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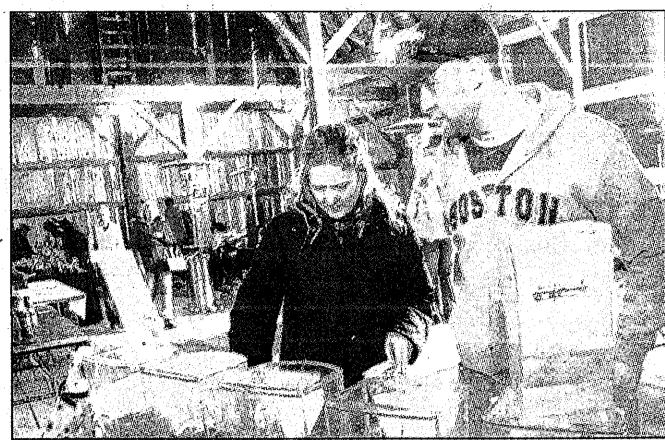
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Passport fair

The City of Plymouth Clerk's Office hosts a Passport Fair in Plymouth 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 27, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

The City of Plymouth is joining the Department of State in celebrating Passport Day in the USA 2010, a national passport acceptance and outreach event.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at www.travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at (877) 487-2778.

City of Plymouth offices are located at 201 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1234.

Rabbit rescue

Children get a chance to make an Easter craft and enter a raffle to win a large, stuffed animal when Genuine Toy Co., hosts a fund-raiser for the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

Volunteers from the sanctuary will be on hand to answer questions about bunny rabbits and their care. You need not be present to win the raffle, but crafts are limited, so registration with an associate to ensure a spot is reserved. Crafts not reserved will be done on a first-come basis.

Genuine Toy Co., is located inside Westchester Square Mall, 550 Forest Ave., in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 414-9500.

Symphony #5

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestras present "Tchaikovsky Spectacular!" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The symphony will perform Tchaikovsky's monumental *Symphony No. 5*. Audiences will also enjoy a side-by-side performance of the orchestra with students of the Celebration Youth Orchestra on William Walton's *Crown Imperial March*.

Rounding out the evening will be a command performance of Kristin Kuster's *Iron Diamond*, first commissioned by the PSO for its 60th anniversary.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. For tickets and information please contact the Symphony Office at 774 N. Sheldon Road in the Plymouth Arts Center, (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouth-symphony.org.

Postal service plans sale of downtown office



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER.
The U.S. Postal Service is considering selling the Plymouth Post Office building on Penniman, in use since 1935.

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Postal Service, which has been working to cut costs nationwide as mail volumes and revenues fall, plans to sell its branch on Penniman in downtown Plymouth while keeping a presence in the city.

Ideally, the postal service would rent space in the same building and continue current operations there, said Ed Moore, a postal service spokesman for the Detroit area. If such an arrangement can't be made, Moore said, the postal service would rent space in another downtown building to continue current service. "We would not change the type of service the community receives," said Moore. "If we're able to sell that facility and lease space there, that would be the optimum thing."

The building, which is named for the late Carl Pursell, a longtime Republican U.S. congressman from

Plymouth, could be put on the market as early as May or June, Moore said.

Moore said he couldn't yet provide an asking price. Nor did he have an estimate on how much the postal service might save in the move, as that depends on the sales price and postal service leasing arrangements.

If the building can't be sold, Moore said, the post office would stay in the current building.

The postal service's plan was announced by Mayor Dan Dwyer at Monday's Plymouth City Commission meeting.

"I know that people are very accustomed to using that," Dwyer said. "I know it's part of our community."

A letter sent to the city, read at the meeting by Dwyer, said that upon a sale, the postal service would rent about 1,890 square feet of space for its operations, either in the same building or at another building downtown.

There are five to seven postal service branches in the Detroit area that



The Plymouth Post Office was built in 1935, at the height of the depression.

might be put up for sale in what the service is calling "facility optimization" of excess space, Moore said.

"It's basically just to cut down on the cost, with the number of facilities we have," he said.

The Pursell post office branch, according to Moore, opened in 1936 and has 21,436 square feet.

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New-school lessons

Higher expectations have changed kindergarten learning



Kindergartners in Maureen Visser's class (above) put on their WOW faces. A magnifier gives a different view of the world to Jacob Berlingieri (top).

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At one table in Maureen Visser's kindergarten classroom at Smith Elementary School, kids are learning to count to 100 by stringing colored breakfast cereal into necklaces.

At other stations, students are working with a classroom aide on their journals, or are playing (semi) quietly with toys that help them develop small-motor skills. There's a big oval carpet on one side of the room, where circle-time activities originate.

What you don't see are blankets, pillows or trays of milk and cookies for nap time.

Much of that can probably be attributed to the fact they do half-day kindergartens now. But there's also no getting around the fact: It's not your parents' kindergarten anymore.

"The curriculum has changed a great deal," said Visser, a 25-year teaching veteran who has spent 10 years teaching kindergarten. "The expectation now is that kids are reading and writing when they leave kindergarten."

Those expectations have changed over the years, according to Visser. When she first started teaching kindergarten, she recalled, instruction was more play-based, and kids were expected to be able to recognize letters and numbers.

PLAY-BASED

While they still use a lot of play-based methods, she said, "there's more reading and writing" than there used to be. There's also more of a science and social studies piece to the kindergarten experience, as well. It's a hands-on environment where animals visit the classroom, kids get to watch chicks hatch and they're asked to make predictions and record their observations.

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City may cork liquor license limit

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a moratorium on new liquor licenses set to expire in two months, Plymouth officials are debating setting a limit on the number of places allowed to serve alcohol by the glass.

A Plymouth City Commission committee, made up of Commissioners Michael Wright, John Barrett and Ed Hingelberg, has been studying the effect that bars and restaurants that serve alcohol, and the patrons they draw, have on the city's infrastructure and public safety system.

Wright, the chairman, said the committee is leaning toward recommending to the full commission that the number of Class C licenses — required of

bars and restaurants that serve alcohol — be essentially capped at the current number, which is 22.

But, Wright said, the committee is going to meet Tuesday with interested parties — including residents, license-holders and other local officials — before a recommendation is made. A meeting for residents is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Wright said his committee's work is about preserving Plymouth's key commercial attributes, which he described broadly as a family friendly atmosphere, walkability, and a wide variety of shops and restaurants.

But the committee has been looking at specifics, such as the amount of police time related to

alcohol-serving establishments and whether they require a disproportionate amount of police resources.

For example, he said, the arrest of a suspected drunken driver can take a patrol officer off the road for four hours or more. That might lead to a situation where there is inadequate police coverage, he said.

"We're at, we think, pretty much bare bones in terms of police coverage right now," Wright said.

There are infrastructure concerns, too: the demand that bars and restaurants put on available parking spaces, and the strain on grease traps in the downtown sewers (more of an issue with restaurants). That, Wright said,

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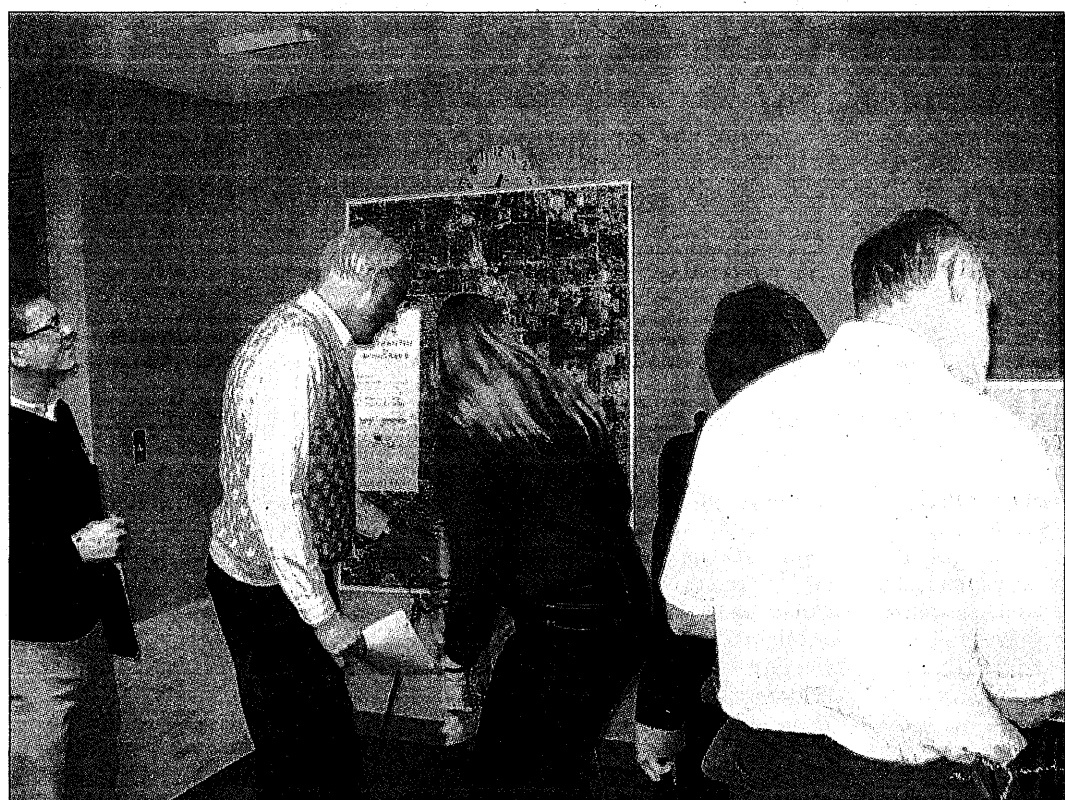
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I-275 path gets summer facelift



A group of 30 to 40 trail users attended an open house in Canton this week to hear details of a planned \$4 million renovation of the I-275 paved pathway.

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A deteriorating paved pathway along I-275 will get a \$4 million facelift this summer along a seven-mile stretch between Michigan Avenue and Hines Drive — a project embraced by bicyclists like 31-year-old Canton resident Brian Rosol. “I’m geeked. I can’t wait for it to be done,” said Rosol, who during warm months often rides his mountain bike 42 miles round trip to his job as an electrician for Robert Bosch Corp. in Farmington Hills. “This trail is pretty chewed up,” Rosol said. “It’s a little scary in the dark when I can’t see the potholes.” Using federal stimulus dollars, the Michigan Department of Transportation is spearheading work that Ron Roby, project manager for Angelo Iafrate Construction Co. of

Warren, said is expected to begin in April and be completed in October.

The project involves widening the path to 14 feet; installing four new bridges over Fellows Creek, Tonquish Creek and the Wiles and Smith drains; widening a fifth bridge; and ensuring the paved trail complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Although the project will hamper the path’s use this summer — because the old bridges will be taken out and replaced — officials say the long-term benefits will far outweigh any temporary inconvenience.

In a separate but related project, MDOT also plans this summer to patch and repair a 10-mile stretch of the I-275 trail from Hines Drive north to Meadowbrook Road — an area officials say isn’t nearly as deteriorated.

That project is expected to cost \$500,000 and be paid by separate federal and state funding.

Moreover, talks already have begun that center on far-reaching repairs — possibly in 2011 — to a 10.5-mile stretch of the I-275 path from Michigan Avenue south to Willow Metro Park.

In all, the three projects span 27.5 miles along the most heavily used portion of a larger, 40-mile I-275 path, MDOT officials said.

MDOT and construction officials provided specific details Tuesday during a public meeting attended by some 35 people inside the Canton Township administration building. Other meetings, including one in Plymouth Township, are expected in coming months.

Rosol and other path users embraced the plans. Rosol said the work will make his bike trips to work — trips that keep him in shape and reduce his carbon footprint — much more enjoyable and safer.

Brad Sharp, Canton’s parks and facilities manager, said the path improvements also could result in more use of the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail, a winding path that stretches several miles from the I-275 corridor west to Canton Center Road.

The latter trail already has been improved with five new wooden pedestrian bridges, and two others are expected to be installed as early as this spring.

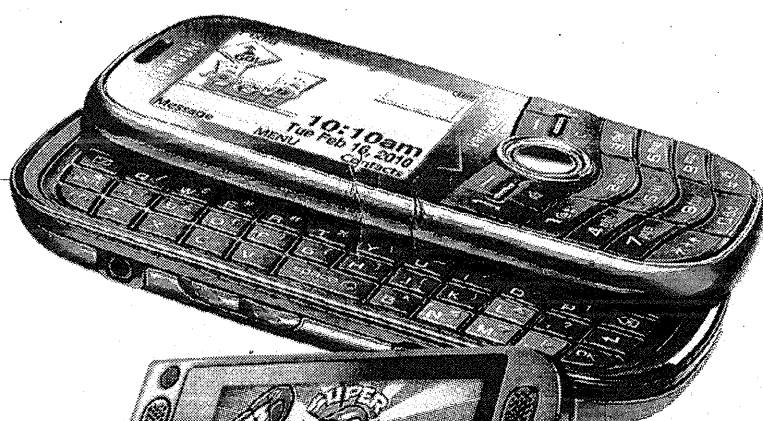
The Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail can be accessed from a trail head on Morton Taylor Road north of Michigan Avenue, where a parking lot is available for people who want to leave behind their motorized vehicles and explore nature.

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New Morning open house

New Morning School will host an open house 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, for families interested in enrolling their children in preschool through 8th grade for the 2010-2011 school year. Prospective families are invited to visit our campus, and meet with parents, teachers, and staff. 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.

Goodfellows meet

The Plymouth Goodfellows host an informational meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

The meeting will be a recap of the 2009 season and a brainstorming session on how to help more people in the upcoming year. For more information, e-mail Plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com or call (734) 262-3199.

Vernor's history

Keith Wunderlich will present a talk on "The History of Vernor's Ginger Ale" on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Wunderlich has been an avid Vernor's Ginger Ale collector for 30 years. His Web site, "The Vernor's Ginger Ale Story" at www.wowway.com/~vernors/history.htm contains information about "Detroit's Drink."

The talk will take place during the Plymouth Historical Society's monthly meeting. Admission is free to the meeting and lecture. Refreshments are served following the meeting.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S.



Tartan Day

The final schedule is set and tickets are now available for Michigan's "official" Tartan Day Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-Lee) hosted by the Scottish American Society of Michigan Saturday, March 27, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia. The event will feature the Alma College Pipe Band, Detroit Caledonian Pipe Band, Raggle Taggle Band, Highland Dancers, Celtic Fiddling, Scottish Country Dance Demonstration, full meal. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids under 10. Doors open at 6:30 and no reserved seating is available. There are only 300 tickets available for this annual event and it will sell out! For tickets and more information go to www.scotsofmichigan.com. Tartan Day commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, and which, was an influence on the American Declaration of Independence.

Main Street, Plymouth, one block north of downtown. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Mom-to-mom

The Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples host their semi-annual Mom-to-Mom Sale 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13 at West Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail (at Sheldon) in Plymouth.

