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Stage struck

Barefoot Productions lights up the second half of its season with "Black Comedy," written by Tony-awarding playwright Peter Shaffer, Feb. 11-27 on weekends. Friday-Saturday performances are 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinee performances Feb. 20 and Feb. 27.

Set in London 1969, "Black Comedy" tells the story of Brindsley Miller, a struggling bohemian artist who desperately tries to impress his fiancée's father by "borrowing" his neighbor Harold's posh furniture to glamorize his own shabby flat. Chaos and pratfalls ensue when an unexpected power failure jeopardizes all of Brindsley's plans.

"We know how much our patrons love comedies and, true to Barefoot form, we wanted to deliver on that expectation by choosing a classic British farce," said Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of Barefoot Productions. "The show is very reminiscent of the comic delivery and timing of the "Dick Van Dyke Show," a live situation comedy that builds into zany and outrageous mishaps, one greater than the next."

All performances are held at Barefoot Productions' Theatre (formerly the Walker-Buzenberg Building), 240 N. Main in Plymouth. Tickets are \$16 for general admission and \$14 for students/seniors. For tickets or more information, visit www.justgobarefoot.com or call (734) 560-1493.

Green and glam

Green and Glamorous Upscale Resale Boutique hosts a "Renew You" event to benefit First Step, the women's shelter for domestic violence.

The event is set for 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the boutique, located at 42847 Ford Road (two doors down from Outback Steakhouse) in Canton. In-store specials will be available during extended store hours, 7:30-9 p.m. Among the benefits to visitors: mini-massages, aromatherapy, tips on relaxation, refreshments and access to motivational speakers and stylists.

Reservations are recommended, and there's a \$5 donation. For more information, visit the boutique's website at www.greenandglamboutique.com or call (734) 404-6117.

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Tell us in 200 words or less your favorite or most memorable love story and we'll share it with readers in an upcoming issue. Include a photo of yourself. You'll also be in the running to win dinner for two or movie tickets.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1. Include your name, city of residence, telephone number and e-mail address and send to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Make sure the photo is attached as a jpg. Or mail submissions to Dargay at the Observer, 615 W. Lafayette, Level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

Shooting prompts security review



The main lobby of the Plymouth Township Police Department is a wide-open counter.

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox said city officials were already talking about additional security measures to make City Hall safer for the employees who work there and the citizens who visit.

And that was before the shooting last weekend at a Detroit Police Department precinct that left four people wounded.

Cox said the discussion was prompted by the sudden outburst of gun-related violence across the nation lately, including the assassination attempt

on Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and an incident where a man opened fire at a Florida school board meeting.

"We started to focus on security a couple of weeks ago," Cox said. "We started talking not just about the police department, but all of city hall. The counter where the clerk and treasurer are, the city manager's office — those are all pretty open. We're going to tighten up a little bit."

In City Hall, the counter for the police department is actually a window in the door, where the top half of the door is on hinges so it can swing open. The counter in the main lobby is

wide open, with no glass or other protection. Cox said the city will look at various options, though nothing as serious as enclosing the counter in glass.

In an effort to better protect employees, Cox said, additional training could help.

"I don't see us going the way of bulletproof glass or anything like that, but there are things you can do," Cox said. "A lot of it has to do with training. Our police officers are trained for it, but those other people aren't. It's a matter of teaching them, 'Where do you go? What do you

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Sparkling success



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kellogg Park (above) was full of ice, carvers, and visitors to the 29th annual Plymouth Ice Festival last weekend. Four-year-old Yohnathan Rappoport (top) watches ice carvers in Kellogg Park. Yohnathan's family is in the United States for two years. His dad, Tal Rappoport, said they're from Haifa, Israel, where the winter's cold temperatures are about 60 degrees.

Planners cite 'huge, huge success' of ice festival

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite a projected budget shortfall, city officials and organizers of the Plymouth Ice Festival are carving another notch in their list of successes.

The 29th annual ice festival, with sculptures and activities spread over a wider

Ice Festival proposal, A8.

area, interactive events around downtown Plymouth and newer features like the "fire and ice" sculpture and the Dueling Chainsaws competition, drew thousands of people to the city over the weekend.

"Huge, huge success," said Sam Walton, whose Signature

Professional Group produced the nonprofit show. "Everybody had just an amazing time. We had a great crowd. The weather obviously cooperated this year."

Walton estimated this year's festival brought about 125,000 people to Plymouth.

"There were a lot of people in town," said Steve Alexandrowski, vice president of the ice festival board. "The sculptures looked great and the other events were a big draw."

Those interactive extras included live music Saturday and Sunday, on both Forest and Penniman; a petting farm and pony rides for children; a scavenger hunt; a snow hill on Ann Arbor Trail; and winter sports demonstrations by personnel from Sun & Snow, the sporting goods store. The Dueling Chainsaws, in its second year, was also popular; the crowd's favorite carver was Martin Folk.

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Canton resident Joe Dear is a member of the U-M Ice Carving Team. Behind him is team member and Joe's fiance Amanda Yu. She lives in Plymouth.

Local grocers support Snyder's item-pricing plan

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Grocers in Canton and Plymouth support an end to a Michigan law that forces retailers to put price stickers on almost every item they sell, saying the change proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder would trim costs and usher in savings for consumers.

"I'm delighted to see we've got politicians who are starting to get practical," said John Pardington, who owns Holiday Market on Lilley south of Cherry Hill in Canton.

But shoppers appear divided over the proposal,

and some said the state's strict item-pricing law helps ensure they aren't paying inflated prices at the cash register.

Though some skeptics fear the change would lead to employee layoffs, Pardington said he could divert workers from tedious pricing to more productive work such as keeping shelves better stocked, cleaning the store more often and improving product displays.

"My goal is not to cut staff. My employees are like my family," he said, adding later, "There's not a chance in a

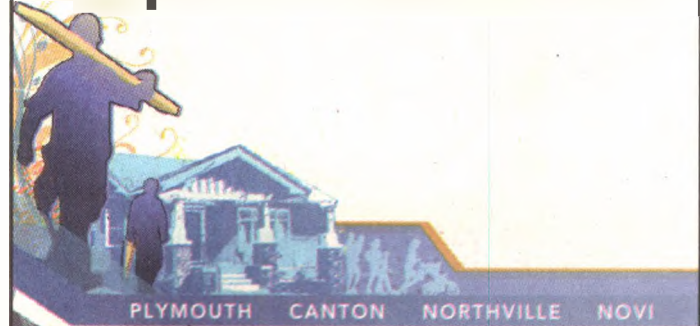
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Vicky Schembri is a regular shopper at Holiday Market.

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Hope 4 Healing Hearts hosts special program

The correctional ministries director for the Eastern Michigan Division and social services case-worker for the Salvation Army will be the guest speaker at a program hosted by Hope 4 Healing Hearts Inc.

Envoy Johnson will speak about "Missing Loved Ones and Surviving Holidays" Monday, Feb. 14. The presentation will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 366660 Cherry Hill, west of Wayne Road, Westland.

The program is open to the public and is designed for anyone who has lost a loved one to the prison system.

Johnson earned his associate's degree in theology from the Assemblies of God Bible College in England. He currently is a member of the American Correctional Association, American Protestant Chaplains Association and Chaplains Advisory Council for the State of Michigan. He also is the director of Camp Discovery, a camp for chil-

dren ages 8-12 who have at least one parent who is incarcerated.

Johnson has been with the Correctional Ministries of the Salvation Army and for 10 years with 10 state prisons, two federal prisons and two transitional houses in Cheboygan. He recently developed and is now teaching Life Skills, a program designed to prepare inmates who are within six-12 months of release so they can transition back into society.

Hope 4 Healing Hearts provides a safe environment for group support through education, financial information, emotional guidance and spiritual assistance and allow families who are victim to shame, embarrassment and pain because of a loved one in prison, an opportunity to heal.

The group meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of the month at Kirk of Our Savior Church. For more information, call Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by e-mail at bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com.

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

OLGC open house

As a kick-off to National Catholic Schools week, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School has invited area families to join students and staff for a special open house celebration.

The school open house takes place 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choirs, quiz bowl, and art and science areas. Tours of the school and registration information will be available. Registrations for the 2011/12 school year are due Feb. 10. The open house is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (734) 453-3053.

Talent show

Band students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park have planned a variety talent show for the local community on Friday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 5, at Salem High School on Joy Road in Canton. "Variety Is..." begins at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens.

Children five and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The "Variety Is..." event is a two-night talent show comprised of musicians, comedians, dancers, singers, and musical groups. Each performance group or soloist must audition for the Variety Is... organizers. The students organize the annual event as part of their concert band curriculum led by director of bands, David Armbruster, with assistance from Sheldon Frazier, associate director of bands. Senior band students have led the student committee volunteers to publicize, audition, and organize the acts as they prepare for the two-night show.

The Music Boosters will kickoff the 2011 fund-raising campaign at "Variety Is..." to help defray the cost of sending over 200 students to New York City in November for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The public is encouraged to attend.

New students who wish to participate in the 2011 marching season and travel to New York City to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in November can receive a free ticket to "Variety Is..." by e-mailing Frazier at Sheldon.frazier@pccsmail.net. New member information meetings for the 2011 marching season are scheduled for

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Lease option

Kenneth Brune (left) of Northville earned the \$7,500 check in the Holiday Cash Giveaway contest that ran at Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth from Dec. 9 through Jan. 3. General Manager Jason Scott drew the winner Jan. 4. The first 250 customers who purchased or leased a new or pre-owned vehicle from Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram were eligible for the drawing. Brune took delivery of his 2010 Chrysler 300 from Mousa Faraj Dec. 29.

Tuesday, Feb. 15; Wednesday, March 16; Tuesday, April 5; or Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the band room in Plymouth High School. New members and parents only need to attend one of the four sessions.

For more information, visit www.pcmb.net.

Open house

Plymouth Christian Preschool and Plymouth Christian Academy will host an open house for prospective families 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Parents can meet the teachers, explore the curriculum, and tour the facilities. Check the website at www.plymouthchristian.org for more information on academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton, between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

Sagear scholarship

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

Club officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship.

The award is named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio. To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/>

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Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with its annual awarding of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship.

To download an application, go to: <http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/2011Damarisaward.pdf>

Museumania benefit

The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual auction and benefit dinner, "Museumania," will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m.

The evening includes a live auction and raffle, with items available for viewing when the doors open. Auction and raffle items include a commemorative Daisy BB Gun, wine, antiques, jewelry, gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants, gift baskets and much more.

Following the live auction, diners will be treated to the talk "Those Damned Black Hat Boys": A Short History of the 24th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War, with John Gibney. Gibney is the director of the Monroe County Historical Museum. Period dress (Civil War era) is encouraged, but not required.

Tickets are \$60 per person if purchased by Jan. 26 and \$70 per person after that date, so get your tickets now. Ticket price includes the talk, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, plated gourmet dinner & dessert, and the opportunity to bid on the live auction & raffle. Tickets are being sold at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, and on the Museum's website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Scholarships available

Community Financial Credit Union, in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Plymouth (CFP) and the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), will be awarding 11 scholarships worth \$1,000 each in April.

Applications can only be made online by going to <http://scholarships.egrant.org>, creating an account and logging in. Follow the instructions carefully and read the guidelines for the "Community Financial Margaret Dunning and George Lawton Scholarships." Those who qualify can complete just one application to be considered for both scholarships.

One of the eligibility requirements is that the scholarship applicant must have had an account at Community Financial for at least six months. An application, transcripts and two letters of recommendation must be submitted online, and four copies of this information must be mailed to Community Financial, attention: Debbie Dunbar, 500 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 and received by March 4.



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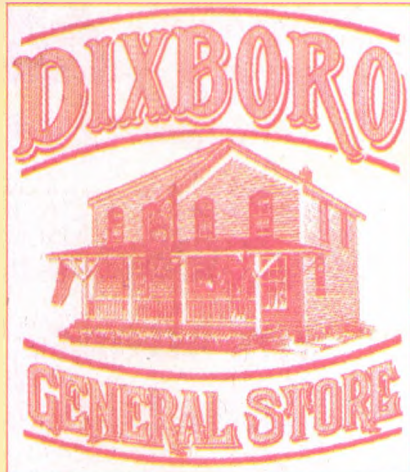
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Sea salts individually priced. Gov. Rick Snyder's proposal would make individual price stickers a thing of the past in Michigan.

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million years I would look at this as a way to cut labor."

Pardington said revenue is the sole driving force that prompts him to adjust his workforce — employees work more hours when profits are up, but their schedules can be trimmed amid a downturn. Still, he conceded some large chains might view an end to item pricing as a way to cut workers.

Retailers say placing one price tag along a shelf rather than putting stickers on every item still would let consumers know what they're paying, but Holiday Market shopper Vicky Schembri of Canton opposes the change because she likes to match individually priced items with her store receipt after she brings her groceries home.

"I like to see the price on the items," she said.

Garrit Winters, manager of Busch's Fresh Food Market on Sheldon in Plymouth, said an end to item pricing could help consumers save money because retailers would spend less on supplies such as price stickers and marking guns.

"I actually think it's an excellent idea," Winters said. "It would mean a reduction in cost that could be passed on in savings to customers."

Winters, like Pardington, said he doesn't perceive the proposed law change as a way to trim his workforce.

"We have no intention of laying anyone off because of the item-pricing act," he said. "We always want to take care of our customers, no matter what."

In 2006, Walmart paid the state of Michigan \$780,000 to settle a claim that the giant chain had failed — repeatedly — to follow the item-pricing law in its stores. Snyder, in his State of the State address last week, called the nation's strictest item-pricing law "bad for business and bad for

consumers."

Retailers say they aren't trying to pick the pockets of consumers by supporting an end to item pricing. Winters said it's simply an antiquated system that is wasteful and needs abolishing.

"It would get a monkey off our back," he said. "I could put my employees in other areas of the store such as the deli or the dairy or up front toward the service departments."

Winters said he believes Snyder "is heading in the right direction" by proposing the change.

Over at Holiday Market, regular customer Joe Garrett, 84, said he supports an end to item pricing.

"I think it's a good idea. It saves money," Garrett said. "We can look on the shelf to see the price."

Nearby, shopper Heidi Rautiola paused with 16-month-old daughter Cierra when asked for her thoughts on an end to price stickers on

all items.

"I think it does make sense for businesses, but for the customers we rely on them," Rautiola said. "Every business has things they have to budget for. I think we should keep it."

Snyder, meanwhile, will be working with a Republican-controlled Legislature that some say could be receptive to repealing a law that dates back to the 1970s, though some groups fear changing the law could have a chilling effect on workers.

Past attempts to strike down item pricing have failed, raising questions about whether Snyder's proposal will succeed or fail.

Regardless of the outcome, Pardington lauded Snyder for his proposal — so much so, he said, "I would invite Gov. Snyder to Holiday Market for a cup of coffee."

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'Stronger than ever' chamber poised to take on bigger role

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Throwing away his prepared script, Wes Graff greeted Plymouth area business leaders with an energetic pep talk Wednesday morning.

Graff, the executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, referenced a new cooperative spirit in state and regional politics as he challenged his audience to step outside old alliances — and past old barriers — and work together to improve the community.

"That's the theme right now in the state of Michigan. Our new governor has talked about that," Graff told an audience of more than 100 people gathered at The Inn at St. John's for the annual state of the chamber speech. "We are at a pivotal point in this state, a pivotal point in this area."

The chamber, Graff said, has weathered a couple of difficult years, changed with the times and emerged "stronger than ever" both financially and as an organization. Membership is up to 660, Graff said, and a professional marketing drive in the last six months alone has recruited 140 new members, said Linda Siegrist, president of the chamber's board of directors.

That new energy, Graff said, should be put to use boosting the community.

"We have a chance to give back as an organization. We are in a position to do more of that than we've ever done," Graff said. He credited a board of directors that, he said, has been willing to adjust to economic realities.

Graff listed a number of the chamber's 2010 successes and projects for 2011,

including:

- A big push into social networking, including the launch last year of a chamber of commerce channel on the video Web site YouTube.

- Plans to publish a chamber membership directory, which serves as a guide to areas businesses, every year instead of every other year, as had been done.

- A major role for the chamber in this summer's Concours d'Elegance, a show of rare and classic cars that's being planned for The Inn at St. John's. Chamber personnel will be at the Inn, during Concours weekend, to provide information to visitors, who travel from around the country.

- A redoubled effort to better fund the chamber's student-citizen scholarships, awarded each year to five seniors from local high schools. Graff described the scholarship winners as future leaders, and said the scholarships, which are based on community service, not academic performance, should be part of an effort to retain the talents and energy of the area's young people.

Graff's challenge rung true for David Crumb of Plymouth Township, the director of sales for ClearChannel Communications, which has seven radio stations in the Detroit area. Greater cooperation, even among sometimes-competitors, is something that's being looked at even in his industry as a way to "raise the bar for all of us," he said.

"It's a risk that you have to take," Crumb said.

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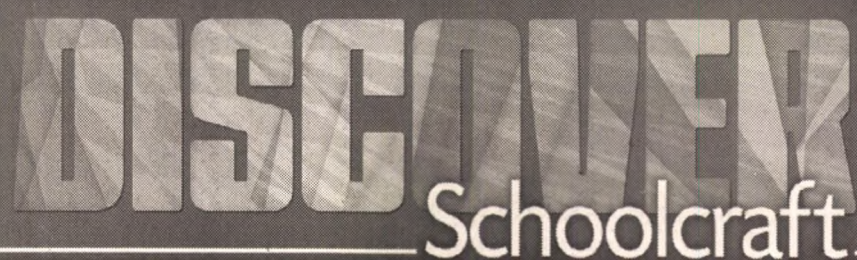
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Hockey fans' vehicles burglarized at arena

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three vehicles were broken into Friday evening during a Plymouth Whalers hockey game at Compuware Arena, police report.

An in-dash navigation and radio system was reported stolen from each vehicle, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. A window on each vehicle had been broken, police said.

All three vehicles — a Jeep Grand Cherokee, a Chevrolet Suburban and a Chrysler Town & Country — were parked near each other.

The victims had all been attending the Ontario Hockey League game in which the Whalers lost to the Brampton Battalion, 3-2.

Trailer break-in

A trailer hitch and several

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ratcheting tie-down mechanisms were reported stolen Sunday from an enclosed trailer parked behind a business on Joy Road in the township.

The break-in occurred between Jan. 6 and about noon Sunday, the complainant told police. Police said a padlock had been broken off the trailer.

Fuel theft

An estimated 250 gallons of diesel fuel were reported Jan. 14 stolen from two trucks parked at a business on Port Street in the township.

The theft occurred at Power Process Piping, police said, between 5 p.m. on Jan. 13 and about 7 a.m. the next morning.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community

Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan. 19-25:

- Tuesday, Jan. 25 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on B Drive, on Beck, on Joy Road, on Burroughs, on Hunt Club, on Plymouth Way, on Joy Road west of Haggerty and on Newporte.

- Monday, Jan. 24 — Vehicle accidents on westbound M-14 east of Beck, on Northville Road, on westbound M-14 at Sheldon, on westbound west of Sheldon and on eastbound M-14 at Beck; industrial rescue runs on Commerce Center Drive and on Sheldon; mutual-aid-given rescue on Cherry Hill; downed wires on Blanche east of Harvey; residential rescue runs on Heritage, on McKinley and on Simpson.

