VICKI" OAKLEY

Of Troy, an educator passionate about the well-being of others, who embodied the true spirit of sportsmanship and had a genuine love of the outdoors, died February 13, 2010 following an 18-month battle with ovarian cancer. She was 40. "As recently as three weeks ago, she was teaching Upper School physical education and heading our school's 'So Be Fit' program," said Sr. Bridget Bears, Head of School at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. "For 15 years, Vicki impacted us in ways that were visible and invisible. She was a great friend, colleague and mentor, who pushed me and others in the challenge of maintaining a healthy lifestyle." A native of Droitwich, England, Ms. Oakley played lacrosse for Wales. At the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, she was a teacher, chair of the physical education department and varsity lacrosse coach. She coached the Sacred Heart lacrosse team to seven state championships. Ms. Oakley enjoyed spending time outdoors, and enjoyed camping, tennis and soccer. She was also an avid runner, and could often be seen in the annual Detroit Turkey Trot and mini-marathons supporting local charities. Bears said, "Vicki categorically refused to accept my position that 'I don't do sports' as she began to attempt to transform me from complete resistance to one who was willing to don a hat resembling a cooked turkey and join her in the Turkey Trot." Dino Vandenheede, Academic Technology Director at the Academy, said, "I can say that I 'ran' with the best. I know her soul lives on ... a spirit such as hers can never be extinguished." Vicki started her Sacred Heart career when Meredith Keller was a freshman. Keller remembers Ms. Oakley as "her own British Invasion ... As a teacher, coach, and friend, Vicki instilled in us the confidence to embrace our individual strengths, the understanding that humility is a key part of success, and above all to learn that laughing at ourselves is an essential part of the adventure." Vicki is survived by Laura Steeby; her parents, Mary and John Oakley; sister Sue (Pieter van der Schee) Oakley; brother, Richard (Kate) Oakley; and five nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Road, Bloomfield Hills, on Wednesday. Burial was private. Memorials appreciated to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10122.



HOWARD PAYTON WHITE

Chelsea, Michigan. Age 90, died Friday, February 12, 2010 at Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born March 15, 1919 in Minneapolis, MN, the son of John and Laura (Bond) White. Howard grew up in Rocksboro, PA. He lived in Livonia for the majority of his adult life and moved to Chelsea Retirement Community three years ago. Howard was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army. He worked at Burroughs as a mechanical engineer, retiring in 1982. Howard enjoyed golfing his whole life. He married Claire Van Horn in 1961 and she preceded him in death on March 27, 1991. He is survived by a son, Phil (Anita) White of Temecula, CA; two daughters, Lauriel (Enrique) Ralston-Pardo of Plymouth, Karen (Todd) Kauranen of Chelsea; two sisters, Ethel Strohm of PA, Bernice Alsop of PA; a sister in law Grace White of PA, 6 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, John and George, and sister, Ruth Collie. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Feb. 20th at Towsley Village Chapel at the Chelsea Retirement Community, with Pastor Dominic Aquilino officiating. Burial will be at Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to the UMRC Heritage Foundation (c/o CRC) or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

Workshop combines prayer and wellness

BY SHARON DARGAY
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Praying comes as naturally to Sandy Baumann as breathing. The Farmington woman talks to God about everything — from wellness and safety, to the earth and crops, to finding the right size at a shoe sale.

"You put the words and intent out there and it's up to God to do the rest. The biggest challenge is to let go of the expectation of miracles, that we may not get what we're looking for," she said. "Over the years you learn and try experiments and try praying for this and that. It's a highly neglected part of medicine, but something happens when someone prays with you."

Baumann, a writer and speaker on wellness topics, will share her stories about prayer and its effect on health, during a class called "Prayer is Great Medicine," 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Cost is \$19.

Advance registration is a must. Call (734) 432-4804 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays or visit www.madonna.edu and click on continuing ed and registration.

PRAYING FOR WELLNESS

Baumann will talk about the many simple ways to pray for healing experiences.

She comes from a Roman Catholic tradition but the class isn't based on denominational teachings or doctrine. She has taught the session to groups of many different faiths and has prayed with both Christians and non-Christians.

"You don't have to be religious to pray," she noted. "It doesn't take saints to do it. It just takes people who pray. It doesn't matter if you make up prayer or read a selected one."

She said prayer can take many forms, including repeated scripture, rosary, well-known prose such as the "Our Father," or free-form conversation with God.

She asks participants to pair off and pray for each other in class, targeting a pain or health concern. The partner who prays places a hand on the pain and intends for the other person to feel relief.

"Many people have reported feeling relief," Baumann said. "You can pray for yourself, too. Even forgiveness is a form of prayer."

WELLNESS BACKGROUND

Baumann, who holds a master's degree in biochemistry, is the author of Feed Your Brain for Memory and Feed Your Brain for Learning. She was the director of the "Generations" program at Botsford Hospital for 12 years, before becoming manager of the Life Long Learning department at Henry Ford Community College. For the past 10 years she has conducted wellness seminars and taught classes on various health topics, including stress, insomnia, and aging.