The event features department-style shopping (grouped by boy or girl, then by size), spring and summer boys and girls clothing (newborn to size 10), sets for twins and triplets and multiples items, clothes, toys, baby gear, strollers, maternity clothes and a bake sale.

Admission is \$1, cash only, all sales are final (no strollers before 10 a.m.). For more information, e-mail pcmom@hotmail.com

Craft show

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters host their seventh annual Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble on Saturday, March 13. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to help support the band and color guard programs at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The most recent PCMB Art & Craft Ensemble had over 2,000 visitors.

"The Arts & Craft Ensemble has grown to be a high quality, well-attended event where only hand-made items are sold," said John Noss, president of the 2010 Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters.

"The money raised helps the Concert and Marching Bands, Color Guard and Percussion programs that provide students with a one of a kind arts experience. Our recent Holiday event had record-breaking attendance of over 2000 people, so we know the community is accepting of this show."

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The Spring Arts & Craft Ensemble will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 13. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

Preschool open house

PCN co-op preschool hosts an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at 5825 N. Sheldon.

PCN provides a play experience and curriculum developed by trained, objective

teachers who provide insight into your child's growth and development. The preschool also uses the Handwriting without tears curriculum in all classes to give your child the head start they need. Class options include 3 days a week for 4-year-olds in the morning or afternoon and a two days a week for 3-year-olds.

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

Speaker series

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church continues its "Dignity of Life" speaker series with a presentation, "The Cybersex Explosion: What You Need to Know," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at OLCG, 47650 N. Territorial (at the corner of Beck) in Plymouth Township.

Church officials said the presentation is designed to "help keep your family healthy

and safe in changing times." The presenter, Dr. Kenneth Adams, an internationally recognized author, speaker and therapist, will talk about how cybersex activity is changing the way people see and experience sexuality, and how pornography, prostitution, affairs and "sexting" are a few of the problems created or escalated by the Internet and other new technology.

The series is sponsored by the church's Gospel of Life Committee. For more information, contact Mark Renfer via e-mail at mark.renfer@gmail.com.

Show and tell

Have you ever seen a "bung hole auger"? How about an "etui" or a "Steff 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.

Irish dancing

The staff at Plymouth Park Apartments has extended an open invitation to join them 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at 107 N. Haggerty, for an enjoyable afternoon of wonderful entertainment with Irish Dancers and complimentary refreshments.

There's no need to RSVP; just come wearing "green" even if you're not Irish. This is a free event.

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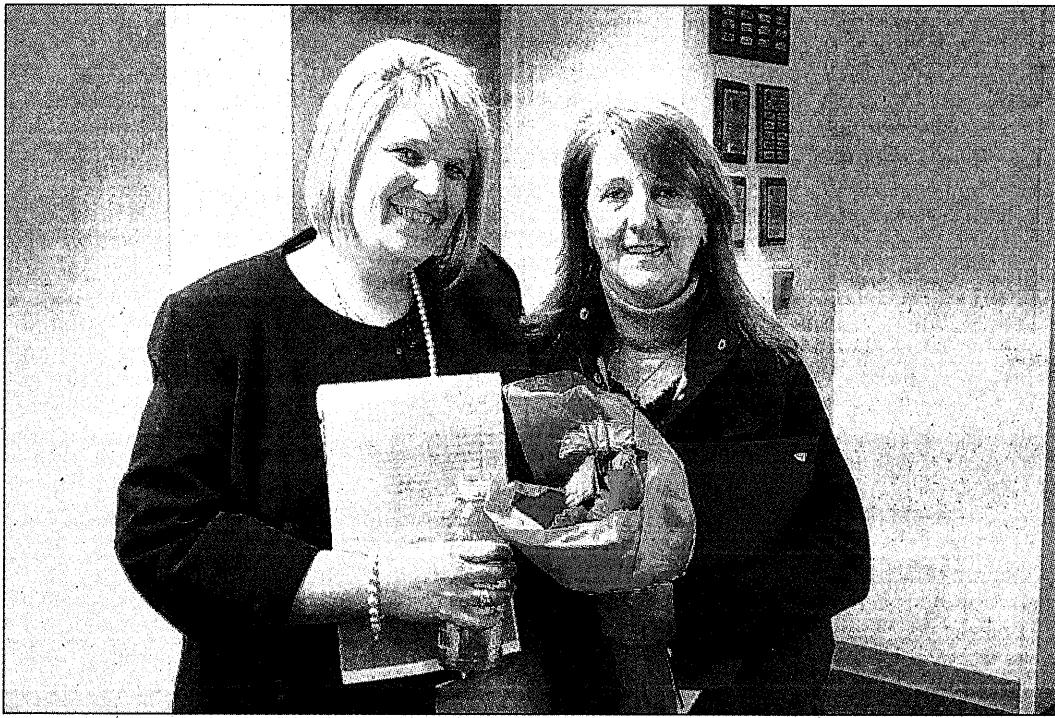
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EDUCATION



Salem High School cafeteria manager Helene Ross (right), here with Kristen Hennessey, director of food services, was honored with the Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award at Tuesday's school board meeting.

District offers veteran teachers buyout incentive

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A little more than a third of the target number of teachers have already announced plans to take advantage of an early buyout being offered by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials in an effort to trim costs.

Administrators are hoping to trim 60 teachers — paid at the top of the scale — with their Early Severance Incentive Plan. As of Thursday, 22 teachers had agreed to take the buyout, which administrators hope will save the district some \$2.3 million in the first year.

"It's a cost-saving measure," said Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources.

Teachers at the highest levels — Step 10 for the bachelor's level, step 11 for the master's and master's+30 levels — with 30 years in the district are eligible for the buyout, Bihun said. Additionally,

teachers with 15 years in the Starkweather and English Language Learners programs are eligible, whether they've got 30 years in the district or not.

Teachers and other employees have until April 12 to sign up for the deal, and a week after that to change their minds and pull out. After April 19, the list is final.

Those accepting the terms must retire by June 30.

The deal is a \$30,000 incentive, paid out in three \$10,000 payments. Teachers can either take the cash payout or they can roll it over into other investment plans.

According to James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, savings were computed by taking the average salaries of the 130 eligible teachers (\$78,885) and replacing them with first-step bachelor-degreed teachers (starting salary, \$39,954).

"The savings are based on

60 people accepting it, and then replacing all 60," Larson-Shidler said. "That doesn't mean all 60 will be replaced, and in that case the savings would go up."

If employees who take the buyout retire, they get an additional \$100 per year for each year they served the district. Teachers who simply leave the district don't get that part of the incentive, according to Charles Portelli, the Plymouth-Canton Education Association president. He said all 22 people who had signed up by Thursday were likely to retire.

"(The plan) is good for the district," said Portelli, who said union numbers indicate it could save the district some \$10 million in 10 years because of the length of time it takes teachers to move to the top of the scale. "It's the district's decision whether they replace the teachers. We shouldn't be laying off now."

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School board feeds award to Salem cafeteria chief

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Helene Ross knows that in today's environment, doing her job doesn't necessarily apply only to the day-to-day operations of the Salem High School cafeteria she manages.

Ross' acceptance of responsibility ranges from helping middle school managers with new recipes to helping elementary schools roll-out new food items and participating in the district's participatory budget process.

It's Ross' willingness to help in all these areas and more than earned her the latest Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award. She was presented the award at Tuesday's board of education meeting.

"Helene definitely represents the characteristics of character, commitment and compas-

sion," said Kristen Hennessey, the district's director of food and nutrition services. "She's a leader and she represents the district in a phenomenal way."

Among the traits Hennessey said Ross demonstrates:

- Sensitivity - "One of her greatest attributes is follow-up," Hennessey wrote in nominating Ross.

- Handling change - Ross has grown cafeteria participation some 25 percent over last year. "She has worked hard and come up with innovative ways to make the simplest menu item look like you spent a million bucks," Hennessey wrote. She said a team from Eastern Michigan University used the Salem cafeteria and used the Salem kitchen to cater to 350 people and "Helene and her staff blew them away."

- Preparedness - According

to Hennessey, Ross "never comes to a meeting or planning session without feedback and ideas for how we can improve selections and service at the park."

- The budget - Ross was an active participant in the process. "Helene understands we are in tight budget times and works very hard with her staff to ensure the Salem cafeteria is doing its part to reduce and manage costs."

Hennessey and other staffers helped surprise Ross at Tuesday's meeting by not telling her she was the intended recipient of the award.

The surprise worked. "I'm just so shocked," Ross said. "I love my job. I have awesome employees, and I love working with the managers. I learn something new every day."

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ON CAMPUS

Computer group honors P-C teacher

The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning has named the recipients of its 2009 Outstanding Technology-Using Teacher, Technology-Using Educator and Technology Coordinator awards. The awards recognize and honor MACUL members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the use of technology to improve education. MACUL will honor five educators during its annual conference on March 11, 2010 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

Dayna M. Lang, representing the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was named runner-up of the Outstanding Technology-Using Teacher.

The award winners will receive technology gifts presented by the SMARTer Kids Foundation, Dell and EduTek Midwest.

Founded in 1975, MACUL is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing educators from

all levels together to share their knowledge and increase expertise in educational uses of computers and technology. MACUL provides service to its members through a statewide conference, regional workshops, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), grant programs, quarterly journal and online resources. Please visit www.macul.org for more information about MACUL initiatives.

Virginia Tech

John Zaccone of Canton was among the Virginia Tech students honored at the university's fall commencement ceremony held Dec. 18 in Cassell Coliseum. Approximately 2,500 bachelor's degree, master's degree, and Ph.D. candidates along with their families and friends attended the on-campus ceremony presided by Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger. Zaccone received a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the university's College of Engineering.



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KINDERGARTEN

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Susan Justice has been in a kindergarten classroom for 16 of her 21 years in the district, and she's witnessed the evolution of the kindergarten curriculum.

"It's not that we didn't have a social studies curriculum," she said. "It's just more involved now."

The kindergarten curriculum has evolved, both teachers agree, largely because the state's academic benchmarks have risen. As the expectations of high-schoolers rises in terms of testing requirements for things like MEAP and the Michigan Merit Exam, those expectations, Justice and Visser agree, trickle down to the lower grades.

But, with the advent of computers and other technology, the teachers agree the higher expectations are nothing today's 5- and 6-year-olds can't handle.

"I think our kids are ready," Visser said. "They're very capable. We're not teaching anything that's beyond them."

Said Justice: "We wondered if they'd be able to handle it, but more and more we see that they can."

DIFFERENT NEEDS

One thing hasn't changed: Kids are different, with different needs. That's why the curriculum is multi-leveled, to accommodate students who can already read, for instance, and those who can't. Many youngsters get that kind of experience at home or in day care; others don't.

Either way, the program can be effective for all levels.

"Some kids are coming in who can read, and we're challenging them," Justice said. "Some kids come in having a lot of skills and some don't. We've got things set up to help at all levels."

A typical day starts with "circle time" where, as a group, they do activities such as math (using a calendar), counting, the weather, etc. There are "literacy tubs," games and activities. They do "headline news," where kids share something they've done and then write about it.

Writing lessons start with their own names and other



LEAP aide Peggy Bellaire works on reading skills with Leah Truman, Matthew Richard, Matthew Bey, Ava Holloway and Abby Lackmondy.



Jillian New works on math problems.

familiar words, such as the names of family members and "popcorn" words kids recognize. After circle time, they retreat to separate tables to work on activities, often putting pencil to paper.

Jill Quinlan has been a LEAP aide for four years working with students on literacy and writing.

"Kids are provided with many more opportunities to be

writers," said Quinlan, herself the mother of three. "They're getting a lot of encouragement every day. There is a lot of opportunity for success for them on a daily basis."

Kindergartners also benefit from a "team" concept of teaching that includes the teacher, a literacy para-professional, an intervention specialist as necessary, a speech and language therapist and

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Sarah Weiss of Plymouth has a 5-year-old son, Jack, who is a kindergartner. She volunteers in Jack's classroom some four times a month, and wouldn't miss it for the world.

"I love being in the classroom and being part of what's going on," Weiss said. "To me, it's very important. It helps our children adjust, it helps the parents and it's important for teachers to have parent support in the classroom."

Visser and Justice teach in adjoining classrooms at Smith and, while the personalities of their individual classrooms are different, many of the activities are similar because the pair performs as a team.

"We lesson plan every week, we do our newsletters to parents together," Justice said. "It works really well for us. We bounce ideas off each other. Once it's done, we can look at each other and say, 'That worked out great' or 'We won't be doing that again.' It makes you feel like you're not alone."

The flexibility built into today's curriculum benefits students at all levels of learning. And, while there are new

GETTING THEM STARTED

What: Kindergarten registration
When: March 8-12

Where: All Plymouth-Canton elementary schools.

Who: Incoming kindergartners should be age 5 by Dec. 10, 2010.

What's needed: Parents must bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records and two pieces of identification as proof of residency.

Info: More information is available on the district's Web site, www.pccs.k12.mi.us; call your neighborhood elementary school or call the board office, (734) 416-2701.

things being taught in different ways, Visser and Justice love being kindergarten teachers for some pretty old-school reasons.

"What's not to love?" Visser asked. "I get at least 44 hugs a day, my kids are happy and they love being here. There are a lot of 'wow!' moments. It's a lot of serious learning, but it's done with love."

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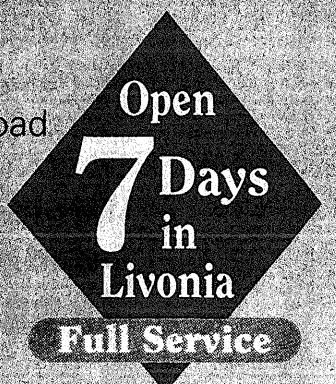


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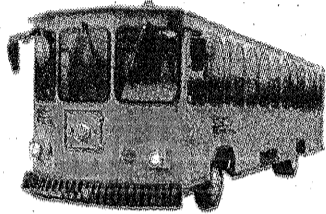


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Get glamorous

Brides in 2010 are taking a nod from the "glam look" sported at recent celebrity events - walking down the aisle with sleek hairstyles that are a modern take on classic looks.

"The style today is returning to a more glamorous look reminiscent of the 1940s, with big waves and a more polished look," said Jackie Bruce, manager of Coifer Salon in Livonia, owned by Ann Martinuzzi.

Should a bride wear her hair in an up-do or cascading down her shoulders? "Of course it's all up to the bride, because it's her day," said Bruce. "But if it's an off-the-shoulder gown, we like to suggest at least a partial up-do."

The bride and her party should make hair appointments about six to eight weeks before her wedding, giving the salon plenty of time to schedule the day around the event, as well as providing a window of opportunity for a "practice run" of the bride's hairstyle.

Coifer Salon is located at 37657 Five Mile Road in Livonia. Visit www.coifersalon.com or call 734-464-3340 for more information.