- Sunday, Jan. 23 — Residential rescue runs on B Drive, on Northview and on Ann Arbor Trail; rescue run

on N. Territorial; investigation on S. Mill.

- Friday, Jan. 21 — Residential rescue runs on Newporte, on Sheridan, on Northville Road, on Knollview, on Cherry, on Hilltop, on Woodgate and on Inbrook; rescue run at a public building on Beck; commercial rescue run on Haggerty; special run at Beck and N. Territorial; rescue run on Harvey.

- Thursday, Jan. 20 — Rescue runs on Eastside, on Clemons, on Joy, on Sheridan, on Sutherland, on Baywood, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Junction.

- Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Vehicle fire on northbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road; vehicle accident at Haggerty and Ann Arbor Trail; residential rescue runs on Elmhurst, on Northville Road and on Plymouth Road; dumpster fire on Haggerty.

Lion won't face charges in Ironwood incident

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police and prosecutors have closed their investigation into a 22-year-old woman's complaint that she was molested by a Detroit Lions player at the Ironwood Grill in Plymouth on Jan. 3.

No criminal charges will be filed, with Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's

office citing insufficient evidence, said Lt. Jamie Grabowski, a Plymouth detective. The decision was announced Tuesday afternoon.

The complaint stemmed from the woman's accusation that a Lions player had "inappropriate contact" with her at the Ironwood during a holiday party there on the night of Jan. 3, police said.

The party was for Ironwood

employees, but about 10 Lions players and staffers had been admitted, Grabowski said. Several of the Lions are known to employees at the Ironwood, he said.

The player in question, who was cooperative, denied the allegation, Grabowski said. Both police and the complainant's attorney, Michael Jaafar, have said the allegation did not amount to rape.

Jaafar has said he intends to file a lawsuit against the player whether or not the player is charged. He could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

Police would not confirm whether the complainant was an Ironwood employee. They also never identified the Lions player.

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The entrance to the Plymouth Township Police Department is open during regular business hours, though visitors must be buzzed in after-hours.

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do? I think that can take care of a lot of it."

Cox shares one opinion with Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington: There's little to be done to stop an unbalanced person determined to kill police officers.

Tiderington's police department is also a wide open counter, though most of the department is behind locked doors. There is a grate that can be dropped from the ceiling, and visitors must be buzzed in after-hours.

Tiderington said no protective measures can bring about complete safety.

"If someone is intent on

shooting police officers, what's to stop them from walking around to the back where the officers are?" he said. "I don't know that you can prevent a crazed gunman intent on killing."

Providing security measures can't overshadow the job — serving the public — getting done, Tiderington said. The shooting of Giffords in Tucson is a perfect example, he said.

"We could have our public officials stop meeting with the public," Tiderington said. "Are you displacing the shooting or preventing it? You have to be able to interact with the public ... (facilities) are as safe as you can reasonably make them and still conduct day-to-day business. You have to be practical."

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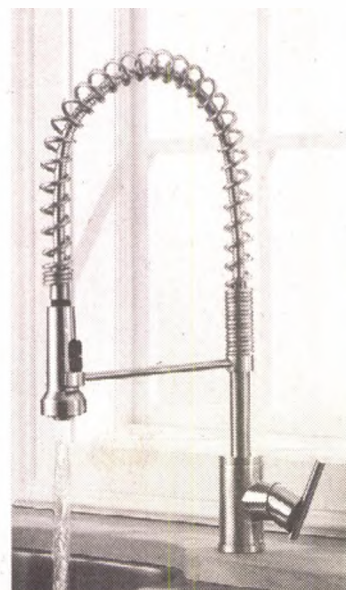
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FESTIVAL

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"It's remarkable what these carvers can do in 10 minutes with a block of ice," Walton said.

Alexandrowski said the interactive events are important if the ice festival is to stay fresh.

"I think the ice has to be the primary part of the festival, but the other attractions are also very important to making this a family friendly event," he said.

Walton said the "fire and ice sculpture," with a torch that was lit as the festival formally got under way, also turned out to be quite popular, casting its light among the other sculptures in Kellogg Park. The 12-foot sculpture had a torch, with about a 10-foot flame, that burned for over an hour, he said. The piece was by Aaron Costic, a professional carver from Broadview Heights, Ohio.

"It's going to become an annual thing," Walton said. "I think we've hit on something special here."

Finances were off a bit, said Walton, who had set a fund-raising goal of \$85,000. He hadn't finished collections Wednesday, but Walton esti-



Sometimes it takes a team to create ice art. Steve Kempner, Gay Donaldson and Adam Curry fuse part of the head on Kempner's snow leopard sculpture. They are members of the Oakland Community College Ice Carving Team. Kempner is from Royal Oak, Donaldson is from Ferndale, and Curry is from Clarkston.

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mated the total will be about 10 percent off.

"Obviously it's a little disappointing, especially when sponsors cancel at the last

minute," he said.

Signature's fee is 25 percent of what's collected, and Walton's company is the last to be paid, meaning the fee is

lower if fund-raising is off.

Alexandrowski said the economic climate for such events remains tough, with the disappearance of some of the big



Adam Dingens hits the ramp on the Otsego Resort's snowboard hill. He is a member of the Michigan Snowboard Club.

corporate sponsors that used to routinely hand out \$20,000 checks. "It remains a very difficult environment to get large donations," he said.

Walton, who produced his first ice festival last year under a one-year contract, recently renewed that contract for another four years, through the 2014 festival.

City Manager Paul Sincok said there were no major problems on the city's end, and that downtown streets were closed to vehicular traffic during the

festival's peak, because of the crowds, both Saturday and Sunday.

The top three winners in Saturday's individual collegiate carving competition were Aaron Whitten of Oakland Community College, and Jeff Lao and Shannon Carey, both of Henry Ford Community College.

The top three winners in Sunday's collegiate team carving competition were Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College and the University of Michigan.

Foundation kicks off annuity initiative

The Canton Community Foundation has kicked off a charitable gift annuity program to allow philanthropic individuals and families to leave a legacy to their favorite charitable cause.

"No other community foundation in the country is offering this kind of giving vehicle without requiring that the residual proceeds return to the foundation," said Joan Noricks, foundation president.

A charitable gift annuity allows a donor to leave a legacy, while receiving lifetime income and a significant charitable tax deduction, Noricks said.

The foundation offers the charitable gift annuity (CGA)

program to individuals, nonprofit organizations and professional financial advisors, estate planners and attorneys whose clients may benefit.

The foundation unveiled the program at its inaugural quarterly Lunch & Learn educational and networking program earlier this month.

The CGA program allows nonprofits to create a long-term planned giving program that can help ensure the organization's future financial health. A charitable gift annuity allows the organization's donors to support their favorite charity beyond their lifetimes.

Canton resident Bee Friedlander, managing director of the Ann Arbor-based

charitable Animals and Society Institute, is one of the first to take advantage of the foundation's program.

"The Canton Community Foundation's charitable gift program couldn't have come at a better time for the Animals and Society Institute," Friedlander said. "This year we are ramping up our planned giving efforts, and thanks to the community foundation, we are now able to offer our donors charitable gift annuities as an option. For a small nonprofit, this is a big deal."

A charitable gift annuity is a contract in which a charity agrees to pay a fixed sum of money for a period of time —

whether for one or two people, such as a married couple — in return for a transfer of cash or other property to the charity.

"This is one of the easiest ways for donors and nonprofits to have a win-win," Noricks said. "As we have talked to different nonprofits, they want to be involved with a planned giving program, but don't have the technical financial expertise. Our foundation board determined it is important that we make our local nonprofits sustainable."

For more information about the Canton Community Foundation, visit its Web site at www.cantonfoundation.org, call (734) 495-1200 or send an e-mail to info@cantonfoundation.org.

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IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elle and Charles Dale opened Genuine Toy Co. on Forest Avenue, in downtown Plymouth.

Genuine Toy has fun for everyone

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

Genuine Toy: We are a toy store although the image many people will think of when hearing that is off the mark a bit. We are not Toys R Us, Target, or Wal-Mart wanna-be's nor are we a baby boutique. We believe that we have one of the best selections of games, science kits, craft kits, and puzzles of anyone in the area. Of course we offer lots of traditional and retro toys and some wacky, fun stuff too just because it makes people smile or even laugh out loud.

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

Genuine Toy: A "perfect storm" of sorts consisting of both good and bad things occurred in our personal and professional lives that left us at a crossroads. We both worked in areas totally unrelated to retail but share a passion for, and this is a technical term, "fun stuff." We enjoy playing games, building and creating things, and love fun toys and whimsical 'doo-dads'. We decided that if we could do anything we wanted, it would be to open a toy store. We counted up our savings and made a leap of faith at the chance to do what we wanted to do in life to the best of our abilities and with all of our hearts.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Genuine Toy: We chose to open our business in downtown Plymouth for the same reason that we decided to live here; to connect with and be a part of a vibrant community. Plymouth is unique in the area for its downtown shopping experience, great restaurants, year-round events, and so much more that is hard to easily capture. We felt that for our store concept to work, we had to locate in a place that drew people in for so many reasons and in some many ways.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

GENUINE TOY CO.

Business name: Genuine Toy Co.

Business address: 550 Forest, Plymouth

Your name and title: Charles and Elle Dare, owners

Your Hometown: Plymouth

Business opened: Aug. 3, 2009

Number of employees: 7 part-time employees, 2 full-time employees and extra help during holidays

Your business specialty: Toys of all kinds, games, puzzles, craft and science kits, and fun stuff

Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Business phone | website: (734) 414-9500 | www.GenuineToyCo.com

Genuine Toy: Personality. We are not a hardware store with toys instead of tools on our shelves. We are fun, bright, and unexpected. We intentionally carry different things than almost anyone else and carefully pick the product areas that we feel we can do better than anyone else. We also had no background in toys or in retail and we did not do as most do, try to emulate a successful competitor.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Genuine Toy: Genuine Toy Co. was created entirely from scratch although we tried to think of everything. What we have done is gradually but constantly look at the money spent in our store as our customers voting for their favorite products and product areas. We are here to provide what people want to buy to the extent that we can do so competitively. Product areas that are getting more votes are gradually winning more of our shelf space so our product mix and specific offerings are what has changed the most and is what will always keep changing so that things stay fresh and interesting.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit or anecdote to relate?

Genuine Toy: There are lots of funny stories we have accumulated so far but here is a good one. A little girl came in with her father and found a coin bank that she really wanted. When she told her father how much she wanted the coin bank, her father said

that if it was something that she really wanted that she should save up her money to get it. To this the little girl replied, "but Daddy, what am I going to save my money in?"

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Genuine Toy: We are new to this business so have nothing to think back upon as the 'good old days' when the economy was healthier and the difference between making it or not did not have quite so narrow a margin of error. In some ways, we believe that gives us an advantage. Starting out with little room for error means that we are continuously scrutinizing every detail of the business no matter how small; we have a constant finger on the pulse. We did not start out with bloated costs nor stale ideas and inventory. If and when economic conditions improve, we believe that the efficient operation we have tried to create will continue to serve us well; keeping things in line when times are good may be the harder challenge.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Genuine Toy: You have to stand out in some manner and come up with something that is hard to copy. We consider inspiration and creativity one of our competitive strengths for example. Be prepared to work harder than ever however and have the unshakable confidence and conviction to do something bold but unconventional.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Charity cocktails

Grape Expectations hosts a charity cocktail party and silent auction Thursday, Jan. 27.

Information can be found at http://www.solanamassage.com/Kaelians_5th_Event or on Facebook under Kaelian's Charity Birthday Cake and Cocktails Party.

Grape Expectations is located at 555 Forest in Plymouth. For details, call (734) 455-WINE (9463).

Business news

A roundup of things happening around Plymouth, courtesy the folks at the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

- Sweet Afton Tea Room on Forest Ave. is hosting a special four-week series of computer classes for seniors Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 7 and March 14 from 9-10:30 a.m. Learn to set up an e-mail address; download pictures, coupons and other items of interest; stay connected with friends via Instant Messaging; and how to find and use Web sites of interest to you.

The cost is \$20 per class and includes tea and cookies. Classes taught by the experts at Forest Computer Solutions.

- Happy Hour Weekends at Core Sport Pilates Fitness Studio. The first weekend of every month Core Sport offers half-off all drop-in rates for

all groups. That's \$10 for a Penniman class and \$19 for a Main St. class. More classes and times have been added. Check their website at corestudio.com.

Metro Dance registration

Registration for winter dance classes is now open at Metro Dance Company in Plymouth. Classes available for kids, teens and adults. Adult classes include Beginning Ballet, Intermediate Ballet, Hip Hop Cardio, Tap, Beginning Ballroom, Yoga and Pilates. Register anytime online at www.MetroDanceCompany.com or by phone during office hours at (734) 207-8970.

Credit union wins literacy award

Community Financial Credit Union received the Alphonse Desjardins Award in honor of their leadership role in supporting youth financial literacy through their student-run credit union program.

Administered by Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), the award honors Desjardins a credit union pioneer of youth savings programs.

Angie Hall, a representative from the MCUL, made the presentation to Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator, and Bill Lawton, Community

Financial CEO.

"We are very fortunate to have credit unions like Community Financial working in partnership with local schools to provide a hands-on way to help teach young people important money management skills," Hall said.

The award presentation was held at the Canton Charter Academy, one of Community Financial's newest school partners. Community Financial's Board Chairman Al Berrie said, "The experience that these students receive through our student-run credit union teaches them the value of fiscal responsibility and helps prepare them for the future."

McLaughlin said, "We are thrilled to be providing our program to both the elementary and middle school students at CCA, and it was wonderful that they could help us celebrate this special recognition."

Community Financial operates a total of 35 student-run credit unions, provides classroom presentations to over 12,000 students annually, and offers no cost seminars on a variety of topics geared to assisting people with the challenges in managing credit and debt.

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



(Back center left to right), MCUL representative Angie Hall presents the Alphonse Desjardins Award to Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial's senior education partnership coordinator; Bill Lawton, Community Financial's CEO and Community Financial's Board Chairman Al Berrie. Taking part in the presentation held at the Canton Charter Academy is the (back far right) Jim Markey, Dean of CCA's Middle School and student volunteers from the student-run credit union program sponsored by Community Financial.



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2011 PLYMOUTH ICE FESTIVAL

Love on ice

Festival perfect spot for wedding proposal

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ty Sasena of Plymouth had been searching for a memorable way to propose to his girlfriend, Amber Nogiec of Riverview. They've been together more than four years, and Sasena wanted to make the moment special.

Luckily for Sasena, the 2011 Plymouth Ice Festival provided just the backdrop.

That thought occurred to Sasena Wednesday night, just a few days before the festival was to open. The problem, as he saw it, was the timing.

"I'd been ring shopping for the past

few weeks and trying to think of the best way," Sasena said. "I had the idea to do it (Saturday) but I thought it might be too late to have anyone make (the sculpture)."

He needn't have worried. The following day, Sasena visited local ice-sculpting world champion Tajana Raukar's Ice Dreams and ordered the sculpture. The sculpture was delivered to the Sasena Ann Arbor Trail home, just six doors down from downtown Plymouth, on Saturday, hidden where Nogiec couldn't see it.

While Sasena took Nogiec down the street to visit the festival, his family set scene, moving the sculpture to the front yard. On their way home, Sasena texted

his mother that they were on their way. As the couple approached the house, his mother, Lori Sasena, flipped the switch on a spotlight, bathing the sculpture in light.

Sasena dropped to a knee and popped the question.

"My parents set it all up, and switched the light on when we got there," Sasena said. "She just screamed, she was shocked."

"He proposed on one knee, and she just screamed," Lori Sasena said. "It was so sweet!"

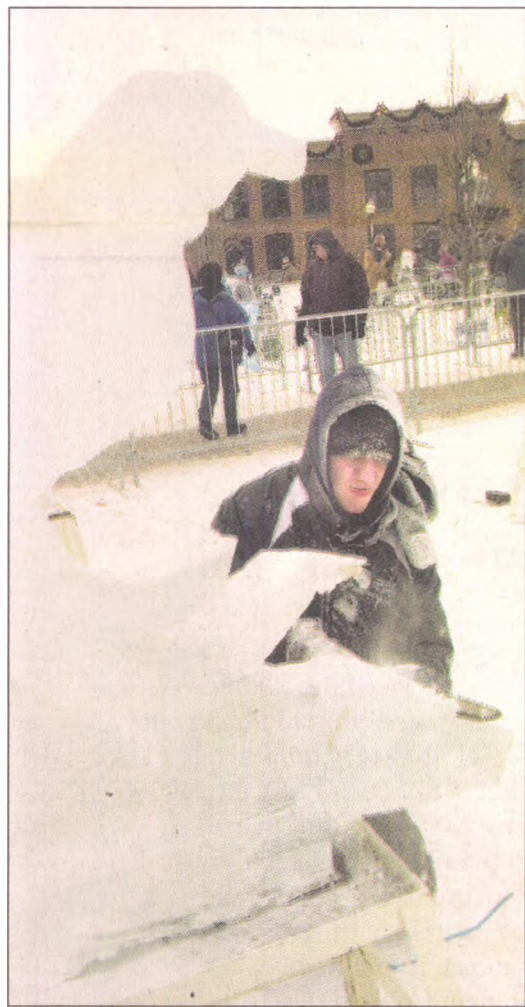
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Ty Sasena of Plymouth used the Plymouth Ice Festival as the romantic backdrop for his wedding proposal to longtime girlfriend Amber Nogiec of Riverview.



Cindy Folden and William Johnson traveled from their Melvindale home to see Plymouth Ice Festival sculptures in Kellogg Park.



Oakland Community College ice carver Adam Curry, who lives in Clarkston, battles the ice and the elements during the Plymouth Ice Festival.



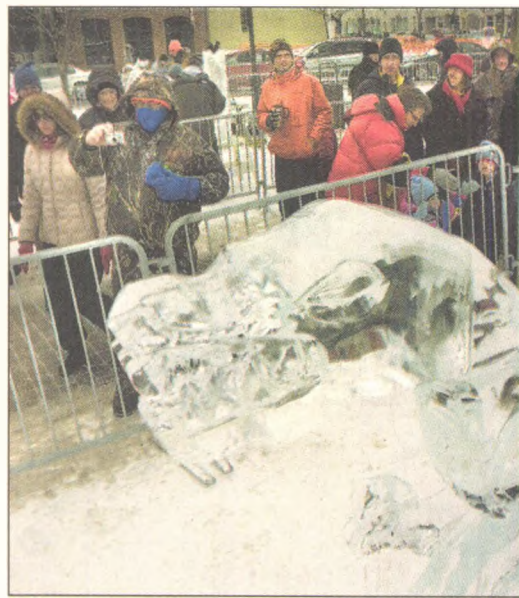
Local carving legend Ted Wakar of Canton works on a Forest Avenue sculpture.



Steve Pavlochak and 7-year-old Gracie Donahee are a couple of chilly penguins, posing for a photo taken by Gracie's mom, Karin Donahee.



Chris Canas, Doug Wolgat, Harry Rodman and Phil Ryski (not pictured) are the Bluescasters, and their smokin' blues warmed up a chilly Penniman Avenue.



A Tyrannosaurus keeps an eye on the ice festival crowd.



Chris Kurtz carves an angel fish sculpture. He's a member of Oakland Community College Ice Carving Team.