She'll teach a class on "recharging memory" March 20 and 27 at Madonna, on insomnia March 23 at Farmington Community Education and on the health habits of centenarians April 26 in Farmington. Her series of classes at Washtenaw Community College also focus on health issues.

"Years ago I realized that we compartmentalize. We go to the therapist for our emotions and the doctor does the physical. Ministers do the spiritual. It doesn't matter where you start. Watch what happens when you put it all together."

JOAN L. MASSON

Passed away February 16, 2010 at the age of 74. Beloved wife of the late John. Dearest mother of David (Randa) Masson and Jeffrey (Sharon) Masson. Dear grandmother of Alex, Ryan, Kristin, David and Michael. Dear sister of George (Tammy) Lampros. She was a retired Legal Assistant having worked for Sobieraj and Michael Law Firm in Detroit. She was a resident of Plymouth for the last 12 years, previously of Detroit. She was a current member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church and a former member of St. Christopher Church Choir in Detroit. Joan served as a board member on her condominium association board and was a former board member for the Warrendale Community Credit Union. She enjoyed going to casinos, as she would travel to Las Vegas to join family and friends every 6 months. She loved going out to dinner and to plays at the Fisher Theatre. She also enjoyed music, basketball and baseball. Most of all she loved to be with family and friends. Funeral from St. Kenneth Catholic Church 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth, Friday 10:30am. Visitation at Schradler-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Thursday 2-9pm, with a Prayer Service at 8:30pm. Memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. To share a special thought or memory www.schrader-howell.com



INGRID E. NELSON NAGY

Age 89 of Farmington MI, quietly departed this earth for the great kitchen in the sky on February 14, Valentine's Day, 2010. Her cheerfulness, kindness, boundless optimism, fashion sense and fabulous cooking will be missed by daughters Linda Heard and Nancy Youngdahl. Predeceased by husband of 54 years Alex, she is also survived by grandsons Michael (Cheryl) and David (Tina) Heard, great-grandchildren Melinda, Allison, Lexi, Landon and Weston, sister Britta Mather and two nephews, Steven (Jean) Mather, and Robert (Margi) Nagy. Born in Detroit, she was a resident of Farmington for 55 years, but remained a loyal "Detroit" and Wayne State Alumni her entire life. She was a devoted home economics teacher, a dedicated runner, an eager church volunteer, an enthusiastic gardener, and a faithful friend, admired by many for her kind and generous nature. Her light will always shine. Services have already been held. Donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington or Botsford Foundation Fullness of Life Program. www.thayer-rock.com

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CALENDAR

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Faith Community Church

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Anger resolution seminar offers help, based on scripture, to turn conflicts into blessings and anger into love; cost is \$35 and includes workbook
Contact: (313) 541-0396

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

St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27
Location: 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Do all paths lead to God? Do all good people ultimately go to Heaven? Bob Dutko, WMUZ radio host will answer such questions during a special hour-long talk followed by a question & answer period. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. Tickets are limited
Contact: Reserve a place by calling (734) 464-8844 or visit sttimothy.pcusa.org

Trinity Church
Time/Date: Reserve a pick-up time for the food pantry by calling from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 22-24
Location: 10101 Ann Arbor Road, located on the north side of the street, Plymouth
Details: Food Pantry pick up day is Saturday, Feb. 28
Contact: (734) 459-9557

MARCH 4-10
Faith Community Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sundays, beginning March 7
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: GriefShare is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. GriefShare is a non-denominational group and features biblical teachings on grief and recovery topics. There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook/journal.
Contact: (313) 682-7491

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6-7 p.m., March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 11, 18, 25
Location: 9601 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: Ballroom dancing lessons, followed by a practice session, with music. A dance party will be held 7-9:30 p.m., March 28 and

MARCH 11-17
Felician Sister House Chapel
Time/Date: 9 p.m., Sunday, March 14
Location: On the Madonna College campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Details: Bethany Suburban West singles group monthly dance
Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479 or Tom Z. (313) 582-5963

MARCH 18-24
Canton Christian Fellowship Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m., March 23-25
Location: 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: Winter revival, "Exposed and Accountable: Preaching that Builds Lives!" with the Rev. Otis Moss, III
Contact: (734) 404-2480

ONGOING
AWANA
Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays
Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

April 25. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$6 for each lesson and \$6 for the dance. Attend the class and dance for \$10. Pay at the door in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from the March classes will go to the Cancer Relay for Life; April's proceeds will go to the Capital Improvement Fund.
Contact: (734) 751-1957 or (734) 422-0494
St. Robert Bellarmine
Time/Date: 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, March 6
Location: 27201 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: Bethany Suburban West singles group monthly dance
Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479 or Tom Z. (313) 582-5963