School district pulls Wadsworth release

BY CAL STONE
NORTHVILLE RECORD EDITOR

The Northville Public Schools district pulled from its Web site a press release regarding the candidacy of school board vice president Joan Wadsworth for the State House 20th District seat after being notified by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy the posting may be a violation of the state campaign finance law.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski, who initially gave the directive to have the release put on the Web site, said it was not done to champion Wadsworth but rather to inform the public about her position on the board.

"When she decided to run, we wanted to clarify what her role was on the board," said Rezmierski. "There was no malice. We always provide information when we think it has an impact value to our parents and the community and large."

The release, written on the district's letterhead, was posted around Feb. 17 and taken down Feb. 25 after a reporter from the Michigan Capitol Confidential called Dave Bolitho, Northville schools' assistant superintendent for administrative services, for a story about the release.

"I couldn't take time at that moment to get legal counsel on the phone before I responded,"



Wadsworth

said Bolitho, adding that the release, which web viewers could view through a link, was taken down around 4:30 p.m. that day.

"It was an oversight," Bolitho said. "Obviously, had we known that there was a conflict, we wouldn't have posted it."

On Tuesday, Rezmierski indicated that the district's legal counsel has said there was no impropriety in posting the release. The superintendent said he would wait for further opinion before deciding whether or not to repost it.

However, Patrick Wright, senior legal analyst for the Mackinac Center, said it was "very egregious" and pointed to a Secretary of State ruling from June 2001, which says web site usage is an expenditure and thus was tantamount to advertising for Wadsworth.

"Why is it a campaign document? That's easy - Wadsworth discusses how much benefit she'll bring to the House of Representatives," said Wright. "At that point, you can't even make a straight-faced argument that that's informational."

Wright said instances like this happen from time to time, and that although school officials are allowed to post infor-

mation, they're not allowed to say vote for or against a candidate or issue."

Kurt Heise, who is a Republican candidate for 20th District Representative seat, said in a release, "Ms. Wadsworth's actions are a serious misuse of her office and the public trust. The parents and children of the Northville School District need to be confident that their trustees are working for a better education for their children, not for themselves."

Wadsworth said that news of her candidacy had raised questions about what would happen if she resigned from the school board. The release was to let people know that she would fulfill her duties and there was a process in place in case she leaves.

"I suppose I could've done that in my press release, but I didn't," she said. "We just thought that made sense. It's an unsettling time for school districts, and I was concerned that there wasn't something out there that created more anxiety if I resign."

Wadsworth said that even though it's the district's Web site and press release, she would personally reimburse the district for any expenses incurred.

"It was definitely nobody's intention to promote me as a candidate," she said.

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LICENSE

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is linked to the city's increasingly tight budget situation.

"We're trying also to avoid having major repairs," he said.

Wright said he expects his committee to have its work done and its recommendation made within a week of Tuesday's meetings. Any decision on a quota would be made by the full commission.

Wright said that while the commission could recommend against granting a Class C license to an applicant trying to open a bar or restaurant, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission would have the final say. But the LCC relies heavily on the local recommendation, he said.

The moratorium on new licenses was set to expire on Thursday, April 8, but the commission voted 6-1 Monday to extend it for 30 days in order to give the committee more time to complete its work.

Commissioner Ron Loiselle, who voted against the moratorium in October, cast the lone no vote. "It's gone on way too long," he said, pointing out that a 2007 license moratorium wasn't as long.

Commissioner David Workman said the committee needed the extra time.

"These moratoriums don't scare me," Workman said. "When the work's done, well, that's when we should move forward."

St. Patty's lunch

The Council on Aging and Heartland Plymouth Court invite the public to join them on Wednesday, March 17, for a delicious traditional St. Patrick's lunch of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, dessert and a beverage.

The lunch is free and takes place in the main floor dining room at Heartland Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty at 12:30 p.m.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to RSVP; call (734) 459-8888 to arrange transportation.

Sagear scholars

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

The club is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

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

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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

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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.

Garden Club

The next scheduled meeting of the Plymouth Garden Club will be on Monday, March 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Library.

The scheduled speaker will be Garden Club member Rosemary Hughes speaking on the topic of growing the herb Rosemary. A brief business meeting will follow. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information view our web site at: sites.google.com/sites/plymouth-gardenclub or contact Eileen Wittenberg at (734) 340-2062.

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.

For more information or to make a donation, call Debbie

Baudino-Dowling, (734) 207-7464.

Little Lambs open house

Little Lambs Christian Preschool hosting its open house on 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 13.

Registration is now taking place for the 2010-2011 school year. The open house provides parents with an opportunity to visit the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program which includes the Handwriting Without Tears and Hands on Bible curriculums.

The school offers both social and academic programs for 3 year olds to young 5's with a low student/teacher ratio.

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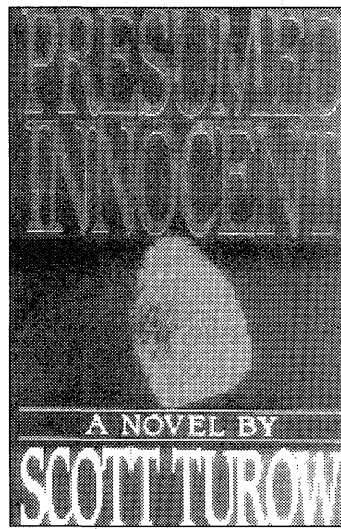
Book 'em: Everyone's Reading 'Presumed Innocent'

This is a case where peer pressure is a good thing. You know, "everyone else is doing it," so you should, too. It's the annual Everyone's Reading program, a community-wide reading program sponsored by public libraries all around Metro Detroit, including Farmington, Southfield, West Bloomfield, Berkley, Royal Oak, Canton, Plymouth and Westland.

Now in its ninth year, Everyone's Reading promotes community dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. Additional programs, related to issues and topics in the selected book, are offered to enhance the reading experience.

This year's Everyone's Reading selection is *Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow.

With the publication of *Presumed Innocent* in 1987, Scott Turow ushered in the age of the legal thriller. Despite many other skilled writers who followed — including John Grisham, Richard North Patterson, Lisa Scottoline and John Lescroart — Turow's work remains unique: critically acclaimed psychological studies that appeal to a wide audience. Character, rather than courtroom pyrotechnics, dominates his elegantly written novels, which also raise questions of morality, truth and justice.



Scott Turow's 'Presumed Innocent' is this year's Everyone's Reading selection. The program goes through April 28.

Law School in 1978. Turow's credentials are unique among his peers. He is a practicing attorney and author of seven best-selling novels. As an attorney with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago and in private practice, Turow has had intimate experiences with the criminal justice system and capital punishment.

In 2003, he won the Heartland Prize for *Reversible Errors* and in 2004 received the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for *Ultimate Punishment*. His books have been translated into more than two dozen languages and sold more than 25 million copies. *Presumed Innocent* was adapted into a full-length film.

Turow is a partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Chicago and concentrates on white collar criminal defense. He devotes significant time to pro bono work, including a 1995 case that resulted in the release of Alejandro Hernandez who had spent 12 years in prison, including five on death row, for a murder he did not commit.

Turow was born in Chicago in 1949 and lives in the Chicago area.

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EVERYONE'S READING EVENTS

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Hear Scott Turow speak about his life and experience writing "Presumed Innocent," at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 14 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton and at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 15 at Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive in Southfield. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of the Book Beat bookstore. Due to popular demand, a ticket will be required for the author appearances. Tickets are free but limited. Contact your local participating library for more information and ticket availability.

Canton Public Library:

- Lunch and a Book Discussion of *Presumed Innocent*, Thursday, March 11 at noon, Library Community Room, No registration required.
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- Joyce Knows Thrillers, Tuesday, March 23, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Room - Canton Public Library, Adult Services librarian, Joyce Simowski, will share her expertise and love of thrillers. Joyce can help you sift through the piles to find the best of this genre. The Friends of the Canton Public Library will provide prize baskets for a couple lucky attendees. Share the thrills!

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- Contemporary Books Discussion of *Presumed Innocent*, Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. - Books are available at the checkout desk. No registration is required.
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Make sure conversion to Roth IRA makes economic sense

Q: Dear Rick: I am over 70 and do not receive any wages/W-2s. How much am I able to convert from a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA? After reading IRS form 8606 about conversions it looks like there isn't any limit. My Taxcut program told me it was a concern. Please advise.

A: You are correct. There is no IRS limitation on the amount of money you can convert from a Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. However, there are times when it does not make sense economically to convert.

In order to make a Roth conversion economically viable there are a few rules to follow. First, you must have the money to pay the tax on the conversion without touching the money converted. Second, converting the money would not put you into a higher tax bracket. If it does put you in a higher bracket, you probably don't want to do the conversion. Lastly, in order to make a Roth conversion legal, you cannot touch the money you are converting for at least five years. That is the IRS rule.

To make a Roth conversion economically sound you have to plan on leaving it in the Roth IRA longer than five years. I believe Roth IRAs are an excellent investment vehicle, and I wish more people used them. Whether you convert an existing retirement account into a Roth IRA or you are eligible to make new



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

contributions, it is something that more people should explore. After all, the benefits of tax-free growth versus tax-deferred growth are substantial.

Many people seem to think that once you reach a certain age Roth conversions are no longer economically viable. Nothing can be further from the truth. Yes, the younger you are the more advantageous a Roth IRA is. However, seniors should recognize that no matter what their age, a Roth IRA conversion can be an economic windfall. Good luck!

Q: Dear Rick: My wife and I are in our mid 30s and just had our first child. We have some money to invest but not much. We are debating whether it should be invested in a Roth IRA for our retirement or into a 529 for our child's college education. At this point, we have not yet begun to save for retirement.

A: Congratulations on the birth of your child. I think it is great that you want to begin a college saving program for your child and I encourage that. However, in your situation if resources are limited, I recommend saving for retirement first and then your child's college education.

My answer has nothing to do with the importance of a child's college education because I believe it is imperative. However, when it comes to financing a child's college education there are additional options available you do not have in retirement. For example, there are typically a variety of loan programs. In addition, your child can potentially find a job to help offset the cost of an education. Unfortunately, you may not have those same opportunities with regards to retirement. After all, in our society it is a reality that as you get older it gets harder to find and maintain employment. That is why I believe that saving for your retirement takes priority. In addition, if things improve in the future, you can always use retirement money to pay for college.

In today's tough economic times many people have to make difficult choices when it comes to their finances. In making those choices it is important that we never forget how expensive our retirements are and the limited options that we have available to us. Therefore, I encourage everyone to make saving for their retirement one of their top priorities. Good luck!

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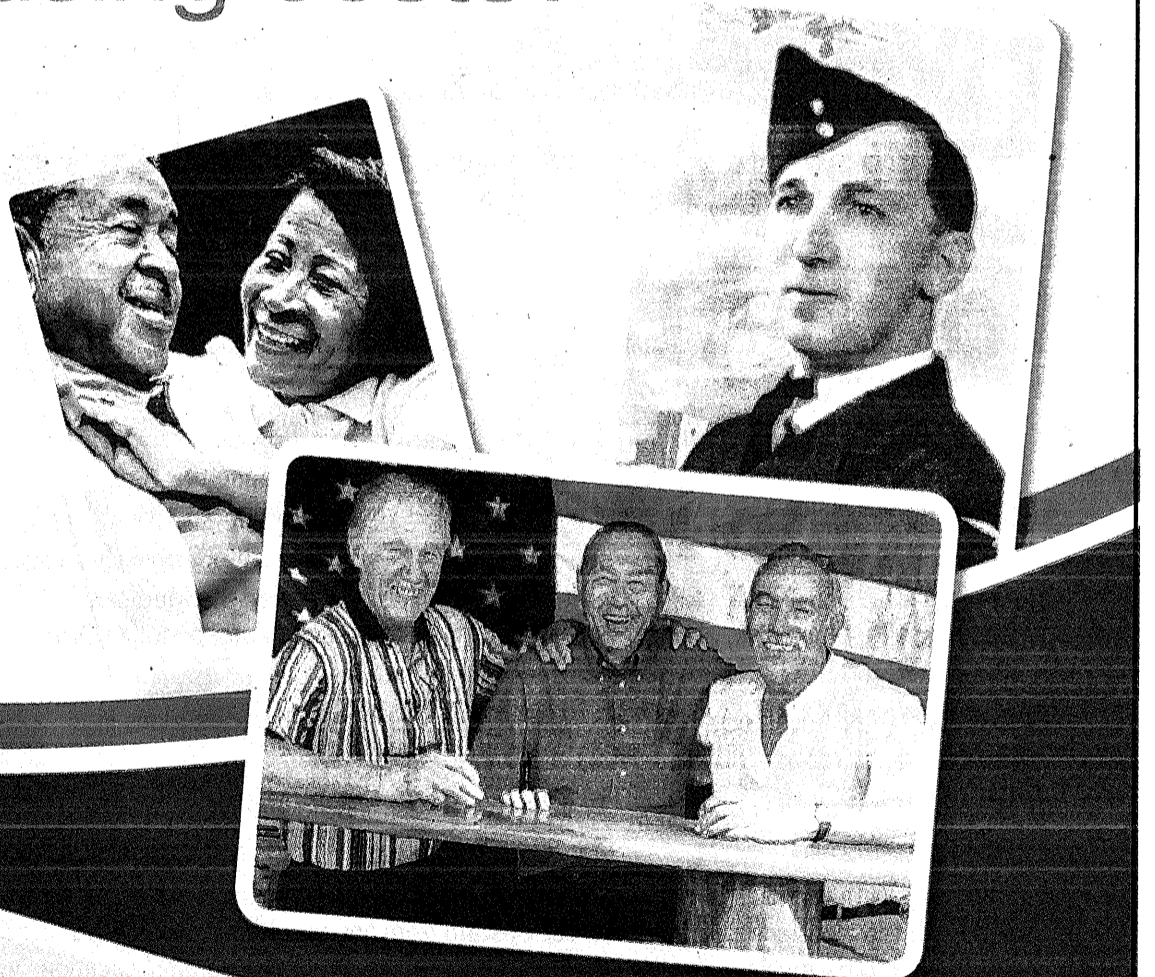
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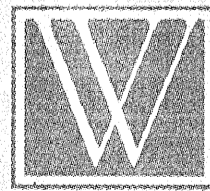
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BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to the stage — and the Big Top — Chas Elstner has been there, done that.

He started out as a 19-year-old circus clown, studied theater at the University of Hawaii, appeared in off-Broadway plays, and even took side jobs, during his college days, as a tightrope-walker at shopping mall shows.

Now, long established as a stand-up comedian, Elstner is the headliner at the next Komediy at Karl's Cabin event, Friday and Saturday nights at Karl's Cabin.

The shows are produced by Plymouth native Joey Bielaska, who is also



Elstner

works as a captain for Spirit Airlines.

"Detroit's got some of the best audiences. Good, hardworking people," said Elstner on Friday.

He grew up in Glenview, Ill., and now lives in Los Angeles, but his studies and work have taken him around the country, including, he said, to Michigan many times.

Elstner described his act as "a little bit on politics, a

lot on relationships" and said he's constantly changing the rhythm of his show. His circus training — he graduated from clown college in Florida — pumps up the energy in his shows, he said.