Oakland Community College sculptor Aaron Whitten works on his dinosaur sculpture. He's from South Lyon.

Roll models

Club gets kids glued to 'old school' hobby

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Bob Blevins was a kid, there weren't computers, Xbox 360s, Playstations, the Wii, iPods or even cell phones to text his friends.

Entertaining television was a rarity.

"Cartoons were only on Saturday mornings," said Blevins, of Westland.

Building model cars, airplanes and more, was the thing to do, he said.

And, now he's making sure kids today have the same chance to experience the hobby that's become somewhat rare among kids nowadays.

Blevins leads a Kids Model Building Club every Saturday at Nankin Hobby in Farmington. He started the club three years ago and has introduced this classic hobby to 180 kids since its first season.

"I grew up model building," said Blevins, who is a member of the International Plastic Modelers Society, Livonia Chapter.

He, along with his son Travis, 14, and other volunteers from the IPMS-Livonia, run the free club every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in a large room at Nankin Hobby, on Nine Mile, just east of Farmington Road.

Blevins has a passion for model building and for exposing as many kids as possible to the lost art of sitting and building something cool, from scratch.

"It's just something that we never let go," he said. "A lot of kids don't even know this hobby exists. We love the hobby so much and we don't want to let it die out."

It's free to join the Kids Model Building Club, which runs from September through the end of March. The first model car, a snap together kit, is free. Nankin Hobby offers a

KIDS MODEL BUILDING CLUB

What: Kids Model Building Club
When: Every Saturday 10 a.m. to noon, September through end of March
Where: Nankin Hobby, 33350 Nine Mile, Farmington
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Contact: Bob Blevins, (734) 728-1134 or e-mail blevins5@prodigy.net



It took Lear White, 8, of Redford, a long time to finish his Indy car, but he accomplished it on Saturday.

discount to club members on kits and supplies.

The young modelers have built everything from battle ships and World War II airplanes to Indy cars, tanks and even a T-Rex dinosaur. Supplies are donated by Nankin Hobby and by fellow modelers, like Steve Grigg of Garden City, who stopped by last Saturday to donate a dozen kits.

"I'm just thinning out my collection a bit," he said. "I figured I'd let the kids have some fun with them."

Grigg is happy to help promote modeling among the younger generation.

"The hobby has gotten away from kids over the years," he said.

BUILDING INTEREST

Donations and the generosity of Nankin Hobby makes the club possible, said Blevins. The shop was devastated by fire and reopened last August, with a bigger and better work area for the club to use.

Chris Wrigley, the store's general manager, said the club builds an interest in model building and it's good for business.

"It's good for both parties," he said. "Parents, kids, everybody

comes in — everybody's welcome."

Blevins and the IPMS-Livonia also hosts a make-and-take event every year at the Westland Library. That's where Dorothy Grace of Westland and her three girls, April, 6, Jackie, 8, and Emma, 11, discovered they liked the hobby.

"You get to be creative," said Jackie Grace, who is building a Model T pickup at the Kids Model Building Club.

QUALITY ACTIVITY

Scott White of Redford who is also in the IPMS Livonia chapter, brings his daughter Eden, 12, and his son, Lear, 8, to the club on Saturdays.

He enjoys the quality time with his kids.

"It's a nice solid chunk of time that I get to be with them," he said.

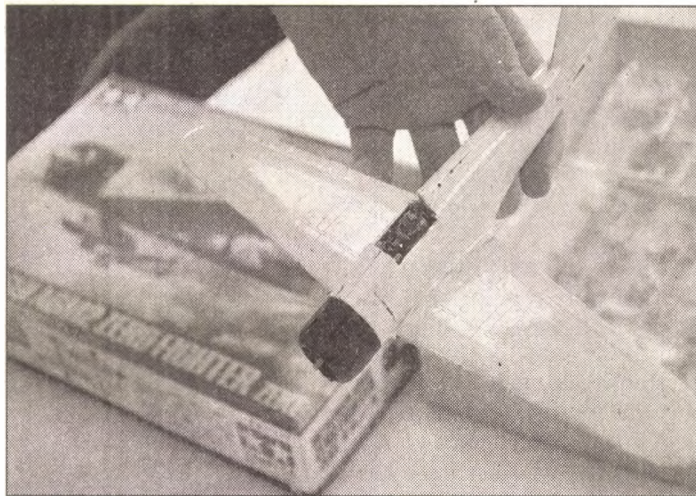
White became interested in modeling when he was in high school and is glad to pass the interest to his kids.

"I think it gives them a sense of accomplishment; it helps with hand-eye coordination and problem solving," he said.



PHOTOS BY STACY JENKINS

Scott White and his children, Eden, 12, and Lear, 8, of Redford, attend the club every Saturday at Nankin Hobby in Farmington. Eden is building a Robert E. Lee Mississippi Steamboat.



Tommy Strech, 14, of Livonia, is building this Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero Fighter airplane. He just needs to add some detail work, lights, antenna and paint the propeller.

"They stop and ask questions and sometimes we figure it out together. There's a lot of patience involved. It's just a different set of skills."

His son, Lear, started building an Indy car last year, but lost some parts and moved on to a different model. He actually finished that car on Saturday, and was happy to show it everyone.

"I'm really proud of him," said Scott White.

His daughter, Eden, is work-

ing on something inspired by a trip to Greenfield Village.

She's building a reissued Robert E. Lee Revell brand Mississippi Steamboat, a kit that was first sold in 1957.

"I started working on a car, but this was more interesting to me," she said. "I saw (the boat) at Greenfield Village and thought it was really cool."

Tommy Strech, 14, of Livonia, is almost finished building a Mitsubishi A6M2 Zero Fighter, an airplane that

was part of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Tommy likes the history of World War II, so it gives him the chance to learn more about it," said Tom Strech, his dad, who also grew up building models.

Tommy said it's nice to do something different.

"I like taking the time and breaking away from all of the electronics," he said. "And, I like seeing what others are building. To me, there's no good model and there's no bad model. You can't really mess up on a model."

Matt Helms of Livonia said he's been waiting for his boys to get into model building, a hobby he also grew up on. His sons David, 12, and Nick, 14, were big on Legos.

Graduating to model cars is right up their alley. They're building hot rods like Mustangs and a Dodge Charger.

"I like cars, so it's definitely cool," said David Helms.

Their dad couldn't be more pleased.

"It seems like a great thing to do on a Saturday," he said. "It builds character and patience."

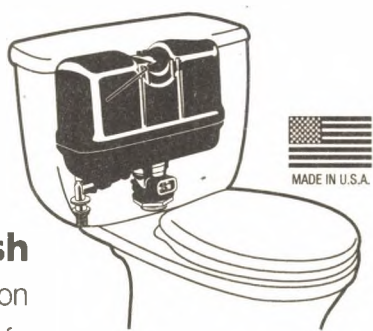
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OUR VIEWS

Not too soon

School board seats will be up for grabs

We're happy the idea of recalling members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has fallen by the wayside, and we hope it stays there.

Recall elections rarely work. In this case, only two of the four names being discussed — Treasurer Judy Mardigian and Secretary Adrienne Davis — are eligible to begin with. Since they're up for election in November anyway, President John Jackson and Vice President Dianne Gonzalez aren't eligible for recall anyway.

And, with an election coming up in November, those who want change on the board are going to be able to get it the old-fashioned way: By electing their desired candidates.

There will be four seats up for grabs. Gonzalez, Steven Sneiderman, Nancy Eggenberger are ending four-year terms (which were extended when the district moved from May to November elections). Jackson, who last week was elected the board's president, is finishing a two-year term in a seat to which he was elected when former Trustee Mark Slavens was appointed a Wayne County judge and resigned.

Gonzalez and Jackson have been frequent targets of critics the last several months over their handling of the situation surrounding Craig Fiegel, the district's superintendent. The same citizens group that originally talked about trying to recall them is now trying to marshal support for new, as yet unnamed, candidates, and to encourage people to run.

It's unknown how many of the four are considering seeking re-election, although Jackson is thought to be a shoo-in to run. The other three, when asked, remained noncommittal.

Understanding the election isn't until Nov. 8, it's still never too early to consider running for the board. It's difficult, largely thankless work — perhaps the toughest gig in public service — and we hope a large pool of candidates thinks it's worth the effort.

It's a ton of work, and the seven members currently sitting on the board should be thanked, regardless of how you think they've done or whether they'll run again. Board officer positions, committee assignments and reams of paper come with the job. Regardless of mistakes they've made or opinions they've rendered, those seven people have given of their time and effort, of their heart and souls, shepherding the school district that, for all of them, has taught their own children.

One concern making the rounds is that the machinations of the current school board — and the enmity they've engendered — make the prospect of running a bleak one for many people. It's the same concern people have about attracting a new superintendent — the idea that few would want to work in what has become a divisive environment. That part is, unfortunately, true.

But what is also true is the things that make Plymouth-Canton a destination district hold true despite the antics of the school board. The state's third-largest district still has some 1,100 outstanding, dedicated teachers, an administration determined to help foster a positive educational environment and students who achieve at academic levels few other districts reach.

And it's going to need a school board to lead it. Will that include you? You've got until 4 p.m. Aug. 16 to decide.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What do you do to keep active during the winter?

We asked this question (outside) at the Plymouth District Library.



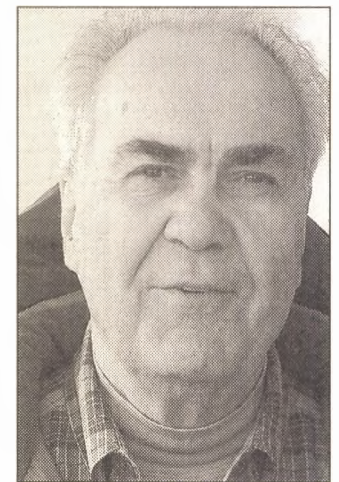
"Read. Sew. Knit."
Sandra Hoge
Plymouth Township



"I just came from Lifetime gym. And I have four kids."
Mary Grace Smith
Plymouth Township



"Play euchre. Do some volunteer work. Cook."
Eileen Martin
Plymouth Township



"I blow snow off my driveway. I have a 900-foot driveway Up North. ... And I have four acres to fool with."
Richard Arlen
Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Another Detroit?

A building sits vacant for 20 years and now there is a big deal about somebody wanting to develop it ("Planners see flaws in downtown restaurant proposal," Plymouth Observer, Jan. 16)?

Does the Planning Commission just want to let it sit vacant along with the old bank building at Penniman/Main, the eyeglass party store at Penniman/Harvey (gee, lots of parking space there), the new building on the Masonic Temple site, the majority of Mayflower Center, the old Georgia's Gift Gallery, the strip mall across from Bode's, to name a few?

Is Plymouth destined to become another Detroit?

Why don't the developers propose another cookie-cutter building like the Mayflower Center and the replacement for the Masonic Temple? The Planning Commission didn't seem to have any problem with those being built so close to the property lines.

If Chip Falcusan is so worried about the health of Plymouth businesses, why doesn't he team up with those businesses, buy the property in question and turn it into a parking lot?

The vast majority of the restaurants in downtown Plymouth seem to be doing pretty well. Are the entrenched folks like Falcusan worried that another Ironwood Grille might come in with a fresh approach and take even more of their business?

Why doesn't the Planning Commission take a more proactive approach and canvass the residents of the city of Plymouth and maybe even the residents of Plymouth Township and see what kinds of businesses they would like to see and would support in downtown Plymouth, and then work at attracting those sorts of businesses to the city?

But then again, that may require some building owners to actually sell their property rather than charge such a high monthly rent that makes it nearly impossible to show a profit. The days of the Ford executives setting up their wives in business downtown as a tax write-off are long gone.

Randy Jost
Plymouth

School board direction

The election of officers for the PCCS Board of Education occurred Jan. 11, and is available for viewing at <http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us/node/62>.

These elections illustrate that collaboration and healing are pretty words, but there is no intention to put these concepts into practice. Rule No. 1 is that if you disagree, you are out. That goes for our superintendent and anyone else on the board who doesn't get into step. Decisions are made in advance of meetings, and discussions are for show only.

It is time to look into what we can do to redirect this run-away train. If you are interested in joining forces with like-minded people and learning what responses are developing to affect this situation, please e-mail voices.pccs@gmail.com. This e-mail represents a group looking to bring people together to brainstorm and organize an

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Sad and scary

After the recent autumn elections, the usual question surfaces — "Why do we have such low voter turnout?"

I think most people have stopped voting because they do not believe that our elected officials truly represent their constituents. Our legislators do the bidding of their parties or get their orders from lobbyists (along with hefty "campaign contributions"). They do not care whatsoever about the wishes or opinions of the people who actually voted them into office. Our government has a "policy to the highest bidder" mindset.

This is common in Washington and, to a lesser extent, in Lansing but you would not expect actions like this in our own little town of Canton. But look at the recent actions of a faction of our school board. These four members have an agenda and they are going to force that on the district no matter what.

They don't care what the other members of the board think, they don't care what the people of the district think, they don't even care what would be best for the school system — they have made a power grab and we are going to be stuck with their agenda.

They must know everybody is against them, the board meetings are a parade of citizens complaining about their actions (especially their treatment of our former superintendent) and this newspaper's editorial section is full of angry letters (they have even gone so far as inventing support — their so-called "silent majority"). They just don't care, they have stopped listening.

When my kids were in elementary

school, the principal was a great man who, whenever a program or project was proposed, immediately asked "Is it good for kids?" In his opinion, if it wasn't good for kids there was no reason to waste time talking about it.

It's too bad that this faction of the board doesn't have the same philosophy. It's sad that our whole school district is going to be shaped by the opinions of only four people — and no one else, not even the other members of the board.

Sad and scary.

Wade L. Davis
Canton

Stop gun violence

With the recent example in Tucson, is this country ready for a realistic relationship with our guns? This issue has been debated for decades. Why are we so fascinated, some have suggested addicted, to gun violence? How can the mentally disturbed legally purchase automatic weapons?

Even Dick Cheney, in an interview this week, questioned the domestic value of a 30-clip automatic pistol. Cheney has been accused of a lot of things, but never a member of the "take away our guns crowd."

Am I hopeful that Congress has the courage to address gun regulation? No. The NRA and rigid interpreters of the Second Amendment to our Constitution are very strong. But this does not mean that those of us who want to stop gun violence should ourselves stop. To do nothing is simply to perpetuate slaughter of our citizenry.

Government cannot make my neighbor love me but can prevent my neighbor from shooting me.

Gerald and Dolores Maxey
Farmington Hills

Health care bill

As a citizen and retiree reading either side's press about Obama's health care bill, it's obviously not about us (citizens) but them (parties).

Retirees at Detroit Diesel (now German-owned) have suddenly been hit with medical insurance premiums of \$1,200 to \$1,800 per month due to a loophole the company found. Try making that payment on a pension of \$1,200 per month.

We, the citizens, need help. Quit worrying about which side gets credit or who is to blame and do your jobs. Have you, our legislators, gone out and actually tried to get insurance? Have you read the pages about pre-existing conditions, exclusions, qualifiers, addendums, requirements and more written in doublespeak undecipherable to mortal man with premium scenarios CPAs couldn't figure out.

Do the job you were elected to do. Investigate, debate, compromise and give us health care coverage we all can live with, afford and do it in a timely manner. We know it won't be easy but, surprise, it's your job.

Quit posturing for the cameras and playing to your perceived constituents. All citizens are your constituents and all citizens are who you were elected to serve.

Pat O'Halloran
Livonia

ONLINE VOICES & VIEWS



The following are excerpts from readers participating in our online forum for discussing issues, In Your Voices. Find more comments or join the discussion on the Web at hometownlife.com.

In response to "Group targets school board election,"

"Good for Mark Hutchins and his friends. This has to be done as this school board is plagued by a micro-managing, self-serving, narcissistic and politically divisive "gang of 4" (aka the Mardigian Gang) that has driven away good superintendents and undermined our schools. Time to step up people and run for office. Time to step up and get involved. Who are the candidates? What do they bring to the table? And show up and vote for the good ones. Replacing the Mardigian gang with more puppets isn't the answer — strong, thoughtful, insightful and dedicated people — like we used to have — are the ones that need to step forward and be swept into office by the strong voice of the people. Your vote counts. Show up, sign up, work, run, give money, do what's necessary to win. Don't let the teacher's union run the school board, let the citizens run their kids' schools like it is supposed to be. Do your part."

600mainstreet

"The gang of four slate have got to be shown the door. Their sense of arrogance, entitlement, and hypocrisy is festered to an all time low. They were sworn in to their respective offices to REPRESENT THE PEOPLE and to WORK TOGETHER to resolve issues/conflict. These four are doing neither. They decide their agenda and how they are going to vote prior to the meetings. This type of behavior would not be tolerated in the classroom or place of work. We need transparency and accountability. They have made it virtually impossible to attract a quality superintendent (based on their lack of support and instability of the position) given their egocentric brand of politics. Maybe their master plan is to make serving on the board such a miserable experience, only cronies of theirs will run in the future. This is a sick situation. I for one will take great pride in voting them out as soon as possible!!! Gang of four, you are failing your district. Shame on you."

noxema

Do homework on municipal bonds

While researching markets and investments, I found that the municipal bond market was dominating the discussion.

The last few months have not been good months for municipal bonds and that has led to some issues. Standard & Poors warned that more downgrades in the ratings of municipal bonds are expected this year.

The dialogue regarding municipal bonds has affected investors. In November and December alone, investors withdrew more than \$20 billion from the municipal bond market.

I believe the fiscal problems that many states and municipalities are going through have led to speculation as to whether we will see more defaults in the municipal bond market.

This thought was echoed in a recent interview on 60 Minutes where a well-known investment strategist stated she expects 50 to 100 defaults this year.

Whenever an investment sector takes a hit and receives media and social network attention, you can almost guarantee that another element will creep into an investor's decision-making process, fear.

There is no doubt that the municipal bond market is having difficulties. However, don't forget that the municipal bond market has had its problems in the past as well. Go back to 2008 the midst of a financial crisis, municipal bonds fell about 10 percent over a short period of time.

There have been other periods where municipals were volatile and rebounded over a short period of time. In addition, investors should be reminded that municipal bond defaults are rare. Over the last 40 some years there have been

over 18,000 municipal bond offerings with only a handful more than 50 defaults.

There has also been lots of conversation about cities and states declaring bankruptcy and what that would do to municipal bond holders. Although, municipalities are allowed to declare bankruptcy, they have been very rare. It is important to recognize that under current bankruptcy law, states do not have the power to declare bankruptcy. Of course, laws could change in this partisan environment but I believe a major change allowing states to declare bankruptcy is unlikely.

It is important for investors to recognize that not all municipal bonds are the same. Not only are the issuers different, but the quality of the bonds differ.

Generally, municipal bonds can be broken down into two categories, general obligation bonds and revenue bonds. General obligation bonds, commonly issued by states, require states to use their taxing authority to prevent a default. In other words, a state would have to raise its taxes in order to prevent a default. These types of municipal bonds, although subject to market volatility, have very little risk, if any, of a default.

On the other hand, revenue municipal bonds are issued to pay for a specific project. The best example of this type of bond would be the bonds issued to build the Mackinac Bridge. Bond holders were repaid by the revenues generated from the bridge. If the bridge had not been successful, bond holders potentially could have suffered some losses. Just because there is a default, does not mean an investor will lose all of his/her money. In fact, in past defaults of municipal bonds, investors have found that losses have been minimal.