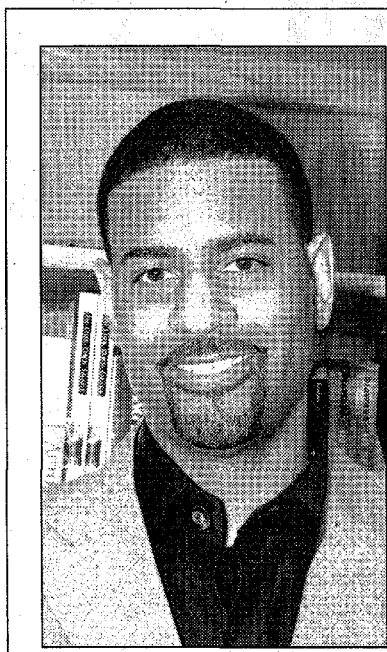
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Details: Bethany Suburban West singles group annual Lenten Mass
Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479

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

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Leon's
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., March 20
Location: 30149 Ford Road, in Garden City
Details: Monthly Breakfast Meeting of Bethany Singles
Contact: Kathy at (734) 513-9479

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Revival
 The Rev. Otis Moss III will preach at the winter revival at Canton Christian Fellowship Church, March 23-25.

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

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

Classes/study
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesday
Location: 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile
Details: Tuesday Ladies Bible Study; \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5
Contact: (248) 348-7600
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month
Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia
Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults

with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net.

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second and fourth Thursday of each month

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia
Details: Led by Catholic author and apologist, Gary Michuta. The in-depth study of the Gospel of St. Matthew continues, using the Hahn-Mitch study guide. New students of any faith are welcome
Contact: (734) 261-1455

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

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

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday
Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty
Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Fellowship dinner
St. James Presbyterian
Time/Date: 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Details: Cost is \$8 and includes dinner, beverage and dessert. The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, provides the meals
Contact: (313) 268-7780. The church phone number is (313) 534-7730

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

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

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 Sat. 6 p, Sun 9a CE08682992

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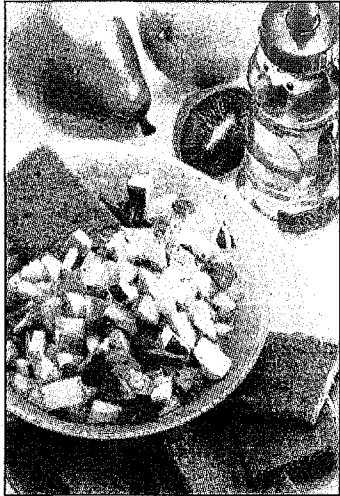
FOOD

Helping kids eat more healthy snacks

Liven up the Lenten season

It's never too early to start teaching children about cooking. Involving kids in meal preparation encourages healthy eating habits and introduces them to the value and importance of nutritious, balanced meals.

Elizabeth Pivonka, Ph.D., R.D., heads Produce for Better Health Foundation, the nonprofit entity behind the Fruits & Veggies — More Matters national public health initiative. Pivonka says the kitchen can be a great place to stir up some fun while teaching healthy eating habits.



Pear Party Salsa

As a working mother of two, Pivonka understands that getting kids to eat healthy fruits and vegetables can sometimes be a challenge.

"Involving children in cooking is an important step in getting kids interested in fruits and vegetables and getting them more excited about eating them," she says. "Kids can help by measuring, mixing or gathering ingredients while you cook. If kids help with the cooking, they are more inclined to eat what's on the table. At my house, we make meal planning and preparation a family activity."

Let toddlers help you "cook" by using toy food, pots, pans, bowls and spoons to copy what you're doing. Preschoolers can help by measuring ingredients and stirring. Grade school kids can make simple, no-bake recipes or use the microwave with proper supervision. Remember to use child-size tools and, if the counter is too high, use a sturdy step stool or have children sit at the kitchen table while they help.

Pivonka says taking a little extra time at the grocery store to interact with kids and single out fruits and vegetables as important is another way to persuade kids to give them another try.

"Kids like to have fun with their food, so one way to get them to eat something is to offer it with a dip," Pivonka says. "Once children turn about two years old, they can really get into dipping and might try things they wouldn't otherwise if they're served with some kind of dip."

DIP IDEAS

She offers some dipping suggestions like low-fat ranch dressing, mild salsa, guacamole, or hummus for dipping vegetables, or any flavor of low-fat yogurt or peanut butter for dipping fruit. Pear Ka-bobs with Strawberry Dipping Sauce and Pear Party Salsa are two fun recipes that let children dip their food.

"Make sure their snacks are just as nutritious as their meals. If you're looking for a 100-calorie snack, don't reach for a prepackaged processed item. One medium-sized fresh pear is a portable, single serving that tops out at 100 calories with no fat, sodium or cholesterol. Fresh pears, tomatoes, and other fruits and veggies are now available all year round. Their versatility and nutritional value make them very popular with people of all ages. They're budget friendly and good for your health."

Parents interested in tips for getting kids to eat fruits and vegetables, and delicious recipe ideas for dishes that children will willingly eat are encouraged to visit the Fruits & Veggies—More Matters Web site, www.fruitsandveggiesmatters.org.