It was during his time with Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey, Elstner said, that he discovered standup. The circus (in which Elstner juggled, took comedic falls and rode a unicycle) was at Madison Square Garden in New York City in 1978, and the performers had a night off.

"All of us guys went to a comedy club and I said, 'Wow, that's what I want to do,'" Elstner said.

But he stuck with the circus for six more months in order to fulfill his contract.

"When I wasn't performing, I was sitting outside my locker writing comedy," he said.

He got his start in stand-up in college in Hawaii (where he also did his high-wire act) in the aptly named Groucho's Comedy Club. Elstner has also trained at the Second City in Chicago.

Also appearing at Karl's will be local stand-ups Keith Ruff and George Demetriou.

The Friday and Saturday Komediy at Karl's Cabin shows both begin at 9:30 p.m. Karl's Cabin is at 6005 Gotfredson Road, south of North Territorial, Salem Township. Call (734) 455-8450 for tickets (\$12 each) and dinner reservations.

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District warns parents after girl reports being followed

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton School officials sent a letter home with students Monday after being alerted by Canton Township Police of a report from a 16-year-old student who said a man was following her.

The girl told police she followed by an unknown male driving an older, light-blue Ford Mustang. The incident occurred when the girl got off her school bus in the Hanford-Pickwick area around 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. According to police reports, the girl said the driver waved to her. She then called a friend and made her way to her friend's house, where a male occupant of the house went outside to confront

the driver, who sped off. According to Canton Police spokesman Mark Gajeski, the police issued an area message to see if similar incidents had occurred. As of Tuesday, none had been reported, Gajeski said.

However, a second incident occurred later Friday night, when police were called to the girl's house around 10:30 p.m. because the same Mustang had been spotted on Hanford west of Pickwick. According to the police report, the vehicle had been parked in a position where the driver would have been able to not only see the residence, but also to see through the house's back door wall.

Police searched the area but were unable to locate the vehicle, according to police reports.

Canton Police alerted school officials, who sent home a letter informing parents of the incident and issuing safety tips for students.

The driver is described as a white male in his mid-30s with a mustache and wearing large-rimmed glasses.

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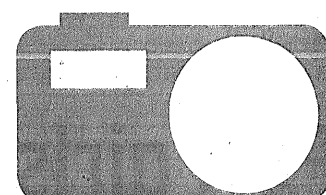
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Early blitz propels Canton to district title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The outcome of Friday's Class A girls basketball district final between Canton and Northville pretty much was determined when the Schmitt twins reeled off a combined 13 points over the first half of the opening quarter.

At that point, the Chiefs owned a 13-4 edge and padded it to 20-6 after one, and Canton kept rolling on the way to a 57-29 triumph.

And when it came time to celebrate the team's second straight district title, Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski stepped back along the sidelines and waved to his players to accept the trophy for him.

"It's all about the kids. It doesn't have anything to do with me," Samulski said. "They earned it, they put in all the hard work. They play."

And the 21-1 Chiefs will keep on playing, advancing to this week's Ann Arbor Pioneer-hosted regional.

Northville head coach Todd Gudith said his 10-12 Mustangs "got a taste" of success, thanks to their first district victory since 2003 Wednesday against Plymouth.

"This district's been loaded for a long time. There's been a lot of good teams in this district and for us, it's getting into the final," Gudith said. "The step we have to take if we want to get to that next level is get to these games and get these

kids a taste for what it's like."

Gudith talked to his players before the game about not getting intimidated by the state-ranked Chiefs and trying to at least make the second half interesting.

Thanks to Canton's early assertiveness, the Mustangs never had a chance.

Actually, a putback by sophomore guard Meredith Williams got Northville off to a good start.

But junior forward Kari Schmitt answered with three straight layups and a foul shot to give Canton a 7-2 advantage. Schmitt's second basket of that string followed a defensive rebound and coast-to-coast sprint to the Northville end.

Getting into the act was her twin sister Sara Schmitt (15 points), who nailed a bank shot from the right side of the key. The Schmitts combined to score their team's first 13 points. Kari scored nine of her 14 points during that stretch.

In typical fashion for a team that seems to mimic Samulski's, solid, professional demeanor, Kari Schmitt downplayed her torrid start.

"I think as a team we wanted to come out strong to make sure the game ended how we wanted it to," Kari said. "I just found the openings."

IN SYNC

Samulski said the way the

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JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's Robyn Mack is determined not to let Northville's Tori Wright (No. 20) and Alexandra Moynes (No. 10) take the ball away from her.



JOHN KEMSKI

Driving the lane Tuesday is West Middle School's Connor Cole (No. 32), while twin brother Brady Cole (No. 45) watches in the background.

They're just perfect

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Talk about a 1-2 punch. West Middle School's eighth-grade boys basketball "A" team knocked off visiting East Middle School 32-11 Tuesday afternoon to wrap up a perfect 8-0 regular season in the Plymouth-Canton Middle School League.

The Bulldogs followed the lead of West's girls basketball team, which during the fall also rang up eight wins without a loss. Both the boys and girls teams are co-coached by Bill Wooster and Patrick Foley.

"It's a very talented group of students and they're great teammates," said Wooster, about the first-ever boys team at West to finish 8-0. "They work together, they practice hard. It's all their effort and their talent."

Wooster said the girls team exhibited those same characteristics and noted that there's almost a one-upmanship thing going on right now.

"What surprises about this group (boys) is they are really good friends with a lot of the girls," he said. "They kind of egg each other on and encourage each other, too."

"Three of the boys came out in the

fall and helped us (the girls team) with practice, and that kind of spurred it on as well."

VARSITY HOPEFULS

Against East (2-6), identical twins Brady Cole and Connor Cole scored 10 and six points, respectively. The 6-2 Brady and his 6-0 brother are going to Salem along with another promising player in power forward Michael Hoover.

"Both are very aggressive defensively and offensively," said Wooster, assessing the Coles. "Brady, for a big guy, can handle the ball really well."

"They're ultra competitive with each other, they want to outshine each other every single day. But it's a fun competition."

Other players on the team are Ben Arney, Josh Dillon, Andrew Deprez, Chris Ferrill, Josh Morris and Viet Nguyen.

Wooster said players on his squad will be split up once they get to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

No particular middle school (there are

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DISTRICT PREVIEW

Boys eye next test

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian lost a battle of the conference division winners Thursday in the regular season finale and now prepare for the districts.

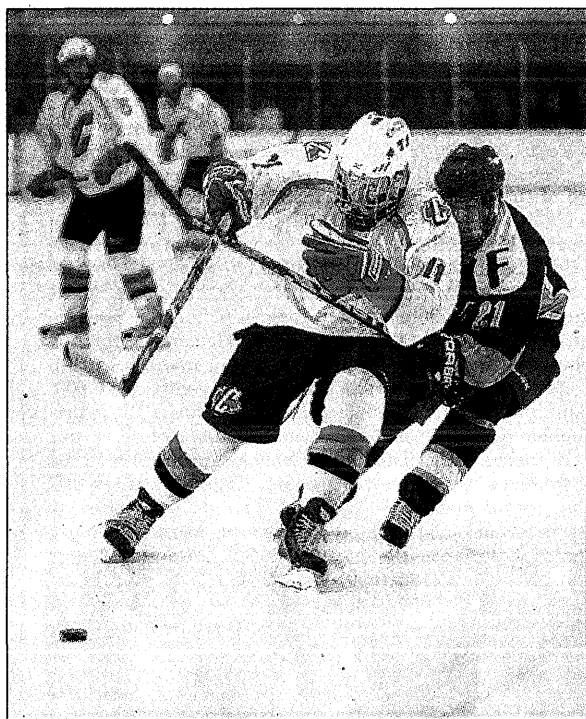
The Eagles (12-7) fell 50-35 to host Bloomfield Hills Roper (17-2), in a game pitting the MIAC Red and MIAC Blue champs.

"Roper played great defense," said PCA head coach Mike Doyle. "We average 65 points a game and they did not let us do anything that we usually do well. We were lucky to have two fast-break points."

Seniors Jacob Saslow and Derek Dunlap paced the Roughriders with 12 and 10

Please see **NEXT TEST, B2**

Hot line burns Chiefs in D2 pre-regional



CHRIS FLECK

Canton's Garrett Bryden (No. 11) works to win a battle along the boards with Farmington's Mitch Hall.

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's postseason dreams were gored Thursday night by a RAM — namely Farmington's potent top forward line of Range-Andrews-Massa.

The Falcons' big guns racked up five goals and seven assists combined to pace a 7-0 drubbing of the Chiefs in a Division 2 pre-regional hockey game at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

"They're our top line," said Farmington head coach Mark Vellucci after the lopsided win. "They have the most points on the team and this is the time of year where they need to step up and they did tonight."

Senior forward Ethan Range registered a natural hat trick along with two assists while senior forward Kraig Andrews chipped in with two goals and two assists and sophomore forward Zach Massa tallied three helpers.

Stopping 20 shots for the shutout

was Farmington junior goaltender Tim Rogers.

According to Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, the final score wasn't indicative of how hard his team went at it in an attempt to advance to Saturday's regional final at Wyandotte Yack Arena (likely against powerhouse Trenton).

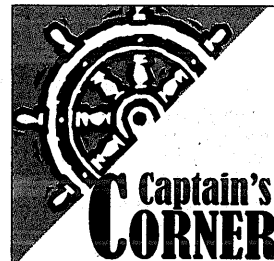
"They scored three or four of those goals in the last five minutes," Majszak said. "... It is what it is, but other than the last five minutes we were with them the whole game, it was back and forth."

WAIT AND SEE

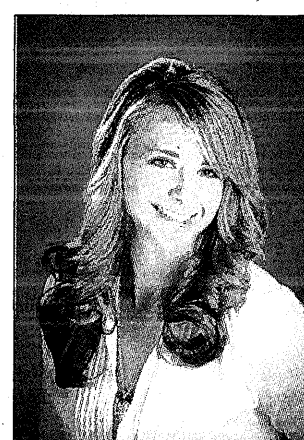
Both teams played on the cautious side during the first period, which ended with Farmington up 1-0.

Junior D-man Erik Chamberlain sent a long shot on goal from the left point that Chiefs' starting goalie Spencer Craig stopped but couldn't reel in amid a cluster of players invading his crease.

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KYLIE HAKALA



Who: Kylie Hakala, senior co-captain, Plymouth girls gymnastics team.

Miscellany: The 18-year-old Hakala, whose parents are Pam and Paul Hakala, carries a 3.5 grade-point average. She also is in National Honor Society, was a Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association regional qualifier and earned a Scholar Athlete gymnastics certificate of Academic and Athletic Achievement.

Captain's job: "To be someone who anyone can feel comfortable coming to. Being captain doesn't mean that you have to be one of the best on the team,

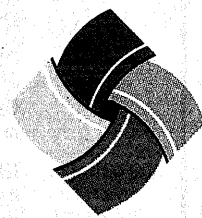
but someone who can lead and help make the team the best that it can be."

Leadership style: "I am responsible, organized and communicate well with the team, coaches and parents."

Why her?: "I have always tried to show respect for each team member, help them grow as an athlete and to gain confidence in themselves."

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PCA girls win big

Plymouth Christian Academy's 21-0 first quarter Wednesday began a 55-12 rout over Ypsilanti Calvary Christian in a Class D girls basketball district game at Saline-Washtenaw Christian.

Karen Windle scored 17 points for the Eagles while other players with key contributions included Brianna Harris (8 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists), Kristin Malcolm (8 points, 7 boards), Brooke Purcell (6 points, 7 rebounds, 3 steals) and Michaela Wheeler (4 points, 5 boards, 5 assists, 4 steals).

"They shared the ball well," said PCA head coach Carol Gerulis. "Defensively we were able to put pressure on them early. The kids were excited everyone played tonight and everyone scored. Karen

Windle had an awesome game."

Plymouth eliminated

Despite eight points from junior Alex Roberts and seven from sophomore Katelyn Watson, the Plymouth varsity girls basketball team's season ended with Wednesday's 46-30 loss to Northville in a Class A district semifinal at Novi High School.

Alex Moynes and Kendra Brenner led the Mustangs, with nine and seven points, respectively. Adding five for Plymouth (6-15) was sophomore Rachael Hille.

It was a frustrating and sometimes disappointing season, according to head coach Ted Sturdivant. But he said he was proud with the way his team fought hard despite losing top players to injuries and illness.

Plymouth started the season as a young inexperienced varsity team and finished tonight with their youn soph getting valuable game experienced. The wildcats played hard all season even when, due to injuries/illness we had to go without all of our senior leadership and at times without 4 out of the five starters.

"The season was very frustrating at times but extremely rewarding as I watched a young team grow up right on the game floor," Sturdivant said. "With the appropriate preparation during the off season, by the returning players, next year's Wildcats can be even more exciting to watch and much more competitive."

GIRLS

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Schmitts and the rest of the team answered the opening bell really was important because he knew Northville would be pumped up at the start.

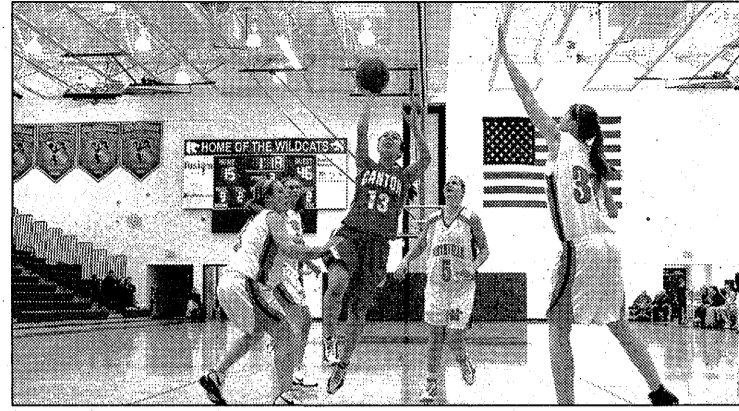
"We wanted to come out those first four minutes and get after them and set the tone and go from there," Samulski said. "We got through it and we move on, live another day."

Canton did open strong, with relentless defensive pressure giving Northville fits — as the Mustangs were forced into turnovers and traveling calls that kept them from mounting much of an attack.

The Chiefs finished off the first up 14 after a trey from the left wing by senior guard Lindsey Winters (seven points) and outscored Northville 14-7 in the second (six points from junior forward Kayla Bridges) for a 34-13 edge.

Samulski liked how much better his team shot free throws, compared to Wednesday's two-point win over Novi. On Friday, Canton sank 15-of-20 free throws in the first half and 24-of-34 for the game.

It was more of the same in the



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton senior guard Yuki Krolicki (No. 13) takes it to the rack during Friday's district-clinching victory over Northville.

third, with Canton's 14-4 stanza turning the game into a bona fide blowout.

Unselfishness and creativity were hallmarks of the third for the Chiefs. With under three minutes left, Kari Schmitt forced one of her four steals and sent a bounce pass to Winters for a sweet layup to open up a 45-15 lead.