There is no doubt that cities and states are having difficulties. Just about every state has substantial budget deficits and there is there are some painful days ahead. However, that doesn't mean that pain

will translate into massive defaults in the municipal bond market.

I believe some of the recent volatility has been fueled by fear. And as I have said many times, investors need to do their best not to let fear dictate their investment decision.

For certain investors, municipal bonds do play an important part of a portfolio. Generally, I recommend municipal bond investors buy into a mutual fund in order to have diversification and greater flexibility in maintaining the investment, such as adding new money or taking an occasional withdrawal. That being said, there are a few standards I recommend regarding municipal bonds.

First, pay attention to the quality of the portfolio. In today's economic times, the bulk of one's municipal bond portfolio should be in high quality and general obligation bonds. Unfortunately, some municipal bond investors make the mistake of only paying attention to the return on the bond fund, not the underlying risk.

Cost and fees are extremely important. It is even more important in bond funds where you are getting very low rates of return. An extra percent or two in unnecessary fees can reduce returns by as much as 50 percent.

Low-cost municipal bond funds are where you want to be. Also pay very close attention to commissions. After all, if you're losing 6 percent in up-front commissions, realistically, that can be two years of returns. Therefore, avoid commissions when you purchase a bond fund.

If you own a municipal bond fund, now is a great time to review it. If it is a fund with high fees and/or low quality investments, now is the time to make a change.

Good luck!

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Friends of Rouge seek help with toad and frog survey

It may be hard to think about frogs under all this snow and cold, but it won't be long before local amphibians wake up and begin their annual chorus. If you would like to help observe this interesting phenomenon, contact Friends of the Rouge.

Volunteer training for the annual volunteer Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey begins in February. Interested volunteers attend a two-hour workshop where they learn the basics of recognizing frog or toad type by their call. Volunteers are assigned nearby wetlands they then survey on their own on damp warm evenings and submit results to Friends of the Rouge.

Last year's results are available at www.therouge.org.

The survey has been conducted since 1998 and provides information on the health of Rouge wetlands. The presence of several species of frog and toad is a good indication of healthy wetlands which are critical in restoring the water quality of the Rouge River because they absorb rain water, filter pollutants, reduce flooding as well as provide habitat for many species.

As many as 600 people participate in the survey each year, including families (children are welcome when accompanied by a participating adult), seniors, students and scouts. Survey areas are limited to wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed which encompasses 466 square



The American bullfrog is among eight species of toads and frogs identified as part of the annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey.

miles in the Detroit area. Participants must be willing to survey after dark several evenings a month March through July.

Of Michigan's 13 native species of frogs and toads, eight species have been confirmed in the Rouge River watershed - the wood frog, western chorus frog, northern spring peeper, American toad, northern leopard frog, gray treefrog, green frog and bullfrog.

Interested volunteers need to register for one of four workshops at www.therouge.org. For more information, call Sally at (313) 792-9621 or monitoring@therouge.org.

The first workshop will be held 10 a.m. to noon Saturday Feb. 12, at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. The other workshops are:

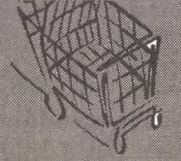
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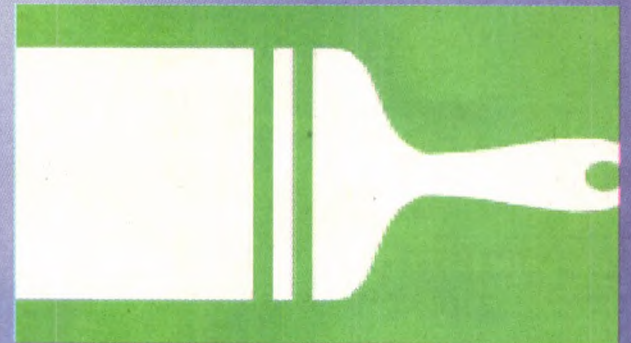
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HOCKEY TEAM BRINGS FANS TOGETHER FOR FAITH NIGHT RELIGION, B4

Foiled again

Canton tumbles against Farmington Unified

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whenever Canton and Farmington Unified get together, one can be sure the longtime gymnastics rivals will battle to vault over each other.

At the recent Farmington Invitational, the Chiefs were nipped 145.675-145.175 by Farmington.

There was more of the same Monday in a dual meet at Plymouth High School. Although the margin was a bit more — Farmington earned a 147.125-144.175 triumph — girls from both squads earned raves for their various moves and routines.

“Today, we didn’t have our best meet,” Canton head coach John Cunningham said. “I was very pleased with a 144, but obviously Farmington had the better team today.”

“They hit when they had to and kept the scores they needed. They had three really good all-arounders and that’s what beat us.”

Canton, despite falling to 6-1 on the season, did boast the top all-arounder in senior Robyn Piwowar, who finished with 37.825 points.

Piwowar demonstrated the high level of performance throughout the meet, particularly on vault (she took first with 9.6) and the balance beam. She concluded her beam routine with a spot-

on backflip and dismount, giving her 9.475 (second to Farmington’s Bresso, 9.6).

Then Piwowar flashed a confident smile, knowing she nailed it.

“There was a little more pressure (against Farmington), but I think we all just went out there and have fun,” Piwowar said. “I think having fun’s the key to it all. Everyone’s relaxed when they’re having fun.”

Farmington grabbed spots 2-4 in all-around with Alyssa Bresso (37.60), Kristen McKelvey (37.35) and Kyoko Yamamoto (35.85).

GOOD START

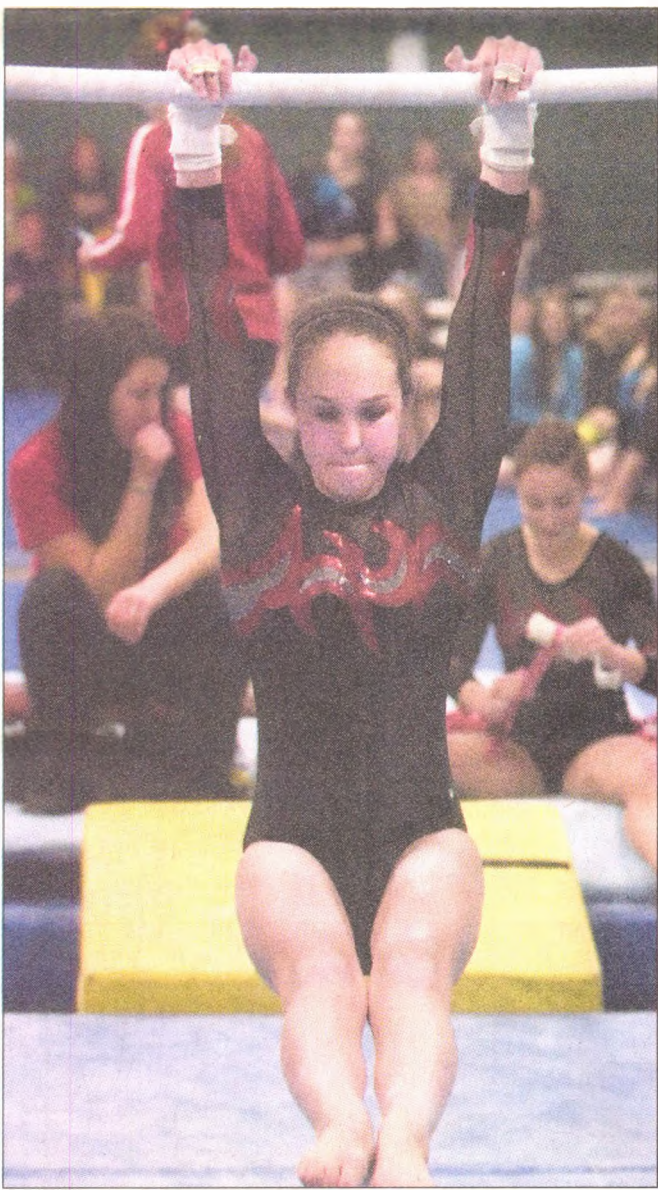
“It’s one meet,” Farmington head coach Jeff Dwyer said. “But what I liked is, at the invite we had them by four-tenths. I look at it as two even teams.”

“There are only so many meets you get like this. You got your three invites, and your Cantons and your Athens and we never see Grand Ledge. But I’m just happy how they responded.”

Dwyer said his gymnasts came out strong, perhaps aware that it was their coach’s birthday and thus making sure they would help it be a happy one. Indeed it was, as Farmington (6-0) tallied a season high in points.

“Our first event was bars, and it carried us,” Dwyer

Please see **GYMNASTICS, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Working hard on the uneven parallel bars Monday is Canton’s Alex Fideler.



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Going all out during the 500 freestyle during Tuesday’s dual meet is Salem’s Jason Zhang. He won the event with a time of 5:14.44.

Salem cruises to impressive win

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem’s excellent team balance and chemistry have earned rave reviews this season from veteran Rocks head coach Chuck Olson.

Those characteristics were evident once again Tuesday night, as the host Rocks churned out a 128-58 victory over Plymouth in a KLAA crossover varsity boys swimming and diving meet.

“We deal with a lot of mid-season stuff, soreness and little changes to the lineup now and again,” Olson said. “But that’s always good for down the road.”

“I’m real pleased with their performance and effort tonight.”

While Plymouth fell to 4-1 overall with the defeat (Salem now is 3-1), Wildcats head coach Doug Schade saw plenty of positives to take from the meet.

“We swam well. Salem’s a very good team,” Schade said. “We have a meet this Thursday against (Westland) John Glenn, so we were swimming kids in a lot of events to get them ready for that.”

Salem, without senior tri-captain Adam Seroka, swept all of the individual events and relays.

SETTING THE TONE

But the team’s other tri-captains (Max Mills, Matt Collingwood) stepped up, combining for three event wins. Mills

took first place in the 50 freestyle (23.79 seconds) and 100 butterfly (58.01), while Collingwood won the 200 IM, clocking in at 2:08.04.

“Those three guys, they’re all seniors and it’s a real good balance between personalities,” Olson said about his tri-captains. “We have all the bases covered. I feel fortunate to have those three to lean on.”

Other Salem double winners included Eric Li (200 free, 1:53.57; 100 free, 51.61) and Jason Zhang (500 free, 5:14.44; 100 backstroke, 58.56).

Nick Griwicki (1-meter diving, 222.45 points) and Turner Solterman (100 breaststroke, 1:05.78) also were individual winners.

As for Salem’s three winning relay teams, nine swimmers contributed.

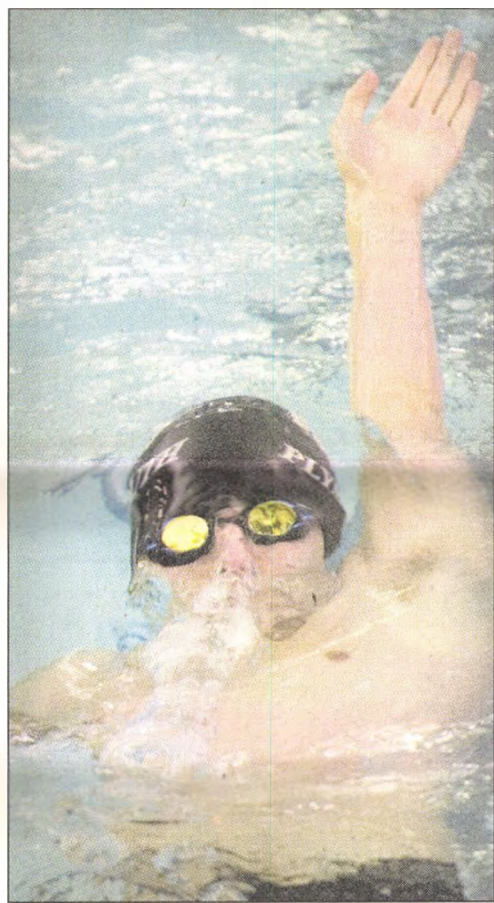
Taking the 200 medley relay in 1:46.25 was the quartet of Jeremy Wellman, Solterman, Mills and Collingwood.

In the 200 free relay, Collingwood, Kyle Stokfisz, Steven Clagg and Li combined efforts to win in 1:38.14.

Closing out the meet with a victory in the 400 free relay were Li, William Long, Zhang and Mills. They swam it in 3:34.01.

Plymouth came close in several events, ultimately finishing second.

Please see **SWIMMING, B3**



Just emerging from the water after a turn while doing the 100 backstroke Tuesday night is Plymouth’s Ethan Christensen.

Hot duo lifts Rocks to win over Cougars

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Non-league meetings are just fine with Salem boys basketball head coach Bob Brodie as long as “it’s a game” and Tuesday’s match-up against Garden City definitely qualified.

The host Rocks overcame an early deficit and, sparked by the outstanding play of forwards Chris Dierker and Tyler Stewart, defeated the Cougars 61-50.

“It was a hard-fought game,” Brodie said. “Garden City always brings their ‘A’ game. They play hard, with intensity and tenacity.”

According to Garden City head coach Greg Williamson, there was no denying the high level of hustle from his players. But the bigger, faster Rocks eventually gained the edge

they needed to come out victorious.

“We played hard, (but) we didn’t shoot very well,” Williamson said. “We got killed on the boards. ... We need to put our bodies on people and drive them out of there.”

“It’s not quite that simple for them. It’s difficult when you’re 5-8 or 5-10 and you’re going against 6-5, 6-7.”

Garden City connected on just 18-of-56 field-goal attempts (32 percent), while the Rocks made 23-of-54 attempts for 42 percent.

Dierker was the main thorn in Garden City’s collective side, with 23 points, 14 rebounds, six assists and four blocks. But he had plenty of help.

Please see **BASKETBALL, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trying to defend against Salem’s Ethan Walsh during Tuesday night’s game is Garden City’s Matt Stark.

Observerland tourney continues – without Chiefs

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

WRESTLING

Although three of last year’s top four team finishers have opted out this year, the 20th annual Observerland Invitational Wrestling Tournament refuses to be pinned to the mat.

Fifteen teams will vie for the title, including defending champion Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, last year’s Division 1 state champion.

Tournament action begins at 9 a.m. at Livonia Churchill High School with the finals set for approximately 5 p.m. All day

admission is \$5. Last year’s Observerland runner-up Canton, currently ranked No. 8 in Division 1, along with third-place finisher Livonia Franklin and fourth-place finisher Westland John Glenn, will not be in the tournament for the first time.

Canton is coming off a runner-up finish in last weekend’s Wayne County tourney hosted by Romulus.

Canton coach Cory Mancuso cited redundancy in scheduling

for not attending the longtime tourney.

“We do not want to see the same teams over and over again,” he said. “Also you need rest. Wrestling is a mentally and physically tough sport. Rest does the body good.”

Meanwhile, Franklin is coming off a third-place finish at Wayne County and coach Dave Chiola also raised similar issues.

“The KLAA and Districts have virtually the same nucleus of teams,” Chiola said. “Many of us travel very far to avoid seeing the same competition. The Wayne County tournament gave us a

chance to go somewhere and see different competition. I don’t think there was good enough communication between A.D.’s and coaches, but this was not a sudden decision. I made my decision last March, and as far as I know many of the other coaches did the same.”

Chiola, however, said he has always been a big supporter of the tournament, but would like to see it moved up on the schedule for sometime in December.

“This has always been a great tournament with a storied past, and I would certainly consider

Please see **WRESTLING, B3**

MAT EXTRAVAGANZA

What: 20th annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational.

When: Saturday, Jan. 29 (first-round action starts at 9 a.m., with the finals starting at approximately 5 p.m.)

Where: Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy Road and Ann Arbor Trail).

Admission (all day): \$6 (family discounts available).

Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Belleville, Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison, Garden City, Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran High Westland, North Farmington, Northville, Novi, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Plymouth, Redford Union, Salem, Wayne Memorial.

Past winners: Catholic Central (1993, '96, '99, 2000, '02, '03, '09, '10); Livonia Franklin (2005, '06, '07); Stevenson (1994, '95, '97); Canton (2001, '08); Churchill and Westland John Glenn (2004); Salem (1998); Farmington (1992).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Launching a shot toward Garden City's basket is Salem's Zinovy Pelekh. At right is Tyler Steele of the Cougars.

BASKETBALL

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Chipping in with 17 points and seven boards was Stewart, while senior forward Zinovy Pelekh tallied eight points and 12 rebounds. Grant Bettner scored eight.

The top scorer for the Cougars was Brandon Kennedy, with 15 points. Adding eight points was Marlon Rodriguez, while Tyler Steele and Kirk Barikmo contributed five each.

It was Dierker who jump-started Salem in the first quarter.

TAKING CONTROL

After Kennedy drained a jumper to give Garden City a 10-8 edge, Dierker scored seven straight points and threw in a couple of blocks for good measure to quickly give Salem a 15-10 advantage.

Salem never trailed again, taking leads of 17-14 after one quarter and 33-26 at halftime.

With Dierker and Stewart taking a break during the second half, Garden City (6-5) chipped away and trailed just 48-44 in the first minute of the final quarter.

But shortly thereafter, both players returned and they combined for 11 straight Salem points to once again build a comfortable cushion.

"The other players do some little things that help, but those two guys stepped up a little bit," Brodie said. "Dierker's been struggling a little bit the last couple games. He got back in the groove tonight and did a nice job for us."

Despite the loss, Williamson said it is always a highlight of the Cougars' schedule to play Salem. The teams have played an annual game at one venue or the other for several years.

"I've known coach Brodie for a long time," Williamson said. "We were playing in the summers and we talked it over. ... It's a good challenge for us."

"They're big, athletic and well-coached. It's a chance for us to play in a non-league game where maybe it doesn't have the same kind of pressure."

Meanwhile, Brodie said the annual matchup began when he needed to fill a schedule vacancy "eight or nine years ago" and Garden City seemed a natural fit.

"I'm pretty good friends with their coach," Brodie said. "Greg Williamson's a good coach, he's been around a while. It's close, it's a rivalry we can start. So we invited him one year and it just continued."

The Rocks (9-2) resume their KLAAs schedule with a game 7 p.m. Friday against visiting South Lyon East.

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'Cats earn win with strong 32

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Plymouth's complete effort Tuesday night against Novi is any indication, coach Mike Soukup's team could be one to keep an eye out for throughout the regular season and playoffs.

The host Wildcats improved to 8-3 overall with a 68-52 victory over Novi in a KLAAs boys basketball crossover.

"We put together a really good 32 minutes tonight," Soukup said. "We were good about keeping Novi out of the paint, we did a nice job in the rebounding battle since we were very much undersized."

Leading the way with 33 points and eight rebounds was senior guard Mike Nadratowski.

"Mike had a tremendous game with 33 points and I'm really pleased to see our boys compete this hard tonight," Soukup continued.

Also strong on the glass was senior forward Brennan Beyer, who grabbed seven boards and also scored 14 points. Junior forward Marcus Oden helped the cause with 10 points and five rebounds while senior forward Pat Salo added another five boards along with three points.

Soukup said the same kind of compete level will be required to have success in battles for supremacy in the KLAAs (division, conference and overall), not to mention

the subsequent state tournament.

Next up for the Wildcats is Friday's 7 p.m. home game against Livonia Franklin.

LIGGETT 65, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 38: On Friday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference varsity boys basketball contest, the host Eagles hung in there until a spate of turnovers in the second half led to a barrage of transition points.