PEAR PARTY SALSA

Preparation Time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

- 1 pear, cored and finely chopped
- 1 apple, cored and finely chopped
- 2 kiwi, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 orange, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Cinnamon graham crackers or sliced fresh fruit and veggies

Combine pear, apple, kiwi and orange in a medium sized bowl. Pour honey and lemon juice over fruit and gently toss. Scoop up mouthfuls of fruit salsa using cinnamon graham crackers or sliced fresh fruit and veggies.

Nutrition Information per Serving of Salsa: calories, 120; total fat, 1g; saturated fat, 1g; protein, 1g; carbohydrates, 31g; cholesterol, 0mg; dietary fiber, 4g; sodium, 1mg

PEAR KA-BOBS WITH STRAWBERRY DIPPING SAUCE

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Serves 6

- 1 cup lowfat vanilla yogurt
- 4 tablespoons strawberry preserves
- 2 pears, cored and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 bananas cut into 1-inch slices
- 18-ounce can pineapple chunks, drained
- 2 cups strawberries, stems removed
- 6 wooden skewers

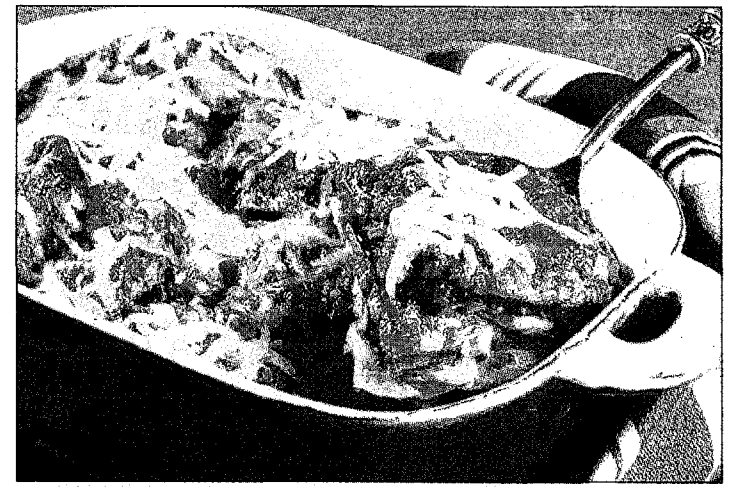
In small bowl combine yogurt and strawberry preserves. Set aside. Thread fruits by alternating pears, bananas, pineapple and strawberries onto skewers. Serve fruit skewers with a dollop of the strawberry sauce on the side.

Nutrition Information per Serving: calories, 162; total fat, 1g; saturated fat, 1g; protein, 2.6g; carbohydrates, 39g; cholesterol, 2mg; dietary fiber, 4g; sodium, 24mg

Courtesy of Family Features



Pear Ka-bobs With Strawberry Dipping Sauce



Layered Eggplant Parmesan

This Lenten season, meat won't be missed at the dinner table with Layered Eggplant Parmesan Casserole. This take on the classic Italian favorite, combines breaded eggplant slices, zesty marinara sauce, melted mozzarella cheese and layers of pierogies — the perfect pairing of pasta and potatoes — all in one deep dish. This meal's great flavor is surpassed only by its convenience, requiring less than 10 ingredients and prepared in less than an hour. And if your family is craving a meatier meal, add a pound of crumbled, cooked sausage to the marinara sauce.

LAYERED EGGPLANT PARMESAN CASSEROLE

Serves 6

- 1 medium eggplant
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup seasoned Italian bread crumbs
- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 24-ounce jar tomato-basil marinara sauce
- 1 16-ounce box Mrs. T's potato and cheddar pierogies
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 350° F.

Cut eggplant into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Beat eggs in bowl. Place bread crumbs in separate bowl. Dip eggplant slices in eggs to coat; dip into bread crumbs to coat well on both sides.

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat; add eggplant slices and cook until lightly browned on both sides. Repeat with remaining eggplant slices and olive oil.

Grease a 2 1/2-quart baking dish. Spoon 1/2 of marinara sauce on bottom of dish. Arrange half of frozen pierogies on sauce. Top with half of eggplant slices, 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese and half of remaining sauce. Repeat with remaining ingredients, finishing with sauce and mozzarella cheese. Bake 30 minutes or until mixture is hot and bubbly.

Optional: Add one pound crumbled, cooked sausage meat to marinara sauce.

Story and recipe courtesy of Family Features

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Expert: Gen Y key factor in housing's future

Kathleen Rembacki, 26, of Livonia is bucking a trend found in a recent study on homeownership.

"I think it's definitely in the plan for the future," she said of buying a home. "Certainly not within the next few years."

The study found younger adults will be less likely to buy homes than their parents did, and also that they like "walkable" communities.