Perhaps the play of the night came in the final six seconds of the quarter.

Thanks to hard-working sophomore guard Robyn Mack and senior guard Yuki Krolicki, they moved the ball into Northville's zone and into the hands of Kari

Schmitt — who threaded a pass to Winters for a jumper from the right side of the key at the horn.

That made it 48-17 going into the fourth.

There were a number of contributors to the victory, with Bridges finishing with 13 points and eight rebounds. The Schmitts each tallied four rebounds, while Sara chipped in with three steals.

Northville's top scorer was junior forward Katie Giacomini, with 12 points. She was followed by senior Katherine Jansen (five points).

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Wolfpack 16-Under AAU travel boys basketball team are scheduled from 6:30-to-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 at West Middle School (Ann Arbor Trail near Sheldon Road). For more information, call (313) 570-7819.

Flag football

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Summer NFL Youth Flag Football Registrations (for grades 3-8) now through April 16 at the recreation office Monday-Friday, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. For more information call 734-455-6620. Check out more program and registration information, including Spring Classes which are now open for registration, at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAWS

CLASS A at Novi

Monday, March 8: (A) Salem vs. Canton, 5 p.m.; (B) Novi-Det. Catholic Central vs. Novi, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10: Northville vs. A winner, 5 p.m.; B winner vs. Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 15 at Hartland vs. Milford district champion.)

CLASS D at SALINE-WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Monday, March 8: (A) Washtenaw Christian Academy vs. Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10: (B) Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Ann Arbor-Central Christian Academy, 5 p.m.; A-winner vs. Ypsilanti-Calvary Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 12: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Monday, March 15 at Hillsdale College vs. Litchfield district champion.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL DRAWS

CLASS A at ANN ARBOR PIONEER

Tuesday, March 9: Dexter district winner vs. West Bloomfield Central district winner, 5:30 p.m.; Lakeland district winner vs. Novi district winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at Davison vs. Flushing regional champion.)

at LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Tuesday, March 9: Livonia Ladywood district winner vs. Detroit Central district winner, 6 p.m.; Warren Fitzgerald district winner vs. Detroit King district winner, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 11: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford regional champion.)

CLASS D at WYANDOTTE MT. CARMEL

Tuesday, March 9: Camden-Frontier district winner vs. Saline-Washtenaw Christian Academy district winner, 5 p.m.; Newport-Lutheran South district winner vs. Waldron district winner, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 11: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, March 16 at Jackson vs. Climax-Scotts regional champion.)

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MHSAA FINALS

Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 Division 1 at Holland Aquatic Center, noon.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS MHSAA FINALS

Friday-Saturday, March 12-13 Finals at Rockford H.S., TBA.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, March 11 Plymouth Whalers at Windsor, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 12 Plymouth Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 99.012 TEXT AMENDMENT 006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XX, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 20.2, FOOTNOTE 20(BB)

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Charter Township of Plymouth is hereby amended as follows:

SEC 20.2, Footnote 20(bb) SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS

(bb) The rear yard in a R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S and R-1 Single Family Residential District may be reduced after approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals upon the Zoning Board of Appeals finding that the following specific requirements have been met.

- 1) The single family structure may not extend more than ten (10) feet into the required fifty (50) foot rear yard.

- 2) The rear yard of the residence must back to the rear yard of the adjoining residence and not to a side yard.

- 3) The width of the single family structure extending into the required fifty (50) foot rear yard shall not exceed one hundred (100) percent of the width of the portion of the single family structure which must comply with the fifty (50) foot setback.

- 4) The proposed penetration into the rear yard setback is the only practical location for the proposed addition.

- 5) The completed structure will be consistent and compatible with the other houses in the immediate area in overall size, construction, quality, finish and aesthetic appearance.

- 6) The proposed extension into the rear yard shall not have a substantial negative impact on the open and expected vistas for adjoining properties.

- 7) The rear yard setback otherwise required is not less than fifty (50) feet, on account of a consent judgment or other special exceptions.

- 8) The proposed structure shall comply with all other requirements of this Ordinance.

- 9) The proposed addition shall be restricted to one story only and shall not exceed the height of the single family structure.

Part II SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

Part III REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Part IV SAVINGS CLAUSE. All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

Part V PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause a Notice of Adoption of this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Part VI EFFECTIVE DATE. This Zoning Ordinance text amendment shall be effective seven days after publication.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Community Development Department, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on: February 23, 2010

Joe Bridgman, CMC Township Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE NO. 99.013 TEXT AMENDMENT 007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTIONS: SEC 5.2A, SEC 10.2A, SEC 11.2A, SEC 12.2A, SEC 13.2A, SEC 14.3A, SEC 16.2A, SEC 17.2A, SEC 18.2A and SEC 19.3 PARAGRAPH 8

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Charter Township of Plymouth is hereby amended as follows:

Add the following new sections: SEC 5.2A, SEC 10.2A, SEC 11.2A, SEC 12.2A, SEC 13.2A, SEC 14.3A, SEC 16.2A, SEC 17.2A, and SEC 18.2A.

USES SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED

No building or land shall be used and no building shall be erected for any use which would be in violation of any State or Federal Law.

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points, respectively. Top scorers for PCA were Matt Dodson (9 points) and Mick Noel (8 points).

Roeper really took it to the Eagles from the opening tip, building leads of 13-5 after one quarter and 30-11 after two. The Eagles trailed 45-19 with one frame to go and PCA saved face somewhat with a 16-5 scoring edge in the fourth.

Doyle wasn't down on his team following the matchup, however.

"We were working on things for next week and I was encourage with the energy and overall defensive effort," Doyle said. "This game will help us with final preparation for the post-season."

And that opens up 5 p.m. Wednesday when the Eagles and Ann Arbor Central Academy hook up at Saline Washtenaw Christian in a Class D district opener.

Challenging district

Plymouth, Canton and Salem all will compete at the Novi-hosted district, beginning Monday with the Rocks and Chiefs facing each other at 5 p.m.

Whoever wins that battle of campus rivals will face Northville 5 p.m. Wednesday, followed by Plymouth going up against either Novi-Detroit Catholic Central or Novi in the later game.

"Our district is very competitive with some very good teams," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy, noting that Novi might have the home-court advantage.

"Whatever team can put the best two-to-three games together will have a good chance."

According to Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup, intangibles will probably determine who wins the well-balanced district.

"If you display enough hustle and poise, you could find yourself standing at the end," Soukup said. "For us, we will have to bring tremendous effort for an entire 32 minutes both physically and mentally."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY2010 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On March 24, 2010, at 2 p.m. in the Freedom Room, lower level, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2010 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$28,600; Growth Works, \$6,000; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$8,024; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$2,500; LifeCare Adult Day Services/ (ROC), \$2,000; Canton Township Leisure Services Volunteer Coordination, \$4,000; Affordable Housing Activities (housing rehabilitation), \$105,000; ADA Improvements to Township Buildings, \$63,854,000; Construction Contingency, \$10,500; Program administration, \$70,000; Sheldon School Playscape, \$34,500; Sheldon School Floor Renovation, \$20,000. Not all project proposals are necessarily listed, and not all projects will be approved or funded at the requested amounts. The FY 2010 CDBG allocation is approximately \$357,478. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Mike Sheppard, Financial Analyst, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5225.

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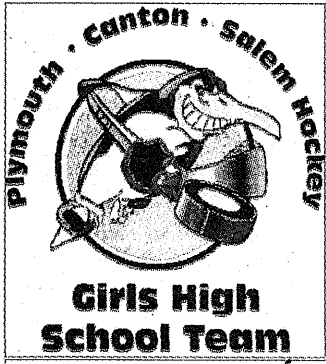
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A150	Danielle Hubbard	Tote, 15 Bags, 15 Boxes
A318	Ronald Parsons	Table Saw, Tools, File Cabinet
A429	Dennis Kimery	Dresser, Mattress, Table
B102	Donald Hickman Jr.	Mattress, Couch, Vacuum
C143	Lindsey Hickman	Computer Monitor, 2 Boxes, Clothes
C139	Ethan Clemons	Bike, Couch, Dresser
C179	Jasmine Curry	Vacuum, Computer, Desk
C182	Laura Anderson	Table, Dresser, 5 Boxes
C194	Tamika Greer	Mattress, Microwave, 5 Totes
D102	Peggy Smith	Headboard, 2 Speakers, Entertainment Center
D113	Ronald Alexander	2 Dressers, Toys, Exercise bike
D114	James Wright	Table saw, Snow blower, Tools
D156	Mike Paulus	Chair, Table, Tote
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Penguins advance to D2 final

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



With a fill-in goaltender stepping into the crease due to an illness and defenseman Shauna Siebert scoring four goals, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins took one more step toward winning the Division 2 girls hockey playoffs.

The Penguins improved to 12-9 with Thursday night's 8-3 victory over Detroit Country Day at St. Clair Shores Arena. That advanced the team into Saturday's D2 finals of the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League playoffs against Port Huron. Results were not available as of press time.

One more victory will move PCS into a single-elimination Division 1 tournament set for next week.

Making the victory over Country Day even sweeter was head coach Mary Beth Johnson called upon forward Ellexus Montoya to play goal due to freshman starter Cortny McAdoo being ill.

Montoya earned the win in her second ever game in net, as her teammates provided plenty of offensive and defensive support.

Siebert paced the attack, but there were many contributors.

Defenseman Jordyn Moore collected a goal and three assists; forwards Mallory Rojo (1 goal, 1 assist) and Jenny Fedon (2 assists) also earned multiple points.

Helping the cause were Rhianna Fleisher and Kara Bongiovanni (1 goal each) and Sarah Coleman, Marissa Sullivan and Becca Majszak (1 assist each).

Meanwhile, Johnson said she expects McAdoo to be ready for Saturday's final.

PCS PENGUINS 8, BLOOMFIELD 0: On Tuesday night at St. Clair Shores, the PCS Penguins romped to a mercy victory over the Bloomfield Knighthawks in the Penguins' D2 playoff opener.

Stopping two shots for the shutout was Cortny McAdoo, but she had the chance to watch quite a show at the other end — with her teammates actually scoring 11 goals (only the first eight goals count in a mercy

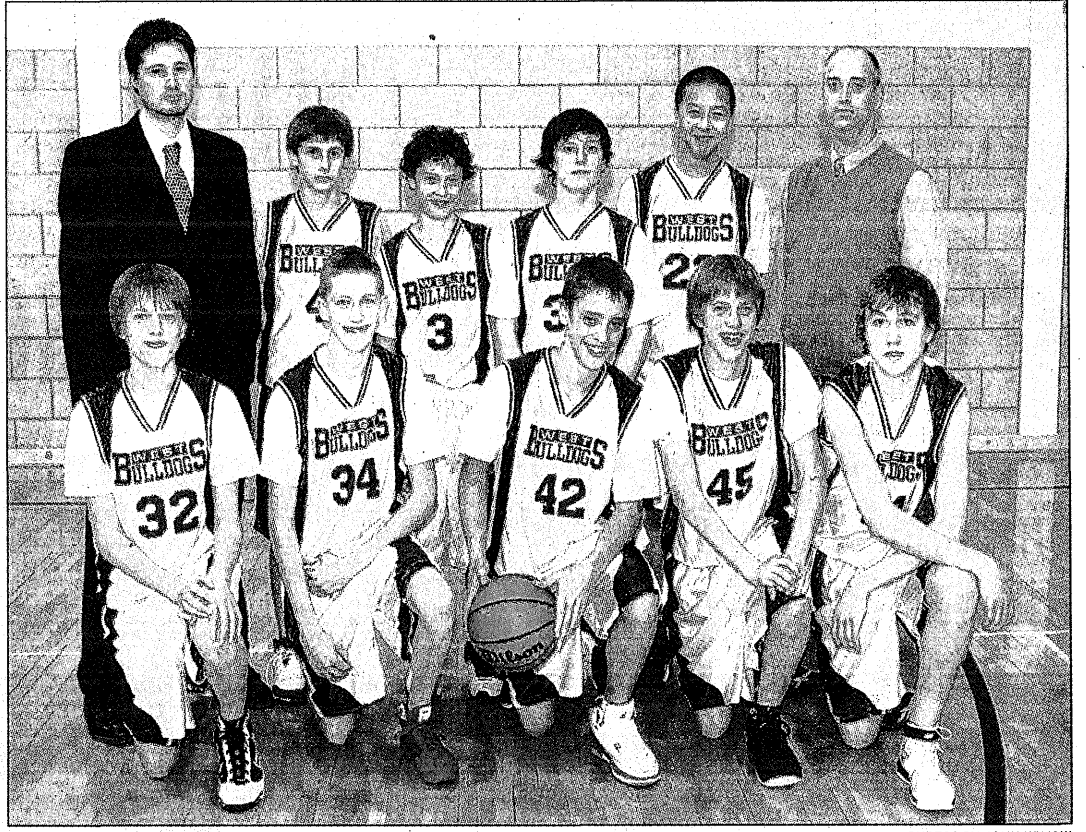
game). The game ended after the second period.

"I thought the girls looked great and I felt like it was a good building block for the rest of the tournament," Johnson said. "The girls were able to work the puck around and work out any nerves or anxiety they may have had heading into playoffs."

PCS built a 4-0 lead after the opening period. Registering two of the first three goals was Moore with Coleman and first-year player Beth Johnson also finding the back of the Knighthawks' net.

In the second frame, the rout continued as Fedon scored an unassisted goal to make it 5-0. Soon thereafter, Coleman scored again, with assists to Siebert and Rojo. Goals 7-8 were tallied by Sullivan (unassisted) and Fedon. The Penguins added three more goals that didn't officially count on the scoreboard. They were unassisted goals by Sullivan and Siebert and a marker by Majszak on an assist from Coleman.

Including all 11 PCS goals, Coleman led the way with two goals and two assists while Siebert chipped in with one goal and three assists. Also with multiple points were Moore, Fedon and Sullivan (each 2 goals) while Rojo assisted on three goals. Other Penguins with points were Johnson (goal), Majszak (goal), Bongiovanni (assist) and Ellexus Montoya (assist).



PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI

West Middle School celebrates a perfect season. The team, co-coached by Bill Wooster and Patrick Foley, includes (in alphabetical order) Ben Arney, Brady Cole, Connor Cole, Andrew Deprez, Josh Dillon, Chris Ferrill, Michael Hoover, Josh Morris and Viet Nguyen.

PERFECT

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five in the district) feeds into specific high schools; eighth-graders can move on to either Canton, Plymouth or Salem. The other middle schools are Central, Discovery and Pioneer.

But he emphasized that having such a competitive league available to middle school students will potentially help the high school varsity programs down the road.

"Three of our best players are going to Salem (the Cole twins and Hoover)," Wooster said. "For them to be able to play together and get the idea of working as a team" is a positive.

So is "thinking through" a basic offensive system and honing their fundamentals, something the coaches harp on.