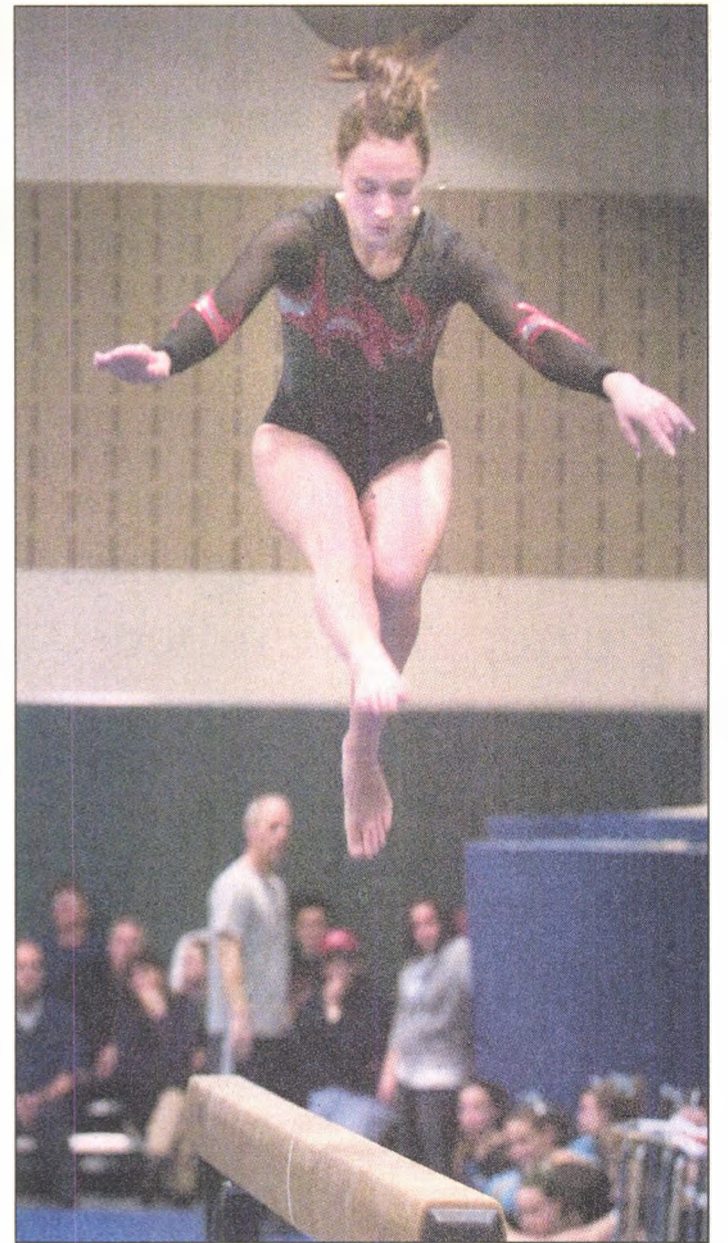
PCA trailed 31-25 at halftime, but then hit the wall. Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett outscored the Eagles 17-4 in the third and sealed PCA's fate.

"Tale of the tape, basically, is they're very quick, very fast," said PCA head coach Keith Anleitner. "We played well in the first half and then when they put the press on in the second half their quickness took over."

The Knights (9-2, 6-0) picked off PCA passes and turned many of those into buckets.

Anleitner still praised his young team for playing relatively well against a team that plays in a higher rung of the MIAC.

Mick Noel led PCA (2-7, 2-5) with 14 points, including 8-8 at the free-throw line. Contributing 12 points and 12 rebounds was Eric Jipping.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior all-arounder Robyn Piowar performs during a near-flawless sequence on the balance beam Monday night against Farmington Unified. She finished second in the event (9.475), but was the top all-arounder with 37.825 points.

GYMNASTICS

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said. "That was some of the best bars we've had. I think our whole team had some of their highest scores."

McKelvey and Yamamoto took places 1-2 in bars with respective scores of 9.4 and 9.35, with Canton's Piowar and Ayana Lewis tying for third with 9.15.

Farmington also won in floor exercise, as Amanda Lumley's 9.65 bested Piowar (9.6), Bresso (9.45) and Fideler (9.4).

Meanwhile, Cunningham said the Chiefs will now be gearing up to see Farmington again at next weekend's

Canton Invitational (Saturday, Feb. 5).

"We've been battling for 20 years or so, no doubt about that," Cunningham said with a grin. "It's a friendly rivalry, two ex-gymnasts coaching gymnastics."

"So we look forward to the meets. We'll see them again Feb. 5 at the Canton Invite."

Concurring was Dwyer, noting that the Canton-Farmington rivalry always is good and competitive.

"John and I've got great rivalries," Dwyer said. "Just tonight they weren't on as they can be. But we're going to see them two more times. You're only as good as your last meet."

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GYMNASTICS RESULTS

FARMINGTON UNIFIED 147.125
CANTON 144.175

Jan. 24 at Plymouth High School

Vault: 1. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.6; 2. Alyssa Bresso (F), 9.5; 3. Kristen McKelvey (F), 9.375; 4. Erica Lewis (C), 9.225; 5. Amanda Lumley (F), 9.2; 6. Kyoko Yamamoto (F), 9.0; 7. Ayana Lewis (C), 8.825; 8. Hanna Berlin (F), 8.7; 9. Marina Milad (C), 9.525; 10. Alex Fideler (C), 8.5; 11. Meredith Jonik (F), 8.4; 12. Melissa Green (C), 8.375. **Total:** Farmington, 37.075; Canton, 36.175.

Bars: 1. McKelvey (F), 9.4; 2. Yamamoto (F), 9.35; 3. (tie) A. Lewis (C) and Piowar (C), 9.15; 5. Fideler (C), 8.925; 6. Jonik (F), 8.875; 7. Bresso (F), 8.85; 8. Lumley (F), 8.8; 9. Marissa Lapinsky (F), 8.55; 10. (tie) Cathy Huang (C) and Erica Lucas (C), 8.2; 12. Green (C), 7.3. **Total:** Farmington, 36.475; Canton, 35.425.

BEAM: 1. Bresso (F), 9.6; 2. Piowar (C), 9.475; 3. McKelvey (F), 9.35; 4. Fideler (C), 8.775; 5. Brooke Granowicz (C), 8.725; 6. Berlin (F), 8.675; 7. Lumley (F), 8.4; 8. Yamamoto (F), 8.3; 9. A. Lewis (C), 8.15; 10. Milad (C), 8.125; 11. Green (C), 8.05; 12. Jonik (F), 7.85. **Total:** Farmington, 36.025; Canton, 35.125.

FLOOR: 1. Lumley (F), 9.65; 2. Piowar

(C), 9.6; 3. Bresso (F), 9.45; 4. Fideler (C), 9.4; 5. (tie) Green (C) and McKelvey (F), 9.25; 7. (tie) A. Lewis (C) and Yamamoto (F), 9.2; 9. Kali Pierce (C), 8.9; 10. (tie) Berlin (F) and Jonik (F), 8.6; 12. Lucas (C), 8.35. **Total:** Farmington, 37.55; Canton, 37.45.

ALL-AROUND: Piowar (C), 37.825; 2. Bresso (F), 37.60; 3. McKelvey (F), 37.35; 4. Yamamoto (F), 35.85; 5. Fideler (C), 35.6; 6. Ayana Lewis (C), 35.325.

CANTON-B RESULTS
(Canton only)

Vault: 1. Audrey Hallim, 7.9; 2. Jessica Siegler, 7.8; 3. (tie) Carolann Galizia, Valerie VanGilder, 7.65; 5. Maddie Albers, 7.5; 6. Kelsie Rodgers, 7.10. **TOTAL:** 31.0.

Bars: 1. Marina Milad, 7.0; 2. Sieler, 5.25; 3. Hallim, 4.95; 4. Alicia Bonnano, 4.5. **TOTAL:** 21.70.

Beam: 1. Galizia, 7.15; 2. Siegler, 7.0; 3. Marina Belfiore, 6.6; 4. Jenna Foster, 6.3; 5. Albers, 6.25; 6. Katie Adams, 5.7. **TOTAL:** 27.05.

Floor: 1. Shelby Roberts, 8.5; 2. Siegler, 7.45; 3. Galiza, 6.9. **TOTAL:** 22.85.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Siegler, 27.50; 2. Galizia, 21.70; 3. Albers, 13.75; 4. Hallim, 12.85.

CANTON-B TOTALS: 102.60



The picture of grace and determination is Canton's Ayana Lewis, shown high above the balance beam during Monday's dual meet.

Plymouth girls fall

Host Novi held off the hard-working Plymouth Wildcats 38-30 in Tuesday night's KLAAs girls basketball game.

Plymouth trailed 14-10 after one quarter and 23-16 at half-time before gaining an 8-7 edge in the third to provide a glimmer of hope.

Novi's size and experience made a difference down the stretch, said Plymouth head coach Bob deBear.

"They killed us on the baseline," noted deBear. "... But I'm super proud of my kids. They played hard and never gave up. Everybody contributed."

Kate Watson led Plymouth (5-6) with eight points, while Kylie Robb added six. Tallying five each were Alex Roberts and Isis Haywood while Chyna Williams scored four.

Carrie McMahon registered 11 to lead Novi (10-1).

Madonna women's team rolls past Indiana Tech

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

During a timeout mid-way through the second half Saturday and the host Madonna University women's comfortably ahead, the musical interlude played Rocky III's theme song "Eye of the Tiger."

By then the host Crusaders had already delivered knockout punch on its way to recording an easy 74-47 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference triumph over Indiana Tech.

Revenge definitely was on the mind of the Crusaders, who lost an earlier meeting this season (Dec. 1) at Tech, 78-63.

Livonia Stevenson grad Kaylee McGrath, a 6-foot-1 sophomore center, tied a career-high high with 24 points to go along with seven rebounds as MU improved to 8-9 overall and 4-5 in the WHAC.

"It was just a great team effort" McGrath said. "We were all working so well together. We were passing the ball nicely. We came off of a tough loss at Aquinas (54-47 on Wednesday) and we knew it was time to get it in gear."

"We lost to Indiana Tech the first time and we knew it was time to get back at them and showed that we deserved to win."

McGrath, who went both inside and outside, was one of the major reasons why the Crusaders enjoyed a 38-24 halftime advantage as she tallied 17 points on 7-of-11 shooting.

"McGrath is a pretty special player," MU coach Carl Graves said. "We've never expected this amount of growth in a year-and-a-half here, but she's unbelievable right now. She does some

wonderful things. She listens well. She's starting to do some things in practice to help her game get better because people are now keying on her and she hasn't slowed down a bit, so it's really cool to see her come out with a performance like that."

Tabatha Wydryck, a senior forward, added her third double-double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Erin Bentley also came off the bench to score 11 points, while starter Heather Pratt contributed 10.

The Crusaders shot 41.8 percent from the floor, but ironically did better from the three-point line going 11-of-21 (52.4 percent).

"That's scary isn't it?" Graves said of his team's three-point prowess. "They shoot well like that in practice all the time. We've been waiting for an explosion like that from the three-point line. I've got some really good shooters on the perimeter. Most teams are starting to stand in the paint guard us, so it's always nice to have that type of performance."

Indiana Tech (10-13, 4-5) shot only 29.6 from the floor to go along 24 turnovers.

The Warriors' leading scorer Yasmine Coleman finished with a team-high 17 points.

Meanwhile, McGrath showed why she had the "Eye of the Tiger" as she hit two-for-two from the three-point line and added four assists. She is averaging 16 points and seven boards per game to lead MU.

"I've always been a three-point shooter," the Stevenson grad said. "I was a guard until high school and then I kind of grew into a post player."

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There will be a pre-bid meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2011 in the Salem High School construction trailer, located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.**

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The Canton High School ERU project is to be bid and the work performed at the Davis Bacon Wage Rates. The Chiller Replacement project is to be bid and the work performed at the Michigan Prevailing Wage Rates.

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Salem's Turner Solterman slices through the water while doing the 100 breaststroke Tuesday against Plymouth.

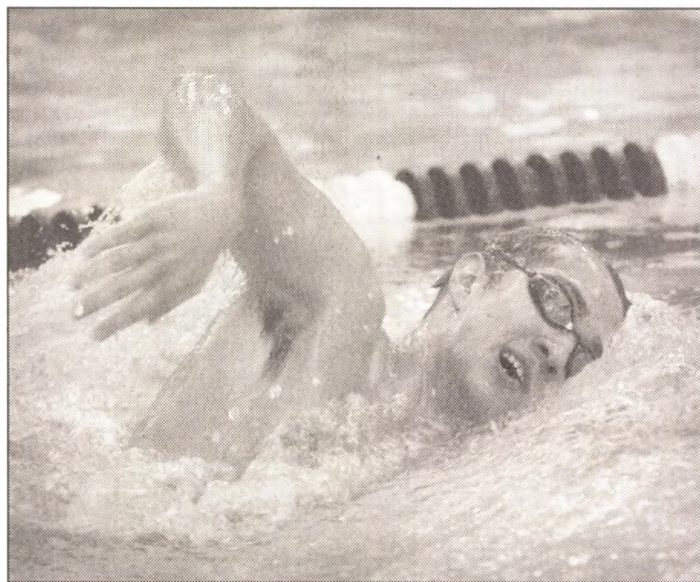
SWIMMING

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Runners-up for the Wildcats included the following: Alex Jouney (200 free, 1:56.79; 500 free, 5:20.85), Ethan Christensen (200 IM, 2:16.58), Zach Koch (50 free, 25.30) and the 200 freestyle unit of Kyle Strobel, Todd Maslyk, Cameron Earls and Jouney (1:41.29).

Meanwhile, two Plymouth swimmers tied for second place in the 100 fly. Those were Koch and Adam Liakos, who both finished in 1:00.68 and earned 3.5 points each for the Wildcats.

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One of Plymouth's top swimmers Tuesday, Alex Jouney, competes in the 500 freestyle event.

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Jan. 25 at Salem
200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Max Mills, Matt Collingwood), 1:46.25; 2. Salem (Jason Zhang, Calvin Kahler, Daniel Lynch, William Long), 1:55.41; 3. Plymouth (Adam Liakos, Ethan Christensen, Kyle Strobel, Nick Weber), 2:00.95.
200 freestyle: 1. Eric Li (S), 1:53.57; 2. Alex Jouney (P), 1:56.79; 3. Aaron Micek (S), 2:00.18.
200 individual medley: 1. Collingwood (S), 2:08.44; 2. Christensen (P), 2:16.58; 3.

Solterman (S), 2:19.98.
50 freestyle: 1. Mills (S), 23.79; 2. Zach Koch (P), 25.30; 3. Steven Clagg (S), 25.60.
1-meter diving: 1. Nick Griwicki (S), 222.45 points; 2. Joey Rudelic (S), 189.05; 3. Connor McManus (P), 184.55.
100 butterfly: 1. Mills (S), 58.01; 2. (tie) Koch (P), Liakos (P), 1:00.68; 4. Wellman (S), 1:00.87.
100 freestyle: 1. Li (S), 51.61; 2. Long (S), 56.87; 3. Strobel (P), 58.08.
500 freestyle: 1. Zhang (S), 5:14.44; 2. Jouney (P), 5:20.85; 3. Micek (S), 5:24.89.
200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Collingwood, Kyle Stokfisz, Clagg, Li),

1:38.14; 2. Plymouth (Strobel, Todd Maslyk, Cameron Earls, Jouney), 1:41.29.
100 backstroke: 1. Zhang (S), 58.56; 2. Collingwood (S), 58.76; 3. Christensen (P), 1:02.95.
100 breaststroke: 1. Solterman (S), 1:05.78; 2. Kahler (S), 1:12.18; 3. Liakos (P), 1:13.77.
400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Li, Long, Zhang, Mills), 3:34.01; 2. Salem (Micek, Stokfisz, Wellman, Patrick Huls), 3:44.30; 3. Plymouth (Jouney, Earls, Koch, Gunnar Savalox), 3:52.90.
Dual meet records: Salem (3-1 overall); Plymouth (4-1 overall).

WRESTLING

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going to it early in the year," he said. "With the emergence of the Wayne County tournament and the formation of the KLAAs, the need for the Observerland tournament isn't as necessary as it was when it was formed."

"I was at Garden City when a group of coaches came up with the idea for an Observerland tournament to cut down on All-Area discussions. We actually hosted the first five years. Now that we have KLAAs and Wayne County, the need just isn't there anymore."

Glenn, which has earned two straight trips to the Division 1 state team finals, also pulled out because of scheduling issues, according to coach Bill Polk.

Despite receiving a contract, Churchill athletic director Marc Hage and tournament director Marty Altounian, the Chargers' varsity coach, were not notified until last week that Glenn was not coming.

"Some changes had to be made and unfortunately we had to go in another direction," Polk said. "I have always enjoyed the tournament and

Churchill has always done an outstanding job.

"With the Wayne County, KLAAs, and Observer right between the two, we see a lot of the same teams three weeks in a row. At Wayne County we see many of the district teams, so it's important to have that take place before the post-season. And the KLAAs tournament (Feb. 5) is a league meet so we can change that. So with changes etc. ... I had to make the decision that John Glenn had to do what's best for our schedule."

Despite the no shows, the event will still feature some outstanding individual grapplers with CC being the dominant team.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division 1, are coming off a couple of close dual meet defeats including a 30-28 setback last Saturday at Cincinnati Moeller and a 29-25 loss Wednesday at home against St. Johns, ranked No. 1 in Division 2.

CC will be an overwhelming favorite to repeat because it currently has 10 wrestlers ranked among the top 10 in their respective weight classes statewide by MichiganGrappler.com. Two-time state champion

Alec Mooradian, a junior, is the No. 1-rated grappler at 135 pounds.

Among the other top ten ranked CC wrestlers include Evan Toth (103), Malik Amine (112), Ken Bade (125), Logan Marcicki (135), Nick Mason (145), Drew Garcia (152), Andrew Erickson (160), Kevin Beazley (171) and Miles Trealout (189).

Beazley, a transfer from Farmington Hills Harrison, was the upper weights MVP after finishing runner-up at 160 to Canton's Brent Winekoff.

Other Observerland wrestlers ranked in their respective weight classes statewide in Division 1 include Jacob Meadows, Churchill (119), Alex Breckenridge, Plymouth (125); and Brendan Papin, Belleville (135).

In Division 2, Andre Sanders (119) and James Roberts (140), both from Harrison, are listed in the top 10.

Redford Union's Josh Hall, the Wayne County champ, will also make the 135-pound division one of the most competitive among the 14 weight classes.

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Competition fierce at county invite

BY BRAD EMONS
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Despite fighting the injury bug, the Livonia Franklin wrestling team earned a third-place finish in Saturday's Wayne County Championships hosted by Romulus.

Southgate Anderson came away with the team title in the 33-team field with 192 points. Rounding out the top five was state-ranked Canton (166), Franklin (151), Highland Park (117) and Dearborn Heights Crestwood (115.5).

"I thought we wrestled pretty well," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "We were beaten badly on Wednesday by Canton and we looked much better today. It's always a credit to the guys when they rebound after adversity. This has been the hardest hit team by injuries in my 11 years here. There were years we had great depth and never got an injury."