Rembacki's boyfriend lives in Detroit's Greektown. "Going down to visit him I do like the atmosphere," she said. "It is nice to walk around the neighborhood. I definitely would agree with that" that Gen Yers like walkable areas.

She enjoys visiting Eastern Market, and Comerica Park for Tigers games in warmer weather. When Rembacki, who works for the Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills, goes out with friends there, there aren't worries about parking or driving.

"A neighborhood where you can walk is desirable," she said, citing Royal Oak, Birmingham and Ferndale as well. "Those are probably the kinds of areas I would look for."

She's a graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and had an apartment there. "There was always a long commute driving to work every day." Nightlife in Los Angeles was a distance away as well.

"It was more spread out. The weather was pretty hard to beat," she added with a chuckle.

"Gas prices are still higher," Rembacki said of here and now. "The less we have to drive a car the better."

As the U.S. economy recovers, emerging trends in demographics and consumer behavior will become major drivers of new housing opportunities, resulting in a residential market vastly different from the one that existed prior to the recession, according to Housing in America: The Next Decade, a new research paper authored by John K. McIlwain, senior resident fellow, Urban Land Institute/J. Ronald Terwilliger chair for Housing.

In a presentation of the research to Urban Land Institute trustees during the Institute's Midwinter Meeting in Washington, McIlwain discussed the implications of the rising numbers of foreclosures, re-establishing a private-market residential finance system, as well as shifts in housing demand triggered by baby boomers, their children, and by immigrant households. "The old 'normal' will not return," McIlwain predicted. "Over time, a new mode of metropolitan development will emerge, presenting opportunities and stiff challenges. Those who fail to understand these new trends will find themselves building what is no longer in demand."

Despite the housing stabiliza-



tion that has begun in the nation's strongest employment markets, overall home prices will likely decline an additional 10 percent this year, contributing to what is already an unprecedented number of foreclosures and "underwater" mortgages (loan amounts that are higher than the current value of the homes), McIlwain said. The growing number of consumers who are choosing to walk away from those mortgages suggests a fundamental change from the long-held notion of homeownership as the ultimate American Dream, he explained. This disillusionment over homeownership as a way to build wealth could persist for decades to come, as those entering the housing market will be more apt to rent longer, and to place more emphasis on buying for shelter rather than investment purposes.

Two key predictions from Housing in America for the decade ahead: home appreciation will slow considerably, to about 1 percent to 2 percent annually; and the current U.S. homeownership rate, now at 67 percent (a decline from the record high of 69 percent at the height of the housing boom) will fall further, to about 62 percent.

According to McIlwain, the lasting stability of the U.S. housing market depends on how, and when, the private home mortgage finance system is revived and how such a system might be structured. The federal government now supplies virtually all new mortgage funds through mortgage purchases or securitization. Reducing this massive support, he said, will entail reworking or replac-

ing mortgage suppliers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and tightening risk requirements for mortgage issuers to restore investor confidence in mortgage-backed securities.

"Re-establishing a robust private mortgage market will require both strong market fundamentals and a reformed mortgage securitization structure that eliminates past abuses," McIlwain said.

Such reform will influence the flow of capital, affecting the volume of debt, its cost and to whom it will be available, he noted. While reform efforts are still sketchy, the end result "will have a fundamental impact on housing markets for years to come."

The report cites four major U.S. demographic waves to watch in the new decade:

•Aging baby boomers (55 to 64 years old) - Although they are nearing retirement age, many will keep working out of necessity or by choice. Some will be forced to stay in their suburban homes until values recover. Those who are able to move will not choose traditional retirement locations or senior housing, opting instead for more mixed-age living environments that cater to their active lifestyles. Suburban town centers with a walkable urban "feel" will appeal to this group.

•Younger baby boomers (46 to 54 years old), now in or entering their prime earning years - This group will also face a tough time selling suburban homes, hampering the ability of these boomers to move. Because the recession has left many younger boomers with flat incomes and less home equity, their ability

to buy second homes will be greatly diminished, curbing prospects in general for the second home market. However, like their older counterparts, they will be drawn to more connected, compactly designed communities when they are able to switch houses.

•Generation Y - This tech-savvy generation has a population of about 86 million, more than the baby boomers. Gen Yers place high value on community; on places (either virtual or actual) to gather and share information, ideas and opinions. As they enter the housing market, they will be far less interested in homeownership than their parents were when they were young adults. (The recession, said McIlwain, has "tempered the interest of Gen Yers in buying their own homes and they will be renters by necessity or choice for years ahead.") Despite having small incomes, Gen Y will gravitate toward walkable, close-in communities, choosing isolated housing on outer edges only as a last resort because it is the most affordable. Green, "net zero" homes powered exclusively by alternative energy will have strong appeal to this group.

•Immigrants - Already 40 million strong, the total population of legal and illegal immigrants in the U.S. has an even greater impact when the children and grandchildren are included as a factor. The tendency of immigrants to cluster, and to live in multigenerational households, suggests that they would prefer larger homes if they could afford them and if the homes were in neighborhoods with a strong sense of community.