PLENTY OF SPIRIT

Also doing some harping, but in an enthusiastic manner, is the West student cheering



West's student cheering section, the 'Dog Pound' gives their Bulldogs some love and creative reading material.

section — called the Bulldogs Dog Pound.

In the West-East game, they stood in a corner of the gym wearing white T-shirts and waving placards with handwritten proclamations such as "It's All Over" and "Are You Kidding?"

"The best thing about the 'Dog Pound' is they are learning how to be appropriate," Wooster said. "Sometimes they fail, but that's what middle

school's all about, learning how to behave and how not to.

"... It's been a fun addition though, to show some school spirit and make the game a little more fun."

For Wooster, it's also fun coaching the Bulldogs. "Middle school kids can be a challenge," he said with a weary smile. "But when they work as a team it's just fun to coach."

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Goalie stops 'Cats 'best' year

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's board-rattling Division 1 pre-regional boys hockey game between Plymouth and Livonia Stevenson featured more hard-edged hits than the Rolling Stones.

But perfect goalkeeping and a couple nifty individual offensive efforts proved the difference in a 2-0 Stevenson victory. The reward for the 21-3-2 Spartans: playing state powerhouse Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Novi Ice Arena.

"(Goal scorers) Justin Shureb and Timmy Pruchnik both got the pucks to the net," said Spartans head coach David Mitchell. "And give all the credit in the world to their goaltender, Michael Justus, he stood on his head."

"He stopped almost everything we threw at him and had a great night, but so did our goalie Danny Sager."

Stevenson went up 1-0 with about four minutes left in the first when Shureb collected a bouncing puck at the Spartans' blue line, raced down the ice and cut in on the junior

Plymouth goalie before slipping the puck between the wickets.

Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender said his D-man jumped up at the line to glove the puck, but dropped it. The Stevenson junior forward "found it and took off."

That's how the intense, physical and sometimes nasty (a Stevenson player was whistled for kneeling, a Wildcat drew two minutes for a head shot), game continued during the second stanza.

Stevenson came close to a second goal when Shureb banged a shot off the inside of the post and Justus (24 saves) denied an attempt from junior forward Andrew Palushaj, both with about 10 minutes remaining.

INSURANCE GOAL

The hitting picked up and a subsequent Plymouth penalty led to the power play goal by Pruchnik at 7:59.

Pruchnik stripped the puck from a Wildcat along the goal line in the left corner and spun toward the bottom rim of the circle before sending a backhand inside the far post.

The biggest thorn in the

Wildcats' collective side was Sager, who stopped all 20 shots he faced — including a barrage of five during a string of Plymouth power plays late in the middle frame.

"We had our chances, we had a 5-on-3," said Fassbender, standing in the Eddie Edgar Arena corridor behind his bench. "It's a great hockey team down there (in a nearby locker room). They're so fast, they're big and strong and we couldn't match it."

"But we played our hearts out, we had a great season, the best season in school history for sure."

The Wildcats finished 19-6-1 and earned a share of the KLAS South Division championship with Salem and Livonia Churchill.

During the crucial sequence, Sager flagged down a snap shot by junior forward Ryan Brown and rejected back-to-back bids by sophomore forward Zach Gambrell to protect a slim, 2-0 lead.

"It's all we needed, we needed one and couldn't get it," Fassbender said. "I think if we could have got the one we might have got a little more momentum."

HOCKEY

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"We knew coming into the game that their points were going to shoot the puck," Majszak said. "They have big shooters and they crash the net."

The puck bounced over to Andrews and he banded it into the wide-open cage, with just 2:19 to go in the stanza. That seemed to settle the Falcons.

"This was our first playoff game," Vellucci said. "I think the guys were a little nervous, trying to get their legs going and their feet under them. And we did."

During a four-on-four early in the second period, the Falcons buzzed around Craig trying to extend the lead. But the sophomore held his own, at least for a while.

He turned aside a redirect by senior forward Mitch Hall (one goal, one assist), flung a pad in front of a screen shot from Range and did the splits near the five-minute mark to thwart Range on the doorstep at the left post following a cross-crease feed.

The Chiefs were on the power play with an opportunity to tie the game, with less than nine minutes left in the second. But Canton couldn't click, being called for icing and offsides and finally giving up a costly shorthanded goal at the 7:29 mark.

Hall scored on a sharp-angle shot from the left side of the Canton net, sliding the puck inside the far post. Sending him a pass from the right circle was Massa.

It was 3-0 just four minutes later as Range scored the first of his three consecutive markers. He backhanded a shot under the crossbar, with his linemates assisting.

TURN OF EVENTS

The first shift of the third period nearly put the Chiefs back into the contest. But senior defenseman Kyle Korte hit the right post with his shot from between the circles.

Then Rogers dove to deny junior forward Matt Rodgers on the doorstep.

To make matters worse, the Falcons then went down the ice and scored just 1:10 into the



CHRIS FLECK

One of Farmington's top guns Thursday, Kraig Andrews, looks toward the Canton goal while Chiefs' defenseman Josh Dickson tries to check him.

frame to go up 4-0. That sent Craig (14 saves) to the bench.

Andrews centered the disc to Range who again hit the mark. Senior blueliner Matt Gutknecht started the play.

That's when Majszak put sophomore goalie Ryan Bazner into the game and he stopped eight of 11 shots the rest of the way.

Bazner had no chance on the first goal he gave up, on a Farmington power play with 9:19 left. A blast from the left point by senior defenseman Erik Scott was tipped in front by Range.

The Falcons (18-5-2) added two meaningless goals in the final two minutes. They were netted by junior forward Nick Woods and Andrews.

"Farmington's a good team for a reason," said first-year coach Majszak. "We skated with them for 40 out of the 45 minutes."

"... There's no shame in working hard and leaving it all out there, doing what you're supposed to (but) losing."

Majszak said his team (13-11-2) finished strong and bought into his forecheck-heavy system. Many of the key players will return.

"All those guys, all 18 or 19 of them played really hard and I'm very proud of them," he added. "It was a fun year and a very successful year."

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Get the jump on summer with a visit to Canton Winter Market

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Shop the Canton Winter Market and you're likely to meet the person behind the product you purchase.

You'll find vendors like Dorothy Rehm of Gibraltar, who hand crafts about 3,000 dog treats a week.

And Joe Sansonetti of Holly, will who makes the "flavors of Michigan" come alive in his homemade sauces and mustards.

Scott Robertello will urge you to try the cider made from apples grown at his Kapnick Orchards in Britton.

And honey-seller, Bob Jastrzebski of Canton, will tell you about the 130 bee hives his father, also named Bob, tends throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties.

They and other vendors who were on hand Sunday, Feb. 28, at the historic Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park all sell locally-made foods and attracted more than 400 shoppers to the first of three monthly winter markets.

"There aren't many winter markets for these vendors to showcase their products," said Tina Lloyd, market manager. "We thought it would be a great opportunity with this historic 1800s barn to be able to showcase vendors and offer the opportunity for the community to have locally-



Gary Kuneman from Natural Local Food Express weighs some fish fillets for a customer.



Bob the Bee Guy is Bob Jastrzebski of Canton.

produced food, so they know where it's coming from. "You've got grass-fed meats here, we have healthy foods

and we have some treats, too."

Additional winter markets will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 28 and April 25. The regular market season will start May 9, with vendors selling outdoors and entertainment staged in the barn.

"Our third season was last year. We're a newer market and we're really expanding. When I first started there were 15 vendors out there. Now we have about 30. I'm expecting this season to really pull in the traffic," she said, staying toasty under one of two portable heaters placed inside the barn. "We've got about a dozen today. People are coming and going. It's a winter market, so you're not going to get all the people at one time. They're going to come in, get their stuff and get out because it's cold. I mean,

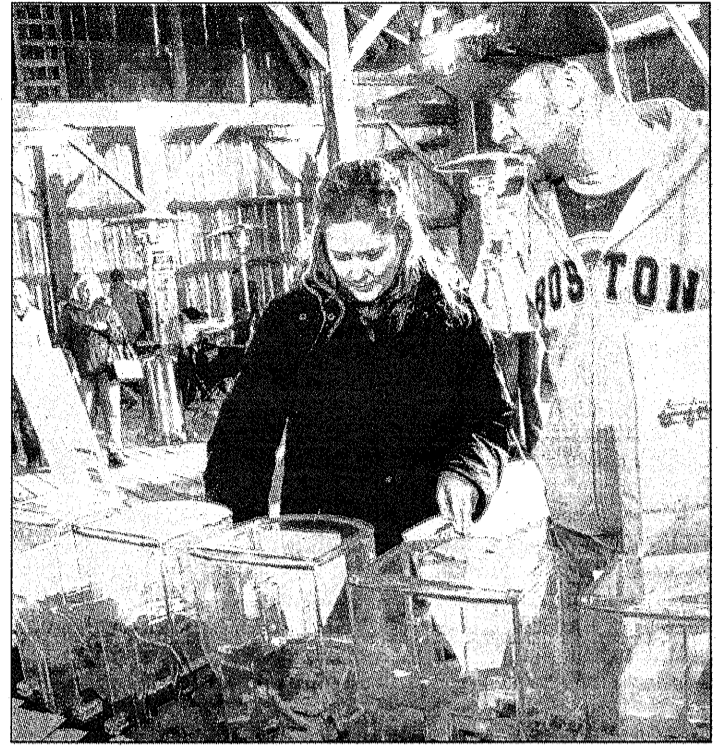
look at the barn, it's ventilated very well."

BROWSING AND BUYING

Shopper Michael Goodsell of Canton was happy the barn included a few heaters and his wife, Cynthia, noted that the couple didn't have to drive "downtown" to Detroit's Eastern Market, one of few year-round indoor farmer's markets in Southeastern Michigan.

About 100 customers, including Jeff and Sue Engle of Canton, walked through the market during its first hour Sunday.

"Supporting the local businesses is a cool idea," said Jeff, as the couple's yellow Lab, Roxie, stretched out at his feet. "It's something to do in the wintertime."



Phil and Cassie Cowles of Canton pick up some doggy treats for their Labrador at home.

"We come in the summer," added Sue. "It's a good place to walk her and we've also seen the dog treats."

HEALTHFUL INGREDIENTS

Rehm, whose business, Sunbears Just Bones is named after her Alaskan Malamute, makes the treats with fresh apples, carrots and sweet potatoes, which she dehydrates and mixes with other ingredients before cutting them into shapes and baking them. Chicken livers and real hot dogs flavor some of her most popular meaty biscuits.

Rehm, 62, started the company in November 2008 after losing her job with Wyandotte City Hall. She sells her creations mostly at farmer's markets.

"The beautiful part about the farmer's market is that I establish a clientele. They come back every week. It's fun. It's very fun," she said. "The most fun is when people tell me how their dog reacted."

She said some dogs follow their nose to her booth. Their owners simply drop the leash when Rehm beckons them.



Livonia resident Michelle Thomas chooses a loaf of bread from Kapnick Orchards at Canton's winter farmer's market.

Canton Winter Market sells eggs, apples, cider, honey, meats, cheeses, sauces, salsa, jerky, summer sausage, fish, pierogi, pasties, coffee, baked goods, dog and bird treats. The Cady Boyer Barn is located at 500 N. Ridge Road. For more information, e-mail Lloyd at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org



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Linda Dugan of Belleville checks out a bird seed ornament from Pam Baril, owner of Cooke Cutter Tweets.

TO MARKET, TO MARKET

Spring, summer and fall markets

- **Farmington:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 8-Nov. 20, in Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park, Grand River Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (258) 473-7276 for more information.
 - **Garden City:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 5 through Oct. 27, at the northeast corner of Ford Road and Middlebelt. Market-related seminars are held at 10:30 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month. Call the Chamber of Commerce for more information, (734) 422-4448.
 - **Livonia:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 19-Oct. 9, at the Wilson Barn, 29350 West Chicago Road. For more information, call Karen Deperro at (734) 261-3602.
 - **Plymouth:** 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, from May to October, at The Gathering across from Kellogg Park, next to the Penn Theatre. Call: (734) 453-1540 for more information.
 - **Redford:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, May to October, at 15145 Beech Daily Road. Call (313) 387-2771 for more information:
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- **Ann Arbor:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, January-April; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, May-December, 315 Detroit street, in the historic Kerrytown District. (734) 794-6255.
 - **Detroit Eastern Market, 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., every Saturday, 2934 Russell; (313) 833-9300.**
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Get ready to laugh

Jan McInnis, "The Work Lady" will bring clean, insightful and original humor to the stage at Angela Hospice's third annual "Laughter Lifts You Up," 5:30-9 p.m., Thursday, March 25, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The event, billed as a "girl's night out," will include dinner, dessert, wine, beer, soda and McInnis' performance.

"Each year we invite a different comedian," said Barb Iovan, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "This year we're excited to have Jan McInnis take the stage. She highlights the funny aspects of life we can all relate to!"

Admission is \$45 per person. Reservations will be accepted through March 19, or until sold out.

Raffle tickets will be on sale that evening as well, offering a chance at three enticing prize packages, worth more than \$1,700 each.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's bereavement programs for those grieving a loss. These services include one-on-one counseling, family counseling, and specialized grief support groups and workshops. All of Angela Hospice's extensive bereavement programs are provided free of charge and are available to everyone in the community, including children, teens, and adults.

For more information on Laughter Lifts You Up, or to reserve a seat, call Iovan at (734) 953-6045. Video clips of comedian Jan McInnis are also available at www.AskForAngela.com.

Parisian Goodwill sale

Donate clean, gently-used clothing and textiles during the semi-annual Goodwill Sale at Parisian stores, and you'll not only get a discount on new merchandise, but you'll help individuals obtain job training

and employment.

The Goodwill Sale runs Wednesday, March 10 through Wednesday, March 24 at Parisian, including stores in Livonia and Rochester Hills. Customers who donate clothing and textiles at Parisian will receive a discount coupon for every item donated. The coupon can be used for 20 percent off apparel, shoes and accessories, and 15 percent off cosmetics, fragrances and home store merchandise. Certain items, including electronics and toys, qualify for a 10 percent discount.

Donations will be sold in Goodwill stores, where the revenues fund job training programs, employment placement services and other community-based services for people with disabilities, those who lack education or job experience and others facing challenges to finding employment.

"Donating items you no

longer need to Goodwill is a simple act of charity anyone can do and directly benefits people in your local communities," stated Jim Gibbons, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries International, in a press release. "Your donations allow Goodwill to provide the job training services that people need to build their careers, be independent and create a positive impact on their communities."

Individuals who pledge their support for Goodwill's mission and register their commitment on the www.millionactsofgoodwill.com Web site, will receive an exclusive 25 percent discount in-store coupon. Those who register on the Web site will also have a chance to play the Spin to Win game and be entered in the \$1,000 cash prize sweepstakes.

Parisian is located at Laurel Park Place, 17625 Newburgh, Livonia.

Treadmill training could help tots walk

Using a treadmill could help infants with prenatal complications or who were injured at birth walk earlier and better, according to a University of Michigan researcher.