Franklin boasted two individual champions led by Steve Tuyo (130 pounds) and Matt Roos (171).

Runner-up finishers for the Patriots included Gabe Martinez (119) and Jordan Atienza (125).

Other placers included Danny Martinez (112), third; Avery Opperman (152), fourth; and Josh Hatfield (145), sixth. "This year we have very little depth and we're losing quality kids," Chiola said. "Jordan McGuire (140) and Omar Haymotr (285) have been out for almost a month. Allen Steele (160) was up 11-3 on Saturday when he separated his shoulder. We're not even wrestling a 215 pounder and we had four of them. They're all hurt."

Despite being bruised and battered, the Patriots gave a good account of themselves. "I think it's great that we went into a tough tournament short-handed and wrestled well

enough to take third against a lot of quality schools," Chiola said. "This was a great tournament. I hope more teams sign up next year. We'll definitely be back. Right now we just want to get as many people healthy as we can so we can prepare for the postseason."

Other area teams participating included Westland John Glenn, eighth (87.5 points); Wayne Memorial, 11th (62); Lutheran High Westland, 26th (21); and Livonia Clarenceville, 30th (15).

Glenn got an individual title from 103-pounder Kyle Gillies, while Kameron Jones place third at 171.

Wayne had a pair of third-place finishers in Kevin Newborn (152) and Dimitrus Renfroe (215).

Lutheran Westland's Zachary Francis added a third at 103.

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Plymouth nets 3-3 tie with Salem

Plymouth rolled four lines effectively Tuesday night against Salem and it enabled the Wildcats to earn a 3-3 tie with KLAAs South rival Salem at Compuware Arena.

According to Plymouth varsity hockey coach Paul Fassbender, all four lines played hard and put offensive pressure on Salem. And the defense held tough, as did senior goalie Mike Justus.

"We are working really hard and everyone is starting to buy into what we are doing," Fassbender said. "We are a team that can learn and continue to get better as the season goes on."

Scoring a pair of goals to key the solid overall effort was junior forward Sean Smiatacz — both assisted by junior linemates Matt Goertz and Cody Staub.

"He outworked the bigger kids in the corner and went to the net strong," Fassbender said.

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The third Plymouth goal was scored by senior forward Tyler Sanders, with helpers going to senior forward Zach Gambrell and sophomore forward Mitch Claggett.

Salem scoring details were not available by press time.

With the tie, Plymouth improved to 4-3-4 overall and 3-2-4 in the KLAAs South while Salem's record went to 11-3-1, 6-2-1.

NOVI 4, CANTON 3: On Monday night at Novi Ice Arena, the host Wildcats nipped the Chiefs in a KLAAs boys hockey crossover matchup.

Seniors AJ Rosales (unassisted), Phil Baciak (from Rosales) and Garrett Bryden (from Jordan Smith, Zach Cox) scored for Canton.

Although he gave up four goals, Canton netminder Spencer Craig made a number of spectacular saves. He fin-

ished with 27 stops.

SALEM 8, SCS UNIFIED 6: A four-goal third period enabled Salem to rally Friday night at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Leading the Rocks to the non-conference boys hockey win were five players with multiple points. Ryan Quigley bagged another three-goal hat trick (his second in a week) and added an assist.

Garrett Berg (2 goals, 1 assist), Mark McGee (1 goal, 3 assists), Mike Hochkins (1 goal, 2 assists) and Austin Sartorius (3 assists) also helped ignite the Salem offense.

Splitting goaltending duties were starter Andy Magee and Brandon Price.

Salem (11-3-1 overall) trailed 3-1 after the first period and 5-4 after two, but the Rocks' potent power play (5-of-8) helped bring the team back.

SCS Unified scored four power goals in 11 attempts, and dropped to 7-7 overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Bowl with the Whalers

The Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League will participate in "Bowl with the Whalers," from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road.

It should be a fun night as players will try to knock those pins down along with members of the community.

Information is available during Whalers games at Compuware Arena, at the Whalers Booster Club table or by calling (734) 453-8400.

The cost is \$15 for members of the Booster Club and Kids Club (and chaperones) and \$25 for non-members.

Salem tennis meeting

If you are a Salem High School girls tennis player, or are interested in playing in the 2011 sea-

son, there is an important meeting slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 in the school library.

Those interested should bring current physical and medical insurance information.

Also, uniforms will be ordered that evening and it will be the only opportunity to order them for 2011. Bring a check for the uniform, made out to Salem Girls Tennis. Additional optional clothing will be available for purchase.

For more info, visit www.salemrockstennis.com. Coach Lin Ware can be reached at (734) 453-0669 to answer any questions.

GCYBSA signups

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association is holding its registration for spring programs for baseball and softball for ages 4-18 girls and boys.

Information and registration can be found at www.gcybsa.com. Registration is open until March 15. Programs include, small ball, T-ball, coach pitch, baseball, softball, competitive and travel leagues.

GCYBSA partners with Plymouth Township, Canton Township and Plymouth Canton Community schools to provide developmental skill building baseball and softball leagues.

Stevenson baseball clinic

Learn the basics of throwing, pitching, hitting, infield-outfield play at a youth baseball clinic (grades 2-6) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Livonia Stevenson High School fieldhouse. The cost is \$30 for the first 60 enrolled.

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

Anthony Long (Glenn) p. Shehab Natour (Fordson), 3:59; 7th: Sana Gardner (Ham.) dec. Jake Sanders (Carlson), 5-3.
160: Caleb Wilson (S'gate) p. Raed Mourad (DHC), 2:09; 3rd: Collin Rankin (RU) dec. Shawn Miller (G.P. North), 8-6; 5th: Danny Croft (Glenn) p. Dave Meyer (DHA), 0:29; 7th: Carnel Cannon (HP) dec. John Montgomery (N'ville), 4-3.
171: Matt Roos (Franklin) dec. Nick Lamentola (Woodhaven), 8-2; 3rd: Kameron Jones (Glenn) dec. Braden Price (Canton), 6-5; 5th: Trevor Maresh (N'ville) dec. Marcel Pop (Flat Rock), 3-2; 7th: Zack Kephart (Carlson) dec. Josh Childs (Divine Child), 3-2.
189: Anthony Abro (Canton) dec. Tomas Gomez (S'gate), 2-1; 3rd: Mohamad Soukar

(Fordson) dec. Nadar Bazzi (DHC), 13-7; 5th: Joe Brewer (Wyan.) won by major dec. over Don Giese, Jr. (Garden City), 10-0; 7th: Nick Maher (Woodhaven) dec. Devin Korzelki (Wayne), 3-1.
215: Devon Bronson (S'gate) dec. Lucas Luchonok (Edsel Ford), 4-1; 3rd: Dimitrus Renfroe (Wayne) dec. Carlos Harbin (HP), 4-2; 5th: Yousef Elsayed (DHC) dec. Logan McCann (Divine Child), 6-4; 7th: Rob Lincoln (Canton) dec. Chris Gutman (Woodhaven), 15-8.

285: Ouean Smith (HP) dec. Justin Dozier (Woodhaven), 2-1; 3rd: Ben Poirier (Canton) dec. Reggie Lewis (G.P. South), 3-1; 5th: Martez Crutchfield (HP) p. Alex Davis (Divine Child), 5:26; 7th: Derrick Campbell (Glenn) p. Ben Dominguez (S'gate), 2:31.

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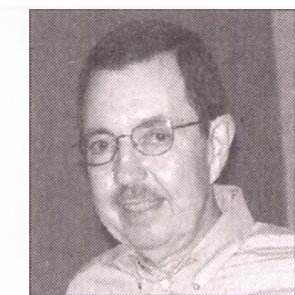


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CHARLES RAYMOND ALLMEN

Passed away at the age of 72. Born Sept. 5, 1938, in Ferndale as the second son of the late Ernest and Ida (Kittila) Allmen, he died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011. Chuck graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1960 (bachelor's in mechanical engineering) and Wayne State University in 1966 (masters). He worked at Chrysler Corp. for 32 years. Chuck met Patricia Opeka in 1967, and he married her on Aug. 24, 1968, moving to Farmington Hills in 1971. He is survived by his wife Pat and four children: Sharon (Matt) Videtich, Michael (Becky) Allmen, Philip (Karen) Allmen and Alan (Rachel) Allmen and five grandchildren, soon to be six. Visitation at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills Thursday, Jan. 27, 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. In state at St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills Friday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. with funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

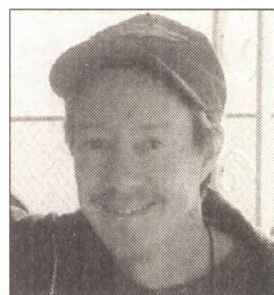
GARY V. GRAVES
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Loving husband of Donna. Dearest father of Dawn Hazamy and Jody (Wassim) El-Siss. Grandfather of Jessica, Mona, Hanna and Mohamed. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com. The family has entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road, Livonia, MI 734-522-6200. Memorial Service will be held February 5th, 2011 at his home at 4:30pm.



AARON THOMAS

Age 39, of Owosso, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2011, at his residence. Aaron worked as a project manager for Carl Zeiss, Inc. Aaron was born on December 21, 1971, in Wayne, Michigan, the son of Charles Thomas and Gale (Neal) Nequist. He graduated from Stevens High School in Livonia, and went on to attend college at Schoolcraft in Livonia. On August 27, 1994, he married Heather Hallett in Owosso. He enjoyed rebuilding and refinishing cars and electronics, especially his computer, and tinkering in his pole barn. He loved spending time with his family and going fishing, camping and boating. Survivors include his wife, Heather; son, Logan; daughter, Rylee; parents, Gale (Axel) Nequist and Charles (Jan) Thomas; in-laws, Ed (Connie) Abent; brothers, Kevin Thomas, Chad (Jennifer) Nequist and Jessie (Jessica) Edmunds; sisters, Kim (Jay) Phillips and Joelle Edmunds; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Scott (Valerie) Hallett; grandmothers, Laura Kutniowski and Jackie Neal; Sebastian, Natalie and Juan Rothman; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many other loving family members and friends. He was predeceased by grandpa, Donald Neal; grandma and grandpa, Margery (Wilbur) Thomas; and grandma, Virginia Yorty. Memorial contributions are suggested to Aaron's son and daughter's educational fund. Funeral Services were held Monday, January 24, 2011, at Nelson-House Funeral Home. On-line condolences can be sent to the family at www.nelson-house.com

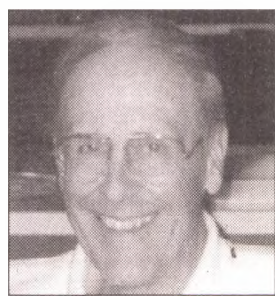


BRIAN M. WOLKAN

Age 50, of Walled Lake passed suddenly at his home January 18, 2011. He was born February 26, 1960, in the Old Redford neighborhood in Detroit, moving to Livonia, and graduating Franklin High School, class of 1978. He was a longtime employee of Red Lobster - Novi, of which he was loved by all who know him. He is survived by his mother CJ (Jan) Wolkan-Spencer and step-dad George Spencer of Westland; sister, Lynn (Kent) LeBoutillier, and their son Shawn of South Berwick, Maine; Brother, Brad (Yma) Wolkan, and their sons, Jake and Nate, of Livonia, Michigan. Brian loved music and played his '76 Stratocaster often. He was a rock and roll child of the '70s and liked listening to music the old fashioned way, on a turntable. He enjoyed hunting with his brother, camping and everything outdoors. His gentle smile will be missed by many. A family and friends memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011, from 5 to 8 pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd. (just north of 5 Mile) in Livonia. Please sign Brian's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com

ROBERT W. KLEINSCHMIT

Age 84, January 25, 2011. Beloved husband of Amy for 58 years. Loving father of Amy Lea (James) Thomas, Bob (Nancy), and Bill (Ramona) Kleinschmit. Cherished grandfather of Matthew and Nathan Thomas, Bobby, Lindsay, and Andrew Kleinschmit. Dear brother of Meta Silverthorn. Memorial Service Saturday 3 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Visitation Friday 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to the Church.



LUKE E. KREMER

January 19, 2011, age 85. Luke was an Electronics Technician in the aerospace and defense industries. He served in the United States Army, 28th Tank Battalion during World War II in the Pacific Theater. Predeceased by wife Marilyn and brother Felix. Survived by sons Eric (Tina), Matthew, Kurt (Carol) and Glenn (Peggy); daughter Ellen (Jerry); grandchildren Addie, Jack, William, Helena, John, Mark, Paul and brother Quintin. Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church where a Memorial Mass will be held later.



WILLIAM "TOM" AVERY

Age 76 of Howell graduated to Heaven Saturday, January 22, 2011 in Florida. Dear husband of Carolyn K. (Geelhood) Avery. Devoted father of Sandra (Alton) Brink of Troy and Kay (David) Bowerman of Howell. Also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Private family services will be Thursday, Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements by MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com



Mark White Band will perform at Faith and Family Night, Friday, Jan. 28 after the Plymouth Whalers hockey game.

Hockey team brings fans together for faith night Jan. 28

BY SHARON DARGAY
 O&E STAFF WRITER

Pastor Jack Janigian will deliver his message from the perfect pulpit Friday, Jan. 28.

"I'm going to speak while standing on the ice," said the youth minister from Oak Pointe Church in Novi. "I'm going to talk about what kind of surface we're trying to walk around on and what we do when we fall down."

Janigian will give the inspirational talk from center ice at Compuware Arena as a part of the Plymouth Whaler's Faith and Family Night after the hockey team's game against the Niagara IceDogs.

"Speaking on center ice is pretty unusual, but it will be a lot of fun," Janigian said. "I do a lot of speaking in metro Detroit at schools and camps and churches. They called me and I am happy to do it. There will be a big crew from our church there. It will be a fun event for students and families as well."

The game will start at 7:05 p.m., followed by Janigian's comments and a performance by Christian rockers, The Mark White Band. Tickets are \$11 and are available by calling (734) 453-8400 or visiting the arena box office, open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday at 14900 Beck, in Plymouth.

The Whalers regularly stage theme events, such as frozen turkey bowling at Thanksgiving and an annual "Pink Out" campaign to raise money for breast cancer research. Faith and Family night is a new event,

but Denise Ronayne, Whalers marketing director, said it is a perfect fit for the team and its fans.

"We have an anthem program and have had a lot of churches participate in it," she said. "We've had men's prayer groups here and church choirs. We've been reaching out for a few years now and see these groups — youth groups, moms groups, men's prayer groups — in line with what we do."

Players also make appearances off the ice at community events, schools and fund-raisers. Ronayne said it helps teach them to "give back" and maintains a connection with the community.

The Plymouth Whalers are a part of the Ontario Hockey League. Ronayne describes the games as "professional, but grass roots, too."

"It's the highest level kids can play. In terms of excitement, there are NHL scouts here. We might have 10 kids go on to the NHL."

She said some players, such as Whalers center Robbie Czarnik, willingly talk about their faith.

"He's the first person to say he didn't get here by himself. He's going to tell you it was his Christian beliefs that got him here."

Ronayne said Faith and Family night could evolve into a weekend event after it debuts.

"We need to present it and see how it goes. We're going to have a blast. Everyone is excited about it."

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Playwright Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" is staged in February worldwide to raise awareness and funds to help end violence against women.



VDay

Annual monologue performance benefits programs for women, girls

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

If you've never seen *The Vagina Monologues*, Lauren Myrand suggests you approach it with an open mind.

If you've watched it before, get ready to hear a few new monologues Thursday, Feb. 10 at a joint performance by University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) and Oakland Community College (OCC) students and faculty.

"Anyone who has doubts needs to throw out the inhibitions they have and come with an open mind and accept it as something more than just a script," said Myrand, a UDM architecture student and graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She had seen *The Vagina Monologues* twice before and decided to audition with a friend for the UDM-OCC production. She was cast in three monologues.

"These are real stories told by real women that actually mean something in every day lives of women," she said, adding that the play appeals to both men and women.

"I think men see it because it gives them an idea what women experience. I think women go because it gives them a better idea about who they are. Many of the monologues are about women's sexuality and about love for who you are. Even at the end of the show when some of the language is gruesome, you still walk away with a refreshed, dignified stance about who you are as a woman."

Myrand's three monologues address serious topics about injustice and women and are worlds apart from the comedies in which she performed

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES

What: Faculty and students from Oakland Community College and University of Detroit Mercy, along with special guest performers, Amy Lange of Fox 2 News and Shannon Murphy of Mojo in the Morning, read monologues written by Eve Ensler. The piece is based on interviews with more than 200 women

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10

Where: Smith Theatre on the Oakland Community College campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Tickets: \$20 general admission, \$10 for students with ID, available in advance by calling the UDM box office at (313) 993-3270 or in person noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, at the box office located in Reno Hall on the University of Detroit campus, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit. Or at the Smith Theatre on event day

Details: Proceeds benefit Alternatives for Girls and Michigan Women's Justice and the Clemency Project.

The performance is a part of the VDay 2011 college and community campaign. VDay is a global movement aimed at stopping violence against women and girls.

Through VDay campaigns, volunteers and students stage benefit performances of Ensler's works to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups. The V in VDay stands for victory, valentine and vagina

Contact: OCC Womencenter at (248) 522-3641 or UDMercy Women's Studies Program at (313) 993-6172; www.vday.org

logues relate humor, pain, power, outrage and excitement experienced by women. Benefit performances are held globally every February-March to raise awareness of violence against women and funds to combat it. The shows and other events are part of the annual "VDay" campaign.

The UDM-OCC performance will benefit Alternatives for Girls in Detroit and Michigan Women's Justice and the Clemency Project in Ann Arbor. The Project works to free women who were convicted of murdering an abuser in self-defense, but didn't receive due process or fair trials. Alternatives for Girls serves girls and women, 4-20, in southwest Detroit who are at risk of pregnancy, gang involvement and school truancy.

"I have a special place in my heart for southeast Detroit. I lived there when I was young," said Yolanda Fleischer, director of the UDM-OCC production.

Fleischer is a retired UDM drama faculty member who also has taught at Wayne State University and now teaches a class at OCC. She has directed and acted in the Detroit area for more than 30 years, and developed a monologue project, *Unheard Voices*, in conjunction with the UDM theater community last year to underscore the plight of the homeless.

COLLABORATING

Fleischer first saw *The Vagina Monologues* in 1999 in New York and began directing annual performances in the Detroit area a year later. This is the second time she has worked in collaboration with UDM and OCC. The show this year will include two new monologues by Ensler.

"The Vagina Monologues empowers the women and men who see it," Fleischer said. "I'll never forget we had an elderly gentleman at one performance — we had a talk back — and he spoke about his mother's abuse. We've had young women who have performed in it for the first time and then talk about their abuse. So many powerful things have happened."

Fleischer welcomes the chance to use theater as a vehicle to teach, enlighten and compel action.