All of these groups have some characteristics that reflect a desire to live in more pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented, mixed-use environments that de-emphasize auto dependency, whether the location is urban or suburban, McIlwain noted. Among the major factors driving urbanization: 1) growth of two-person households and single households without children (among both baby boomers and Generation Y); 2) a halt to baby boomer migration to the suburbs; 3) the likelihood of Generation Y to rent rather than own; and 4) public policies encouraging compact development.

Economic and land constraints make it impossible for urban infill development to accommodate all the housing demand represented by all the demographic groups, McIlwain said. "As a result, suburban development must adapt or it will be obsolete," he concluded. "The suburban century is over. This is the urban century."

To request a copy of Housing in America: The Next Decade, contact Trish Riggs at (202) 624-7086; priggs@uli.org.

Translators decipher cultural differences

Q: We have a number of diverse nationalities in our condominium, including many people from foreign countries. Do you have any suggestions on how we should deal with the potential language barrier?

A: The U.S. Fair Housing Act is considered the default law barring discrimination against protected classes, including people from foreign countries.

Robert Meisner However, its guarantees of "reasonable accommodation" in housing are generally for people with disabilities. It may be necessary, therefore, to have translators and otherwise adapt to the various nationalities and/or cultures which exist in the community so that there is effective communication between the board and the members to avoid cultural misunderstandings, etc. It is also important to learn about what certain cultures require and what may be offensive to them so as to avoid unnecessary conflict.

Q: I am interested in buying a condominium high-rise on the beach in Naples and I have two dogs. Do you have any suggestions, and, what has happened with the higher end units?

A: The higher end units in the Parkshore and Pelican Bay areas have not been hit as hard as the lower-priced units, i.e. units over a million dollars. However, there are some bargains to be obtained depending upon the circumstances of the sale but you should be careful in checking the bylaws of the condominium association as many, if not most, of the Condominiums on the beach have restrictions prohibiting dogs. A few Associations allow one dog and even fewer allow two dogs with size limitations. As in any case, you should thoroughly review the condominium documents before your purchase agreement becomes binding to ensure that you will be entitled to all of the benefits that you wish to have.

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

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 2-6, 2009, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	2959 Edna Jane Dr \$99,000	2530 Walnut Rd \$70,000
Beverly Hills	15991 Lauderdale Ave \$220,000	17360 Locherbie Ave \$234,000
20160 Village Dr \$400,000		
Birmingham	512 Landon St \$305,000	1259 Ruffner Ave \$67,000
1792 S Eton St \$162,000	764 W Lincoln St \$268,000	
Bloomfield Hills	641 E Long Lake Rd \$190,000	218 Guilford Rd \$260,000
Bloomfield Township	3855 Burning Tree Dr \$350,000	6785 Haiyard Rd \$247,000
1866 Hunters Ridge Dr \$149,000	1864 Lakewood Dr \$164,000	2499 Parcels Cir \$77,000
5771 Pebbleshire Dr \$200,000	920 Sandhurst Rd \$419,000	2621 Sequoia Ct \$615,000
Commerce Township	1808 Carriage Hill \$38,000	2285 Fairgrove Ct \$200,000
8256 Hummingbird \$244,000	2597 Ivy Hill Dr \$225,000	8080 Mario St \$53,000
243 Vinona Ter \$20,000		
Davisburg	12415 Buggy Whip Ct \$154,000	3340 Wildberry Ln \$170,000
Farmington	35558 Lark Harbor Ct \$97,000	
Farmington Hills	37132 Brentwood Cir \$73,000	25219 Bridlepath Ln \$268,000
20833 Deerfield \$80,000	33950 Edna St \$30,000	28985 Glenarden St \$161,000
24822 Lakeland St \$158,000	29243 Laurel Dr \$69,000	29694 Mayfair Dr \$178,000
29213 Millbrook Rd \$180,000	29420 Pendleton Club Dr \$53,000	33657 Rhonswood St \$59,000
26500 Rose Hill Dr \$175,000	29630 Sugar Spring Rd \$258,000	27701 W 12 Mile Rd \$54,000