Prenatal injuries often can result in self-correcting or fixable neuromotor delays, but sometimes toddlers get a more serious diagnosis, such as cerebral palsy, says Rosa Angulo-Barroso, associate professor of movement science at the U-M School of Kinesiology. Some diagnoses may come much later, or in mild cases, never.

Angulo-Barroso and colleagues followed 15 infants at risk for neuromotor delays for two years and tested their changes in physical activity and treadmill-stepping in

their homes. The infants were assisted using the treadmill by their parents.

The researchers looked at the frequency of steps and also the decrease in toe-walking over the two-year period. For those infants who were still not walking, they followed up by calling families to see if infants were walking by age 3.

They found that kids with neuromotor delays using the treadmill were on the same improving trajectory as normal kids. Of the 15 children, six were diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

"We found that in those with neuromotor delays, the pattern of development through time was parallel (but less) than normal kids," said Angulo-

Barroso, who is also a research associate professor at the U-M Center for Human Growth and Development. "We also found less toe-walking, so foot placement improved."

The study also suggests a critical intervention window. Both children without a diagnosis and kids with cerebral palsy improved the most between 10 months and 18 months.

"We are putting words of caution here," Angulo-Barroso said. "This is a feasibility study only and the results show it seems viable to do treadmill intervention."

A feasibility study merely shows that it warrants more work to see how much treadmill intervention helps.

However, Angulo-Barroso stresses that in the meantime, parents should take other interventions seriously.

"Early interventions are really, really critical, so at this point I wouldn't tell them to go find a treadmill, but I would say make sure you get a good physical therapist and work with the physical therapist to see if your kids would be a good candidate for that kind of (treadmill) intervention," said Angulo-Barroso, who noted that the next study is a randomized sample of children to see how they respond to a formal treadmill intervention.

For more on Angulo-Barroso: www.kines.umich.edu/faculty/full-time/angulo.html

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MARCH 7-10

Antioch Preschool

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March 7

Location: Corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road, Farmington Hills
Details: Open house
Contact: Sharon Detter at (248) 626-7906, Ext. 28, or e-mail to antiochpreschool@sbcglobal.net

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 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

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 annual Lenten Mass
Contact: Kathy M. (734) 513-9479

Little Lambs Christian Preschool

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 13
Location: 8500 N. Morton Taylor, just south of Joy, Canton
Details: Open house with opportunity to visit the facility, meet the staff and learn about the program, which includes hands-on Bible curriculum, "Handwriting Without Tears," and other social and academic programs for children, age 3-5.

Contact: (734) 434-7792 or visit www.pbcplymouth.org/littlelambs

St. Aidan

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., light dinner (must RSVP by March 8) and 6 p.m. program
Location: 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Janene Ternes, commissioned spiritual director and founder of Prayer in Motion LLC., will present "A Lenten Evening of Reflection - Praying with Body, Mind and Spirit: Continually Renewing Our Faith." She'll share her inspirational story and lead participants in a variety of prayer experiences using music, movement, scripture of the season, and guided meditation. Basic movements, which can be done by anyone, regardless of experience or physical limitation, will be taught.

Contact: To register or for more information call (734) 425-5950

St. John Church

Time/Date: 3-5 p.m., Saturday, March 13
Location: 23225 Gill Road, near downtown Farmington
Details: "Re-Imagining the Word of God in Drama & Storytelling" workshop for middle and high school students. Led by award-winning actor Hunter Barnes (visit markhisword.org). Cost is \$5

Contact: Eric Stenson at the church office at (248) 474-0584

St. Joseph Parish

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, March

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

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

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Monday, March 15
Location: 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia
Details: The career team at this career resource workshop works one-on-one with job-hunters to help build a network of contacts, evaluate skills and potential markets, and provide honest feedback and encouragement. There is no charge for this workshop

Contact: (734) 422-6038

St. Thomas a Becket

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m., March 14-17
Location: 555 S. Lilley, at Cherry Hill, Canton
Details: Dynamic Parish Lenten Mission with Passionist priest, the Rev. Melvin Shorter; "A Divided Heart is the Heart of the Problem"

Contact: (734) 981-1333

Temple Beth El

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 14
Location: 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

St. Matthews United Methodist Church

Time/Date: Early bird admission at 8:30 a.m., regular admission 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 20
Location: 30900 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia.
Details: Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples offers more than 35 tables of infant and children's clothing at its Spring Clothing Sale, as well as large items such as furniture, strollers, car seats, and toys; bake sale and refreshments available; early admission \$2, regular hours admission, \$1

Contact: (734) 422-6038 is the church's phone number

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 24
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, the Rev. Charles White will share the story of his conversion from the Baptist faith to Catholicism.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or see the parish Web site at www.livoniastmichael.org.

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

Faith Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., March 21
Location: 30000 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by J.S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, Sergei Rachmaninoff, John Rutter and more; tickets are \$10 and \$7 and are available at the door or in advance

Contact: (248) 988-6715; www.detroitlutheransingers.com

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

Livonia Church of Christ

Time/Date: 9-11:30 a.m.
Location: 1531 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Senior Caregiver Solutions Expo is designed for those caring for aging loved ones as well as those who are approaching the time when they may need care. The free expo will include a special presentation entitled "Planning from a legal perspective for yourself or an aging parent" from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Vendors will be on site to answer all your questions about home care, elder law, financial planning/estate planning, construction (home modifications) and medical equipment

Contact: (734) 427-8743

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 26
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band of Lutheran High School South, St. Louis, Mo.; free will donation will be accepted

Contact: (734) 522-6830, Ext. 103

South Lyon Church of Christ

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., March 21
Location: 21860 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon
Details: Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus will perform

Contact: (248) 437-3585 or southlyoncoc@hotmail.com

St. Robert Bellarmine

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Sunday, March 21
Location: Southeast corner of Inkster and West Chicago Roads, Redford
Details: St. Robert Bellarmine Choir presents "The Seven Last Words

of Christ," a sacred cantata by Theodore DuBois; free admission
Contact: (313) 937-1500

ONGOING

AWANA

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

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Breakfast

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, third Sunday each month, October through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth, in Livonia
Details: The Ushers' Club presents an "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast served in the school cafeteria and featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, 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

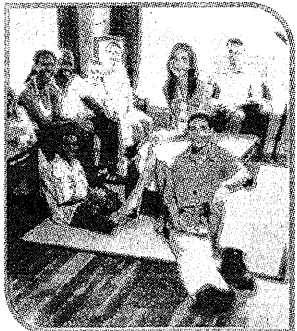
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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.

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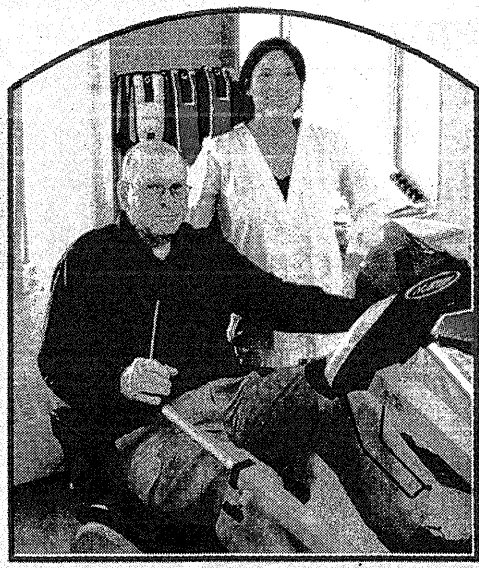
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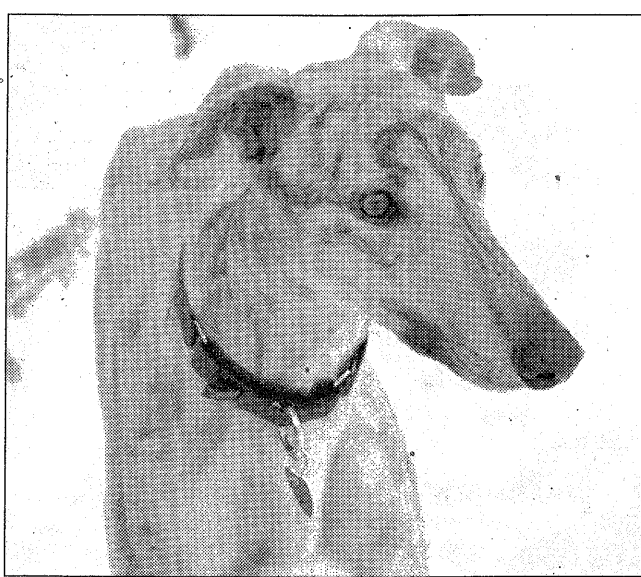
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REUNION CALENDAR

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

Dearborn Heights Haston High Class of 1965

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

Detroit Cooley High School Class of 1960

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

Detroit Mackenzie Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Class of 1960

50th reunion will be held Oct. 16 at The Marriott in Livonia. For more information contact: Tim Yarde at (248) 573-7147 or Russ and Judy (Mackinder) Sarns at (734) 464-7166

Detroit Pershing Class of 1960

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

Farmington High School Class of 1970

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

Garden City High School Class of 1960

Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the

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

Garden City East Class of 1964

Picnic, Aug. 21, in Garden City Park. For more information e-mail Karen Berry at karber@comcast.net or Teri Friedman at sweet1t2001@yahoo.com

Garden City West Class of 1970

40th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland. Dinner and DJ included for \$50 per person. Classmates from the classes of 1968-1972 also invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Conn at (734) 788-5254.

Oak Park High School Class of 1980

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

Redford Union Class of 1960

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

Warren Fitzgerald Class of 1974

35-year reunion, 6 a.m.-midnight, March 20, at Crank's Enchantment Banquet Center, 46915 Hayes, at 21 Mile, in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30. Call Louise DeLuca at (248) 496-8916 or Lisa Zientek, (586) 291-7998.

Westland John Glenn Class of 1985

25 Year Reunion, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 25 at Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person before Aug 1. Includes appetizers and entertainment. Mail payment to JGHS Class of 1985, P.O. Box 871023, Canton, MI 48187 or contact Tracy Dunsmore at tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or (734) 748-8904 for more information.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Cactus & Succulents

Michigan Cactus & Succulent Society will hold a discussion and workshop on raising cactus and succulents from seed 1 p.m., Sunday, March 14, at U. of M's Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. For more information call (248) 790-9089 or e-mail to CuzenLouie37@yahoo.com

At English Gardens

•Learn everything you need to keep your lawn green this summer at a free in-store presentation, "The Grass Can Be Greener," 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Butterflies

Chad Hughson, owner of Hidden Savanna Nurseries, will explain how to attract butterflies to your yard using the right plants, during the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. \$3.00 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

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To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org. They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: January 19, February 23, March 9 & 23, April 20, May 11 & 25, June 22

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY



Rocco and Jimmie Oliverio on their wedding day in 1950



Rocco and Jimmie Oliverio of Livonia

Rocco and Jamilla "Jimmie" (Oirathy) Oliverio of Livonia celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Feb. 11 with a family dinner party at Antonio's in Canton.

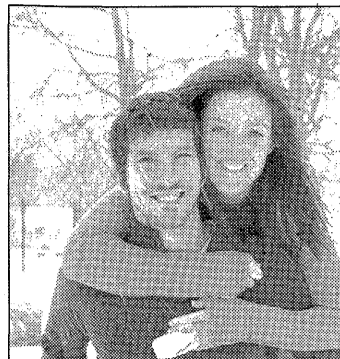
The couple wed in 1950 at Christ the King Catholic Church, in Detroit.

Rocco retired in 1988 from J.L. Hudson's after 42 years. Jimmie worked as a registered nurse at Mount Carmel and Grace Hospitals.

They are members of the Italian American Club of Livonia, where they've enjoyed

making new friends. Jimmie also volunteers at Angela Hospice and enjoys bowling and golf. Together they like to travel and spend time with their five children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Their children are Diane (Paul) Barrett, Patricia Gregory, Jim Oliverio, Nancy (Sam) Burroughs, and Linda Oliverio.



Gray-Horgan

SEPTEMBER WEDDING PLANNED

Clancy Gray and Jeremy Horgan announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gary and Peggy Gray of Livonia, graduated from Franklin High School in 2003 and earned a bachelor's degree in child development at Western Michigan University. She works as a certified child life specialist at Mott Children's Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Pat Horgan of Livonia, graduated from Franklin High School in 2003 and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University. He works as a powertrain engineer at General Motors.

A September 2010 wedding is planned at The Inn at St. Johns in Plymouth.

Locals reveal their best beauty secrets

Several photos and quotes were incorrect in Thursday's Hometown Life Woman. Following are the correct photos and tips from local residents. We regret the error.

Spring is a season of renewal, and there's no better time to refresh your beauty routine. For inspiration, we asked several hometown women to share their beauty tips and tricks:

"My favorite beauty product is Lancome Artliner. When I was younger my mom always used a liquid eye liner and I said I would NEVER use one. Now that I use Artliner, I love it. If I want a thin natural look or a thick, more dramatic look, I can do it. It dries quickly and lasts all day."

Jill Engel, Canton
Special Event Coordinator, Parisian
Laurel Park, Livonia



"I think Larenim Mineral Silk is a must have. It has no starch added, which feeds acne bacteria. I love it because really it makes me look like I just got microdermabrasion. My skin's appearance seems to glow and look smooth and my makeup blends more evenly and naturally."

Shannon Adams Faut,
Farmington Hills
Vice President, Zerbo's Health
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Sandusky-Seese

AUGUST 2011 WEDDING PLANNED

Elizabeth Marie (Beth) Sandusky and Steven Ray Seese announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of James and Karen Sandusky of Canton, is employed by University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor as a clinical research coordinator for organ transplants.

Her fiancé, son of Ronald and Phyllis Seese of Redford, is employed by Success Mortgage Partners as a mortgage broker/IT support.

An August 2011 wedding is planned.



"My favorite beauty trick is lining the inside of my eye with a light blue/teal kohl liner. It brightens the eye, makes the white look whiter and really makes your eye pop. You'll get tons of compliments on it every time."

April Robichaud, Canton
Store Director, Sephora Twelve
Oaks, Novi

"Like many maturing ladies, my hair is getting finer and thinner. People love my curly hairstyle, but Velcro rollers don't. To avoid the damage and breakage, I looked back to the past; now I set my hair in fat pin curls on good, fashioned clippies!"

Barbara Davies, Plymouth
Manager, The UPS Store,
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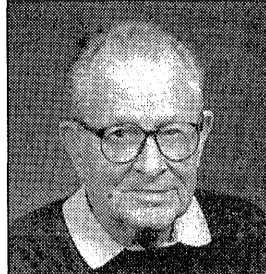


"I love Oil of Olay or as I call it 'Oil of Delay.' We all need to keep a sense of humor - I don't mind having smile lines for wrinkles."

Kitty Ostach, Farmington Hills
Youth Program Coordinator,
Farmington Hills

Compiled by Wensdy Von Buskirk, a freelance writer, who loves to spritz on perfume throughout the day for an indulgent pick-me-up. Right now she is obsessed with Chanel No. 5 Eau Premiere and Aquolina Pink Sugar.