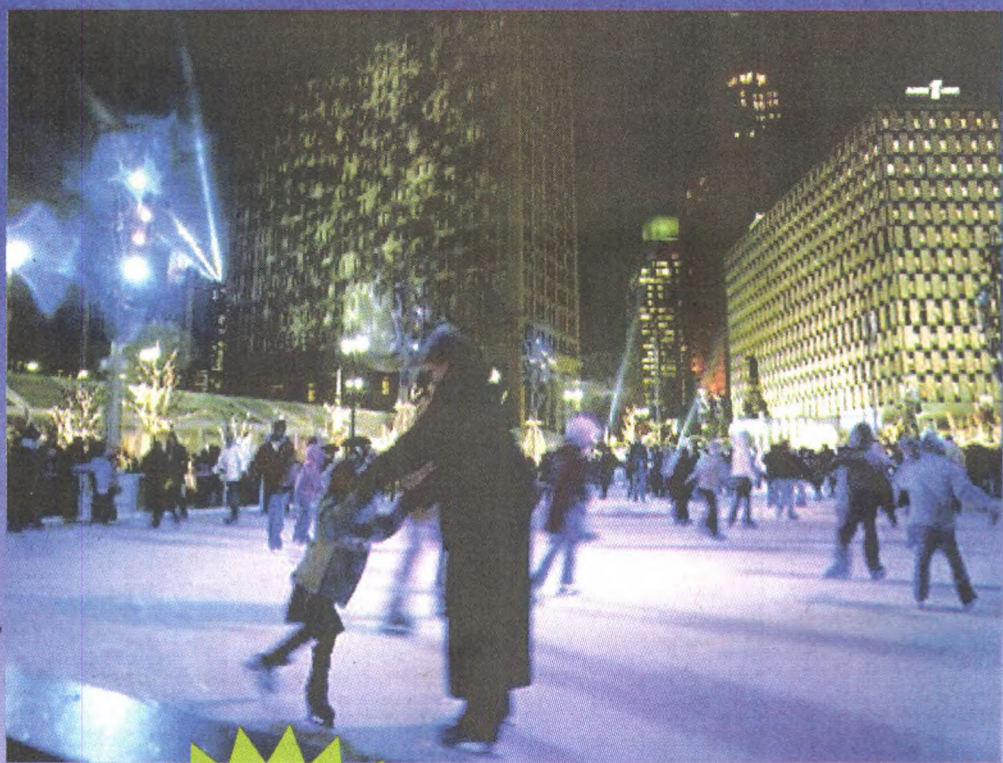
"For the homeless project (*Unheard Voices*) people brought clothes and we filled a truck," she said. "There is power in theater."

as a high school student.

"The last time I performed it at a group rehearsal I was shaking by the end of it. It's very exhausting."

VDAY

Playwright Eve Ensler penned the monologues — some are humorous and some tragic — based on interviews with women around the world. The mono-



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Ron Opfer of Huron, Ohio, sets up his booth at Art on the Grand.

Juried art fair seeks exhibitors

Applications are available for artists interested in Art on the Grand, the juried fine arts fair scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5 in downtown Farmington.

Application deadline is March 25. They can be downloaded at www.zapplication.org or www.fhgov.com.

Last year Art on the Grand doubled in size and became a stand-alone event situated on Grand River Ave., in downtown Farmington.

Many visitors, artists, and businesspersons said they liked the new date and location.

Artists reported high traffic and good sales,

despite inclement weather last year.

The artist booth fee is \$275 for the two days. Application fees are \$25 by mail or \$20 through www.zapplication.org.

An award for "Best of Show" and two honorary "Mayor's Awards" are given out each year. Interested artists should call the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1856 or e-mail cpowers@fhgov.com.

Art on the Grand, presented by the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, includes a wine/beer tent, live entertainment, and family activities.

Rock concert benefits veterans' organization

Canton-based rock band, Sweet Crystal, will perform along with other bands at Warriors 211, a benefit for the Wounded Warrior Project, Feb. 5 at Callahan's Music Hall in Auburn Hills.

Sweet Crystal, which records under the Tate Music Group (TMG) label, is presenting the show which will donate the price of all admissions to Wounded Warrior Project, a

nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to wounded soldiers.

Other performers are Alyssa Simmons, TMG band MediSin Wheel, Ray Cooke and Expansions Jazz Quartet and R&B band Oxgoad also will perform. MediSin Wheel will play songs from its Christian hard rock album, *Fire On The Moon*. Sweet Crystal will perform songs from its Christian

rock album, *3*.

Doors will open at 8 p.m. The hall is located at 2105 South Boulevard.

Admission is \$5, although the more an individual donates, the more chances they'll have to win door prizes. For more information, visit www.sweetcrystal.com or call Nightcrier Music at (888) 831-1984.

ART

Art & Ideas

Time/Date: Saturdays, 1-7 p.m., through Jan. 29
Location: 15095 Northville Road, Plymouth Township, between eastbound and westbound 5 Mile intersections

Details: "Time Tells All" holiday-season art exhibition, a multi-artist retrospective of 2010 exhibitions. Artwork on display through Jan. 29, 2011; free

Contact: (734) 420-0775 or visit www.artandideasgallery.com

City Gallery

Time/Date: Through Feb. 23

Location: At the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Nature photography by artist Cassandra Medley

Contact: (248) 473-1856

Northville Art House

Time/Date: Through Jan. 29

Location: 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville

Details: Erik Olson shows oil portraits of homes and structures in various stages of repair in a show called "An Outside View"

Coming up: 5th Annual Member Exhibition, Feb. 4-19, will showcase styles and mediums of more than 50 artist members. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4

Contact: (248) 344-0497

COMEDY

Brighton Center for Performing Arts

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28

Location: On the campus of Brighton High School, 7878

Brighton Road, Brighton

Details: Dave Coulier performs. Tickets for reserved seating are \$25 and are available by phone with a Visa/Mastercard at (810) 299-4130 and press 0 or at the Brighton Community Education office in the Miller Intergenerational Center, 850 Spencer, Brighton. Tickets also available at the door beginning at 6 p.m. on the event day

Contact: www.BrightonPerformingArts.com

Go Comedy!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; www.gocomedy.net

JD's House of Comedy

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday

Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: John Roy, Jan. 26-29; Sean Patton, Feb. 2-5; Tony Woods, Feb. 9-12; Louis Katz, Feb. 16-19; Shane Moss, Feb. 23-26;

Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Time/Date: Ken Rogerson, Jan. 27-29; Michael Malone, Feb. 3-5; Jeff Caldwell, Feb. 10-12; Rachel Feinstein, Feb. 17-19; Ian Bagg, Feb. 24-26

Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

CONCERTS

Baseline Folk Society

Time/Date: Third Saturday of the month

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Eight "Open-Mic" performances plus a featured group perform. Sign up for open mic from 6:15-6:45 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Individual membership is \$25 and includes monthly concerts from September through May. Otherwise, admission to each concert is \$5 at the door. Family memberships are \$50 and include monthly concerts

Contact: (248) 719-3464 or mjmmullen@yahoo.com

The Ark

Time/Date: African Guitar Summit, Feb. 1; Frank Vignola with Viny Raniolo and Julien Labro, Feb. 2; Ann Doyle and Doug Howell, Feb. 3; Hoots & Hellmouth, Feb. 4; Yiddische Cup, Feb. 5; Caravan of Thieves, Feb. 7; Kurt Elling, Feb. 8; The Waiters, Feb. 9; The Battlefield Band, Feb. 10; The Kruger Brothers, Feb. 11; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 12; My Folkly Valentine with Annie and Rod Capps and more, Feb. 13; Genticorum, Feb. 15; Buckwheat Zydeco, Feb. 16; The Good Lovelies, Feb. 18; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 20; Bobby Long, Feb. 21; Open Stage, Feb. 23; The Asylum Street Spankers, Feb. 24; BreakFest, Feb. 25; Susan Werner, Feb. 26; The Jeremy Kittel Band, Feb. 27; Studebaker John & the Hawks, Feb. 28

Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

Jazz @ The Elks

Time/Date: 7-10:30 p.m., every fourth Tuesday

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz musicians perform; no cover, but donations accepted.

Contact: (734) 453-1780 www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Livonia Symphony

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Jan. 29

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia

GET OUT!



The Motor City Sidestrokeers will perform Friday, Feb. 4, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.



Blues singer Ann Rabson will perform Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

Details: "Winter Reverie," featuring violinist Aaron Berofsky, with selections by Tchaikovsky and Dazhins. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, 60 and over, and \$5 for students of all ages. Group rate is \$15 for 10 or more

Contact: (313) 538-2536

Music Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 28

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: The Latin Jazz All Stars; tickets \$30, \$40 and \$50

Coming up: "Drumline Live," 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 10-11; tickets \$30, \$40, \$50

Contact: (313) 887-8500

Seligman Performing Arts Center

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12

Location: Located on the campus of Detroit Country Day School at 22305 West 13 Mile, Beverly Hills

Details: Orion String Quartet and Windscape perform Bach's "The Art of the Fugue" as a part of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit series. Tickets are \$43-75; \$25 for students

Contact: (248) 855-6070; www.ComeHearCMSD.org

Trinity House Theatre

Time/Date: Motor City Sidestrokeers with The Milroys, Feb. 4; Lac La Belle and Orpheum Bell, Feb. 5; Unvalentine Show with Jamie Sue Seal, Dave Boutette, John Latini and Andrew Viloch, Feb. 11; Nervous But Excited with The Marvins, Feb. 12; Drew Nelson, Feb. 18; Michael Smith, Feb. 19; Blue Water Ramblers, Feb. 26; The Waymores, March 4

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Contact: (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

Village Theatre at Cherry Hill

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Jan. 29

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton

Details: Jazz and blues singer Ann Rabson performs; tickets are \$20

Contact: (734) 394-5460 or www.CantonVillageTheater.org

DANCE

Detroit Opera House

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m., Jan. 29 and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 30

Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit

Details: Joffrey Ballet dances to music by Richard Rodgers, Philip Glass and Tchaikovsky, among others; tickets range from \$29-\$76

Contact: (313) 237-SING, or www.MichiganOpera.org

Music Hall

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 5

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: "Tango Buenos Aires" performs; tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50

Contact: (313) 887-8500 or ticketmaster.com

Polka Booster Club of America

Time/Date: Doors open 12:30 p.m., buffet dinner 1:30 p.m., dancing from 3-7 p.m., Jan. 30

Location: Msgr. Hunt K of C Hall, 7080 Garling Dr., Dearborn Heights

Details: Inauguration of officers and dance to the music of Duane Malinowski and The polka Jamboree; admission is \$22.50 with beer, wine and pop included. Reservations required

Contact: Terry at (734) 422-1901 or Joanna at (313) 561-8389

FAMILY

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Time/Dates: 2-5 p.m. Sundays

Details: Jazz for Kids Program

Location: 20510 Livernois Ave., Detroit

Contact: (313) 345-6300, www.bakerskeyboardlounge.com

Detroit Institute of Arts

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

Detroit Zoo

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free

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Halibut baked with endive, leeks and tarragon.

Eat healthy ...
eat well ...

DISCOVER ENDIVE

Resolving to eat better doesn't have to condemn you to a diet of lettuce and celery sticks. To make that healthy-eating resolution stick, think about the pleasures you can add to your menus, not about the temptations you need to avoid. Serving endive (pronounced "on-deev") makes a meal seem like a special occasion, yet this prized member of the chicory family contributes only one calorie per leaf. That's a smart way to indulge.

You probably already know that endive leaves make elegant dippers — a low-calorie and fat-free alternative to chips. And maybe you have sliced some endive into a salad to dress it up. It pairs beautifully with nuts and cool-weather fruits such as apples, pears and persimmons.

GREAT COOKED

But endive also shines in cooked dishes. Braised or baked, it's a favorite in France, although French cooks tend to blanket it with cream or bechamel sauce. It doesn't need such rich treatment. Use sauteed endive and leeks as a bed for lean baked fish. Broil halved endives with olive oil and drizzle with a homemade Caesar-style dressing. Slow-braise whole endives with fragrant fresh thyme as a potato replacement alongside roast chicken. With endive on the menu, eating healthfully means eating well.

AT THE MARKET

When shopping for endive, look for plump, pale, blemish-free heads. Red endive tends to be smaller than the white variety, but the two taste the same, so you can use them interchangeably — or mix it up — in recipes. At home, store endive in your refrigerator's vegetable crisper, wrapped in a damp paper towel inside a plastic bag. It will last for 10 to 14 days, much longer than other lettuces.

For more useful tips and recipe videos, visit www.endive.com.

HALIBUT BAKED WITH ENDIVE, LEEKS AND TARRAGON

Serves 6

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
6 cups thinly sliced leeks
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
6 California endives, halved lengthwise and cored
2 teaspoons chopped fresh tarragon
6 halibut fillets, 5 to 6 ounces each
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 425°F. In ovenproof skillet or Dutch oven wide enough to hold the fish in one layer, warm butter and olive oil over moderate heat. Add leeks and season with salt and pepper. Stir well, then cover, reduce to moderately low and cook, stirring occasionally, until leeks have softened, 10 to 15 minutes. Do not let them brown.

Cut endive halves crosswise into 1/4-inch-wide pieces. Stir endive and tarragon into skillet, season with more salt and pepper, cover and continue cooking until endive has softened slightly, 3 to 4 minutes.

Season halibut fillets on both sides with salt and pepper. Arrange them on the bed of vegetables and transfer skillet to the oven, uncovered. Bake until fish just flakes, 10 to 12 minutes.

Divide vegetables and fish among 6 dinner plates. Top fish with a generous drizzle of olive oil and garnish with parsley. Serve hot.

BROILED ENDIVE WITH A QUICK CAESAR DRESSING

Serves 6

Dressing:
1/4 cup mayonnaise (not low fat)
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 anchovy fillet, finely minced
1 1/2 teaspoons red wine vinegar, or to taste

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Salad:

9 large California endives, halved lengthwise
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon minced parsley

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, olive oil, garlic, anchovy and wine vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Whisk in a little water to make the dressing thin enough to drizzle.

Preheat broiler and place an oven rack in the lowest position. Cut a thin slice off the rounded side of each endive half so it sits on a baking sheet without rolling. Put endive halves on baking sheet cut side up. Brush with half of olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Broil until nicely browned in spots, about 10 minutes.

Turn endives over, brush with remaining oil and season with salt and pepper. Broil on rounded side until nicely browned and tender, about 10 minutes longer. Turn endives over again, raise oven rack to about 6 inches from heat, and broil briefly to crisp the edges.

Transfer endives to a serving platter, cut side up. Drizzle with dressing, then garnish with Parmesan and parsley. Serve hot.



Braised endive with butter and fresh thyme



Broiled endive with a quick Caesar dressing

ENDIVE AND WATERCRESS SALAD WITH APPLES AND WALNUTS

Serves 6

Dressing:
5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
2 tablespoons minced shallot
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Salad:
6 California endives, halved lengthwise and cored
2 firmly packed cups watercress leaves (no thick stems)
1/4 cup coarsely chopped toasted walnuts
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
1 large crisp apple, such as Fuji

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, wine vinegar and shallot. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Cut endive halves crosswise into 1/4-inch-wide pieces. Put endive, watercress, walnuts and mint in a salad bowl. Quarter and core apple, then slice crosswise as thinly as possible. Add sliced apple to salad bowl. Add enough dressing to coat salad nicely; you may not need it all. Toss well, taste and adjust seasoning. Serve immediately.

Endive and watercress salad with apples and walnuts



BRAISED ENDIVE WITH BUTTER AND FRESH THYME

Serves 6

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
8 sprigs fresh thyme
6 large or 1 dozen medium California endives
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Melt butter over moderately low heat in a skillet large enough to hold endives in one layer. Add thyme sprigs, then arrange endives on top. Season with salt. Cover and cook slowly until endives are tender when pierced, 20 to 30 minutes, turning them with tongs halfway through.

Uncover and remove thyme sprigs. Raise heat to high and cook until endives are browned on the pan side, about 1 minute. With tongs, transfer to a platter, browned side up. Season with several grinds of black pepper and garnish with parsley. Serve hot or warm.

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Building Industry Association lauds leaders

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present its annual Industry Leadership Awards to President Darshan S. Grewal of Singh Development Co. LLC (President's Award) and the other distinguished awards honorees on Feb. 2 at the Sterling Inn & Banquet Center in Sterling Heights, in conjunction with the Builders & Remodelers Trade Show and BIA's Economic Forecast Luncheon.

- Award honorees include:
- Hall of Fame to Jim Beachum, Beachum & Roeser
 - Builder of the Year to Pinnacle Homes - Howard Fingerroot, Steve Friedman & John Deporre
 - Young Builder of the Year to Damiano DiMercurio, DiLusso Building Companies
 - Samuel Kreis Annual Award for Distinguished Service to the Building Industry to Susan Adler Shanteau, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan
 - Distinguished Service Award in Government to Ted Wahby, Macomb County treasurer
 - Thomas Ricketts Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official to John Weyer, building official, Canton Township
 - Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year to Richard Beckwith, R. Beckwith Flooring
 - Associate of the Year to Rick Ditzek, Carter Lumber
 - Remodeler of the Year to Lenox Bowman, CGR, CAPS, CGP, P & B Finishers, Inc.
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 - Membership Growth Honoree to Robert M. Tedesco, Silverado Custom Homes, Inc.
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Builder of the Year honors go to (from left) Howard Fingerroot, Steve Friedman and John Deporre of Pinnacle Homes.

Bloomfield, Building Industry Association of SE Michigan (BIA) and Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) are trade associations representing nearly 800 builders, remodelers, multi-family property owners, developers and suppliers to the single family and multi-family residential construction industry. BIA is affiliated with the Michigan Association of Home Builders in Lansing and the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C.

President's Award recipient Grewal is a third generation builder. He is president of Singh Homes, an affiliate of Singh Development LLC.

Grewal began his career with studies in building construction management at Michigan State University. He earned a master's degree in corporate finance from Walsh College. He began Singh Homes LLC in 1989 with the support of his family.

Grewal was named Young Builder of the Year in 2001 and Builder of the Year in 2006. The firm has expanded its business operations to North Carolina. He is married to Sharanjit and dad to Neetu and JD.

Grewal, who finds time for golf games occasionally, likes to visit India with his family.

Hall of Famer Beachum and Richard Roeser teamed up in 1976 to build single family



Damiano DiMercurio is the Young Builder of the Year.

and condominium properties. Their developments are now known for Williamsburg- and Georgian-style buildings in southeast Michigan.

The firm has nearly one million feet of office space. Many of their properties have won awards for architectural and landscaping excellence, as well as tenant praise for customer service.

Beachum is a Michigan State University supporter who studied building construction at MSU before going to work for his father. He then worked for a Lansing builder of single family homes and apartment buildings. In the mid-1960s, he joined Amurcon Corp. and became a vice president. Beachum has served as



Jim Beachum of Beachum & Roeser is receiving Hall of Fame honors.

a director for the School of Building & Construction at MSU and has funded the Curtis M. Beachum Endowment for scholarships. He is married to Carmen and dad to Jim Jr., Bill, Chris and Barb. The Beachums also have five grandchildren.

Builder of the Year Pinnacle Homes opened its doors in 2004. Leaders of the firm praise its attention to detail, focusing on all aspects of the business. Locations and good school districts have also contributed to Pinnacle's success.

Pinnacle leaders also emphasize customer service. The group is excited about the opening of The Legacy of Farmington Hills during 2011 with homes to be offered from the \$290s.



Darshan S. Grewal, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, will be among honorees Feb. 2.

Young Builder of the Year Damiano DiMercurio is focused on Macomb County with DiLusso Building Companies. The firm's tagline is "A reputation for good judgment, fair dealing and truth."

Now in his early 30s, DiMercurio has built extensive office space and ventured to Newman, Ga., outside of Atlanta, where he built homes. Homes remain a main focus for the company. DiMercurio has ventured into the independent senior market in Clinton Township with one- and two-bedroom apartments.