30990 Westwood Rd \$151,000	25198 Witherspoon St \$240,000	
Keego Harbor	2243 Willow Beach St \$190,000	
Lake Orion	749 Camilla Blvd \$125,000	1223 Elkhorn Road \$85,000
3550 Hidden Forest Ct \$247,000	3159 Hidden Timber Dr \$233,000	1180 Ince Trl \$232,000
3092 Lalor Circle \$128,000		
Milford	718 Friar Dr \$106,000	
Northville	22566 Cyprus Dr \$323,000	37504 E Meadowhill Dr \$229,000
22024 N Center St \$198,000		
Novi	23003 Balcombe \$225,000	28247 Carlton Way Dr \$148,000
42890 Clay Ct \$265,000	44620 Gwinnett Loop \$59,000	28040 Hopkins Dr \$125,000
23700 Maude Lea St \$197,000	24601 Olde Orchard St \$57,000	22815 Renford St \$75,000
28610 Summit Ct \$370,000	46066 W Park Dr \$43,000	21203 Wheaton Ln \$330,000
45837 Willingham Dr \$409,000	24441 Woodham Rd \$258,000	
Orchard Lake	5521 Ideal Pl \$80,000	
Oxford	370 Golf Villa Dr \$220,000	410 Harwood Ct \$181,000
780 Island Lake Dr \$180,000	505 Sandhurst St \$170,000	
Rochester	901 First St \$157,000	341 Drace St \$160,000
1344 Welland Dr \$310,000		
Rochester Hills	3681 Alida Ave \$115,000	2089 Alsdorf Ave \$181,000
2196 Chippenham Chase \$265,000	1411 Deerhurst Ct \$170,000	3801 Everett Dr \$280,000
3267 Fantail Dr \$245,000	969 Greenview Ct \$92,000	3205 Greenwood Dr \$76,000
1060 Hickory Hill Dr \$223,000	2465 Hillendale Dr \$180,000	3059 Honor Dr \$269,000
917 Lafayette Ct \$53,000	313 Lake Forest Rd \$230,000	803 Lion St \$150,000
1109 Maple Leaf Dr \$222,000	1666 Morningside Ln \$162,000	2407 Rochelle Park Dr \$64,000
2841 Tallahassee Dr \$130,000		
South Lyon	317 Hampton Ct \$95,000	

256 Lyon Blvd \$110,000	344 Stanford Ave \$130,000	
Southfield	29750 Aberdeen Ln \$119,000	27740 Devonshire St \$95,000
25775 Farnbrook Rd \$170,000	17478 Gateway Cir \$65,000	15615 Jeanette St \$58,000
17381 Madison St \$120,000	28064 Pierce St \$23,000	28335 Stuart Ave \$35,000
25100 Woodvale Dr S \$52,000		
Troy	1381 Autumn Dr \$170,000	3924 Bristol Dr \$87,000
2180 Columbia Dr \$165,000	1800 Fleetwood Dr \$173,000	1977 French Creek Dr \$300,000
4679 Heatherbrook Dr \$180,000	6679 Jonathon Dr \$245,000	67 Miracle Dr \$203,000
4708 Rambling Ct \$378,000	2876 Stoneridge Dr \$168,000	1674 Van Courtland Dr \$245,000
Walled Lake	356 Wellsboro St \$78,000	
Waterford	3039 Barkman Dr \$175,000	5525 Clinton Ridge \$287,000
1874 Colonial Village Way \$31,000	5810 Crescent Rd \$78,000	2636 Dixie Hwy \$150,000
152 Garland Way \$140,000	3005 Edgewater Dr \$140,000	1595 Genella St \$115,000
5722 King James Ln \$117,000	196 Lorberta Ln \$44,000	2218 Ostrum Dr \$113,000
3112 Pine Tree Ct \$375,000	5533 Savoy Dr \$60,000	830 Scott Lake Rd \$120,000
2877 Voorheis Rd \$130,000		
West Bloomfield	7396 Camelot Dr \$195,000	6691 Carlyle Ct \$530,000
6040 Charles Dr \$370,000	5267 Coldspring Cir \$183,000	7309 Creek View Cir \$118,000
5550 Inkster Dr \$275,000	7470 Kendlewood \$121,000	3674 Orchard Lake Rd \$656,000
4700 Paisley Ct \$333,000	7494 Sheffield \$399,000	152 Garland Way \$405,000
4811 Trailview \$190,000	6458 Wood Pond Rd \$190,000	
White Lake	551 Hilltop Dr \$475,000	111 Mill St \$160,000
2704 Wabum Rd \$190,000		
Wolverine Lake	1676 Meadowlane St \$115,000	

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Plymouth Career Seminar
Keller Williams Realty will host a Career Seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth. Candidates would benefit from previous experience or successes in: service industries, account management, retail sales, small business operations, marketing or event planning. Seminar includes: cost vs. income potential, available training, company profit share, commission structures. Call (734) 459-4700 to reserve a free seat.

Buying a home
There will be a free Homebuyers Educational Seminar in Livonia 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Civic Center Library and in Novi 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at the Novi Civic Center. This is an informational meeting for those interested in understanding the homebuying process. Register online at www.MiHomeBuyer.info or call (248) 747-8653.