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March 1, 2010 Age 91 Beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Barbara Green, Nancy Zylstra (Andrew) and the late Carolyn. Grandfather of Kristin Brenner (Jim), Lee Zylstra and Brian Zylstra (Toya). Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held March 7th at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. Family suggests memorial tributes to the church. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



RINA M. DOBSON
Resident of Canton Twp. Born: August 8, 1936. Passed: February 26, 2010. Share a Memorial Tribute online at griffinfuneralhome.com



GUNTER ESSER

Age 74, of Canton MI. On the morning of February 28, 2010, Gunter Esser followed the rise of the sun into the heavens to live with the Lord. Surrounded by family, he passed peacefully at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, MI. The family would like to send their thanks to the staff of Floor 10 for all their help and understanding during this difficult time. Gunter was preceded in death by both his parents and stepson Robert. He is survived by his wife, Marian; children Donald (Cindy), Marsha (Bob), Angelika, Debbie (Alan), Henry, Charles (Diana); his grandchildren Ross (Jane), Amber, Katherine, Keila, Blake (Heather), Lauren, William (Courtney), Christine, Bobby, Jenna, Chelsea, Ricky, Benjamin, and Triston; and his great grandchildren Kaylie, Alex, Emma, Olivia, Elijah, and Natalya. He is also survived by his sister Marita (Joe) and their family in Germany. He is survived by his "family" at Alex's Diner, along with many other extended friends and family. Gunter's family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and condolences; he will surely be missed.

HENRY F. HALL

May 17, 1919 - February 26, 2010. Born in Blaine, KY. Resided in Novi, MI. Share a Memorial Tribute at griffinfuneralhome.com

DAVID HENRY

Of Sparta Tennessee formerly of Plymouth Michigan passed away at his home, February 19, 2010. He is survived by his two sons Tony (Deborah) Henry, of Fowlerville, Michigan, & Larry (Susan) Henry of Novi Michigan, five granddaughters Katie, Christy, Caroline, Kirsten & Lauren Henry and one sister Judy Henry of Cloudcroft, New Mexico. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary (Greenlee) Henry, his father Ernest L. Henry, three sons Terry, Tim & Davey Henry. David retired after 22 yrs in the U.S. Air force as a Sr. Master Sergeant. After retirement he moved back to Plymouth Michigan and started Olde Village Upholstery when he retired a second time in 1984, before moving to Tennessee. He leaves behind many friends. He will be sorely missed.

LEON CHARLES LUDORF

Age 71, of Plymouth, MI, passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2009. He is survived by his brother Richard Ludorf and sister Kathy Marie Rogers of Flint, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents Genevieve and Leon L. Ludorf; and sister Louise O'Connor. Leon was a U.S. military veteran, honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps. During his long career as a Respiratory Therapist, Leon was a department director and editor of the State Professional Journal. He volunteered his time and talents as a therapist and photographer at Camp Onko Benek - a summer camp for children and young adults with Cystic Fibrosis. Leon was also a past volunteer docent at The Detroit Zoo. Leon was a talented artist well know for his fine wood-carving, sculpting, drawing and photography. His favorite subjects, people and animals, were prominently featured in his art. Leon enjoyed introducing the crafts of woodcarving and woodburning to visitors at the annual Michigan State Fair, and was a avid antique collector. He also had a special love for horses and dogs, especially his Welsh Terrier companions, Joia and Mickey. No public services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (www.cff.org) or to Welsh Terrier Rescue (WTCares, 164 N. Forrest Ave., Camden, TN 38320). Arrangements by the Cremation Society of Michigan (313) 839-4100

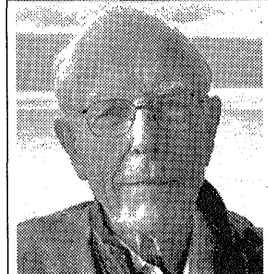
BOWERS-SOCHACKI

Carolyn Bowers and Brad Sochacki announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mark and Mary Ann Bowers of Livonia, is a graduate of Stevenson High School in 2002, Aquinas College in 2006, and Madonna University in 2009. She teaches in Ann Arbor Public Schools.

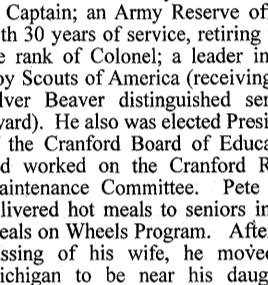
Her fiancé, son of Rick and Pam Sochacki of Gladwin, is a graduate of Gladwin High School in 2000 and Lake Superior State University in 2004. He is an engineer at Applied Manufacturing Technologies.

A June wedding is planned at St. Colette Church.



CARTER EVERETT (PETE) PORTER

Born in Chicago, IL, September 11, 1922 Carter Everett (Pete) Porter graduated from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in 1943 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, with Distinction. He served in the U.S. Army in France from 1944 to 1946 with the 81st Field Artillery Battalion in Luxembourg and France. After the war, he returned to Chicago, joined the Army Reserve as a Captain, and married his life's love, Catherine Agnes (Kay) Collins, an Army nurse whom he met in Aix-en-Provence, France. They moved to Cranford, New Jersey where he accepted a position as a chemical engineer at Standard Oil of New Jersey (1946-1982). Over the years their family grew to five children, Catherine, Sharon, James, Thomas and Virginia. Pete spent his entire career with Standard Oil (now ExxonMobil), with responsibilities for chemical research/development (8 patents) and petro-chemical plant construction. When not engaged with his job at Standard Oil, Pete dedicated his home life as: an Elder, Trustee and Treasurer in the Presbyterian Church in Cranford, NJ; a 49 year career with the Cranford Auxiliary Police retiring as Captain; an Army Reserve officer with 30 years of service, retiring with the rank of Colonel; a leader in the Boy Scouts of America (receiving the Silver Beaver distinguished service award). He also was elected President of the Cranford Board of Education and worked on the Cranford River Maintenance Committee. Pete also delivered hot meals to seniors in the Meals on Wheels Program. After the passing of his wife, he moved to Michigan to be near his daughter, Catherine, and remained an active resident at Independence Village in Plymouth until his passing. Pete is the son of Howard Curtis Porter and Dorothy Jane Everett. Throughout his life he was a kind and nurturing father and loving husband. His wife Catherine passed away in 2001. He is survived by three daughters, Catherine Philbert of Northville, MI, Sharon Morfit of Oakton, VA, and Virginia Graboski of Omaha, NE, two sons, James of Escondido, CA and Thomas of Fairfax, VA, ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, Michigan, is in charge of arrangements. On-line guestbook, www.schrader-howell.com (current obituaries). Pete will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, VA, with full military honors on April 28th, alongside his wife Catherine. Funeral services will precede the interment at Arlington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cardiovascular Center at the University of Michigan, http://www.med.umich.edu/cvc/about/gift.html (gifts in memory of), or (888) 518-7888.



ALBERT TEMPLE

of Livonia, Michigan. 12-12-29 to 03/04/2010. Age 80. Survived by loving wife of 58 years Doris Temple. Children: Elizabeth Hoffman, Shelly Vernier, Jerry Gerken. Son in Laws William Vernier and Thomas Gerken. Grandchildren: Ryan and Thomas Hoffman Robert, Emily and John Vernier. Great Grand Child: Hendrix Hoffman. "Celebration of Life Memorial" March 15th, 6:00pm. Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan 48188

GEORGE EDWARD ZIMMERMAN JR.

Age 66, of Seminole Fl, formerly of Redford, MI, passed away on February 24, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Erika, daughters, Michelle Herbst (Jerry) and Christine Walters (Gary), grandchildren, Erin, Douglas and Emily, sisters, Joan Kurtysz (Ray), Gladys Kunch (Mike), Shirley Zimmerman, brother, Ronald (Peggy), sisters-in-law, Leta Zimmerman and Marlise Zimmerman, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents George Sr. and Mary, brothers, Richard and Ralph. A Memorial service is planned for a later date to be announced in June. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, The Dreamers Redford Relay for Life Team. For further information please visit: www.veteransfuneralcare.com

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MARCH

St. Mary Mercy

• Gayle Young, Sleep Center coordinator at St. Mary Mercy's Sleep Disorders Center, will speak at a presentation on sleep problems, 7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, in the hospital auditorium. She will discuss sleep apnea and treatment, insomnia, good sleep hygiene as well as how sleep problems can affect your overall health. She'll have CPAP machines and supplies on hand. This is a St. Mary Mercy Hospital Diabetes Support Group presentation, but the program is open to the public. A new topic is presented on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. Call Community Outreach at (734) 655-8950 for more information.

• "Parenting with Love and Logic" for parents with elementary age children, 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in Classrooms 1 & 2. The program uses a common sense approach, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. The fee is \$10 per person, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information or to register. Or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Evening of Hope

Leukemia, Research, Life (LRL) presents its Evening of Hope fundraiser 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 13, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tickets prices start at \$85, includes dinner, dancing, auction. Call (313) 884-0931 or visit www.lrlinc.org. The evening raises money for pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital of Michigan and honors Dr. Jeffrey Taub.

Hydrocephalus Association

Dr. Steven Ham, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan is the guest speaker at a support group meeting, 6:20-8:30 p.m., Friday, March 19, at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 23455 Novi Road, Novi. RSVP to Jennifer Bechard by Friday March 12 at (734) 890-2665 or e-mail to p-jenniferb@hydroassoc.org

Teens and drugs

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti, offers a two-part program, "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," 7:30-9 p.m., March 9. This second of two sessions will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. It will include a recovering teen speaker. The programs are free and open to the public. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided. (734) 973-7892, e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com or visit <http://www.teensusingdrugs.org>.

Balance your hormones

Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, presents a workshop on A Holistic Approach to Balancing Your Hormones Naturally, 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. This workshop will educate the audience about natural alternatives to address problems related to hormone imbalances and menopause. Limited to 15 guests. Reservations required. Call (734) 756-6904.

APRIL

St. Mary Mercy

"HeartSaver" Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class (CPR), 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with

the American Heart Association. Learn CPR and choking techniques for children and adults. To register, call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950, or register online at stmarymercy.org.

Dawn Farm

• Ed Conlin, addiction counselor for Detroit Capuchin Service System, will present, "Spirituality and Recovery from Addiction," 7:30-9 p.m., April 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium (ground floor,) 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. This program will describe how spirituality relates to recovery from chemical dependency, explore personal spiritual needs and life choices, and discuss the Twelve Steps as a spiritual program which can benefit anyone.

• Dr. Patrick Gibbons, adjunct clinical instructor in psychiatry at the University of Michigan will discuss "Psychiatric Disorders in Chemically Dependent Individuals: Diagnostic and Treatment Considerations" at 7:30 p.m. April 27, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. The program will provide an overview of co-occurring addiction and psychiatric illness, including standard diagnostic criteria, individual considerations for determining the appropriate course of treatment, available treatment interventions, and the perspectives of both the addict and the treatment provider on addiction. Admission to the programs are free. A certificate to document attendance can be provided on request. The series is organized by Dawn Farm, a non-profit organization that provides a continuum of programs for treatment of chemical dependency. (734) 485-8725.

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Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.oa.org.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

Meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 2055 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy at (734) 462-1768.

Award honors compassionate cancer survivor

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is accepting nominations for the Patricia Milner Sachs Heart of a Survivor Award.

The award is named in honor of Patricia Milner Sachs, a former Karmanos employee who continued to help cancer survivors as she fought her own 11-year battle with melanoma, which ended in June of 2006. Through her dedication to the Karmanos Cancer Institute and its Department of Community Education, Sachs developed several community programs including Survivorship University, a program to help survivors and their caregivers navigate through the complexities of cancer survivorship; "N'Siah," a support group designed to help cancer patients on their journey using spirituality as a foundation and support; and S.H.I.E.L.D., a sun safety and skin cancer awareness program for children and adults.

Nominations are open to all cancer survivors, even those who have been nominated in the past. Judging will be based on nominees who demonstrate compassion, commitment and dedication to helping other cancer survivors through education and awareness-building, a commitment to cancer advocacy, and by showing courage in their own battle with cancer while helping other cancer survivors thrive.

Most of all, Sachs is remembered for her courage and fighting spirit, as well as her passion for helping others in their fight against cancer.


Nominations are due Friday, April 16. The award winner and nominees will be recognized at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Survivorship Celebration honoring cancer survivors, on June 17, in Southfield.

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For a nomination form call Shaa-Ista Wilcox at (313) 576-9282. Nominations should be typed or printed. E-mail nominations to simmonss@karmanos.org or fax to (313) 576-9285.

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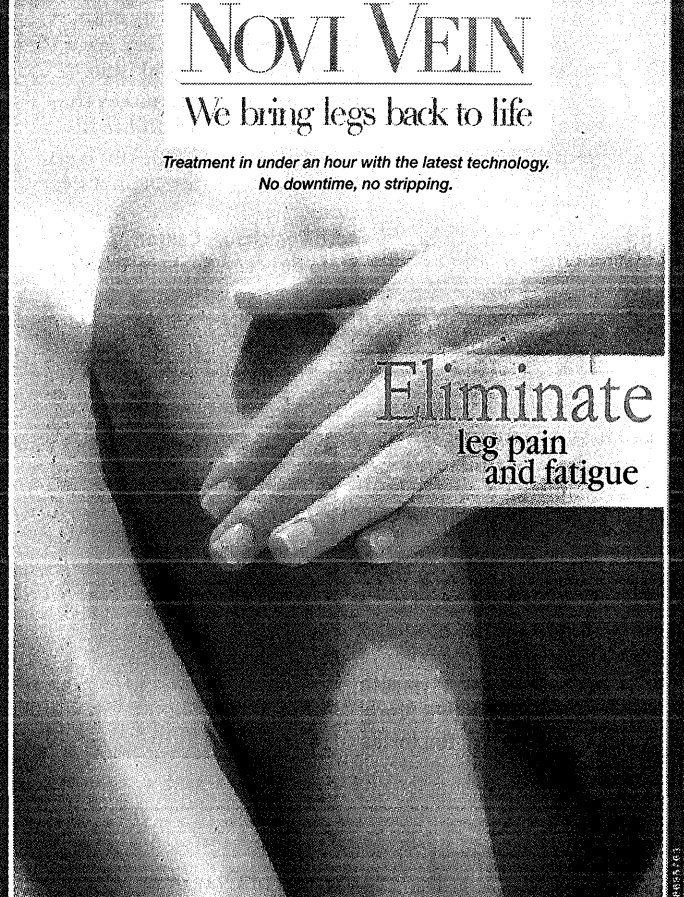
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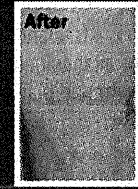
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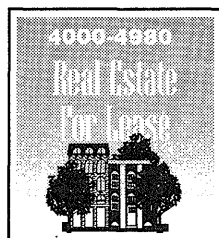
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