DiMercurio is a member of the BIA Board of Directors. He enjoys golf, tennis, travel and reading, and is a soccer fan. He has a daughter, Lilamarie, 6.

Check details on renting

Q: I am thinking about renting my condominium and I am wondering what restrictions I might have to deal with respect to doing so?

A: It is always important to look at your condominium documents before you attempt to rent your unit to insure that

you are not violating any provisions which may include a limit on a number of rentals in condominium or an absolute prohibition on any renting of units in the condominium.

If your condominium documents allow for rentals, it is necessary for you to ensure that certain language is in your rental agreement and provided to the association well before the lease is executed, as well as to provide them with a copy of the rental form to ensure that it is in compliance with the Condominium Act. It is also a good idea to have an attorney draft your lease if your association does not already provide you with a lease form satisfactory to it.

Q: Our condominium board is trying to invest our reserve funds with a non-insured brokerage firm because they claim they can get a better return. Is there any requirement that they do with federally insured funds?

A: Not necessarily, although most condominium documents require that the funds of the association be invested with an entity that has insurance backed by the federal government. In any event, the Board of Directors has a fiduciary duty to preserve the assets of the Association to the extent necessary and their failure to do so could result in culpability to them, particularly if there is a loss or a default on the part of the entity in which they invested the funds. You are best advised to advise the board of this potential exposure to the extent that they are not aware of same.

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

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 12-15, 2010, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price
Canton	4151 Bedford Dr	\$48,000
	42626 Beechwood Dr	\$183,000
	7045 Clampton Ct	\$115,000
	6406 Connaught Ct	\$314,000
	724 Constitution St	\$264,000
	50580 Coolidge St	\$217,000
	44534 Forest Trail Dr	\$150,000
	50205 Harding St	\$245,000
	39715 Hillary Dr	\$130,000
	43525 Lyme Ct	\$129,000
1123 N Cavalier Rd	\$154,000	
3320 Napier Rd	\$191,000	
3982 Norwich Dr	\$92,000	
7817 Oxford Dr	\$82,000	
7900 Oxford Dr	\$82,000	
1989 Pearce Ct	\$55,000	
2482 River Woods Dr N	\$272,000	
1500 S Sheldon Rd	\$136,000	

City	Address	Sales Price
Garden City	45277 Seabrook Dr	\$290,000
	6141 Stonetree Dr	\$136,000
	47681 Ten Point Dr	\$276,000
	39855 Wales St	\$126,000
	46837 Wareham	\$235,000
	48817 Woodson Way	\$327,000
	28978 Bridge St	\$80,000
	122 Central Ct	\$85,000
	450 E Rose Ave	\$78,000
	28432 Kathryn St	\$76,000
31780 Rush St	\$62,000	
Livonia	32460 Six Mile Rd	\$12,000
	29452 Bobrich St	\$25,000
	16144 Burton Ct	\$127,000
	9328 Colorado St	\$125,000
	14749 Country Club Dr	\$145,000
	17517 Ellen Dr	\$315,000
	35112 Elmira St	\$120,000
	8900 Farmington Rd	\$104,000
	20454 Gill Rd	\$195,000
	15405 Harrison St	\$70,000
31139 Hillbrook St	\$190,000	
Farmington	37862 Jamison Dr	\$107,000
	9072 Louise St	\$55,000
	30554 Munger St	\$224,000

City	Address	Sales Price
Northville	44431 Aspen Ridge Dr	\$275,000
	42109 Baintree Cir	\$209,000
	40729 Coachwood Cir	\$375,000
	16026 Morningside	\$124,000
	40631 N Northville Trl	\$353,000
	45394 Pebble Beach Ct	\$400,000
	15749 Portis Rd	\$253,000
	40917 Rayburn Dr	\$260,000
	39479 Springwater Dr	\$136,000
	19065 Stonewater Blvd	\$63,000
39509 Village Run Dr	\$218,000	
Plymouth	112 Walnut St	\$86,000
	17590 White Pine Ct	\$425,000
	16976 Yellowstone Dr	\$96,000
	686 Herald St	\$258,000
	42111 Old Pond Cir	\$76,000
	1613 Old Salem	\$188,000
	1426 Penniman Ave	\$215,000
	174 Pinewood Dr	\$55,000
	12842 Portsmouth Xing	\$380,000

City	Address	Sales Price
Redford	101 S Union St	\$128,000
	101 S Union St Unit 205	\$155,000
	16598 Beech Daly Rd	\$64,000
	9589 Berwyn	\$74,000
	12812 Brady	\$39,000
	18804 Brady	\$19,000
	19241 Dalby	\$85,000
	18670 Fox	\$25,000
	17636 Glenmore	\$50,000
	18653 Indian	\$32,000
Westland	26740 Joy Rd	\$11,000
	25521 Pembroke Ave	\$30,000
	27162 W Six Mile Rd	\$74,000
	37130 Baker Dr	\$30,000
	31111 Beechnut St	\$65,000
	2646 Caledonia Ct	\$12,000
	38081 Carolon Blvd	\$24,000
	32145 Fairchild St	\$50,000
	8287 Gary Ave	\$80,000
	7471 N Farmington Rd	\$141,000

HOMES SOLD-OAKLAND

These are residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 10-15, 2010, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price		
Beverly Hills	18137 Birwood Ave	\$250,000		
	Birmingham	1243 Davis Ave	\$378,000	
		1875 Pine St	\$465,000	
		1958 S Bates St	\$200,000	
		663 W Frank St	\$250,000	
		1954 Webster St	\$120,000	
		1395 Willow Ln	\$549,000	
		340 Wimbeldon Dr	\$313,000	
		Bloomfield Hills	420 Dunston Rd	\$810,000
			4462 Tanbank St	\$180,000
Bloomfield Township			5305 Brookdale Rd	\$400,000
	6960 Cathedral Dr		\$227,000	
	4104 Golf Ridge Dr E		\$170,000	
	2827 Hunters Blf		\$505,000	
	2696 Kentmoor Rd		\$190,000	
	5480 Lahser Rd		\$257,000	
	1127 Meadowglen Ct		\$245,000	
	681 Overhill Rd		\$475,000	
	2740 Thedford Rd	\$166,000		
	2712 Turtle Ridge Dr	\$325,000		
Commerce Township	3364 Benstein Rd	\$245,000		
	2085 Canal St	\$200,000		
	4970 Comstock St	\$46,000		
	4724 Driftwood Dr	\$380,000		
	8603 Hibbing St	\$72,000		
	2494 Ivy Hill Dr	\$220,000		
	2925 Ivy Hill Dr	\$275,000		
	Farmington	31743 Folkstone Dr	\$90,000	
		34028 Oakland St	\$140,000	
		Farmington Hills	32740 Balmoral Knls	\$125,000
32621 Biddestone Ln			\$260,000	
31785 Coronet Dr			\$102,000	
29817 Edgehill Ave			\$60,000	
21614 Mayfield St			\$145,000	
28011 Rollcrest Rd			\$320,000	
29523 Shenandoah Dr			\$205,000	
29170 Shiawassee Rd			\$113,000	
36938 Valley Ridge Dr	\$182,000			
33861 Yorkridge St	\$200,000			
Lathrup Village	18536 Bungalow Dr	\$88,000		
	4104 San Quentin Dr	\$155,000		
	Milford	323 E Commerce St	\$384,000	
		1413 Horseshoe Cir	\$214,000	
		110 Milford Meadows Dr	\$262,000	
		211 Ravineside Dr	\$245,000	
		Novi	50665 Chesapeake Dr	\$610,000

HOMES SOLD-WAYNE

City	Address	Sales Price	
South Lyon	54280 Birchwood Dr	\$30,000	
	1350 Coach House Ln	\$339,000	
	24132 Copperwood Dr E	\$257,000	
	321 Harvard Ave	\$108,000	
	331 Harvard Ave	\$84,000	
	26522 Mallard Ct	\$65,000	
	Southfield	22360 Evergreen Rd	\$82,000
		28155 Fairfax St	\$60,000
		30755 Longcrest St	\$104,000
		15801 Providence Dr	\$40,000
28430 Ranchwood Dr		\$55,000	
29177 Wellington Ct		\$48,000	
29145 Wellington Rd E		\$51,000	
20570 Westhampton Ave		\$18,000	
White Lake		1365 Midway St	\$110,000
		1249 Rossfield St	\$72,000
	1385 Sugden Rd	\$293,000	

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Alice Wierciak, an 11-year real estate professional, has joined the sales team at Weichert, Realtors - Cass Realty. She offers a full range of real estate services to clients in Wayne, Oakland and Monroe counties. She is a member of the Dearborn Area Board of Realtors. Her real estate credentials include the ABR (Accredited Buyer Representation) designation and e-PRO certification. She was honored with inclusion in the Association of Million Dollar Producers. Wierciak is a 20-year area resident currently living in Garden City. She is active in the community as a member of the Jaycees, H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group), and BNI (Business Network International). Her background includes work as an estimator for Union Steel Erectors. Weichert, Realtors - Cass

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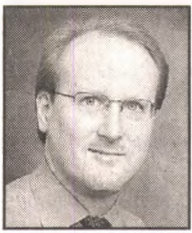
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The North American International Auto Show may be over for another year, but the impressions it left on Detroit-area car shoppers - and on the national and international auto industries - will reverberate throughout 2011.

The show at Cobo Center represented a return of some of the optimism and even brand bravado that had characterized the Detroit extravaganza for many years leading up to the Great Recession.

Among the highlights of presentations by brands and executives to the global automotive press, before the public show opened:

Buick Highlights Luxury Ambitions: The General Motors luxury brand has always been Cadillac. But since the company slashed its active brands from eight to four last year, Buick brandmeisters have been trying to move their marque upscale by calling it "luxury" as well.

That happened again at the show John Schwegman, U.S. vice president of marketing, touted the new Verano compact sedan as a "luxury" vehicle that would compete with "European and Japanese" upscale brands. He also noted that, in 2010, Buick's sales rose by 52 percent, the most of any mainstream brand in the U.S. market, and "placing it No. 4 among all luxury brands, and

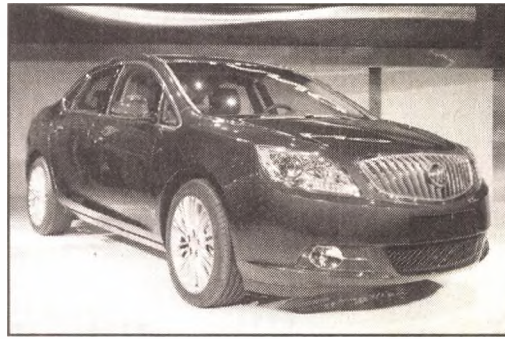
ahead of Lincoln, Infiniti and Audi."

Verano will go on sale in the U.S. late this year, the latest model in what Buick is calling a "product renaissance" that began with the Enclave crossover-utility vehicle and continued with introductions of the new LaCrosse and Regal sedans.

Verano will have a "refined and sporty profile," Schwegman noted. It will boast "the most comfortable seats in the segment," he said, an available heated steering wheel, connectivity to a Pandora system that will stream music to Bose speakers, and a remote unlock and start with "no range limitations."

Marchionne Spreads the Word for Detroit: He's much softer-spoken, but Sergio Marchionne's ability to draw and hold auto-industry crowds is increasingly reminiscent of another Chrysler CEO of Italian descent.

He told Detroit's dean of talk-radio hosts that he believes strongly in the Jeep brand, especially after the new Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV, introduced last fall, has gotten off to a fast start in sales. Customers of all Chrysler brands have been short of new sheet metal to consider for a couple of years, of course, but now Fiat has helped Chrysler turn on the new-product spigot again, with revamped and new vehicles such as a fresh version of the mainstay 300 sedan that was unveiled at the Detroit show.



Toyota's first in a new family of Prius vehicles, the V.

The 2011 Buick Verano is meant to capture sales in the compact-luxury segment



"I think Jeep can actually become a global brand powerhouse," Marchionne told Paul W. Smith on WJR Radio. "Jeep can carry this brand internationally."

In fact, Marchionne said, he has been so impressed by how Chrysler designers, engineers and manufacturing managers put together the new Grand Cherokee and established output in the Chrysler assembly plant in Detroit that he has awarded the group with responsibility for developing a new SUV in partnership with Maserati, another Fiat brand, for a line of vehicles that would be sold worldwide.

"V" Are Family as Toyota Extends Prius Lineup: Toyota unveiled two new vehicles that extended its single-vehicle Prius brand to a "family" of models that now includes a larger Prius and Toyota's first plug-in hybrid.

Prius may have had problems finding buyers over the last couple of years of relatively quiet gasoline prices, but recent jumps have quickened the interest of American consumers in hybrids again. December sales of Prius in the U.S. were a record for any winter month.

And exact timing aside, extending the Prius sub-brand gives Toyota its best

chance yet to plumb its "mystique and persona," said Bob Carter, Toyota division general manager. "Prius has the highest brand awareness of an hybrid, with almost one million sold. The brand is like Levis with jeans, or Kleenex and tissue."

Prius V - for "versatility" - has 60 percent more cargo space than the current third generation of the original Prius hybrid, Carter said. Yet it offers the same emissions reductions as the current Prius. The new Prius has "comfortable seating for five" and is aimed especially at young families who like the vehicle's green credentials but wanted more interior room as well, he explained.

Stylistically, the vehicle resembles some of the smaller crossover-utility vehicles already on the market. It has a squared-off rear end and a low, broad, rectangular-shaped hatch for easy access.

Prius V also will feature a standard back-up camera and a moonroof made of lightweight resin. It will be the first Toyota equipped with the widely hailed Entune infotainment system that the company introduced last week at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

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I am a SWF, 5'2", in my 60s, brown eyes, brunette, who loves movies, casinos, arts, etc. ISO tall, 60-75, gentlemen, for a possible relationship. Call and leave a message. ☎323205

LET'S CHAT!
SWF, 5'2", blonde hair, small build, seeks SWM, 70-75, NS, who likes trips, good friendships, movies, and many different things with good conversation and SOH. ☎323690

SEEKING A REAL MAN
SWF, 38, 5'3", 145lbs, long light brown hair, smoker, hair one kid, likes shooting pool, cards, seeks WM, 28-48, who's caring, affectionate, understanding, honest, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎336218

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 36, 5'8", 150lbs, looking for a SBM, 35-45, who likes movies, dining, concerts, walks in the park, hanging out. ☎324444

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 48-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎362317

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. ☎323694

TOTAL LOSER!
I have no looks, no interests, no talent, no IQ, no friends, no job, and haven't dated since '92! OK, stop laughing and here is the truth. I am a SJFF, 47, 5'8", blonde, shapely, bright (advanced degree), fun, caring, passionate, and one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Among other things, I love great conversation, a great sense of humor, and great kissing. Seeking compatible male, late 40s - mid 60s, for permanent best friend and lover. I'm temporarily living in Milwaukee but may move to Michigan soon. ☎324039

LOOK NO FURTHER
Affectionate, loving, down-to-earth SWF, 34, looking for a fun, open-minded, laid-back SWM, 35-58, who enjoys movies, travel, going on walks. ☎326994

SEEKING A BLACK MAN
SBF, 44, no children, lives alone, looking for a non-smoking, non-drinking, drug-free man who enjoys travel, playing cards, getting together and just having a good time. ☎332295

SAY I DO

Me: Black, short, young, extremely attractive, very sensitive, slightly dominant ways, lives alone. You: not white, under 50, tall, 200-300lbs, stable, gentle, compassionate, handyman, very affectionate. We are: NS, N/D, N/Children, monogamist serious, posity, cooking, jazz, homebody, very laid back wants marriage, no pets. Leave name and number only. ☎328635

WEST SIDE BEAUTY
Professionally employed in the beauty field. SWF, 5'5", slender, 54, seeks a gentleman, 44-52, HWP, many interests including music, movies, cultural events, camping, and most things out doors, light smoker, for friendship leading to relationship. Sincere responses only. ☎230751

ISO COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive, flexible SBF, 63, 5'4", 105lbs, loves dancing, movies, dining, travel. Seeking honest, sincere, independent, humorous gentleman for friendship, possibly more. ☎324668

A RARE LADY
SBF, 5'8", NS, N/D, very humorous, would love to meet a gentleman, 46-65, to be my special friend. Race unimportant. ☎325843

LET'S ENJOY LIFE TOGETHER
Semi-retired WF, young 60s, 5'6", brown/brown, easy on the eyes, HW proportionate, seeks WM, 58-66, NS, health-conscious, with a good sense of humor. I enjoy music, theater, movies, museums, art fairs in the summer and enjoy life and general. ☎327176

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive SWF, 5'5", 125lbs, fun-loving, attractive blonde who is retired would love the companionship of a gentleman, 65+, with a pleasing personality. ☎330211

SEEKING A MAN WHO IS...
young-at-heart like me. Recently widowed WF enjoys dining, dancing, bowling, golf, good movies and more. Would like to have good male companionship with a WM, 50-65. ☎330750

I'LL BE WAITING
Very gorgeous SF, multi-racial, 5'11", medium build, in search of a man, race unimportant, 40-65, kids ok, who is living his life to the fullest, financially secure, sincere, who likes concerts, cooking and traveling, for friendship first leading to possible relationship. ☎332436

PEOPLE-PERSON
DWF, 65, 5'2", 107lbs, two grown sons and one granddaughter, looking for SWM, 58-66, NS, who is family-oriented, fun to communicate with, and fun to be with. I love concerts, dining out, taking walks. ☎334842

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

WF, 64, loving, giving, fun to with, looking for her soulmate. Any sincere WM, 60-65, who's ambitious, successful, spiritual and fun. Please reply. I like movies, plays, concerts, ballet, boating, swimming, traveling, life itself. ☎529074

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

TALL, ATHLETIC SWM
Good looks, good personality, muscular, 50, 6'2", 205lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, degree, easygoing. I enjoy exercising, the parks, road trips and trying new activities. Seeking single female for fun, friendship and more. Age and area open. ☎351308

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SWM, 53, 5'11", 180lbs. NS, like chess, backgammon, coffee houses, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-45, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. ☎218827

ONE-WOMAN MAN
Italian SWM, 52, brown/brown, in very good shape, seeks AF, 40-65, who likes going out and having fun. ☎330127

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining, seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving and affectionate. ☎3284967

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SDWF, w/ sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

LOVES TO HAVE FUN
SBM, 38, NS, likes bowling, movies, dining out, travel, time at home, horseback riding, motorcycles, swimming, playing pool, walks in the park. Seeking SWBF, 32-55. ☎335781

YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
SBM, 35, NS, handsome, spontaneous, professional, 5'11", 180lbs, muscular body, D/D-free, hazel eyes, caramel complexion, short wavy hair, down-to-earth, romantic, likes cuddling, cook-outs, movies, dining, shopping, fishing. Seeking SWF, 19-45, for casual dating, possibly more. ☎336282

THE ONE FOR YOU
Handsome SWM, 48, 5'11", 205lbs, brown/brown, NS, enjoys all kinds of music, action movies. Looking for SWF, 35-50, for friendship, maybe more. ☎332992

LET'S HANG OUT AND TALK
Laid-back SWM, 40, wants to meet a SWF, 30-45, who is ready for a relationship. ☎326556

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