Tax appeals
Kelly Sweeney, CEO of Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel, will conduct three complimentary educational tax appeal seminars for the public. Topics will include:
-Differentiating between State Equalized Value, Capped Value and Taxable Value
-Explanation of the uncapping process
-Breaking down the appeal process at local and state levels
-How to read and interpret Property Assessment Notices for 2010
Seminars are:
-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23: The

Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham	-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24: VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia	-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25: University Center - 1 of Macomb Community College - Center for Executive & Professional Development, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. For more information, call (248) 644-6300.
Canton	41460 Alleghany St \$119,000	1056 Ashton Woods Dr \$183,000
49901 Courtyard Ln \$206,000	1800 Crestview Dr \$195,000	46727 Glengarry Blvd \$297,000
48596 Greenwich Ln \$210,000	48176 Manhattan Cir \$352,000	561 Roosevelt St \$385,000
41724 Wayside Dr \$125,000	44431 Windmill Dr \$171,000	43575 Yorkville Dr \$90,000
Garden City	28811 Birchlawn St \$66,000	5860 Gilman St \$32,000
32482 Kathryn St \$112,000		
Livonia	16836 Canterbury St \$278,000	10056 Deering St \$105,000
15878 Deering St \$58,000	17545 Dolores St \$107,000	34420 Fargo St \$90,000
11804 Farmington Rd \$370,000	32836 Hees St \$120,000	29257 Meadowlark St \$95,000
33961 Norfolk St \$215,000	29705 Nottingham Cir \$116,000	38743 Richland St \$125,000
Northville	18237 Shadyside St \$160,000	42400 Bradner Rd \$240,000
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16072 Morningside \$120,000	19959 Schoolhouse Ct \$80,000	
Plymouth	625 Blunk St \$100,000	698 Herald St \$167,000
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Redford	18879 Beech Daly Rd \$20,000	16672 Centralia \$78,000
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Westland	35143 Avondale St \$68,000	38111 Carolan Blvd \$33,000
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34134 Standish St \$104,000	1560 Susan St \$91,000	8485 Terri Dr \$117,000

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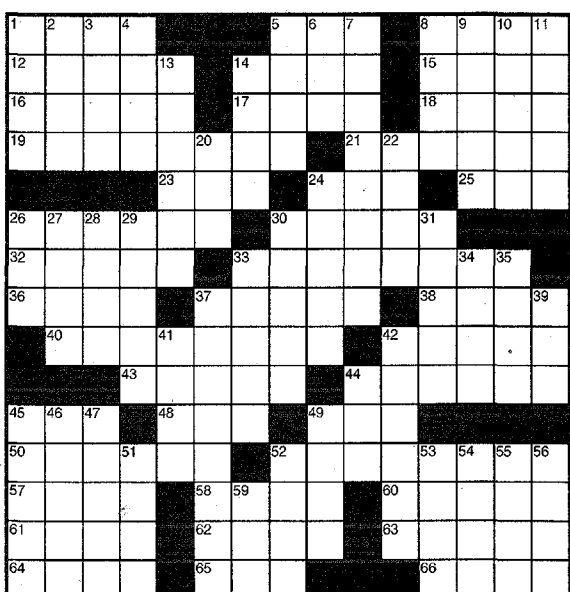
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- Might's partner
 - Wave maker
 - Funny person
 - Permit
 - Hindu attire
 - Knowing look
 - Type of explorer
 - "It Must Be Him" singer
 - Layered cookie
 - Japanese eatery (2 wds.)
 - Themes
 - Bathroom fixture
 - Lynx or panther
 - Dangerous curve
 - Lunchbox items
 - Dixie serving
 - Ram, in astrology
 - Rescues
 - Kong
 - Stays afloat
 - Pointed stick
 - Be a couch potato
 - Liniments
 - Fish stories
 - Least
 - All-purpose MDs
 - Estuary
 - Zig opposite
 - Not let forget
 - Rodeo misses
 - Mimicked
- DOWN**
- Travel guides
 - Matty or Felipe
 - Troubles
 - Wordy Webster
 - German industrial region
 - Be mistaken
 - Sends quickly
 - Get lumpy
 - Nest on a crag
 - Coral formations
 - Smelting impurity
 - Drops a line
 - Picket-line crosser
 - Commuter vehicle
 - Herr
 - von Bismarck
 - Illegal act
 - Pleased sigh
 - B.C. or Que.
 - Ache for
 - Like a foal
 - Trot and gallop

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AMBO COTS RINDS
WISPIER PEASOUP
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SKYS YOYOED
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 - Sling mud at
 - Safari boss
 - Region
 - Decorated
 - Unthinkingly
 - Scoundrels
 - Rust
 - Rayburn and Snead
 - Swinging along
 - Aug. hours
 - Get by effort
 - Implored
 - Gullet
 - Alumni
 - Invigorate (2 wds.)
 - Sling mud at
 - Region
 - Unthinkingly
 - Scoundrels
 - Rust
 - component
 - Churlish
 - Links org.
 - Ladder type
 - Ostrich
 - look-alike



SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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H K H S C J O V H R M A R P Q
X V E P E M A S F D O Y P T P
F Z U Y E L O I E D Q H O L I
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9	8	6	7	9	8			
2	8	7	9	8	1	6		
6	1	9	4	8	2	9	8	
8	2	1	6	7	9	8	9	
7	9	6	8	9	1	2	7	
8	9	2	1	7	9	8	6	7
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

W	A	R	D	S	E	E	K	A	N	D	F	I	N	D
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